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MINUTES.

MEMPHIS, TENN., *May* 21, 1896.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met in the First Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tenn., May 21, 1896, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Charles R. Hemphill, D. D., on Romans xv. 30: "The love of the Spirit."

The Assembly was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk announced that he had information of the erection by the Synod of Alabama of an additional Presbytery, known as the Presbytery of Central Alabama, and of another by the Synod of Texas, known as the Presbytery of Fort Worth.

The Stated Clerk announced that the followed named Commissioners had been enrolled:

I. SYNOD OF ALABAMA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
1. <i>Central Alabama</i> ,	J. C. H. Champney,	_____
2. <i>North Alabama</i> ,	John Barbour,	Joseph Carthel.
" " 	H. W. Flinn,	S. H. Morris.
3. <i>South Alabama</i> ,	J. R. Burgett, D. D.,	J. L. Dean.
4. <i>Tuskaloosa</i> ,	J. G. Praigg, D. D.,	J. D. Cross.

II. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

1. <i>Arkansas</i> ,	E. C. Bingham,	Z. E. Kerr.
2. <i>Ouachita</i> ,	I. M. Ginn,	W. L. Cameron.
3. <i>Pine Bluff</i> ,	J. L. Caldwell, D. D.,	J. E. Hampton.
4. <i>Washbourne</i> ,	C. M. Tidball,	J. B. Griffing.

III. SYNOD OF FLORIDA.

1. <i>Florida</i> ,	N. P. Quarterman,	C. V. Thompson.
2. <i>St. Johns</i> ,	Arthur Rowbotham,	F. W. Merrin.
3. <i>Suwanee</i> ,	J. G. Law,	J. M. Thomson.

IV. SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
1. <i>Athens</i> ,	R. E. Telford,	T. E. Key.
2. <i>Atlanta</i> ,	T. B. Trenholm,	W. B. Chandler.
"	W. G. Woodbridge,	D. A. Beatie.
3. <i>Augusta</i> ,	D. W. Brannen,	T. E. Kendrick.
4. <i>Cherokee</i> ,	R. P. Baird,	J. E. Good.
5. <i>Macon</i> ,	E. M. Craig,	_____.
6. <i>Savannah</i> ,	L. C. Vass, D. D.,	Charles P. Hansell.

V. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

1. <i>Ebenezer</i> ,	W. O. Cochran,	Lawrence Rolfe.
2. <i>Louisville</i> ,	C. R. Hemphill, D. D.,	_____.
"	T. S. Clyce,	_____.
3. <i>Muhlenburg</i> ,	W. L. Nourse, D. D.,	H. E. Glenn.
4. <i>Paducah</i> ,	Thomas Cummins,	James R. Barret.
5. <i>Transylvania</i> ,	Henry Miller,	Charles H. Wood.
"	W. W. Bruce,	John N. Turner.
6. <i>West Lexington</i> ,	A. G. Buckner,	Thomas Butler.

VI. SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

1. <i>Chickasaw</i> ,	John S. Park,	W. M. Cox.
2. <i>Memphis</i> ,	R. R. Evans,	R. F. Willcox.
3. <i>North Mississippi</i> ,	R. J. Shaw,	_____.
4. <i>Western District</i> ,	W. T. Palmer,	T. W. Murrell.

VII. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

1. <i>Central Mississippi</i> ,	H. B. Price,	J. R. Cunningham.
"	_____.	_____.
2. <i>Ethel</i> ,	L. L. Wells,	C. M. Davis.
3. <i>Louisiana</i> ,	J. Y. Allison, D. D.,	_____.
4. <i>Mississippi</i> ,	Charles Oberschmidt,	J. H. Long.
5. <i>New Orleans</i> ,	R. Q. Mallard, D. D.,	E. S. Upton.
6. <i>Red River</i> ,	L. P. Bowen, D. D.,	J. M. Walthall.
7. <i>Tombeckbee</i> ,	J. E. Jones,	J. F. Smith.

VIII. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

1. <i>Lafayette</i> ,	N. H. McCain,	W. G. Fisher.
"	Xenophon Ryland,	J. M. Duncan.
2. <i>Missouri</i> ,	S. B. Ervin,	J. N. Tate.
3. <i>Palmyra</i> ,	J. K. Hitner,	C. D. Bridgford.
4. <i>Potosi</i> ,	M. B. W. Granger,	S. M. Green.
5. <i>St. Louis</i> ,	Adolphus Kistler,	C. R. Black.
6. <i>Upper Missouri</i> ,	John S. Van Meter,	J. A. J. Funkhouser.

IX. SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

1. <i>Columbia</i> ,	S. P. Hawes,	J. W. S. Ridley.
2. <i>Holston</i> ,	J. C. Carson,	H. H. Delaney.
3. <i> Knoxville</i> ,	Paul F. Brown,	C. E. Powel.
4. <i>Nashville</i> ,	James I. Vance, D. D.,	T. C. Lind.
"	A. S. Allen,	J. B. O'Bryan.

X. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.
1. <i>Albemarle</i> ,	W. D. Morton, D. D.,	J. R. Young.
2. <i>Concord</i> ,	J. Ruple, D. D.,	J. G. Ramsay.
“	—————,	John H. Reid.
3. <i>Fayetteville</i> ,	J. S. Black,	J. E. McCaskill.
“	—————,	—————.
4. <i>Mecklenburg</i> ,	R. P. Smith,	J. M. Wilson.
“	J. R. McAlpine,	J. E. McCain.
5. <i>Orange</i> ,	Robert E. Caldwell,	C. W. Johnston.
“	D. I. Craig,	S. H. Boyd.
6. <i>Wilmington</i> ,	Kenneth McDonald,	David G. Robeson.

XI. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

1. <i>Bethel</i> ,	S. H. Hay,	J. E. Craig.
“	D. N. McLaughlin,	W. A. Fewell.
2. <i>Charleston</i> ,	H. G. Gilland,	J. A. Enslow.
“	—————,	—————.
3. <i>Enoree</i> ,	R. E. Henderlite,	D. R. Anderson.
“	W. L. Boggs,	Stobo J. Simpson.
4. <i>Harmony</i> ,	W. F. Hollingsworth,	W. K. Thompson.
5. <i>Pee Dee</i> ,	A. H. McArn,	W. H. Steed.
6. <i>South Carolina</i> ,	James Woodrow, D. D.,	J. W. Todd.

XII. SYNOD OF TEXAS.

1. <i>Brazos</i> ,	Wm. Hayne Leavell,	C. W. Bocoek.
2. <i>Central Texas</i> ,	J. M. Cochran,	J. E. McCord.
“	J. C. Grow,	J. W. Sherrill.
3. <i>Dallas</i> ,	John S. Moore, D. D.,	H. H. Kerr.
“	—————,	—————.
4. <i>Eastern Texas</i> ,	John Van Lear,	John T. Wiggins.
5. <i>Fort Worth</i> ,	J. H. Zivley,	W. H. Feild.
6. <i>Indian</i> ,	J. P. Gibbons,	Silas Bacon.
7. <i>Paris</i> ,	C. P. Bridewell,	J. W. Harle.
8. <i>Western Texas</i> ,	S. J. McMurry,	J. M. Brownson.

XIII. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

1. <i>Abingdon</i> ,	I. N. Naff,	T. L. Tate.
2. <i>Chesapeake</i> ,	I. N. Campbell,	K. Kemper.
3. <i>East Hanover</i> ,	J. Y. Fair, D. D.,	B. C. Wherry.
“	J. P. Smith, D. D.,	John L. Marye.
4. <i>Greenbrier</i> ,	J. W. Holt,	D. W. Weaver.
5. <i>Kanawha</i> ,	M. B. Lambdin,	W. V. Rensford.
6. <i>Lexington</i> ,	Wm. C. White,	John W. Paul.
“	C. S. Lingamfelter,	George Beatty.
7. <i>Maryland</i> ,	Joseph A. Vance,	A. Elhart.
8. <i>Montgomery</i> ,	Colin Stokes,	G. E. Cassel.
“	L. W. Irwin,	J. H. Palmer.
9. <i>Norfolk</i> ,	John L. Allison,	W. A. Plecker.
10. <i>Roanoke</i> ,	T. R. English, D. D.,	Thomas A. Watkins.
11. <i>West Hanover</i> ,	E. H. Stover,	A. G. Grinnan.
12. <i>Winchester</i> ,	S. M. Engle,	John Kennedy.
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It was ordered that the election of Moderator be by ballot, and the Assembly was led in prayer for the Spirit's guidance. The Rev. R. Q. Mallard, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of New Orleans, was chosen Moderator.

Ruling Elder G. E. Cassel, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Montgomery, and the Rev. S. J. McMurry, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Western Texas, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. Dr. Ramsey, the pastor of this church, was accorded the privileges of the house.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon to hear abstracts of the Annual Reports of the Assembly's Executive Committees.

The Assembly had recess until 4 o'clock P. M.

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The Assembly met, Dr. Ruple occupying the chair at the request of the Moderator.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read by the Secretary, Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, to be appointed.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions, to be appointed.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Publication was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication, to be appointed.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject, to be appointed.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee on Colored Evangelization was read by the Secretary, Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject, to be appointed.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Assembly's Home and School was read by Ruling Elder J. L. Marye, and was referred to a Standing Committee, to be appointed.

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

Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Burgett.

SECOND DAY.

MAY 22, 1896, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

BILLS AND OVERTURES.—C. R. Hemphill, J. L. Caldwell, T. R. English, J. E. Jones, D. I. Craig, J. A. Vance, D. N. McLauchlin, J. M. Tate, W. M. Cox, J. W. S. Ridley, C. V. Thompson, J. Carthel, and E. H. Stover.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—James Woodrow, J. H. Zivley, J. L. Marye, C. P. Hansell, J. M. Cochran, I. N. Naff, A. H. McArn, J. M. Duncan, P. F. Brown, W. T. Palmer, and C. H. Wood.

HOME MISSIONS.—J. Ruple, J. Y. Fair, J. S. Black, X. Ryland, C. P. Bridewell, N. P. Quarterman, E. C. Bingham, S. H. Morris, W. H. Feild, W. V. Rensford, S. Bacon, C. S. Lingamfelter, and W. L. Boggs.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—J. P. Smith, R. E. Caldwell, H. B. Price, A. Kistler, K. McDonald, H. Miller, J. H. Reid, J. C. Carson, S. M. Green, J. E. Good, J. M. Thompson, J. D. Cross, A. G. Grinnan, and W. A. Plecker.

EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTRY.—W. H. Leavell, T. Cummins, H. G. Gilland, J. Van Lear, T. S. Clyce, C. M. Tidball, J. G. Law, T. B. Trenholm, J. E. Hampton, J. V. Patton, W. G. Fisher, J. W. Walthall, and T. A. Watkins.

PUBLICATION.—L. P. Bowen, R. P. Smith, M. B. Lambdin, C. R. Black, A. S. Allen, R. J. Shaw, E. S. Upton, T. Butler, W. L. Cameron, F. W. Merrin, T. E. Kendrick, S. H. Boyd, J. H. Palmer, and L. W. Irwin.

COLORED EVANGELIZATION.—W. L. Nourse, A. Rowbotham, R. E. Telford, R. E. Henderlite, J. C. Grow, A. Elhart, J. G. Ramsay, J. T. Wiggins, W. H. Stead, L. L. Wells, and J. C. H. Champney.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.—S. Y. Allison, A. G. Buckner, C. Carson, J. S. Van Meter, W. Hollingsworth, J. A. Enslow, J. W. Harle, L. Rolfe, and W. B. Candler.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—J. R. Burgett, W. G. Woodbridge, N. H. McCain, J. R. McAlpine, S. H. Hay, J. W. Holt, T. L. Tate, W. K. Thompson, and J. M. Wilson.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.—L. C. Vass, W. C. White, S. B. Ervin, J. S. Park, W. W. Bruce, J. L. Dean, and T. E. Key.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—W. D. Morton, R. P. Baird, C. Oberschmidt, M. B. W. Granger, and H. H. Delaney.

NARRATIVE.—J. Barbour, S. P. Hawes, C. D. Bridgford, J. P. Gibbons, I. N. Campbell, G. E. Cassel, and W. H. Stead.

BIBLE CAUSE.—J. K. Hitner, H. W. Flinn, I. M. Ginn, E. M. Craig, and H. E. Glenn.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—J. G. Praigg, D. W. Brannen, C. Stokes, B. C. Wherry, and J. E. McCaskell.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—W. M. Cox, J. A. J. Funkhouser, and C. W. Johnston.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—R. R. Evans, T. W. Murrell, and C. M. Davis.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME AND SCHOOL.—J. I. Vance, R. E. Caldwell, J. H. Long, K. Kemper, R. F. Willcox, J. R. Barret, J. M. Brownson, and W. A. Fewell.

ON SYNODICAL RECORDS.

ALABAMA.—J. S. Van Meter and J. Kennedy.

ARKANSAS.—J. P. Gibbons and J. W. Harle.

FLORIDA.—W. L. Boggs and J. W. Todd.

GEORGIA.—K. McDonald and J. E. McCain.

KENTUCKY.—P. F. Brown and T. C. Lind.

MEMPHIS.—J. Woodrow and C. E. Powel.

MISSISSIPPI.—H. W. Flinn and J. B. Griffing.

MISSOURI.—C. M. Tidball and Z. E. Kerr.

NASHVILLE.—J. G. Law and S. M. Green.

NORTH CAROLINA.—T. S. Clyce and D. A. Beatie.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—W. C. Cochran and J. N. Turner.

TEXAS.—W. T. Palmer and J. F. Smith.

VIRGINIA.—A. Kistler and J. H. Long.

Rev. E. Grisanti, pastor of the First Italian Presbyterian Church in Memphis, and bearing the salutations of the Evangelical Church of Italy, was presented to the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk announced the following papers for the action of the Assembly :

A complaint of a ruling elder of Charleston Presbytery against the Synod of South Carolina ; referred to the Judicial Committee. An appeal of Indian Presbytery from the Synod of Texas ; referred to the Judicial Committee. A complaint of E. M. Richardson and others against the Synod of Memphis ; referred to the Judicial Committee. A communication from the Reformed Church in America was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. A communication from the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. An overture from the Presbytery of Paris touching committees and commissions was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Presbytery of Fayetteville touching doctrinal lessons in the *Earnest Worker* and the appointment of a Sabbath-school secretary was referred, with all similar papers relating to such secretary, to a special committee to be appointed. An overture from the Presbytery of Lexington on a cheap religious newspaper was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Presbytery of Florida touching a session in which there is only one elder, and another from the same Presby-

tery touching the Moderator of session, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Presbytery of New Orleans on the subject of graded Sunday-school lessons was put upon the docket. An overture from the Presbytery of Western District touching requirement for ordination was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Presbytery of Eastern Texas on increasing the efficiency of the Home Mission work was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. An overture from the church at Corsicana, Texas, asking amendments to the Book of Church Order, and an overture to the same purport from the Presbytery of Enoree, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Presbytery of Enoree relating to a Sunday-school secretary was referred to the special committee on that matter. An overture from the Presbytery of Columbia touching graded Sunday-school lessons was docketed. An overture from the Presbytery of Wilmington on grouping churches was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Presbytery of St. Louis relating to the Assembly's Home and School was referred to the standing committee on that institution. An overture from the Presbytery of West Lexington asking the consolidation of the Executive Committees of Education and Publication was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Presbytery of South Carolina on amendments to the Book of Church Order was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Presbytery of Lafayette touching the free distribution of the Minutes of the Assembly was referred to the Stated Clerk. An overture from the Presbytery of Albemarle relating to colored evangelization was referred to the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization. An overture from the Presbytery of Knoxville touching international peace was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Synod of Texas relating to Sabbath observance was referred to a Special Committee on the Sabbath to be appointed. An overture from the Synod of Florida asking enlarged appropriations to Home Mission work in that Synod was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. An overture from the Presbytery of Harmony asking changes in the Book of Church Order, an overture from the Presbytery of Roanoke touching "extraordinary cases," and another from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa on the same subject, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. A memorial from missionaries in Korea relating to the exercise of the prerogatives of a session by unordained missionaries was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. To the same committee were

referred an overture from the Presbytery of Macon asking that the Home Mission work be remitted to the Synods, and an overture from Oak Grove Church asking to be transferred from the Presbytery of Chickasaw to the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, and an overture from the Presbytery of Chickasaw asking readjustment of assessments on the Presbyteries to meet the expenses of the Assembly. A memorial from Professor F. R. Beattie touching the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the origin of the Westminster Standards, together with a resolution by Dr. Morton on the subject, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. To the same committee were referred an overture from the Presbytery of South Alabama relating to the duties of the deacon, an overture from the same Presbytery asking the transfer of the West Point Church, and an overture from the Synod of Nashville touching statistical reports and an addition thereto. An overture from the Synod of Nashville on Sabbath statistics was referred to the Committee on Sabbath-Schools. An overture from the Presbytery of Transylvania asking the consolidation of the Executive Committees of Education and Publication was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the same Presbytery touching topics for Westminster Leagues was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. An overture from the Presbytery of West Hanover touching schedule of collections and address of treasurers was referred to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly. An overture from the same Presbytery on uniform assessments on the Presbyteries was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. An overture from the Presbytery of Ouachita asking that the column for contributions to the Bible Cause be omitted, an overture from the Presbytery of Lafayette touching committees or commissions to install pastors, and an overture from J. L. Caldwell touching change in reporting communicants and non-communicants, were referred to the same committee.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Annual Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary, the Columbia Theological Seminary, the Louisville Theological Seminary, and the Divinity School of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, were read and referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries.

The report of the *ad interim* Committee on Sabbath-Schools was read and referred to the special committee on a Sunday-School Secretary.

It was made the order of the day for eight o'clock P. M. Saturday to consider the report of the Executive Committee on Colored Evangelization.

A communication touching the use of the Psalms in the worship of praise was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning to hear the Rev. Dr. McLean, Secretary of the American Bible Society.

The Assembly arranged its daily sessions as follows: From 9 o'clock A. M. to 12:30 P. M.; from 3 P. M. to 6 P. M.; and from 8 P. M. at the pleasure of the Assembly, except that no session shall be held this and to-morrow afternoon.

It was made the second order of the day to-morrow to hear the Rev. John Grisanti, the messenger of the Evangelical Church of Italy.

A proposed invitation to Mr. Levi, a Hebrew Christian, to address the Assembly was referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

It was made the order for 8 P. M. next Monday to hold a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions.

It was made the order for Wednesday next, 8 P. M., to hold a similar meeting in the interest of Home Missions.

The overtures from the Presbyteries of New Orleans and Columbia on the subject of graded Sunday-school lessons were taken from the docket and referred to the Standing Committee on Sabbath-Schools; and the overture from the Presbytery of Lexington touching a cheap newspaper was transferred from the Committee on Bills and Overtures to the Standing Committee on Publication.

An invitation from Mr. C. L. Garnsey, of the K., C., M. and B. R. R. to a railroad excursion across the great bridge at this city was acknowledged with thanks, with the information that to-morrow afternoon, during a recess of the Assembly, the commissioners would be at liberty to avail themselves of the courtesy.

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

Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Burgett.

THIRD DAY.

MAY 23, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was led in devotional exercises by the Rev. Thomas Cummins.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk announced an additional commissioner, Ruling Elder W. A. Plecker, from the Presbytery of Norfolk.

Rev. John Barbour was substituted for Dr. T. R. English on the Standing Committee on the Narrative.

The Moderator announced the following Special Committee on the Sabbath-School Secretary: J. S. Moore, A. G. Buckner, S. J. Simpson, D. W. Weaver, J. Carthel, J. R. Young.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee recommends that the following salutation be sent to the General Assembly in session at Saratoga, N. Y.:

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 23, 1896.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Saratoga, N. Y.:

"The Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all."

R. Q. MALLARD, *Moderator.*

JOSEPH R. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

A further report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee report that we have carefully considered the communication from W. J. Robinson, chairman of the Joint Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church and the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, on securing an improved metrical version of the Book of Psalms for use in divine worship; and that, while approving any efforts towards securing an improved metrical version of the Psalms, we cannot see our way clear to recommend the appointment of the proposed Committee of Co-operation by this Assembly.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report of appointments for the Lord's day, which was approved.

J. R. Young was added to the Special Committee on the Sabbath-school Secretary; L. W. Irwin to the Standing Committee on Publication; E. H. Stover to the Committee on Bills and Overtures; and W. A. Plecker to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions; J. E.

Craig to the Committee on Theological Seminaries; W. A. Fewell to the Committee on the Assembly's Home and School; J. L. Allison to the Standing Committee on Education; and J. E. McCord to the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization.

The Assembly had recess for five minutes.

After recess the Assembly met, and the order of the day having arrived, the Moderator introduced the Rev. Dr. Alexander McLean, Secretary of the American Bible Society, who addressed the Assembly in behalf of that society's work. The address was referred to the Standing Committee on the Bible Cause for appropriate response.

The Rev. John Grisanti, representing the Evangelical Church of Italy, presented the greetings of that body, and was fittingly responded to by the Moderator.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report touching an invitation to Mr. Levi, the Hebrew Christian, for which report a motion to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Home Missions was substituted and adopted.

Certain overtures, asking the consolidation of the Executive Committee of Education and Publication, were transferred from the Committee on Bills and Overtures to the Standing Committee on Education, with instructions to confer with the Standing Committee on Publication.

The overture from the Presbytery of Macon, asking that the Home Mission work be remitted to the Synods, was transferred from the Committee on Bills and Overtures to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

The overture from the Synod of Texas, touching Sabbath observance, was transferred from the Committee on Bills and Overtures to a Committee on the Sabbath to be appointed.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted:

1. In answer to an overture from the Synod of Nashville, asking the General Assembly "to order its Presbyteries to report and its Clerk to insert in this Assembly's Minutes the name and post-office address of the clerk of each session within this Assembly's bounds," your committee recommend that the Assembly decline to make the order suggested in this overture.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

2. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Harmony, asking the Assembly so "to amend the Book of Church Order as to insert in Chapter XV., between Para-

graphs 280 and 281, the following: 'When, in the intervals of the regular meetings of the Presbyteries, it happens that the transfer from one Presbytery to another of a minister without charge, or a probationer, or a candidate, is urgent, but impracticable without the calling of a special meeting of the Presbytery to which the applicant belongs, or of that to which he asks to be dismissed, the Stated Clerk of the dismissing Presbytery may, with the concurrence of three ministers and a ruling elder (one of the ministers being the last Moderator), issue the desired certificate of dismissal, reporting the same to Presbytery at its ensuing regular meeting,' your committee recommend that the Assembly decline to recommend the proposed amendment.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

3. In answer to an overture from the church at Corsicana, Texas, asking the General Assembly "to submit to Presbyteries for their consideration and ratification, as required in Chap. VII., Par. 2, Book of Church Order, viz., 'to add a new paragraph, to be placed between Paragraphs 6 and 7, Chap. VI., Sec. 6, to read as follows: "But to develop towards highest ministerial attainments, and to protect the doctrines of our church from the accumulated influences of imperfectly-trained men and those coming to us from unorthodox churches. Presbyteries shall institute a four-years' course of study: I. Theology; in Church History and Government, in Sacraments, and in the History and Analogy of the English Bible, in which all licensed under the 'extraordinary' clause, or coming from other churches, may be fully instructed into sympathy with, because understanding, our system of doctrine and polity, and shall be examined twice each year."

"*Second*. That to Paragraph 12, Section 6, Chapter VI., there shall be added the words, 'But when an elder of the Presbyterian Church shall become an acceptable expounder of God's word to the edification of God's people, and manifests himself a real winner of souls, that it shall be the duty of the Presbytery within whose bounds such an elder holds membership to call him and ordain him an evangelist to labor regularly as one ordained, so no encouragement be given to irregular and unordained workers in our churches; and in case any thus called refuse ordination and continue, in defiance of our church custom and authority, to preach, that all the churches shall be warned against such men.'" your committee recommend that the Assembly answer these overtures in the negative.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

4. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Knoxville, asking the General Assembly to make a deliverance in view of the effort "to secure a 'court of arbitration,' to which differences of English-speaking peoples shall be referred," your committee recommends the following answer: The General Assembly records its warmest sympathy with all wise measures that propose the settlement of international disputes without recourse to war, and expresses the hope that the English-speaking peoples of the world may be able to devise some method by which differences arising among them may be conducted to a righteous and peaceful issue.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk announced the following additional overtures, and they were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures: From the Presbytery of East Hanover touching changes in statistical reports; from the Presbytery of Memphis touching reports from Westminster Leagues; from the same on blanks for reports, etc.; from the same touching commissioners to the Assembly.

The Stated Clerk announced replies of Presbyteries to the overture respecting a Sabbath-school Secretary. They were referred to the Special Committee on that matter.

The Moderator announced the following Special Committee on the Sabbath: Thomas Cummins, S. P. Hawes, and J. B. O'Bryan.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Nashville reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

It was made the order of the day for ten o'clock Monday morning to hear a report on work among the seamen from Rev. R. E. Steele.

George Beatty was added to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

8 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and at the request of the Moderator the Rev. Dr. W. L. Nourse presided.

The order of the day, the consideration of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee on Colored Evangelization, was taken up. Addresses were made by Messrs. J. C. H. Champney, L. L. Wells, J. L. Dean, Secretary Phillips, and Moderator Mallard.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$60, to be devoted to this work.

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

Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Woodrow.

FOURTH DAY.

MAY 25, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was led in devotional exercises by the Rev. I. N. Naff.

The minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved.

It was ordered that the recess to-day be from 12:30 P. M., to 8 P. M.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Florida reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

An overture from the Presbytery of Atlanta touching depositories was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Virginia reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Committee on Theological Seminaries made the following report, which was adopted :

Your committee presents to the General Assembly the following summary of the reports sent up from our Theological Seminaries :

1. COLUMBIA SEMINARY.

Twenty-seven students have been in attendance during the past year; six being in the senior class.

Rev. Wm. T. Hall, D. D., was formally inducted into the Chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology. Rev. J. D. Tadlock, D. D., and Rev. S. S. Laws, D. D., having both passed the constitutional limit as to age, were re-elected for one year, the former to the Chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, and the latter to the Chair of Perkins Professor of Natural Science in connection with Christian Apologetics, subject to the approval of the Synods.

The finances of the institution are as reported last year, but the income is not quite equal to the expenses. However, the Alumni and Board of Directors have a movement on foot to remedy this deficiency, and believe it will be successful. The charter has been renewed for fifty years.

2. LOUISVILLE SEMINARY.

Sixty students have been in attendance, of whom fifteen received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, and two received diplomas for the completion of special courses of study.

The students have exhibited commendable diligence in their studies, as well as in important and successful mission work in the city.

Already the prospects for attendance next year are encouraging, as fourteen applications have been made.

3. UNION SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA.

This institution reports sixty-five students who were faithful in work, and sixteen of whom were graduated.

Prof. T. C. Johnson was absent from his chair for some months from ill health, but his classes were instructed through special arrangements. He is expected to resume his full work at the beginning of next session.

Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., has accepted the Chair of Systematic Theology, and will assume the duties at the opening of next session.

Mr. W. L. Lingle has been elected tutor of Hebrew and Greek, and Librarian and Intendant.

The Library now contains more than fifteen thousand volumes.

4. DIVINITY SCHOOL OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

Thirty-three young men have attended this school, of whom thirteen will soon enter upon the work of the ministry. Two ordained ministers have attended the classes.

In addition to the regular instruction, practical lectures have been delivered by home missionaries now working in their respective fields.

In our seminaries there have been during the year one hundred and eighty-five students, or four less than last year; but the same number, viz., fifty, went out for work each year.

The general condition of the work is healthful and hopeful. A commendable zeal is evident in each seminary to do the very best work, and to increase in efficiency. Union Seminary, in Virginia, is about beginning the erection of its new buildings on its valuable property near Richmond, Va., on a most convenient and beautiful site, in ample proportions, and elegant architectural style. It deserves and should receive large and immediate assistance from the friends of sound theological education.

We respectfully recommend to the General Assembly, in view of all the facts, the following action:

1. The General Assembly approves of the action of the Board of Columbia Seminary in re-electing Rev. Drs. Tadlock and Laws to their respective chairs, and records its satisfaction that Rev. George B. Strickler, D. D., has accepted the Chair of Systematic Theology in Union Seminary, Virginia, and that Rev. Wm. T. Hall, D. D., has accepted and been installed in the Chair of Theology in Columbia Seminary.

2. Here also the General Assembly records its deep sense of the gracious providences of God attending our seminaries in their careful and diligent training of our candidates for the gospel ministry and in their various fiscal affairs, and invokes the continued divine guidance in these critical times.

L. C. VASS, *Chairman*.
 JOHN S. PARK.
 WM. C. WHITE.
 W. W. BRUCE.
 J. L. DEAN.
 J. E. CRAIG.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, which was considered *seriatim*, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the communication from "The Western Section of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System," respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend the adoption by this Assembly of the "Plan of Co-operation" submitted in said communication, which is as follows:

"The Boards and Committees of Home Missions, Church Erection, Freedmen's Missions, and Sabbath-School Work of the American churches in 'The Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System,' both in the United States and Canada, recognizing, with gratitude to God, their substantial unity both in faith and polity, do agree upon the following principles of action for their guidance in their work, viz.:

"1. That in the work of all these Boards, as related to each other, the authority of the church courts is to be recognized as final.

"2. That there shall be no interference with churches, missions, or Sabbath-schools at present existing, unless by voluntary agreement between the denominations directly concerned.

"3. That, ordinarily, no churches, missions, or Sabbath-schools shall be established in small communities where the field is fully occupied by other Presbyterian or Reformed churches.

"4. That the supreme judicatories of the several churches recommend their church members, when moving into new communities in which there is no congregation of their own church, to unite, for the time being, with some other Presbyterian or Reformed Church, if such there be.

"5. That if cases of difference of opinion arise in connection with the work, they

shall be referred for consideration and amicable adjustment to the missionary authorities of the denomination directly concerned.

“6. The delegation of this General Assembly to the Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches to convene in the city of Glasgow is instructed to bring to the attention of the Council the basis of representation in the Council and the matter of the expenses of the Alliance, with the view of reducing expenses, if possible, and of making an equitable distribution of the same among the several bodies represented in the Alliance.”

The order of the day having arrived, the Rev. R. E. Steele was heard in behalf of work among the seamen. Rev. Paul F. Brown and Ruling Elder E. S. Upton were appointed a committee to report a response to Mr. Steele's address.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted:

1. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Memphis, asking that provision be made for annual reports from the churches of the work and condition of Westminster Leagues, or Young People's Societies, and that the Executive Committee of Publication be instructed to prepare and send to the Presbyteries suitable blanks for this purpose, the committee recommend that the overture be granted, and the Assembly's Executive Committee of Publication be directed to prepare a blank for the purpose indicated, to be sent to the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

2. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Memphis, asking an interpretation of Par. 87, *Book of Church Order*, touching commissioners to the General Assembly, whether a ruling elder is eligible as a commissioner, who, though in active service in one of the churches of the Presbytery, is not present as the representative of a church in the meeting of the Presbytery at the time of election, your committee recommend the reply that it is competent for a Presbytery to choose as its commissioner to the General Assembly any ruling elder under its jurisdiction.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

3. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of East Hanover, asking that the Executive Committee of Publication be authorized to consider the advisability of making such changes in the blanks for reports from the churches as shall more clearly suggest the information desired, and such changes in the form of printing statistics as shall indicate dismissions as well as additions to the churches, your committee recommend that the changes asked for be not granted.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

4. In answer to overtures from the Presbyteries of Enoree and South Carolina, asking that the General Assembly recommend to the Presbyteries that they advise and consent to the following amendments to the *Book of Church Order*, viz.:

“In Chapter V., Section 4, Par. 6, after the words ‘shall have power to assume original jurisdiction,’ and before the words ‘to examine and license candidates for the holy ministry,’ insert the following: ‘To receive candidates for the ministry under its care, and to direct them in their literary and theological education, and in such practical training in the exercise of their gifts as may, in the judgment of Presbytery, be necessary to their efficiency in the work of the ministry.’”

