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OF THE EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, AT ITS MEETING IN ALLEGHENY, PA., MAY 31, 1866.

{ Second United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny City, Pa.,
Thursday, May 31, 1866, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Eighth General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America convened at the above time and place; and after sermon by Rev. John B. Clark, D. D., the retiring moderator, on the first clause of the 6th verse of the 62d Chapter of Isaiah, "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night," was by him constituted with prayer.

The Stated Clerk, Dr. Cooper, being absent, Rev. James Prestley, D. D., was appointed Clerk to have the roll in readiness for to-morrow morning.

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

Closed with singing a part of the 72d Psalm, and pronouncing the apostolic benediction.

Same place, Friday, June 1, 1866,
9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly convened, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The roll, as prepared by the committee appointed by the last Assembly, was called by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

ALBANY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers. *Ruling Elders.*

H. P. McAdam. Alex. Gilchrist.

ARGYLE PRESBYTERY.

J. C. Forsythe, John Reid,
Thos. Lawrence. W. G. Corbet.*

BOSTON PRESBYTERY.

Alex. Blaikie, D.D. Alex. Moore.*

CALEDONIA PRESBYTERY.

John Van Eaton, Robt. Johnston,
D.C. McLaren, D.D. Wm. McVay.*

DELAWARE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers. *Ruling Elders.*

R. G. Wallace, Adam H. Elliott,
Clark Irving. Sam'l. Mewhinney.*

FIRST NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

A. C. Tris, Andrew Knox,*
H. W. Todd. John Means.

SECOND NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

H. H. Blair, J. M. Wallace,
D. J. Patterson. John McGay.*

VERMONT PRESBYTERY.

Thos. Goodwillie. John Wilson.*

* Those marked with (*) star were not present at the opening of the Assembly.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

W. W. Barr, Wm. Getty,
James Price. Thos. Stinson.*

STAMFORD PRESBYTERY.

John Hogg. John Mitchell.*

ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY.

C. Webster.

FIRST SYNOD OF THE WEST.

ALLEGHENY PRESBYTERY.

Wm. A. McKenzie, J. B. Duff,
H. Sturgeon, James Thorne,
J. L. Fairley. Jas. McCance.

BUTLER PRESBYTERY:

W. P. Braden, Allen Wilson,*
Wm. Galbraith, David McKee,
J. A. Clark.* S. G. Purvis.

CLEVELAND PRESBYTERY.

D. Goodwillie. R. E. Murdoch.

DETROIT PRESBYTERY.

Wm. Robertson. John Corbit.*

LAKE PRESBYTERY.

J. A. Bailey, John G. Caldwell,*
John Jamieson. Wm. McLean.

MERCER PRESBYTERY.

Cyrus Cummins, Robt. McCandless,
Jas. Patterson, D.D. Jos. Kissick,
D. R. Imbrie. Robert Davidson.

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

BIG SPRING PRESBYTERY.

J. A. McGill. James Irvin.*

CHARTIERS PRESBYTERY.

Jas. G. Carson, David Phillips,
Wm. A. McConnell, Wm. Graham,
David S. Littell. Wm. Martin.

CONEMAUGH PRESBYTERY.

D. W. Collins, Jos. Torrence,
J. C. Telford. James McCreery.

FRANKFORT PRESBYTERY.

D. W. Carson, Wm. Frazier,
J. W. Witherspoon. Jas. Nelson.

MONONGAHELA PRESBYTERY.

J. C. Boyd, Minas Tindle,
D. R. Kerr, D. D., Thompson Benton,
F. A. Hutchinson. Jos. McConnell.

WESTMORELAND PRESBYTERY.

M. M. McKinstry, H. M. Jamison,
Oliver Katz. Jas. McElroy.

SYNOD OF OHIO.

MANSFIELD PRESBYTERY.

J. Y. Ashenhust, Jno. Brinkerhoff,*
S. M. Coon. Wm. Ralston.

MUSKINGUM PRESBYTERY.

Wm. Johnston, R. H. Forsythe,
J. C. Murch, Jas. Black,
J. P. Lytle. Samuel Harper.

STEBENVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Joseph Boyd, M. O. Junkin,
Jos. W. Clokey, Jr. A. B. Marks.

WHEELING PRESBYTERY.

J. B. Johnston, Jas. W. Gray,
Wm. Wishart. Wm. Stewart.

SECOND SYNOD OF THE WEST.

CHILLICOTHE PRESBYTERY.

R. K. Campbell, M. Benner,
J. M. Waddle. R. Collier.

INDIANA PRESBYTERY.

J. F. Hutchison, S. Greene,*
J. R. Walker. Wm. Weir.

MICHIGAN PRESBYTERY.

Jno. Anderson, Matthew Clark,
Wm. T. Monteith. Thos. Thompson.

FIRST OHIO PRESBYTERY.

J. Y. Scouller, Robt. McVitie,*
Jos. McHatton, R. C. Stewart,*
Wm. C. McCune. Wm. S. Reed.*

SIDNEY PRESBYTERY.

H. H. Thompson, S. J. Gamble,*
Benj. Waddle. W. P. Morrow.*

PRINCETON PRESBYTERY.

Alex. R. Rankin.

WHITE RIVER PRESBYTERY.

James Ingles.

WABASH PRESBYTERY.

J. R. Bell. Robert McKee.

XENIA PRESBYTERY.

Th. Beveridge, D.D., Jos. Morrow,
R. B. Ewing, J. H. Shields,
W. H. Haney. Jos. Kyle.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

W. B. Keeling,
J. C. Truesdale.

CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.

W. T. Moffett, D. M. Dobbin,
S. F. Thompson. Saml. H. Shelly.

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

B. L. Baldrige. John Hosack.

MONMOUTH PRESBYTERY.

Saml. Millen, Hugh L. Thompson,
D. G. Bradford, M. Richardson,
W. H. Buchanan, Jas. H. Martin,
Jas. B. Foster. T. W. Smiley.

ROCK ISLAND PRESBYTERY.

J. A. Edie, Hugh Warnock,
J. R. McCalister. Wm. Hayes.*

ST. LOUIS PRESBYTERY.

T. D. Davis,
M. M. Marling.

WISCONSIN PRESBYTERY.

Wm. Smith. Wm. Campbell.

SYNOD OF IOWA.

DES MOINES PRESBYTERY.

J. F. Bonner, D. R. Kernahan,*
J. D. Beard, Jas. Littell.

KEOKUK PRESBYTERY.

Jas. Brown, D. D., Jno. A. Henderson,
Wm. H. Wilson, Jno. Ronalds,
John A. Vance, Smith Hamill.

LE CLAIRE PRESBYTERY.

J. L. Fulton, W. McConnell,*
J. G. Cowden, D. M. Dick.

NEBRASKA PRESBYTERY.

T. P. Proudfit. Geo. S. Shryder.*

OREGON PRESBYTERY.

No delegates.

EGYPT PRESBYTERY.

No delegates.

SEALKOTE PRESBYTERY.

Andrew Gordon, Prin.
E. H. Stevenson, Alt.

Rev. Alexander Donaldson, D. D., Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.)

Rev. Herrick Johnston, Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)

Rev. E. N. Smith, D. D., Delegate from the Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Rev. John Stott, Delegate from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church

Rev. John McMillan, Alternate Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dr. James Prestley, was on motion elected Stated Clerk for this meeting of the Assembly; and Rev. W. W. Barr was chosen Assistant Clerk.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Moderator. The Rev. David R. Kerr, D. D., was chosen on the first ballot.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Assembly was on motion dispensed with.

Reports of Presbyteries were called for. The report of the Board of Home Missions was presented, and read by the Secretary, and was laid on the table until the Committee on the Board of Home Missions shall be appointed.

A committee consisting of Rev. J. C. Boyd, Dr. Gracey, and Rev. Chas. A. Dickey, was appointed for supplying the pulpits in the city on the Sabbath.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and was laid on the table until the appropriate committee should be appointed.

The hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed as follows,—meet at 9 A. M., and 2 P. M., and adjourn at 12 M., and 5 P. M.

The Reports of the following Presbyteries, were read, *viz.*, Boston, Argyle, Stamford, Albany, St. Lawrence, Delaware, 1st New York, 2d New York, Philadelphia, Caledonia, Big Spring and Westmoreland. The Assembly then adjourned. Closed with prayer by the Rev. J. B. Johnston.

Friday, June 1st, 2 o'clock, P. M.

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

Calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of the morning Session were read and approved. Called for papers, reports of Presbyteries, &c.

The reports of the following Presbyteries were read, *viz.*, Xenia, Allegheny, Sidney, Chartiers, Indiana, Monongahela, Frankfort, Lake, Butler, Steubenville, Wheeling, Cleveland, Muskingum, Chillicothe, 1st Ohio, Michigan, Detroit, Conemaugh, Chicago, White River, Mon-

mouth, Rock Island, St. Louis, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Egypt, Sealkote, and Keokuk.

Memorials from the Presbyteries of Muskingum, and a number of other Presbyteries, in regard to the Book on Communion recently published by Rev. W. C. McCune, Cincinnati, Ohio, requesting the General Assembly to take action in this case, were read and referred to the judicial committee.

The Moderator nominated, and the General Assembly confirmed, the following Standing Committees, viz.:

Committee on Bills and Overtures.—*Ministers*, James Brown, D. D., John Van Eaton, R. B. Ewing, J. C. Boyd; *Elders*, Wm. Getty, Jos. Kyle, W. McConnell.

Judicial Committee.—*Ministers*, D. C. McLaren, D. D., Thomas Beveridge, D. D., James Patterson, D. D., and Rev. Messrs. J. Y. Scouller and B. Waddle; *Elders*, John Reid, J. B. Duff, Joseph Kissick, and J. H. Shields.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Messrs. J. B. Johnston, H. H. Blair, W. Wishart; *Elders*, J. A. Hutchison and D. M. Dick.

On Narrative and State of Religion.—Rev. Messrs. J. P. Lytle, Andrew Gordon, R. K. Campbell; *Elders*, H. L. Thompson, Joseph McConnell.

Devotional Exercises.—Rev. Messrs. A. Blaikie, D. D., D. W. Collins, D. G. Bradford; *Elders*, S. G. Purvis, Thompson Benton.

Finance.—Rev. Messrs. H. H. Thompson, Matt. Clark, F. A. Hutchinson; *Elders*, Wm. McLean and R. E. Murdock.

Board of Foreign Missions.—Rev. Messrs. James Price, Samuel Milen, J. G. Carson; *Elders*, David McKee, Joseph Morrow.

Board of Home Missions.—Rev. Messrs. J. C. Forsyth, W. T. Moffett, Clark Irving; *Elders*, S. H. Shelby, J. H. Martin.

Board of Missions to the Freedmen.—Rev. Messrs. Cyrus Cummins, Joseph McHatton, J. F. Hutchison; *Elders*, R. H. Forsyth, James McElroy.

Church Extension.—Rev. Messrs. J. A. Eadie, Wm. Johnston, J. Y. Ashenhust; *Elders*, James Irwin, Wm. Graham.

Education.—Rev. Messrs. Thomas Goodwillie, D. S. Littell, W. A. McConnell; *Elders*, John Knox, J. M. Wallace.

Publication.—Rev. Messrs. C. Webster, J. R. McAllister, Joseph Boyd; *Elders*, A. H. Elliott, D. M. Dobbin.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was referred to the Committee on that Board.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was referred to the Committee on that Board.

The Reports of the Treasurers of the various boards and funds were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Reports of the Presbyteries on the Book of Government and Discipline, and the Directory for Worship, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Report on the State of Religion was referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The Report of the Committee on the New Version of the Psalms was read. This Report, together with all the papers having reference to

the New Version, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the following persons, viz.: Rev. Messrs. D. W. Collins, John Van Eaton, J. C. Truesdale, W. P. Breden and Dr. Beveridge; *Elders*, J. M. Wallace and Minas Tindle.

A Memorial from the Presbytery of Wheeling, in regard to the New Version of the Psalms, and correspondence with other churches, in regard to this matter, was read and referred to the Committee on the New Version.

A Memorial from the Presbytery of Sidney, in regard to the salaries of \$500 each, voted by the last General Assembly to the Secretaries of our various Missionary Boards, was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A letter was read from the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A letter was read from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A letter was read from the Elders representing the United Presbyterian congregation of San Francisco; and a report from Dr. Cooper on the State of the Mission in that city. These papers were referred to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

Heard the report of the Committee to whom was referred the applications of the various churches of the different evangelical denominations of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny for supply for their pulpits for next Sabbath. The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Donaldson, a delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.,) to correspond with this body, being present, made a statement on the subject: when it was resolved that it be the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock to hear Dr. Donaldson.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. James Brown, D. D.

Saturday, June 2, 1866, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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

The Roll was called and corrected. The Minutes of the last Session were read and approved.

Called for reports, papers, &c.

Read the Reports of the Presbyteries of Bloomington, Kansas and Wabash.

Certain resolutions of the Presbyteries in regard to the New Version of the Psalms, were read and referred to the Committee on the New Version.

A Memorial from the Synod of Pittsburgh in regard to the New Version of the Psalms was read and referred to the same Committee.

A resolution from the Synod of Pittsburgh, touching the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions, was read and laid on the table for the present.

An appeal from the Synod of Ohio, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Report of the Board on Church Extension was read and referred to the Committee on that Board.

The time for the order of the day to hear the delegation from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (O. S.,) having arrived, the Rev. Dr. Donaldson, the delegate present, addressed the General Assembly, conveying the congratulations of the body he represented, and assuring the Assembly of the earnest desires and prayers of the Presbyterian Church for the welfare and prosperity of the United Presbyterian Church. A suitable response was made by the Moderator, when the Assembly resumed the consideration of its ordinary business.

The Report of the Board of Education was read and referred to the Committee on that Board.

The Report of the Board of Missions to the Freedmen was read, and referred to the Committee on that Board.

The report of the Board of Publication was read, with the accompanying papers, and referred to the Committee on that Board.

It was, on motion, agreed that when the Assembly adjourns this morning, it adjourn to meet on Monday morning at nine o'clock.

The Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions presented a partial report, which was recommitted, and the Committee instructed to report at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, and were further instructed to report the names of persons deemed suitable for appointment to the Foreign Mission field.

An invitation from the Allegheny Temperance League, to the delegates to the Assembly, to attend their meeting on next Tuesday evening was received, and accepted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a partial report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted as follows:—

“*Resolved*, That a conference on the subject of Foreign Missions be held on Monday evening next, at 7½ o'clock; and one on Home Missions on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock; and that these arrangements be communicated from the pulpits of our churches in the two cities on the Sabbath.”

On motion it was resolved that the Assembly will meet every morning during its sittings at 8½ o'clock, for prayer and conference.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. T. Beveridge, D. D.

Monday, June 4th, 1866, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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

The roll was called, and absent members noted. The Minutes were read and approved.

The name of Rev. E. H. Stevenson was substituted as alternate for that of Rev. A. Gordon, principal, from the Presbytery of Sealkote.

Papers, reports, petitions, &c., were called for, and read in their order.

It was resolved that so much of the Report of the Presbytery of Argyle as refers to *the transfer of members*, be referred to the Judicial Committee, and so much of the Reports of Argyle and Frankfort as relates to *marriage within the forbidden degrees* of relationship be referred to the Judicial Committee; and so much of the Report of the Presbytery of Philadelphia as refers to *the use of Instrumental Music in the Worship of God* be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Judicial Committee presented a report on *the appeal of Eleanor, Jane L., and Catharine Marshall*. It was laid on the table for the present.

The Report of the Presbytery of Des Moines was read.

The following report of the Committee on the *Directory for Worship*, was read:—

Your Committee on the Overture of a Directory for Worship, ask leave respectfully to report,

That the action of the Assembly directing the Presbyteries to send into the special Committee all suggestions and amendments within a limited time, and requiring the Presbyteries to vote ay or no upon the Directory, as amended in committee in view of such suggested amendments, seems to render it wholly unnecessary that we should undertake at this time to weigh these amendments now reported by Presbyteries.

Your Committee will frankly state, that the Overture is not in such finished condition as they would prefer to see in a permanent document as this is intended to be. And, with your permission, we will state some serious objections which, in the view of a majority of your committee, hold good against it.

1st. The Literary merit is not of that character which should receive the endorsement of this Assembly at the present time. One of the instructions given by a former Assembly was, that it should be more nearly conformed to the present state of our language.

2d. It is mingled too much with loose statements of principles which are already more fully and accurately presented in other parts of our standards, or which should have no place in our Directory or Worship.

3d. In many things it is drawn out into unnecessary and trifling details, and in things, too, where nothing but Christian prudence can decide what is best to be done.

4th. The true ideal of a Directory for Worship is misconceived. This necessarily affects and damages the entire *personnel* of the work. It begins with the Sabbath, which is a season for worship,—while the subject is worship itself. Naturally and logically the work should begin with worship, what it is; then advance from point to point, somewhat after this order:—

1. The seasons for worship.
2. The preparation for worship.
3. The proper deportment of worshippers in worship.
4. The places of worship.
5. The ordinances of divine worship, and so on.

Other defects might be specified of less consequence. We leave it to your judgment, whether these defects should or should not delay its endorsement and enactment now. We will, therefore, present the vote of the Presbyteries as placed in our hands. The number of Presbyteries, 50. The number voting, 32. The number not voting, 18. The entire vote cast, 371. Those not voting as reported, silent, 8. In the affirmative the vote stands, 299. In the negative, 72. Majority in favour, 227.

This shows a large majority of the votes cast to be in favour of this Overture. In order, therefore, to bring the question of adoption fairly before the Assembly, we will conclude this report with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Directory for Worship now before this Assembly be and hereby is adopted as the Directory for Worship in the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Respectfully submitted.

The following was offered as a substitute for the above paper, viz.:

Resolved, that the draft of the Directory for Worship be recommitted to the Committee appointed to prepare it, with instruction to re-write the book, with reference to the amendments that have been suggested by the Presbyteries and with special view to making it more unique and systematic; and that they publish the result of their labours not later than the first of Sept., 1866; and that the new draft be, and hereby is, overtured to the Presbyteries, in order that they may vote Ay or No upon it, and report to the next General Assembly.

A memorial from W. S. Rentoul, on the subject of a revised version of the Psalms, now being prepared, was read and referred to the special committee on the New Version of the Psalms.

A memorial from Rev. H. Connelly, on the subject of Psalmody, was referred to the special committee on Psalmody.

The Moderator nominated, and the Assembly confirmed the following committees, viz.:

Committee on Statistical Tables.—Rev. Messrs. Mat. Clarke, H. Sturgeon, and J. A. Bailey; *Elders*, John Mears and James Irwin.

Committee on Systematic Beneficence.—Rev. Messrs. H. W. Todd, J. L. Fulton and John Hogg; *Elders*, Robert Johnson and Thomas Thompson.

A memorial from W. S. Young, in regard to the publication of the Minutes, was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A memorial from W. S. Rentoul, in regard to the publication of a cheap monthly missionary paper was read, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Publication.

A report from a Committee of the 1st Presbytery of New York, in relation to the Mission to the Jews in that city was read, and referred to a special committee, to consist of Rev. Messrs. D. W. Carson, B. L. Baldrige, Thomas Lawrence; *Elders*, W. T. Monteith and J. W. Gray.

The following communication from Dr. Dales, delegate to the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, was read and ordered to be published in the Minutes. It is as follows:

To the Moderator and members of the General Assembly, to meet in Allegheny, Penna.

Dear Brethren:—According to the appointment of the General Assembly, I attended in June last, as a delegate from our United Presbyterian Church, the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church at its Sessions in New Brunswick, N. J. It gives me great pleasure to say, I was cordially received, my communications were listened to with interest, and every expression of fraternal regard from our Church was warmly reciprocated. While there was no disposition in our pleasant interview to shrink from the duty of each as a distinct branch of the Church of Christ, to hold fast the profession that each has solemnly made, there was manifested a most pleasant desire to encourage and strengthen one another in the great work of standing fast and labouring well for Christ and his cause, in the eventful future.

J. B. DALES, *Delegate*.

Philadelphia, May 30, 1866.

A communication from Mr. John Wilkin in relation to a supply of preaching for Parkville, Missouri, was referred to the Committee on the Home Mission Board.

Rev. J. G. Fulton, according to the direction of the last Assembly, presented a report on "the tithe system," which was referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

It was, on motion, agreed that it be made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock to hear the Rev. Herrick Johnston, delegate from the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.,) to this Assembly.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. Alex. Blaikie, D. D.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and opened with prayer by Rev. H. H. Blair.

The Minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

An additional report from the Committee on the New Version of the Psalms was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

It was resolved that so much of the Reports of the Board of Home Missions, and of the First Presbytery of New York as refers to the mission to the Jews be referred to the special Committee on that subject.

The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions, was taken up. The report of the Committee, pending the adoption of the 3d resolution, was referred to the Conference on that subject, to be held this evening at 7½ o'clock.

Rev. Dr. James Prestley offered his resignation as a member of the Board of Foreign Misions. The resignation was accepted, and the filling of the place, thus made vacant in the Board, was referred to the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Report of the Judicial Committee on the appeal of Eleanor, Jane L., and Catharine Marshall from the decision of the Synod of Ohio, laid on the table this morning, was taken up. The minutes of the Session in the case, the protest and appeal from the Synod of Ohio, and the answer to the reasons of protest by that Synod were read; when the report of the Judicial Committee was adopted as follows:

Report of the Judicial Committee in the case of an Appeal of Eleanor, Jane L., and Catharine Marshall, from the decision of the Synod of Ohio:

The appellants had been libelled by the Session of the congregation to which they belonged, for neglect of ordinances.

At the time set for trial, the accused sent in papers declining the authority of session, on the ground of incompetency. Their reasons were deemed groundless by the Session; and the appellants were cited to appear a second time for trial; when they all appeared, and again declined the authority of the Session, and protested against the action of the Session in deciding their declination unwarrantable; and appealed to Presbytery. The accused then left the court, and in their absence, they were tried and convicted of the charge contained in the libel.

The only question coming before the Mansfield Presbytery, was the competency of the Session of Amity to try the case.

The Presbytery sustained the Session, regarding it as competent, and the declination of the accused as unwarrantable. An appeal was taken from the Presbytery to the Synod of Ohio. In Synod the appeal was not sustained, thereby affirming the decision of Presbytery.

Your Committee sees no reason to differ from the decision of Synod; therefore,
Resolved, That the appeal be not sustained; and that the concurrent decisions of the lower courts be affirmed.

COMMITTEE.

An appeal of Rev. Richard Gaily, from a decision of the Synod of Ohio in his case was read, and on motion referred to the Judicial Committee.

The following paper was read and ordered to be entered in the Minutes: "Notice is hereby given that the decision of the U. P. Assembly in our case, will be protested against. [Signed,] JANE L. MARSHALL."

The report of the Presbytery of Mercer was read, and so much of it as refers to the case of Mr. Lackey was referred to the Committee on the Freedmen's mission.

The Assembly proceeded to fix the place and time of the next General Assembly. The 1st Church, Xenia, Ohio, was fixed on as *the place*; and the 4th Thursday of May, 1867, at 2 o'clock, P. M., as *the time*.

The General Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. E. H. Stevenson.

7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. J. Paterson. The calling of the Roll and the reading of the Minutes were dispensed with.

On motion, the Assembly went into Extra-Judicial Conference on the subject of Foreign Missions, Rev. Samuel Millen in the chair.

The Conference arose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was not granted.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Cyrus Cummins.

Tuesday, June 5th, 1866, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The General Assembly met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The Roll was called, and absentees noted. The Minutes of the afternoon and evening Sessions of yesterday, were read and approved.

The Rev. Josias Stevenson was reported as alternate for Rev. J. B. Johnson, unable to attend by reason of indisposition.

Called for reports, papers, &c., which were read in their order.

The following resolutions were offered by Rev. John Van Eaton and Dr. Brown.

Pending the passage of these papers, the Assembly heard some statements from Mr. J. M. Wilson in relation to the subjects embraced in these resolutions. They were adopted as follows:

MANSES.

Whereas, The necessity that each congregation should have a Manse, is so apparent and so pressing in most cases; therefore,

Resolved, That the Presbyteries under the care of this General Assembly be instructed to inquire of the churches under their care what they have done, or what they proposed doing in behalf of this object, and that in order to awaken additional attention to the subject that the Presbyteries address a Pastoral Letter to their churches, urging upon the people the necessity of taking early and earnest action to erect Manses, and thereby secure comfortable homes for their ministers.

Moved, J. VAN EATON, DR. J. BROWN.

HISTORIES OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Whereas, Joseph M. Wilson, of Philadelphia, is engaged in collecting information regarding the Histories of Presbyterian Churches, to be published in his Presbyterian Historical Almanac, and for this purpose has issued a Circular of Inquiry; therefore,

Resolved, That the ministers and elders of the United Presbyterian Church be earnestly requested to co-operate with Mr. Wilson in his important labors on behalf of the whole Presbyterian Church.

Moved, J. VAN EATON,
DR. J. BROWN.

The time for the order of the day, to hear the delegate from the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.,) having arrived, Rev. Herrick Johnson, the delegate, addressed the Assembly, presenting the congratulations of the body he represents to this Assembly. The Moderator followed in a suitable response.

It was, on motion, made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M., to hear the delegate, Rev. N. E. Smith, D. D., from the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Dr. Smith was requested to sit with us, as a corresponding member.

The Report of the Presbytery of Mansfield was read.

A report of the Presbytery of Bloomington, on the legacy of Mr. John Pinkerton, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. Messrs. J. C. Forsythe and R. B. Ewing, were adopted as follows:

Whereas, James McConnell, deceased, formerly an Elder in the United Presbyterian Church of Hebron, in the Presbytery of Argyle, bequeathed in his will, five hundred dollars to the Assembly, to be

given either to the Home or Foreign Mission fund, as the Assembly may elect; and as the executor of the will is now desirous to pay over the money to the Assembly; therefore,

Resolved, That the bequest be gratefully accepted, and that the treasurer of the Assembly be appointed to receive, and receipt for the same.

Resolved, That this legacy be divided equally between the Home and Foreign Mission funds.

A memorial from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at Monmouth was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Assembly, on motion, took up the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions which was referred to the Conference held last evening. The third resolution of the report was adopted. Pending the consideration of the 4th resolution, the hour of adjournment arrived.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. D. S. Littell.

Tuesday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Clark Irving. The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Called for papers, reports, &c.

The order of business was suspended in order to take up the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions, which was under consideration at the close of the morning session. The 4th resolution of the report was adopted.

The time for the order of the day having arrived, proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

The General Assembly, on motion, went into Extra-Judicial Conference on the subject, Rev. H. H. Blair in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported the following resolutions as adopted by the Conference, and recommended their adoption by the Assembly; viz. :—

Resolved, That the work of Home Missions demands the special attention and liberal support of the United Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, That it is the true policy of the United Presbyterian Church to greatly enlarge our Home Missionary operations, as the basis for more extended missionary labours in other lands; and we earnestly appeal to the Churches to contribute more liberally for this object.

The resolutions were adopted by the Assembly.

On motion, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 3 o'clock, to consider the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the Book of Government and Discipline.

On motion, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock, to consider the report of the Committee on the Board of Home Missions.

On motion, it was made the order of the day for 9¼ o'clock to-morrow morning, to consider the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Church Register, prepared and published by the Board of Pub-

lication, and laid upon the table for inspection, was referred to the Committee on Statistics.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. R. D. Harper, D. D.

Wednesday, June 6, 1866, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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

The calling of the Roll was, on motion, dispensed with. The Minutes of the last Session were read and approved.

Called for papers, reports, &c.

It was, on motion, resolved that in the future meetings of the Assembly the speakers shall be confined to five minutes each in their speeches.

It was, on motion, made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, to hear the report of the special committee on the New Version of the Psalms.

The Assembly took up the order of the day, the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.

This business being still unfinished, proceeded to the order of the day for 10 o'clock,—the reception of the delegate from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church. Heard the Rev. N. E. Smith, D. D., convey the congratulations and fraternal regards of the body which he represented. The Moderator made an appropriate reply on behalf of the General Assembly.

It was, on motion, resolved to hear a communication addressed to the Assembly from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The communication was from the Rev. Dr. McMaster, who, being unable to attend this meeting of the Assembly as a delegate, requested Rev. John McMillen to present his fraternal letter, and accompany it with such remarks as he might deem proper. The Moderator responded, in a suitable address, to the sentiments of the communication and the remarks of the representative.

The letter was referred to the appropriate committees. So much as refers to Psalmody, to the Committee on the New Version, and the remainder to the Committee on Correspondence.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, to hear the delegate from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The order of the day, the Report of the Committee on the Board of Home Missions, was taken up. Pending the consideration of the report, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Board of Home Missions as relates to San Francisco be referred to a select Committee.

The Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. J. Y. Scouller, J. G. Carson and Benjamin Waddle; and *Elders* J. H. Martin and S. Hammill.

It was, on motion, resolved, that the Assembly hold a session this evening at 7½ o'clock; and that the order be the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Elder Wm. Getty.

Wednesday, June 6, 1866, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Rev. Oliver Katz. The Minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

Called for papers, reports, &c.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That Rev. Wm. Davidson, D. D., be appointed the Moderator's alternate to preach the opening sermon at the next meeting of the Assembly.

2. *Resolved*, That Rev. R. B. Ewing be appointed to preach a sermon on Home Missions on the Friday evening after the opening of the next Assembly.

Took up the report of the Special Committee on the Mission to San Francisco, which was a verbal one, recommending that the resolutions of the Committee on the Board of Home Missions, in regard to the matter referred to the Committee, be adopted. This matter being under consideration—

The time for the order of the day having arrived, took up the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the Book of Government and Discipline.

The Report was unanimously adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to which was referred the Overture of a Book of Government and Discipline, and the Reports of Presbyteries thereon, would respectfully report,

That with considerable difficulty they have ascertained the state of the vote on the overture to be as follows,—for the Book, 367; against it, 45; not voting, 6. Some of the Presbyteries have sent no report at all, and one reports its vote unanimous in favour of the Book, but does not give the number of votes. A few of the Presbyteries have suggested amendments, but none of them have made the acceptance of their amendments a condition of its adoption.

On the whole document, your committee give it as their judgment, that it is the best that has yet been presented; and as this matter has so long agitated the church, and caused some uncertainty as to whether we have any organic law, and if difficulties in the future should arise from the operation of any of its provisions, the church in its combined wisdom can modify or amend it; and as the Book has unquestionably received the constitutional sanction of the church, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Book of Government and Discipline now in overture before the church be, and the same hereby is adopted, and is to be regarded from and after this date as the organic law of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

JAMES BROWN, *Ch.*

The following resolution offered by Rev. Messrs. J. G. Carson and J. P. Lytle, was adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as "The Directory for Worship," overtured by the last General Assembly, has received a large majority of the votes of the Church, as reported to the Assembly, it is hereby declared to be of authority in the Church until another shall have been adopted.

John T. McCarroll, Ruling Elder, reported himself as the alternate of Wm. Frazer, who has returned home.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. C. Truesdale.

Wednesday, June 6, 1866, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

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

The Minutes of the last Session were read and approved.

Took up the order of the evening, the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Board of Foreign Missions.

The report was considered at large, amended and adopted as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, beg leave to state that they have examined the paper with some care, and would recommend the following resolutions for adoption.

Resolved, 1st. That the success which has attended our labours in every department of the Foreign Field, calls for sincere thankfulness to God.

Resolved, 2d. That we humbly acknowledge the hand of our Heavenly Father in removing by death during the past year some of the beloved members of our Mission families, and would sincerely sympathize with the afflicted.

Resolved, 3d. That it is the duty of the Assembly to re-enforce the Missions in India, China and Syria, as soon as possible.

Resolved, 4th. That in view of the difficulty of securing persons who have completed their theological studies, that it is expedient for the Assembly, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board, to select suitable young men who have completed their literary course, and send them to the foreign field to pursue their theological studies under the direction of any Presbytery there connected with our church.

Resolved, 5th. That Messrs. Samuel Martin, J. C. Taggart, W. R. Stewart, W. S. Owens and Miss Elmira M'Caughey, be appointed to the work of Foreign Mission.

Resolved, 6th. That it is the conviction of the Assembly, that had every part of our church performed its duty during the past year to the perishing of foreign lands, there need not have been any difficulty in raising the amount of money required to carry on the work.

Resolved, 7th. That the missionaries who shall be elected to the foreign work, be at liberty, with the advice and consent of the Board, to select their particular field of labour.

Resolved, 8th. That all moneys for salaries, buildings and contingent expenses, necessary for the carrying on of our work in the foreign field, be consolidated into one fund.

Resolved, 9th. That the sum of \$100,000 is necessary to carry on the work of Foreign Missions for the coming year, and that Presbyteries be directed to see that the congregations under their care endeavour to have the funds in the Treasury by the 1st of January.

Resolved, 10th. That in case of continued disability, the Board be authorized to continue to returned Missionaries the usual salary given during the first six months after their return, and that they be employed as the Board may direct and their health permit in advancing the cause of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, 11th. That in view of the signal blessings that followed the special season of prayer during the past winter, and the need which there is at home and abroad for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that all our churches be urged to observe the week of prayer in the beginning of 1867.

Resolved, 12th. That J. B. Dales, D. D., S. C. Huey and J. M. Wallace, whose terms of office expire at this meeting, be re-elected; that Dr. Cooper be chosen to fill the portion of the unexpired time for which he was originally elected, and that Rev. T. H. Hanna be chosen to fill the place of Rev. James Prestley, D. D., resigned.

Resolved, 13th. That the knowledge and experience possessed by the Secretary of the Board, Dr. Dales, and the fidelity and perseverance which he has displayed in the work is highly appreciated, and that he be affectionately urged to continue to act with the Board.

Resolved, 14th. That it be borne in mind that the Board of Foreign Missions has lately received a charter from the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and the Treasurer is therefore authorized to give a legal receipt for any bequests or moneys donated to the cause of Foreign Missions.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. R. Walker.

Thursday, June 7, 1866, 9 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The calling of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with. The Minutes of the Session last evening were read and approved.

Called for papers, reports, &c.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted; and the letters reported ordered to be printed in the Minutes. They are as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that we have examined the letters received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying letters, and their transmission to those churches respectively.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAIRMAN.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, of Ireland :

Dear Brethren:—The General Assembly of the “United Presbyterian Church of North America,” have received with much pleasure, and with deep fraternal interest your kind epistle, bearing date, Belfast, 1865. We hereby, with kindest regards, reciprocate your friendly greetings, in which you express so tenderly your sympathies with us in our late struggles with slavery and rebellion—in which you express the cordial welcome of our brethren, as deputies bearing our greetings to you, and in which you express such sincere gratitude to God for the overthrow of that gigantic evil, American Slavery.

We are cheered by the expression of your rejoicings in our work of missions among the Freedmen—in your pledge of Christian sympathy and material aid in that good work. Nor can we be unmindful of the gratitude due for the past expressions of your deep interest in the moral and spiritual elevation of that down-trodden race.

While referring to these subjects of common interest, so kindly noticed in your friendly letter, we would perhaps be derelict in faithfulness, should we overlook some other matters of concern both to you and to us, as also to the whole household of faith, and which relate to the kingdom and glory of our common Lord.

Dear Brethren, the times are ominous. The last times are nearing us. The times of the shaking of the heavens, the earth, the sea and the dry land—yea, the time of the shaking of all nations is at hand.

The Anti-Christ is summoning his allies, and setting his forces in array against our common cause and our common Master; and is it not high time that we, with all who are enlisted under the common banner of the common Captain of our salvation, should discern the times, hear the voice of our Leader, and rally the forces and close up in more compact line of battle before the terrible onset!

Can we not do something for the more perfect organic union of all the scattered tribes of the Presbyterian family? Can we not be placed in happier organic position—in position that will give more beauty, and strength, and effectiveness to the organization of the Presbyterianism inherited from fathers whose faithful contendings we have not forgotten? God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. We have tasted some of the pleasant fruits of organic union, and here confess we feel inclined to enlarge our desires, and extend our hands in these fraternal greetings to brethren of kindred spirit beyond the great waters in hope of attaining ultimately a more perfect unity.

Permit us, dear brethren, to reassure you that we are grateful for your expressions of solicitude in our welfare; and doubt not that we rejoice in all your prosperity, and shall ever pray the common Master to multiply to you grace, mercy and peace.

Fraternally, yours in our common Lord.

ALLEGHENY CITY, June, 1866.

To the Synod of the “United Presbyterian Church of Scotland;”—

Dear Brethren:—The receipt of your fraternal greetings, bearing date, Glasgow, July 10th, 1865, has given us much pleasure. And the kind reminiscences of the fraternal intercourse of past days, when your fathers and ours bore to this land the standard of the cross, and planted the vine of the Reformation, shall, we trust, find in us, their children, now sitting under its shade and enjoying its precious fruits, an affectionate response.

The hearty welcome, on your part, of our deputies to your Synod tending to deepen our mutual interest in each others' welfare, gives us great pleasure to acknowledge, and encourages us to cherish the hope that the bond now binding us in one common Christian brotherhood will be extended and strengthened till ere long the same organic ecclesiastic bonds shall bind us, with the whole Presbyterian family, in one.

You put us in remembrance of the very pleasant existing facts, that we with you, bear the same name,—that we preach the same gospel,—that our churches are associated under the same form of Presbyterian government and discipline, and that we have many kindred sympathies and associations in the work of our common Lord.

You express warm gratification over that happy and auspicious union which gave us an existence and name,—“United Presbyterian Church of North America.”

We appreciate your fraternal sympathies, and the deep interest you express in the stand we have taken against slavery, sternly closing the door against it to the ecclesiastical fellowship of the church, though sought in the persons of those otherwise giving the most indubitable evidence of "visible Christianity."

We trust it will be long before we shall permit a fair show of visible Christianity to introduce heresy and immorality to the enjoyment of the highest privileges of the church of Christ.

We most heartily sympathize with you in your faithful remonstrances with other Presbyterian churches in this land, so long and so deeply implicated in the "sum of all villainies," and now unite with you in congratulations over the very marked change that has, in the providence of God, passed over many of the churches in this land. Your past kindly remonstrances are now received in a very different spirit, yea, as oil that breaks not a brother's head.

Nor are we insensible to the manly, the Christian, and independent spirit you manifest in your reference to political affairs, as intimately connected with the interests of religion, and the duties of the church in her courts, and in her ministry in regard to all great questions involving public morality.

The delicate political questions involved in slavery and its gigantic rebellion against the government, culminating in the brutal assassination of our President, the friend and patron of virtue and liberty, are kindly noticed in your ecclesiastical greeting. All these, and like things, enter into the character of the signs of the times, which it is our imperative duty to discern.

We affectionately reciprocate, with you, the expression of a desire to continue regular correspondence. And here, may we not, in the spirit of fraternal kindness and solicitude, ask, why not exchange views in regard to mutual and concerted efforts to attain a nearer uniformity in worship, and a closer ecclesiastic organic union between the United Presbyterian Churches of Scotland and North America?

Dear Brethren:—The last times are upon us; and now shall we suffer ourselves to be made subsidiary to the cause and work of scattering the power of the holy people?

If this work is to be "accomplished" before "all these things shall be finished," as contemplated in the predictions of our times, should not the sons of Scotland's reformation be among the first to bring back the tribes of scattered Israel in the morning of the millennium? Fraternally yours in our common Lord.

ALLEGHENY CITY, June, 1866.

Took up the order of the day,—the report of the Committee on New Version of the Psalms. Pending the discussion of the *first* resolution, the hour for the second order of the day,—the reception of the delegate from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, having arrived, the Assembly heard Rev. John Stott convey the salutations of that body. The Moderator responded appropriately to the address of the delegate.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the New Version of the Psalms.

The Assembly voted on each of the twenty-five psalms named in the first resolution separately, adopting each psalm in order. The first resolution was then adopted.

Rev. D. W. Carson here gave notice for himself, and as many as should unite with him, that he would enter his dissent from this action of the Assembly.

The following was entertained as a substitute for the 2d and 3d resolutions, as follows:

In order to obtain the greatest unanimity possible in deciding all the parts of this important question, it is

Resolved, That the remaining Versions of the Psalms not adopted by the Assembly, viz.: All those which received a two-third vote, and a majority in the Presbyteries, (and excepting the fourteen specified in the list as rejected,) be continued in overture to the Presbyteries until the meeting of the next General Assembly; together with the amend-

ments adopted by the Committee; and also the second volumes of versions.

The entire report was adopted as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Overture of a New Version of the Psalms, with accompanying papers, respectfully present the following: It will be admitted by all that the matter now brought before this Assembly for action is one of almost overwhelming importance. Frequent changes in the form of the Psalms which we are authorized to use in the worship of God, would necessarily be disastrous in their effects, and only the strongest reasons should form the basis of any effort in this direction. We cannot estimate the attachment which exists among our people for that version of the inspired Psalms which, for more than two hundred years, has stood the test of the severest criticism, and in the form of divine song has administered so much consolation and joy to the hearts of God's people in all the conditions of their experience. This precious history of past generations ought to teach us how to provide for the future. It would be better not to attempt the provision of a new version, than to introduce one that would soon become stale, and subject the church to new agitations in preparing new versions, or one which, in its unfaithfulness to the principles which we hold in reference to Psalmody, would expose these principles to contempt and derision.

Our progress, therefore, in the preparation of new versions, should be most deliberate and cautious, and the greatness of the issue involved should never be lost sight of. We believe that your Committee to prepare a new version of the Psalms, and many of the Presbyteries, have endeavoured to keep these principles in view. But we are sorry to have to state, that in some portions the church, there has been either inconsiderate action, or no action at all reported to this Assembly.

Among the papers referred to us is a memorial from the Synod of Pittsburgh, asking that the Assembly proceed in the work of preparing a new version with the greatest caution. Also one from the 2d Synod of the West, praying that the work be completed as speedily as possible. There are also quite a number of resolutions and memorials of Presbyteries, and memorials of individuals on the subject, which indicate the various opinions that are maintained on the subject of a new version.

Some complete versions, and a great many amendments are contained in these papers, the most of which have been considered by the Committee to prepare a new version, and as many of them as were considered improvements have been adopted.

The second volume of new versions has, as yet, received the attention of very few Presbyteries, and we can only recommend that it be continued for consideration as an overture.

The condition of the vote on the first volume of versions is, in some respects, unsatisfactory. Of the fifty Presbyteries only forty have reported a definite vote on any of the versions. Of the forty Presbyteries which have reported their votes, the action is more or less incomplete, leaving only twenty-eight Presbyteries that have reported a definite vote on all the versions of the first volume. The highest vote given on any version is 445, whilst taking the Presbyteries as they are constituted, we should have a vote of near 1000, including ministers and elders.

It is the opinion of your committee, therefore, in view of the fact that the action of many of the Presbyteries is so defective that this Assembly should venture the adoption only of those versions that are manifestly approved with a good degree of unanimity, and that the Assembly may be able to conform her action to this principle, we present the versions in separate lists, as follows:—

Psalms rejected: 8; 13; 15; 23; S. M., 26, 6, 8, 4's; 27, L. M., 41; 49; 68; 90; 100, L. M., 123, 7's. Total, 11.

Psalms receiving majorities merely: 1st, majority 103; 3d, 5; 4th, 98; 16th, 145; 19th, 2nd part, 86; 23d, 8s, 13; 27th, H. M., 80; 42nd, S. P. M., 89; 43d, 8s and 7s, 103; 47th, 73; 63d, 48; 85th, 30; 88th, 17; 92nd, 38; 96th, 119; 97th, 93; 98th, 171; 112th, 128; 117th, S. M., 12; 122nd, 110; 124th, 48; 132nd 58; 134th, 72; 142nd, 118; 143d, 55; 146th, L. M., 6 lines, 67; 150th, 37. Total, 29.

Psalms having received a two-third majority: 20; 26, S. M., 40; 42, L. M., 117, 8's and 6's; 129, 136; 141; 146, L. M., 147. Total, 10.

Psalms having received a three-fourth vote: 5; 19, first version; 29, 12s and 11s; 34; 43, L. M.; 61; 65; 67; 84; 85, L. M., 6 lines; 93; 95; 103; 114; 121; 123, L. M., lines, 125; 130, 132, 8's and 7's; 133; 138; 140, 8's and 7's; 148, 7's; 148, 8's and 7's, 149. Total, 25.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. That the twenty-five versions specified in the list as having a majority of three-fourths of the votes cast be adopted as amended by the committee.

2. That the versions which the Assembly shall not adopt at this meeting, except the fourteen specified in the list as rejected, be continued in overture until the meeting of the next General Assembly, together with the amendments adopted by the committee, and also the second volume be continued in overture.

3. That any versions that may be approved by this Assembly, shall be considered subject to amendment, until the whole work of preparing a new version is finally completed.

4. That any version finally receiving the sanction of the church, shall be incorporated and published with the present authorized version.

5. That it be distinctly stated by this Assembly, that in adopting a portion of the Versions in Overture, it is not intended to set aside the use of the present authorized version, or any part of it, nor is it intended to require the introduction of the New Versions into any congregation, nor even to encourage the introduction of them when this would be offensive to the people, or any considerable portion of them. It is also earnestly recommended to pastors and sessions to do nothing rashly in this matter, whereby the peace of congregations might be marred.

6. That the present Committee to prepare a New Version be released in compliance with their request, and that a special committee be appointed to nominate the members of a new committee.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. COLLINS, Chairman.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. W. T. Moffet.

Thursday, June 7th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Beveridge. The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Called for papers, petitions, &c.

It was, on motion, resolved to hold an evening session at 7½ o'clock, the order to be the Report of the Committee on the *Curriculum* of Studies in the Theological Seminaries.

A letter in regard to a legacy of Mr. Black, of Cherry Fork congregation, Ohio, was read and the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Fund was authorized to receive and receipt for the amount, two hundred dollars, (\$200;) and the Executive Committee are hereby directed to pay the amount, according to the terms of the will, to the First Colored Church in Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. J. G. Carson reported, that he has deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of the Assembly a bond of one thousand dollars, (\$1000,) formerly in the hands of Dr. Hanna, being a bequest of Ebenezer Brownlee, deceased, of Washington county, Pa.; together with the interest for one year on said bond.

The interest on the bond was, on motion, ordered to be divided between Foreign, Home, and Freedmen's Mission Funds.

A report from a majority of the Judicial Committee in the case of Rev. W. C. McCune was read: also a minority report of the same committee in the case.

The report of the minority was accepted. Took up the report of the majority. It was amended and adopted, as follows:—

The Judicial Committee beg leave to report as follows:

The memorials from the Presbyteries of Muskingum, of Frankfort, Steubenville, Cleveland, Albany, Stamford, and of the First Presbytery of New York, we have examined with care, and with a due regard to their importance. These Presbyteries agree substantially, though with some variety of statement, in bringing against Wm. C. McCune, a ministerial member of the First Presbytery of Ohio, the charge of holding and defending fundamental and serious errors on the subject of church-fellowship, and in support of this charge they refer to a book published by him, in

which these errors are maintained. The book itself is not before us for review or judgment. Our consideration is limited to the complaint or representation, made by the aforesaid Presbyteries, of its contents, and of their contrariety to the engagements entered into and declarations agreed upon when the union of the churches was formed. A conscientious and orderly adherence to the terms of that compact, and to the principles on which the union was based, is as necessary to the peace and prosperous progress of the churches, now happily united, as it was at first, to their existence or organization as a united body. The solemn pledge of personal and official forbearance in regard to pre-existing distinctive differences between the churches was given and received in true faith, and is binding now on all parties, officers and members in the united church. The memorials before your committee, record the first instance of an alleged overt and determined violation of that compact, and of the principles of the profession made by those who accept the office of the ministry in the United Presbyterian Church.

This case as set forth in these Presbyterian memorials is, in the view of your committee, one that calls for judicial investigation on the part of the Presbytery to which the person complained of, is amenable. We, therefore, recommend the passage of the following resolutions by the Assembly:

1. That the action of the Presbyteries in bringing this matter to the notice of this Assembly be, and is hereby, approved.

2. That we regard it as inconsistent with that integrity which should characterize the followers of Christ to espouse a profession, and under the garb of that profession to assail its well known and acknowledged principles.

3. That the case of Rev. W. C. McCune be submitted to the First Presbytery of Ohio, of which he is a member, that proceedings may be, if they are not already, instituted by that Presbytery, for his trial in regard to doctrines which he has taught, or opinions which he has published on the subject of church fellowship, represented to this Assembly by several Presbyteries to be in opposition to our Standards, erroneous, and therefore censurable.

4. That a certified copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of this Assembly to the Clerk of the 1st Presbytery of Ohio.

(Signed,) D. C. McLAREN, Chairman of Committee.

The following resolution presented by Dr. Beveridge was adopted:

That in the judgment of this Assembly persons are not to be tolerated in the communion of the church avowing a determined opposition to the standards, which we are most solemnly pledged to maintain.

Took up the report of the Committee on the Board of Home Missions. The Report of the Board coming up in order under the 11th resolution,—the 11th, 12th, and 13th resolutions were amended and adopted.

The 14th resolution was referred back to the Committee on the Board of Home Missions, to devise the means for bringing the subject of Home Missions before the Church, as contemplated in the resolution.

The 15th and 16th resolutions were adopted.

While the report was still under consideration, the hour of adjournment arrived.

By consent, the Moderator nominated, and the Assembly confirmed the following persons, as the committee contemplated in the closing resolution of the report of the Special Committee on the New Version of the Psalms, viz: Rev. Messrs. James Brown, D. D., J. C. Forsythe, and J. A. Magill, and Elders, W. Martin and Robert M'Candless.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. S. M. Coon.