“Also that to Chapter VI., Section 6, Par. 1, be added the following: ‘Before his licensure, a Presbytery may grant to the session of a church authority to employ a candidate for a limited time in such work as will aid his practical training for the ministry; provided, that if the candidate be under the care of a different Presbytery from that to which the church belongs, the consent of both Presbyteries shall be first obtained,’ your committee recommend that the Assembly decline to recommend to the Presbyteries the proposed amendments to the *Book of Church Order.*”

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman.*

5. In answer to an overture from Dr. J. L. Caldwell, asking that the columns in the printed Minutes which read “Total number of Communicants” and “Baptized non-Communicants.” be so changed that they shall read respectively “Total Resident Communicants” and “Non-resident Communicants,” your committee recommend that the reply be in the negative, and that the attention of the sessions of our churches be directed to the requirements of Chapter XV. of the Rules of Discipline.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman.*

6. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of West Hanover, asking that the Stated Clerk be instructed to make out and issue a complete schedule of the collections ordered by the General Assembly, the time they are to be taken, and the address of the Treasurers to whom they are to be sent, and that the schedule be published each year in the Appendix of the Minutes of the Assembly, and for at least a month in six of the principal church papers throughout our bounds, and also on a separate sheet, and three copies of this sheet be sent to every session in our bounds, your committee recommend that the reply be in the affirmative, in so far as to instruct the Stated Clerk to make out a complete schedule of the collections ordered by the Assembly, the time at which they are to be taken, the address of the Treasurers to whom they are to be sent, and to publish the schedule each year in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman.*

7. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Wilmington, asking that the Assembly formulate and send down to the Presbyteries an amendment to the constitution by which two or more weak churches shall be organized by Presbytery into one pastoral charge, which pastoral charge shall act as a unit in the call of a pastor through a body or commission representative of all the churches in the pastorate, and shall be recognized by the constitution as a unit in all matters pertaining to the making and dissolving of the pastoral relation, your committee recommend that the Assembly decline to prepare and recommend an amendment of the character proposed.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman.*

8. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of South Alabama, asking whether the management of the temporal affairs of the church is committed to the deacons by virtue of their ordination or by a special act of the session,” your committee recommend that the Assembly reply that the management of the temporal affairs of the church does not belong to deacons by virtue of their ordination.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman.*

The Assembly had recess until 8 P. M.

8 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. P. Smith, presiding at the request of the Moderator.

The Moderator announced Messrs. J. G. Law, J. N. Turner, and C. W. Boccock as the committee to report upon the records of the Synod of South Carolina in lieu of the committee previously appointed.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Assembly was addressed in the interest of Foreign Missions by Dr. Smith, Rev. J. L. Stuart, of China, and Rev. H. B. Price, of Japan.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. W. E. Cave.

FIFTH DAY.

MAY 26, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by Ruling Elder J. A. Enslow.

The roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following telegram was received from the Assembly in session at Saratoga, N. Y. :

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in session at Memphis, Tenn. :

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in session at Saratoga Springs, New York, sends kindest fraternal greetings. See Ephesians iv. 4-6.

JOHN L. WITHROW, *Moderator.*

W. H. ROBERTS, *Stated Clerk.*

An overture from the Presbytery of Orange touching the reception of members was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

An overture from the same Presbytery relating to literature to promote Colored Evangelization was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on the Assembly's Home and School made a report, which was received, and the consideration of it was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Standing Committee on Education made a report, which was received and put upon the docket.

The Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization made a report, which was received and put upon the docket.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported, recommending that the following message be sent. The report was adopted, and is as follows :

To the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly, Birmingham, Ala. :

The Presbyterian General Assembly, in session at Memphis, Tenn., sends greetings : "Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ."

R. Q. MALLARD, *Moderator.*

JOSEPH R. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a further report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The following greeting has been received from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., *May 19, 1896.*

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States :

DEAR BROTHER: It gives me very great pleasure to convey to your reverend Assembly the greetings of the Reformed Church in America. As the oldest church on this continent, we feel a maternal interest in all other evangelical churches. For this catholicity of spirit our denomination is continually praised. Our church was organized in New Amsterdam in 1628, and there nursed many refugees from other nations, beside those that fled from Holland.

This is not only a matter of history, but was abundantly corroborated on the evening of May 11, 1896, at the celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the granting of the charter to the Collegiate Church in New York city. At that meeting representatives of the Huguenot Church, and the Lutheran Church, and the English Church spoke in most flattering terms of the consideration paid to their forefathers by the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church on Manhattan Island.

That spirit of unity we ever seek to maintain. But while we love all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, there are some features of life and service that we more thoroughly appreciate than others.

We are particularly drawn toward your own church because of the similarity of our doctrinal standards, because of the deep interest you take in foreign and domestic missions, and because you insist, equally with us, on an educated ministry.

We rejoice in your prosperity, and feel that you are to be especially praised for maintaining the work of the Lord in the face of so many discouragements. You have some problems to solve that do not perplex us in the North. We sympathize with you in all your struggles, and exult with you in all your triumphs.

In these felicitations our whole church unites, and we shall be glad to hear from a representative of your church at our meeting of General Synod at Catskill, N. Y., on June 3, 1896.

Most fraternally yours,

P. THEO. POCKMAN.

In reply, your committee present the following :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

DEAR BRETHREN: Your fraternal greetings, conveyed to us through your Delegate Primarius, the Rev. Philetus T. Pockman, D. D., have given us great pleasure, and made us feel that, though the youngest of the churches belonging to the Presbyterian

family, yet we are not overlooked by our venerable mother, but, it may be, are regarded by her as not the least among the tribes of Israel—the members of the great Presbyterian family. We congratulate you, as the oldest church on this continent, on the strength and vigor with which you are still carrying on the work of our common Lord and Master, and on the fact that your two hundred and sixty-eight years of existence as a church in America have increased rather than lessened your efficiency in fighting the Lord's battles, in contending faithfully for the truth. We are grateful for the maternal interest you have shown in all evangelical churches, and especially in us, the youngest of your own ecclesiastical kindred.

We rejoice in the catholicity of spirit which you have always shown, and which made you the nursing mother of so many pious refugees from other nations, who fled from persecution to our shores to enjoy religious freedom. We rejoice that you have thus always preserved the unity of the spirit in the bond of love and peace, and have been ready to extend the brotherly hand-grasp to all believers in and lovers of Jesus Christ.

But it gives us especial pleasure to know and to realize that a still closer intimacy exists between your church and ours, that you are particularly drawn to us and we to you because of the similarity of our doctrinal standards, our church polity, and our plans of operation.

The history of your church has been that of an ever-faithful witness of those truths of God's word—the doctrines of grace—as set forth in the formulas of Heidelberg, Dortrecht and Westminster. We recognize your Belgic Confession, articles of the Synod of Dort, and Heidelberg Catechism as thorough expositions of gospel truth, and as noble monuments of the faith professed by the Reformed churches; and we venerate your church as one of the oldest and staunchest supporters of the Bible as the inspired and inerrant word of God.

Accept our sincere and hearty thanks for the kind expressions of brotherly love and confidence, the words of commendation and encouragement, and the assurance of your interest and pleasure in our progress and prosperity. We cordially reciprocate all you have thus so kindly said, and most earnestly express the hope that nothing shall ever occur to interrupt or mar the present close and intimate relation in which we stand to each other, and that we shall always be found striving together in upholding the headship, the crown-rights of Jesus Christ, the spirituality of the church, and the great doctrines of grace growing out of God's sovereignty in the salvation of sinful men. Let us ever maintain them in the plain sense in which they have been received and interpreted from the first.

The Assembly does not think it best or find it convenient, however agreeable it might be, to appoint a representative to greet you in *person* at your meeting in Catskill, N. Y., on the 3d day of June next, and beg that you will accept this communication as expressive of our warm fraternal regard for and interest in your noble, historic church, and in all that pertains to her growth and prosperity. And now "peace be to you, brethren, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. BURGETT, *Chairman*.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions made a report, which was received and put upon the docket.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Alabama reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Kentucky for 1894

and 1895 reported, recommending their approval, with the statement that the records for 1894 were not sent up to the last Assembly for review. Adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Memphis made a report, which was received and put upon the docket.

The Judicial Committee made the following report :

The Judicial Committee respectfully reports that the following complaints have been placed in its hands :

I. The complaint of Mr. Joseph A. Enslow, a ruling elder in the Charleston Presbytery, against the Synod of South Carolina for excepting to the action of Charleston Presbytery in refusing to receive under its care as a candidate for the ministry an applicant simply on the ground that he was colored, and in directing the Presbytery to review its action in this matter and correct the error as far as possible.

The committee has ascertained that this complaint is regular, and recommends that it be heard by the General Assembly in the usual order, viz. :

1. The record shall be read.
2. The complainant shall be heard.
3. The respondent, the Synod of South Carolina, shall be heard by its representative.
4. The complainant shall be heard again.
5. The General Assembly shall then consider and decide the case.

The committee further recommends that the arguments of the complainant and respondent be limited to one hour for each side, and that expressions of opinion by members of the court be limited to five minutes each.

II. A complaint, entitled a "Complaint of E. M. Richardson and others *against* the Synod of Memphis."

The committee has ascertained that the complaint is regular as far as the complainants, Rev. Dr. N. M. Woods and Rev. Dr. E. A. Ramsey, are concerned; that the record has been correctly prepared, except that it contains a protest which does not rightly form part of it, and recommends that it be heard by the General Assembly in the usual order, viz. :

1. The record shall be read.
2. The complainants shall be heard.
3. The respondent shall be heard by its representatives.
4. The complainants shall be heard again.
5. The General Assembly shall then consider and decide the case.

The committee further recommends that the arguments of the complainants and of the respondent shall be limited to one hour for each side, and that expressions of opinion by the members of the court shall be limited to five minutes each.

III. The committee further reports that there has been placed in its hands an "appeal," or a "complaint," of the Presbytery of Indian *against* the Synod of Texas. The commissioners from that Presbytery have informed the committee that it is not desired to prosecute this case, and therefore the committee recommends that the Presbytery of Indian have leave to withdraw the papers in the case.

JAMES WOODROW, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted, and the hearing of the first complaint was made the second order of the day for this afternoon; and the hear-

ing of the second complaint the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

An overture from the Presbytery of Orange touching literature to promote Colored Evangelization was transferred from the Committee on Bills and Overtures to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted:

1. On an overture from the Presbytery of Florida, asking, "Is it constitutional and regular that a session be moderated by other than a minister, the church having a pastor at the time who was absent?" Your committee recommends that the Assembly reply in the affirmative.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

2. On an overture from certain missionaries in Korea, asking whether in a foreign field, where as yet there is neither Presbytery nor native session regularly organized, it is allowable and proper to confer temporarily sessional powers on regularly-appointed but unordained male missionaries, said powers to be exercised in conjunction with one or more ordained missionaries? Your committee recommends that the Assembly reply that the procedure stated in the overture is not orderly.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

3. On an overture from the Presbytery of Roanoke, asking whether the provision for extraordinary cases, under the head of licensure, Chapter VI., Section 6, Paragraph 134, *Book of Church Order*, applies to ordination? If not, is there any provision for the ordination of a man who has been licensed as an extraordinary case? Your committee recommends that the Assembly reply in the affirmative to the first question; this answer serves as a sufficient reply to the second inquiry.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

4. On an overture from the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, asking whether there is authority in our standards to ordain a licentiate as an extraordinary case, without requiring of him a satisfactory examination on all points prescribed for ordination? Your committee recommends an affirmative reply to this overture, and refers the Presbytery to the action of the Assembly at Lexington in 1883, to be found in the *Minutes* for that year, and in *Alexander's Digest*, pp. 254-257.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

5. On an overture from Presbytery of Western District, asking to what extent the requirements for licensure and ordination may be waived under the provision for extraordinary cases? Your committee recommend the reply, that in the nature of the case, and according to the *Book of Church Order*, the Presbytery must act in each instance according to its discretion, subject to the review of the Synod.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on an overture from the Presbytery of Florida touching the composition of a session, and on an overture from the Presbytery of Lafayette touching Committees and Commissions, was put upon the docket, and its consideration made the third order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions made a report, which was received and docketed.

The Committee on the Bible Cause made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The General Assembly hereby expresses its pleasure at the presence of Rev. Dr. Alexander McLean, Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, and has heard with great interest his address concerning the progress and condition of affairs in this Society.

The General Assembly fully acknowledges the claims of the Bible Society upon our churches and the great importance of their sustaining it at this time, when so many avenues of advance in Christ's cause, both in Home and Foreign Missions, are opening to us. We learn with regret of the limitations imposed upon them by the lack of funds to prosecute a greater work. The General Assembly therefore—

First, Renews its obligations to the Bible Cause, and recognizes the importance of sustaining and carrying forward this work of benevolence.

Second, The General Assembly urges on all our Presbyteries to appoint a presbyterial committee on the Bible Cause, who shall endeavor to secure a collection from each church for this object during each year.

Third, We further recommend that the collection for this cause shall be taken during the month of October in each year.

Fourth, Touching the overture from the Presbytery of Ouachita, asking that the column for contributions to the American Bible Society be omitted from the statistical tables, we recommend a negative reply.

J. K. HITNER, *Chairman*.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee on Systematic Benevolence would respectfully report that the data upon which we make our report are incomplete. From the seventy-six Presbyteries embraced within our Assembly, reports from but sixty-seven have reached us. The Presbytery of Roanoke reports her collections imperfectly, for reason assigned, that the churches were not provided with proper blanks. And in many cases the reports received are incomplete because the blanks are not carefully filled. Of the 2,776 congregations we had on our rolls in 1895, but 308 have given to all the objects of church benevolence. The following is a tabulated statement of our benevolent contributions so far as reported :

1,513 churches gave to Foreign Missions	\$93,062 00
1,195 " " Assembly's Home Missions	23,102 00
1,492 " " Local Home Missions	74,420 00
1,026 " " Colored Evangelization	9,288 00
1,112 " " Invalid Fund	11,958 00
1,330 " " Education	45,741 00
1,089 " " Publication	7,217 00
482 " " Bible Society	3,226 00
1,326 " " Presbyterial	13,721 00
1,312 " " Pastor's Salary and Rental value of Manses	694,925 00
1,096 " " Congregational	478,712 00
744 " " Miscellaneous	92,174 00

308 churches have contributed to eight benevolent causes.

331	“	“	“	“	seven	“	“
283	“	“	“	“	six	“	“
231	“	“	“	“	five	“	“
209	“	“	“	“	four	“	“
199	“	“	“	“	three	“	“
213	“	“	“	“	two	“	“
214	“	“	“	“	one	“	“
556	“	“	“	“	none of the causes.		

We earnestly recommend that all Presbyteries be enjoined to use great exactness in having their stated clerks secure all proper blanks from our Committee of Publication, and to forward the same to the clerks of church sessions in due time before the spring meeting of their Presbyteries, and use all diligence to have every congregation make its report and forward at the opening of the Presbytery.

W. D. MORTON,	C. OBERSCHMIDT,
R. P. BAIRD,	S. H. HAY,
H. DELANEY,	N. B. W. GRANGER,

Committee.

The Committees on the Records of the Synods of Mississippi, Georgia, and Arkansas reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

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

The Assembly had recess until 3 P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Texas reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Special Committee on a Sunday-School Secretary made a report, which was received and docketed, and made the order of the day for to-morrow at 3 o'clock P. M.

The following resolutions were read and docketed, to be considered in connection with the report of the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization :

Resolved, 1. That in view of more effectively reaching the destitute millions of our colored people in the South with the message of eternal life through Christ Jesus, this Assembly does hereby authorize, without instruction, but for favorable consideration, if the way be clear, our Secretary and Committee of Colored Evangelistic Labor to take means to place in the field, as soon as possible, a white missionary or evangelist, with a colored associate, who shall labor, under the direction of the Colored Evangelistic Committee, in accordance with the principles of our church.

2. That our Secretary of Colored Evangelization be directed to use special efforts to raise a fund sufficient for this purpose at his earliest opportunity.

The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on the Assembly's Home and School, was taken up. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Board of Trustees are to be commended for their faithfulness and zeal in the prosecution of their work.

The School, now called the Fredericksburg College, has made gratifying progress under the presidency of Rev. T. R. Sampson, D. D., and is now furnishing such educational advantages as fully meet the requirements of our ministers' youth, to the honor of the church.

The homes are conducted with a degree of efficiency most commendable, considering the lack of proper building accommodations. More than forty orphans of our ministers and children of our missionaries are now receiving the benefits of the Home and School, and at least twenty-five others have applied for admission next session.

The Bible and Training School has been successfully inaugurated since the last Assembly, with the Rev. R. M. Hodge, Rev. T. R. Sampson, D. D., Dr. J. N. Barney, Mrs. John Boyle, and Mrs. A. E. Randolph as teachers and officers.

The Home and School is in good financial condition, having now in its possession property and funds in excess of all obligations, to the amount of \$25,250.

In view of the foregoing statements, your committee would earnestly recommend the following:

1. That the churches of the Assembly be urged to contribute annually to the maintenance of pupils in the Homes, so that the large number of applicants may be received, and all be more comfortably provided for.

2. That the pastors of our churches be urged to co-operate heartily with Rev. A. P. Saunders, D., D., in his efforts to provide the buildings necessary for the accommodation of the Home pupils.

3. That the attention of the women of the church be called to the work of the Bible and Training School, with a view to securing their active co-operation in the endeavor to raise funds for the better equipment and maintenance of this most important adjunct to the missionary enterprises of our church.

Touching the following overture from the Presbytery of St. Louis, your committee would report as follows:

"Whereas it appears that the Board of Trustees of the Assembly's Home and School, at Fredericksburg, Va., has accepted from the council of said city a sum of money in aid of said School; and

"Whereas such use of public money is in violation of fundamental civil law, and to accept it is to repudiate a distinctive principle of our church, and its acceptance on the agreed condition that the city's pupils shall be exempt from attendance on the religious exercises of the School, commits the church to exclusively secular education, for which it has no warrant; therefore

"The Presbytery of St. Louis respectfully overtures the General Assembly to annul said transaction, or to order its readjustment, to the end that the Presbyterian Church in the United States shall not be a party to transgression of civil law, shall not be swerved from its own pronounced principles, and shall not be entangled with the State in the discharge of secular functions."

The Assembly would re-affirm the time-honored traditions and cardinal doctrine of our church, setting forth the teachings of sacred Scripture concerning the absolute separation of church and state. It would record its protest against any sort of compact between these two institutions by which either would gain control over the other.

It would also express its emphatic disapproval of the use of public state funds

for purposes of sectarian education, religious propagandism, or in any such manner as to foster civil interference or ecclesiastical aggressiveness. At the same time the Assembly is constrained to answer the overture in the negative, and for the following reasons:

1. It does not appear from the contract that the \$10,000 in question is a gift. On the other hand, it is distinctly declared to be in payment for the tuition of ten students which the city may elect to send to the collegiate institute.

2. It is not a violation of a "fundamental civil law," as appears from the fact that the Legislature of Virginia has passed a special bill authorizing the compact here involved.

3. It is not the repudiation of a "distinctive principle of our church," unless such distinctive principle denies to the church the right of contracting with the civil authorities under any and all circumstances when a *quid pro quo* is given and received.

4. It does not commit the church to secular education in any sense other than that which obtained before said contract was made.

JAMES I. VANCE, <i>Chairman.</i>	R. E. CALDWELL,
J. H. LONG,	K. KEMPER,
R. F. WILLCOX,	J. R. BARRET,
J. M. BROWNSON,	W. A. FEWELL,

Committee.

Notice of protest was given.

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

Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Burgett.

SIXTH DAY.

MAY 27, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. W. T. Palmer.

The roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. J. P. Smith announced that, had he been present, he would have voted "No" on the motion to adopt the report of the Standing Committee on the Assembly's Home and School.

The overture from the Presbytery of Fayetteville relating to Sunday-school lessons was transferred from the Standing Committee on Publication to the Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools.

The Standing Committee on Publication made a report, which was received and put upon the docket.

An overture from the Presbytery of Orange touching literature in the interest of Colored Evangelization was transferred from the Standing Committee of Publication to the Executive Committee on Colored Evangelization.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted :

1. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of South Alabama, asking that the church of West Point be transferred from the Presbytery of Atlanta, Synod of Georgia, to the Presbytery of South Alabama, Synod of Alabama, your committee recommends that the reply be that, inasmuch as the Assembly has nothing before it but the overture from the Presbytery of South Alabama, it is not competent for the Assembly to grant the request made in the overture, and it is therefore declined.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

2. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, asking that the church of Oak Grove be transferred from said Presbytery to the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, your committee recommends the reply that, inasmuch as the Assembly has nothing before it but the overture from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, it is not competent for the Assembly to grant the petition made in the overture, and it is therefore declined.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

3. In answer to the following memorial from Professor F. R. Beattie, D. D. :

AN OVERTURE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESTMINSTER ASSEMBLY.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in Session at Memphis, Tenn., 1896.

The undersigned desires respectfully to call the attention of the Assembly to the fact that it is now just about two centuries and a half since the Westminster Assembly which framed our *Catechisms* and *Confession of Faith* was in session.

He also brings to the attention of the Assembly the fact that several branches of the Presbyterian family are already proposing to celebrate, in various ways, the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of that great event during the coming year.

He further expresses the conviction that at the present day it is important to give prominence to the history and contents of the great doctrinal symbols which the Westminster Assembly gave to the world. We live in an age of unrest and criticism, if not of transition, in regard to many things pertaining to the Christian faith. An intelligent acquaintance with the history of the Westminster Assembly, and a clear grasp of the doctrinal system which it formulated, may be of great value in these circumstances.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully overtures the General Assembly to take steps to observe this anniversary in some suitable way, say in connection with the Assembly of 1897.

FRANCIS R. BEATTIE.

Louisville Seminary, May 18, 1896.

and the following resolution from Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D. :

Whereas the twenty-ninth day of April, 1897, will be the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the completed report to the British Parliament of those formulas of faith known as the Westminster Standards, and, whereas, this General Assembly would record its sense of the inestimable blessings which have resulted from the Westminster Confession and Catechisms, not only to the churches holding these standards, but to the cause of Christianity; therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly hereby recommends to the Synods and Presbyteries within its bounds the propriety of making this a semi-centennial year of commemo-

rating this event, and that they will, in such manner as they deem best, devise means for celebrating this auspicious era in the history of our beloved Zion.

W. D. MORTON.

Your committee recommends that the General Assembly commend to the Presbyteries and Synods the propriety of observing the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the formulation of the Westminster symbols of doctrine, and that order be taken by this Assembly to celebrate this event in connection with the sessions of the General Assembly of 1897. To carry this order into effect, it is recommended that the Assembly appoint an *ad interim* committee to prepare a programme of commemorative exercises and to select speakers for the occasion.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report on an overture from the Presbytery of Paris touching committees and commissions, which report was received and docketed.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock to take from the docket the last-mentioned report and the report of the same committee on overtures from the Presbytery of Lafayette touching the same subject, and from the Presbytery of Florida on the composition of a session.

The report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools was received and put upon the docket.

It was made the order of the day for this evening, after the popular exercises, to consider the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon to take from the docket the report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

The order of business was suspended to take from the docket the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. The report was adopted *seriatim* and as a whole, and is as follows :

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee has had in consideration the "Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions," "the records" of that committee, "the Charter of Incorporation," and the "By-Laws" of the committee, and other papers placed in its hands by the Assembly and by the Executive Committee.

We recognize with gratitude the good hand of our God in the conduct and in the fruits of our Foreign Mission work. Our work in foreign lands, from the very nature of the case, constantly opens and expands, and in many ways has had the manifest token of the presence and favor of the head and Saviour of the church.

During the year past a most faithful and efficient laborer in the foreign field, Miss Helen Kirkland, was released from labors, and entered into rest. Her body lies in a grave in the land to which, with such devotion and sacrifice, she gave the toils of her

life A number of our missionaries have been compelled to withdraw from the field and to seek restoration of health by seasons of rest at home. They have the sincere sympathy of this Assembly in their enforced retirement.

The new charter of incorporation, secured in May, 1895, by direction of the Assembly, with the by-laws based on it, and the Revised Manual, have been found nicely prepared, and with them the Executive Committee has been working with satisfaction.

The receipts from all sources in our mission treasury have amounted to \$142,000, nearly \$10,000 more than the receipts of the previous year, showing the blessing of Christ on our churches and the continued devotion of our people to this great cause. By reason of economies in expenditures for various objects abroad, the disbursements were about \$128,000, some \$6,000 less than the disbursements of the previous year. Our treasury at the close of the year is without debt, and, exclusive of the \$10,000 of the Congo Boat Fund, had a balance April 1, 1896, of \$21,936.76. Grateful to God for this encouraging condition of our mission finances, we are pleased also with the prudent administration which, in a year of much financial pressure, has kept the church without debt.

Our mission force in the foreign field has been reinforced by nineteen new laborers, six in China, three in Japan, two in Northern Brazil, four in Southern Brazil, two in Africa, one in Korea, and one in Mexico.

Our missionary literature has been of great and increasing value to the church. The *Missionary* has reached an edition of 9,000, the *Children's Missionary* over 5,000, and of the *Missionary Calendar* editions of 4,000 were issued. We regard this literature as eminently successful, worthy of the intelligence and missionary spirit of our church, indispensable to the information and cultivation of the people and their children in mission work, and capable of large and happy results as their circulation and influence are extended. The increase of circulation of the *Missionary*, however, has not been such as was anticipated by the last Assembly by the reduction of price. Less than five per cent. of our membership know the *Missionary*, which we regard as unexcelled by any missionary magazine perhaps in our language. The Assembly urges our pastors to secure such increased circulation as will not only make this literature self-sustaining, but prove a great blessing to our churches.

The committee asks the attention of the Assembly to some features of serious concern that seem to require action of an urgent and effective character. The report of the Executive Committee discloses the alarming fact that 1,039 of our churches, more than one-third, have not contributed at all to the cause of Foreign Missions. Making some allowance for churches so weak and unorganized that they are churches only in name, it is evident that not only are there many hundreds of churches, organized, pledged, enjoying the ordinances of Christian worship, who are bearing no part in the salvation of a lost world; but it is more painfully evident that many Christian ministers have failed to lead their people into the duty and blessedness of bearing the gospel to a dying world, and churches and members, from the absence of the spirit of missions and failure to obey our Lord, are left to barrenness and decay. The Presbyteries are anew and solemnly enjoined to inquire into the causes of this sad declension, and if needful to administer scriptural censure to ministers and church sessions that have so failed.

It is reported to us that about 2,200 Sabbath-schools in our church have had no part in the foreign work in the year past—only 524 contributing, 128 less than in the previous year. It is not so much that we regret that money has not been contributed by so large a portion of the schools and children of the church, but that so great a body of the young people of our homes and churches have not been instructed in

Christian missions and have not been trained in devotion and sacrifice for Jesus the Good Shepherd of the lambs, and for the world for which he died. Your committee recommends that the attention of the Presbyteries be earnestly directed to the importance of leading the children to the love of Christ and to early obedience to his commands.

The Assembly, approving heartily the support of individual missionaries by churches or individual Christians at home, yet deems it not wise to multiply the special objects in the foreign field to which contributions are devoted by churches, societies, Sunday-schools or individuals, as diverting attention from the great work of Christ, which is one, and embarrassing the Executive Committee in its control of the mission funds.

In a great and most evident sense our foreign work is one for which the prayers of the people should continually ascend with faith and love to Christ, to whom the work belongs and on whose favor it depends, with a supreme confidence in his power to save, and in his ultimate conquest of all the nations of the earth. We commend the noonday prayer, when it is practicable, in concert with the brethren at that hour in the mission office in Nashville. We ask for more general attention to the Monthly Concert of Prayer for missions in the churches, and recommend that, with many churches of Christ throughout the world, the first week of October be a season of prayer and supplication for the salvation of the world.

It is a matter of much solicitude that young men are not now offering themselves for the foreign field as in years past, yet our mission circles abroad are earnestly beseeching the church at home for additional laborers. Some are alone in remote and difficult places, some have precious opportunities and openings beyond their strength and ability to occupy. Twenty-nine new missionaries, male and female, are urgently needed to-day, and the Assembly now solemnly and affectionately appeals to the young ministers and young women of education and piety to come forward to take the places awaiting them.

Something has been done in the theological seminaries to cultivate the missionary spirit; but we need a much more earnest appeal to the young Christians in colleges and universities to consider Christ's call to mission work; we look with hopeful concern to the foundation of missionary lectureships and other methods of education in the seminaries in the principles and history of Christian missions, and the needs of the world perishing in ignorance and sin.

In the view of this Assembly, the best solution of all the urgent problems and difficulties of Christian missions is in securing a ministry in the home fields, a pastorate in our churches, as thoroughly quickened and animated by the spirit of missions as are the Christian men and women who are themselves permitted to serve Christ in the foreign field.

It is resolved by the Assembly, that the Executive Committee be directed to withdraw the offer heretofore made of part of our property at Campinas to the Synod of Brazil, for the purpose of a theological seminary, and that the Executive Committee be instructed to consider the propriety of discontinuing, and are hereby authorized to discontinue if it seem clear to them, the professorship now maintained by us in the Theological Seminary of the Synod of Brazil now located at São Paulo, until the need for such an institution shall become more apparent than at present, and until the question as to its permanent location shall be decided by the native church.

We recommend that the minutes of the Executive Committee be approved.

We recommend that the following persons be appointed members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

Ministers.—J. H. McNeilly, D. D., S. H. Chester, D. D., J. W. Bachman, D. D., J.

H. Bryson, D. D., J. W. Lupton, D. D., Angus McDonald, D. D., R. C. Reed, D. D., F. B. Webb, W. C. Clark, G. W. Patterson, James I. Vance, D. D.

Ruling Elders.—W. H. Raymond, R. J. Gordon, Joseph Hardie, James P. Street, S. H. Baskette, and J. D. Blanton.

That the Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., be elected the Secretary of Foreign Missions for the coming year.

Resolved by the Assembly, that the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions be directed to make such arrangements in the office of the committee as to give the Secretary, Dr. Chester, such a vacation from work as may be needed in their judgment, with a continuance of salary, and an appropriation of \$100 in addition.

JAMES P. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The Assembly had recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met.

The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on a Sunday-school Secretary, was taken up. The report was adopted, and is as follows :

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of "Sunday-school Secretary," and the report of the *ad interim* committee appointed "to prepare a series of graded lessons for use in our Sabbath-schools, which shall be supplemental to the International Lessons, and which shall develop more fully our denominational doctrines and principles of government," would respectfully report:

1. That we have examined the answers of the Presbyteries, so far as filed with us, and find that a majority of them have voted against having a Sunday-school Secretary.

Your committee would respectfully recommend:

1. That without setting aside or disturbing the International Lessons as now used in our Sunday-schools, this General Assembly direct the *ad interim* committee, appointed by the General Assembly at Dallas, to proceed at once to prepare a supplemental course of study for use in all the grades of our Sunday-schools, in which shall be developed more fully our denominational doctrines and principles of government, and embracing the course of study outlined in their report.

2. That as soon as these lessons are prepared and issued, the Presbyteries encourage our young people in the study of the said system of graded lessons by giving a certificate to all who will finish the course and stand a satisfactory examination upon the same, and a diploma to those who complete a normal course; said diplomas and certificates to be given by the Presbyteries or church sessions, as the former may prescribe.

3. That a home-class department be established in connection with each Sabbath-school under our care.

4. That in view of the importance of the Sunday-school as an agency in building up our church, the Committee of Publication be directed to give special attention to a fuller and more satisfactory exposition of the lessons for primary classes, and to cheapen their cost, if possible.

5. That the Committee of Publication be directed to employ a suitable man who shall devote his whole time to the pushing and development of the Sunday-school and colportage work, especially as a missionary agency.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted:

In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Orange, asking: *First*, Does section 1, chapter xv., of the Rules of Discipline require that a session, having "other satisfactory reasons of information" in regard to the good and regular standing in a neighboring church of a member who resides in their bounds, shall notwithstanding, prior to receiving him as a member on his application for transfer, require him to procure a letter of dismission from the church with which he has been connected, provided such letter can be obtained? *Second*, Does a member's removal of residence from the country to a town in which there is a regularly organized church of our denomination, and his ceasing for reasons of convenience to attend *regularly* upon the services of the church whose vicinity he has left, bring him after twelve months under the purview of the rule (section 2, chapter xv.) requiring the transfer of his membership? *Third*, When a session assumes jurisdiction over a member by authority of section 2, chapter xv., shall "the due notice," required to be served upon the court from whose bounds said member has removed, be sent before or after such assumption of jurisdiction? Your committee recommends that the Assembly answer the several inquiries of the overture as follows: To the *first*, yes; to the *second*, not necessarily; to the *third*, after jurisdiction is assumed.

G. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

The Special Committee on a Sunday-school Secretary reported on certain overtures. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

1. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Enoree, asking the Assembly to appoint at once a General Secretary of Sunday-schools, whose duty it shall be to conduct our Sunday-school journals, &c.; your committee recommends that the reply be in the negative, inasmuch as the Presbyteries have so voted.

J. S. MOORE, *Chairman*.

2. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Columbia, asking the Assembly to appoint a committee to prepare and report to the next Assembly a scheme of graded lessons which shall develop the doctrines and principles of our church; your committee recommends the reply that this overture is fully answered in our full report to which reference is made.

J. S. MOORE, *Chairman*.

3. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Nashville, asking that the Executive Committee of Publication furnish better blank forms for obtaining Sunday-school statistics; your committee recommends that, in reply to this overture, the Assembly adopt the suggested form which accompanies it, and is hereto attached.

J. S. MOORE, *Chairman*.

The following telegram was received from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church returns your fraternal greeting, and invokes the blessings of our common Lord upon all your churches.