Thursday, June 7th, 1866, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. F. Thompson. The Minutes of the last Session were read and approved.

Called for papers, report, &c.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Messrs. J. A. Edie and S. Millen, was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a plan to this Assembly for collecting statistics in reference to the members of the United Presbyterian Church who took part in the late war.

The following are the Committee: Rev. Messrs. J. A. Edie, S. Millen, and J. C. Murch.

Took up the order of the day: The consideration of the Report of the Committee on the *Curriculum* of Study in the Theological Seminaries of the United Presbyterian Church.

The report of the Committee was read as follows:—

To the General Assembly, the Committee appointed "with a view of securing uniformity in the Curriculum of our Colleges and Theological Seminaries," would submit the following report.

By the Curriculum here referred to, we understand the course of study,—the outline of exercises to be embraced in the course of instruction in these different Institutions. As these Institutions are established by the church for the purpose of preparing our youth for her service, the course of instruction should be such as the wisdom of the church shall consider the best adapted to secure the accomplishment of the end. It being the great business of the Christian minister to preach the word, every subject should be embraced in the preparatory course of study, adapted to qualify the student to expound in a lucid and faithful manner, the great truths of divine revelation. In the discharge of his duty, as one who is fit for the defence of the gospel, it is obligatory on the Christian minister, not only to unfold faithfully the truths of the gospel, but also to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, that by sound doctrine he may convince the gainsayers, and stop the mouths of vain talkers and deceivers, who teach things which they ought not. As error is not only unwearied in its assaults upon the truth, but is from time to time varying its mode of attack, the more successfully to accomplish its object, the student should be prepared to meet it, in whatever form it may make its approach. He, therefore, who is set for the defence of the gospel, should be mighty in the Scriptures, that he may be qualified rightly to divide the word of truth, and also familiar with the devices of the adversary, that he may be able to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. The Bible, then, should be the great subject of study throughout the whole preparatory course, and all the exercises connected with it should have for their object the communication of that instruction which is necessary to enable the student to understand, explain, illustrate and defend the great truths revealed in the word of God.

That the church may be supplied with a ministry well instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, the following Curriculum for our Theological Seminaries is respectfully submitted. Under the different heads here specified, it is believed that the course of instruction, if faithfully carried out, may introduce every subject which it is important should engage the attention of the theological student.

1. The sacred Scriptures being the source of all our religious knowledge, the reading and the critical analysis of the Bible in the original languages, shall be a regular exercise throughout the whole course.

2. Biblical History and Antiquities.

3. Sacred Geography and Chronology.

4. Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

5. Systematic, Didactic and Polemic Theology.

6. Sacred Rhetoric.

7. Pastoral Theology.

8. Composition and Delivery of Discourses.

9. Evidences of Christianity.

10. Lectures on Experimental and Practical Religion.

The length of the Session shall be ——— months, and the term of study shall be ——— years.

And your committee would recommend that in no case shall a student be licensed until he shall have completed the course, and shall receive from the Board of Superintendents, a recommendation to his Presbytery. As our Theological Seminaries stand intimately connected with the vital interests of the church, it is of the

highest importance that they be established upon the best possible foundation. And with a view to secure the accomplishment of this important object, your committee would respectfully suggest to the Assembly the propriety of setting apart some time for a free conference and interchange of views on the general subject of our Theological Seminaries.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, on the Memorial from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at Monmouth, Illinois, was also read.

It was, on motion, resolved, that the ministers of the United Presbyterian Church present, not members of this court, be and hereby are invited to sit as corresponding members during the consideration of this subject. The subject of Theological Seminaries, the *Curriculum* of Study in them, and the general subject, were discussed at considerable length.

Pending the consideration, the Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. B. L. Baldrige.

Friday, June 8th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. B. Ewing. The calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Session was dispensed with. Called for papers, petitions, &c.

The Assembly took up the report of the Committee on the *Curriculum* of Study in the Theological Seminaries. The Report was recommended with instructions to report upon the whole subject to the next Assembly.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. Benj. Waddle and J. W. Clokey, were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synods under the care of the Assembly, be and hereby are, enjoined to submit to the next General Assembly, for inspection, a record of their proceedings.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to report to the next Assembly, whether they are in favour of uniting the Theological Seminaries of our Church into one, or two; and if in favour, then report the conditions of such consolidation.

The following resolution offered, by Rev. Messrs. S. Millen and S. M. Coon, was adopted:

Whereas, There is evidence to believe that the practice of reading sermons, instead of preaching the Gospel, is to some extent prevalent in the United Presbyterian Church of North America, therefore—

Resolved, That the Assembly expresses its decided disapprobation of this practice.

Rev. W. C. Jackson appeared and took his seat as alternate of W. T. Moffet, who left because of indisposition.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented and the Assembly adopted the following resolution, in regard to the Memorial from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, on Instrumental Music in the Worship of God.

Resolved, That the petition of the memorialists be *not* granted.

Took up the Report of the Committee on the Board of Missions to the Freedmen. Mr. Lackey was heard in relation to that part of the report having reference to himself.

The Report was amended and adopted as follows:—

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, convened in Alle-

gheny City. The committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Board of Missions to the Freedmen, respectfully submit the following resolutions for the action of the Assembly:

1. That this Assembly cordially approve of the action of the Board in their management of the Mission during the last year.

2. That the devout gratitude of the Assembly, and the friends of this Mission in general, is due to the Lord, who has opened a wide, and as we hope, an effectual door for the education and evangelization of the Freedmen.

3. That the recommendation of the Board to concentrate the forces of the Mission at the cities of Nashville, Vicksburgh and Knoxville, be approved and commended to the favourable consideration of the people, as seems to harmonize with the present indications of Divine Providence.

4. That this Assembly do endorse the resolution of the last Assembly, and the late report of the Board, in recommending the erection of a normal school for the purpose of qualifying Freedmen for teachers and missionaries.

5. That \$24,000 be appropriated to the Board, to be used for the payment of Missionaries, and for the repairs and erection of buildings necessary for the Mission.

6. That the Assembly do earnestly recommend to the Presbyteries, Sessions and people under their inspection, to assist and encourage the Board by their united and timely efforts to meet its pecuniary demands, and to prevent delay and embarrassment.

7. That the sympathies of the Assembly unite with the friends of the deceased, Miss SADIE A. HALL, who was employed as our missionary at Davis' Bend. It pleased the Lord to remove her from the field of earthly labours and usefulness. All should say, "Thy will be done."

8. That Messrs. John Dean and James Mitchell, whose term of service expires at this meeting, be and are hereby re-elected as members of the Board. Also, that Mr. James Patterson is hereby elected in the room of Mr. James Robb, who declines re-election, having fulfilled his term of service.

9. That the Assembly hereby commend the Christian acts of Mr. John Lackey for continuing as he could the exercise of his ministerial gifts in connexion with the mission at Davis' Bend during his time of service as a government official, and that he be allowed three hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CUMMINS, Chairman.

Certain resolutions offered by Rev. Messrs. J. W. Clokey and J. G. Cowden, pertaining to the remuneration of labourers under the care of the Board of Missions to the Freedmen, were referred to that Board.

The special Committee appointed to report in regard to the further prosecuting the work on the New Version of the Psalms, presented their report. Pending the consideration of the second resolution,—

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. H. M'Hatton.

Friday, June 8th, 1866, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The General Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Elder J. H. Martin.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Took up the unfinished business,—the report of the Committee on prosecuting labours on the New Versions of the Psalms.

The report was amended, the blank filled, and adopted as follows:—

1st. *Resolved*, That Rev. W. H. Jeffers be appointed to complete the work of preparing a new version of Psalms, to review the versions of the 1st volume, now in overture, and embody in them such amendments as have been recommended by Presbyteries or Committee, as he may deem worthy, and that a salary of 1000 dollars per annum be allowed him for his services during the time he may be occupied in the work.

2d. *Resolved*, That Presbyteries be required to report to Mr. Jeffers such amendments as they deem necessary, as soon as practicable.

3d. *Resolved*, That when Mr. Jeffers shall have matured the work, it shall be submitted to a committee, consisting of seven persons, for their revision and approval, and the versions so approved shall be reported to the next Assembly.

4th. *Resolved*, That the committee contemplated in the above resolution consist of the following persons: Dr. Beveridge, R. B. Ewing, J. F. Hutchison, Dr. Kerr, Dr. James Prestley, W. H. Wilson and Dr. R. D. Harper.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Presbyteries to which the brethren appointed on the committee belong, be required to supply their pulpits during the time they may be engaged in the work.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Messrs. R. B. Ewing and J. Van Eaton, was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to incorporate in the Twenty-five New Versions of Psalms that have been adopted, the amendments suggested by the Presbyteries, and adopted by the Assembly, and to prepare them, as soon as practicable, for publication in pamphlet form by the Board of Publication.

The Committee consists of Rev. Drs. James Prestley, J. G. Brown, and A. D. Clark.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Clark took a seat in the Assembly as alternate for Rev. H. Sturgeon, who has gone home.

The following reports of the Committee on Correspondence were unanimously adopted:—

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully recommend the appointment of the following committees of conference, which shall have power to confer with similar committees appointed, or to be appointed by certain sister churches, to confer on the subject of organic union with said churches, and report to the next Assembly:

1. To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church,—the following committee is recommended; Rev. Messrs. D. R. Kerr, D. D., John Easton, D. D., and John Van Eaton.

2. To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church,—Rev. Messrs. John T. Pressly, D. D., J. B. Clark, D. D., and A. D. Clark, D. D.

We farther recommend, that these committees shall have power to confer on the subject of a New Version of the Psalms.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully recommend the appointment of the following persons as delegates to Assemblies and Synods of certain sister churches:

1. To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, O. S., to meet in Cincinnati, O., May, 1867, Rev. James Prestley, D. D.

2. To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., to meet May, 1867, Rev. R. A. Browne, D. D.,

3. To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to meet — 1867, Rev. D. R. Kerr, D. D.

4. To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to meet —, 1867, Rev. J. P. Lytle.

5. To the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, to meet — —. Rev. H. H. Blair.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The Committee on New Version of Psalms, presented the following report on the memorials of Wm. S. Rentoul, which was adopted:

The Committee on the New Version, &c., respectfully present the following in reference to the memorial of Wm. S. Rentoul.

By this memorial this Assembly is asked to enter now upon the consideration of the work of revising the present authorized metrical version of the Psalms. Your committee think that the Assembly and the church is already sufficiently engaged on the subject of Psalmody; therefore,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at this time to enter upon the consideration of the work of the memorialist.

D. W. COLLINS, Chairman.

The following report from Rev. Dr. J. G. Brown, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.,) of 1865, was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes:—

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, convened in Allegheny City.

Fathers and Brethren:—In accordance with the appointment of the Sixth General Assembly, I had the honour to present the fraternal regards and Christian congratulations of the United Presbyterian Church, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.,) which convened in Pittsburgh last Spring. And I had the gratification to receive from the Moderator and members of that Assembly hearty assurances that they fully reciprocated the kind feelings manifested by the United Presbyterian Church toward them as a part of the great Christian family.

Pittsburgh, May 8th, 1866.

JOHN G. BROWN.

The following report of Rev. Dr. R. D. Harper, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) of 1866, was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes:—

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Allegheny City, May 31, 1866.

Dear Brethren:—The undersigned would respectfully inform the Assembly, that in accordance with appointment of last year, he visited the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.) at their recent meeting in the city of St. Louis, and presented the fraternal regards of the church which he had the honor to represent. He was received with Christian courtesy, and desired to bear back to you the assurances that your friendly greetings are fully reciprocated, and that the Presbyterian Church (N. S.) will ever rejoice in your continued success in the cause of our common Master, and in the building up of the kingdom of Christ in this land and throughout the world.

Your servant in Christ,

R. D. HARPER.

The Report of the Board of Trustees was read, and the conduct of the Board approved. The members whose term of office had expired, namely, Messrs. James M'Candless, David Reed, and Graham Scott, were re-elected. The report is as follows:—

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, met in the Second United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny City. Your Trustees would respectfully report,—

That since your last meeting, the following items of business have come before them.

In December, 1865, we received information that a Mr. Alexander Jeffries, deceased, late of Indiana county, Pa., had bequeathed considerable money to the Board of Foreign Missions; but on inquiry, it was found that the will was made less than thirty days before the death of the Testator, which circumstance, by a law of this State, makes the will invalid, if there should be heirs to claim the property. A person has been appointed to attend to the case, and it is thought the bequest may yet be secured. The amount may not be far from \$5,000.

We were also advised that a Miss Stewart of Carlisle, Pa., had made a bequest to the "Associate Reformed Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, to be held by them as a fund to aid in educating poor and pious young men for the ministry."

A committee was appointed to look after this bequest.

Your Board have also done something for the aid of superannuated ministers who were commended to us by a Presbytery. One hundred dollars have been given to each of two fathers in the church. Your Board hope the state of the fund will enable them to do more in this good work during the next year.

The term of office of Messrs. James M'Candless, David Reed and Graham Scott, will expire on the first Tuesday of July next. Respectfully submitted.

GRAHAM SCOTT, Secretary.

ROBERT GRACEY, President

Rev. Messrs. D. W. Carson, J. P. Lytle, Wm. Wishart, J. G. Carson, J. B. Johnston, Alex. Blakie, J. W. Witherspoon, J. C. Telford, William Smith, and Hugh W. Todd:

Elders, James Black, John Reed, Samuel Harper, Jas. Nelson, Wm. Stewart, James W. Gray, James M'Creery, John M'Carroll, John Means, Wm. Graham, Thompson Benton, *dissented* from the action of the Assembly in adopting the Twenty-five New Versions of Psalms. The reasons of dissent were, by order of the General Assembly, placed on file.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. Messrs. C. Cummins and Wm. Wishart, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions to the Freedmen shall manage its affairs according to the rules now in force in the Home Mission Board, as far as these rules are applicable in the case, and until special rules are adopted for the Freedmen's Mission.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Messrs. R. B. Ewing and J. C. Forsythe, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be, and hereby are, directed to incorporate selections from the Twenty-five New Versions of Psalms in their next edition of the Sabbath School Psalm Book.

Took up the Report of the Committee on Finance, which, after discussion, was laid on the table for the present.

The Special Committee on the best manner of disseminating information in regard to Home Missions, presented a report, which was accepted; and, after discussion, laid on the table.

The whole Report of the Committee on the Board of Home Missions as amended, was adopted as follows:—

The Committee, to which was referred the report of the Board of Home Missions respectfully recommend to the Assembly for its adoption, the following resolutions:

1. That the Assembly record its grateful thanksgiving to God for the success with which he has crowned the missions of this Board for the past year.
2. That we express our confidence in the organization and administration of the Board.
3. That we substitute \$800 instead of \$1000, as reported by the Board, for the support of the missionary to Oregon.
4. Whereas, \$800 were appropriated by the Board to the 3d Church, Chicago, and \$300 to Eden Prairie and connections for Rev. A. B. Coleman, and as these appropriations were unintentionally omitted in the report as adopted by the Board; therefore resolved, that the report be amended so as to include these appropriations.
5. Whereas, information received from Rev. John S. Robertson assures us that it is impossible for him to fill his appointment to Nebraska, therefore resolved, that he be relieved from the same, and referred to the Executive Committee.
6. That the California Mission fund, as a special fund, be discontinued, and that the expenses of this mission be paid out of the Home Mission fund.
7. That five hundred dollars be appropriated to Parkville, Platt Co., Mo., on condition of stated supply, and that B. L. Baldrige be directed to visit this field, and, if the encouragement be deemed sufficient, report it favourably to the Executive Committee.
8. That the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, (\$45,000,) is necessary to carry on the work of the Board for the present year, and that Presbyteries be urged to have their apportionment of this amount paid into the Treasury by the first of April, 1867.
9. That Rev. Thos. Beveridge, D. D., R. B. Ewing, David Millen, John Fleming and Dr. Geo. Watt constitute the Executive Committee for the coming year.
10. That the Assembly devise some means by which the subject of Home Missions may be brought more directly before the minds of our people, its work explained, and its claims pressed upon them.
11. That the constitution of the Board be so changed as to authorize it to meet eight working days before the meeting of Assembly.
12. That the General Assembly adopt some measures to secure an act of incorporation for the Board of Home Missions.
13. That the Assembly appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to revise the present plan of Home Missions, or report such changes, or modifications, as may render this Board more efficient.

14. That the compensation of our missionaries be advanced from *ten to twelve* dollars per Sabbath.

15. The missionaries of the Home Board are required to give themselves wholly to the work, and as their compensation is insufficient to enable them to lay up in store against the day of need,—

16. That when these missionaries are broken down in the service of the church, that during such disability, they shall be continued on half pay at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee.

J. C. FORSYTHE, Chairman.

The following paper, offered by Rev. Messrs. W. Johnson and J. C. Forsythe, was adopted:—

Resolved, That the several Presbyteries be directed to take into consideration, at their earliest convenience, the subject of the modification of the present organization of the Board of Home Missions, and report to the committee appointed, any suggestions they may have to make before the first of November.

Resolved, That the committee be recommended to give due attention to the suggestions of these Presbyteries, and that they be directed to publish their Report in the Periodicals of the Church, at least three months before the next meeting of the Assembly.

W. JOHNSON,
J. C. FORSYTHE.

The following report of the Judicial Committee in the case of Rev. Richard Gailey, was adopted:—

Report of the Judicial Committee on the appeal of Rev. Richard Gailey, from the decision of the Synod of Ohio.

Whereas, The case of Rev. R. Gailey was first adjudicated by the Presbytery of Mansfield, from whose decision he appealed to the First Synod of the West, which issued the case,—and whereas that Synod was then vested with final power in matters of discipline, the General Assembly having appellate power in doctrine and order only,—and whereas after the erection of the Synod of Ohio out of a part of the First Synod of the West, Mr. Gailey brought his appeal to the Synod of Ohio, which Synod being co-ordinate with the First Synod of the West decided not to entertain his appeal, from which decision he now appeals to this Assembly,

Therefore, resolved, that the appeal and accompanying papers of Rev. R. Gailey, be and they are hereby returned to him. —

COMMITTEE.

The special Committee appointed on the Mission to the Jews in New York city presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to which was referred the papers in reference to the Jewish Mission, would respectfully report:

From the papers put into the hands of your committee, it appears that Rev. A. C. Tris has been labouring faithfully and assiduously during the past year under the appointment of the last General Assembly among the Jews in the City of New York. That, although no conversions have yet been reported, still, in the judgment of the Presbytery in whose bounds Mr. Tris has been presecuting his mission, his labours have met with sufficient encouragement to warrant a continued and vigorous prosecution of this Mission. Your committee is not prepared to recommend the establishment at this time of a separate and independent Mission to the Jews. We believe, however, that in carrying on our Home Missionary operations, this important and interesting class of our population should not be entirely overlooked. And further, that if the Assembly recognise any obligation on us as a church to look after the "lost sheep of the house of Israel," the mission in New York city presents as promising an opening, perhaps, as can be found any where in our land.

Owing to some misunderstanding in regard to the import of the action of the last Assembly. Mr. Tris has been labouring for the past year without any remuneration from the church. Of the \$800 appropriated by the last General Assembly for the year, only \$180 was remitted to him, which, under the circumstances, Mr. Tris refused to accept. It is but simple justice that this mistake should be rectified by this Assembly. Your committee would, therefore, report the following resolutions for the action of the Assembly:—

1. That this Assembly recognize it to be our duty as a church, as God gives us ability and opportunity, to seek after the lost sheep of the house of Israel in our midst.

2. That the Mission to the Jews be placed under the care of the Board of Home Missions.

3. That Rev. A. C. Tris be assigned to the 1st Presbytery of New York, to labour especially among the Jews under the direction of the Presbytery, and that \$1000 be appropriated from the Home Mission fund for the support of the missionary for the year.

4. That \$150 of the funds collected last year for this Mission, and now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Home Mission fund, be applied to the purchase of Bibles and tracts for distribution among the Jews.

5. That the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions be directed to pay to Mr. Tris the full amount of the \$800 promised him by the last General Assembly for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. CARSON, Chairman.

The Committee on Narrative presented the following report, which was adopted as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NARRATIVE.

During the ecclesiastical year there have been licensures 14, ordinations 25, installations 41, resignations 32, students of theology received 27, new organizations 10, receptions of ministers from other churches 7, dismissed to other churches 1.

Revs. Wm. Taggart, D. D., Peter Monfort, John L. Craig, James Williamson, Isaac W. Collins, Charles Thompson, Peter Gordon and Thomas F. Baird have ceased from their labours and entered, as we trust, into rest.

The state of religion, as appears from the reports of Presbyteries, has some observable features. It differs, in some respects, from the condition of things at any former period in our branch of the church. The change, from the years immediately preceding, consists in the revived interest which has been felt in some quarters in the conversion of sinners, and the success which has crowned special efforts put forth to secure that end. The revivals of the present year differ also from that memorable season of refreshing which came from the presence of the Lord in the years 1858 and 1859 in this very important respect, that they have been partial—experienced by but a limited number of our congregations. The influence of the former revival was very extensive, apparently all-pervading, affecting not only every part of our own church, but every other branch of the church as well. In the present instance the Lord has caused it to rain upon one city and not upon another city, and the place whereupon it rained not has seemed ready to perish. We are called upon to express our gratitude to the Head of the Church that he has given us now a “little reviving” in our bondage. The means which have been employed in these revivals have been the preaching of the word, and earnest, united and continued prayer; thus demonstrating the power of that system of truth which we profess, and the sufficiency and adaptation of our simple forms of worship to accomplish that desirable result. And in this we find an encouragement to adhere to these doctrines and forms, and a reason to guard against any thing, the tendency of which would be to draw us away from the “simplicity which is in Christ” to follow the imaginations and devices of men, in things that pertain to the worship of God.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES P. LYTLE,

ANDREW GORDON,

JOSEPH MCCONNELL, } Com.

The Special Committee to report on continuing the work on the New Versions of Psalms, reported the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in order to secure the payment of the salary of Mr. Jeffers, pastors of congregations be required to raise contributions from

their congregations, and transmit the same to Mr. James M'Candless, the Treasurer of the General Assembly before *the first of October*, 1866.

It was resolved, that when the Assembly adjourns, it be until 7½ o'clock this evening.

The Committee on the Board of Church Extension presented their report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your committee would report that the interests of the church committed to the Board of Church Extension seem from the report to be managed with sound judgment and commendable zeal.

It is gratifying to know that the liberality of the church has abounded toward this fund during the present year, when compared to the contributions of last year.

The amount raised last year was about \$800. This year, the Treasurer's report shows a receipt of \$3666.96.

It is a matter of regret, however, that this sum, with that not forwarded in time to be reported, falls far short of the amount required to meet the demands of the Board. The report informs us that applications were made for the entire amount (\$20,000,) ordered by the last Assembly.

From this it is obvious, that, in order to enlarge the operations of Church Extension, the contributions of the Church for this purpose must be largely increased, and that Presbyteries raise and forward their apportionment with promptness.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. That Presbyteries forward to the Treasurer the amount due this Board, before the first of January.

2d. That should any Presbytery, any given year, fail to comply, the Board be authorized to send an agent or agents, as the nature of the case may demand, and collect their apportionment.

3d. That the Financial Agent forward the whole amount contributed to the congregation for which it is intended. The agent of the congregation will then forward to the Treasurer of the Board an acknowledgment of the amount received, which will be credited to the Presbytery by which it is contributed.

4th. That the sum of \$15,000 be raised for the coming year.

5th. That the members whose term of service expires at this meeting, viz: J. T. Pressly, S. B. Reed, and Thomas E. Wakeham, be and are hereby re-elected. Respectfully submitted. J. A. EDIE, *Chairman*.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That an order be drawn in favor of Wm. S. Haven for \$2, to pay for printing R. R. blanks, for the use of the members of this Assembly in returning home.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. D. F. Bonner and W. W. Barr, it was

Resolved, That the amendments proposed by the different Presbyteries to the Book of Government and Discipline be referred to a special Committee with instructions to report either to this Assembly, or the next, such as they think worthy of adoption for overture to the Presbyteries.

The Committee consists of Rev. Drs. J. T. Pressly, J. B. Clark, R. Gracey, and Rev. Messrs. W. J. Reid and John C. Boyd.

The Committee appointed to report on the subject of obtaining information in regard to soldiers of our church who served during the late war, presented a report, which was received and laid on the table.

The Assembly adjourned. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Clark, D. D.

Friday, June 8, 1866, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and opened with prayer by Rev. Alex. Blaikie, D. D.

The Minutes of the afternoon Session were read and approved.

The Moderator nominated, and the Assembly confirmed the following Committee, viz.:

Committee to Report on the Reconstruction of the Board of Home Missions.—Rev. Messrs. R. D. Harper, D. D., James Prestley, D. D., R. B. Ewing, Joseph Clokey, D. D., and A. G. Wallace; and Elders James McCandless and John Fleming.

Took up the Report of the Committee on the New Version of Psalms in regard to the Communication from the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The reported was adopted, as follows:—

Additional Report of the Committee on the New Version of the Psalms.

The Committee on the New Versions of the Psalms present the following in reference to the action of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod reported to this Assembly by the delegate from that body:

Whereas, the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, at their late meeting in Xenia, appointed a committee "to confer and co-operate with committees which might be appointed by the evangelical churches of the land, so as to secure, if possible, a new and improved version of the book of Psalms, with a variety of metres that would be satisfactory to all, and in the use of which all might unite," Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we hereby express our gratification with the action of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, as in accordance with the design with which we, as a church, have undertaken this important work, and that we cordially invite the committee of that Synod to co-operate with the committee of this Assembly appointed for the same purpose.

Resolved, 2. That the Reformed Presbyterian Synod be respectfully requested to consider the twenty-five versions of Psalms adopted by this Assembly, with a view to their approval by that body, as a part of the new version, and also to consider those versions of the Psalms that are now in overture by the action of this Assembly.

Resolved, 3. That this Assembly hereby extends a standing invitation to all the evangelical churches of the country to co-operate with us in our effort to secure a new, literal and faithful metrical version of the book of Psalms,

Resolved, 4. That an official copy of the action of this Assembly on the subject of a new version be transmitted immediately to the Clerk of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. COLLINS, Chairman.

The Report of the Committee on the Board of Education was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The committee respectfully report that it is their opinion that the Report of the Board is encouraging. In former years few received aid, but this year the number of those who obtained aid from the funds, is twice as large as last year. But this number is small compared with the extent and ability of our church, and the increasing demand for preachers. It is very desirable that effectual means were used by congregations, ministers and Presbyteries to find suitable young men to study with a view to the holy ministry. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into his vineyard. The Board feel encouraged in their work. Some of the beneficiaries are ministers labouring in the home and foreign fields.

During the past year assistance has been given to *thirty* young men. Of

these 10 reside in Illinois, 1 in Indiana, 3 in Iowa, 2 in Michigan, 3 in New York, 6 in Ohio and 5 in Pennsylvania. Of the \$10,000 appropriated by the last Assembly only \$3133,08 have been received. During the past year the Board have expended \$4864.47. They request that a new rule for the operations of the Board be adopted, that the services of their corresponding secretary be suitably rewarded, and that D. A. Wallace, J. H. Martin and D. G. Bradford be re-elected as members of the Board.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions viz:

Resolved, That \$5,000 be appropriated as funds for the Board.

Resolved, That parents, pastors and Presbyteries be requested to seek out young men of ability and piety, and encourage them to study with a view to enter the holy ministry.

Resolved, That the following rule to regulate the operations of the Board be adopted viz: "That the applicant for aid be certified by the Presbytery in whose bounds he properly has his home."

Resolved, That D. A. Wallace, J. H. Martin, and D. G. Bradford be re-elected as members of the Board. Respectfully submitted by order of the Committee.

T. GOODWILLIE, *Chairman*.

The Report of the Committee on the Board of Publication was read, amended, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Committee on the Board of Publication have agreed to report the following resolutions for the action of the Assembly:

Resolved 1. That the papers numbered 2 and 3, setting forth what has been done in the distribution of Bibles and for the assistance of weak Sabbath schools, be published in the Minutes of the Assembly for the information of the people.*

2. That the thanks of the church are due to the Board for the valuable Church Register they have published, and that its use be recommended in all the congregations of the church.

3. That in order to carry out as far as possible the earnest desire of the Board to be supplied with suitable books for the Sabbath schools of the church from our own ministers and people, your Committee urge upon the Assembly to call the attention of the church to this important subject.

4. That \$5,000 be appropriated for carrying on the operations of the Board for the current year.

5. That Drs. James Rodgers, James Prestley and Mr. C. Arbuthnot, whose terms of service have expired, be re-elected; and that elder Joseph McConnell be elected in the place of J. Robb, who has resigned.

The Committee would also beg leave to report on the memorial from W. S. Rentoul:

That in view of the facilities of the church for furnishing the people with a knowledge of the necessities and operations of the various Boards of the church, and the large demand already made to carry on their operations, it is deemed inexpedient at present to undertake the publication of a monthly periodical devoted exclusively to the interests of these Boards.

All of which is respectfully submitted. By order of the Committee.

C. WEBSTER, *Chairman*.

Took up the Report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. The report was amended and adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee would report that, it is a duty required by every minister

* The papers referred to in this resolution were not returned by the committee, and consequently do not appear in the Minutes.

composing the United Presbyterian Church, to urge upon his people the importance of giving to the cause of God, both at home and abroad, as He hath prospered them; to this end your committee would suggest the propriety of each congregation in connexion with the United Presbyterian Church, to subscribe for at least ten copies of the Minutes of Assembly, published in the Evangelical Repository and United Presbyterian Review, for distribution, that our people may see for themselves what is required to carry on the great work of evangelization, both at home and abroad.

Many people are opposed to the apportionment of the funds among the congregations, believing that it is calculated to destroy the spirit of liberty. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That it be the duty of ministers to urge their people simply to give as the Lord hath prospered them.

Resolved, 2. That the valuable paper on the "Tithe System," presented to the Assembly by Rev. J. G. Fulton, be published in the papers of the church.

All which is respectfully submitted. H. W. TODD, Chairman.

The Memorial from the Synod of Pittsburgh, in regard to the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions was referred to the Committee on that Board.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence, in regard to the letter from Rev. Dr. McMaster, was taken up and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence to whom was referred the letter of Dr. M^cMaster, delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian church, would respectfully report the following resolutions for the consideration and approval of this General Assembly:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly have heard with no ordinary degree of pleasure the unfeigned desire of our brethren of the Reformed Church to enter into an organic union with us, that we sincerely reciprocate this desire, and most cordially concur in the sentiment so well expressed in the letter of their delegate, "That those who have the least to separate them ought first to come together."

Resolved, 2. That a committee be now appointed by this Assembly to confer with the committee which has already been appointed by them with regard to this desired union. This committee to consist of Drs. D. R. Kerr, J. S. Easton and John Van Eaton. Respectfully submitted. COMMITTEE.

The Judicial Committee presented the following report on the Memorial of certain Presbyteries, in regard to marriage within the forbidden degrees of consanguinity. The report was adopted, and is as follows:—

Report of the Judicial Committee on the report of the Presbytery of Frankfort, relating to marriages within the degrees forbidden by the law of God.

Your Committee report, that as the Confession of Faith is sufficiently explicit on the subject to which the Presbytery refers, no further declaration is deemed necessary by this General Assembly at the present time.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That ministers be instructed to bring this subject before the people in their public ministrations, in order that the purity of the marriage relations be preserved.

2. That Presbyteries and Sessions be directed by the proper exercise of discipline, to enforce the established principles of the Confession, in all cases where marriages have been contracted within the degrees forbidden by the law of God.

Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions be authorized to pay the balance of the salary of Dr. Cooper, for his services in the San Francisco Mission, out of the Home Mission Fund.

Took up the report of the Committee on Finance. The report was amended, and adopted as follows:

The Finance Committee would make the following report:

We have examined the various reports and vouchers of the Treasurers of Foreign, Home and Freedmen's Missions, Boards of Publication, Church Extension and Education, California Mission, Jewish Mission, Bible Fund, Superannuated Ministers' Fund, Assembly's Fund, Alexandria Building Fund, and Egyptian Education Fund, and find them all correct. We feel that the thanks of the Assembly are due, and we recommend that they be hereby tendered to the respective Treasurers of the various Funds, for the careful and efficient manner in which they have discharged the important trusts committed to their care.

We regard it as unnecessary to encumber our Minutes with these reports in detail. We, therefore, recommend that the following abstract be published.

Foreign Missions.—Amount received, \$55,738.10; paid out, \$44,883.45; balance in Treasury, \$10,854.65.

Home Missions.—Amount received, \$27,431.64; disbursed, \$24,370.14; balance in Treasury, \$3,061.50.

Freedmen's Mission.—Amount received, \$23,603.95; Disbursed, \$20,096.62; balance in Treasury, \$3,507.33.

Board of Education.—Amount received, \$4,923.99; disbursed, \$4,894.23; balance in Treasury, \$29.76.

Board of Church Extension.—Amount received, \$3,666.94; paid out, 1,709.31; balance in Treasury, 1,957.63.

Board of Publication.—Amount received, \$22,976.00; paid out, \$20,721.20; balance in Treasury, \$2,254.80.

California Mission.—Amount received, \$1,206.97; disbursed, \$1,206.97.

Jewish Mission.—Amount received, \$258.57; paid out, \$180.12; balance, \$78.42.

General Assembly Fund.—Amount received, \$958.70; paid out, \$669.88; balance in Treasury, \$288.82.

Bible Fund.—Amount received, \$8,232.84; paid out, \$8,975.24; overdrawn, \$742.40.

Superannuated Ministers' Fund.—Am't. received, \$1175.08; paid out, \$200.00; balance in Treasury, \$975.08.

Alexandria Building Fund.—Am't. received, \$19,957.44; paid out, \$19,047.76; balance in Treasury, \$909.68.

Egyptian Education Fund.—Amount received, \$2,533.08; paid out, \$2,277.46; balance in Treasury, \$255.62.

Amount received from all sources for all the funds of the church during the past year, \$172,662.30.

Your committee would recommend the publication in the Minutes, of the papers referred to them from the Board of Publication, giving an exposé of the Assets and Liabilities of the Bible and Publication Fund.

Your committee would also call the attention of the Assembly to the subject of the memorial of the Sidney Presbytery. The memorialists think the salaries voted by the last Assembly, to the clerks of the Boards of Foreign, and Home, and Freedmen's Missions is too large, and your committee are inclined to concur in this opinion. We think the salaries are either too large or too small. If the labours connected with these clerkships, are not so onerous as to materially interfere with the duties of a pastor to a large congregation, then the salary is too large; but if the labours be so burdensome as to make heavy drafts on a man's time, and prevent him from performing his whole duty to his congregation, then no pastor should be elected to these offices, and in that case, the salary would be too small. But these two offices have been combined in the same person, and we believe that those brethren holding these offices, have performed their duties both as pastors and clerks faithfully and well, and hence we believe that the labour as clerks of one of these Boards would be amply rewarded by a less sum than five hundred dollars. We would, therefore, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the salaries of each of the clerks of the Boards of Foreign, Home and Freedmen's Missions, be the sum of three hundred dollars.

The last General Assembly promised to pay the actual travelling expenses of those brethren engaged in the work of preparing the New Version of the Psalms. The committee have no data from which to judge of the amount of these expenses that have not been paid. We would recommend that Rev. W. J. Reid be

appointed to receive and audit the account of the members of the committee, and issue orders for the amounts due them respectively on the Treasurer of the Assembly's Fund. In this connexion we would remind the Assembly that the Treasurer calls attention to the fact, that drafts are frequently made on this fund, and yet comparatively little is paid into the Treasury wherewith to meet these orders. We would recommend the following:

Resolved, That Presbyteries see to it, that the congregations under their care pay over to the Financial Agent of Presbyteries, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Assembly, their proportion of twenty-five hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to issue an order on the Treasurer for his own salary; also one for twenty dollars in favour of the Assistant Clerk.

In reference to the paper coming from the Bloomington Presbytery, touching the bequest of John Pinkerton, of Carrollton, Green Co., Ill., your committee would recommend:

1st. That Rev. John M. Gordon be appointed to attend to the interests of the Assembly in said bequest, and that James McCandless, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, be directed to receive and receipt for the money.

2d. That the money be divided equally between the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly are due to Dr. J. B. Clark for discharging the duties as Clerk of the Board of the Freedmen's Missions without compensation. Respectfully submitted. H. H. THOMPSON, Chairman.

On motion, it was resolved, that James M. Ferguson have the privilege of publishing in "the Sabbath School Psalmodist," any or all of the 25 New Versions of Psalms, adopted by this Assembly.

It was, on motion, resolved, that Mr. W. S. Young publish the Minutes of the Assembly in the Evangelical Repository, and that Rev. Messrs. James Prestley, D. D., W. W. Barr, Dr. Dales, James Price, T. H. Hanna, and James M. Ferguson be a Committee to superintend the printing and publishing the same.

The Committee was ordered by the Assembly to omit the Reports of Presbyteries in the published Minutes.

On motion, \$100 was appropriated to the Committee to superintend the printing and publication of the Minutes.

The Committee were granted discretionary power in regard to the number of extra copies of the Minutes to be published, and the price to be charged for them.

The following resolution, offered by Revs. J. C. Boyd and R. B. Ewing, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the General Assembly, highly appreciating the services of our devoted missionary, Rev. John Hogg, of Egypt, who is now in Scotland, do hereby extend to him a cordial invitation to visit our country during this summer.

The Committee on Statistical Tables presented their report, which was adopted as follows:—

The Committee on Statistical Tables submit the following:

We are gratified to be able to report that all the Presbyteries have sent up their statistical tables this year.

It is to be regretted, however, that some of them are quite defective, both in matter and form.

It is very evident that Presbyteries have failed to obtain reliable statistics; many congregations have only a partial report, others have no report at all, or are credited with the report of last year. The columns of figures are not footed up, post offices of unsettled ministers, licentiates and students, in many cases are not given, and in other respects the tables are not what they should be.

We would call the attention of Clerks of Presbyteries to the "Directions to Clerks," published in the Minutes every year.

Only about one half the Presbyteries have reported correct tables, and not more than three or four of these may be called *perfect* in every respect.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Presbyteries be urgently requested to give special attention to the preparation of correct statistical tables both in matter and form.

It is the opinion of your Committee, that it is unnecessary to burden the Minutes of the Assembly with the full details of the reports of Treasurers. At the same time it is important for the church to know the sources of its income, and the manner in which its contributions are expended by its agents:

Resolved, 1. That Treasurers publish their receipts monthly in detail in the papers of the church.

Resolved, 2. That they report to the Assembly only the summaries of receipts, so as to show the amount received from each Presbytery and from legacies and special donations, and also of expenditures under general heads—as salaries, buildings, travelling expenses, &c., so as to show clearly the use made of the money intrusted to their care.

Resolved, 3. That the Boards be directed to furnish to the Treasurers the information necessary to make the above reports. M. CLARKE, Chairman.

On motion, the Financial Agents for their Presbyteries, that have served for the past year, except where Presbyteries may find it necessary to make a change, were continued.

It was resolved, that the Stated Clerk issue an order on the Treasurer for thirty dollars, in behalf of James Brown, sexton of this church, for services rendered during the Sessions of this Assembly, and the Board of Home Missions.

It was resolved that John Fleming, Rev. R. B. Ewing and James McCandless be a Committee to secure from the R. R. Companies return tickets for the members of the next Assembly.

It was resolved, that the thanks of this General Assembly are hereby tendered to our friends in Allegheny City, Pittsburgh, and vicinity, for the kind hospitality shown the members during the sittings of the Assembly.

On motion, the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to those R. R. Companies that have granted reduced fares to the delegates attending the Assembly.

It was resolved, that all our congregations be requested to take up a collection for the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

The following changes were made in the appointment of Financial Agents for the Presbyteries, viz.:—For Rock Island, Rev. J. A. Edie; for Monongahela, Rev. W. J. Reid; for Des Moines, Rev. R. A. McAyeal; for Frankfort, Rev. S. H. Graham; Nebraska, Rev. T. McCartney.

It was resolved that Dr. R. D. Harper and R. B. Ewing be, and hereby are, appointed a committee to prepare "the Roll" for the next Assembly.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Board of Home Missions hold its next meeting in Cedarville, Greene Co., Ohio.

The Minutes of the Session were now read and approved.

The Moderator then declared this General Assembly dissolved, and that another, similarly constituted, is called to meet in the 1st Church, Xenia, Ohio, on the 4th Thursday, the 23d day of May, A. D., 1867, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator, singing Psalm lxxii. 18th, 19th, and pronouncing the apostolic benediction.

JAMES PRESTLEY, *Stated Clerk*. DAVID R. KERR, *Moderator*.

W. W. BARR, *Assistant Clerk*.

A P P E N D I X .

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

- PART I.—DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—*Sidney*.—Bellefontaine, c. s. s., * \$300; California, c. s. s., 250; Leipsic, 25.
- Wisconsin*.—De Korra, c. s. s., 75; Caledonia, c. s. s., 50; Ashupin, c. s. s., 150; Waupacca, c. s. s., 150; Royalton, c. s. s., 150; Oshkosh, 300; Wyoming, 250; Buffalo, 200; Jaynesville, 600; or 1,000, if not raised by congregation.
- Chillicothe*.—Mount Joy and con., 75.
- Conemaugh*.—Taylorsville and con., c. s., † 100; Johnstown, 600.
- Big Spring*.—Gettysburgh and Duncannon, c. s., 150.
- 1st Ohio*.—Richmond 400; Ebenezer, c. s., 350; Dayton 300; 2d ch., Cincinnati, c. s., 500.
- Bloomington*.—Bloomington, 300; Jacksonville, 150; Pana, 150; Spring Creek, 150; Granville, c. s. s., for 6 months, 100; New Brenton, 60; Wenona, 150.
- Kansas*.—Garnett and Berea, 200; Americus and con., 200, Richland, Hibbard and Black Jack, 400; Grasshopper Falls and con., 400; Cedar and con., 300.
- Nebraska*.—Fremont, North Bend and con., 375; Rock Bluff, 300; Amity, c. s., 100; Clarinda and Mt. Ayr, 300; Onawa, 200; Pawnee Co., Nebraska, (for 6 months) 150.
- 2d New York*.—West 44th St., 300; 1st Brooklyn, 400; Jersey City, 600; Harlem, 800; Newark, 450.
- Butler*.—Great Western, 100.
- Monongahela*.—Hebron, 125.
- Cleveland*.—Cleveland, 200; Youngstown, 50; Salem, c. s. s., 400; Warren, 100.
- Wabash*.—Pittsburg, c. s. s., 400; Lafayette, c. s. s., 500; Holland ch., Lafayette, c. s. s., 500; Tipton, c. s., 100.
- Allegheny*.—5th Church, c. s., 300.
- Westmoreland*.—Apollo, 50; Redstone, 100; Coulterville, c. s. s., 500.
- Wheeling*.—Caledonia and Buchanan Hill, 100.
- Caledonia*.—Geneva, 100; Howard, (on con. cong. pay \$300) 50.
- Michigan*.—La Porte, 450; Orangeville, 100; Caledonia, 100.
- Indiana*.—Vienna, 200; Indianapolis, 200.
- Des Moines*.—Cincinnati, 100; Promise City, 100; Chariton and Corydon, c. s. s., 200; Indianola and Lacona, c. s. s., 150, (or 250 on c. s.); Knoxville 150; Monroe, c. s. s., 200, (or 300 on c. s.); Des Moines, c. s. s., 300; Winterset, 150; Panora and con., c. s. s., 200.
- Vermont*.—Greensboro' (on con. cong. raise 350) 50.
- Steubenville*.—Clarkson, 50; Carrollton and Connaughton, (on con. cong. raise 500) 100.
- Boston*.—Thompsonville, c. s. s., 50, (or c. s., 200); Sutton, 300; 1st Boston, 270; 2d Boston, 400; 3d Boston, 400; Hartford, 350, (or Lawrence, c. s. s., 500.)
- Muskingum*.—New Plymouth, 100.
- Detroit*.—Davisville, 100; Fremont 50; Emmet and con., 125; Clyde, 75; Marlatt and Allison, c. s. s., 150; Paris and con., c. s. s., 150; Nankin, c. s. s., 50; (or c. s., 100;) General Missions, 200.
- Monmouth*.—Elvaston, (on con. cong. raise 300) 300; Basco and Hamilton, (on con. cong. raise 300) 200; Fountain Green and con., 200; African Church, Monmouth, 200.
- Chicago*.—Camp Creek, c. s. s., 100; Rock Run, c. s., 50; Savannah, c. s. s., 500
- Delaware*.—Lansingville, c. s. s., 150; Walton, c. s. s., 150.
- Keokuk*.—Keosauque, 150; Mt. Pleasant, c. s. s., 150, (or c. s., 250); Brighton, c. s., 150; Sandusky and Montrose, c. s. s., 200; New London and Middletown, c. s., 150; Millersburg ($\frac{1}{2}$ time), 200; Scotland Co., Mo., 50; Winfield, 200.
- 1st New York*.—Hoboken, c. s. s., 250; 25th St. Church, New York, 500.
- Philadelphia*.—9th Church, Philada., 450; Oxford, 200; 10th Church, Phila., 600; Broad St. Mission, c. s. s., 500.
- Stamford*.—Morrisdale, c. s. s., 150, (or c. s., 200).
- St. Lawrence*.—Covey Hill, 50; Hemmingsford, 50; 2d Hinchinbrook, 50.
- Lake*—Franklin, (to suppl. salary) 50; Freehold, 50.
- Mansfield*.—Pine Run and Monroe, c. s. s., 200; De Kalb in con. with Savannah, c. s. s., 100.

White River.—Vandalia, (on con. cong. raise 100) 50; Portland Mills, 200.
Princeton.—West Union, c. s. s., 200; Eden, c. s., 250; Princeton, c. s., (on con. cong. raise 550) 200.

St. Louis.—Centralia and Odin, c. s. s., 400; Belle Prairie and con., c. s. s., 300; Bethel, c. s. s., 100; General Missions in Mo., 300.

Xenia.—Columbus, c. s. s., 650; Wilmington, c. s. s., 300.

Rock Island.—Colona, 150; Lebanon, 75; General Missions, 200.

Le Claire.—Iowa City, 350; Vinton and con. 225; Cedar Rapids, 150; Scotch Grove, 125; Tranquillity, 150; Wyoming, 150; Cascade, (on con. cong. raise 250) 150; Clinton, c. s. s., half time, 300; Fairfax, 150; Clarence, half time, 100.

PART II.—DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES.—N. McDowell, 1st quarter, Bloomington, 2d quarter, Wisconsin, 3d quarter, Detroit, 4th qr., Chillicothe.

S. McArthur, 1st qr., Mercer.

J. R. Harris, 1st qr., Wisconsin.

S. Bigger, July and Aug., Chartiers, 4th qr., Lakes.

D. M. Gelvin, July and Aug., Bloomington, 4th qr., Chicago.

A. J. Graham, July and Aug., Mansfield, 4th qr., 1st New York.

A. G. King, July and Aug., Wabash, 4th qr., Indiana.

Josiah Moore, July and Aug., Mounmouth, 4th qr., Chartiers.

A. B. Struthers, July and Aug., Keokuk, 4th qr., Mansfield.

Richard Turnbull, July and Aug., Chicago, 4th qr., Conemaugh.

John Lackey, 1st and 2d qr., Wisconsin, 3d qr., Chillicothe, 4th qr., Sidney.

J. S. Woodburn, 1st qr., Delaware, 2d qr., Mansfield, 3d qr., Conemaugh, 4th qr., Westmoreland.

J. S. Speer, July and Aug., Muskingum, 4th qr., Conemaugh.

J. S. Campbell, July and Aug., Steubenville, 4th qr., 1st New York.

R. F. McLaren, 1st qr., Boston, 2d qr., Caledonia, 3d qr., Philadelphia, 4th qr., Butler.

S. J. McKee, 1st qr., Chillicothe, Oct., Chillicothe, 4th qr., Lakes.

Geo. W. Paxton, 1st qr., Caledonia, Oct., Chartiers, 4th qr., Lakes.

R. C. Welsh, 1st qr., Chartiers, Oct., Frankfort, 4th qr., St. Louis.

A. Mayne, 1st qr., Wabash, 2d qr., Indiana, 3d qr., Steubenville, 4th qr., Chillicothe.

S. R. Frazier, 1st qr., 1st Ohio, 2d qr., Lake, 3d qr., Le Claire, 4th qr., Xenia.

W. D. Ewing, July and Aug., Philadelphia, Sept. and Oct., Chartiers, 4th qr., Westmoreland.

Thos. Callahan, 1st and 2d qrs., Le Claire, 3d qr., Detroit, 4th qr., Bloomington.

S. H. Weed, July and Aug., Rock Island, 4th qr., Mounmouth.

R. G. Campbell, July and Aug., Big Spring, 4th qr., 1st Ohio.

A. Y. Houston, 1st qr., Mansfield, 2d qr., Conemaugh, 3d qr., Lake, 4th qr., Detroit.

W. B. Sutherland, 1st qr., Westmoreland, 2d qr., Boston, 3d and 4th qrs., 1st Ohio.

Joseph McKee, 1st and 2d qrs., Mansfield, 3d qr., Conemaugh, 4th qr., Steubenville.

H. McHatton, 1st qr., Conemaugh, 2d qr., Butler, 3d qr., Lake, 4th qr., Xenia.

John Robertson, 1st qr., Indiana, 2d qr., Philadelphia, 3d qr., 1st New York, 4th qr., Argyle.