A. W. HAWKINS, *Moderator*.

J. M. HUBBERT, *Stated Clerk*.

The report of the Judicial Committee on the complaint of Ruling Elder J. A. Enslow against the Synod of South Carolina was taken up, and the Assembly entered upon the trial of the case. The Moderator charged the court; the complainant was heard; the respondent was heard by W. K. Thompson and J. Woodrow; the complainant was heard again by H. G. Gilland.

Pending this business the Assembly had recess until 8 p. m.

8 o'clock p. m.

The Assembly met, and held a popular service in the interest of Home Missions, with Rev. Dr. Rumble in the chair at the request of the Moderator. Secretary Craig, Revs. E. C. Bingham, of Arkansas; A. Rowbotham, of Florida; S. J. McMurry, of Texas, and Ruling Elder Silas Bacon (a Choctaw), of Indian Territory, addressed the Assembly. A collection, amounting to \$100.67, was taken, to be appropriated to the work.

The Assembly proceeded to the special order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions, Dr. Hemphill in the chair by request of the Moderator. The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions respectfully report to the General Assembly that various documents and papers have been placed in their hands, and that they have carefully and patiently examined them all, and hereby report upon them; chief among these papers is the annual report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions.

This report shows that the sum of \$51,459.08 has been in their hands for disposal; the disbursements have been \$39,235.69, leaving a balance in hand March 31, 1896, of \$12,223.39; this is a gain over last year of \$4,026.22. This gain has not been made at the expense of the local work in the Presbyteries and Synods, and probably not from any marked improvement in the financial condition of the country, but mainly by the blessing of God upon the enterprise and zeal of your faithful committee and the unremitting labors of your Secretary.

The total receipts during the year, excluding balances from last year, have been \$41,488.55, and the total cost of managing, collecting, and disbursing this amount, including salaries, office expenses, printing, postage, exchange, and discount have been \$4,652.51, which is 11.2 per cent. of the amount collected. It is gratifying to learn that the entire expense of administering this great cause has been so small.

From the Treasurer's accounts we learn that the entire amount paid out for the salaries of missionaries has been \$20,232.19; for schools and teachers, \$2,248.76; and for school buildings, \$1,155.56. These figures are not far different from those reported last year, except that more has been given to schools this year.

A cheering feature of our work this year has been the success of the labors of Rev. H. B. Pratt, D. D., and Rev. W. S. Scott, among the Mexicans who have emigrated

to Texas. Freed from the domination of the priesthood, they have readily listened to the preaching of the gospel, and about forty of them have been this year received into our churches. There are now four Mexican churches and two houses of worship. It is estimated that it will require the sum of \$3,000 to cultivate this promising field during the coming year, and it is to be hoped that the contributions will be such as to justify the committee in appropriating this sum.

Earnest appeals for increased aid have come to your committee from Florida, and from the Presbyteries in Texas and elsewhere. To these appeals the General Assembly can respond only by referring these papers to her Executive Committee of Home Missions, with the direction to make to these needy fields as liberal appropriations as the means at their disposal will justify.

THE INVALID FUND.

Your Executive Committee reports that it has had in hand for this cause during the year the sum of \$15,175.64, with which aid has been given to thirty-eight infirm ministers and one hundred and eight widows of deceased ministers. This is an average of only \$104 to each applicant. We can see at a glance how utterly inadequate this small sum is to relieve the necessities of these dependent servants of God, who have given, in many cases, forty or fifty years to the active service of the church. In fact, the committee admits that the sums appropriated are only seventy-five per cent. of the sums applied for, and which, if granted in full, would have given but a meagre support.

The Executive Committee is of the opinion that \$20,000 will be needed to furnish needed relief during the coming year, and the General Assembly would express the hope that our ministers and churches will give all diligence in securing the desired amount, so that our infirm and superannuated brethren shall not suffer for the necessities of life while they are patiently awaiting the summons of the Master to enter into the rest of heaven.

INDIAN SCHOOLS.

The Executive Committee report the successful operation of eight schools under their care in the Indian Territory. One of these is Calvin Institute, at Durant, a high school, under the care of Rev. R. K. Moseley, and another, the school at Cameron, in care of Mr. E. W. Simpson. And then there are six schools under the care of as many competent ladies. The total enrollment is about five hundred pupils. The General Assembly desires to foster these schools as effective means of promoting the spread of the gospel and civilization in this region.

By the direction of the General Assembly of 1895, your Executive Committee have formulated a plan for the control of these schools, which, in brief, is, that the Presbytery of Indian shall appoint two commissioners for each school, and that the vote of one of these commissioners, together with the vote of the Assembly's Executive Committee, shall be required to elect a principal and assistants in every school, which assistants must be acceptable to the principals. (See Minutes Executive Committee, pp. 42, 43.) The committee's plan is herewith presented for the approval of the General Assembly, with this change—that the principal may select his assistants, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and one of the commissioners.

THE ISRAELITES.

Your Executive Committee has obeyed the instructions of the General Assembly of 1895, in gathering information in regard to openings for work among the Israelites, and in devising practicable measures for reaching them, and have formulated the following plan, which your Standing Committee recommends for the adoption of the

General Assembly. (See Executive Committee's report, p. viii., sections 1-6, inclusive.)

The following overtures and a resolution were considered, and the following answers proposed:

1. From the Presbytery of Eastern Texas, urging that the General Assembly devise some measure for increasing the Home Mission Fund, and suggesting the removal of the committee west of the Mississippi. The following answer is recommended, viz.: That the matter of increasing the Home Mission Fund be referred to the Executive Committee, and that the suggestion for the removal of the Executive Committee be answered in the negative.

2. The following resolution of the Presbytery of Paris was read, and it was recommended that it be received as information, it being substantially answered in the answer to the overture from Eastern Texas:

Resolved, 1. That the Presbytery of Paris, appreciating the needful aid received from the Central Committee, in its sustentation, evangelistic and church extension work, expresses its entire approval of the present plan of the Assembly.

2. That the feeling of Presbytery is that the work of Home Missions will be injured incalculably should there be a change of the Secretary or the location of the committee.

Done in Paris Presbytery, Shiloh church, Texas, April 23, 1896.

C. T. CALDWELL, S. C.

3. In regard to the overture from the Synod of Florida, asking for enlarged appropriations to the home missionary work in that Synod, it is recommended that it be answered in the affirmative.

4. Your committee recommends that the overture from the Presbytery of Macon, requesting the abolition of the Executive Committee, and the transfer of its work to the Synods, with certain instructions, be answered in the negative.

THE REVISED MANUAL.

The General Assembly of 1895 having directed a certain addition to be made to the rules of the Manual (see Minutes 1895, p. 406, resolution 2), and to harmonize the rest of the Manual with this paragraph, and the Executive Committee believing that the principle announced was calculated to create confusion, and open the way for unguarded appropriation of funds, have revised their Manual upon the principle following, viz.: That the Executive Committee be instructed to pay out money for work which has been accomplished as specified in the application. Your Standing Committee, believing that this is the only safe and equitable principle in the premises, recommends that the Assembly approve said principle for future operations.

The Manual, revised upon this principle and in other matters of detail, has been carefully examined by your Standing Committee, and its adoption by the Assembly is cordially recommended.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following Manual for Home Missions and the Invalid Fund, all previous acts of the Assembly in conflict with this being hereby repealed, and this Manual to go into operation at this date:

I. PRINCIPLES.

First, The church of Christ is one body, having one glorious Head, and pervaded and actuated by a common divine spiritual life.

Second, It is a free spiritual commonwealth, calling no man master on earth; but whose only Lord and Master is in heaven.

Under the constitution of our church *the General Assembly* constitutes the bond of

union, peace and correspondence among all its congregations and courts; and the *Presbyteries* have original authority and jurisdiction in the Lord over all the ministers, churches, and missionary fields within their respective bounds, independently of all control, except such as may be exercised in a regular and orderly manner by the Synods and General Assembly over such subjects as may be brought before them in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the church. To the Presbytery it belongs to ordain and commission ministers of the gospel, to commit to them the oversight of the particular congregation upon the call of the people, and to appoint them, with their own consent, to fields of evangelistic or missionary labor. It is also the province of the Presbytery to determine what part of its territory is to be regarded as missionary ground, and what churches ought to receive assistance in maintaining their pastors or in erecting houses of worship. It is the duty of the Presbytery to superintend the work of its missionaries, to receive their reports, and to the Presbytery alone are they responsible, in the first instance, under God, for the faithful discharge of their duties. It is therefore incumbent upon the Presbytery to provide for the worldly maintenance of the Lord's ministers, by seeing that the churches fulfil their obligations to their pastors to the extent of their ability, and also that they make regular and systematic offerings to the treasury of the Lord for the support of the ministry among those who are unable to provide for themselves.

If all the Presbyteries were equally strong and were all blessed alike with the wealth of this world, it would only be necessary for each Presbytery to appropriate the contributions of the Lord's people, in due proportion, according to the exigencies of every part of the field. But inasmuch as there is very great inequality in the strength and resources of the different Presbyteries, and because there are outlying fields for home missionary work adjacent to the present limits of our Assembly, it is necessary that the stronger shall aid the weaker in our common work, and that all shall unite together according to ability in an effort to extend Christ's kingdom into those outlying fields. The General Assembly is the only agency through which this vital current of the church's life can flow, and it can perform the work only through the agency of a central committee.

Beginning on page 6 of present Manual, under head II., let it read as follows:

II. PLAN.

1. The home missionary work of the church is a unit, but for its better management it is divided into two departments—local and general.

2. The Assembly urges upon all its Synods and Presbyteries to prosecute the work of Local Home Missions within their own bounds to the extent of their ability, and reserves for the use of these courts the months of February, June, and August for collections to defray the expenses of their local work.

3. The General Assembly appoints two annual collections for Assembly's Home Missions, including the causes formerly known as Sustentation, Evangelistic, and Church Erection: and appoints the months of January and September for the presentation of this work, and urges upon all its Synods and Presbyteries to endeavor to have this department of the work presented to the churches distinctly upon its own merits, and to secure liberal collections from the churches in their bounds.

4. The General Assembly's Committee is not debarred from aiding the work in a weak Presbytery in an older Synod if there be special reasons for so doing, but it is instructed ordinarily to apply its funds to the development of the work in the weaker portions of the church which lie in the Southern, Southwestern, and Western portions of our territory, including Indian Territory, New Mexico, Arizona, and Southern California.

III. THE ASSEMBLY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall consist of the Assembly's Secretary and ten others, of which number five shall make a quorum. Vacancies in the offices occurring *ad interim* shall be filled by the committee.

2. The Secretary is styled "the Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions." His salary shall be fixed by the Executive Committee, when not fixed by the Assembly in session, and shall be a part of the expenses of the cause. His term of office after 1894 shall expire August 31st.

3. The committee is empowered to elect a Treasurer, who shall be styled "the Assembly's Treasurer of Home Missions," and shall give the required bond to the Assembly's Board of Trustees. His salary shall be fixed by the committee.

4. The Secretary is "the organ of communication between the Assembly and the committee, and also between the committee and all portions of the work entrusted to its care."

5. The committee is appointed annually by the General Assembly, and is directly amenable to it for the efficient discharge of its duties.

6. The committee meets once a month (on a day of its own appointment), or oftener if necessary.

7. By-laws enacted by the Executive Committee are subject to revisal and approval by the General Assembly.

8. The committee is enjoined to report annually the condition and wants of the field, and to present to the Assembly an account of its receipts and expenditures, together with its minutes, for examination. The Treasurer is also required to present his books, accounts, and vouchers to the General Assembly, to be audited by a committee appointed by the Assembly.

9. It is the duty of the committee to aid Presbyteries in procuring missionaries and transferring them from one field to another, and it may send missionaries or evangelists into parts of the country not included in the boundaries of the church, and report its action to the Assembly.

10. The support of home mission fields lying beyond the bounds of organized Presbyteries shall be directly under the care of the Central Committee.

IV. INFORMATION.

It is the duty of the Assembly's committee to gather information as full as possible with regard to the work. In this effort Presbyterial Committees and ministers, whose salaries are paid or supplemented from the central treasury, will be expected to co-operate with the Central Committee by giving to it the names and addresses of the missionaries, their fields of labor, the nature and importance of the fields, the past growth of the work (if their fields have been aided from Assembly's treasury), and the hope of their reaching self-support in the near future.

The Central Committee shall use this information:

1. By giving it out to individuals, churches, and church courts as a basis on which to make appeals for contributions and as a means of inciting to liberality and effort in behalf of Christ's kingdom.

2. As a basis on which the Central Committee shall make its appropriations to the most needy and hopeful fields, when it shall not have funds sufficient to meet all the calls made to it for aid; and

3. As information upon which the Central Committee shall make a full report to the Assembly as to the needs, the results and status of the work.

V. PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEES.

1. It is desirable that the Assembly's work shall have representation in all the

Synods and Presbyteries. Each Synod and Presbytery is therefore requested to direct its regular Committee of Home Missions, or some other appointed committee, to unite with the Assembly's committee in disseminating information with reference to the work of the Assembly's committee: in giving information to the Synod or Presbytery as to what its churches have contributed to the Assembly's treasury, and in doing whatever may be necessary to aid in carrying out the effort to secure contributions for that part of the work which is to be done through the Assembly's committee.

2. In Presbyteries which receive aid through the Central Committee, the chairman of the Presbyterian Committee (or other authorized officer of the Presbytery), shall be the organ of communication between the Presbytery and the Central Committee, and all appropriations made by the Central Committee shall be made upon the application of that authorized officer, it being understood that when he speaks it is the Presbytery, or *ad interim* the Presbyterian Committee, speaking through him: but in exceptional cases, in a weak frontier Presbytery, if that Presbytery shall so prefer, the Central Committee may fix the salaries of the missionaries.

3. Presbyterian Committees when asking aid will be expected to observe the following principles:

(1), That they should ascertain that the congregations have been duly canvassed and have each contributed for the support of their minister according to its ability.

(2). Only in exceptional cases should the amount of aid asked for a congregation exceed fifty per cent. of the amount raised at home, and in all cases the amount asked should be the least that is necessary.

(3). Presbyterian Committees will also be expected to urge that if a field continues to be aided from the Assembly's treasury, the amount of aid given should decrease each year and as rapidly as possible.

(4). A leading object being to develop the weaker fields toward self-support as rapidly as possible, no appropriations shall be made to aid in the support of ministers except upon the following conditions, viz.: *First*, That the minister, whether pastor, stated supply, or evangelist, shall, at least once a year, set distinctly before each of the churches and missionary stations supplied by him the duty of worshipping God with their substance as he has prospered them. *Second*, That the said minister shall (in cooperation with the session, if there be one) see to it that, in each congregation and missionary station ministered to by him, at least once a year there shall be a collection taken to aid the Assembly's treasury.

(5). The Presbyterian Committee of each Presbytery which receives aid from the Central Committee will be expected to report to each regular meeting of Presbytery all of its transactions with the Assembly's committee.

(6). When the Assembly's committee shall give aid for the employment of the whole or part of a minister's time, it will be expected to include not merely the Sabbaths, but also such portions of the week as may be needful to do the visiting and pastoral work necessary to secure the growth and upbuilding of that church or field.

(7). No part of the appropriation made by the Central Committee should be used for a minister engaged in work which in the judgment of his Presbytery impairs his efficiency in ministerial work for that portion of his time for which aid is given.

(8). That appropriations from the Central treasury should be used for support of candidates for the ministry who are to labor in mission fields during vacation, only when such appropriations are recommended in open session by the Presbytery in whose bounds the field lies.

VI. THE EVANGELIST.

When a Presbytery shall ask aid from the Assembly's treasury for the support of an evangelist, it shall regard the following particulars as worthy of special notice:

(1), The evangelist is "an officer." He must, therefore, be an ordained minister. A licentiate does not fulfil the requirements of the rule, and cannot receive an appropriation from this fund.

(2), He is "duly and formally set apart by the Presbytery." His work, therefore, is specific and important.

(3), His duty is to "take charge of feeble churches and destitute fields." His work, therefore, is not to preach in churches already supplied with the ministration of the word, but to represent the Presbytery in places where his services are needed to strengthen the weak and build up new organizations.

4. The salary of the evangelist is expected to come from three sources, viz.:

(1), From the fields served by him, and the Presbytery and evangelist are expected to endeavor diligently to develop those fields in this direction as rapidly as possible.

(2), From the local funds of the Presbytery.

(3), From an appropriation from the Central Committee. If the Central Committee shall guarantee the entire salary, then all collections and amounts raised within the Presbytery for his support must be sent to the central treasury.

VII. APPLICATIONS FOR AID AND PAYMENTS FROM THE HOME MISSIONARY FUND.

1. Presbyterian Committees, in asking aid from the Assembly's treasury, shall at the beginning of the year or oftener, as occasion may require, lay before the Central Committee a full statement of the work proposed, as indicated under section iv., the cost of maintaining it, the amount which the Presbytery will undertake to raise, and the amount asked of the Assembly's treasury.

2. Upon this information from the Presbyteries as a basis, the Assembly's Committee, viewing the whole field, shall make its appropriations to the different Presbyteries for the support of the work set forth in the applications.

3. At the end of each quarter—March 31st, June 30th, September 30th, and December 31st—the Presbyterian Committees shall apply to the central treasury for such part of that quarter's appropriation as shall be necessary to compensate for so much of the work set forth in the above-named basis as shall have been actually performed during the quarter.

4. The Central Committee shall then honor those calls of the Presbyteries as promptly as possible, or money may be advanced for the work during the quarter on request of the Presbyterian Committee, at the discretion of the Assembly's Committee.

5. If the Presbyteries desire to enter upon new work, it must be presented to the Assembly's Committee in a new application, and be considered upon its merits.

6. If Presbyteries change their missionaries they should inform the Central Committee of the names and addresses of their new men in their field.

7. The Central Committee shall be bound to pay only such sums as it has promised, and it is instructed to make strenuous efforts to conduct the work so as to create no debts.

VIII. ERECTION OF CHURCHES.

1. No appropriation shall be made to aid in repairing or erecting a church edifice except where the Presbyterian Committee of Missions can certify: (1), That the congregation themselves have not the means to do it; (2), That no application has already been made to churches which are expected to contribute to the general fund; (3), That the amount appropriated by this committee will be payable only when the building shall have reached a stage free from debt, from which this money will be sufficient to put the house in a condition to be used for public worship and free it from debt.

2. At the discretion of the Committee of Home Missions, appropriations to aid

in repairs or erecting church edifices may be made, not as donations, but as loans without interest, which shall be subject to the same conditions as donations, and to the following in addition: That the church regards this loan as a debt of honor, to be refunded by annual instalments within five years.

IX. THE INVALID FUND.

1. This fund is for the assistance of those aged and disabled ministers, and of those widows and orphans of deceased ministers, who have not means of their own for a support, and who have not children or other persons to whom it is right that they should look.

2. The month of July is appointed as the time for making contributions to this cause.

3. Annual appropriations are made at the regular meeting in September on applications presented by the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees of Home Missions.

4. It is the duty of said committees to inform themselves of all cases of need in the bounds of their own Presbyteries, and to forward the facts to the Executive Committee, stating the sum which is deemed necessary in each case. The Executive Committee has no authority to make appropriations, except they be first recommended by the Presbyterial Committee.

5. Appropriations from this fund are not to be regarded in the light of an annuity. Each case must be presented annually under its then present circumstances.

6. Appropriations for the *adult* children of deceased ministers cannot be made except in extraordinary circumstances.

7. Applications from this fund ought to be made, as far as possible, before September 1st, so that they may be considered at the time of the annual appropriations in September. Immediately thereafter one-half of appropriations will be paid, and the balance in the following March, or earlier, at the discretion of the Central Committee, if the funds in the treasury shall justify payment in full.

8. No Presbytery shall participate in the division of this fund unless it shall send its contributions to the central treasury.

X. SCHOOLS.

1. The Central Committee is authorized to institute or to aid in conducting Christian schools in the Indian Territory and among the Mexicans in the Southwest, or in other places among people needing that kind of work. For this purpose the committee may cautiously purchase or build houses for church and school purposes, and, with the consent of the Assembly's Trustees, may sell the same if it deems it best to change the investment.

2. The plan for giving the Indian Territory a voice in the election of principals for schools and for the further management of the schools, given in committee's minutes, pages 42, 43, is approved, with one amendment, and is as follows:

(1). The Presbytery shall have power to appoint two school commissioners for each school, to hold office so that one vacancy shall be filled each year.

(2). One of these commissioners and the Central Committee to be a majority to elect the principals and teachers, who must be thorough representatives of our faith and order.

(3). The principal may select his assistants, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and one of the commissioners.

(4). The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery will be expected to inform the Central Committee of the appointment of commissioners.

PLAN OF SCHOOL GOVERNMENT.

1. The principal shall have full charge of the school, buildings and grounds, for

the term for which he is elected, allowing our school-buildings to be used for church services at such times as will not interfere with the exercises of the school.

2. This committee will announce at the beginning of each year to the principal and commissioners the amount of money it will pay towards the support of the school, and it will in no case be responsible for any further sum.

3. The principal shall make a full report of the school and its finances monthly, in duplicate, to the commissioners and to the Central Committee.

4. The Central Committee will pay the money promised by it quarterly, or oftener, at its discretion, on receiving a satisfactory report from the principal.

5. The principal shall make bargains with the assistants as to salaries, and they must look to him also for their pay.

6. The principal, with the income from Trustees and the amount paid to him by the committee, must pay the current expenses of the school and the salaries of the assistant teachers, and in no case is he, or any one else, to make any financial contract in the name of this committee.

7. The school must be conducted as a Christian school, and be representative of our faith and order.

8. The commissioners are to visit the school at least once a quarter, and report their observations to this committee.

9. When the Presbytery shall fail to appoint commissioners, or where those appointed shall not be able to act, the Central Committee shall have control until the Presbytery shall fill the vacancies, or when the inability to act shall be removed.

10. Poor children, Indians and whites, are to be sought after, and, when unable to pay, shall be taught free of tuition, so many as the circumstances of each school can allow.

RECORDS EXAMINED.

Your committee have carefully examined the records of the Executive Committee and recommend their approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your standing committee in conclusion desire to make the following recommendation for the adoption of the General Assembly:

1. The General Assembly urges the importance of the fundamental truth that our home missionary work is a unit, the division into the two departments of "local" and "general" work being only for its better success; and all of our churches and church courts are urged to give the general part of the work, in its proper time, the same full and due consideration that they give to the local part of the one cause.

2. It is estimated that it will require at least fifty thousand dollars to conduct the home mission work as it should be done the coming year, and the General Assembly would urge upon our ministers, churches, Sabbath-schools, and church societies to aid in furnishing this amount.

3. In view of the great demand for further aid for the Invalid Fund, the General Assembly would earnestly press upon the attention of our people the claims of this sacred cause, and hopes that they will not fail to contribute the twenty thousand dollars named by the committee as the least sum that will adequately furnish the relief desired. In view of the fact that of our 2,776 churches, only about 1,320 are reported as contributing anything to the cause of Home Mission, and only about 1,210 to the Invalid Fund, the General Assembly feels constrained to remind our ministers and churches that these important causes have special claims upon their liberality, and a contribution from every church is expected, and is necessary for their support.

4. The General Assembly having learned that W. P. Inman, Esq., of Atlanta, has

furnished a commodious office and furniture to the Home Mission Committee free of charge for rent, hereby expresses its thanks to Mr. Inman for his generous deed.

5. Your committee unanimously recommend Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., of the Synod of Memphis, for re-election to the office of Secretary of Home Missions by the General Assembly for the ensuing year.

6. Your committee finally recommend that the General Assembly re-elect the following gentlemen as the Executive Committee of Home Missions for the ensuing year, viz.: G. B. Strickler, D. D., E. H. Barnett, D. D., T. P. Cleveland, D. D., Rev. F. H. Gaines, John C. Kirkpatrick, Esq., A. R. Holderby, D. D., W. P. Inman, Esq., M. A. Candler, Esq., A. Beatie, Esq., W. A. Powell, Esq., and J. N. Craig, D. D., Secretary.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the committee,

J. RUMPLE, <i>Chairman</i> ,	JAMES Y. FAIR,
C. P. BRIDEWELL,	E. C. BINGHAM,
C. S. LINGAMFELTER,	J. S. BLACK,
XENOPHON RYLAND,	W. H. FEILD,
GEORGE BEATTY,	W. V. RENSFORD,
N. P. QUARTERMAN,	W. L. BOGGS,
S. H. MORRIS,	SILAS L. BACON.

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

Closed with prayer by Rev. H. W. Flinn.

SEVENTH DAY.

MAY 28, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was led in devotional exercise by Ruling Elder J. L. Dean.

The roll was called.

By request, the Moderator led the Assembly in prayer in behalf of the sufferers by the cyclone which yesterday visited St. Louis and vicinity.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following protest against the action of the Assembly in adopting the report of the Standing Committee on the Assembly's Home and School was admitted to record:

PROTEST.

The undersigned do solemnly protest against the action of the Assembly in adopting the answer of the Standing Committee on the Assembly's Home and School to the overture from the Presbytery of St. Louis. We base our protest upon the following grounds:

1. That we believe it to be in direct violation of our time-honored principles and a departure from our unbroken custom of refusing to accept state aid in support of denominational and religious work.

2. That it is inexpedient, providing a constant menace to our peace, a likelihood of frequent embarrassment and expense in defending suits at law liable to arise under the peculiar nature of the contract, and jeopardizing the interests of the Home and School before the church and world.

3. That it will be a source of grief and regret to a large constituency in our own church, and furnish occasion to our enemies to taunt us with inconsistency, and thus affix a stigma upon the fair name of the bride of Christ, whose reputation, no less than her character, should be "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing."

M. B. LAMBDIN,	M. B. W. GRANGER,	J. C. CARSON,
SAM'L M. GREEN,	J. N. TATE,	L. L. WELLS,
W. L. CAMERON,	J. R. McALPINE,	J. W. HOLT,
W. G. FISHER,	J. G. PRAIGG,	E. M. CRAIG,
S. M. ENGLE,	N. H. McCAIN,	C. E. POWEL,
C. W. BOCOCK,	J. E. JONES,	JAS. M. DUNCAN,
W. G. WOODBRIDGE,	JNO. S. MOORE,	JNO. T. WIGGINS,
HENRY MILLER,	R. E. HENDERLITE,	H. E. GLENN,
D. W. BRANNEN,	W. V. RENSFORD,	XENOPHON RYLAND,
T. B. TRENHOLM,	JNO. VAN LEAR,	ADOLPHUS KISTLER,
PAUL F. BROWN,	CHAS. M. TIDBALL,	JAS. WOODROW,
T. R. ENGLISH,	W. H. FEILD,	JNO. KENNEDY.
R. E. TELFORD,		

The following answer to the above protest was adopted :

In reply to the protest "against the action of the Assembly in adopting the answer of the Standing Committee on the Assembly's Home and School to the overture from the Presbytery of St. Louis," said protest being signed by Rev. M. B. Lambdin, Rev. X. Ryland, Rev. D. W. Brannen, and others, the Assembly deems it sufficient to cite a copy of the contract between the mayor and commonalty of the town of Fredericksburg, Va., on the one hand, and the Assembly's Home and School on the other; said contract being as follows:

COPY OF THE CONTRACT TO BE ENTERED AS AN ANSWER TO THE PROTEST VS. THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ASSEMBLY'S HOME AND SCHOOL.

This deed, made this 22d day of February, 1896, by and between the mayor and commonalty of the town of Fredericksburg, party of the one part, and the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., a corporation chartered by the Legislature of Virginia, party of the other part.

Witnesseth, That whereas the common council of Fredericksburg did, at its meeting held on January 28, 1896, resolve and agree that said council would, so soon as an act authorizing the same was passed by the Legislature of Virginia, issue and deliver to the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., the coupon bonds of the city of Fredericksburg of the par value of ten thousand dollars, bearing five per cent. interest, which bonds should be applied to the use and purpose specifically prescribed in the resolution of the said council, upon the condition that the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., should execute and deliver to said common council its agreement in writing, binding said corporation, in consideration of said bonds, to provide instruction annually in the collegiate institute of said corporation for ten proficient pupils from the public free schools of Fredericksburg, as set forth in said resolution of said council.

And whereas the enabling act of the Legislature of Virginia herein above men-

tioned has been enacted, entitled "An act to authorize the common council of the city of Fredericksburg to execute and deliver the bonds of the said city for ten thousand dollars to the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., and to authorize that corporation in consideration thereof to provide instruction to certain pupils of the free schools of said city":

Now, therefore, the mayor and commonalty of the town of Fredericksburg, in pursuance of said resolution and of said act of the Legislature, doth covenant and agree with the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., to issue and deliver to said corporation the coupon bonds of the city of Fredericksburg, of the par value of ten thousand dollars, bearing five per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, the principal of said bonds to be payable in thirty years from their date, or upon the call of said council at any time after ten years from their date, said bonds to be exempt from municipal taxation, and to be issued and delivered so soon as they can be lithographed and executed in behalf of said city, but the said bonds are to be put in the custody of the National Bank of Fredericksburg in escrow for the period and for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

And the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., doth on its part covenant and agree to and with the mayor and commonalty of the town of Fredericksburg, that said corporation will apply said bonds to the payment of the money expended by said corporation for the land and buildings of the collegiate institute of said corporation, and for the furniture and equipment of said institute, and for no other purpose, and that said corporation will, in consideration of said bonds, and so long as said corporation shall exist, provide instruction annually in said institute in all the branches of collegiate education taught therein for ten of the proficient pupils from the public free schools of Fredericksburg; such pupils to be chosen and designated for such instruction in said institute in such manner as said common council shall prescribe, and to receive such instruction in said institute for such time as said council shall prescribe; but no more than ten of such pupils shall be entitled to such instruction in said institute during any one session thereof.

And the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., doth further covenant and agree to and with the mayor and commonalty of the town of Fredericksburg, that in the event that said corporation shall, at any time in the future, cease to be located and to conduct its operations in Fredericksburg, to return and pay back to the city of Fredericksburg the aforesaid sum of ten thousand dollars, and to pay back said money to said city before the removal of said Home and School from Fredericksburg.

And it is hereby covenanted and agreed by and between the said parties to this deed, that so soon as said bonds are prepared and executed by the city of Fredericksburg, the same shall be deposited in escrow in the National Bank of Fredericksburg until the debt, amounting to ten thousand dollars, owing by the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., for moneys borrowed by it to acquire the land and buildings and equipment of said collegiate institute, shall become due and payable, and that the said bonds shall be applied to the payment and extinguishment of said debt and to the release of the land and buildings of said collegiate institute, and of the cottage built on said land from the liens thereon by deeds of trust given to secure said debt, which are recorded in the clerk's office of the said corporation court of Fredericksburg, and that until said debt and said liens given to secure it can be paid off and extinguished, the semi-annual interest accruing upon said bonds shall be appropriated and applied to the payment of the interest accruing upon said debt during said interval of time, and to that end the treasurer of said city shall be allowed by the said national bank to cut off the coupons from said bonds as the same may mature, and to

deliver them to the treasurer of the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va.

And it is further covenanted and agreed by and between said parties, that whenever the aforesaid principal of said debt of ten thousand dollars, or any part of the same, can be paid off and extinguished, the National Bank of Fredericksburg is authorized, upon the joint order of the treasurers above mentioned, to deliver to said treasurers jointly the amount of said bonds necessary for said purpose, which said bonds or their proceeds of sale shall be applied by said two treasurers to the satisfaction and extinguishment of said indebtedness.

In witness whereof Moses D. Hoge, the President, and J. N. Barney, Jr., the Treasurer and Recording Secretary of the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., being therefor duly empowered and directed by the Board of Trustees of that corporation, have affixed the corporate seal of that corporation to this deed and subscribed their names as such officers thereto, and A. P. Rowe, the mayor of the city of Fredericksburg, and Wm. E. Bradley, the clerk of the common council, have affixed the corporate seal of said city to this deed and subscribed their names as such officers thereto, the day and year first herein above written.

[SEAL.]

A. P. ROWE, *Mayor*,W. E. BRADLEY, *Clerk of Council*.

[SEAL.]

MOSES D. HOGE.

President of the A. H. S., of Fredericksburg, Va.

J. N. BARNEY, JR.,

Treasurer and Recording Secretary of the A. H. S., of Fredericksburg, Va.

The general order of business was suspended, and it was made the special order for 12 M. to-day to take the vote on the complaint of a ruling elder of Charleston Presbytery against the Synod of South Carolina, and for 3 P. M. to hear the complaint of E. M. Richardson and others against the Synod of Memphis.

An overture from certain individuals at Durant, Indian Territory, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Standing Committee on Sabbath-Schools made the following report, which was adopted:

We have considered the overture from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, asking the Assembly "to order to be published in the *Earnest Worker* one lesson every quarter on the distinctive Calvinistic doctrines of the church," and we recommend the following answer, viz.: That it is not expedient to publish an extra lesson in the *Earnest Worker*, but advise that the petition of the overture can best be accomplished by supplemental lessons.