W. Clokey, July and Aug., 1st Ohio, 4th qr., Princeton.

M. M. Brown, 1st qr., Steubenville, 2d qr., 1st New York, 3d qr., Mansfield, 4th qr., Wisconsin.

R. B. Robertson, 1st qr., Lake, 2d qr., Mansfield, 3d qr., Xenia, 4th qr., Le Claire.

W. R. Erskine, 1st qr., Princeton, 2d qr., Wabash, 3d qr., Indiana, 4th qr., Mercer.

R. S. Findley, July and Aug., Rock Island, 4th qr., Rock Island.

N. K. Crowe, 1st qr., Westmoreland, 2d qr., Bloomington, 3d qr., Indiana, 4th qr., Detroit.

John Williamson, 1st qr., Sidney, Oct., Sidney, 4th qr., Sidney.

J. G. Madge, 1st qr., Butler, Oct., Butler, 4th qr., Caledonia.

Joseph McKelvey, July and Aug., Mercer, 4th qr., Mansfield.

A. C. Tris, 2d qr., 1st New York.

T. P. Prondfit, 1st qr., Princeton, 2d and 3d qrs., St. Louis, 4th qr., Chicago.

C. A. Beattie, 1st and 4th qrs., 1st Ohio.

Julius Straus, 1st qr., Chillicothe, 2d qr., Muskingum, 3d qr., Lake, 4th qr., Mercer.

H. Y. Leiper, 1st qr., St. Louis, Oct., St. Louis, 4th qr., Frankfort.

H. F. Stewart, 1st qr., Lake, Oct., Lake, 4th qr., Chartiers.

- J. R. Kyle, 2d qr., Princeton, 3d and 4th qrs., Mansfield.
 Wm. Melvin, 1st qr., Monongahela, 2d qr., Steubenville, 3d and 4th qrs., Delaware.
 H. W. Torrence, 1st qr., Argyle, 2d qr., Caledonia, 3d qr., Big Spring, 4th qr., Philadelphia.
 A. R. M. Ross, 1st qr., Caledonia, 2d qr., Delaware, 3d qr., Chillicothe, 4th qr., Wabash.
 S. C. Hubble, 1st and 2d qrs., Detroit, 3d and 4th qrs., Wisconsin.
 L. Proudfit, 1st qr., Lake, Oct., Lake, 4th qr., Monongahela.
 Jonathan Stewart, 1st qr., Detroit, 2d qr., Chillicothe, 3d qr., Westmoreland, 4th qr., Steubenville.
 S. W. Lorimer, 1st qr., Keokuk, 2d qr., Rock Island, 3d qr., 1st Ohio, 4th qr., Indiana.
 D. M. McClellan, 1st qr., Caledonia, 2d qr., Conemaugh, 3d qr., Monongahela, 4th qr., Lake.
 J. McNabb, 1st, 2d and 3d qrs., Lake, 4th qr., Caledonia.
 John Jamison, 1st qr., Sidney, 2d qr., Argyle, 3d qr., Caledonia, 4th qr., Big Spring.
 Wm. Galbraith, 1st and 2d qrs., Monongahela, 3d qr., Argyle, 4th qr., Caledonia.
 A. Crawford, 1st, 2d and 3d qrs., Stamford, 4th qr., Wisconsin.
 W. C. Somers, 1st qr., Xenia, 2d qr., Mercer, 3d qr., Princeton, 4th qr., Monongahela.
 W. R. Gladston, July and Aug., Delaware, 4th qr., Lake.
 W. A. Findley, 1st qr., 1st New York, 2d qr., Lake, 3d qr., Chartiers, 4th qr., Wabash.
 J. A. Vance, 1st and 2d qrs., Wisconsin, 3d qr., Chicago.
 Daniel Todd, 2d qr., 1st Ohio, 3d qr., Bloomington.
 M. Bigger, 1st qr., Chicago, 2d qr., Detroit, 3d qr., Wisconsin.
 D. Barclay, 1st qr., Monongahela, 2d qr., Caledonia, 3d qr., Mercer, 4th qr., Sidney.
 J. K. Black, 3d qr., Rock Island.
 E. A. Brownlee, 2d qr., Big Spring, 3d qr., Butler.

PART II.—DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.

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| Wellington Wright, Keokuk. | J. W. Buchanan, Michigan. |
| R. Burgess, Keokuk. | S. M. Coon, Savannah and De Kalb. |
| J. S. Ross, Keokuk. | Robert Stewart, Dayton, Ohio. |
| D. W. McLane, Monmouth. | J. W. McFarland, Johnstown, Pa. |
| J. H. Montgomery, Monmouth. | A. F. Ashton, Michigan Presbytery. |
| W. T. Rawson, Detroit. | W. P. McNary, Leavenworth City. |
| Randal Ross, Kansas. | J. T. Pollock, Granville, Presb. Bloomington. |
| Wm. Johnson, Des Moines City. | T. S. Park, Chariton and Corydon, (Des Moines Presb.) |
| H. Forsythe, 1st 6 mos. Sidney, 2nd 6 mos. Muskingum. | John Bryan, Waupaca and Royalton, (Wisconsin.) |
| D. R. Imbrie, Referred to Executive Committee. | J. P. Finney, Wabash for Pittsburg. |
| D. T. McAuley, Kansas. | G. G. Mitchell, Lafayette, Wabash Presbytery. |
| J. R. Miller, Tennessee. | J. S. Manghlin, Onowa City, Nebraska. |
| S. Martin, Referred to Executive Committee. | D. C. Wilson, Lake for Allegheny. |
| J. P. Black, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. | W. S. McClanahan, Kansas. |
| And. McCartney, Des Moines, Indianola and Lacona. | Jas. McNeal, 1st Ohio for Ebenezer. |
| T. McCague, Des Moines, Panora and Con. | John F. Martin, Des Moines for Monroe. |
| G. Small, Indianapolis. | J. H. Adair, Nebraska Presb. |
| Committee last 9 months. | S. M'Arthur, Referred to Executive |
| A. S. Montgomery, Princeton. | J. D. Beard, Promise City, half time. |
| R. Gray, Princeton. | Jas. McRea, Nebraska. |
| A. R. Rankin, St. Louis Presb. | A. B. Coleman, Eden Prairie and Con. |
| Jno. S. Robertson, Nebraska Presb. | D. S. McHenry, Marshall Co., Tenn. |
| Thos. Brown, St. Louis for Centralia and Odin. | D. S. Littell, Columbus, Ohio. |
| | I. A. Wilson, Nebraska. |
| | R. G. Wallace, Jaynesville. |

PART III.—IMPORTANT MISSIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO.—1. Resolved, That Rev. M. M. Gibson be nominated to the Assembly as a suitable missionary for San Francisco.

2. That \$3000 be appropriated for his outfit and salary.

3. That Dr. Cooper be urgently requested to remain in San Francisco until his successor reaches the field.

4. That the Assembly be recommended to establish a Building Fund for a church in San Francisco, and that congregations be urged to contribute to this fund. (This resolution was referred to the Board of Church Extension. CLERK.)

OREGON.—1. Resolved, That Rev. W. A. Robb be appointed to proceed to Oregon as soon as possible, and that \$500 be appropriated out of the Home Mission Fund for his passage and \$1000 for his support during the year; Rev. D. W. McLane his alternate.

ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO.—1. Resolved, That the mission in St. Louis be discontinued.

2. Resolved, That the second mission in Chicago be, for the present, discontinued, and that the property be placed in charge of the Presbytery of Chicago for the benefit of said Mission, should it in the future be revived.

3. Resolved, That \$500 be appropriated to the 1st Church, Chicago, to aid in the support of their pastor, and so much of their communication as relates to the church building be referred to the Board of Church Extension, with the earnest hope that they will give it their earliest attention, and render all the aid in their power to the 1st congregation in this important and necessary enterprise of securing a new church building.

LEAVENWORTH AND NEBRASKA.—1. Resolved, That W. P. McNary be appointed to Leavenworth City for the year, and that \$300 be appropriated for his support.

2. Resolved, That ——— be appointed to Nebraska City for the year, and that \$600 be appropriated for his support.

TENNESSEE.—1. Resolved, That J. R. Miller be appointed to Lincoln Co., and that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for his support.

2. Resolved, That Rev. D. S. McHenry be appointed to Marshall Co., and that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for his support.

3. Resolved, That Rev. David Strang be appointed to missionate in Eastern Tennessee and that the sum of \$400 be appropriated to his support.

4. Resolved, That the State of Tennessee be added to the Second Synod of the West, and that that Synod be requested to organize a Presbytery in that State.

5. Resolved, That the propriety of establishing a mission in Nashville be left discretionary with the Executive Committee.

6. Resolved, That the sum of \$500 be appropriated to the 1st U. P. Colored Church of Nashville.

7. Resolved, That the sum of \$50 be appropriated toward defraying the travelling expenses of Rev. D. S. McHenry to Tennessee.

PART IV.—RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to all Presbyteries to take measures to have the information required by the Assembly respecting their respective mission stations reported quarterly to the Executive Committee.

2. Resolved, That as the amount already granted by the Executive Committee to Rev. J. S. Woodburn for labour performed in the mission West 44th Street, in First Presbytery of New York, is in accordance with the record, that it is inexpedient to make any further appropriation.

3. Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to grant an additional \$100 to Rev. W. H. Buchanan for his services in the congregation of Elvaston during the past year.

4. Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to grant an appropriation to Rev. J. P. Black for the time during which he laboured by their appointment in the congregations of Basco and Hamilton.

5. Resolved, That the action of the Executive Committee in granting \$150 to the congregations of Bloomington, Berlin and Jacksonville be confirmed.

6. Resolved, That the action of the Executive Committee in refusing to pay the salary of the Rev. A. C. Tris from the Home Mission Fund be sustained.

7. Resolved, That the Assembly be requested to take such measures as will secure the speedy publication of the synopsis and tract authorized to be published by the last Assembly.

8. Resolved, That the supply of Warrensburg, Mo., be referred to the Executive Committee.

9. Resolved, That the supply of mission stations in Minnesota and Wisconsin be referred to the Executive Committee.

10. Resolved, That Messrs. J. R. Miller, J. H. Adair and J. A. Wilson, be recommended to their respective Presbyteries for ordination, if in their judgment they deem it expedient.

11. Resolved, That in case Rev. D. S. Littell does not accept the appointment to

Columbus, Ohio, Mr. John S. Robertson shall be his alternate, and the Executive Committee shall supply his appointments.

12. Resolved, That certain probationers who have no appointments for September and October have the privilege of remaining in the Presbyteries in which they have been employed, and if not needed that they be referred to the Executive Committee.

13. Resolved, We take pleasure in reporting to the Assembly that the following congregations heretofore receiving aid from this Board are now self-sustaining, and require no farther assistance, viz: Lawrenceville, Sewickley, 7th Philadelphia, Providence, Neshanoc, Lisbon, Hulton, Bruce, Spring Grove, Boonsboro', Ainsworth and Grand Prairie.

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

ABSTRACT OF SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

At the last General Assembly the Board of Foreign Missions was authorized to publish hereafter its Annual Report in pamphlet form. At present, therefore, it will not be necessary to burden the time or the Minutes of the Assembly with more than what is demanded for the proper information of the members of the Assembly on the points upon which they will be called to act. The reports of the several missions will appear in the pamphlet form.

In laying this abstract before the Assembly, the Board gratefully mention that, through the tender mercies of God the work of our Church in the foreign field has been prosecuted throughout the year without interruption, and with manifest tokens in every part of it that expenditures and labours on its behalf have not been in vain. Yet it has been signally a year of mercies mingled with trials.

MISSIONARIES.—As was anticipated in our last report, Rev. E. H. Stevenson and Rev. Andrew Gordon having been greatly enfeebled by their labors in the mission in India, arrived in this country early during the last season, and have since been endeavoring to recruit their exhausted energies, and at the same time as far as possible increase the interest of the churches in the great work of missions. Miss Elizabeth G. Gordon, who has been most usefully engaged for several years in the girls' schools in that mission, also returned with her brother. Rev. John Hogg, of the Egyptian mission, having greatly overtaken himself in the work in which he was so long engaged, first in Alexandria and Cairo, and then in forming the new station at Osiout, has been compelled to retire for a season, and is now with his family in Scotland. Mrs. Ewing has been constrained by her medical adviser to withdraw for a time from her place in the mission in Cairo, and is now in this country.

It is also the painful duty of the Board to say that during the year God has been pleased to lay the hand of death upon some of our most tried and trusted mission bands. On the 5th of July last Mrs. MARIA LANSING, of the mission in Egypt, fell at her post in Cairo, after nearly sixteen years' devotion to the mission service, and with her young child was buried amidst the people for whom she had left her native land and given her all. On the 3d of March also Mrs. NETTIE CURRIE, of the same mission, rested in Alexandria from labours upon which she had entered only a year before with all the yearnings of a tender love for Christ and for benighted souls. At Osiout also, and while far from a physician and friends, in the midst of his new mission field, the Rev. Mr. Hogg was called upon to part in June last with a most promising child. In India and Syria also, through overwork and anxiety, some of our missionaries have suffered much from sickness and trials. Thus, during the year it has pleased God to have the seed in many places sown in tears—but in the midst of them all it has been in hope that there shall yet be, as there has in some measure been, reaping in joy.

NEW MISSIONARIES AND RE-ENFORCEMENTS.—It is with regret the Board have to inform the Assembly, that from various causes the persons appointed last year, viz.: Mr. D. W. McLane, for China, Messrs. W. H. McMillan, and J. G. Cowden, for India, and N. E. Brown, for Syria, were led to decline their appointments, and thus these important and needy missions have been left without re-enforcement for the whole year. Rev. Messrs. Wm. Harvey, B. F. Pinkerton, and Mr. David Strang, printer, together with their wives, having accepted of the appointments made of them to Egypt, have entered upon their work in that field with encouraging prospects. Rev. Dr. Barnett, with his wife, has returned to this mission, and resumed the work in which he had so long and usefully la-

boured. Miss Sarah B. Dales, also, after remaining in her native land nearly six months, and gaining in part the renewed health and strength she sought, has returned to her work in Cairo. Mr. Jas. W. Gordon has accepted of the appointment to the charge of the Industrial School at Sealkote, and together with his family went to his appointed post. With peculiar devotion to her great life-work, also, Miss Elizabeth G. Gordon, after resting in this country only a few months, returned to meet the pressing calls that were made for help in her department of the mission. Thus while some have been laid aside, the hand of God may be gratefully recognized in his raising up others to carry on his great work, and the good resulting may well increase the intensity of the earnest cry for help to all the other missions of the church.

FUNDS.—With grateful feelings the Board and the friends of missions hailed the appropriation, by the last General Assembly, of the liberal sum of \$86,800 for the foreign missionary operations of the church during the ensuing year. And if this sum had been promptly paid into the treasury, it is believed there would not be at this time any painful want felt in any of our missions, or any burdensome debt now pressing upon them. During the year, however, the whole amount received into the treasury, for current expenses, was \$55,738.10, leaving thus a balance of \$31,061.90, that has never come to hand. A like deficiency exists in regard to the Building Fund, and in consequence of this deficiency only about \$2,000 of the \$10,000 that the Board asked, and the Assembly it is believed appropriated to the mission in China for necessary mission premises, has been sent. Only a small amount has been put into the treasury, and forwarded as was anxiously desired for buildings in India. Scarcely any thing has been paid in to meet the debt on the Alexandria building, and thus the missionaries there having been compelled oftentimes to take the moneys sent for their current expenses, to meet the demands of creditors for work done on these premises, have been sorely harassed and sometimes even in real want. Even moneys that under very special circumstances were generously contributed for health-buildings at Ramleh, have been forced to be temporarily taken to meet current necessities. Most earnestly do the Board ask the Assembly to take this subject into consideration. Either funds must be promptly and amply provided, or in some of our most important missions the labourers will have to be recalled, or the most disastrous retrenchments will have to be made. O for help!

MISSIONS.

I. TRINIDAD.—This interesting mission remains as at our last report. Religious meetings are held by former members of the mission church, and we gratefully recognize the kindness of Rev. Messrs. George Brodie and George Lambert in the interest they have manifested in still keeping a friendly oversight of it. Correspondence has been had in reference to its transfer to a sister evangelical church, but nothing has as yet resulted from it.

II. SYRIA.—In this mission there has been little change during the year. The hands of the Rev. Mr. Crawford, our missionary, have been strengthened by the return of the Rev. Smylie Robson, of the Irish Presbyterian Church, and the addition of the Rev. Mr. Wright, a new missionary from the same Church. Still Mr. Crawford is alone from our own Church, and having been painfully disappointed in not receiving the help desired last year, he entreatingly asks for at least one new missionary to be sent. With funds that have been accumulating for a number of years past by legacies and previous contributions, he is now engaged with his co-laborers from the Irish Church in erecting convenient mission premises, which will greatly promote the usefulness of the mission, and there will not, it is thought, be a necessity for any thing to be drawn from our Treasury for it. The gospel is regularly preached and the ordinances dispensed at the principal station in Damascus, and as far as possible at each of the neighbouring ones,—Nebk, Yabrud, Deir Atiyeh, Rasheiyah and En Eshaara. In all these stations, though very imperfectly manned, the leaven of divine truth is steadily working, and if the Assembly will only send and properly sustain one additional missionary to this mission, it is confidently believed great good will follow. In view of the interest and importance of the field, the Board earnestly ask, shall not this be done?

III. INDIA.—As was feared in our last report Rev. James S. Barr has been left the only American missionary in this mission. He has had untiring and able help rendered by the native missionaries, Rev. Messrs. E. P. Swift and G. W. Scott, but with the two stations, and important educational interests and the

general affairs of the mission to look after, both he and they have been greatly worn down, and most affectingly has he asked for help, even if it were only some devoted Christian boy or young man who might in some measure relieve him in his heavy charge. Deeply have the Board sympathized with him in view of the pressing needs of the mission, but have been unable to send any relief during the year. Most earnestly do we ask the Assembly to take efficient steps to have this mission properly re-enforced, and this at once. Scarcely less also is the necessity for pecuniary relief to this mission. Though in this important field for several years, Mr. Barr, the Board are pained to say to the Assembly, has never yet had a house in which he could reside, and several of the best interests of the mission are suffering from a lack of suitable buildings and mission premises. Surely the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church will consider and make effectual provision for needs like these. Especially should this be done in view of the fact that the affairs of this mission are in a most healthful and encouraging state. The word and ordinances have been eagerly called for, the attendance upon them has been good, and several additions have been made to the church of such as it is believed will be saved. The schools have not had all the efficiency that they might and ought to have had, in consequence of the inability of the mission during the year to furnish the needed teachers—but if the persons called for can only be sent out and properly provided for, the Board believe there is scarcely any limit to the good that may be expected, under the blessing of God, to follow.

IV. EGYPT.—The past year has been an eventful one to this mission. While its members have been made to sing of judgment, so also have they largely of mercy. All the persons appointed by the last General Assembly have gone out, together with their wives, to this field, and simultaneously with their appointment, and in some measure before it was known to the mission, God more and more signally made it appear as if Egypt were specially given to our Church as a mission field, and especially opened up for our occupancy. Besides having the mission work carried on as usual in the mission churches and schools, both boys and girls, and among the women and at the book depots in both Alexandria and Cairo, the members of the mission were constrained by the urgency of the case to form a mission station at Osiut, one of the largest and most important towns in all Upper Egypt, and afterwards at the El-Medineh, the Capitol of the Fayoum, one of the most fertile and populous of all the Districts in the Valley of the Nile. In both these places schools have been opened, the word is regularly expounded, the Bible and religious books are extensively scattered abroad, and a deep and wide-spread spirit of inquiry is seen among the hundreds and thousands of people that are as a plenteous harvest in these great fields. The Nile Boat continues its work in going up and down that great river and giving the missionaries and their native colporteurs and readers opportunities of scattering widely the good word of life. In Cairo the leaders of the Armenian Church have roused opposition at times against the truth, and persecution has followed. This has temporarily affected the schools, but they have steadily continued, and little or no bad results have followed. The mission church is filled with attentive listeners to the word on the Sabbath, meetings for the reading and study of the Bible are frequently held during the week, and additions have been made to the membership of the church every time the Lord's Supper has been dispensed during the year. In Alexandria the purchase of mission premises and the fitting up of convenient school rooms and a room for a church service has been followed with a largely increased attention to religious things among the people. These premises also being immediately in the midst of the quarter of the city where the largest numbers of the people are, and upon whom the mission principally operates, give the missionaries greater opportunities of laboring with encouraging prospects of success. Indeed, with all the trials and afflictions of the past year, it is believed the whole mission in Egypt was never in any thing like as hopeful a condition for missionary effort as at the present moment, and never, therefore, has there been as imperative and at the same time as encouraging a call for work to be done, and done at once for this field.

With all this, however, the Board must inform the Assembly it is now a painfully necessitous and perhaps critical time with this mission. With the new and excellent re-enforcement that was made to this field during the past year, there has not been a corresponding prompt and liberal contributing to our Foreign Missionary Treasury for its support, and the consequence is, the mission is in serious want. With the new premises which the missionaries felt authorized to

go forward and purchase, on the strength of the General Assembly's recommendation, in 1864, to raise \$30,000 for mission buildings at Alexandria, moneys have not been placed in the Treasury in any degree proportionate to the necessities of the case. Friendly bankers in Egypt, loving our brethren and their work, have made liberal advances from time to time, but cannot be expected to do so much longer—and already, in view of the necessities and perplexities of the case, with the field on every side and all up that great Valley white and most inviting for the harvest, our brethren are asking with almost breathless earnestness, *What shall we do?* Fathers and brethren in the General Assembly and in the churches at large, that question your Board most earnestly asks:—WHAT, WHAT SHALL WE DO?

V. CHINA.—Pressing as is thus the case of our India and Egyptian mission, not less so in many respects is that of the mission in China. In our last report the General Assembly were informed that our missionary, the Rev. Mr. Nevin, had asked “a grant of \$2,000 to be employed as far as would be necessary in the construction of a chapel and school room, and also a further grant of \$5,000, or a new man and \$10,000 to give the mission that permanence and countenance which it ought to receive.” In view of the fact that Mr. Nevin had been in that field several years, and had become well qualified to form a reliable judgment in the case, it was felt by the Board that he had asked the very least that we could as a Church give, if we would properly sustain that mission; and accordingly it was urged in the strongest terms by the Board that the necessary help should be immediately furnished. The Assembly, it is gratefully felt, promptly appointed an additional missionary to this field and voted the appropriations asked. But now, at the close of the year, the Board have to say that the missionary elect was not able to go, the funds required did not come into the Treasury, the missionary is as heretofore ALONE still in that vast field, and only \$2,000 of all the moneys so much called for to secure the premises needed have been sent. It grieves the Board to have to make a statement like this, but it has been deemed necessary in order that the Assembly may be more earnestly incited to do what the necessities of the case so affectingly and solemnly demand.

Notwithstanding all his disadvantages, however, in the want of a re-enforcement and of suitable missionary accommodations, Mr. Nevin is devotedly prosecuting his great work. In the school room, in the pulpit, from house to house, and with his pen, during the week and on the Sabbath, he is labouring to disseminate the truth as it is in Jesus, and there is gratifying encouragement in his work. Beyond any question, he has now a good foundation laid, and only let the man, or men, and the means required be sent, and no one can doubt the happiest results will be seen. But in no way should the Assembly rise without securing the new missionary and the money called for, and which it is believed are the very least that that mission should immediately have.

VI. ITALY.—In this field, which is so rapidly undergoing the most momentous changes in all its political, civil and religious state, the Rev. Mr. Moorehead is laboriously engaged at his work. During the past year he has been principally occupied at Carrara, Torano, and Sienna in Italy, and at Porto Ferrario, on the Island of Elba, preaching and teaching the gospel also as the providence of God offered opportunity in various other places over a wide extent of country. At Torano he has succeeded in organizing a church, where, at the last account, there were twenty hopeful converts gathered into the visible body of Christ. Meetings for prayer and the reading of the Scriptures are often held. New fields with earnest inquirers for the true light are constantly opening up. A spirit of reslessness under the Papal yoke is widely manifesting itself, and our missionary, supported as he is by the American and Foreign Christian Union, and belonging to and thoroughly loving the doctrines and usages of our United Presbyterian Church, is a fitting and noble messenger of Christ and His glad tidings of great joy in that long dark and needy land.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—During the past year there have been several signal favors shown to our missions and missionaries, and of which the Board desires to make grateful mention:—

1. The American Tract Society granted an appropriation of \$200 to the mission in China, to be expended in the circulation of religious reading among the vast numbers of that people who so much need evangelical light. The same grant was also generously made by this Society to the mission in Egypt, and the kindest wishes accompanied it for the success of all our missions in their

great work. The American, and the British and Foreign Bible Societies have also most kindly continued their grants of the Holy Scriptures, especially in Egypt, and thus enabled our missionaries to scatter more and more widely the word of life.

2. The Maharajah Dhuleep Singh promptly presented the mission in Egypt, in advance of the appointed time last year, the munificent sum of £500 for the support of two new missionaries in that field, as he had generously proposed at his marriage. He has also procured and sent out to the mission, as it was intimated to the last General Assembly might be done, a thoroughly prepared and furnished printing press, and during the last autumn also he contributed liberally to the comfort and the forwarding of several of our missionaries to their work, and with his contributions gave them his encouraging assurances and his prayers.

3. In repeated ways, also, and in the case of nearly every one of our missionaries going out or returning, during the past year, DAVID STUART, Esq., of Liverpool, England, cheerfully rendered them the most important services, and often at personal inconvenience and sacrifice. This generous kindness the Board have great pleasure in mentioning to the Assembly and the churches.

NEW MISSIONARIES.—In view of the fact that there is so much difficulty in securing all the funds so much needed to sustain our missions and carry on our operations, some might think that little or nothing should be done at the present time towards sending out new missionaries, and that every effort should be put forth to secure the means required to support those already engaged. But in view of the pressing state of things in India, China and Syria, we might almost as well call back those whom we have sent out as not to send others to their help. And with the fields every where opened up, with almost countless numbers accessible, and in multitudes of instances asking for the gospel at our hands, can we, dare we go back? Rather, by every consideration, the Board urge the Assembly to appoint two well qualified men and a suitable female for India, and at least one for China and one for Syria, and that steps be taken to secure without fail the means of sustaining them and also the missionaries who are already in the field.

During the year the Board have made earnest inquiries for suitable persons to recommend to the General Assembly for appointment to the several missions. Two of the Theological Seminaries have been specially visited on this behalf, and an extensive correspondence has been carried on. Thus, much better opportunities have been had of ascertaining the feelings, views and qualifications of those who might be named for this high calling than would otherwise be had. In this way we feel specially authorized to submit the name of Mr. Samuel Martin, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Muskingum, for an appointment to the Foreign Mission service.

In this connection the Board desire to call the attention of the Assembly to the fact that there may be from time to time young men among the graduates of our colleges who could be secured at once for the mission work, and who might prosecute their theological studies under some of our mission Presbyteries, as in India and Egypt, and with some of our missionaries, as Messrs. Nevin or Crawford or Moorehead. In due time they could be licensed, and by that time have also gained a good knowledge of the language, habits and various systems, social, religious, or philosophical, of the people among whom they are to labor, and thus be fitted to enter at once upon their work. Thus time might be saved, longer and more practical training for the mission work be had, and the proper labourers in our mission fields be more certainly secured. Believing this a subject of very great moment, the Board earnestly call the attention of the General Assembly to it.

ESTIMATES.—In consequence of a failure in the churches to meet the appropriations of the last year, and the necessary indebtedness of the Board therefore to several of the missions, the sum that must be had for the ensuing year may seem large. But under the circumstances of the case, there is no way in which it can be less and our foreign missionary operations be carried out. At the very lowest estimate, the following sums will be required for the ensuing year:—

1. SYRIA.—Current expenses for Damascus and neighboring stations	\$2,000
Outfit, passage and 6 months' salary for one new missionary	1,700
2. INDIA.—Sealkote	5,711
Gujranwalla	6,526
Outfit, passage and 6 months' salary for two new missionaries	3,000
To purchase 25 acres of land for the mission at Gujranwalla	987

3. EGYPT.— <i>Alexandria</i>	5,285
<i>Cairo and the Nile</i>	11,669
<i>Osiout</i>	3,570
Fayoum	3,865
Colportage	1,075
Book Department, including purchases, freight, agents, travelling, &c.	2,800
Interest on loans for the use of the mission	1,000
Amount of indebtedness, which must be paid this year—being only about $\frac{1}{3}$ of what the missionaries have been compelled to borrow during the past year for their necessary support	6,000
4. CHINA.—Canton, Current expenses	2,300
Residence for missionaries	5,000
Outfit, passage and 6 months' salary of new missionary	2,000
	\$64,488
Exchange at present rates	23,959

Making a total of	\$88,447
Less, by expected donations from England and Scotland	4,590
Making a total that must be had for the current year at the very lowest rates of estimate, and leaving out much that our missionaries most earnestly plead for—	\$83,857

RECOMMENDATIONS.—In concluding their report the Board respectfully recommend the following things to the consideration of the Assembly:—

1. That thanks be given to God for all He has enabled us to undertake on behalf of the cause of missions, and especially for all the mercies he has vouchsafed to our several missionaries during the past year—and that thanks also be tendered to the generous individuals and Societies which have so signally favored our missionaries and their work.

2. That the missionaries that shall be elected to the foreign work be at liberty, with the advice and consent of the Board, to make any changes that may seem necessary in regard to their field, and that the Board shall have liberty, if opportunity offers and there is necessity to meet an emergency in any mission, to send out suitable young men, after they have completed their literary course, with the understanding that they shall study theology in connection with the mission to which they go, and contribute in any proper way in their power to the best interests of the mission.

3. That in view of the signal blessings that followed the special season of prayer during the past winter, and in view of the ever-pressing need of the Holy Spirit's influences, with the word and ordinances of grace, both in the Home and Foreign field, it be urged upon the churches to specially observe the *Week of Prayer* in the opening of the new year 1867, and that special supplication be made for the spreading of the word of God and the gathering in of immortal souls in our own land and in all lands till the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

AN ACT OF INCORPORATION.—The Board have great pleasure in informing the Assembly that an Act of Incorporation for this Board has been obtained from the Legislature of Pennsylvania under the title, *The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America*.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.—The term of service of the following members of the Board expires at this meeting of the General Assembly:—S. C. Huey, J. M. Wallace and J. B. Dales. Rev. Dr. Cooper having resigned his place in the Board in consequence of his appointment to San Francisco, Rev. Thomas H. Hanna was elected in his place during the remainder of the year. It will be for the Assembly to fill the place for the unexpired term of two years.

By order of the Board,

W. W. BARR, *President*.
J. B. DALES, *Cor. Sec.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS TO THE FREEDMEN.

To the Eighth U. P. General Assembly to meet in the 2d U. P. Church, Allegheny City, May 31st, 1866, the Board of Missions to the Freedmen of the South, would respectfully submit this, its third annual report:

The past year has been one of success to our work, though the condition

of society in the South is very unsettled—though a majority of its citizens are strongly opposed to the education and elevation of the negro, yet we are persuaded that far more good has been accomplished than during any former year of our operations. So rapid has been the progress of some of the pupils in our schools, that they will soon be qualified to go forth as teachers. The attendance in the schools has been more regular, and most happy results have followed the labours performed in the Sabbath schools. Our teachers generally have enjoyed better health than hitherto, except for a season at Nashville, where they were interrupted in their work by small pox. It is, however, our painful duty to record the death of Miss Sadie A. Hall, after her return from Davis Bend in June last. She was an efficient teacher and a very pious woman.

We have not passed the year without manifestations of displeasure on the part of those residing in the South. A large and promising school was organized in Greenville, the home of President Johnson, but it was not long until it was broken up through demonstrations of mob violence. In the fall we purchased a Government building at Knoxville for 180 dollars, but before school was commenced in it, it was set on fire and burned to ashes. On the 2d of May a fearful riot occurred in Memphis, during the progress of which all the churches and school houses of the colored people were burnt, and the teachers of all associations compelled to flee for safety. Almost as soon as Miss Johnston reached her home in Ohio, she received a telegram from General Runkle to return. She is now in Memphis, and expects to spend the summer in teaching there. These events have been somewhat discouraging; but like Paul we have not been moved by them to give up our work. We believe that God is loudly calling his church to go forward in the elevation of the freedmen of this land, and that the work should be prosecuted at every hazard. During the year, 5430 pupils have come under the training of our teachers in the week-day schools, and an equal number in the Sabbath school. The average weekly attendance has been 2300. More than this number have been taught to read, while not a few have been instructed in writing, arithmetic, geography and grammar.

We had hoped that ere this a large amount of tuition fees would have been received from pupils able to pay, thereby aiding us in meeting our obligations to teachers. But at Nashville and Knoxville we were compelled to conduct the schools on the free principle, in order to compete with other associations occupying a part of these fields, who charged no tuition. About twelve hundred dollars were received from this source, however, all of which was expended in paying salaries and making repairs on school buildings. Perhaps next year more can be derived from tuition. We know that many are able to pay, and would, if all associations would consent to the arrangement.

The Normal School to which reference was had in our last report has not yet been formally organized. The chief reason for this is to be found in the fact, that scarcely any funds were contributed for that purpose. A liberal brother in the church offered to purchase land and give the church the free use of it, if we could obtain funds to provide necessary buildings and support teachers. This was announced through the papers of the church, but as yet no response has been given. However, Rev. J. G. McKee has been conducting a normal department in his school at Nashville during the year, and we hope that ere long the church will enable us to enter more fully on this work, so essential to the education of the freedmen. We believe this to be the best way of educating this people, and that the sooner men and women of their own color are prepared to go forth as teachers, the better for their well being as citizens of the nation. Therefore, we desire that this General Assembly will earnestly urge upon the congregations the great importance of the normal school work, and ask liberal contributions for its support.

In the early part of winter a colored congregation of *sixteen* members was organized by brother McKee at Nashville. *Twelve* more have since been added, and at the next communion, in the last of June, it is expected that others will be received. Prior to each communion brother McKee places all desiring membership in the church in a class of catechumens, and for weeks drills them in the principles of the church, and their duties as professors of religion. And so far as known these people are living consistently and bid fair to be intelligent and useful members of the church. We also hope to see congregations organized in Knoxville and Vicksburg. At these points the colored population is numerous and permanent, and if suitable ministerial missionaries can be obtained, we believe many of these people will be brought to unite with our church. We ask,

therefore, the permission of the Assembly to concentrate our whole force during the coming year at Nashville, Knoxville and Vicksburg. We have no buildings of any kind at Memphis, and there seems to be no prospect of ever being able to erect a congregation there. At Davis' Bend all the plantations, except those belonging to the two Davis's, have been returned by the Government to their rebel owners, so that there will be, after the close of this school year, but little prospect of operating efficiently at that place. We think it better, therefore, to concentrate with a view to permanency in this good work.

SCHOOL HOUSES AND HOMES.—Owing to the rapid growth of our schools in Nashville, and the uncertain tenure by which we could hold buildings furnished by the Freedmen's Bureau, we found it necessary to provide a house of our own. Accordingly, a Government building was purchased, and the lot on which it stood was leased. Thus far it has cost the Board about five hundred dollars, and at least three hundred dollars more will be required to make it comfortable for our teachers. The building at Knoxville has not been completed, but will be during the summer. We found that we could get along without the expense of building last year, owing to the fact that our teachers were well accommodated with a large church, free of rent. This has recently been taken from them, hence the necessity of completing our building at once. The colored people themselves, and individual congregations of the church, have contributed some seven or eight hundred dollars for this object, and it is believed it will be completed without drawing upon the Board.

Our house at Vicksburg having been erected on a lot which has been restored to the possession of its owner, it became necessary to provide another site for the building. Accordingly at public auction the Rev. J. I. Frazier purchased two lots for \$1150, on which it is proposed to erect the school house and a home for our teachers. The school house, at least, will be ready for occupancy when the schools open in the fall. In view of the fact that we can no longer expect that our teachers will be supplied with lodging houses by the Freedmen's Bureau, and that rents in those Southern cities are extremely high, it becomes a matter of *prime* importance to our success, that we should provide our teachers with a plain and comfortable home of their own. As they are already so provided at Nashville, it will only be necessary to secure homes at Knoxville and Vicksburg. With four or five thousand dollars, and perhaps much less, we can make our teachers comfortable in this respect. If these homes are not provided, the Board will have to pay much larger salaries than in the past. We, therefore, believe, that as a matter of both convenience and economy this matter should be attended to at once. Other associations have provided homes for their teachers, and why should not we?

TRANSFERS.—The Presbyteries in southern Ohio and Indiana who established and sustained the Mission in Nashville, did, in accordance with the recommendation of the last General Assembly, transfer their teachers and mission property, valued at \$6000, to our care. There is, however, a debt of some \$1200 on that property which ought to be paid without delay. And we earnestly hope that funds will soon be put in our possession with which to liquidate the claim. The money is owing to brethren who cannot very well do without it. Will you not help us to speedily meet this obligation?

RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND SALARIES PAID.—By reference to the last report of the Treasurer, it will be seen that \$6,003,85 were on hand. To May 21st, 1866, he has received \$17,600,10, making \$23,603,95. He has paid out during the year for salaries and other expenses of the mission \$20,096,62, leaving a balance on hand of \$3,507,33. This will not pay the debt on the Nashville property and our liabilities to the teachers.

The following have been the rates of salary during the year. Each female \$45, each male \$55 and each ministerial superintendent \$75 per month. We have not paid travelling expenses this year.

GRATITUDE.—The Board feel grateful for the liberal support they have received from individuals and congregations of the church during the year. Also with pleasure we announce to the Assembly that through the personal agency of Isaac McGay, Esq., of New York, we have received from friends in Ireland the sum of (810) eight hundred and ten dollars, and are assured that more will be contributed. For this liberality of brethren in Ireland and the kind offices of Mr. McGay in behalf of our work we feel very thankful. To the 2d Church, Pittsburgh and the 2d Church, Allegheny, we are indebted for contributions during the year, amounting to over sixteen hundred dollars. A house and lot at

East Port, near Knoxville worth \$300 has been furnished gratuitously for school purposes by Mr. E. Brother, which has been valuable to us. Also to Andrew Stewart, Esq., Charles Arbuthnot, Esq., J. P. Hanna, Esq., John Stewart, Esq., Major Wm. Frew, Mrs. Sarah R. Hanna, and Mrs. Sawyer of Allegheny City, we are indebted for large special contributions, in our times of need. To the Ladies' Aid Society near Bakerstown, who contributed a large amount of new-made clothing, to all in different parts of the church who gave us second hand goods with which to clothe the naked, and to all who have sympathized with us and with the cause we represent and gave us means to prosecute it, we tender our thanks and ask that in the future there be no abatement of zeal in this behalf. The American Bible Society donated a large box of Bibles and Testaments for the use of our mission, and James M. Ferguson, Esq., has sent 100 copies of the *Youth's Evangelist* to each station for the use of our Sabbath schools, for which he received no compensation from the Board.* Rev. Joseph Warren, D. D., Supt. of Education for Mississippi, has done many favors to us at Vicksburg. He is a true friend to our cause and teachers. But it is impossible for us to note all the acts of Christian generosity in behalf of our cause, and would therefore simply say to one and all, we thank you, in the name of the thousands who have been benefited.

DEMANDS.—1. We ask your approval of concentration in our work as indicated above.

2. We ask that you regard favourably the appeal made through the Home Mission Board for an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the 1st colored congregation of Nashville

3. We ask the members in the Assembly to use all the influence they can in aiding us to secure good and efficient ministers to superintend the work at the stations we propose to occupy. We have had the greatest difficulty in finding suitable men ready to go in and occupy this needy field. We have not been able to get a brother for Knoxville, since the first opening of our schools there. Mr. R. J. Creswell has managed the station very efficiently, but feels that unless a minister of good ability and zeal is sent, the church will lose much fruit that might be gathered. Is not the work among this people as important and the prospects as encouraging as in the domestic field? Why, then, this backwardness? Why should the work cease, for want of a minister to watch over its interests? An earnest, untiring man like brother McKee at Nashville, is what is needed at each post, and then, by God's blessing, there will be success.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND TEACHERS.—The following named persons have served under our direction, for longer and shorter periods, and so far as known to the Board were quite efficient in their labors. The Rev. John Lackey, too, though not under salary from the Board, was of great service to our mission at Davis' Bend.

CORPS 1ST.—VICKSBURG.

Rev. D. S. Littell, Sup't., Res. Mch., 1866.
Miss Maggie " " " "
" Agnes D. Fraser.
" Mary A. Cummings.
" Jennie "
" Mollie Hezlep.
" Sallie J. Balph.
" Anna M. Smith.
Mrs. Nancy J. Campbell.

CORPS 2D.—DAVIS' BEND.

Rev. S. M. Coon, Sup't., Res. June 19, 1865.
" James J. Frazier, Sup't.
Jos. K. McConnell, Res. June 19, 1865.
Miss Eliza Proudfoot, " " "
" E. J. Morrison, " " "
" Sadie A. Hall, " " "

Miss M. J. B. Johnston.

" Jennie L. Buch.
" Bel. Rose.
" Fannie Kiddoo.
" Julia C. Linn, Left Sept., 1865.

CORPS 4TH.—NASHVILLE.

Rev. J. G. McKee, Superintendent.
Joshua Wait.
Jas. R. McCullough, Res. Ap. 3, 1866,
Thomas R. Andrews, " " "
Miss Ada Arbuthnot.
" Jennie M. Hudelson.
" Mary E. Hudelson.
" Esther P. Hays.
" Lottie B. McCullough, Res. Ap. 3d, 1866.
" Bella Brown, " " "
" Sallie McKee, Res. July 11, 1865.
" Nannie McKee, " Mch. 5, 1866.

* While the children of the Sabbath schools contributed nobly for this object, the proprietor of the *Evangelist* sent thousands for which he received no pay.

Mr. D. S. Given.
 Miss Lizzie J. Hill.
 " Ella Hill.
 " Mattie Hill.
 " Mary J. Wallace.
 " Lou. A. Hamilton.
 " Lucella E. Smith.
 " E. M. Campbell, Left Oct., soon
 after arrival.

CORPS 3D.—MEMPHIS.

Rev. J. W. McFarland, Sup't., Res.
 Jan., 1866.
 Thomas Creswell.
 R. B. Hoon.
 Mrs. Hoon.
 Miss Jennie S. Graham.
 " Mattie Strang.
 " L. G. Creswell, Res. Oct., 1865.
 Mrs. L. E. Jackson, Disch'd Aug., 1865.
 Miss L. M. Wilson. " Sept., "
 " Jennie Reed, " " "

Mr. T. H. Clark (colored), Res. July
 11, 1865.
 Miss Rachel Smith (colored).
 Mr. D. G. Wright.
 " T. G. Morrow.
 Mrs. Mary Morrow.
 This Corps has operated as two, under
 the Superintendency of Rev. J. G.
 McKee.

CORPS 5TH.—KNOXVILLE.

R. J. Creswell, Superintendent.
 " Helen M. Jackson, Res. Nov., "
 " E. E. Fletcher.
 " Lizzie Franklin (colored).
 Mr. A. B. Gilfillan, Res. July, 1865.
 " J. B. Boreland, " Oct., "
 Miss C. M. Blake, " Dec., "
 " R. Williams (colored), Res. Sept.,
 1865.

Thus sixty-three persons have been in our employ during the year. What has been done by them in behalf of Christianity and humanity is best known to God; but from our knowledge of the results, we feel that the whole church ought to be grateful and resolve to give herself to this work with renewed earnestness. And now, dear brethren, we submit the whole matter to you, knowing that your sympathies are with the oppressed and that you will not forget the cause of the poor. We will be glad to receive any wise suggestions at your hand which may enable the Board to perform its duties more efficiently. Hoping that you may all be endued with that Spirit from God which makes the soul free from the fetters of sin, and that each in his appropriate place will seek to confirm the bondman in that civil liberty which has lately come to him; and ever praying that all classes and colors among men may speedily be elevated, sanctified and ransomed from every evil influence and principle, we bid you "God speed" in all your works of faith and labors of love.

The term of service of James Robb, John Dean and James Mitchell expires at this meeting. As Mr. Robb declines to serve longer, owing to the claims of other business, we suggest that James Patterson be appointed in his room.

Respectfully submitted,

Allegheny City, Pa., June 1st, 1866.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church to meet in Allegheny, May 31st, 1866.

The Board of Publication would respectfully ask attention to the following items, as including all that we consider necessary to furnish a correct exhibit of our affairs:

I. CONTRIBUTIONS.—First.—To the Publication Fund \$1,933.24; of this \$73.86 was expended in aiding weak Sabbath schools, thus leaving \$1,859.38 to be carried over to our permanent fund as the proceeds of the past year. The last Assembly recommended an appropriation of \$5,000, of which it will be seen we have received a little over one-third.

Second.—To the Bible Fund \$4,409.50; of this \$3,000 was contributed by one individual and \$500 by another; the balance either in payment of our building or for Bible distribution, for which it will be used when needed.

II. WHAT WE HAVE DONE.—First.—We have added to our stereotype plates the following: Short and Easy Questions for Children, Muckarsie's and the Mother's Catechisms, Whyte on Prayer, James' Family Monitor, Christian Profession and Solitude Sweetened. Of Bibles, Alger's Pronouncing

Bible with Psalms for the same and Davidson's Comprehensive Bible. These plates cost \$3,676.01.

Second.—We have published the following: 1624 copies minion Psalm Book, 1500 small pica 18mo, 500 pica 18mo, and 5000 pearl 32mo; two editions of Church Fellowship, 5300 copies, 1000 Willison's Sacramental Advices and Meditations, 500 Crook in the Lot, 10,000 Shorter Catechisms, 10,000 Brown's Child's Catechism, 1000 Confession of Faith, 2000 Testimony of the United Presbyterian Church, 1000 Bible Against Slavery, 1200 James' Family Monitor, 500 Christian Profession, 1000 Whyte on Prayer, 250 Watson's Body of Divinity, 250 Church Register, 500 Pronouncing Bible, 1000 Davidson's Comprehensive Bible, 2000 1st Part New Version of Psalms and 1500 2d Part, 2000 Form of Government and 1500 Directory for Worship.

Third.—We have sold through the year to the amount of \$21,283 28.

Our financial condition will be seen from paper No. 1 accompanying this report. We also append a statement of what we have done in Bible Distribution and also in assisting weak Sabbath schools, and we would request the Assembly to order the publication of these in the Minutes for the information of the church.

A considerable balance remains in the Bible Distribution Fund at the end of the year; this can be increased, when there is need, from moneys now in the hands of the Treasurer for this purpose; so that with the aid which we may expect through the year, we hope to be able to supply all the demands that may be made upon us for Bibles. We have furnished a large amount of Bibles and Psalms to the different Freedmen's missions; but a small part of this, however, appears in our Bible Distribution report, as most of the funds were furnished us by the Assignees of A. M. Elroy.

From the list of publications in this report, it will be seen that our operations in this particular department have largely increased through the year, as much so, we think, as any reasonable person could expect from the capital we possess. It is our purpose the coming year to commence the publication of works suitable for Sabbath schools. Thus far we have been under the necessity of making selections from the publications of others, and it is likely we may be obliged to continue to do so in a great measure for some time to come. But we presume the church expects and it is certainly desirable that we should just as soon as possible furnish a sound Sabbath school literature of our own, and better adapted to the wants and wishes of our people than that which it is in our power to select from others.

We wish the Assembly to be aware that this is a most important undertaking, and if it be expected that we should succeed in it to any purpose, there are two things which they should take measures to have done for us.

First, That we have larger contributions from the churches. But this is not all. Second, That we be furnished with works written by our own ministers and people, for there would seem to us very little use in republishing books brought out by others, perhaps as cheaply and as well as we can do it. It is a fact not much to our credit that the United Presbyterian Church, with its four hundred ministers and fifty thousand communicants, has never yet produced more than a volume or two suitable for the instruction of the young. Cannot some measures be taken to remedy this state of things?

We have lately prepared a Church Register, a copy of which will be submitted for your inspection. If this should come into use in our congregations, it will put an end to that irregularity which has hitherto characterized our statistical tables.

Four members to be elected. Messrs. Arbuthnot, Rodgers and P'restley's time expires. Mr. Robb has resigned.

All of which is respectfully submitted. By order of the Board.
 JAS. PRESTLEY, *Pres't.*,
 CHAS. ARBUTHNOT, *Rec. Sec.*,
 JAS. RODGERS, *Sup't.*

I. BIBLE FUND.—ASSETS.

Bible stock on hand, - - - - -	\$5,272.39
Stereotype plates, - - - - -	6,237.82
United States Bonds, - - - - -	4,000.00
Real Estate and fixtures, - - - - -	5,000.00 — \$23,509.91

LIABILITIES.

Amount paid in to date, - - - - -	13,852.10
Due M'Elroy Estate, - - - - -	6,882.50 — \$20,737.60

II. PUBLICATION FUND.—ASSETS.

Books on hand, - - - - -	\$8,781.92
Stereotype plates, - - - - -	2,322.78
Cash on hand, - - - - -	1,508.20
Book Accounts, - - - - -	4,126.09 — \$16,738.96

LIABILITIES.