J. Y. ALLISON, *Chairman*.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions be authorized to transfer the property belonging to our church at Salonica, Greece, to trustees representing the Greek Evangelical Church, when suitable persons can be secured.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was adopted:

1. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Chickasaw, asking the appointment of a special committee of one from each Synod to revise the scale of assessments upon the Presbyteries, your committee recommends the reply, that the Assembly sees no occasion to appoint the committee requested.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

2. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of West Hanover, asking the Assembly to adopt a uniform rate in assessing the Presbyteries, your committee recommends that the Assembly does hereby determine that the amount necessary for the treasury of the General Assembly shall be apportioned among the Presbyteries on the basis of one cent for each communicant, and the Treasurer of the General Assembly is directed to prepare the schedule of apportionments in accordance with this rule.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of North Carolina reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Special Committee on Work Among the Seamen made the following report, which was adopted:

I. That the Assembly has heard with pleasure the report of Rev. R. E. Steele, chaplain of the Seamen's Bethel, in reference to the work done for the seamen during the past year, through the agency of this institution.

II. That the Assembly realizes the great importance of this work at New Orleans, and elsewhere within its bounds, and wishes to express its continued interest and confidence in this agency, and in those who are engaged in the evangelization of those who "go down to the sea in ships," and who are exposed to so many dangers and temptations: and to whom so few religious opportunities are offered.

III. That the Assembly most heartily commends this work to our churches and people, and would urge upon our people to do all they can to encourage and assist those who are working so faithfully and earnestly to carry the gospel to the seamen, who come to our land from all over the world, and who can be reached for good only through this and other similar agencies.

PAUL F. BROWN, *Chairman*.

The Special Committee on a Sunday-School Secretary made an additional report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

That the Executive Committee of Publication be directed to provide for the salary of the Special Superintendent of Sabbath-Schools and Colportage: and to aid in his support the committee is authorized to appoint a rally-day and ask a collection in our Sabbath-schools each year.

J. S. MOORE, *Chairman*.

The report of the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization was taken from the docket, considered *seriatim*, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

There have been placed in the hands of your committee: (1), The report of the

Assembly's Executive Committee on Colored Evangelization; (2), Minutes of the same; and (3), Overtures of the Presbyteries of (a) Albemarle, and (b) Abingdon; all of which have received careful examination. The committee recommends the following action:

I. The Assembly hereby renews the expression of its deep and abiding interest in the cause of Colored Evangelization, recognizes anew the obligation resting upon the church to preach the gospel to the great multitude of the negro race at our doors, and to use all available means to nurture and sustain the ministry and churches of this people in its connection. That while the Assembly does not fail to appreciate the difficulties in the way of a successful prosecution of the work, it is its conviction that the real difficulty is not found in a lack of wisdom in formulating plans for its efficiency, but rather in the apathy of the Presbyteries to give this cause the prominence that its importance demands.

II. *Work of Presbyterial Organization.*—This Assembly urges that this work be consigned to such men, as presbyterial chairmen, who really have this cause at heart, so that every Presbytery shall have a recognized and willing agency for the development of this work which shall carry it into every congregation.

III. *Business Referred by Last General Assembly.*—1. *Coöperation with the Reformed Church in America.*—That the request of the Executive Committee to renew this correspondence during the coming year be granted.

2. *The Ferguson-Williams College, at Abbeville, S. C.*—It is represented that this valuable property can be purchased for the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000); of this amount we are gratified to learn that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) has been pledged by the Synod of South Carolina, part of which has been raised. In view of the importance of such a college to our church in furtherance of the education of our colored people, thereby binding them still closer to us, we recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to raise the remaining five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

3. *The Independent Synod.*—This Assembly renews its expression of deep conviction that the highest spiritual good of the colored people can be effected only through their independent efforts. During the last five years the progress made towards the organization of an Independent African Presbyterian Church has been most gratifying, and the day seems near when it may be effected as the result of healthy growth and unanimous approval. In the opinion of this Assembly the time for such separate organization has not yet arrived, for the following reasons:

1. There are only two colored Presbyteries under the jurisdiction of our church, though there are five Presbyteries within our bounds.

2. Both these Presbyteries have expressed themselves opposed to such action for the present.

We recommend that the money raised last August for establishing an independent Synod be invested, to be used for this purpose when, in God's providence, the way shall be opened.

IV. *Self-Support.*—This Assembly learns with pleasure of the steps taken to this end, and would state for the information of any who may be able, that the gift of a farm of fifty or one hundred acres, situated in any portion of the church, is a very pressing need of the work at this time, and would urge any of the Lord's stewards to donate such for the support of Stillman Institute; that the Executive Committee be authorized to take such steps as shall carry out the plans already outlined in this direction.

V. *Missionary Course.*—The special attention of the churches be directed to the work of Stillman Institute in connection with the mission in Africa. The success of

the graduates of the Institute in the Congo leads us to believe that there is a special call upon our church to seek out, train, and send forth colored men and women for this work.

VI. *Caution About Candidates.*—This Assembly would urge that Presbyteries keep applicants under trial for at least six months before receiving them, except in cases of evident fitness, or where the applicant is well known to the Presbytery recommending him, to protect the Institute from unworthy men.

VII. The Assembly would again urge the churches to raise fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) during the coming year as the minimum amount necessary to sustain this work, and Synods and Presbyteries are enjoined to appoint Committees on Colored Evangelization, and pastors and sessions are solemnly charged to lay this cause before their people, and exhort them to give liberally for its support.

VIII. The following are hereby appointed members of the Executive Committee for the coming year: E. H. Sholl, M. D., J. W. Lapsley, Esq., Rev. L. S. Handley, Rev. J. A. Bryan, J. H. Miller, Esq., R. D. Johnston, J. T. Searcy, Rev. John Barbour, Rev. E. P. Davis, Rev. A. B. Curry, and Rev. A. L. Phillips, Secretary.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report on an overture from the Presbytery of Paris, touching committees and commissions. This business was laid on the table, to give way to the order for 12 M.

The vote was then taken by ayes and noes on the complaint against the Synod of South Carolina, and resulted as follows:

Not to Sustain: H. W. Flinn, J. R. Burgett, E. C. Bingham, I. M. Ginn, J. L. Caldwell, N. P. Quarterman, R. E. Telford, W. G. Woodbridge, D. W. Brannen, R. P. Baird, E. M. Craig, W. O. Cochran, Thomas Cummins, Henry Miller, A. G. Buckner, John S. Park, R. R. Evans, R. J. Shaw, W. T. Palmer, H. B. Price, L. L. Wells, J. Y. Allison, Charles Oberschmidt, R. Q. Mallard, L. P. Bowen, J. E. Jones, N. H. McCain, X. Ryland, S. B. Ervin, J. K. Hittner, M. B. W. Granger, Adolphus Kistler, John S. Van Meter, S. P. Hawes, J. C. Carson, James I. Vance, A. S. Allen, W. D. Morton, J. Rumpel, J. S. Black, R. P. Smith, J. R. McAlpine, D. I. Craig, Kenneth McDonald, S. H. Hay, D. N. McLaughlin, W. L. Boggs, W. F. Hollingsworth, J. Woodrow, J. M. Cochran, J. C. Grow, J. S. Moore, S. J. McMurry, J. Y. Fair, J. P. Smith, William C. White, C. S. Lingamfelter, Joseph A. Vance, L. W. Irwin, J. L. Allison, T. R. English, S. M. Engle, Joseph Carthel, J. L. Dean, J. D. Cross, W. L. Cameron, C. V. Thompson, J. M. Thomson, Charles P. Hansell, Lawrence Rolf, H. E. Glenn, James R. Barrett, Charles H. Wood, John N. Turner, Thomas Butler, W. M. Cox, R. F. Willecox, T. W. Murrell, J. R. Cunningham, J. H. Long, E. S. Upton, J. M. Walthall, J. F. Smith, W. G. Fisher, J. M. Duncan, J. N. Tate, C. D. Bridgford, S. M. Green, C. R. Black, J. A. J. Funkhouser, T. C. Lind, J. B. O'Bryan, J. G. Ramsey, John H. Reid, J. E. McCaskill, C. W. Johnston, J. E. Craig, D. R. Anderson, W. K. Thompson, W. K. Steed, J. W. Sherrill, H. H. Kerr, John T. Wiggins, W. H. Feild, J. W. Harle, J. M. Brouson, T. L. Tate, K. Kemper, B. C. Wherry, D. W. Weaver, W. V. Rensford, John W. Paul, George W. Beatty, A. Elhart, G. E. Cassel, J. H. Palmer, W. A. Plecker, Thomas A. Watkins, A. G. Griman, John Kennedy.

To Sustain: J. G. Praigg, C. M. Tidball, Arthur Rowbotham, J. G. Law, T. B. Trenholm, Paul F. Brown, H. G. Gilland, R. E. Henderlite, A. H. McArn, I. N. Naff, J. W. Holt, S. H. Morris, Z. E. Kerr, J. E. Hampton, J. B. Griffing, W. B. Chandler, C. E. Powel, W. A. Fewell, J. A. Enslow, C. W. Bocoock.

To Sustain in Part: C. R. Hemphill, T. S. Clyce, W. L. Nourse, Robert E. Caldwell, John Van Lear, I. N. Campbell, M. B. Lambdin, D. A. Beatie, J. W. Todd.

Not Voting: J. C. H. Champney, John Barbour, L. C. Vass, W. W. Bruce, W. H. Leavell, J. H. Zivley, J. P. Gibbons, C. P. Bridewell, Colin Stokes, E. H. Stover, F. W. Merrin, T. E. Key, T. E. Kendrick, J. E. Good, C. M. Davis, J. W. S. Ridley, H. H. Delaney, J. R. Young, J. M. Wilson, J. E. McCain, S. H. Boyd, David G. Robeson, A. J. Simpson, J. E. McCord, Silas Bacon, John L. Marye.

An invitation from the street car company to visit Raleigh Springs was acknowledged with thanks.

The Assembly had recess until 3 P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, Dr. Hemphill occupying the chair by request of the Moderator.

The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Publication, was taken up. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The committee has examined with care the thirty-fifth annual report, together with the minutes of the Executive Committee of Publication, and finds a full and clear account of a successful year in the prosecution of their work. This review forces the conviction that this strong and faithful arm of the church is not appreciated by our Presbyteries and churches as it should be. Our wonder is that so much can be achieved by the limited means contributed to its support. The Executive Committee has rigidly held to its interpretation of the original instructions of the Assembly, to leave the practical management of its field work and its collections of money in the hands of the Presbyteries, refusing to come between the Presbyteries and the people, and abstaining from keeping itself constantly before the churches in appeals for aid.

Accordingly, after the payment of the debt, for the liquidation of which special appeals were authorized by the Assembly, the committee fell back upon what it conscientiously believed to be the will of the church, convinced that reiterations of its claims through the newspapers and otherwise were not desirable or wholesome, although more money, for the time being, might have been raised.

The net assets, as shown by the lucid schedules of the Treasurer, are \$106,282.51, a year's gain of \$2,433.47. This is an astonishing exhibit over against the years of discouragement and virtual bankruptcy. Under the instructions of the last Assembly, by a reduction of the number of colporteurs, there has necessarily been some falling off of sales from that source. In the absence of applications the amount of donations has also been decreased. But these items do not detract from the gratifying fact that, notwithstanding the prevailing financial stringency, there has been a healthful increase over the regular sales of last year of \$1,584.17.

The net receipts from the publishing house have been \$2,356.71, an encouraging income and help in the prosecution of the general work. The royalty from the Sabbath-school publications is \$4,074.66, which shows continuous increase over previous years. The last Assembly directed the Executive Committee to take under consideration the advisability of themselves publishing these supplies, but for strong reasons submitted in their report we are confident that it is wiser to continue to issue

them under the present advantageous contract. Of course, this source of income grows in exact proportion to the increase of patronage. We feel assured that these supplies, as improved from time to time, are meeting the needs of the church; and we would again urge, as former Assemblies have often done, that our sessions, in their responsible oversight, shall insist that our own publications be used by our schools instead of those issued by other churches and by irresponsible houses. There are few interests which Southern Presbyterians are called upon to guard more sacredly than the literature that goes into the hands of the young.

In the current literature of the day, even in that issued by religious houses, there is much that is unwholesome. It is wisdom for the church of God to meet Satan upon his chosen ground, and flank the busy demons of the press with that which is pure and elevating. God has taught us to use the written and printed page as aids in pulpit and nursery; allies in the uplifting of our race and the evangelization of the world. To this great end we take pleasure in commending to home and Sabbath-school the sifted wheat of our committee's own publications, and of the catalogue over which they have exercised a judicious scrutiny.

We would call attention also to the colportage department. Under the policy of the Executive Committee, the colporteur was never meant to be merely a seller of books. While there were to be good books in his saddle-bags, he was meant to be a gospel missionary in every sense of the term. The establishment and strengthening of Sabbath-schools was made a speciality of the work. We speak particularly of this because of the late discussions of Sabbath-school interests in our Presbyteries. For nine years, at least, in the forefront of instructions to what are suggestively called "missionary colporteurs," are specified such duties as these: "1. To organize Presbyterian Sunday-schools in such destitute localities in your field of labor as need such effort, and to furnish such schools with supplies of our Sabbath-school literature. 2. To visit Presbyterian Sabbath-schools already established, to furnish them our literature, and, when opportunity offers, to address them."

Had sufficient funds been put into the hands of the Executive Committee, we have no doubt that all these great purposes could have been achieved, to the joy of the whole church. It seems to us that the plans and methods have been sagacious and comprehensive: the want of money was the great and aching desideratum. It stood as a bar to the longed-for, aggressive work. It is easy at Richmond, and it is easy in this Assembly, to devise new enterprises and to see what ought to be done; but your Executive Committee has been constantly confronted, and your Standing Committee is confronted, and this General Assembly is confronted, with this stubborn lack of money. The means supplied, there can be an immediate advance all along the lines.

In view of all these facts your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That this Assembly urge upon Presbyteries and churches a greater zeal and effort for this cause; that it be no longer slighted or kept in the background; that earnest endeavor be made during the present ecclesiastical year to raise twenty thousand dollars, and that this sum be apportioned among the Presbyteries and by them among the churches.

2. It is recommended that the Executive Committee put emphasis, as far as they can, upon the Sabbath-school idea in their colportage work, keeping prominently in view the fostering of weak, and the planting of new Presbyterian schools, and that the funds in the committee's hands be used as liberally as possible in this direction.

3. It is recommended to such Synods as are prosecuting their own evangelistic work, that they keep the Sabbath-school interest prominent, and coöperate to this end with the Executive Committee of Publication.

4. For the advancement of these mutual interests, it is recommended that the Presbyteries combine their Sabbath-school and Publication Committees, and work in harmony with the Executive Committee in imparting new life in these directions; and that they exercise special care in the selection of men thoroughly qualified for such missionary and aggressive labors, having other gifts and graces than merely those of book agents.

We hereby record our sorrow at the loss by death of two faithful and beloved members of the Executive Committee, Rev. W. T. Richardson, D. D., and Rev. J. Polk Gammon, who have gone to their reward. With continued confidence in the fidelity and thorough business methods, both conservative and vigorous, of the Executive Committee, the following are nominated for election for the year before us: Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., Charles H. Read, D. D., W. A. Campbell, D. D., J. W. Rosebro, D. D., R. P. Kerr, D. D., R. A. Lancaster, B. R. Wellford, W. W. Henry, M. M. Gilliam, W. C. Preston, Rev. J. P. Smith, D. D., and Rev. J. Calvin Stuart.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. BOWEN, *Chairman*.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to which certain overtures were referred, made a report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

1. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Transylvania, asking the Assembly to direct the Executive Committee of Publication to have prepared for the use of the Westminster Leagues, or young people's societies of our church, a series of topics for study, with such suggestions as may add to their usefulness, and to furnish them at such a cost as will secure for them general circulation, your committee recommends that the Assembly give the direction requested.

L. P. BOWEN, *Chairman*.

2. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Lexington, asking the Assembly to appoint a committee to take the whole matter of weekly religious papers under their consideration, and to report at the present meeting of the Assembly whatever action they may deem best to extend the circulation of our own papers in our families, your committee recommends the reply, that it does not appear that the Assembly can deal with this subject in any practicable manner.

L. P. BOWEN, *Chairman*.

3. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Atlanta, asking the Assembly to consider whether it would not be well to establish depositories of our publications in Atlanta and other cities, your committee recommends the reply, that the Assembly cannot see its way clear to establish such depositories.

L. P. BOWEN, *Chairman*.

The hearing of the complaint of Richardson and others against the Synod of Memphis was postponed until 4:30 o'clock.

The Moderator resumed the chair, and the unfinished business was taken up.

A report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted, and is as follows:

In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Paris, asking, *First*, Should Presbytery install a pastor by a committee? *Second*, How many should be appointed upon a presbyterial commission, and what constitutes a quorum of such a commission? *Third*, Should a commission of any court of our church proceed to business without a quorum?—Your committee recommend that the Assembly reply, that a pastor should be installed by the Presbytery or by a commission appointed by the Presbytery; that the Assembly declines to define the number necessary to constitute a presbyterial commission or a quorum thereof; that a commission of any court of our church should not proceed to business without a quorum. The Assembly directs the attention of the Presbytery to the action taken by the Assemblies of 1882, 1883, and 1884, in regard to the questions raised by the Presbytery, and to be found in the Minutes and in Alexander's *Digest*, pp. 57, 58. C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, on overtures from the Presbyteries of Lafayette and Florida, was taken from the docket and adopted, and is as follows:

1. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Lafayette, asking whether a committee is competent to install a pastor, or does it require a commission? your committee recommends the reply, that, in the judgment of the Assembly, the *Form of Government* (Chap. V., Sec. vii., Par. 92 and 93) requires that a pastor should be installed only by the Presbytery, or by a commission of the Presbytery.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

2. In answer to an overture from the Presbytery of Florida, asking, *First*, Whether the one ruling elder of a vacant church constitutes a session, and may receive and dismiss members, and perform other sessional acts, and must hold quarterly meetings and make a record thereof? *Second*, Does the pastor of a church, after the death of the only ruling elder, constitute the session, and has he the right to call a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of electing elders, or must he refer the matter to the Presbytery?—Your committee recommends that the Assembly reply to the first inquiry, that one elder does not constitute a session; to the second, that a pastor does not constitute a session, and, under the circumstances stated in the second inquiry, the orderly procedure would call for the interposition of the Presbytery.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

3. In answer to a telegram from J. E. Ledbetter, at Durant, Indian Territory, asking the Assembly to appoint a commission to visit Durant to investigate and adjudicate differences between the Presbytery of Indian and some of the people, your committee recommends the Assembly to reply that the information contained in the telegram does not warrant the appointment of a commission, and the Stated Clerk is hereby directed to telegraph Mr. Ledbetter to this effect.

C. R. HEMPHILL, *Chairman*.

The Assembly was informed of the critical illness of a child of the Hon. Z. W. Ewing, a member of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, with the request that the body unite in prayer in its behalf. Dr. Hemphill led the Assembly in compliance with this request.

The report of the Judicial Committee on the complaint against the Synod of Memphis was taken up, and the Assembly entered upon the

trial of the case. The Moderator charged the court. The complainants were heard by E. A. Ramsey; the Synod was heard by T. W. Raymond.

Pending this business the Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met.

The following explanation of a vote was admitted to record :

The undersigned begs leave to put upon record the following explanation of his vote to sustain the complaint of Ruling Elder J. A. Enslow against the Synod of South Carolina, viz. : that whilst entirely out of sympathy with the Presbytery for declining to take a young colored man under their care as a candidate for the ministry, solely because of his color, he yet believes that the Synod has no authority, under our standards, for making a judicial decision in a matter which came before it simply in the way of review, and not by way of complaint or appeal.

J. G. PRAIGG.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 M. to select the place of meeting of the next Assembly.

The report of the Standing Committee on Education was taken from the docket and adopted, and is as follows :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee has carefully considered the various matters submitted, and has acted harmoniously throughout.

Two overtures were placed in our hands—one each from the Presbyteries of West Lexington and Transylvania—praying that the Executive Committee on Education, located in Memphis, be abolished, and the work of that committee given into the hands of the Executive Committee of Publication, located in Richmond. This committee, following the instructions of the Assembly, conferred with the Standing Committee on Publication in reference to the prayer of the aforesaid overtures, and unaniously agreed to recommend the Assembly to answer that it does not deem it wise to grant the prayer.

The minute-book of the Executive Committee on Education for the past year has been examined, and found to contain a correct and detailed record of the conduct of the work of that committee.

The committee recommends—

1. That the Executive Committee be instructed to apportion the sum of \$30,000 among the Presbyteries for the current year, and that the Presbyterial Chairmen of Education be urged to apportion their presbyterial quota among the churches, and to urge each church to raise the amount expected from it.

2. That the different societies in the churches and Sunday-schools be encouraged to contribute to this cause, and that the support of ladies in our training-schools preparing themselves for Christian work be especially commended to the sympathy and liberality of all organizations of women in our churches.

3. That the first Sunday in November be observed as a day of special prayer for the youth in our schools and colleges.

4. That all applications for aid to candidates be made in accordance with the form furnished by the Secretary, and as early in the year as possible; and that Presbyteries be urged to a stricter observance of the regulation which enjoins the utmost care in recommending candidates to the Executive Committee for aid, so as to enable the committee to confine such aid exclusively to cases of need.

5. That the Assembly urge pastors of the stronger churches to secure liberal contributions from their congregations for the general treasury, in addition to what they may give to their own special candidates.

6. That the Executive Committee on Education for the Ministry for the following year be composed as follows: Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., Secretary; Rev. N. M. Woods, D. D., Rev. W. McF. Alexander, Rev. E. A. Ramsey, D. D., Rev. J. S. Foster, Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, G. W. Macrae, Treasurer; S. P. Read, Thos. Wellford, T. H. Rice, and John Johnston.

WM. HAYNE LEAVELL, *Chairman.*

THOS. CUMMINS,

T. S. CLYCE,

T. A. WATKINS,

T. B. TRENHOLM,

CHAS. M. TIDBALL,

W. G. FISHER,

JNO. G. LAW,

J. M. WALTHALL,

H. G. GILLAND,

JNO. VAN LEAR,

JNO. L. ALLISON,

J. E. HAMPTON.

The unfinished business, the trial of the complaint against the Synod of Memphis, was resumed. The Synod was further heard by W. McF. Alexander; the complainants were again heard by N. M. Woods.

Pending this business the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow at 9 A. M.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. M. B. Lambdin.

EIGHTH DAY.

MAY 29, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met and was led in devotional exercises by the Rev. Xenophon Ryland.

The roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk, on an overture from the Presbytery of Lafayette, asking free distribution of the Minutes of the Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Stated Clerk respectfully reports, in answer to the overture from the Presbytery of Lafayette, that owing to the depleted condition of the Assembly's treasury, and in view of the present low price (much under cost) of copies of the Minutes, it is not considered advisable to make the change requested.

The Auditing Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

To the General Assembly: Your Auditing Committee respectfully beg leave to submit the following report. There have been submitted to them the following, to-wit:

The report of the Trustees of the General Assembly, accompanied by the report of the Treasurer, which is reported audited by the Auditing Committee, and found correct; the reports of the committees appointed by the last General Assembly to audit the reports of the Treasurers of the Executive Committees of Home Missions, Publication, Education, and Colored Evangelization. Each and all of these Auditing Committees certify to the correctness of the several reports audited by them.

We have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Assembly, and find them correct. They show a balance due the Treasurer of \$472.07.

Col. John E. Brown, one of the Trustees of the Assembly, having died during the past year, we recommend the appointment of John R. Pharr to fill the vacancy.

The terms of the following trustees—George E. Wilson, John E. Oates, and A. G. Brenizer—expiring with this term of the Assembly, we recommend their reappointment.

It appearing that the appointment of D. W. Oates as Trustee of the Assembly by the Assembly of 1894 was not entered upon the Minutes, it is recommended that the said appointment be recognized and confirmed.

We recommend the appointment of the following Auditing Committees for the ensuing year:

Executive Committee of Publication.—H. Swineford, Edwin Pleasants, and B. C. Wherry.

Executive Committee of Education.—R. F. Willcox, C. H. Albright, and J. L. Wellford.

Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.—Geo. G. O'Bryan, R. S. Hollins, Sr., and R. E. Magill.

Executive Committee of Home Missions.—H. T. Phillips, W. R. Hoyt, and W. S. Parkhurst.

Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization.—J. H. Miller, L. S. Handley, and A. B. Curry.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. COX, *Chairman.*

The Special Committee on the Sabbath made a report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

(1). The following overture from the Synod of Texas has been placed in our hands, viz.:

“Thoroughly impressed with the conviction that the wholesale desecration of the Sabbath-day, fostered and encouraged by the Sunday traffic and travel of our railroads, is not only endangering the stability of this divine institution, but is also directly connected with many social evils; and further convinced that if the evil is ever suppressed the initiative steps must be taken by the church of Jesus Christ,

We, the Synod of Texas, in session at Palestine, October 29, 1895, would most respectfully overture the General Assembly of our church to take such steps as may be necessary to arrange all the preliminaries for securing a united and simultaneous effort on the part of the different denominations of Christians in the United States to get

up a mammoth petition to Congress, signed by their members and outside sympathizers, praying for the enactment of such laws by the general government as will stop all unnecessary inter-state travel and traffic on the Sabbath-day; and also a separate and similar petition to the Legislatures of their respective States, praying them to cooperate in the movement by enacting similar laws against such traffic and travel within the State limits, unless such legislation has already been enacted.

By order of the Synod of Texas,

JOSEPHUS JOHNSON, *Stated Clerk.*"

In answer to this overture it is recommended that the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary to arrange preliminaries for securing a united and simultaneous effort on the part of the different denominations of Christians in the United States to get up a mammoth petition to the civil authorities for the enactment and enforcement of laws to stop all unnecessary state and inter-state travel and traffic on the Sabbath-day.

Two reports on the Sabbath have also been received by your committee, one from the Presbytery of Wilmington and one from the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath. From these papers it appears that there has been an increase of twenty-five per cent. in the number of reports from the Presbyteries on this subject over last year: that our ministers have generally included the claims of the Sabbath in their regular ministrations of the word; that several Presbyteries have made special efforts towards promoting greater reverence for the Lord's day, and that, while looser views and greater disregard for the sanctity of the day abound in the land, our own people generally reverence the Sabbath and observe its claims.

Inasmuch as it appears from the official statements of the Postmaster-General that any postoffice of the country may be closed on the Sabbath, if the people of the town and the postmaster in charge desire it, the General Assembly would urge the members of the Southern Presbyterian Church to do what they legitimately can to procure the proper closing of the postoffices on the Sabbath-day.

In view of the abounding desecration of the holy Sabbath by the public generally, which tends to undermine morality and lower the tone of religious life, and lessen the spiritual power of Christian people, your committee would recommend: *First*, That the Assembly urge all its ministers to faithfully instruct their people on the perpetual obligations of the Sabbath upon all men, and the vital relation between Sabbath observance and the best morals and the best spiritual life, and to use every legitimate means, by petition or otherwise, towards creating and developing a greater reverence for the holy Sabbath and towards promoting a better observance of the Lord's day. *Second*, That the report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath, with exception of so much as insinuates that the Assembly might be guilty of permitting its postoffice to be opened on the Sabbath, be approved and printed in the Appendix of the Minutes. *Third*, That the Assembly appoint the following as a Permanent Committee on the Sabbath: Ministers, James Stacy, E. H. Barnett, and G. B. Strickler; and Ruling Elders, S. M. Inman and John G. Berry.

THOMAS CUMMINS, *Chairman.*

S. P. HAWES,

J. B. O'BRYAN.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of South Carolina made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of South Carolina respectfully report that they have carefully examined a certified copy of the same, and direct the atten-

tion of the Assembly to the following recommendation of the Synod's Permanent Committee on Education, found on page 13: "That Synod recommends to its Presbyteries, that when students fail to pass any of their examinations at the seminaries, the Presbyteries require of them a satisfactory explanation of the failure, and in case such an explanation is not forthcoming, either refuse to license them until they make good their deficiency, or license them as extraordinary cases."

We recommend that the Assembly take exception to this action as unwise and injurious in its effects, inasmuch as it recommends for licensure students who have failed to reach the minimum standard of scholarship. With this exception we recommend the approval of the records.

JOHN G. LAW, *Chairman.*

The report of the Standing Committee on Sabbath-schools was taken from the docket, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools respectfully reports that there have been placed in its hands the following: (1), Presbyterial Sabbath-school reports from sixty-four Presbyteries instead of seventy six: (2), An overture from the Presbytery of Nashville, asking for better blanks for reports.

Your committee has made careful examination of the presbyterial reports, but in view of the fact that so many Presbyteries fail to make any report, and the further fact that many of the reports sent are imperfect, we cannot make a comparison with former statistical reports, so as to learn whether our church is making any advance in this important branch of church work. We find that in the sixty-four Presbyteries reporting, there are 1,632 schools, having 13,684 officers and teachers, and 115,068 pupils, which have contributed to their own support \$47,269.24, and for other purposes \$23,056.59, and that there have been admitted to the communion of the church from these schools 3,762 persons. The schools are under the control of the sessions. Not very many of our pastors preach regularly to the children. The catechisms of the church are very generally taught, but the *Confession of Faith* and *Form of Government* are not.

We note with regret that the children of our Sabbath-schools do not very generally attend the other church services. We would urge this matter upon the attention of the sessions, that they slack not their efforts to interest the children in all the church services, and seek to revive that custom which once was the joy of our church—the whole family in the sanctuary.

We are glad to learn from the report of our Executive Committee of Publication that there is an increase in the circulation of our Sabbath-school periodicals. We note the commendable zeal of our Executive Committee of Publication to meet the need of our schools by furnishing such excellent lesson helps.

Your committee, desiring the highest efficiency in Sabbath-school work, would call attention to the progress now being made in organization. There should be set before our church the highest standard of organization for the zealous prosecution of the great work. The Sabbath-school is not intended for children only, but a valuable and very important means of developing Christian life, as well as bringing souls to Christ. Every school should have a teachers' meeting for the study, not only of the lesson, but also of the school itself; should have a normal class for training teachers; should have a home department, in which should be enrolled every person, old and young, who cannot personally attend the school.

Only about ten churches report any effort to maintain a Sabbath-school for the colored people. In view of this fact, which indicates a lamentable indifference to the

opportunity of our church, we recommend the adoption of the following, recently adopted by Charleston Presbytery: "That our ministers, sessions and people are exhorted to make the effort to form Sabbath-schools for the instruction of colored children and youth, and that the members of our churches are exhorted to devote some of their time and Christian charity to giving evangelical training to those who may be gathered into such schools. Could this be done, not only might souls be expected to be saved, but, to the extent to which this Christlike endeavor would succeed, a temper of docility would be engendered in the rising generation among them, the antagonisms of race would be mollified, and amicable relations would be established between those who, in the providence of God, seem destined, we know not how long, to live side by side with each other."

Your committee further recommends the adoption of the following:

1. That sessions shall encourage the use of the Bible in the school, so as to make our young people familiar with the book, and not allow it to be displaced by the lesson helps.
2. We commend the new catalogue of our Publication Committee to all schools desiring good books for the library.
3. We urge upon Presbyteries to encourage the holding of Sabbath-school conferences and teachers' institutes.
4. We find that blanks now used are not uniform, that many Presbyteries fail to give the information sought by the blanks, that some are made out with pencil, and that some reports are not signed. Therefore we recommend that the Assembly enjoin Stated Clerks to be more careful in making out reports, and that uniform blanks be used.

By order of committee,

J. Y. ALLISON, *Chairman*.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Missouri reported that the records were not in the house, and asked to be discharged. The committee was discharged.

The First Presbyterian Church at Charlotte, N. C., was chosen as the place for the meeting of the next Assembly.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, representing a large body of Christian people, desires to express their profound sympathy with the suffering people of Armenia, who, for the name of Christ our Lord, have been driven through the furnace of the fiercest persecution. We have been grieved beyond expression that our brethren in Christ in these late Christian centuries have been left unshielded from the storm. Unto the God of pity we commend this smitten people, praying for the strong hand of his power and his wise and compassionate providence in their behalf.

The following minute, touching the action of the Assembly on the complaint against the Synod of South Carolina, was adopted:

From the "Record" in the case, it appears that Charleston Presbytery "refused to receive under its care, as a candidate for the ministry, an applicant simply on the ground that he was colored; and that the Synod of South Carolina excepted to this and directed the Presbytery to review its action in the matter, and to correct the error as far as possible."

In refusing to sustain this complaint the General Assembly, without expressing any opinion as to the extent of the general discretionary power of a Presbytery in receiving candidates, confirms the action of the Synod solely on the ground that the reason given by the Presbytery for not receiving the applicant as a candidate, namely, that he was colored, is contrary to the law and constitution of the church.