Amount paid in to date, - - - - -	10,283.20
Indebtedness, - - - - -	581.65 — 10,864.85

I. BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

		DR.
1865.		
May 1	To Balance unexpended,	\$62.04
Nov. 17	“ Cash from Rev. W. Robertson & Co.,	5.02
Dec. 12	“ “ from Rev. R. H. Pollock & Co.,	7.50
22	“ “ Donation per Mr. G. M'Cague,	25.00
1866.		
Jan. 1	“ “ “ per Mrs. E. C. Junkin,	2.00
5	“ “ “ First Congregation, Cincinnati,	5.00
15	“ “ “ Pastor's Wife,	35.00
24	“ “ “ A Friend,	5.00
25	“ “ “ Beechwood Bible Society,	176.00
30	“ “ “ W. J. Sterling,	5.00
Feb. 1	“ “ “ Mr. Jas. M'Gowan,	5.00
Mar. 7	“ “ “ Mr. C. D. Gordon, Madison,	5.00
7	“ “ “ A Friend,	50.00
14	“ “ “ “ “	7.00
24	“ “ “ Mr. George Boyd,	2.00
24	“ “ “ John T. Aten, Unity Congregation,	1.00
Apr. 5	“ “ “ A Friend,	2.00

\$382.56

		CR.
1865.		
Aug. 12	By Bibles to Home of the Friendless,	\$2.00
Sept. 18	“ “ Detroit Presbytery,	50.00
Oct. 25	“ “ Home of Friendless,	3.00
Nov. 21	“ “ West Virginia,	3.70
Dec. 12	“ “ Rev. R. H. Pollock,	7.50
29	“ “ Rev. J. R. Bell, Eli Taville,	25.06
1866.		
Jan. 9	“ “ Harlem, N. Y.,	18.50
12	“ “ Freedmen's Mission, Knoxville,	14.15
29	“ “ Rev. J. M. Shields,	3.60
Feb. 26	“ “ Mission Sabbath School, Allegheny,	15.89
Mar. 17	“ “ Salem, Ohio,	3.75
29	“ “ Rev. A. M'Cartney, Lacona,	25.00
Apr. 10	“ “ Rev. J. G. M'Kee,	5.00
31	“ “ Sabbath School Mission,	9.50
	“ “ Balance on hands,	202.77

\$389.56

II. SABBATH SCHOOL FUND.

		DR.
1866.		
Mar. 9	To Cash from a Friend,	50.00
Apr. 31	“ Balance charged to Publication Fund,	73.86
		\$123.86
1865.		CR.
June. 5	By Donation to Sabbath School, Logstown,	5 00
8	“ “ “ “ California, Mich.,	10.00
14	“ “ “ “ Mercersburgh, Pa.,	7.91
July, 12	“ “ “ “ Winterset, Iowa,	10.00
14	“ “ “ “ Pinckneyville, Ill.,	6.69
18	“ “ “ “ Ashland, Ohio,	6.00
26	“ “ “ “ Selma, Ohio,	5.80
31	“ “ “ “ Peoria, Ill.,	5.00
31	“ “ “ “ Grand Prairie,	5.39
Sep. 26	“ “ “ “ Palestine, Ill.,	5.27
Oct. 29	“ “ “ “ Mission, New York,	9.00
Nov. 24	“ “ “ “ Mission Sewickley,	5.00
1866.		
Jan. 12	“ “ “ “ Freedmen, Knoxville,	5.00
Mar. 29	“ “ “ “ Lacona,	15.00
Apr. 10	“ “ “ “ Mission,	6.80
		123.68

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in Allegheny, Pa., May 31st, 1866, the Board of Education respectfully presents its annual report:

The subject of *Christian Education* is one of vital importance to the Church and the world. The preparation of young men to do the work of a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we feel satisfied, is replete with interest to you all, and we hopefully ask that it may receive from you that attention which its importance demands. Providence is throwing open to the church the doors of nations and the gates of cities, and inviting her, through her ministry to enter and fulfil her Divinely appointed mission. “The field is the world.” “The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few.” Whilst praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers, should not the Church at the same time, seek out young men of talent and piety, and if necessary furnish the means to fit them speedily as the nature of the case will permit, to fill up the ranks of the ministry? With this object in view the last General Assembly devised liberal things, for which the Board of Education would thank God and take courage.

During the year just closed, assistance has been given to *thirty* young men having the ministry in view—just *twice* the number aided the preceding year. Of these 10 reside in Illinois, 1 in Indiana, 3 in Iowa, 2 in Michigan, 3 in New York, 6 in Ohio, and 5 in Pennsylvania. More than one third of these either are, or expect to be, licensed to preach the word this spring. And while the Board is only in its early childhood, we can already point out *some of our most promising ministers* both in the *Home* and *Foreign* field, whom it has been the good pleasure of our Board to help when preparing for the Master's work.

The Treasurer's report, which has been examined and found correct, shows that we have received of the \$10,000 appropriated by the last Assembly, only \$3155,08, and expended during the year, \$4864,47.

The Assembly is asked to make it a rule that an applicant for aid shall be certified by the Presbytery in whose bounds he properly has his home.

Compared with some of our other Boards, the funds annually disbursed by this one are small. But owing to the manner in which our business is

necessarily transacted, our Corresponding Secretary has perhaps nearly as much labour to perform as that of any of the others, and the Board, therefore, asks you to take whatever action may be necessary to properly compensate him for his work, *not overlooking the past.*

The re-election of D. A. Wallace, J. H. Martin and D. G. Bradford, whose term of office expires with this meeting, is desired.

By order of the Board.

D. G. BRADFORD, C. S.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the General Assembly, the Board of Church Extension respectfully submit their annual report.

During the past year the applications for aid which have been presented to the Board have been very numerous, and have come up from almost all parts of the church. And though the contributions to our treasury have considerably exceeded those of last year, they have fallen far below the amount required by the last Assembly. And consequently all the aid which in most cases we have been able to render, has been to grant permission desiring assistance, to make an appeal to different Presbyteries for the amount, which according to the assessment of the Assembly, they are expected to contribute. But these contributions come in so slowly and so irregularly that, in most instances, but little assistance is realized.

If Presbyteries could be prevailed upon to attend to this matter promptly, and have their contributions in the hands of the financial Agent at a given time, it would be a great accommodation to needy congregations; would supersede entirely the necessity of the employment of an Agent, and would be a great saving of expense.

At a meeting of the Board 4th of August the congregation of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, was authorized to receive the contributions of the Presbyteries of Michigan and Wisconsin. No report of the amount contributed has yet been received. The sum of \$1000 was granted to the 5th Church, Pittsburgh, to enable them to complete their building. The congregation of Wyoming, Iowa, was authorized to make an appeal to the congregations in the Presbytery of Mercer. The appeal met with a hearty response, and the pastor, L. I. Crawford, reports the collection of \$570. The First Church, Brooklyn, obtained permission to appeal to the Presbyteries of Argyle and Second New York. The pastor reports the collection of \$173,24.

At a meeting of the Board, October 11th, application for aid was made by the 3d Church, Chicago. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of Home Missions, the contributions of the Presbyteries of Xenia, Monmouth, 1st Ohio and Rock Island were assigned to that congregation. Of the amount contributed, we have yet no definite report. At the same time, the contributions of the Presbytery of Keokuk were assigned to the 2d Church, Chicago, and those of the Presbyteries of Des Moines and Le Claire to the congregation of Knoxville, Iowa. The sum of \$134,37 was appropriated to the congregation of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and \$100 to the congregation of Chalmers, Illinois.

To the congregation of Davisville, Michigan, the contributions of the Presbytery of Stamford were assigned, and those of the Presbytery of Philadelphia were assigned to the 9th Church, Philadelphia.

At a meeting of the Board, December 13th, the contributions of the Presbyteries of Delaware, 1st New York and Albany, were granted to the 4th Street Church, New York. On application of the Presbytery of Xenia, permission was granted to employ an Agent for the purpose of making an appeal to the congregations in the State of Ohio in behalf of the congregation in Columbus.

The contributions of the Presbyteries of Caledonia, Mansfield, Conemaugh, Chartiers and Wheeling were granted to the 10th Church, Philadelphia;

those of the Presbytery of Butler to the congregation of Varnum, Butler; and those of the Presbytery of Southern Indiana to Palestine, Illinois. As to the success of these appeals to the Presbyteries, the Board has yet received no definite report.

The sum of \$250 was appropriated to the congregation of Lacona in the Presbytery of Des Moines.

That the operations of the Board may be better understood by all concerned, it may be proper, in the conclusion of our report, to make the following explanations.

Shortly after the organization of the Board, a very urgent appeal for help was made by the 5th Church, Philadelphia. This congregation, by strenuous efforts and great liberality on the part of the members, had erected a neat and comfortable house of worship. By a mysterious providence, after the building was completed, on the night before the Sabbath on which they hoped to occupy it for the first time, it was consumed by fire. What was now to be done? The little congregation had exhausted its resources, and a house in which to worship God seemed indispensable to its existence. Under these circumstances, their pastor, who is a working man, came before the Board. For the relief of the congregation the sum of \$6000 was necessary. On the part of the congregation it was proposed that if the Board would assume the payment of the one half of this sum in annual instalments of \$375, they would obligate themselves to pay the remainder. The case appealed loudly to our sympathy. At that time the Board was without experience, and in our simplicity we confidently expected that the church would contribute liberally to our treasury. And accordingly the Board entered into the arrangement.

It will thus appear, that the assumption of this obligation has put it out of our power, with a treasury but scantily supplied, to extend that aid to some other congregations which would be desirable.

In the next place, it is proper to state, that the Board acts upon applications for aid, in the order in which they are presented. Sometimes the aid which is required, is but a small amount. And then, if we have the funds on hand, the required aid is at once granted. In other instances, the assistance which is necessary is far beyond our resources. And in such cases all that we can do, is to give permission to appeal to certain Presbyteries. If this course is to be continued, the Board will expect the following order to be strictly observed. The Financial Agent of the Presbytery, instead of remitting the contributions to our Treasurer in small sums, as he may receive them, will forward the whole amount contributed to the congregation for which it is intended. The agent of the congregation, will then forward to our treasurer an acknowledgment of the amount received, which will be credited to the Presbytery by which it is contributed.

And further, the Board would respectfully call the attention of the Presbyteries to a matter which is very commonly neglected. There are certain specified conditions on which the Board is authorized to afford aid to a congregation. Among these there are two which occupy a prominent place—that the property of the congregation is secured to the United Presbyterian Church, so that it cannot be alienated—and that the congregation, according to its ability, contribute annually to the different Boards of the church. When a Presbytery recommends a congregation to the Board for aid, there should be given satisfactory assurance that there has been a compliance with these conditions. For the want of information on these points, the Board cannot act. The consequence is, the application must either be neglected altogether, or the Board must write to the congregation to obtain the necessary information. Hence delay, as well as unnecessary trouble.

From the report of our treasurer it will be seen that the whole amount paid into the treasury to the close of the year, April 30th, is \$3666,96. This sum is only a mere fraction of the amount which the Board was authorized

by the Assembly to expect. The order of the last Assembly that the sum of \$20,000 should be contributed for Church Extension purposes, seems to have inspired the hope, that the condition of our treasury would be such as to enable us to meet all the demands which might be made upon it. The consequence was, that applications for aid, in a short time were made, which would have absorbed the whole amount ordered by the Assembly, before any considerable portion of it had reached our treasury. And it may be added, that had the whole amount been placed at our disposal, it could have been expended in such a manner, as to promote very materially the extension of the church in various places where she is now struggling to maintain an existence.

But that no injustice may be done to any of our congregations, it may be proper to state that very considerable sums have in various instances been collected by agents, of which we have yet received no definite report; and, still further, some of our largest Presbyteries have neglected to forward their contributions at the proper time, so that, as far as the report of the treasurer is concerned, they will appear to have contributed nothing to our fund during the ecclesiastical year which closes on the last of April. The contributions of the churches, it is therefore hoped, will in reality be considerably beyond what they would appear to be from the report of the treasurer. In consequence of the neglect of Presbyteries to attend to this matter at the proper time, the credit for the contributions of their congregations for the year just closed, will not appear, until the report of the treasurer for next year is presented.

The Board in conclusion would congratulate the Assembly, and express their devout gratitude to God, in view of the evidence that the limits of the church are gradually extending, and that congregations are springing up in all parts of the missionary field under our care. And it is hoped that the evidence that our labour is not in vain will encourage and stimulate our older and stronger congregations to come forward promptly and cheerfully with liberal contributions for the aid of their young and feebler sisters. And thus, many congregations which now need a little assistance, will soon be in a condition to extend a helping hand to the needy.

The term of service of J. T. Pressly, S. B. Reed and Thomas E. Wakeham, members of the Board, expires at the present time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. PRESSLY, *Chairman.*

TO THE MODERATOR AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

Fathers and Brethren:—At the meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church held in Newcastle, Pa., May 17th, 1865, I received an appointment as delegate to attend the sessions of your Assembly now meeting in Allegheny to present to you the fraternal salutations of the church with which I am connected, and to draw closer those bonds of the brotherhood that should bring us nearer together and make us one, as we are of common lineage, and in doctrine, worship and order, substantially one.

Since I received my appointment as delegate, our Synod has held another meeting at Xenia, Ohio, commencing May 16th, and closing May 24th, of this current year. At this late meeting a committee was appointed to confer and co-operate with committees which might be appointed by the evangelical churches of the land, so as to secure, if possible, a new and improved version of the Book of Psalms, with a variety of metres that would be satisfactory to all, and in the use of which in worship all might unite, as it is said:—"Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice, with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion." I would respectfully bring this matter to your attention, and ask you to take such measures that we may act together to secure a greater uniformity in the songs of praise in the different churches.

Another subject that had our attention, was the union of the churches. At the present time we see that God is still making good his word,—“ Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven; and this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things that cannot be shaken may remain:” that amidst those shakings of our ecclesiastical heavens there is a strong tendency to union developing itself. In Scotland the various Presbyterian bodies outside of the Established Church are coming together. In the British provinces, on our own continent, they have become one; and in the United States the same spirit is manifesting itself in the different denominations. Thus the two Assemblies at St Louis have raised large and influential committees to prepare a way for the union of the two bodies; while the different portions of the Methodists that at various times had separated themselves from the Methodist Episcopal Church, at their late meeting in Cincinnati, have taken the necessary measures to bring these fragments into one. God's Spirit is evidently moving in this matter, and we would not resist his strivings. Whilst, then, we look forward in faith and hope to the union of all the Presbyterian churches in the land, we also believe that those who have the least to separate them, ought first to come together. Believing thus, to make our work correspond, our Synod appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee, should it please the Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church to raise one, and to take counsel together in regard to the union of the churches. To this matter, also, I would respectfully call your attention.

It was my purpose to have attended your sessions at this time; but I have been providentially hindered. As I cannot be present in person, I have written, as above, bringing to your notice the practical matters to which I would have been pleased to invite your attention, had I been allowed the privilege of addressing you face to face.

Praying that you may enjoy the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit of promise to lead you into all truth, I subscribe myself with all respect,

Yours in Christ,

JOHN McMASTER,

Princeton, Ind., June 4th, 1866.

Delegate from the R. P. Church.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY TO SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, March 28th, 1866.

To the Moderator and other members of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Allegheny City on the last Thursday of May, 1866.

Dear Brethren:—I make this report in accordance with the instructions of the last General Assembly. (See Minutes, page 177.)

I left the city of Philadelphia on the 30th of September, and arrived in the city of San Francisco on the 24th of October. As Mr. Best had returned to the East, I did not know at the time of my arrival a single person on whose co-operation I could rely. From that day to the present time, I have been engaged without intermission in the prosecution of the object of my appointment by the last Assembly. I preached for four Sabbaths in the United States District Court Room, which was kindly loaned for that purpose. We then rented a Hall in a central part of the city. This Hall we still occupy. I have preached twice every Sabbath since my arrival, and also conducted a Bible class since we entered the Hall. A Sabbath school was also at that time established. We commenced with twenty children. It now numbers fifty-four. A weekly prayer meeting was also established. It has been held in ten different houses, and has been invariably well attended.

On the 7th of January a formal organization was effected at which thirty-one persons gave in their adherence to the principles of the United Presbyterian church, with which I had endeavoured to make them acquainted.

On the 1st Sabbath of February the three Elders who had been previously elected, were ordained and installed.

On the following Sabbath the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. As there was a regularly constituted Session in existence, I thought that it would be more in accordance with our form of government, that those who had given in their adherence to the principles of the church, should be regularly admitted by the Session. This course was, therefore, pursued by us. As a Session, we admitted in all, thirty-eight persons. I had previously, accompanied by an Elder, visited each of these persons.

The number of persons usually in attendance has ranged from sixty to one hundred persons.

As the congregation has been at an expense of about \$75.00 per month in coin, and as the Assembly had voted me a salary, I thought it best not to ask them to contribute any thing to my support. I concluded, however, that it was their duty as a congregation to indicate to this Assembly what they would be willing to pay towards the support of the Missionary that may be sent by this Assembly. I am happy to inform the Assembly that towards this object, the sum of \$974 has been subscribed. It will no doubt reach \$1000. This sum is promised for one year, the year to commence with the arrival of the missionary in California. It is to be paid in monthly instalments, and, of course, in gold coin. From this statement the Assembly will see that according to this the congregation will be at an expense of considerably more than \$2000 in currency for the next year,—a sum which, in my opinion, evinces a very commendable spirit of liberality, especially when we take into consideration their number and limited resources. It is my purpose before leaving the congregation to ask them for a contribution to the Home Mission Fund, and also the Foreign Mission Fund.

I have thus laid before the Assembly the *facts* in connexion with this Mission. I take it for granted that in view of these facts the Assembly will be of one mind as to the duty of appointing some one permanently to occupy this field. It is unnecessary for me to say one word as to the importance of such a field as San Francisco,—the great metropolis of the Pacific Coast. It would be an insult to the intelligence of the Assembly.

It is my purpose to leave this city by the 1st of July. I shall then have protracted my stay two months beyond my original intention and the understanding of my congregation. An anxious solicitude for the interests of our cause here, and an apprehension of the consequences likely to result from the congregation being left for three or four months entirely destitute, has brought me to the conclusion to remain until the 1st of July. To this conclusion I have come with a severe struggle, especially after hearing of the interest which has been awakened in my own congregation on the subject of religion.

I would beg leave to offer to the Assembly, with all due respect, the following suggestions.

1. The salary of a married man should not be less than \$1500 in currency, in addition to the sum promised by the congregation and the payment of his passage. A person who has no one but himself to support, need not be much concerned as to the amount he will receive from the Assembly. The brethren here, I am sure, will look after his interests.

2. As contracts here are generally made for the month, it is a matter of great importance that the salary be raised without delay. If I had been depending upon remittances from the Treasurer, I do not know what I should have done.

3. I am fully satisfied that it would be the best policy for the Assembly to raise for the brethren the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the erection of a house. After that no salary would be needed from the Assembly, and there would doubtless be large contributions to the funds of the church. Rents here are very high.

4. In view of the importance and character of this field, it is earnestly hoped that the Assembly will select a minister who will be able by his talents, energy, and eloquence, to occupy a commanding position in the community.

5. Let no one be appointed, respecting whose ability and willingness to fulfil his appointment there should be any doubt. Should this congregation be left without a minister for a longer time than one month, I will not undertake to say what the consequences will be. That they will be extremely disastrous, I have no doubt. The missionary, therefore, should start at farthest by the 1st of July. This will give him one month to make the necessary preparation. If he cannot start by that time, he should decline the appointment.

6. I am not prepared to recommend at present the appointment of two missionaries for San Francisco; although in some respects such a step would be exceedingly desirable. The congregation presently formed is composed of persons from all sections of the city. If two missionaries should be sent, there would have to be a division of the funds subscribed. In this matter, however, the Assembly will be mainly controlled by the resources at its command and the claims of other places.

I trust that the Assembly will see in the foregoing a sufficient excuse for my absence from the Assembly as its Clerk.

Praying that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations I subscribe myself,
Your servant for Jesus' sake. JOSEPH T. COOPER.

San Francisco, April 17th, 1866.
To the Moderator and other members of the General Assembly of the United
Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in the City of Allegheny, on the
last Thursday of May, 1866.

Respected Fathers' and Brethren:—We, the United Presbyterian Church of San Francisco, by our representatives, would embrace the present opportunity of tendering to you our grateful acknowledgments for the deep interest you have manifested in us, as evinced by sending one of your number, Rev. Joseph T. Cooper, D. D., to labour among and for us. The measurable degree of success which has attended his labours, must be encouraging to you, as it is inexpressibly gratifying to us; and we feel that our warmest thanks are due to you as a body, because you have been the means, in the hands of God, in establishing here the church of our faith, beneath whose standard we can worship our Heavenly Father, according to the dictates of our conscience, without fear or molestation. We also feel that our cause here is dear to the entire church, and that what you have so well begun you design to push forward to success.

Dr. Cooper's labours among us have resulted in the organization of a church of thirty-seven members, with a fair prospect of an accession of several members at our next communion. Our Sabbath School came into being with six teachers and twenty scholars; it now numbers twelve teachers and sixty scholars, and is steadily increasing.

In this city every distinctive denomination has aimed to secure "representative men,"—men ranking high as scholars and theologians, and generally, they have succeeded. Knowing that the United Presbyterian church numbers among her clergy many "great ones," in piety, zeal and learning, we would respectfully, but earnestly ask you to send over one of such to help us to build us up—to cheer us in the faith. Our field is extensive, material abundant, and we think our own hearts are alive to the necessities of our case, and to the wants of those who surround us.

Feeling that we are in good hands—of those who only desire to know our condition, that they may apply the remedy,—we will pray that in your deliberations, the Divine Spirit may so aid you that your actions shall redound in glory to God, and in the advancement of His church.

We are very respectfully, yours in the bonds of faith.

JAMES KIRKPATRICK,	} Elders U. P. Ch., San Francisco.
JAMES FOSTER,	
FRANCIS LITTLE,	

LETTER FROM THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

To the Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—It gives us much pleasure to renew our correspondence with you. We cherish the remembrance of the fraternal intercourse of former years and must express to you the gratification we felt in welcoming your respected deputies to our meeting of Synod. Their presence with us only tended to deepen our interest in your welfare. You bear the same name with ourselves, you preach the same gospel, your churches are associated under the same form of Presbyterian government and discipline. We have many kindred sympathies and associations in the work of our common Lord. With all our hearts we pray for your prosperity and peace.

Permit us to express the satisfaction we felt in learning of the auspicious union which led to your existence as the United Presbyterian Church of North America. We were not unacquainted with the history of those who had united; our own missionary history could remind us of their origin; the records of our Church could bear us back to the time when it was resolved "to maintain with them a regular correspondence as a means of promoting Christian affection," and could tell us of ministers and preachers who had gone from us to them to further the work of the gospel. We had expressed the hope to one of the branches of your United Church that the union would take place, and when it was accomplished we felt that it was hallowed in our minds by interesting remembrances, and we hailed it as a token of blessing to brethren in the Lord.

Permit us still farther to state that we have always had deep sympathy

with your United Church from the action you have all along taken in regard to slavery and the admission of slaveholders to Christian communion. For a number of years our Church has occupied the position of remonstrance with the other Presbyterian churches of the United States. We could turn to you, however, as a church faithfully holding forth a Scriptural testimony against the sin of slavery and as faithfully administering the discipline of Christ's house in regard to them who kept their fellow men in bondage. We appreciated your faithfulness and we felt it to be no slight bond of union between us. In the view of present events, it would appear that slavery has received its death-blow. You feel, we doubt not, especial gratitude to God, who has so long enabled you by his grace to be faithful to the cause of liberty, as you now witness the day of its triumph. In the name of our Synod we express to you the cordial satisfaction with which we contemplate the prospect of the abolition of slavery in the United States, and join with you in the prayer that it may be speedily and forever abolished.

The assassination of President Lincoln has been deeply felt over the length and breadth of our land. In the name of our Synod we have to express our deep sympathy with you under this sore trial—a sympathy shared, we believe, by every member of our church.

And now, in closing, we send you our Synod's fraternal regards, expressing the hope that our churches shall maintain a regular correspondence. We shall be glad to see any of your members who may visit this country and give them a welcome at our church courts. We commend to you any of our brethren who may visit you. And now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

We are, with great respect, yours in the bonds of the gospel. Amen.

In name and by authority of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the United Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE JEFFREY, D. D.

Glasgow, July 10th, 1865.

LETTER FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Dear Brethren:—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland have heard with deep thankfulness to God that the war which so long raged in your country has been brought to a close; and they have instructed us to convey to you their heartfelt congratulations.

During the continuance of that war our Church never ceased to sympathize with the sufferings of her brethren in America, and to pray that God would speedily stay the ravages of the sword, and that He would also in his infinite wisdom at length overrule all for his own glory and for the ultimate welfare of your country. Our General Assembly were glad to welcome among them, at their recent meeting, deputies from some of the churches in the United States, and to learn from them what they had heard previously from other sources, that the success of the Northern armies had resulted in the complete overthrow of slavery. We thank God for this. We trust that its overthrow is final, and that never again shall such a system gain a footing in any Christian land.

Dear brethren, we know that there is a great and a very difficult work before the evangelical churches of the United States;—the work of instructing and guiding the emancipated negro race. We have heard with deep gratitude how nobly that work has been begun. From our hearts, we bid you God speed. You have our warmest sympathies, and our prayers will be

offered up on your behalf. In so far too as it may be needed, and as we may be able to offer it, we shall esteem it alike a duty and a privilege to give you material aid.