The following paper, explanatory of votes on the complaint against the Synod of South Carolina, was admitted to record:

We who voted "*to sustain in part*" in the complaint of J. A. Enslow against the Synod of South Carolina desire to have recorded the following explanation of our vote:

1. We voted to sustain in part Charleston Presbytery, because it acted within its constitutional rights.

2. We voted to sustain in part the Synod of South Carolina, because Charleston Presbytery, in the exercise of its constitutional rights, used its discretionary power unwisely in drawing the anti-scriptural color line in the rejection of the candidate.

T. S. CLYCE,	JOHN VAN LEAR,
C. R. HEMPHILL,	D. A. BEATIE,
R. E. CALDWELL,	M. B. LAMBDIN,
W. L. NOURSE,	J. W. TODD.

It was made the special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon to take up the unfinished business, the trial of the complaint against the Synod of Memphis.

The Assembly had recess until 3 P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met.

By common consent, the following resolution was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to provide for each member of succeeding Assemblies a neat and inexpensive badge, to be worn upon the lapel of the coat, in order to distinguish him as a commissioner of the Assembly.

The order of the day was taken up, and the roll was called for the expression of opinion on the complaint against the Synod of Memphis, with the following result: To sustain, 18; not to sustain, 74.

The report of the Committee on the Records of the Synod of Memphis, recommending their approval, was taken from the docket and adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was approved:

The Committee on Leave of Absence would report that they have been embarrassed by the large number of applications for leave, and by the responsibility thrown upon them in deciding whether the reasons given by various applicants were valid. Not

wishing to assume arbitrary authority in the matter, they have allowed each one to be his own judge as to whether the necessity for absenting himself from the further sessions of the Assembly was imperative. Whenever he declared that such necessity existed, he was at once excused without question.

Acting upon the above principle they have excused the following commissioners, viz.:

After Monday, May 25th: Ministers—W. O. Cochran, of Ebenezer Presbytery; John Barbour, North Alabama. Elders—S. H. Boyd, Orange; S. J. Simpson, Enoree; J. M. Wilson, Mecklenburg. Elder W. M. Cox from the sessions of Tuesday.

After Tuesday, May 26th: Ministers—L. C. Vass, D. D., Savannah; Colin Stokes, Montgomery; J. C. H. Champney, Central Alabama. Elders—T. E. Key, Athens; C. M. Davis, Ethel; J. E. Good, Cherokee; J. W. S. Ridley, Columbia; T. E. Kendrick, Augusta.

After Wednesday, May 27th: Ministers—W. H. Leavell, Brazos; C. P. Bridewell, Paris; J. P. Gibbons, Indian. Elder—Silas Bacon, Indian.

After Thursday, May 28th: Ministers—J. W. Holt, Greenbrier; C. R. Hemphill, D. D., Louisville; J. N. Tate, Missouri; W. L. Boggs, Enoree; S. B. Ervin, Missouri; I. N. Naff, Abingdon; I. N. Campbell, Chesapeake; L. L. Wells, Ethel; A. S. Allen, Nashville; W. W. Bruce, Transylvania. Elders—W. H. Feild, Fort Worth; George Beatty, Lexington; L. Rolfe, Enoree; K. Kemper, Chesapeake; W. V. Rensford, Kanawha; J. M. Duncan, Lafayette; James R. Barret, Paducah; J. L. Dean, South Alabama; C. W. Johnston, Orange; F. W. Merrin, Saint Johns; J. E. Hampton, Pine Bluff; W. B. Chandler, Atlanta; J. L. Tate, Abingdon; W. A. Plecker, M. D., Norfolk; J. M. Brownson, Western Texas; Thomas Butler, West Lexington; J. F. Smith, Tombeckbee; W. H. Steed, Pee Dee; James R. Young, Albermarle; J. A. Enslow, Charleston; C. R. Black, St. Louis; John Kennedy, Winchester.

After Friday morning, May 29th: Elder Charles H. Wood, Transylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. PRAIGG, *Chairman*,
B. C. WHERRY.

The Moderator announced the following committee to arrange for the celebration, during the next Assembly, of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the origin of the Westminster Standards: J. Henry Smith, D. D., chairman; F. R. Beattie, D. D., W. M. McPheeters, D. D., T. C. Johnson, D. D., W. A. Alexander, D. D., John A. Preston, D. D.

The Assembly, by a rising vote, unanimously adopted the following resolutions of thanks:

To the railroads, for reduced rates of travel and an agreeable excursion; to the Mayor and police, for the quietude of the streets in the vicinity of the church where the sessions were held; to the telephone and telegraph companies and post-office authorities, for facilities of correspondence placed at the Assembly's disposal; to the daily press, for faithful reports of proceedings; to the several exchanges and associations of the city, for their courtesies; to those sister churches which tendered their pulpits to members of the Assembly, and gave emphasis in many ways to the reality of Christian brotherhood; to the excellent Committee of Arrangements, whose kind

and untiring attention to the comfort of commissioners commands heartiest acknowledgment; to choir and organist, for efficient aid in the devotional exercises; to the officers and members of the several Presbyterian churches of the city, who, in connection with the devotedness of the First Church to the Assembly's comfort, contributed so largely to the pleasure of our stay among a most hospitable people. We pray that the Heavenly Father will especially bless the pastor, officers, and members of the First Church for their many contributions to our welfare; and this entire city, its Christian homes, its churches, and its public institutions, "with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus."

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

It was ordered that this Assembly be now dissolved, and that another Assembly, to be chosen in like manner, shall meet in the First Church, in the city of Charlotte, N. C., on the third Thursday of May, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with singing, and with prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

ROBERT P. FARRIS, *Permanent Clerk.*

JOSEPH R. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NARRATIVE.

Your committee would report that there have been submitted to us the narratives of sixty-six Presbyteries, prepared in the main according to the form prescribed. Some of these show painstaking care and thoughtfulness; a few are so meagre and jejune in execution as to be virtually non-compliant with this duty. We are loath to conclude that these latter give a true reflection of the state of religion within their bounds.

With this varied material it has been a difficult task to construct an adequate narrative. Following, however, the outline submitted, we discover that the fidelity of our ministers and officers is generally commended. Exceptions are taken in some instances to the neglect of household visitation by the elders; and the spiritual work of the church not seldom lags because the deacons are not efficient in their work. It is possible that a difference of understanding as to the bounds and relations of these two offices may partly account for this.

It is evident that ours are a church-going people, and the Spirit of God has honored the preaching of the word by many ingatherings from the world. We, however, still wait for such a general outpouring of the Holy Ghost as is sometimes vouchsafed the church.

In charges specially exposed to the inroads of worldliness we find often a distressing laxity of standard as well as of practice, but we believe the great mass of our membership have not bowed the knee to Baal. There is almost universal lamentation in these narratives over the secularizing of the Sabbath by church members, and the family altar, so far as can be judged, is not generally maintained. On the other hand, there is evidently a gain in missionary zeal and organization; there was never so much interest in the improvement of the Sabbath-school; instruction is being sought in the scriptural conception of giving, and more of our people every year are being trained in the Young People's Societies and other forms of Christian service. Almost every narrative mentions the decrease of intemperance among professing Christians.

We see no signs of declension in the faith and affections of our church for her traditional doctrines and practices, even though the abstract statements of creed and catechism are not much in favor. Some of the Presbyteries have already taken steps to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Westminster Confession. It is believed that this will triumphantly vindicate the loyalty of our people to our historic standards.

We see indications of a general awakening to a sense of the church's duty to the outcast and neglected. Our members in many places are engaging in prison, and hospital, and temperance work.

Something likewise begins to be done to meet our responsibility to the colored race flanking us on all sides. Most Presbyteries are not now content to reply that "the colored people prefer their own churches," though some adhere to this careless and guilty formula. Some narratives mention the occasional preaching of our ministers to them, and not a few Sabbath-schools are already started among them. One elder is mentioned who busies himself visiting and distributing simple religious papers

among them, and our good women are instituting mothers' meetings among their women. These are mentioned to show how easy it is to help this dependent race if we wish. This self-sacrificing, Christlike work will bring its reflected blessing to every heart that takes it up.

The churches generally seem to have redeemed their pledges of ministerial support, though some of our worthiest men are inadequately cared for whilst serving the church.

On the whole, we conclude that the year has been a year of advance. A tone of cheer and confidence pervades most of the narratives. The very lamentation of Zion over her deficiencies is a prophecy of good, for though the flesh lusteth against the spirit, the spirit also lusteth against the flesh. The promises of God call us forward to larger conquests in the Redeemer's name.

JOHN BARBOUR, *Chairman.*

II. ABSTRACT OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The receipts for the year, from all sources, were \$142,099.77. This is \$9,766.87 more than the receipts for last year. Part of this increase is due to legacies, which were \$8,280.40 in excess of those received last year, leaving \$1,486.47 to represent the increase in the contributions of the churches.

The disbursements* for the year were \$127,689.91, which is \$6,020.26 less than those for last year, and \$15,409.66 less than the present year's receipts. According to instructions from the last General Assembly, the Congo Boat Fund, amounting to \$10,393.09, has (excepting \$393.09) been invested, and the interest is being used for the support of the African work. On April 1, 1895, there was a balance in the treasury, exclusive of the Congo Boat Fund, of \$7,526.90. Including this, and excluding the Congo Boat Fund, there was, on April 1, 1896, a balance available for general mission purposes of \$21,936.76.

This year, as last, the appropriations for the missions, for other purposes than missionaries' salaries, were reduced considerably below the amounts asked for in the estimates. This means, of course, to some extent, a curtailment of the work; but our missionaries are fully in accord with us in the idea that advance movements, however desirable, should be made only so far as the contributions of the church will enable us to make them, without encumbering our treasury with debt. This year, as last, also, some of our missionaries voluntarily reduced their salaries below the stipulated amount for their fields, notwithstanding the fact that the salaries in all our fields, based on the mission's estimates of what is needed, average lower than those paid to the missionaries of any other church.

The number of contributing churches was \$1,737, being seventeen more than last year. The number of contributing Sabbath-schools was 524, being 128 less than last year. The number of contributing societies was 859, being thirty-four more than last year. The number of individuals supporting missionaries was seven, being three more than last year. It is estimated that 1,039 churches and 2,200 Sabbath-schools made no contribution to the cause.

It is sometimes said, by way of excuse for these non-contributing churches, that many of them are vacant, and most of them are weak and struggling. But perhaps one reason why they remain always weak and struggling is because they are not fulfilling the conditions of a vigorous life, as laid down in the word of God. It is believed

* Under "disbursements for the year" are included only disbursements on account of year ending March 31, and not advance payments on year beginning April 1.

that our Presbyteries could do nothing that would be more efficacious to promote the life and prosperity of these churches than to take measures by which every one of them should be brought into line as helpers in the church's mission work at home and abroad.

The circulation of *The Missionary* has increased during the year, the number of paying subscribers now on the list being 9,259, as against 7,200 at the close of last year. This increase has been chiefly since the month of November, when the subscription price was reduced to fifty cents, and all club rates were abolished. A much larger increase will be necessary to make *The Missionary* self-supporting at this rate, a considerable part of the income this year being from the one-dollar rate for single subscribers and the seventy-five-cent rate for clubs. The committee believes, however, that it is wise to publish the magazine for fifty cents, even at a loss, if the circulation can be thereby largely increased, because the direct loss will be more than counterbalanced by the indirect returns from the larger circulation. The issue for the month of March was 11,500 copies. The total number of copies ordered printed during the year was 119,400. The number of copies sent free each month was about 1,650. A few of our ministers have set an example worthy of imitation by declining to avail themselves of the privilege of the free list. The cost of publishing the magazine, including its proportionate part of the editor's salary (\$900), was \$5,875.24. There was received from subscriptions and advertisements \$5,330.56, making the excess of cost over receipts \$544.68.

The Children's Missionary has continued to grow in favor, the number of subscribers having grown from 4,100 at the close of last year to 5,297, the number now on the list. The cost of publication, including its proportionate part of the editor's salary (\$450), was \$1,739.01. The amount received from subscriptions was \$1,001.22. There is still needed an addition of 3,000 subscribers to make it fully self-supporting.

Two editions of *The Missionary Calendar of Prayer*, of 2,000 copies each, were issued, at a cost (including \$150 of editor's salary) of \$821.27. There were distributed 2,725 copies, the receipts from sales being \$532.27. This publication is intended to be both a compendium of missionary information and a stimulus and guide to intelligent prayer. It is believed that rich spiritual results would flow from the general circulation and use of it among the people.

Nineteen new missionaries were sent out during the year. Of these, six were sent to China. They were: Rev. Lacy L. Little, Miss Pauline DuBose, George C. Worth, M. D., and Mrs. Worth, Miss Elizabeth Talbot, and Miss Una E. Hall. The Japan Mission was reinforced by Rev. W. McS. Buchanan, Miss Florence D. Patton, and Miss Mary B. Torrance. Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Womeklorf were sent to Northern Brazil. Rev. and Mrs. Charles R. Morton and Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Allyn were sent to Southern Brazil. Rev. W. B. Harrison was sent to Korea. Rev. S. P. Verner and Rev. Joseph E. Phipps (col.) were sent to Africa. Mrs. A. T. Graybill was sent to Mexico.

Rev. Toji Takada, a native of Japan, graduated at Columbia Theological Seminary and ordained by the Charleston Presbytery, was sent out by special funds contributed by the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia and other churches of the Synod of South Carolina, and is working in connection with our mission among the soldiers of the garrison at Nagoya, Japan.

Miss Ellen Emerson, having been two years in this country for the recuperation of her health, returned to China in the month of January. Rev. R. B. Grinnan and Miss Annie Dowd, of the Japan Mission, both of whom had been detained in this country for more than a year by sickness, returned to their fields during the year.

The first need is that the church should understand that the evidence of God's blessing, as given in the reports from the missions, means such enlargement of the work as must make increased demands upon us for its support.

For China, to put the stations now occupied on a proper working basis, to say nothing of further advance movements, the minimum need is a reinforcement of six men and five women. Japan needs a reinforcement of three men and three single women, without which our present work will be seriously crippled, and our movement in that field will be retrograde instead of forward.

Two men and three women are the minimum need for Brazil.

Korea must have two men and two single women in order that the four points in the southern provinces, now ready to be occupied, may be placed on a working basis. Money will also be needed in that field for equipping the new stations.

Africa must have three more white men to bring the business affairs of the Congo Mission into tolerable shape, and to make possible the opening of at least one new station.

The suggestion is offered, that if our churches were enjoined to consider in congregational meetings, during the months assigned to this cause, the needs of the work as laid before them by the Executive Committee through the Presbyteries, such consideration might tend to awaken a more intelligent interest and a deeper sense of the individual church's responsibility, which would result in such enlarged contributions as would not only supply adequate funds for maintaining the work on its present basis, but also make possible the advance movement to which we are now so loudly called by the providence of God.

III. ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1896.

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total in the hands of the Treasurer during the year,	\$	51,459	08
Made up as follows:			
Receipts during the year for Home Missions, Moore			
and Invalid Funds,	\$	41,488	55
Balance on hand at beginning of the year,		9,970	53
			51,459 08
Disbursements on account of Home Missions and Invalid			
Funds,	\$	34,583	18
Disbursements on expense account,		4,652	51
Total disbursements,	\$	39,235	69
Balance on hand March 31, 1896,		12,223	39
			51,459 08

The gross receipts of the office for the year from the contributions and legacies were an increase upon those of last year, by \$4,026.22. The *clear* gain in receipts was \$3,151.22.

LOCAL HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

Under instructions from the Assembly, stated clerks were asked to report the amount of money raised for Local Home Missions. Replies were received from the clerks of sixty-five Presbyteries, showing that the receipts for Local Home Missions which these Presbyteries will report to this Assembly will aggregate about \$86,073. Those Presbyteries last year reported \$89,054, and hence show a falling off in their contributions to local work of \$2,981.

HOME MISSIONS.

This report covers the second year of the Assembly's present plan of work. All legitimate efforts to secure contributions for this cause have been diligently used, and there has been an increase in the receipts.

The committee has met all of its promises promptly and in full. The amount of money from the contributions of the Presbyteries available for Southwestern and Western work has this year been a gain of over sixty per cent. on amount thus available during the last five years of the former plan of work. During the year aid has been given in support of fifteen ministers and two candidates in Arkansas, thirteen ministers in Florida, forty-two ministers and four candidates in Texas, one missionary in New Mexico, two among the Mexicans in Texas, and the salaries in full have been paid for five white and two Indian ministers and one Indian licentiate in the Indian Territory. Five church buildings have been aided, and aid was promised to several others which have not reached the stage at which they will be entitled to receive the aid. A two-story stone building for church and school purposes was completed at Cameron, Choctaw Nation, which, with its school equipments, cost the Assembly \$875, and is said by competent judges to be worth \$2,200 or more, the citizens and people of that vicinity having furnished more funds for the building than were given by your committee.

INVALID FUND.

Every civilized government pensions its faithful soldiers and the families of those who fall in battle. You have had, during the past year, on your Invalid Roll, thirty-eight infirm ministers, all except perhaps two or three of them over seventy years of age, nearly all of them between seventy-two and eighty-six years of age. Most of them have served the church from forty to sixty years, and are now entirely unable longer to do any work. Nine of them died during the year. Many of the one hundred and eight widows of ministers on your roll are also old and infirm. Presbyteries named certain amounts which these beneficiaries should draw. Every possible effort was used by your central office to lay these needs and claims before the pastors, officers, Sabbath-schools, societies, and people of the church, but the amounts contributed were sufficient to pay only seventy-five cents on the dollar, named by Presbyteries as needed. The United States government liberally pensions its soldiers who have served in its army even for a few months or years. The same is done by the Southern States, notwithstanding the fact that theirs was "the Lost Cause"; but our Presbyterian Church, and other branches of the church, are not thus liberally caring for its old ministers, most of whom have served the church through the life-time of two generations, and will now live, suffer and wait, at farthest, for only a few years more. By all means there should be greater liberality in our churches towards this cause.

In obedience to the instruction of the last Assembly, your committee has given repeated notices of the desire of the Assembly to institute an endowment fund for this cause. A small sum of \$15.70 was sent in, and under the will of Dr. Sutton, of Kentucky, it is possible that a sum of from \$5,000 to \$7,000 may in a year or two be realized for this endowment. During the last winter a brother, Rev. E. D. Viser, who had just gone from Georgia to take charge of a field in Virginia, was unexpectedly cut off in the prime of life. He left a widow, with several little children, entirely dependent. Your committee made a call for a special endowment fund for this family, proposing to invest the money and to use the interest and part of the principal for the benefit of this family, so as to use up the money in the course of five to eight years, at discretion. About \$. . . have been received for this cause, up to the time of printing this report, and your committee proposes to invest it at an early day.

The call for aid in home missionary work is increasing. The freeze of 1895 in Florida impoverished many of our people, and the aid for ministers in service there must be increased for at least three years to come, and new fields should be occupied. In Arkansas, especially in the northwestern part of the State, where a new railroad is opening a very fine country, into which a good class of people is coming, we are urgently asked to give special increased aid in the way of evangelistic work. Every Presbytery in Texas, the Indian Territory, the work in New Mexico, and among the Mexicans in Texas, and the Church Erection work, all call for increased outlay by the Assembly. The sum of \$40,000 would enable your committee, during the next year, to employ all available ministers, to increase the school and other work and the usefulness of our church in their fields by at least forty per cent.

The Invalid need has already spoken for itself in the statements made above. The sum of \$20,000 would be ample to meet immediate demands.

The bulk of all this money must come from the regular collections in the churches, and the amounts raised will depend almost entirely on the fidelity of pastors and officers as to the ways in which they lay these just causes of the Master's kingdom before God's people.

It is important to impress the truth that our home missionary work is a *unit*; that it is divided into the two departments, local and general, only for its better management, and that the *general* part of the work has claims upon the church equal to the *local* part.

THE ISRAELITES.

The last Assembly instructed this committee to gather information and to report to this body "What opening there is for work among this people, and what measures are practicable for reaching them."

Circular letters of inquiry were sent to all of our ministers, and 234 replies were received. Of these, 71 reported no Israelites in their communities: 121 reported a few; and 32 reported a good many in their populations. These are in the cities and towns—more generally in and towards the Southwest. From the reports, we gather that our ministers generally have special kindness towards this people. In several instances they report that they have warm personal friends among them, visit them in sickness, and participate in their marriage ceremonies and funeral services, and here and there an Israelite contributes to the salaries of ministers. Here and there a few, generally children, attend our Sabbath-schools and churches. In very rare instances in our land one who is married to a Gentile is a communicant, but there are no marked signs of inclination on their part to accept Christianity. Some of our ministers evidently feel a deep and special interest in the welfare of Israel, saying that the cause lies heavily on their hearts.

We are told that in several of the largest cities in this and in other countries there are organized missions making vigorous effort to get the attention of the Israelites and to present evidence that Jesus was the Messiah. The reports are that these missions, especially the one in New York, meet with encouraging success. One such organization, reported to us, was formed in St. Louis, Rev. Dr. James H. Brookes being president, Rev. [Edward Mack of our church, secretary of its executive committee. Rev. Mark Levy, a Christian Israelite, has recently made a most favorable impression upon some of our ministers and congregations in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, and the alliance of evangelical ministers of Atlanta has recently taken steps to encourage him in missionary work among his people in that and other cities.

IV. ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTRY, FOR THE YEAR 1895-'96.

In accordance with the understanding had at the last Assembly, that this work would be conducted on the most economical basis, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee: "*Resolved*, That on and after September 1st the salary of the Secretary shall be fixed at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, it being understood that the present salary—\$1,800 per annum—continues until that time." The salary of the Treasurer was fixed at \$100 per annum, and there is no charge for office rent or exchange. The only other expenses are for travelling, printing and postage. Eight Synods were visited by the Secretary, and several thousand letters, postals and circulars have been sent out.

The rate of appropriations for aid of candidates was fixed the same as last year, viz.: maximum for college and seminary candidates, \$75, and for candidates in the academy, \$25.

In accordance with the action of the last Assembly, the committee resolved to give aid to a limited number of unmarried women preparing for foreign mission work in the training-school, and that it shall be the policy of the committee that aid will not be given such persons preparing for foreign mission work unless they are recommended by the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. The apportionments for the Presbyteries, for this cause, for the current year were presented by the Secretary and approved by the committee.

The applications for aid to candidates have come from the following Presbyteries, viz.: North Alabama, 9; South Alabama, 4; Tuskaloosa, 3; Arkansas, 3; Ouachita, 3; Pine Bluff, 1; Washbourne, 1; Suwanee, 2; Athens, 1; Atlanta, 3; Cherokee, 3; Ebenezer, 3; Louisville, 7; Paducah, 3; Transylvania, 1; West Lexington, 7; Chickasaw, 7; Memphis, 6; North Mississippi, 2; Western District, 5; Central Mississippi, 3; Mississippi, 3; Red River, 2; Lafayette, 3; Missouri, 3; Palmyra, 2; Potosi, 1; Upper Missouri, 2; Columbia, 1; Holston, 4; Knoxville, 2; Albemarle, 3; Concord, 8; Fayetteville, 5; Orange, 13; Wilmington, 4; Bethel, 10; Enoree, 8; Harmony, 2; South Carolina, 4; Central Texas, 2; Dallas, 13; Indian, 1; Paris, 5; Eastern Texas, 2; Western Texas, 1; Abingdon, 7; Chesapeake, 1; East Hanover, 5; Greenbrier, 4; Maryland, 1; Montgomery, 5; Norfolk, 2; Roanoke, 6; West Hanover, 5, and Winchester, 2—total, 220. They have been pursuing their studies at the following institutions, viz.: at Union Seminary, 42; at the Southwestern Presbyterian University, 37; at Louisville Seminary, 35; at Columbia Seminary, 10; at Davidson College, 21; at Hampden-Sidney College, 5; at Presbyterian College of South Carolina, 6; at King College, 6; at Central University, 6; at Westminster College, 6; at Austin College, 15; at Arkansas College, 3; at the University of Virginia, 1; at the University of Georgia, 1; at the University of North Carolina, 1, and at various preparatory schools, 25.

Three unmarried women were recommended for aid by the Foreign Mission Committee, and \$75 appropriated to each; but only one attended the school of preparation, and to her was paid \$75.

The total contributions are \$17,547.26—from Sunday-schools, \$277; ladies' societies, \$970; churches and miscellaneous, \$16,300.26. This is \$762 less than contributions from the same sources last year. Last year we received \$3,500 from the Monroe legacy, and \$484 paid into our treasury by the father of one of our young ministers—the amount, with interest, received by him during his course of preparation.

This year we have received no legacies and no special contributions of a large amount. We find that the whole number of contributions this year from churches, ladies' societies, Sunday-schools and individuals is about equal to those of last year.

With a few exceptions, our contributions from the stronger churches are less this year than last, and this is easily accounted for. As our seminaries and colleges increase in number, the calls upon the stronger churches for special contributions to the students' fund, or to individuals, become more numerous and urgent every year. The result is that some candidates are abundantly provided for, while others are straitened. The churches which respond to these appeals naturally feel that they cannot give liberally to the general cause. This, of course, detracts from our income.

All the contributions taken in our churches, which the people understand to be for the cause of ministerial education in general, should be sent to this committee, to be distributed in the regular way to all our candidates.

Another thing that detracts from the contributions to Education is the fact that collections for Synodical Evangelization in many, if not all, of our Synods are taken in November. This cause (Evangelization) is one of the most important and popular, and realizes a larger income than any other, unless it be Foreign Missions; and since the collections for it come in November, it must necessarily largely decrease the collections for Education. Of course, these collections must be taken, but it would only be doing justice to the great cause of Education, which lies at the basis of all other causes, in that it supplies laborers for the harvest, if there could be some other arrangement as to the time of collections. We respectfully ask the Assembly to consider this point.

The appropriations of all candidates for a less sum than \$75 have been paid in full. One lady and ten candidates have been paid in full, and 171 candidates have been paid about \$72.50. Not all the contributions that have been reported to us, and for which we have given credit on our books, have gone to pay our appropriations. By the direction of the contributors over \$1,000 have been paid to particular candidates, over and above the committee's appropriations. Had these special contributions and the \$233.45 paid on last year's dues gone to pay our appropriations, we would have a considerable surplus in our treasury; but, besides the special contributions made through the committee, there have been thousands of dollars paid to candidates which have never been reported to us. It is very probable that more money is given for Education by reason of these appeals by the institutions for special help, but the result is unfortunate to the mass of the candidates.

As to the maximum of aid that should be given to a candidate, opinions differ widely. Some think the present amount, \$75, is enough, in connection with what the candidate may receive from friends. In the judgment of others, \$100, \$125, \$150 and \$200 should be given. In view of the importance of this matter, your committee recommend the Assembly to enjoin upon the Presbyteries a more rigid examination into the actual needs of the candidate, and ask for no more than may be necessary.

V. ABSTRACT OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

We have expected from year to year, since the beginning of the financial depression, which is still restricting the business of the country, that there would be a falling off in the sales of the depository, but until the present year we have been able to show some increase each year, and we should be able to do this in the present report but for the fact that the limited collection for the cause last year made it necessary to restrict the colportage work. The result of this course, taken under the direction of the last General Assembly, is that our sales are less by about \$5,000 than reported last year; but there has been a small increase in our ordinary business.

The total donations granted from the book department have also been less than last year. In order that this may be clearly understood a tabular statement is given:

Total sales, 1895,	\$33,484 68
“ “ 1896,	28,190 69
Decrease,	\$5,293 99
Colportage sales (charged to colporteurs), 1895, . . .	\$9,103 33
Colportage sales (charged to colporteurs), 1896, . . .	3,261 51
Decrease,	\$5,841 82
Donations of books and tracts, 1895,	\$3,404 81
“ “ “ 1896,	2,368 47
Decrease,	1,036 34
Total decrease on donations and colportage sales,	6,878 16
Increase of business other than colportage and donations,	\$1,584 17

We must, however, confess a feeling of discouragement in view of the fact that there has been but a slight increase in the collection for this cause over that of last year, the total amount being only \$6,626.27, about \$100 more than last year.

Complying with the instructions of the last General Assembly, the attention of our Presbyteries was called to the whole subject at their fall meetings, and all the facts of the case were laid before them. Many of them complied with the injunction of the General Assembly, and took very decided and earnest action looking to a more generous support to this cause, but the response is disappointing and greatly to be regretted, because it is practically saying that the important work of colportage shall be for the most part abandoned.

COLPORTAGE.

The last General Assembly, appreciating the fact that with diminished contributions to the cause it would be necessary to restrict the benevolent work of the committee, directed that any contraction of this work that might be necessary should be made in the department of colportage, and not in donations.

It has, therefore, been the purpose of the committee to diminish the number of colporteurs in the field until the expenses should be within the limits of proper appropriations, and some of our colporteurs have been dismissed, while others have laid aside the work on account of sickness, until we now have actively engaged only five, and one of these gives but a portion of his time to the work.

DONATIONS.

In this department of our benevolent work we have continued to meet promptly all appeals that have come to us properly recommended. For some reason, however, the calls have not been quite as numerous as the previous year, and the appropriations have not been, as already intimated, so great.

Many of our ministers have received tracts for gratuitous distribution in their fields of labor. Eight hundred and seventeen Bibles have been given as prizes for perfect recitation of the Shorter Catechism, and nine hundred and one Testaments for the perfect recitation of the Introduction to the Shorter Catechism, and many Sabbath-schools have been supplied with necessary helps for their work. The total amount appropriated during the year is \$4,242.21—less by \$1,175.39 than last year.

The total amount appropriated to our benevolent work during the year is \$7,-893.85, or \$1,267.58 more than the collections for this cause.

A number of important works has been added to our list of valuable publications. Attention is specially directed to *The Life of Dr. J. Leighton Wilson*, *Dr. Peck's Miscellanies*, *Church Portals*, etc.

We have in hand, soon to be issued, a volume of *Practical Sermons* by ministers of our church, the undertaking of which was prompted, in the first instance, by the demand for a suitable book of sermons for the use of ruling elders in the conduct of public worship in the absence of a pastor. It will, however, be a volume that will be welcomed by very many on other grounds. Other important works are in contemplation, which will tax all the resources we are permitted to use in this direction.

SABBATH-SCHOOL PERIODICALS.

There has been an increase in the circulation of our Sabbath-school papers, not as great as in some previous years, but perhaps as great as we could expect. The table below gives the exact figures showing the circulation during the year past:

<i>Children's Friend</i> (issued four times a month),	1,098,000
<i>Earnest Worker</i> (monthly),	200,000
<i>Pearls</i> (issued four times a month),	820,000
<i>Lesson Quarterly</i> ,	120,000
<i>Primary Quarterly</i> ,	60,000
<i>Lesson Papers</i> (weekly),	900,000
<i>Pictorial Bible Lessons</i> (quarterly),	80,000

The General Assembly of 1895 directed the Executive Committee of Publication "to consider the advisability of assuming, as publishers, the entire control of the issuing of our Sabbath-school literature." In accordance with these instructions, the matter was referred to a committee, which gave to it most careful consideration, and the result was reported to the Executive Committee, and this report was ordered to be made a part of the annual report:

First, We find that our present plan of issuing our Sabbath-school literature by contract was adopted under imperative instructions from the General Assembly, and that these instructions have been repeated from time to time.

Second, The Executive Committee were enabled, providentially, to carry out these instructions, and to make what was then regarded as a very favorable contract with printers of established reputation and character, who have not only faithfully discharged their duty under the contract, but have from time to time added to the list of our papers and improved them in size and quality beyond the requirements of the contract, and have in all respects met the just expectations of the Executive Committee.

Third, The Executive Committee have, from the beginning of this contract, received a yearly royalty on the papers from the contractors, which has increased from time to time as the subscription lists have grown, until it has reached the amount reported last year, viz., \$4,014.29. This is believed to be a fair income from this department of our work, and is a great help to us in the prosecution of the general work. We do not believe that the conduct of this department by the committee directly would give any better results.

Fourth, Your committee have carefully examined the statements of account furnished us by the contractors from their books, showing accurately the income from the papers and the expenditures, and are satisfied that they could not, in justice to themselves, do more than they have been doing.

Fifth, Should the Executive Committee undertake the issue of these papers, it would still be obliged to make contracts for all the printing, or make a large investment of capital in the necessary plant for this purpose. Such capital would need to be borrowed.

Sixth. The whole work is, in fact, though it be carried on by contract, under the direct control and oversight of the Executive Committee, so that no advantage could be realized in this respect by any change.

The result, therefore, of the investigation made by your committee is: That we deem it exceedingly unwise to entertain the proposition referred to the Executive Committee by the General Assembly.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report is submitted herewith, and the careful attention of the General Assembly is invited thereto. It will be seen that the net assets, as represented upon the books of the committee, are \$106,272.51, a gain of \$2,433.47 during the year.