Permit us, dear brethren, in conclusion, to congratulate you on the peace which is happily established in the United States, and on the bright future which we believe is now opened up before your churches and your country. That the God of peace may reign in your midst, and that the Great Head of the Church may bless and prosper all your efforts to foster brotherly love and to advance both at home and abroad the glorious gospel kingdom, is and will ever be the desire and prayer of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

We are, dear brethren, yours in the Lord,
DAVID WILSON, D. D., *Moderator*,

ROBERT PARK, A. M., *Clerk*.

Of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.
Belfast, 1865.

REPORT ON THE TITHE SYSTEM.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet in Allegheny City, on the 31st of May, 1866. The undersigned, appointed at the last meeting of the Assembly, to "investigate the Tithe System, and report to the next Assembly," respectfully begs leave to present said report.

Supposing the design of the investigation to be, merely to collect and present such facts and arguments as may have a bearing upon the question of the existing obligation of the tithe law, I have thought it proper to confine the inquiry within the limits necessary to furnish answers to the three following questions, viz.:

1st. Had the tithe law, as a Divine institution, any existence, outside and independent of the Mosaic Law?

2d. If it had, was it intended to be of universal obligation?

3d. Was it intended to be of perpetual obligation?

When we go back to first principles, it is very evident that God has as good a right, and for the same reasons, to exact a definite portion of the fruit of our labour, as he had to require the devotion to his service of a definite portion of our time; and the only question on that point about which we are at present concerned is, whether God has chosen to exercise that right.

Nor need we trouble ourselves about questions arising out of the peculiar structure of the Mosaic tithe law, for no one claims (so far as we know) that we are under any obligation to that law.

Neither are we obliged to consider the action or inaction of the church upon the subject of inquiry; for as the Church has no legislative authority, but is a mere executive corporation established for the purpose of teaching and enforcing "all things whatsoever God has commanded" it follows, that where God has revealed a law for our government, the church has no right to change or modify or in any way alter, much less to annul or suspend it, but must to the extent of her ability teach and enforce it; and as her officers are fallible men, her action or her inaction furnishes no rule for the government of our faith or practice. And to the church and to every true Christian there can be but two questions with reference to any proposed line of conduct, namely, Has God revealed a law upon the subject, and what is the character of that law? And satisfactory answers being obtained to these questions, there remains for us nothing but cheerful and implicit obedience.

Has God then revealed a tithe law of universal and perpetual obligation?

It is not necessary, in order to prove the enactment of such a law, that we should be able to give the very words in which it was revealed, or fix the precise date at which the revelation was made, or give the name of the person to whom it was originally given. On the contrary, if we can show an administrator of the law, in the act of exercising the authority with which it invested him, and if we can present a distinguished subject of the law, in the very act of yielding obedience to its requirements, and if we can produce unimpeachable evidence of the Divine approbation of their conduct, nothing more can be necessary, to prove the Divine origin of the law under which they acted. Assuming this rule of evidence to be correct, we propose to show that God did reveal a law requiring man to devote to God's service one tenth of the increase of his property, and that this law was outside, and altogether independent of, the Mosaic law. In the 18th, 19th and 20th verses of the 14th chap. of Genesis, we have proof of the truth of this proposition. For although upon a cursory reading of the passage, the payment of tithes by Abraham might seem to be a mere voluntary act, springing from the impulse of a generous

and grateful heart, yet if you will take the commentary of the Holy Spirit upon the whole transaction as you will find it in the 7th chap. of Hebrews, the matter presents a different appearance altogether, "Now consider (says the Apostle) how great this man was unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily, they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham. But he, whose descent is not counted from them, received tithes from Abraham and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes, but there he receiveth them of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, Levi also who receiveth tithes paid tithes in Abraham, for he was yet in the loins of his father when Melchisedec met him." Now the design of Paul in this chapter is, to prove the superiority of the priesthood of Melchisedec over that of Levi, and for the purpose of illustration, he institutes a comparison between the authority exercised by Melchisedec as the administrator of the tithe law of the patriarchal dispensation, and that of Levi as the administrator of the tithe law of the Mosaic dispensation; and the very point upon which he insists is, that Melchisedec was Levi's superior, because his authority as administrator of a tithe law was more extensive than that of Levi. Upon the supposition that there was no tithe law under the patriarchal dispensation, it would follow that Melchisedec had no authority to tithe Abraham, for all rightful authority exercised by man must have a foundation in law, and in that case according to the Apostle's own showing the Levitical priesthood would have been superior, for the Levites had a commandment to take tithes of the people; whereas, on this supposition, Melchisedec was receiving mere alms or a voluntary donation from Abraham. If you will give a literal rendering to the 6th and 9th verses of this chapter, there cannot be a doubt about the authority of Melchisedec. For in the 6th verse "dedekatoke ton Abraam" is rendered, "he received tithes from Abraham," whilst the literal rendering would be, he tithed Abraham; and so in the 9th verse where "dia Abraam kai Levi dedekatotai" is rendered, and "Levi paid tithes in Abraham." Schleusner renders, "et Levi decimaturu est" and Levi was tithed in Abraham. And there is a most important difference between the two translations, for the first implies neither authority in Melchisedec, nor obligation upon Abraham, whilst the literal interpretation implies both the prerogative of Melchisedec, and the obligation of Abraham and Levi. And the whole illustration stands thus: the priesthood of Melchisedec was superior to that of Levi in this, that when the Levites had a right to take tithes of the people, Melchisedec had authority to tithe Levi himself. Here, then, is the Divine institution of the tithe system dating back at least 423 years before the giving of the Mosaic Law.

The next question is,—Was this law intended to be of universal obligation? And in answer we observe, that the Bible locates this law in the Patriarchal dispensation, all the other laws of which so far as we know them, were universally binding, and in this respect it would seem to occupy the same position as the laws for the capital punishment of murder, the law of sacrifices, of the Sabbath or any other law or laws promulgated during that dispensation. At least we can conceive of no reason why the tithe law in this respect should be regarded as an exception. And this view is corroborated strongly by the fact, that profane history testifies that the Scandinavians in the North of Europe, the Gauls of Middle and Western Europe, the Romans in the South of Europe, the Greeks of Eastern Europe and the isles of the Mediterranean, the Carthaginians and Egyptians of Northern Africa and the different nations of Asia so far as they were known to the Greeks and Romans, all recognized the obligation of this law. Thus Herodotus says that the Athenians gave the tenth of their spoils to the gods, Diodorus Siculus says that all the Greeks did the same. Appianus says that the Romans dedicated the tenth of their spoils to the gods, and hence the name of Jupiter Prædator. Julius Cæsar in the 5th book of his Commentaries says that the Gauls gave the tenth of their spoils to Mars. Arrian says (speaking as if the custom were universal) let us begin with the gods and give them the tenth of our spoils of hunting, as we give them the tenth of the spoils of war. Xenophon, in his 5th Book of the Expedition of Cyrus, tells us of a column near the temple of Diana, upon which he saw an inscription warning her worshippers to give a tenth of their acquisitions to that goddess, and similar testimonies are found in Plutarch, Phavorinus, Hezyehius, Pomponius, Suidas, Varro, Strabo, Aristotle and Plotinus. Now how are we to account for the universality of this practice? Here are nations occupying every step in the scale from the lowest barbarism to the highest and most refined grade of heathen civilization. Differing in their immediate origin, in their language, in their manners and customs, in their civil and religious laws, worshipping different gods, and worshipping those gods by different forms, differing in almost everything else, but agreeing (so far as we know) without an exception in this, that they are under a sacred obligation to devote one

tenth of their acquisitions to the Gods. Men might perhaps, by the exercise of their reasoning faculties, and without a special revelation, discover the truth, that we are under obligation to devote a portion of our increase to the service of God. But it seems to be absolutely impossible to account for the universal uniformity in the proportion of what they gave upon any other hypothesis than that of a revelation from God. And this revelation must have been given before the dispersion of the human family at Babel; and then as they went to the different parts of the earth to which they were driven by Providence, they carried this and other laws of God with them and transmitted them in more or less of their integrity from generation to generation. Paul teaches us that the Gentiles held truth in unrighteousness, and profane history gives ample evidence that although they did not choose to retain God in their knowledge, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, to birds, to four-footed beasts and creeping things, that yet they still retained some of the forms of godliness, although diverted in their use from their original design.

In the last place, was this law intended to be of perpetual obligation? If this law be a law of God as it undoubtedly is, then it could never cease to be obligatory until He who gave it, had repealed it, and the "onus probandi" rests upon those who, admitting its Divine origin, yet deny its present obligation. The only objections we have ever seen to the continued obligation of the law are two: one in the shape of an inference from the repeal of the judicial and ecclesiastical laws of Moses, and the other founded upon the alleged silence of the New Testament upon the subject.

The first of these objections is raised upon the assumption that the tithe law has no existence outside of the Mosaic law. For if it be true that this law was given during the Patriarchal dispensation for the government of the entire family of man, and was in operation during at least 423 years before the Mosaic law was given, how could the repeal of the latter affect the continued obligation of the former, or how could the repeal of a code given for the government of the Jews alone destroy the obligation of laws given for the government of all mankind? In the tithe law of the Jewish people there may have been provisions which were not in the original law. There were perhaps changes in the mode of administration, there may have been additions made to cause it to harmonize in its operations with the other laws with which it was connected, and all these changes and additions were doubtless annulled; but the only effect of the abrogation of the Mosaic code would be to throw the Jew back under the tithe law in its original form, stripped of all its Mosaic peculiarities. In short, there is every reason to believe that the fall of the Mosaic Institutions had no more effect upon the tithe law, than it had upon the law of the Sabbath, the law of capital punishment, or any other Patriarchal law adopted into that code.

As to the second objection, based upon the alleged silence of the New Testament upon the subject, we reply, that it is not necessary to the continued obligation of the laws of God that the prophets and apostles should be constantly proclaiming these laws by catalogue, announcing that they are still in force because they are unrepealed. God's laws remain in force until he gives us notice that they are repealed; so that if it be true that the New Testament is silent upon the subject, that very silence proclaims the continued obligation of the law. But further, is the New Testament silent upon the subject? What does the Apostle mean by the direction in the 2d verse of the 16th chapter of 1st Cor. "Let every one of you lay by him in store as the Lord hath prospered him?" He evidently directs the Corinthians to devote to the service of God all their increase, or some proportion of it. No one will say that they were required to give all; but if not, how were they to ascertain the proportion which was required? They could not learn this from the language of the direction itself, and is it not plain therefore that the Apostle supposed them to be acquainted with a law that fixed that proportion? And let it be borne in mind that the members of that church were Jews and Greeks and that Diodorus Siculus says that all the Greeks were accustomed to devote a tithe of their prosperity to religious purposes, so that here were two classes of men educated under the tithe system, prepared by that education to understand exactly what the apostle meant, and therefore needing no further direction than he gave them.

Further. In the 7th chapter of Hebrews, Paul as we have seen asserts the superiority of the priesthood of Melchisedec in this very matter of tithes, and then immediately introduces our Saviour's priesthood as organized on the plan of that of Melchisedec. Does it not therefore follow, that Christ being a priest after the order of Melchisedec, the same prerogative of tithing those who were subject to his ministry is attached to his priesthood? And if so, then has he any prerogative as priest that he does not exercise? And if he exercises his prerogative, then is not the tithe law in full force?

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. FULTON.

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND CORRESPONDENTS FOR VACANCIES.	POST-OFFICE.	STATE.	CONGREGATION.	MEMBERSHIP.		INCREASE.		BAPTISMS.		SABBATH SCHOOLS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.															
				Families.	Communi- cants.	Examinati- on.	Profession. and Certificate.	Decrease.	Infant.	Adult.	Officers and Teachers.	Average No. of Scholars.	Home Mis- sion.	Foreign Mis- sion.	Kreedmen's Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Church Ex- tension.	Assembly's Fund.	Aged Minis- ters' Fund.	Salary by Congrega- tion.	Salary by Assembly.	(General) Con- tributions.	Total amt.	Average per Member.		
<i>Correspondents.</i>																											
Jno. W. Smith.....	Walton.....	N. Y.	Vacancy.	15	48		42	8	1												210			10	220	5 11	
John Bryce.....	Hannden.....	do.	Lansingville.....	30	54		16	8	17	3	6	30	13								313			180	506	9 37	
J. R. Ferguson.....	East Springfield...	do.	East Springfield...	15	24		1	8			6	30	16								200				316	13 16	
<i>Without Charge.</i>																											
P. Smealie.....	Andes.....	do.																									
W. C. Somers.....	Hobart.....	do.																									
<i>Licentiates.—G. P. Reith,</i>																											
W. R. Gladston.....																											
<i>Students.—J. P. Dyar,</i>																											
R. J. Dalg, John Tay- lor.																											
<i>1st Presbytery of N. York.</i>																											
James Harper, D.D.....	New York City.....	N. Y.	Seventh Avenue...	130	275		8	22	16				155	159							2000			1805	4210	15 34	
James Thompson.....	do	do	West 25th st.....	90	208		7	12	8				83	108							1000			1400	2400	11 53	
H. W. Todd.....	Patterson.....	N. J.	Patterson.....	190	236		29	12	9				12	12							800			28	1052	4 45	
Robert Armstrong, S. C.....	Newburgh.....	N. Y.	Newburgh.....	72	162		17	6	19				95	75							100			416	1409	8 68	
John Erskine.....	Allard's Corners...	do	Graham's Church...	35	50																						
Robert Harper, Cor. Sec.	Newburgh.....	N. Y.	Vacancy.	14	23			2	4				27	27							249			16	336	14 56	
James M'Gay, F. A.....	New York.....	N. Y.	East 11th St.....	38	97		4	6	5				52	45							771			425	1322	13 63	
Licentiate.—H. W. Tor- rens.	New York.....	do	E. 44th St. Mission										5	5											22		
<i>Without Charge.</i>																											
H. Connolly.....	Newburgh.....	do																									
William Melville.....	New York.....	do																									
A. C. This.....	New York.....	do																									
<i>2d Presbytery of N. York.</i>																											
H. H. Bitt.....	New York.....	do	Charles st.....	298	630		50	22	48	3	30	150	350	350							68			1061	5089	8 08	
David J. Patterson.....	Brooklyn.....	do	Second Brooklyn...	173	212		12	10	20				23	68							15			1135	2205	10 00	
John Campbell.....	New York.....	do	Gene st.....	132	355		20	29	40				28	11							42			2563	4731	12 70	
James T. Wilson, S. C. F. A.....	Brooklyn, E. D.....	do	West 44th St.....	166	170		35	16	28				18	30							27			700	300	7 46	
B. A. Hill.....	Hudson City.....	N. J.	1st Brooklyn.....	90	180		12	10	11				20	89							40			12	800	230	578
A. A. McConnell.....	Newark.....	N. Y.	1st Wesley City.....	38	67		12	11	11				12	47							13			60	400	828	
John S. McCulloch.....	Hatfield.....	N. Y.	1st Newark.....	35	67		12	5	7				20	18							17			560	450	309	
	Hatfield.....	N. Y.	Harlem.....	18	33		3	1	4				10	35							9			600	1714	2247	

Wallace, John James-son, N. K. Crow.	Pa.	24 Ch. Wilmington.	52	154	12	13	17	6	25	105	38	44	5	300	66	583	4	00					
Zenitantes.—S. C. Hubbell, L. Prouditt.	do.	East Brook.	21	67	4	2	4	2	21	10	10	200	200	172	593	9	00						
Students.—A. S. Abbey, James McKee, W. J. Snodgrass.	do.	Lebanon.	28	61	4	2	3	4	8	36	7	35	208	49	353	6	00						
<i>Presbytery of Mercer.</i>	do.	Leesburgh.	94	198	10	37	17	13	80	150	69	23	133	1000	496	2066	10	00					
W. A. Melhard.....	do.	New Castle.	86	177	7	7	7	6	27	40	8	3	64	600	379	1106	6	00					
G. C. Vincent, D. D.....	do.	New Bedford.	44	118	10	3	8	1	58	101	10	10	500	81	750	6	00						
Wm. Finley.....	do.	Mt. Jackson.	88	200	8	4	6	6	38	157	10	10	111	700	110	1133	6	00					
R. A. Browne, D. D.....	do.	Mercer.	56	113	8	12	8	4	29	64	20	6	6	800	53	823	7	00					
Josiah Alexander.....	do.	do.	70	142	4	15	8	4	29	64	20	6	6	400	500	5400	7	00					
Samuel Alexander.....	do.	Sharon.	80	9	4	4	10	3	29	64	20	6	6	1	500	10	439	6	00				
Robert M'Wally.....	do.	do.	24	57	4	6	3	7	20	38	3	3	9	250	8	323	6	00					
D. W. French.....	do.	Bethel.	44	97	2	24	6	4	12	60	45	118	30	13	7	27	1	13	553	130	717	7	39
B. K. Cronin.....	do.	do.	61	170	9	9	13	17	80	95	140	66	25	16	55	730	72	1211	7	12			
J. Armstrong.....	do.	do.	23	37	1	8	8	8	4	97	200	18	10	167	297	8	00						
T. W. Winder.....	do.	New Bedford.	20	130	16	45	16	45	35	55	400	470	3	00									
Correspondents.	do.	Mt. Jackson.	77	161	3	10	10	10	39	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42			
Jas. Robinson.....	do.	W. R. Harbor.	60	151	6	4	3	7	9	68	52	99	31	14	1	2	437	62	688	4	48		
A. Alford.....	do.	Centre.	27	63	7	4	4	9	4	30	16	28	11	2	1	3	178	32	272	4	30		
M. Irvine.....	do.	Delaware Grove.	30	60	6	1	4	3	10	50	32	17	21	9	5	17	9	450	100	722	12	04	
<i>Without Charge.</i>	do.	Shenango.	9	14	1	1	1	1	7	10	7	10	7	10	100	115	8	21					
J. Patterson, D. D.....	do.	1st Wilmington.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
D. R. Imbrie.....	do.	do.	60	151	6	4	3	7	9	68	52	99	31	14	1	2	437	62	688	4	48		
J. M'Clinlock.....	do.	do.	27	63	7	4	4	9	4	30	16	28	11	2	1	3	178	32	272	4	30		
J. B. Barkly.....	do.	do.	30	60	6	1	4	3	10	50	32	17	21	9	5	17	9	450	100	722	12	04	
F. Small.....	do.	do.	9	14	1	1	1	1	7	10	7	10	7	10	100	115	8	21					
J. G. McKee.....	Tenn.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
<i>Licentiates.</i>	do.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
J. G. Madgo.....	Pa.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
Joseph McKelvey.....	do.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
J. Williamson.....	do.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
<i>Synod of Pittsburg.</i>	do.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
<i>Fresh of Big Spring.</i>	do.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
Francis M'Barney.....	do.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
Joseph M'Cartney.....	do.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		
W. L. Wallace, F. A.....	do.	do.	80	195	4	1	16	8	15	60	113	300	33	17	70	35	800	1600	3607	15	42		

George H. Hutchison.....
 Students. — Rufus Johnson, James Wilson Finney, Collins Wilhamson

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

Presbytery of Bloomington.

J. C. Truesdale.....
 J. M. Gordon.....
 P. H. Drennon.....
 Wm. Morrow.....
 W. B. Keeling.....
 A. W. McGibbon.....
 do.....
 do.....
 do.....
 do.....
 N. H. Brown.....

Paxton.....	150	4	20	13	9	1	55	55	5	5	10	800	58	948	6	60		
Hannoy.....	80	1	15	15			55	74	33	15	8	50	500	132	836	10	00	
Low Point.....	76	7	13	6			58	90	25	7	8	18	500	35	817	10	00	
Salem.....	45	3	12	2	2		4	13		1			400	200	9	428	9	00
Wenona.....	35		10	5	3	1	5	24	10		5		550		12	614	16	00
Bethel.....	30		7	7	6										15	29	1	00
Jacksonville.....	30	8	7	4	2										150	150	5	00
Spring Creek.....	49	2	4	4	2		10	17		5	2	4	400	200	13	451	9	00
Bethel.....	42	2	4	14			41	130	48	15		9	571		24	937	13	00
Bloomington.....	36	2	4	7	5		25	30							213	293	10	00
White Oak Grove.....	38	1	4	5	2													
Peoria.....	38	4	6	11	5		24	56					500	300		574	15	00
Granville.....	25	2	13	13	4		4	6							219	226	9	00

Without Charge.

W. C. Redlock.....
 G. D. Henderson.....
 J. M. Knight.....
 J. M. Bough.....
 R. J. McCracken.....
 J. D. Whitman.....

Mission Stations.—
 Papa, Buckeye
 Prairie, Sugar
 Branch, New
 Brenton.

Presbytery of Chicago.

Wm. T. Moffet.....
 S. F. Thompson, S. S.....
 W. C. Jackson.....
 J. S. McConnell.....
 R. W. French, P. C.....
 Alex. Smith.....
 do.....
 S. F. Clark, S. S.....
 Correspondents,
 John Nesbit.....
 Robert Harper.....

Somonauk.....	172	10	-8	4	12	1	26	100	98	272	140	55	20	62	5	55	1000	1151	2912	15	00	
Camp Creek.....	68	12	8	1	17	2			11	12		2					450	100	25	501		
Chicago.....	90	12	15	52	9			21	106								800	400	1652	1226	21	40
3d Ch. Chicago.....	32	4	30		3				17								80	100	1128	1278	40	00
Wilton.....	55	11	14	1	3	3			21	2		4	12	1			205		50	311	5	00
Shannon.....	42																					
Beek Run.....	21	1							10													
Dakota.....	11		7	1	9				31													
Tauanac.....	74																					
Wheatland.....	37																					
Apples River.....	118	9	1	9	12				10	15		5	5				550		91	690	5	02
Ross Grove.....	30																					

Presbytery of Kansas.

Jas. N. Smith.....
 do.....
 D. T. McAulay, S. S.....
 D. C. Cochran, S. S.....

Garnett.....	58	4	7	5	6	10	30										250	75	568	818	22	31
Berka.....	53	3	6	13	4	1	6	23									150	75	27	240	4	50
Americus.....	33								21	30		2	11	2	1							
Tongaxia.....	7																					

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MINISTERS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

- Acheson, Robert, Galt, C. W.
 Adair, John M., M'Alavy's Fort, Pa.
 Alexander, Josiah, New Bedford, Pa.
 Alexander, S., Mount Jackson, Pa.
 Allen, A. J., West Union, Iowa.
 Allen, Henry, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Anderson, A. R., Venice, Pennsylvania.
 Anderson, John, Oswego, Indiana.
 Anderson, S., West Lebanon, Pa.
 Andrew, James II., South Argyle, N. Y.
 Andrew, William H., Arsenal, Pa.
 Andrews, Joseph, Wellsville, Ohio.
 Arbuthnot, James, Wheat Ridge, Ohio.
 Armstrong, J., Worth, Pa.
 Armstrong, J. G., St. Louis, Missouri.
 Armstrong, Robert, Newburgh, N. Y.
 Arnot, Moses, South Hanover, Indiana.
 Ashenhust, J. Y., Haysville, Ohio.
 Aten, Adrian, Steele, Indiana.
 Aten, J. L., College Corner, Ohio.
 Bailey, J. A., Shakeleyville, Pa.
 Baine, J. W., Cannonsburg, Pa.
 Balph, Thomas, Beck's Mills, Pa.
 Barnes, J. G., Bakerstown, Pa.
 Barnett, James, D. D., Cairo, Egypt.
 Baldrige, B. L., Leavenworth, Kansas.
 Baldrige, S. C., Selma, Indiana.
 Barclay, D., Moorefield, Ohio.
 Barclay, Joseph, New Castle, Pa.
 Barr, James S., Sealkote, North India.
 Barr, W. W., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Baugh, J. M., Bloomington, Illinois.
 Beard, J. D., Cincinnati, Iowa.
 Bell, J. R., Elizaville, Indiana.
 Beveridge, Thomas, D. D., Xenia, Ohio.
 Bigger, M., Warrensburg, Mo.
 Black, A. M., D. D., Monmouth, Ill.
 Black, J. L., Albia, Iowa.
 Black, J. K.
 Black, W. A., North Hope, Pa.
 Blaikie, A., D. D., Boston, Mass.
 Blair, David, Indiana, Pa.
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 Blair, W. H., Centreville, Mich.
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The Assembly directed that the reports of Presbyteries, and also the minute reports of the several treasurers, should be omitted. These omissions have considerably reduced the size of the Minutes for this year.

The statistics are, we think, more full and satisfactory than those of any former year. Much credit is due to the Committee on Statistics, and especially to the Chairman, the Rev. Matthew Clark, for the care manifested in preparing the tables for publication. It will be seen that a number of congregations have not reported their statistics; and the reports of others are taken from last year. These things ought not so to be; but the fault here lies with the congregations and Presbyteries, and by them only can it be corrected.

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