VI. ABSTRACT OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

In submitting this, its fifth annual report to the General Assembly, we wish to acknowledge first of all that the good hand of our God has led us continually. Each new year brings with it the burden of work already begun, and adds its own opportunities of fellowship with God and responsibilities for his work. We have vainly hoped that many of the difficulties of the past would disappear with the flight of time. They have been so great at times that our faith almost failed, and our resolutions staggered under the load. The execution of long-cherished plans has been again and again delayed. We have spent our time and energies chiefly in trying to hold to what we have already. Here and there we have heard of a new interest in our work. We have seen some growth every now and then. We have been pained beyond expression that our brethren of the church at large have not responded to what they have themselves taken for the call of God to duty in behalf of the colored people. So we have tried to work on in the face of indifference and hostility, where we had every right to expect sympathy and help. We rejoice in what has been done, and confidently look for grand results to follow soon.

I. BUSINESS REFERRED BY THE LAST ASSEMBLY.

According to the instructions of the last Assembly the Secretary addressed letters to the General Synod of the Reformed Churches, inviting them to a conference as to co-operating with us in our work for the negroes.

The following letter is the only reply received:

“Rev. A. L. Phillips, Secretary:

“REV. AND DEAR BROTHER,—Your communication addressed to the President of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America was laid before the Synod at its recent session in Grand Rapids, Mich. Another communication in regard to work among the Freedmen in the Indian Territory was also laid before the Synod. Both were referred to the appropriate committee. The committee, after careful consideration of the matter, reported the following action, which was adopted by the Synod: *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk answer these communications, conveying the greetings of the Reformed Church in America, and expressing most cordial sympathy with the work that is being done among the colored population in the South and West, but regretting that the press of work in other fields forbids that financial assistance to which our hearts and sympathies prompt us.’

“Yours fraternally,

W. H. TEN EYCK,

“Stated Clerk of the General Synod, R. C. A.”

The question of the purchase of the Ferguson-Williams College at Abbeville, S. C., was referred to us with power to act. After careful personal investigation by the Secretary, and careful consideration by us, it was "*Resolved*, (1), This committee approves of the purchase of the Williams school property upon favorable terms, provided the church in South Carolina or elsewhere will undertake the payment of the debt and the expense of carrying on the school without infringing on the income of this committee for its regular work; *Resolved*, (2), That the Secretary, Dr. J. Lowrie Wilson, and Dr. J. S. Watkins be appointed to select a committee to canvass the church on this subject and ascertain its mind."

This committee appointed the Rev. S. L. Wilson, of Abbeville, S. C., to undertake this canvass. Having secured the consent of his churches, he entered on the work and visited the Presbyteries and some churches of that Synod to raise funds. This whole matter came up before the Synod of South Carolina, which approved of the purchase and accepted the sum of \$2,000 as its share of the whole amount needed.

SYNOD.

The last Assembly ordered a collection to be taken in our churches during August, 1895, for raising funds to pay the expenses that might arise from the organization of a Synod of an Independent African Presbyterian Church. Only a few of the churches responded. The whole amount raised for this purpose was \$154.63.

The colored Presbyteries of Central Alabama and Ethel decided, after considering the matter carefully, that they did not think that the time had come for such a movement. The Assembly enacted that "if their concurrence be obtained, and if the funds raised justify such organization, in the judgment of the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization," then certain commissioners should decide on the place and time for such a meeting. In the judgment of your committee the conditions above recited were not fulfilled, and so no meeting was called. After a careful study of this matter for five years we are convinced that it is the mind of the church at large that this organization of an Independent Synod shall be the result of healthful and substantial growth. We see no reason for modifying our purpose in this matter. Our plan was not the result of hasty and prejudiced action, but was formed after ten years of careful thought and observation.

In view of the following table, compiled from the census of 1890, we are thoroughly convinced that our plan is according to the mind of the negroes also:

NEGRO DENOMINATIONS.

	Organiza- tions.	Churches.	Seatings.	Value of Church Property	Communi- cants.
Separate . . .	18,825	19,631	5,792,294	\$20,389,714	2,303,531
United . . .	4,627	4,139	1,008,651	6,236,734	370,836
Difference . .	14,198	15,492	4,783,643	\$14,152,980	1,932,695

The most difficult thing to decide in this delicate matter is as to when the fulness of the time has come. At present there are four separate Presbyteries—two independent, to-wit: North and South Carolina and Texas; two separate, but under our jurisdiction, to-wit: Central Alabama and Ethel. Outside of these Presbyteries there are about thirty-six churches scattered over a large area. The Presbytery of Zion has lost its quorum, and is now practically disbanded.

To bring these scattered constituents together and unite them in a bond of ecclesiastical uniformity and unity is a task that will require great wisdom and patience and much money. There are many in our church who think that the speedy organization

of an independent Synod will bring at once to the support of our cause a great many earnest men and women who now are either distrustful of our policy or actually hostile to it. On the other hand, there are a great many who think that the time has not arrived for such a movement. To do what is right in the sight of God, and yet to bring these opposing elements into harmony, is extremely difficult. That great progress in the direction of independency has been made in five years is very evident to any one that will investigate the facts. It is our opinion that in order to keep up this progress and to make it more rapid, your Executive Committee should be instructed to do all in its power to promote a spirit of manly independence on the part of all the colored ministers and candidates for the ministry; that the money contributed last August for the organization of a Synod be put aside for that purpose, and that another collection be ordered for next August for the same purpose. Whether a more decided and radical step should be taken than this remains for the Assembly to decide.

During the past session of the Stillman Institute there have been thirty-three students enrolled, of whom seven were in the theological department and twenty-six in the academic. Thirty of them were Presbyterians, two Methodists, one Baptist, and two were in the missionary course being trained for the Congo Mission.

We have been able this session to make a more complete separation between the two departments, thus enabling the students to avoid overcrowding their studies. Within a year or two we hope to have the two departments so thoroughly organized, and the students so closely classified, that they will easily and naturally pass from one department to the higher.

II. EVANGELISTIC WORK AND SUSTENTATION.

During the year we have aided twenty-nine colored ministers, who have served forty-one churches. For this work we paid out only the very small sum of \$1,797.20. In making these appropriations we have followed what seemed to be the policy laid down by the Assembly of 1886, requiring that the expenses of the Institute should be paid first from the funds at our disposal. This course left us very little to be distributed among the men in the field. We have made no debts during the year, having written our beneficiaries at the beginning of the fiscal year that we did not think that we had the right to promise to pay what we did not have, and that we would send out money for them when it had come into our treasury. By this plan we did not design to reduce the amounts received by these brethren, but to avoid raising expectations on their part that we could not meet.

It will be evident to any one who will investigate, that the weakest place in our whole scheme lies just here. For years we have been making ministers at the Institute and sending them out under the explicit understanding that we would aid them with money and counsel. We have supplied the counsel in great abundance! Where lies the wisdom of a course that constantly produces ministers who, for lack of a very meagre sum of \$15 per month, are forced to the plow or shop to provide bread for themselves and families? We do not think that it will be wise to give any one a complete support. They should be taught the great lesson of self-help. It is sometimes said that our progress in this work is very slow. How can it be otherwise? The pressure of the necessities of these brethren causes us the greatest anxiety all the time. At times we debate with ourselves whether it is worth while to try to go on with the work as at present laid out. But we dare not lay it down, because the Lord has put it on us. What shall be done? We earnestly pray the Assembly to take such action as will surely result in largely increasing our income, so that we may push these arms of our work forward with all possible force.

VII. ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY'S HOME AND SCHOOL AT FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

The report of J. N. Barney, Jr., the Treasurer of this corporation, sets forth the "receipts and expenditures" of this corporation for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1896, also the "property, real and personal," of the corporation, and the existing indebtedness of the corporation as of April 1, 1896.

It will be seen by reference to this report that the corporation owns real and personal property at Fredericksburg worth in marketable value forty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$42,850), and worth twenty-five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$25,350) over and above its existing indebtedness.

The real property above mentioned consists of—

(a), The large brick and slate-roof building containing ten rooms, with wide halls and a finished basement, and bath-room supplied with water: this building, with its large lot, is used as a "Home" for the female beneficiary orphans. It was conveyed to this corporation by the old asylum corporation. It is located in an eligible and growing residence-district of the city.

(b), A lot of land containing two acres, situated in the same residence-district, and within five minutes' walk of the churches and the business-centre of Fredericksburg. On this lot the Board has erected a school building, planned after approved modern design, affording accommodations as to rooms, light, ventilation, heating, furniture, etc., for an educational institution, teaching two hundred and fifty pupils. In this building, "The Collegiate Institute," organized and conducted under the supervision of the Board, is now completing its third session under auspices most favorable for the permanent success of this institution. The erection of this building, and the successful conducting of this institute, has induced the building of many residences in this vicinity, and largely enhanced the marketable value of lots and residences in this part of the city. The two-acre lot was bought by the Board three years ago at a small price, compared with its present value.

(c), Two cottage buildings built by the Board on said lot, each containing five rooms, besides kitchen, bath-rooms, and closets.

Rev. A. P. Saunders, D. D., has recently been appointed chancellor of the corporation. He will represent it in procuring contributions from the churches and individuals, and will have charge and control of the management of the Homes. His expenses in travelling are paid by the Board. He receives no compensation for scholarships obtained through his labors from churches and individuals, and is entitled to ten per centum upon the moneys actually obtained by him for the homes and the Collegiate Institute, outside of said scholarships.

Rev. Dr. T. R. Sampson has been appointed vice-chancellor, to act as such in case of the absence or inability to act of the chancellor.

E. M. Crutchfield, Secretary of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the corporation, died in February, and the Board appointed Dr. J. N. Barney, Jr., to discharge the duties of the two offices from February 13 to June 15, 1896. The salary of the two offices is at the rate per annum of \$480.

Of the forty beneficiaries there are twenty-one orphans of deceased ministers and five children of missionaries in the foreign or the home field who are lodged and boarded in the Homes; and there are fourteen orphans not living in the Homes. The larger part of all those beneficiaries are entirely supported out of the treasury of the corporation; the residue are supported by special contributions made for them by their kindred or by churches and individuals. All these beneficiaries receive academic tuition in "The Collegiate Institute" in classes adapted to their capacity.

It will be seen that these beneficiaries come from China, Brazil, and Mexico, and from nearly every Synod in the bounds of the General Assembly.

Although the Board has as yet been unable to provide for the presentation of the claims of "The Home and School" by an authorized representative of the Board to many of the churches of the General Assembly, yet, mainly through the labors of the Rev. A. P. Samders, D. D., in personal visits to some of the churches, and in correspondence with others, stated contributions, amounting to \$2,500 per annum, have been pledged by churches and individuals in aid of this important benevolence of the church. These pledges are being faithfully met by these contributors. Additional help has come from Sunday-schools and from church societies, but these are not permanent pledges. Dr. Samders, to whom, under God's help, is chiefly due the origination and the successful prosecution so far of this benevolent work, has recently resigned the pastorate of the Fredericksburg Church, and determined to devote his entire time and energies to laying the claims of "The Home and School" before the churches and individuals who are able and willing to aid it. It may reasonably be expected that considerable enlargement of the means of the corporation will be obtained by his labors.

The Board gratefully recognizes the helping hand of the great Head of the church in the contributions so far made to "The Home and School," and in enabling it to establish upon a permanent foundation an educational institution at Fredericksburg in which the beneficiary orphans in "The Home and School" may receive thorough instruction in all the branches of collegiate education, including music and art, so that they may be well equipped to enter upon the work of life; and that this great benefit will be secured to them with but small, if any, cost to the treasury of "The Home and School," because the Collegiate Institute is now, and will continue to be, largely, if not entirely, maintained by the patronage of the pay pupils from the city of Fredericksburg and the adjacent country. The catalogues of its pupils for the present session and the preceding one embrace the children of the most enlightened and influential citizens of Fredericksburg and this part of Virginia, who fully appreciate the institution; and there being no rival institution in Fredericksburg, nor within forty miles of it, there is no probability that any competing institution will be planted to divert this patronage.

The management of the two Homes has been promotive of the moral welfare and bodily comfort of the beneficiary orphans. Widows of deceased ministers, who are fitted for the responsible trust, are employed as matrons in the Homes.

Under these facts, which prove the successful operation of "The Home and School," and the substantial benefits already bestowed upon the orphans committed to it, the Board feels justified in asking the General Assembly to renew its commendation of the claims of the institution to the confidence and support of the churches and of individuals; so that the present scope of its benevolent aid to the beneficiaries now under its care may be maintained, and that the Board may be supplied with additional means to enable it to extend its aid to some of the many cases of needy orphans of deceased ministers which are appealing for admission to the Homes.

The common council of the city of Fredericksburg, having obtained an enabling act of the Legislature of Virginia authorizing the council to do so, entered into a contract on February 22, 1896, with "The Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va.," by the provisions of which the five per cent. bonds of the city of Fredericksburg for ten thousand dollars were issued and appropriated for the sole and exclusive purpose of paying off the mortgage upon the grounds and buildings of the Collegiate Institute, given for the debt created in purchasing the grounds and constructing and equipping the building of the Collegiate Institute. It will be seen by

the provisions of this contract (a copy of which is herewith filed), that the considerations therefor on the part of the city of Fredericksburg are that ten of the proficient pupils of the public free schools of Fredericksburg, to be selected as said common council should prescribe, should be annually admitted into and taught in the Collegiate Institute, and that in case "The Assembly's Home and School" should be removed from Fredericksburg, the said ten thousand dollars should be paid back to the city before the removal was made.

The common council was further moved, in the interests of Fredericksburg, to make this contract in order to aid in securing the permanent continuance in Fredericksburg of the educational work and influences of the Collegiate Institute, which within the two years of its work in that city has largely contributed to enhance the value of the real estate of that city, and to increase the profitable business of its merchants and other citizens.

The Bible and training school which the General Assembly at Nashville authorized the Board to establish, and of which the plan was submitted to the Assembly at Dallas, was opened in September, 1895, and has met with encouraging success. There have been four young women in attendance as regular students, looking forward to work in the foreign or home field, and a large number of special students from the city and Collegiate Institute. This school has been entirely self-sustaining. The catalogue of it is herewith filed, which will show the scope and curriculum of its studies, the teachers employed in it, and the names of its regular and special students.

The Board feels justified in invoking the commendation of the General Assembly of this training school to the confidence and support of the churches.

VIII. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Your Trustees submit the following report for the year ending May 21, 1896, viz.:

Our Treasurer's annual account, which has been duly audited and approved, and which please receive herewith, shows that he has received \$8,559.28; that he has disbursed \$8,579.51, and that he has a balance on hand of \$9,359.63, which amount is held and invested for various funds, as shown in the accounts.

The suit to recover the \$300 legacy of Mrs. Jane M. Anderson has been decided in our favor by the Court of Appeals of Virginia, and our attorneys in the case have collected up to this date \$93.33.

The proposed compromise in regard to the \$10,000 legacy of W. F. Monroe, referred to in our last annual report, was accepted by the Executive Committees of Foreign Missions and Education, and we are informed by said committees that all of the money has been paid except \$1,000 (\$500 to each committee), and that they are making proper efforts to secure this balance.

The Willie legacy (see last annual report) is yet uncollected, but late information from our attorneys leads us to expect that the money, or at least a part of it, will be paid soon.

In the matter of the Shanklin legacy (see our last annual report), the decision of the circuit court was adverse to the interests of our church, but our Board has carried the case to the Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

The bequests of \$1,000 to each, Home Missions and Foreign Missions, made by the late Mrs. Maria L. Kenan, of Selma, Ala. (see our last annual report), have, we learn, been paid direct to said committees by the executors of Mrs. Kenan's estate.

The late Dr. John Sutton, of Midway Presbyterian Church, Midway, Ky., left a will in which he bequeathed \$5,000 to each, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Educa-

tion, and Invalid Fund, and also made said committees his residuary legatees. This will was contested by some of the heirs at law, but the circuit court has rendered a decision sustaining the will. The contestants have, as yet, given no notice of appeal, but have twelve months within which they can do so.

The late Miss Jennie Johnston, who at the time of her death was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., left a will in which she bequeathed \$2,000 to said church for the use of Foreign Missions: also \$2,000 to said church to be paid over to the Executive Committee of Home Missions of Mecklenburg Presbytery, to be used within the bounds of said Presbytery.

We respectfully call your attention to your failure to enter in your Minutes the name of D. W. Oates, who was elected by you in 1894 to supply the vacancy caused by the death of the late John L. Brown.

We are pained to announce the death, on the 29th of January, 1896, of Col. John E. Brown, who, at the time of his death, was a member of this Board. As a suitable person to fill the vacancy caused by this death, we would suggest the name of John R. Pharr.

The term of office of the following Trustees expires with the meeting of the Assembly, viz.: George E. Wilson, John E. Oates, and A. G. Brenizer.

The officers of the Board for the year beginning to-day are E. Nye Hutchison, President; Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Vice-President; John E. Oates, Secretary and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte, N. C., April 30, 1896.

E. NYE HUTCHISON, *President.*

IX. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia report to the General Assembly that every member of the Board attended the annual meeting in May, 1896.

Rev. G. W. Finley, D. D., Rev. J. W. Rosebro, D. D., and Rev. L. B. Johnston, from the Synod of Virginia, and ruling elder, H. L. Smith, of the Synod of North Carolina, having been duly appointed Directors by their respective Synods, were qualified and elected Trustees and enrolled.

Sixty-five students were in attendance during the session now ended. The Faculty testify to the diligence and good deportment of the students, and the Examining Committee of this Board report the gratifying proofs of faithful and successful instruction given by our professors. The health of the students has generally been good, but one student was obliged by ill health to leave the Seminary.

We regret to report that Professor T. C. Johnson was compelled by ill health to be absent from his chair for several months; but such arrangements were made by him as to reduce the loss of his classes to a minimum, and we hope that his temporary sojourn in Florida has so far improved his health that he will be able to resume full work at the beginning of the next session.

Certificates were bestowed upon the following young gentlemen of the Senior Class, viz.: E. D. Brown, John W. Caldwell, John Josiah Fix, Wm. J. King, Walter Lee Lingle, C. W. McDanald, R. L. McNair, John Wakefield, D. K. Walthall, David Junkin Woods, Malcolm Graham Woodworth, W. C. Brown, A. McLaughlin, W. L. Milne, H. R. Overcash, and Ivanhoe Robertson.

The Board is happy to report that Dr. G. B. Strickler has accepted its call to be professor of Systematic Theology, and will enter upon the duties of the chair at the beginning of next session.

The Board also elected Mr. W. L. Lingle of the Senior Class to be tutor of Hebrew and Greek, Librarian and Intendant for the next year.

For three years Dr. C. R. Vaughan has taught Theology with great satisfaction to the Board, and now that his services to the Seminary are terminated at this time, the Board records its grateful appreciation of the fidelity, ability, and success with which Dr. Vaughan has discharged the duties of Professor of Theology.

The library now contains 15,187 volumes.

The address to the graduating class of this year was delivered by Rev. Dr. C. R. Hemphill, of the Louisville Seminary.

Your Board is sorry to report the deaths during the year of Rev. Drs. Thos. L. Preston and Wm. T. Richardson, members of the Board from the Synod of Virginia, and Col. W. J. Martin, a member from the Synod of North Carolina, all of whom were truly faithful and very efficient members of this Board.

Respectfully submitted, J. P. FITZGERALD, *Secretary*.

X. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Many tokens of the divine favor have rested upon the institution during the year. Sixty students have been in attendance, and with commendable diligence they have prosecuted their studies, and performed, with gratifying success, much work in cottage prayer-meetings and mission Sabbath-schools. One church in the western part of the city has been recently dedicated on mission ground largely worked by this student labor, while in the eastern part there is another flourishing mission maintained by some of the students, which, it is hoped, will soon issue in a complete church organization and in the erection of a suitable building.

The Faculty remains unchanged. The work of professors and students has been prosecuted with commendable zeal, and most gratifying results were attained in all departments.

In addition to the course of lectures, arrangements will be made for several lectures on practical Sabbath-school work by one or more who have attained distinction in this department. The prospects for attendance next year, beginning October 1, 1896, are encouraging. Fourteen applications have already been received by the chairman of the Faculty. This gratifying fact the Board confidently expects will awaken a deeper interest in the Seminary on the part of our friends and proportionately increase their liberality. Larger dormitory facilities are becoming a necessity, and the zeal of poor but worthy young men who require some financial assistance while seeking an education in preparation for the gospel ministry makes its own eloquent appeal to those who love the Master and pray for laborers to be sent into the field.

The degree of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred upon the following young men who had completed the entire course of instruction: John Mercer Blain, Virginia; William Crow, Jr., Kentucky; William Kenneth Forsyth, North Carolina; John Henry Green, Arkansas; James Henry Henderlite, Virginia; Peter Baxter Henderlite, Virginia; William Francis Junkin, Texas; English Kennedy, Arkansas; Robert Melancthon Mann, Kentucky; Henry Woods McLaughlin, West Virginia; Alonzo Knox Pool, North Carolina; Julian Scales Sibley, Georgia; James Kidd Thompson, Kentucky; Isaac M. Yonan, Persia, Asia; Richard Milton Caldwell, Kentucky.

Diplomas for the completion of special courses of study were awarded to Messrs. R. G. Matherson and Leonidas M. Fleming, both of whom are from Alabama.

J. S. LYONS, *Secretary*

J. G. HUNTER, *President*.

XI. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The exercises of the Seminary have been conducted without interruption during the term, with twenty-seven students in attendance, distributed as follows: six in the Senior, twelve in the Middle, and six in the Junior Classes, and three pursuing special studies.

Dr. Wm. T. Hall was formally inducted into the chair of Didaetic and Polemic Theology, and delivered an able address.

Dr. Tadlock was re-elected to the chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, and Dr. Laws was re-elected to the chair of Perkins Professor of Natural Science in connection with Revelation and Christian Apologetics, subject to the approval of the Synods.

The finances of the institution are in substantially the same condition as last year. The assets amount to \$237,444. This includes material property of about \$15,000 in value, paying no revenue, and some investments that return no interest.

An income of \$11,500 can be depended upon. The expenses exceeded the income last year more than \$200.

At the meeting of the Alumni held during the sessions of the Board, the Board was requested to ask the controlling Synods to appoint a day for an annual collection in all of their churches for the current expenses of the Seminary, and that the pastors be urged to use this opportunity to instruct their people as to its work, its value and its needs.

This recommendation the Board heartily endorses, and begs its approval by the Synods. The charter has been renewed for fifty years.

If the Alumni and friends of this school of the prophets will lovingly remember it in their prayers and efforts, there is no reason why it should not soon enter upon a career of unprecedented prosperity and usefulness.

XII. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

The Divinity School of the University is now closing another successful year of work. The same professors as reported to the last Assembly have given instruction. In addition, there has been given a very full course of practical lectures, with classroom work on Home Missions in the Associated Synods, the lecturers being men from the field itself. This course has aroused very great interest among the students. Thirty-three young men have been in attendance on the different classes of the Divinity School, and of this number thirteen will be ready to enter upon their work at the close of the session, having completed the entire course of study or having practically done so, viz.: W. T. Ahrenbeck, of Texas; R. L. Benn, of West Virginia; R. L. Campbell, of Mississippi; Archibald F. Carr, of Mississippi; G. E. Chandler, of Mississippi; J. E. Hobson, of Mississippi; R. I. Long, of Mississippi; W. J. McMillan, of Tennessee; Johnston Robertson, of Texas; C. S. Sholl, of Alabama; J. W. Todd, of Kentucky; D. F. Wilkinson, of Mississippi, and J. M. Williams, of Louisiana.

Two ordained ministers have been in attendance upon the classes of the school. The success of the work of this Divinity School becomes more and more apparent as the years go by, in the acceptability of the young men whom it sends out into the field, in the blessing of God which rests so signally upon them, and in the practical manner in which they are doing their work in the great region covered by the Synods which control the institution and in other parts of our beloved Zion.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. N. KENNEDY, *Secretary.*

GEORGE SUMMEY, *Chancellor.*

XIII. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH.

The Permanent Committee on the Sabbath would report to the General Assembly that they have received reports from *fifty-one* (51) of the seventy-four Presbyteries of the Assembly. As these Presbyteries lie scattered over the whole country, their statements may be received as typical of the rest. From these reports we learn that our ministers have generally included the claims of the Sabbath in their regular ministrations of the word—in several instances preaching special sermons on the subject, in accordance with the direction of their Presbyteries. In addition to this general presentation, special efforts have been made in several of them. In the Presbytery of Atlanta a Sabbath conference was held, the speakers and subject being arranged beforehand, in which interest was awakened, one of the addresses being published by the request of the Presbytery. In the Presbytery of Savannah a request was presented to the managers of one of the local railroads, asking them not to run their cars on the Lord's day. The Presbytery of Kanawha reports the appointment of a committee on the Sabbath. The Presbytery of Louisville reports the existence of an association in that city for the enforcement of the Sabbath laws. Transylvania reports similar efforts being made in one of the towns in its borders, but without success. Macon Presbytery reports that all the ministers of the "Ministers' Union" in the city of Macon preached on Sabbath observance on the same Sunday. Dallas reports special efforts being made by the Christian Endeavor Societies for a better observance of the day. Holston reports the establishment of a Sabbath Reform Bureau, with its headquarters at Morristown. Chesapeake Presbytery also reports "special efforts being made." Potosi reports the closing of stores on Sunday by the grand jury in one of their towns, and the general activity of the ministers in their efforts for a better observance of the day. Lexington reports a willingness on the part of the postal department to close post-offices when asked to do so.

That great good has been done by these and similar efforts, as above mentioned, we doubt not. Yet, notwithstanding all that has been and is still being done by the friends of the Sabbath, the general trend, as the reports show, continues in the direction of looser views and a greater disregard for the sanctity of the day. To show this we need only call attention to the open disregard shown the Lord's day by the last Congress, when it closed its session on that day, with its usual hilarity, merry-making, and scenes wholly unbecoming the day, if not the occasion. Or, to come nearer home, we make mention of the fact that so many Sabbaths were so unceremoniously and unscrupulously employed by contractors and others of the late Cotton States and International Exposition in the construction of buildings and the general work of preparation for the great show at Atlanta. Be it said, however, to the credit of the managers of that exhibition, that they persistently refused to allow its gates to be opened on Sunday for any purpose whatsoever.

We might mention as further proof that the reports show that in all parts of the land freight trains are allowed to run, and in many instances to handle freight as on other days. In nearly all the States *through* trains are allowed, and others often as *extras* under certain restrictions of law, which are easily and frequently evaded—a great deal of freight being hauled with the few live stock, or little perishable freight that might be on board.

So with regard to Sunday travel, the majority of the reports show the same amount of travel as heretofore on the Lord's day, and in quite a number of the Presbyteries "a decided increase." Whilst some of the reports speak of reduced travel on Sunday compared with the other days of the week, others speak of an increased number of excursions, or inducement for increased travel on account of reduced rates on that day.

Complaint also comes from one of the Florida Presbyteries of the demoralizing influence of the tourists, who are so largely and generally guilty of Sabbath breaking.

The same is true with regard to the Sunday newspaper, that great foe of the church and rival of the sanctuary of God. Whilst some of the Presbyteries seem, by reason of their situation, comparatively free from this evil, the rest report its continued existence and generally as being on the increase, and, in some instances, even "alarminglly so."

Justice to the truth requires us, however, to say that the distinction is broadly and emphatically drawn between our own people and outsiders, that while the day is generally religiously observed by church members and Christian people, by outsiders, and especially the young, it is regarded more as a day of recreation and social enjoyment; the same being true of railroad travel, our own people generally having sufficient respect for the day to abstain from beginning a journey at least on the same.

By way of lighting up the picture and relieving it somewhat of its gloominess, we mention two things worthy of note :

1. The first is the organization, under the suggestion of the last Assembly, of a State Sunday Association within the State of Alabama, and auxiliary to the American Sabbath Union, and with the hope of organizing subordinate associations in every county. We hail this as a movement in the right direction.

2. The other is the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States just made, confirming the decision of the courts below, and establishing the important principle that State Prohibitory Sabbath Laws were not in conflict with the Interstate Commerce Law. This decision not only gives to Georgia, from whence the case went up, entire immunity from the running of through freight trains, which was in the very face of her State laws, but also has set a precedent from which other States may derive similar benefit.

We herewith forward to you a communication received from Rev. J. H. Knowles, D. D., Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, in which he calls attention to the "Woman's National Alliance," organized over a year ago, and intended to be auxiliary to the American Sabbath Union, and asking the endorsement of your venerable body. Your committee would make no suggestion, but leave it entirely with the Assembly to pursue any course that may appear best to them.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES STACY,
G. B. STRICKLER,
E. H. BARNETT,
JOHN A. BARRY,

Committee.

(Not signed by Mr. S. M. Inman, the remaining member, because not present at the meeting of the committee.)

PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS, DUE APRIL 1, 1897.

Abingdon,	\$28 00	Mecklenburg,	\$87 00
Albemarle,	20 00	Memphis,	38 00
Arkansas,	12 50	Mississippi,	20 00
Athens,	19 00	Missouri,	22 50
Atlanta,	53 00	Montgomery,	50 00
Augusta,	17 00	Muhlenburg,	12 00
Bethel,	56 00	Nashville,	55 00
Brazos,	23 00	New Orleans,	38 00
Central Alabama,	5 00	Norfolk,	23 00
Central Mississippi,	34 50	North Alabama,	43 00
Central Texas,	31 50	North Mississippi,	18 00
Charleston,	26 00	Orange,	50 75
Cherokee,	24 00	Ouachita,	13 00
Chickasaw,	12 00	Paducah,	23 00
Chesapeake,	15 00	Palmyra,	17 50
Columbia,	20 50	Paris,	20 00
Concord,	52 00	Pee Dee,	13 00
Dallas,	33 50	Pine Bluff,	10 00
East Hanover,	48 00	Potosi,	15 00
Eastern Texas,	13 00	Red River,	13 50
Ebenezer,	31 00	Roanoke,	30 00
Enoree,	35 00	Savannah,	17 00
Ethel,	5 00	South Alabama,	43 00
Fayetteville,	76 00	South Carolina,	35 00
Florida,	12 50	St. Johns,	13 00
Fort Worth,	20 00	St. Louis,	20 50
Greenbrier,	25 50	Suwanee,	11 00
Harmony,	21 00	Tombeckbee,	19 00
Holston,	26 00	Transylvania,	35 00
Indian,	7 00	Tuskaloosa,	34 00
Kanawha,	16 00	Upper Missouri,	22 00
Knoxville,	22 00	Washbourne,	10 00
Lafayette,	26 00	Western District,	18 00
Lexington,	95 00	West Hanover,	22 00
Louisville,	52 00	West Lexington,	43 00
Louisiana,	10 00	Western Texas,	20 50
Macon,	16 00	Wilmington,	31 00
Maryland,	18 50	Winchester,	37 00

The attention of Stated Clerks and Treasurers of Presbyteries is earnestly invited to the above new schedule of assessments, calculated, by order of Assembly of 1896, upon the basis of one cent for each church member. It will require *all* the annual payments here indicated to meet the annual expenses of the General Assembly.

JOSEPH R. WILSON, *Treasurer*.

TREASURER'S SUMMARY FOR 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Presbyterial Assessments,	\$1,326 00
Sales of Minutes,	323 25
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Total,	\$1,649 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer,	\$ 418 76
Publication of Minutes for 1895,	1058 08
Balance due on account of publishing Minutes of '94,	119 98
Salaries of clerks, travelling expenses, clerk hire, etc.,	505 00
Printing, stationery, telegrams, etc.,	19 20
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Total,	\$2,121 02

PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognizes the efficiency of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity of divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore—

Resolved, 1, That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotions of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly in each year, that God would of his great mercy so give the General Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions, and decisions, as to promote his own glory and to advance the kingdom of Jesus on earth.

Resolved, 2, That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

OF

PRESBYTERIES.

NOTE.—An asterisk (*) after the name of a church indicates that it furnishes a manse.

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2	2	2	22	3	5	6	43	3	43	3	3	3	3	3	18	3	3	4	67	48		
1	1	3	5	38	3	5	6	3	30	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	105	105	20		
3	1	1	1	18	1	1	6	5	18	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	222	222	20		
2	2	3	3	10	1	1	10	10	18	5	2	10	8	5	3	3	3	65	65	20		
3	3	4	3	33	1	1	33	33	33	5	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	65	65	20		
1	1	1	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16		
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
62	55	67	74	1297	14	39	322	152	1070	\$1421	\$130	\$427	\$65	\$91	\$977	\$70	\$42	\$206	\$8820	\$5140	\$1897	
4	4	2	7	91	1	1	1	12	100	\$22	\$9	\$2	\$2	\$5	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$223	\$214		
5	7	11	129	4	1	4	1	12	90	30	10	\$20	\$11	13	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5		
3	3	10	3	94	3	4	35	8	67	61	27	19	6	3	61	4	4	10	800	342	8	
3	3	2	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34		

SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

1. Pres. of Arkansas.

S. G. Miller, P.

Samuel Simple, P.

Joseph I. Norris, P.

E. C. Bingham, P.

J. E. Latham, P.

R. B. Willis, D. D., P.

S. S.

S. I. Reid, S. S.

Malcom Black, S. S.

T. J. Hornie, S. S.

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Licentates—2.

2. Pres. of Onachita.

J. A. Dickson, D. D., P.

E. D. Brown, P.

C. H. Manry, P.

W. G. McDonald, S. S.

W. G. McDonald, S. S.	Richmond, Ark.	10	8	6	105	6	6	1	1	2	5	4	1	2	100	750							
J. C. Williams, " "	Junction City, S. S.	4	15	4	35	10	5	4	1	1	8	3	4	6	392	8							
El Dorado, S. S.	El Dorado, S. S.	5	45	10	95	5	1	1	1	3	8	1	4	6	56	3							
C. C. Williams, " "	Hopewell, S. S.	6	20	8	70	6	15	30	9	23	32	8	8	16	660	45							
Washington, S. S.	Washington, S. S.	4	40	7	9	63	5	32	1	1	5	3	4	181	23								
Columbus, S. S.	Columbus, S. S.	3	29	9	60	2	36	1	1	2	1	2	2	35	2								
Hopewell, S. S.	Nashville, S. S.	10	9	2	40	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	8							
Bingen, S. S.	Shady Grove, S. S.	21	8	10	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	2							
Corinth, S. S.	Iona, S. S.	19	5	9	5	25	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	1							
Wallaceburg, S. S.	Marlbrook, S. S.	20	1	10	8	45	3	1	2	23	2	5	2	5	200	85							
B. M. Hammock, P.	Mt. Holly, P.	73	1	10	8	71	3	5	1	2	10	2	2	2	290	85							
Scepticus, S. S.	New Lewisville, S. S.	30	3	4	30	6	3	9	2	2	2	2	2	2	240	1							
New Lewisville, S. S.	Stamps, S. S.	14	2	9	4	45	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	240	1							
Dobynville, S. S.		39	1	25	4	24	10	5	8	3	7	2	3	3	50								
I. P. Osborne, W. C.	Madison, N. C.	23	10	10	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	50								
W. J. Tidball, "	Camden, "	40	2	2	40	30	12	7	2	4	11	3	4	7	175	56							
	New London, Ark.	68	1	13	9	90	30	30	12	7	2	4	11	3	4	175							
	Gurdon, "	22	2	22	7	64	16	1	1	2	8	4	4	7	250	56							
	Malvern, "	35	5	4	25	4	4	1	1	2	6	6	4	7	250	56							
	Wesson, "	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6							
	Magnolia, "	10	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
	Okolona, "	11	3	11	3	11	3	11	3	11	3	11	3	11	3	1							
	Stephens, "	4	1	1	4	38	32	12	11	3	7	11	9	9	61								
	Prescott, V.	81	53	37	71	1316	22	57	219	138	1222	3331	\$132	\$197	\$28	\$57	\$196	\$19	\$33	\$1865	\$1733	\$17	
3. Pres. of Pine Bluff.																							
J. L. Caldwell, D. D., P.	Pine Bluff, Ark.	7	6	10	7	289	2	37	18	180	\$190	\$34	\$195	\$12	\$16	\$402	\$6	\$25	\$2700	\$3138	\$362		
S. C. Alexander, D. D., P.	Pine Bluff 1st, P.	4	3	40	4	4	10	47	10	47	102	15	11	3	6	14	\$4	10	12	400	1275	61	
J. M. Brown, D. D., P.	Monticello, "	8	6	1	124	4	8	10	10	62	96	16	19	4	8	128	7	3	900	900	57		
" " " " "	Fordyce, "	6	3	64	1	36	8	62	36	62	96	16	19	4	8	128	7	3	900	900	57		
" " " " "	Princeton, "	2	5	25	4	10	5	20	1	5	20	1	1	1	21	30	1	1	30	30	400		
J. W. Moseley, Evang.	Ramsey, "	1	2	5	1	4	8	49	8	49	38	10	11	3	5	3	2	10	300	300	130		
" " " " "	Hamburg, "	3	3	1	30	2	16	8	8	49	38	10	11	3	5	3	2	1	300	300	130		
" " " " "	Johnsville, "	1	7	3	1	7	6	16	1	16	6	3	5	2	1	2	1	3	80	80	35		
" " " " "	Arkansas City, Ark.	3	4	2	31	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	2	35	3	10		
B. A. Moseley, W. C.	Snyder, "	4	3	1	50	1	3	3	40	3	40	3	10	13	2	1	1	4	150	53	3		
" " " " "	Monticello, "	3	4	2	25	8	8	3	30	2	3	20	1	1	1	1	1	5	50	50	5		
G. W. Boggs, S. S.	Plantersville, "	3	2	8	50	8	8	8	54	8	54	6	6	2	2	2	5	130	92	53			
C. V. Cavitt, P.	Holly Grove, S. S.	3	4	63	30	30	6	36	6	36	19	8	8	5	4	22	5	19	247	273	53		
S. L. Reeves, P.	Warren, S. S.	2	3	6	63	5	5	17	8	67	19	8	8	5	4	22	5	19	247	273	53		
" " " " "	Dermott, S. S.	2	3	5	45	4	4	17	8	67	19	8	8	5	4	22	5	19	247	273	53		
" " " " "	Helena, P.	3	5	6	15	15	7	60	7	60	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	850	5000	5000	5000	5000	
" " " " "	Stuttgart, V.	55	48	45	18	911	20	42	72	90	740	\$397	\$272	\$35	\$41	\$584	\$25	\$21	\$5921	\$10491	\$491		
4. Pres. of Washburne.																							
S. W. Davies, D. D., S. S.	Fayetteville, S. S.	3	6	15	116	30	14	120	30	14	120	\$104	\$44	\$50	\$9	\$7	\$34	\$12	\$1	\$44	\$600	\$235	\$130
D. C. Boggs, S. S.	Bentonville, "	3	4	6	10	77	2	18	6	41	25	18	17	4	7	29	10	6	457	80	27		
J. L. D. Houston, D. M.	Dodd City, Ark.	2	3	14	3	14	11	11	11	11	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	

Candidates—1.

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Candidates—5.

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							S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teach.	No. Bap. Non-Com.	Infants Bap.	Adults Bap.	Total Com-munists.	Addn. on Cer.	Added on Examin.	Deacons.	Elders.	Payers' Sal.	Bible Cause.	Publication.	Education.	Invalid Fund.	Local Home Missions.	Home Miss.	Assembl'y's Home Miss.	Local Home Missions.	Colored Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Education.	Publication.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Payers' Sal.	Articles Paid.	Congregatl.	Miscellaneous.			
		Fort White, Fla.		Fort White, V.																																		
		Frankford, "		Frankford, V.																																		
		Marion, "		Marion, V.																																		
		Highland, "		Highland, V.																																		
		Jacksonville, "		Jacksonville, S. S.																																		
R. L. Fulton, in <i>trous.</i>		Atlanta, Ga.		East-Jacksonville, S. S.																																		
		—11		—2			51	49	39	51	1129	10	38	334	86	616	\$600	\$157	\$123	\$85	\$80	\$622	\$82	\$211	\$117	\$211	\$117	\$211	\$117	\$211	\$117	\$211	\$117	\$211	\$117	\$211	\$117	
		<i>Confidates</i> —2.		—																																		
SYNOD OF GEORGIA.																																						
<i>Pres. of Atlanta.</i>																																						
W. L. J. Adams, D. D., P.																																						
S. H. Cartledge, P.																																						
Homer, P.																																						
Tooeys, "																																						
A. Simpson, P.																																						
Clarksville, "																																						
Cornelia, "																																						
Maysville, S. S.																																						
H. F. Hoyt, D. D.																																						
S. S.																																						
Harmony Grove, Ga.																																						
Danielsville, "																																						
Doi, "																																						
R. E. Telford, E.																																						
Hartwell, "																																						
Fazle Grove, "																																						
Carneysville, "																																						
Sabburly, "																																						
Roxton, "																																						
A. A. Young, P.																																						
W. L. Barber, E.																																						
Bascomb, "																																						
Jefferson, "																																						
Comer, "																																						
Philomath, "																																						
Henry Newton, P., S. S.																																						
Athens, "																																						
Bogart, "																																						
W. E. Boggs, D. D., Chancellor, Athens.																																						
J. L. Stevens, D. M.																																						
J. L. Cartledge, S. S.																																						
Athens, "																																						
Grove Level, "																																						
Bascomb, "																																						
Hoschton, V., S. S.																																						
Lexington, S. S.																																						
Toocoo, V.																																						
Elberton, V.																																						
Lavonia, V.																																						
Chestnut Mount, V.																																						

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R. O. Fling, P.	Kirkwood, Ga.	Kirkwood, P.	5	5	7	59	1	6	9	40	\$80	\$23	\$56	\$14	\$15	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$78	\$247	\$51		
J. H. Alexander, W. C.	Atlanta,	Conyers, S. S.	4	5	185	4	1	12	10	75														
P. P. Winn, S. S.	"	West End, P. E.	4	3	89	1	1	25	14	95														
G. W. Bull, P. E.	West End, Ga.	Luther Hays, S. S.	3	3	13	1	1	6	40	40														
—29	Easton,	Lawrenceville, S. S.	4	2	66	36		35	10	50														
	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Hapeville, V.	4	2	36	30		7	36	36														
W. P. Hemphill, S. S.	Hapeville, Ga.	Villa Rica, S. S.	2	2	30	1	1	25	9	51														
W. M. Lewis,	"	Flat Rock, S. S.	3	3	32	32		5	65	65														
J. E. Miller,	Atlanta,	Winder, V.	3	3	8	8																		
	Lithonia,		3	7																				
				2																				
				2																				
Candidates—7.			198	167	239	243	334	65	121	792	534	3889	\$2958	\$1167	\$11219	\$68	\$714	\$2636	\$269	\$25	\$244	\$2933	\$13332	\$22983
3. Pres. of Augusta.	Washington, Ga.	South Liberty, S. S.	2		34			10	5	35	\$3													
F. T. Simpson, S. S.	Sharon,	Lincolnton, S. S.	5	4	2	2	2	12	8	59														
"	"		3	1	25	1	3	12	8	59														
T. M. Lowry, P. E., in treat.	Yorkville, S. C.	Sparta, Ga.	6	10	46	17	633	12	10	40	230	912	225	657	16	60	115	41	95	3000	3216	461		
J. T. Plunkett, D. D., P.	Augusta, Ga.	Augusta First, P.	3	3	43	3	4	29	1	30														
E. G. Smith, P.	Greensboro, Ga.	Penfield, S. S.	3	3	50	1	1	17	4	50														
"	"	Clifton, S. S.	1	2	1	1	1	3	35	35														
"	"	Union Point,	4	6	12	60	3	50	23	190														
D. W. Brannon, P.	"	Milledgeville, P.	4	4	5	39	3	8	44	44														
J. M. Ploeden, P.	"	Eatonon, P.	4	4	1	105	1	13	1	37														
W. M. Cartledge, S. S.	"	Monicello, P.	1	2	1	29	3	13	5	27														
	Waynesboro,	Waynesboro, S. S.	1	2	8	6	7	3	33	33														
T. P. Burgess, P.	Madison,	Balds, S. S.	2	1	3	41	1	7	2	26														
"	"	Union Point, S. S.	2	1	25	1	4	4	5	19														
"	"	Crawfordville, S. S.	3	10	1	25	4	16	8	47														
S. J. Carlisle, P.	Washington,	Washington, P.	3	3	4	61	1	56	15	80														
B. M. Shive, P. E.	Augusta,	Augusta Second, P. E.	3	4	181	181																		
—11	Atlanta,	Sibbey, V.	3	2																				
	Hillsboro,	Hillsboro, V.	4	4																				
	Greensboro,	Oakland, V.	3	3																				
			52	53	106	40	1704	19	26	172	156	986	\$1418	\$978	\$51	\$94	\$271	\$70	\$2	\$174	\$864	\$5509	\$1784	
4. Pres. of Cherokee.																								
A. G. Johnson, infirm.	Decatur, Ga.																							
J. W. Baker, infirm.	Marietta, "																							
R. M. Baker, infirm.	Lafayette, "																							

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D. L. Battolph, infirm.	Marietta, Ga.	1	5	77	1	4	45	\$5	\$3	\$1	\$5	\$10	\$279	\$50
A. W. Gaston, infirm.	Summersville, Ga.	2	4	1	3	4	4	4	3	1	1	3	110	7
W. A. Milner, Evang.	Alphine	2	4	1	49	1	40	3	3	1	3	3	30	15
"	Chatozaville	2	3	1	21	1	10	7	1	1	1	4	40	2
"	Harrisburg	2	3	1	21	1	5	25	1	1	1	1	50	50
"	Baersheba, V.	2	3	1	21	1	5	25	1	1	1	1	50	50
"	Salom, V.	2	3	1	21	1	5	25	1	1	1	1	50	50
R. F. Taylor, infirm.	Cass Station	2	5	11	314	4	21	339	84	374	25	46	2400	1186
G. F. Goodrich, D. D., P.	Rome	2	2	1	2	43	8	30	15	13	4	3	225	138
W. E. Baker, S. S.	Roswell, S.	2	2	32	247	15	18	249	520	20	27	102	1200	426
J. H. Patton, S. S.	Marietta	2	2	1	51	1	9	55	30	10	6	55	250	28
R. P. Baird, P.	Acworth	2	2	1	179	1	9	10	56	13	5	7	8	285
"	Octavia	2	2	3	165	2	6	36	8	45	1	4	6	23
"	Hickory Flat, S. S.	2	2	3	35	2	17	4	3	1	1	1	75	2
"	Snymra, S.	2	2	4	36	1	5	20	30	10	34	15	2	40
"	Canon	2	2	4	175	4	23	190	2	7	3	4	739	138
E. D. McDougall, P.	Cartersville	2	2	1	15	3	2	5	10	10	6	5	75	10
C. Z. Berryhill, S. S.	Tunnel Hill, S. S.	2	2	1	75	3	6	30	9	5	2	2	179	76
"	Chickamaug, S. S.	2	2	4	10	21	2	6	9	12	4	2	150	132
"	Lafayette	2	2	7	18	25	7	3	25	1	2	2	12	400
"	Royston	2	2	3	115	1	3	13	1	24	1	2	8	200
Wm. S. Hamiter, S. S.	Euharlee	2	2	3	43	1	6	45	11	18	2	2	200	89
"	Rockmart	2	2	3	35	2	16	6	10	5	2	2	10	588
W. S. Wallace, S. S.	Cedarhurst	2	2	1	40	1	5	5	6	1	1	1	150	10
"	Lindale	2	2	1	59	1	7	6	3	5	6	3	5	130
W. H. Darnall, D. D., S. S.	Rome	2	2	10	322	316	2	18	50	80	100	5	15	900
"	Adairsville, S. S.	2	2	4	103	3	9	166	17	8	10	2	8	125
Edward Bailey, S. S.	Dalton	2	2	1	38	1	3	3	3	3	4	2	8	15
"	Karrab	2	2	2	35	2	7	4	18	2	2	2	2	8
"	Gobatta	2	2	2	39	2	7	4	14	2	2	2	2	3
"	Spring Place	2	2	37										
"	Calhoun	2	2	3										
"	Blairsville, V.	2	2	3										
"	Brasstown, V.	2	2	3										
"	Rome 2nd, V.	2	2	3										
"	Cave Spring, V.	2	2	3										
"	Talking Rock, V.	2	2	3										
"	Bethesda, S. S.	2	2	3										
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W. McKay, W. C.	Macon, Ga.	7	12	8	9	333	5	40	221				\$30	\$15
W. A. Carter, D. D., P.	Columbus	3	3	1	25	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	\$1	5
Alex. Kirkland, S. S.	Americus	3	3	3	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
"	Leesburg	3	3	3	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
"	Brownwood	3	3	3	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
S. L. Morris, D. D., P.	Macon	3	3	13	15	122	4	19	6	30	6	6	40	85
C. H. Hyde, S. S.	Cordele	3	3	5	22	2	2	15	4	11	3	2	19	1130
"	Friendship	3	3	5	22	2	2	15	4	11	3	2	19	1130
"	Rochele	3	3	5	22	2	2	15	4	11	3	2	19	1130
R. R. White, P.	Macon	3	3	14	25	460	7	68	40	300	331	15	31	1688
H. G. Griswold, S. S.	Port Valley, Ga.	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	69
"	Geneva, P.	1	1	13	1	55	6	8	40	3	3	2	3	120
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Edward Bailey, S. S.	Geneva, P.	1	1	13	1	55	6	8	40	3	3	2	3	120
Candidates-5.														
W. A. Carter, D. D., P.	Macon, Ga.	7	12	8	9	333	5	40	221				\$30	\$15
Alex. Kirkland, S. S.	Columbus	3	3	1	25	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	\$1	5
"	Americus	3	3	3	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
"	Leesburg	3	3	3	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
"	Brownwood	3	3	3	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
S. L. Morris, D. D., P.	Macon	3	3	13	15	122	4	19	6	30	6	6	40	85
C. H. Hyde, S. S.	Cordele	3	3	5	22	2	2	15	4	11	3	2	19	1130
"	Friendship	3	3	5	22	2	2	15	4	11	3	2	19	1130
"	Rochele	3	3	5	22	2	2	15	4	11	3	2	19	1130
R. R. White, P.	Macon	3	3	14	25	460	7	68	40	300	331	15	31	1688
H. G. Griswold, S. S.	Port Valley, Ga.	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	69
"	Geneva, P.	1	1	13	1	55	6	8	40	3	3	2	3	120

MINISTERS, ETC.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.													Miscellaneous.									
		Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Add. on Contributions.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	No. Non-Com.	S. S. Teach.	S. S. Scholars.	Foreign Missions.	Assembly's Home Miss.	Local Home Missions.	Colored Evangelistic.		Invalid Fund.	Education.	Publication.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Salaries Paid.	Congregatl.		
SYNOD OF MEMPHIS. I. Pres. of Chickasaw.	Flat Creek, Ky.,	2	3	1	43	1	100																\$1	
	Ford, S. S.,	1	1	1	48	1	68	20	1	40	7	\$3											\$25	\$85
	Athol,	5	2	2	90																			
	Copebranch, Ky.,	4	2		50																			
	Frozen Creek,	2	1		55																			
	Walnut Hill, V.,	2	1	15	50																		\$6	150
	Pine Grove,	2	2		35																			
	Ford,	2	3		60																			
		149	133	362	114	4290	111	35	244	197	539	\$3676	\$434	\$2071	\$292	\$88	\$396	\$121	\$163	\$263	\$18074	\$4851	\$1313	
SYNOD OF MEMPHIS. I. Pres. of Chickasaw.	Baldwyn, Miss.,	2	2	5	34	2	34	3	14	3	33	\$2												
	Plantersville, Miss.,	1	1		20		20	2															\$70	\$300
J. H. Gallard, S. S.,	Luka,	2	6	13	122	1	1	8	65	9	100	12	8	9	1	3	9	3	7	9	4	420	43	
	Burnt Mills, Miss.,	3	2		61																			
W. V. Frierson, S. S.,	Tupelo, S. S.,	3	2		7																			
	Verona,	2	2		97																			
	Leighton,	3	4		7																			
	Nettleton,	2	2	1	4																			
	Oxford,	2	2		35																			
J. M. Kimmions, P., S. S.,	Providence, S. S.,	5	3		95																			
	Toccoola,	4	7	24	6	106	10	1		8	76	123	33	15	6	11	37							
	Kilgore,	3	2		35	5	35	5	11	3	30	1	5	5	1	5	3	4						
J. S. Park, S. S.,	Corinth, S. S.,	5	1		67																			
E. A. Smith, S. S.,	Booneville, S. S.,	3	1		31																			
	Sadallo,	2	1		18																			
	Baldwyn,	2	1		4																			
	Booneville, Miss.,	4	2		38	2	4	38	2	4	38	8	10	5	3	3	5	2	2	1	65			
	Renzli,																							
W. T. Savage, infirm.,	New Hope, S. S.,	6	3	1	3	75	1	20	8	15	21													
	Algona,	5	5	8	1	80	1	20	9	72	4	1												
	Pontotoc, Miss.,	2	1		33																			
	Houlka,	3	2		14																			
	Algona,	3	2		15																			
	Randolph,	5	2		71																			
	Banner,	5	2		46																			
	Wallerlyville,	2	2		16																			
	Ripley, V. S.,	2	3		33																			
	Fankner,	3	3		44	2	14	6	50	4	5													
	Jonesboro, V.,	2	1		17																			
	Ripley,	3	2		44	2	14	6	50	4	5													
	Dumas, V.,	2	1																					
	Pontotoc,	45	60	74	30	1907	58	13	165	103	833	\$243	\$82	\$97	\$26	\$32	\$94	\$32	\$9	\$76	\$228	\$2483	\$203	
	Pontotoc 31 (col.) V.,																							

Candidates—6.

SYNODS OF MEMPHIS & MISS.—Pres. A. Mess. non. West. District. C. Miss.

MINISTERS, ETC.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.												Miscellaneous.							
		Elders.	Added on Examination.	Total Communicants.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	No. Non-Comm.	S. S. Teach.	S. S. Scholars.	Foreign Missions.	Assembly's Home Mis.	Local Home Missions.	Colored Evangelistic.		Invalid Fund.	Education.	Publication.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Salaries Paid.	Congregat.
J. S. Foster, S. S.	Herrando, Miss.	4	3	21	21	10	7	50	\$15	\$4	\$55	\$4	\$3	\$11	\$5	\$9	\$5	\$200			
R. J. Shaw, P.	Sardis.	4	3	53	53	37	1	16	10	3	13	1	3	2	2	2	5	108	\$18	\$15	
"	Courtland.	2	2	3	3	3	5	4	4	3	16	1	3	2	2	2	5	162			
"	Batesville.	2	2	35	35	47	5	4	4	3	11	2	6	1	1	1	2	113	63	15	
R. Q. Riley, S. S.	Eureka.	2	2	34	34	32	5	8	13	2	11	2	6	4	4	4	7	70	15	5	
"	Red Banks.	3	1	2	2	2	8	6	6	2	6	1	3	2	2	2	2	55			
"	Byhalia.	3	1	1	1	10	5	38	6	2	6	1	3	2	1	1	2	55			
"	Watertord.	3	1	3	3	31	1	12	6	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	6	51			
"	Watertord.	3	1	3	3	31	1	12	6	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	6	51			
"	Hudsonville.	4	2	2	2	31	1	9	2	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	51			
"	Mahon.	4	2	2	2	31	1	9	2	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	51			
A. H. Caldwell, S. S.	Senatobia.	4	2	2	2	31	1	9	2	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	51			
"	Cold Water.	4	2	2	2	31	1	9	2	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	51			
"	Loxahoma.	4	2	2	2	31	1	9	2	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	51			
Janius M. Batts, S. S.	Ortwood.	7	3	33	33	4	10	67	115	25	108	27	21	20	15	6	10	680	156	174	
"	Charleston, P. E.	2	4	9	9	35	2	60	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	S. S.	2	3	19	19	37	5	45													
"	Graysport.	2	3	19	19	37	5	45													
"	Spring Port.	2	3	19	19	37	5	45													
"	Crevi.	2	3	19	19	37	5	45													
"	Holly Springs, Miss.	6	5	6	6	162	50	21	115	25	108	27	21	20	15	6	10	680	156	174	
"	College Hill.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Tunica.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Commerce.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Blythe.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Friar's Point.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Pleasant Grove.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Jonestown.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Sumner.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Clarksdale.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Bellev.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
"	Dublin.	5	6	6	6	135	1	45	36	5	53	4	14	14	21	8	687	19			
T. W. Raymond, Gen. Agt.	Holly Springs, Miss.	69	55	102	102	41	1809	17	341	126	991			\$219	\$79	\$45	\$7	\$6212	\$2980	\$297	
J. S. Craig, D. D., Sec'y.	Atlanta, Ga.																				
D. C. Rankin, Editor.	Nashville, Tenn.																				
Lewis Pool.	Byhalia, Miss.																				
R. W. Meeklin, in Trans.	New Orleans, La.																				
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Candidates—2.																					
I. Pres. of Western District.	Jackson, Tenn.	3	4	1	1	44	1	3	33					\$2	\$1			\$35			
G. T. Bourne, S. S.	Bethel Springs, Tenn.	5	2	4	4	30	3	45	45					\$2	\$1	\$20	\$30	436	173	\$118	
J. D. Wallace, P.	Brownsville, P.	2	4	8	8	145	4	2	12	103				\$9	\$5	\$30	\$30	204	236		
"	Bethel.	3	1	3	3	33	2	7	7	45				\$3	\$1			304	236		
J. T. Rothrock, S. S.	Midan.	6	3	3	3	83	2	28	4	2				\$3	\$2			301		6	
"	Denmark.	4	6	2	2	97	2	1	50	1	27	7	2	2	2	6	8	340	17	14	
"	Dyersburg.	4	3	52	52	3	15	9	56	6	35			\$2	\$2			400	173		

SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.—Pres. of Cent. Miss. con. Ethel. Louisiana, Miss.

MINISTERS, ETC.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.
W. J. Caldwell, S. S.	Greenwood, Miss.	Greenwood, S. S.
D. W. Hawthorne, S. S.	Franklin, "	Franklin, S. S.
"	"	Goodman, S. S.
"	"	West, S. S.
"	"	Puckens, S. S.
Jos. B. Hihhouse, in transit.	Atlanta, Ga.	
C. M. Huber, P.	Cystal Springs, Miss.	Brandon, P.
"	Brandon, "	Forest, S. S.
"	Virgil, "	Mc. Hermon, S. S.
"	"	Booth, "
"	Cardrage, "	Oak Hill, "
"	Ferry, "	Carthage, "
"	Prenon, "	Terry, "
"	Royal, "	Hebron, "
"	Raleigh, "	New Hope, "
"	Jackson, "	Raleigh, "
"	Greenville, "	West Side, "
"	Lebanon, "	Greenville, P. E.
"	Edwards, "	Lebanon, V.
"	Raymond, "	Bethesda, V.
"	Belzona, "	Raymond, V.
"	Bonot, "	Belzona, V.
"	Rien Allen, "	Bolivar, V.
"	Rosedale, "	Glen Allen, V.
"	Shaw, V.	Rosedale, V.
"	Angultha, "	Shaw, V.
"	Jackson, "	Angultha, V.
"	Baird, "	Jackson First, V.
		Baird, V.
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		Baton Rouge, La.
J. V. Allison, D. D. P.	Clinton, La.	Clinton, P.
Frank W. Lewis, P.	Woodville, Miss.	Woodville, S. S.
"	Jackson, La.	Jackson, P.
Matthew B. Shaw, P.	Centerville, Miss.	Centerville, P.
"	Lake Charles, La.	Lake Charles, P.
Chas. W. Lyman, P.	Plaquemine, S. S.	Plaquemine, S. S.
J. S. Dunning, S. S.	Baker, P.	Baker, P.
R. E. Patterson, P.	Baton Rouge, La.	Baton Rouge, S. S.
"	Baker, "	Baker, S. S.
"	Little Johns, S. S.	Little Johns, S. S.
W. D. Spurdin, P. E.	Gloster, Miss.	Gloster, S. S.
"	Liberty, S. S.	Liberty, S. S.
B. L. Price, E. & S. S.	Alexandria, La.	Alexandria, S. S.

Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Cer.	Total Communicants.	Admits Bap.	Infants Bap.	No. Bap. Non-Com.	S. S. Teach.	S. S. Scholars.	Foreign Missions.	Assemblies Home Miss.	Local Home Missions.	Colored Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Education.	Publication.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Sal.	Congregatl.	Miscellaneous.	
4	4	1	3	18	1	3	16	8	28	\$7	\$7	\$40	\$2	\$2	\$15	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$30	\$290	\$60	
3	1	4	2	22	1	2	33	4	40	3	4	9	4	4	6	6	6	6	120	15	10	
2	1	2	1	44	1	1	33	5	33	2	4	9	1	1	6	6	6	6	101	83	5	
1	1	5	1	15	3	1	6	6	20	2	5	5	1	1	6	6	6	6	118	55	10	
3	3	1	1	38	1	1	10	5	32	2	2	8	3	3	8	5	5	5	87	42	12	
3	2	2	1	36	1	1	3	3	15	15	6	19	3	3	16	6	6	6	200	5	5	
3	2	1	1	33	1	1	3	3	12	4	9	16	3	3	16	6	6	6	232	3	12	
1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	3	3	
2	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	2	2	
3	2	6	20	36	1	1	4	4	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	2	2	
1	1	1	1	30	1	1	9	9	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
4	5	5	130	110	1	1	13	13	130	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
3	1	1	20	30	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
1	1	1	14	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	2	1	19	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
1	1	1	9	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
1	1	1	21	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2	2	3	12	30	2	2	16	16	115	115	98	16	8	8	51	16	2	2	18	750	1161	60
8	1	3	12	30	2	2	16	16	115	115	98	16	8	8	51	16	2	2	18	750	1161	60
170	117	171	103	3161	52	48	447	217	1383	\$653	\$337	\$1222	\$173	\$135	\$80	\$107	\$45	\$231	\$11031	\$5683	\$1208	
5	5	20	3	132	4	5	21	21	140	\$88	\$10	\$107	\$12	\$18	\$20	\$11	\$21	\$10	\$800	\$755		
2	2	2	1	55	1	1	25	9	65	35	16	11	6	6	24	4	3	6	414	13	13	
2	2	1	21	21	1	1	13	6	33	34	12	21	5	5	5	3	3	4	200	15	15	
4	1	2	83	1	5	17	10	65	5	150	20	37	8	11	45	9	6	6	500	18	18	
2	2	4	1	37	1	1	24	5	44	30	8	30	5	7	14	6	3	6	337	14	2	
2	2	4	10	112	6	3	5	5	25	34	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	900	93	2	
3	2	1	20	20	1	1	20	3	35	25	15	55	5	5	31	3	3	8	800	30	30	
1	2	1	73	5	33	5	33	7	39	50	11	59	9	9	31	3	3	8	800	30	30	
1	2	1	21	21	1	1	17	9	42	12	72	10	12	10	12	5	5	6	441	40	50	
4	2	1	56	1	1	1	17	9	42	12	72	10	12	10	12	5	5	6	441	40	50	
2	2	2	2	23	1	1	10	4	31	5	5	5	3	3	5	5	5	1	94	115	80	
2	2	4	1	23	1	1	10	4	31	5	5	5	3	3	5	5	5	1	94	115	80	

2. Pres. of Ethel. No Report.

3. Pres. of Louisiana.

SYNODS OF NASHVILLE, N. CAR.—Pres. Nashville con. Albemarle, Concord.		CHURCHES.																					
MINISTERS, ETC.		POST OFFICES.																					
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R. A. Webb, D. D., Prof., Clarksville, Tenn.	Clarksville, Tenn.	11	10	1	8	184	2	7	13	95		\$105	\$42	\$53	\$16	\$14	\$21	\$17	\$1054	\$172	\$119		
W. E. Beadle, Evang. Nashville.	Nashville.	5	3	3	70	19		10	5	40		6	9	1					75	25	5		
Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., Richmond, Va.	Richmond, Va.	3	2	3	19	3		2	3	25		6	6	1					92	1	50		
John S. Young, W. C., Nashville, Tenn.	Nashville, Tenn.	3	3	4	30	3		2	3	35		3	3	15	2	2	4	2	80	15			
Geo. D. Adams, Evang., Louisville, Ky.	Louisville, Ky.	1																					
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<i>Licentiate's—2.</i>																							
<i>Candidates—15.</i>																							
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SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.																							
<i>Pres. of Albemarle.</i>																							
W. D. Morton, D. D., P., Henderson, N. C.	Henderson, N. C.	6	7	3	4	159	2	4	115	23	138	\$391	\$15	\$114	\$7	\$5	\$80	\$4	\$4	\$20	\$950	\$692	\$107
F. H. Johnson, D. D., Elizabeth City, N. C.	Elizabeth City, N. C.	1	1	2	28	7		1	3	3	31	12	5	15	2	3	14	4	---	8	250	284	22
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	1	1	1	7	1		1	4					1					---	1	4	86	
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	3	6	2	6	135	1	3	10	65		107	40	236	22	119	188	17	2	45	1000	582	615
F. G. Vardell, P., Newbern, P.	Newbern, P.	1	1	1	13	6		3	7	34		4	53	13	1	35	3		---	1	5		
F. D. Thomas, P., Rocky Mount, La Grange, Evang.	Rocky Mount, La Grange, Evang.	2	2	15	5	64	7	3	6	4		4	33	49	3	1	2	3	4	32	320	210	138
Eugene Daniel, D. D., P., Raleigh, Warrington, Evang.	Raleigh, Warrington, Evang.	1	11	29	15	35	12	3	150	38	211	347	8	245	23	37	119	16	11	32	2000	2116	18
C. N. Wharton, Evang., Oxford, Littleton, Evang.	Oxford, Littleton, Evang.	4	3	3	3	68	3	4	18	3	10	10	1	49	6	1	2	2	3	398	480	5	
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	3	3	3	3	39	3	3	3	3	15	4	4	42	2	1	150		---	2	150		
F. W. Farries, P., Goldsboro, P.	Goldsboro, P.	3	3	23	5	191	13	5	30	110	25	12	119	3	3	1	21	3	---	20	1000	504	143
W. T. Walker, P., Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, P.	5	1	2	85	3		3	32	9	60	40	7	40	3	8	11	3	---	10	250	42	9
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	2	1	2	3	34	1	1	18			10	2	12	3	5	9		---	6	141	6	
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	2	1	2	3	31	2	1	4			1	4	1	1	1	1		---	3	59	75	
B. W. Hines, Evang., Scotland Neck, Pamlico, Evang.	Scotland Neck, Pamlico, Evang.	1	1	1	21	1		1	16			1	1	4					---	100			
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	1	1	6	3	60	2					2	1	1					---	52	780		
C. M. Payne, D. D., P., Washington, N. C.	Washington, N. C.	5	5	3	192	1		5	98	17	135	142	62	177	45	25	149	30	10	35	1100	1379	269
J. B. Morton, P. E., Tarboro, P.	Tarboro, P.	3	4	3	8	89	1	6	41	9	55	92	15	49	5	5	50	5	1	30	800	155	65
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	1	1	1	18	18		1	3	1		1	1	3	1	1	1		---	3	50	24	1
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	1	1	1	19	19		2				1	1	2					---	2	22	1	
L. A. McLaurin, <i>in loco</i> , Elk Park, Wilson, Evang.	Elk Park, Wilson, Evang.	1	2			39		2		6									---				
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	1	1	1	11	11		1	6	31		1	1	2					---				
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	2	3	6	23	23		1	12	5	20								---		50	800	55
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	1	1	1	10	10		1	3										---		450	25	18
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	1	1	11	9	38		9		7	62								---		33	26	

Table with 18 columns (7, 5, 7, 1, 135, 5, 4, 56, 7, 70, 1253, 180, 180, 2, 16, 9, 62, 5, 3, 16, 6, 5, 10, 600, 400, 91) and rows listing names and locations such as Oxford, N. C., Salisbury, P., Mooresville, N. C., etc.

Counties-5

Pres. of Concord.

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MINISTERS, ETC.		POST OFFICES.		CHURCHES.		Elders.		Deacons.		Added on Exam'n.		Add. on Cer. ments.		Adults Bap.		Infants Bap.		No. Bap. Non-Com.		S. S. Teach.		S. S. Scholars.		Foreign Missions.		Assembly's Home Mts.		Local Home Missions.		Colored Evangelistic.		Invalid Fund.		Education.		Publication.		Bible Cause.		Presbyterial.		Patent's Sal.		Congregatl.		Miscellaneons.	
SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.																								J. Pres. of Bethel.																							
D. Harrison, intrin.																								Yorkville, S. C.																							
W. W. Ratchford, P.																								Walkup, N. C.																							
S. S.																								Waxhaw, S. S.																							
James Douglas, P.																								Curston's Store, S. C.																							
John G. Hall, P. E.																								Blackstocks, S. C.																							
H. B. Pratt, Evang.																								Chester.																							
Fort Mill, P.																								Pleasant Grove, P. E.																							
Fort Mill, S. C.																								Rossville.																							
Ebenezer, P.																								Laredo, Texas.																							
Sciota, P.																								Fort Mill, P.																							
Lancaster, P.																								Fort Mill, S. C.																							
Douglas, P.																								Old Point, S. C.																							
Richburg, S. S.																								Winnaboro.																							
Beth Salena, S. S.																								Mc Carnel, S. C.																							
Beth Shiloh, P.																								Lancaster.																							
Clover, P.																								Newport.																							
Beersheba, P.																								Irizal.																							
Bethel, P.																								Koeln, Japan.																							
Bethel's Creek, P.																								S. H. Hay, P.																							
McConnellsville.																								W. B. McIlwaine, F. M.																							
McPherson, S. S.																								Yorkville, S. C.																							
Rock Hill First, P.																								Cotton, Cal.																							
Six Mile Creek, S. S.																								Bullock's Creek, S. C.																							
Rabbs, S. S.																								Oliver, P.																							
Yorkville.																								Kirkpatrick.																							
Harmony, S. S.																								Chester.																							
Cedar Shoals, P.																								Rock Hill.																							
Fort Leno, P.																								Waxhaw.																							
Concord, P.																								Yorkville.																							
Bethesda, P.																								Bridgway.																							
Horeby, P.																								Fort Mill, P.																							
Union, P.																								Blackstocks.																							
Zion, P.																								Guthrieville.																							
Uriei, P.																								Winnaboro.																							
White Mount, P. E.																								Rockton.																							
Harwell, S. S.																								Fabb.																							
Calvary, P.																								Lowryville.																							
Woodlawn, P.																								Lewis' Turn-out.																							
																								Rock Hill.																							
																								Harmony.																							
																								Horewell, S. S.																							
																								Calvary, P.																							
																								Blacksburg.																							
																								Sharon.																							

SYNODS SOUTH CAROLINA, TEXAS—Pres. S. Carolina con. Brazos. C. Texas.		CHURCHES.		POST OFFICES.			MINISTERS, ETC.																
Idlers.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Cer.	Total Communicants.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	No. Bap. Non-Com.	S. S. Teach.	S. S. Scholars.	Foreign Missions.	Assembly's Missions.	Local Home Missions.	Colored Evangelistic.	Invalid Fnd.	Education.	Publication.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Sal.	Barists' Sal.	Congregatl.	Miscellaneous.	

SYNOD OF TEXAS.

I. Pres. of Brazos.

- W. H. Leavelle, Houston, Texas.
- W. N. Scott, D. D., Galveston, "
- J. G. Tanner, P., Navasota, "
- J. W. Montgomery, P., Giddings, "
- James D. West, P., Bryan, "
- " " " S. S., Bremond, "
- Geo. G. Woodbridge, P., Houston, "
- G. W. Story, P. E., Houston 2nd, P.
- Henry Ausub, P., Hardy-St., P. E.
- W. S. Red, Editor, Broadway Memo., P.
- Quintana, S. S., "
- Columbia, S. S., "
- Hempstead, S. S., "
- Hearine, S. S., "
- Whebeck, S. S., "
- Brazos, S. S., "
- Concord, S. S., "
- Calvert, S. S., "
- Bretham, S. S., "
- Prospect, S. S., "
- Rosenberg, S. S., "
- New Waverly, S. S., "
- Waverly, S. S., "
- Bethel, S. S., "
- Madisonville, Texas.
- Wetaco, S. S., "
- Huntsville, P., "
- Edwood, V., "
- Dayton, V., "
- Webuar, V., "
- Alvin, V., "
- Lubbock St., V., "
- Gulf Prairie, V., "
- Wills, V., "
- Columbus, V., "
- Bethany, V., "
- I. S. Greenlee, W. C., "
- Alvin, "
- W. L. Kennedy, Chaplain, Huntsville, "

SYNOD OF TEXAS.—Pres. Indiana cont'd. Paris, W. Texas.

MINISTERS, ETC.

POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.

MINISTERS, ETC.	POST OFFICES.	CHURCHES.	Elders.	Deacons.	Exam'n'g.	Add'n on Cer.	Total Com-municants.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	No. Bap.-Non-Com.	S. S. Teach.	S. S. Scholars.	Foreign Missions.	Assemblies Home Mis.	Local Home Missions.	Colored Evangelists.	Invited F'nd.	Education.	Publication.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Sal-aries Paid.	Congregat'l.	Miscellane-ous.	
Shlas E. Cole, H. M., Licentiate—3.	Antlers Ind. Ter.	Jack's Fork, Holson Creek, Buffalo Creek, Sandy Creek, Pine Spring.	1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1	9	33	3	2						51							018		40		
Henry C. Wilson, Solomon Horton, Wilson S. Jones, Candidates—6.			43 15 126 16	57 55 29 340	494	494										20	16	3	4			\$215	\$632	\$57	
7. Pres. of Paris.																									
J. H. Wiggins, D. D., P., Honey Grove, TEXAS.	Bonham, Texas.	Bonham, P., Honey Grove, N. S., Texas.	2 1	4 1	10 13	102	2	1	1	16	1	35	10	42	18	14	7	5	11			106	1000	614	
Ernest Thompson, P., Texarkana, Tex.	Honey Grove, TEXAS.	Honey Grove, N. S., Texas.	2 6	3 17	322	322	1	4	1	1	13	150	58	29	16	10	15	108	10	2	5	400	35	34	
G. E. Eagleton, S. S., Brookston, Okla.	Brookston, Okla.	Brookston, N. S., Brookston, Okla.	2 2	4 3	66	66	2	16	6	16	2	40	34	11	6	7	5	17	9	5	2	298	172	2	
C. P. Bridgwell, P., Paris, La.	Paris, La.	Paris, N. S., Paris, La.	2 2	8 16	31	328	1	3	3	12	2	30	212	36	109	11	21	175	11	10	10	1758	2415	368	
W. K. Marshall, D. D., S. S., Marshall, Tex.	Marshall, Tex.	Elysian Fields, N. S., Marshall, P., Sulphur Springs, N. S., Sulphur Springs, N. S., M. Pleasant, N. S., Pittsburg, N. S., Sherman, Tex.	2 1 5 3 3 1	23 1 6 4 1	184 182 9 5	14	18	1	1	16	1	35	41	42	18	14	7	5	11			106	1000	614	
J. M. Brooks, S. S., Pittsburg, N. S.	Pittsburg, N. S.	Pittsburg, N. S., Pittsburg, N. S.	3 3	1 6	44	1	3	9	60	7	9	60	7	3	9		4	37	11			29	1000	614	
S. E. Chandler, Prof., Longview, S. S.	Sherman, Tex.	Sherman, N. S., Longview, P., Centre, N. S., Green Hill, N. S., Alpine, N. S., Kilgore, P., New Boston, S. S., Lydia, La., DeKalb, Tex., Park, Tex., Red Water, Tex., Corley, S. S.	2 1 1 1 2 2 2 1	1 1 3 23 1 6	74 22	3	31	3	3	31	8	44	12	13	44	6	5	10	6	3	2	625	157	182	
S. M. Tenney, P., Longview, S. S.	Longview, S. S.	Longview, P., Centre, N. S., Green Hill, N. S., Alpine, N. S., Kilgore, P., New Boston, S. S., Lydia, La., DeKalb, Tex., Park, Tex., Red Water, Tex., Corley, S. S.	2 1 1 1	5 23 1 6	26	4	19	5	38	3	5	38	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	126	157	16
T. S. Johnston, S. S., Kilgore, P.	Kilgore, P.	Kilgore, N. S., Longview, P., Centre, N. S., Green Hill, N. S., Alpine, N. S., Kilgore, P., New Boston, S. S., Lydia, La., DeKalb, Tex., Park, Tex., Red Water, Tex., Corley, S. S.	2 1 1 1	6	4	61	6	4	4	4	7	41	4	2	2	1	1	1	2	1			126	157	6
R. H. Caldwell, W. C., Green Hill, N. S.	Green Hill, N. S.	Green Hill, N. S., Longview, P., Centre, N. S., Green Hill, N. S., Alpine, N. S., Kilgore, P., New Boston, S. S., Lydia, La., DeKalb, Tex., Park, Tex., Red Water, Tex., Corley, S. S.	1 1 1	7 16 7	77	4	8	23	10	82	16	11	15	15	11	6	5	5	24	4	1		42	500	23
G. W. Davies, P., Caldwell, S. S.	Caldwell, S. S.	Caldwell, N. S., Campbell, Tex., Athens, Tex., Tyler, S. S., Dodd, Tex., Detroit, Mich., Blossom, Tex.	3 2 2	2 1	55	3	12	7	31	5	5	3	5	5	2	2	3	4	1	1			30	5	
W. H. McCullough, S. S., New Boston, S. S.	New Boston, S. S.	New Boston, S. S., Lydia, La., DeKalb, Tex., Park, Tex., Red Water, Tex., Corley, S. S.	3 1 1	3 1	61	6	4	4	4	4	7	41	4	2	2	1	1	1	2	1			126	157	6
C. T. Caldwell, P., Green Hill, N. S.	Green Hill, N. S.	Green Hill, N. S., Longview, P., Centre, N. S., Green Hill, N. S., Alpine, N. S., Kilgore, P., New Boston, S. S., Lydia, La., DeKalb, Tex., Park, Tex., Red Water, Tex., Corley, S. S.	1 1 1	7 16 7	77	4	8	23	10	82	16	11	15	15	11	6	5	5	24	4	1		42	500	23
Tyler, S. S., Dodd, Tex., Detroit, Mich., Blossom, Tex.	Tyler, S. S., Dodd, Tex., Detroit, Mich., Blossom, Tex.	Tyler, S. S., Dodd, Tex., Detroit, Mich., Blossom, Tex.	6 2 2 1	18 3 1	144	3	17	34	13	61	3	21	51	17	14	21	13	20	5	2			730	230	
Candidates—6.																									

C. D. Waller, P.	Marion, Va.	5	5	2	165	20	171	55	9	18	2	5	4	5	5	17	686	40	12
Colin Stokes, P.	Glasgow, Va.	7	3	1	36	17	91	29	5	7	3	10	4	4	1	17	650	1570	
Joseph A. McMurray, P.	Conestoga, Va.	3	4	1	8	159	1	41	24	7	2	4	5	3	5	11	600	215	16
T. M. McCortie, P.	Lynchburg, Va.	4	3	1	17	1	94	8	9	7	2	4	5	3	5	3	150	805	10
R. S. Minterson, P.	Roanoke City, Va.	3	4	1	80	3	45	11	94	6	1	9	9	2	7	14	400	437	15
J. M. Holladay, P.	Blackshank, P. (1)	4	5	2	6	820	3	17	7	32	20	14	4	5	8	12	350	96	15
W. M. Junkin, F. M.	Roanoke Valley, P. (1)	3	3	2	53	25	30	7	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	11	291	59	
L. W. Irwin, P.	Seoul, Korea	1	2	2	4	50	2	2	2	5	5	4	2	4	2	5	148	81	
W. S. S.	Keyser, Mem'l, P.	1	2	4	57	3	11	5	20	9	9	11	4	3	3	6	265	76	
S. S.	Low Moor, P.	3	4	15	104	0	25	10	54	22	14	5	3	3	5	6	249	825	34
R. W. Mohaupt, P.	Radford, Va.	4	4	1	62	2	45	9	42	180	6	12	3	4	11	4	580	325	
G. G. Synnor, J. S.	East Radford, Va.	4	4	2	51	2	15	13	140	10	3	3	3	3	7	324	1336		
W. A. Wynne, P.	Bedford Springs, Va.	4	2	9	1	29	5	21	11	54	48	7	11	2	3	4	175	72	20
F. McMurray, W. C.	Leesville, P.	2	1	1	84	8	5	9	1	54	48	7	11	2	3	4	233	153	
Bolling Hanson, P.	Leesville, P.	2	1	1	84	8	5	9	1	54	48	7	11	2	3	4	233	153	
W. A. Wynne, P.	Leesville, P.	2	1	1	84	8	5	9	1	54	48	7	11	2	3	4	233	153	
A. S. Rachel, P.	Leesville, P.	2	1	1	84	8	5	9	1	54	48	7	11	2	3	4	233	153	
F. T. McFadden, P.	Leesville, P.	2	1	1	84	8	5	9	1	54	48	7	11	2	3	4	233	153	

181	157	325	235	482	168	155	977	487	3194	\$1930	\$591	\$654	\$193	\$308	\$677	\$170	\$77	\$523	\$18250	\$1288	\$4119
Em'l. Norfolk, Va.	Armstrong Mem'l, P.	5	5	7	4	115	2	10	15	77	\$11	\$5	2	11	1	10	\$855	\$10	\$855	\$226	
W. D. Armstrong, Jr., D., P.	Belle Haven, Va.	2	4	2	74	1	6	10	75	13	13	7	1	1	1	1	5	322	\$100	\$226	
R. E. C. Lawson, P.	Powhatan, P.	1	2	2	39	1	1	10	125								3	117	45		
	Wachapreague, Va.	2	1	2	30	1	24	6	40								7	77	5		
	Wachapreague, Va.	2	1	2	30	1	24	6	40								7	77	5		
R. A. Robinson, P.	Colley Mem'l, P. (1)	5	5	22	3	200	7	31	50	333	244	28	\$19	46	\$5	\$6	\$9	\$4	1000	482	1
H. T. Parrall, P.	Gloucester, S.	2	1	4	7	64	1	2	67	16	6	22	2	11	1	1	5	889	1714	20	
A. S. Venable, P. E.	Hampton, Va.	3	3	1	1	26	3	32	11	29	15	5	30	10	1	10	227	84	236		
Byron Clark, P.	Bay View, Va.	2	2	1	98	4	16	16	110	90	3	42	4	11	3	5	10	500	500		
	Cape Charles, S. S.	2	2	1	98	4	16	16	110	90	3	42	4	11	3	5	10	500	500		
	Accomac, C. H., Va.	2	2	1	98	4	16	16	110	90	3	42	4	11	3	5	10	500	500		
	Onancock, Va.	2	2	1	98	4	16	16	110	90	3	42	4	11	3	5	10	500	500		
	Sharp's Wharf, Va.	2	2	1	98	4	16	16	110	90	3	42	4	11	3	5	10	500	500		
	Newport News, Va.	4	4	14	44	208	1	13	100	24	144	53	52	4	5	19	9	5	15	1000	1475

9. *Presidents of Norfolk*

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Candidates—6.

J. R. Graham, Jr., F. M.	Tsing-kiang-pu, China.	3	4	1	1	100	7	50	44	14	25	4	5	7	6	10	348	59								
C. R. Strubing, P.	Berryville, Va.	2	2	1	30	1	5	40	12	2	12	8	2	2	2	3	84	10								
"	Stone's Chapel, P.	1	1	3	58	2	10	45	10	2	8	3	8	8	6	15	150	40								
A. G. Link, P.	Middleway, W. Va.	1	4	3	76	2	10	81	60	52	18	3	11	9	6	43	400	135								
"	Strasburg, P.	2	4	1	43	1	8	49	30	13	7	2	5	1	2	182	9									
"	Marboro, "	2	3	4	42	2	13	49	30	13	6	2	3	4	2	13	154	13								
R. W. Carter, P.	Vauchuse, "	6	6	4	128	2	4	130	10	3	10	2	5	3	12	255	28									
S. M. Engle, P.	Chambersville, Va.	3	3	3	75	2	2	68	24	16	14	8	4	3	5	523	136									
H. T. Graham, F. M.	Round Hill, P.	6	4	1	88	1	2	32	5	10	12	8	8	1	0	142	209									
G. A. Grillbortzer, P.	Springfield, W. Va.	4	2	15	30	1	7	35	7	2	3	2	4	2	3	49	17									
"	Paterson's Creek, P.	4	2	15	134	7	21	64	94	17	47	4	15	7	3	500	323									
R. A. White, P.	Gerrardstown, P.	2	3	1	31	1	5		9	2	6	1	3	1	2	150	13									
"	Bunker Hill, P.																									
H. W. White, F. M.	Su-ch'ien, China.	5	4	6	165	1	11	40	265	92	42	16	20	30	12	17	563	251								
E. R. Leyburn, P.	Falling Waters, P.	3	3	2	82	4	2	11	5	7	6	1	1	1	1	45	39									
"	Tomahawk, S. S.	2	3	2	35	9	7	75	7	2	0	1	4	2	2	146	68									
A. C. Hopkins, Jr., P.	Bayard, "	2	3	3	48	12	7	14	9	14	0	3	6	2	3	146	103									
"	Gorman, P.	3	3	6	55	1	4	145	3	12	12	7	7	1	1	231	102									
"	Elk Garden, P.	2	2	7	77	1	7	32	24	3	12	2	7	7	4	137	60									
"	Petersburg, "	2	2	32	32	11	3	35	15	18	16	4	4	5	4	137	60									
"	Burlington, "	2	2	35	35	11	6		115	3	12	4	4			133	21									
"	Capon Bridge, "	2	2	16																						
"	Bloomery, P. E.	2	1	27																						
"	North Riv. Mills, W. Va.	2	1	32																						
"	Wardensville, "	2	2	19																						
"	Rio, P. E.	2	2	40																						
"	St. George, W. Va.	1	1	36					2		2				3	18	2									
"	3 Churches, "	3	2	6	4						89															
"	Hartmansville, "	40																								
		136	138	343	68	3688	114	123	1004	409	2971				\$2436	\$837	\$1362	\$166	\$461	\$377	\$221	\$111	\$289	\$13670	\$14555	\$2536

Licentiate—1.
Candidates—3.

	362	744	491	130	41	53	192	54	40	73	6436	1058	295 M. E. Shaw,	
		842	978	235	841	82	166	324	89	61	125	5936	800 S. C. Caldwell,	
		3130	1906	484	4372	404	425	1269	216	211	378	11900	2929 Louis V. McLees,	
		6846	122	392	6701	321	773	300	26	328	6261	6114	363 Jas. A. McLees,	
		1114	336	110	13358	68	96	387	36	18	93	8483	2830 A. B. Cohn,	
VIII. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.														
	96	3	16	166	492	400	1029	524	12479	415	311	1377	1608	4733 W. E. Dobson,
		2	45	124	106	214	47	2920	104	63	350	2908	773 A. W. Milster,	
		1	3	11	70	2254	3316	627	2197	81	181	266	1070 John P. Cowan,	
		9	3	21	67	1775	68	50	1430	47	171	716	420 John F. Cowan,	
		1	1	58	160	361	1051	451	158	857	33	31	326 John K. Hittner,	
		1	1	29	77	58	160	361	74	536	33	53	346 Geo. W. Hadden,	
		3	3	73	50	241	106	2077	62	41	116	243	2015 W. S. Trimble,	
		3	16	55	48	230	148	2212	95	79	105	179	6073 O. W. Grunss,	
IX. SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.														
	71	4	28	133	493	331	394	352	123539	175	231	1074	1093	1694 J. A. Carran,
		2	36	114	81	41	31	2048	24	15	151	182	1376	1069 F. R. Webb,
		1	9	36	115	82	48	2616	37	47	261	229	1656	436 A. Albert Wallace,
		2	3	28	90	71	83	71	1913	40	18	75	212	508 Paul F. Brown,
		30	2	15	43	174	157	202	5563	84	121	581	470	2651 Alexander Cowan,
X. SYNOD OF N. CAROLINA.														
	140	8	75	341	1249	1038	1552	992	31490	179	892	5869	2153	15335 J. A. Mason Rausser,
		12	5	30	876	61	128	78	2007	70	181	1213	1112	1607 E. H. Johnston,
		25	1	15	57	164	186	132	5278	31	181	290	460	1607 E. H. Johnston,
		23	4	21	86	323	360	415	7646	75	135	1292	212	2109 P. R. Law,
		25	1	18	53	190	174	364	196	5081	148	97	839	7400 Eugene L. Siler,
		15	5	41	152	121	148	110	3142	60	73	640	292	1453 D. J. Craig,
XI. SYNOD OF S. CAROLINA.														
	130	13	48	257	913	779	719	608	18801	159	500	1196	1620	1929 A. M. Peabody,
		31	2	53	217	221	225	193	5603	47	180	2103	160	4571 Thomas H. Laor,
		24	3	32	82	72	80	89	5588	211	1571	2231	312	1898 Alex. Sprunt,
		28	3	21	184	160	159	151	3723	50	63	310	327	3318 H. G. Gillard,
		13	2	5	30	113	84	82	231	546	191	105	1306	2804 Wm. P. Jacobs,
		5	2	27	70	65	46	28	1346	12	73	618	139	236 W. W. Mills,
		24	1	61	212	177	157	119	3535	23	30	613	240	374 A. H. McVern,
XII. SYNOD OF TEXAS.														
	141	10	36	335	750	537	1188	1220	17014	419	553	8551	1547	914 G. G. Mayes,
		20	1	35	76	60	156	192	2326	39	188	507	266	13017 Josephus Johnson,
		2	6	51	162	113	220	220	2280	879	459	1392	451	2157 J. G. Tamm,
		21	1	10	50	108	99	161	215	3555	130	220	460	1902 M. C. Hutten,
		12	1	53	88	39	87	55	291	50	60	14250	1600	2873 E. M. Munroe,
		6	3	29	88	65	139	169	1996	37	67	375	178	304 S. F. Tenney,
		16	2	43	18	159	16	16	796	2	210	48	494	1277 J. D. Leslie,
		2	6	48	108	75	152	140	2044	37	65	292	107	57 J. A. Read,
		1	2	4	40	97	68	134	166	2054	61	71	851	805 G. J. Caldwell,
XIII. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.														
	265	18	59	427	1450	1305	2486	1261	40748	890	983	8022	4331	18418 James P. Smith,
		30	4	8	46	142	114	127	65	2791	42	53	791	360 Isaac N. Naff,
		9	1	15	44	50	82	42	1588	32	45	496	168	319 A. W. Pitzer,
		25	3	32	136	129	148	143	4820	48	110	934	129	3711 W. A. Campbell,

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.	STATED CLERKS.																											
	Ministers.	Licentates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Add. on Cer.	Total Com- municants.	Adults Bap.	Infants Bap.	No. Non-Com.	Z. S. Teach.	Z. S. Scholars.	Foreign Missions.	Assembly's Home Mis.	Local Home Missions.	Colored Evangelists.	Invalid Fnd.	Education.	Publication.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Sal- aries Paid.	Congregatl.	Miscella- neous.	STATED CLERKS.	
4. Greenbrier,.....	12	1	5	35	115	83	271	15	3,453	89	69	416	176	1385	885	49	884	82	85	726	171	31	173	7101	5118	8	2448	Ben Harrop.
5. Kanawha,.....	7	1	1	21	55	58	157	71	1,608	71	53	215	185	1693	471	137	1049	75	89	152	49	29	158	3974	6763	1849	1849	E. L. McCue.
6. Lexington,.....	49	2	11	65	282	257	715	290	9,517	206	182	1,194	1,113	8,249	5,619	1,019	5,639	494	118	810	318	135	470	2,524	3,6416	5,332	5,332	Wm. C. White.
7. Maryland,.....	13	2	2	13	48	51	67	54	1,851	111	34	365	269	1,847	3,136	1,615	1,167	1,398	511	913	239	141	328	1,3920	13,912	1,997	1,997	P. P. Flournoy.
8. Montgomery,.....	34	6	6	57	181	157	325	235	4,982	168	155	977	487	3,494	1,930	591	1,954	193	308	977	170	77	521	18,539	11,288	1,419	1,419	T. W. Hooper.
9. Norfolk,.....	17	1	1	21	71	58	112	104	2,900	32	73	746	336	2,244	1,402	342	1,398	98	100	543	87	79	193	12,116	12,805	1,894	1,894	Wm. S. Lacy.
10. Roanoke,.....	22	2	5	47	146	116	156	74	3,063	59	61	590	224	2,158	1,574	318	965	97	125	219	88	39	186	9,433	4,469	970	970	Hugh A. Brown.
11. West Hanover,.....	17	4	7	39	103	92	83	64	2,187	39	25	294	207	1,429	1,112	202	635	239	196	186	112	30	222	7,268	3,847	583	583	E. H. Stover.
12. Winchester,.....	13	1	3	46	136	138	243	68	3,698	114	123	1,004	409	2,971	2,936	87	1,362	166	461	377	221	111	289	15,670	14,535	2,536	2,536	J. R. Graham.

GENERAL VIEW OF SYNODS.

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SYNODS.	GENERAL VIEW OF SYNODS.													Miscellaneous.														
	Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Licentiate.	Candidates.	Churches.	Rolling Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Number Baptized Non-Communicants.		Teachers in S. and Bible Classes.	Scholars in S. and Bible Classes.	Foreign Missions.	Assembly's Home Missions.	Local Home Missions.	Colored Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund.	Education.	Publication.	Bible Cause.	Presbyterial.	Pastors' Salaries Paid.	Congregational.	
1. Alabama, -----	4	74	27	181	574	419	689	431	12066	215	255	222	959	6752	\$5385	\$1076	\$3316	\$254	\$27	\$87	\$49	\$83	\$33	\$69	\$12125	\$8962		\$479
2. Arkansas, -----	4	37	3	94	265	200	221	233	4569	81	140	1001	517	4045	2517	1665	1072	159	252	2149	197	91	508	23236	29077	2072		
3. Florida, -----	3	35	1	71	169	145	311	232	3718	97	147	836	320	2107	1489	461	917	214	214	586	155	34	362	18506	8844	1548		
4. Georgia, -----	6	97	5	210	672	513	679	628	11663	198	352	1901	1448	10390	7093	2302	11499	1151	1368	3732	353	87	1066	62318	23020	10503		
5. Kentucky, -----	6	112	13	31	182	627	565	483	19607	1322	300	1611	1448	10121	7945	3501	9286	632	1023	11071	586	407	1083	88137	14968	9362		
6. Memphis, -----	4	52	--	21	137	360	307	565	284	8612	211	213	1366	621	3505	663	4190	413	688	1621	328	250	510	32624	19685	2125		
7. Mississippi, -----	7	99	5	29	214	624	143	765	431	13073	186	415	1529	7929	4886	1688	11938	1089	948	3282	531	391	1169	38130	60117	8723		
8. Missouri, -----	6	96	3	16	166	492	400	1029	524	12479	415	314	1377	1608	9335	2221	8883	904	815	1619	473	131	1017	60121	40383	9733		
9. Nashville, -----	4	71	4	28	133	493	391	394	352	12559	175	231	1074	1093	7520	837	4761	567	799	1560	515	318	1125	43812	26856	1691		
10. North Carolina, -----	6	140	8	75	341	1249	1028	1532	922	31900	479	862	7809	2153	20181	1627	15313	1130	1217	5772	878	118	1957	84437	77496	15255		
11. South Carolina, -----	6	130	13	48	257	913	779	608	18801	159	500	4196	1620	11539	11330	1593	5361	1084	978	4303	711	569	1481	69013	46408	9574		
12. Texas, -----	8	141	10	36	335	750	537	1188	1220	17014	419	553	3854	1547	3932	2924	3692	497	901	2173	637	178	1410	82510	58009	12017		
13. Virginia, -----	12	265	18	59	437	1450	1305	2486	1261	40748	890	983	8622	4321	25306	7044	16903	2014	3316	6710	1801	1088	3308	152297	132265	18618		
	75	1349	85	402	2788	8656	7072	14874	7693	216539	4837	5304	37031	19223	138735	\$110737	\$26648	\$104461	\$10468	\$13006	\$48764	\$7748	\$4221	\$15695	\$798106	\$407393	\$108928	

Comparative Summary of the Presbyterian Church for the Last Five Years.

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Synods, -----	13	13	13	13	13
Presbyteries, -----	72	72	73	74	76
Candidates, -----	409	427	445	425	402
Licentiates, -----	64	74	79	79	85
Ministers, -----	1,239	1,271	1,319	1,337	1,349
Churches, -----	2,572	2,652	2,713	2,776	2,788
Licensures, -----	67	49	70	69	79
Ordinations, -----	57	55	71	67	61
Installations, -----	147	159	170	138	150
Ministers deceased, -----	34	25	21	30	36
Pastoral dissolutions, -----	140	115	115	75	83
Ministers received from other denominations, -----	10	10	14	7	7
Ministers dismissed to other denominations, -----	1	3	3	8	7
Churches organized, -----	92	82	73	59	55
Churches dissolved, -----	21	10	15	20	21
Churches received from other denominations, -----		1	3	3	1
Churches dismissed to other denominations, -----			3	3	
Number of Ruling Elders, -----	7,859	8,089	8,221	8,484	8,656
Number of Deacons, -----	6,128	6,385	6,646	6,895	7,072
Added on Examination, -----	11,224	12,187	14,098	13,598	11,874
Added on Certificate, -----	7,899	7,636	7,798	7,564	7,692
Total Communicants, -----	182,516	188,546	199,167	203,999	210,539
Number of Adults Baptized, -----	3,835	4,226	5,245	5,031	4,857
Number of Infants Baptized, -----	5,025	5,264	4,888	5,502	5,304
Number of Baptized Non-Communicants, -----	35,905	37,275	37,780	35,346	37,031
Teachers in S. S. and Bible Classes, -----	16,271	16,647	17,756	18,204	19,223
Scholars in S. S. and Bible Classes, -----	118,852	119,754	134,848	136,069	138,735

CONTRIBUTIONS.

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Assembly's Home Missions, ---	\$47,011	\$45,762	\$53,406	\$32,760	\$26,648
Local Home Missions, -----	90,189	84,136	84,249	98,362	104,461
Invalid Fund, -----	15,485	14,131	12,906	13,256	13,096
Foreign Missions, -----	118,442	120,954	120,141	111,877	110,737
Education, -----	47,937	53,527	65,027	51,848	48,764
Publication, -----	9,264	9,898	8,316	7,469	7,748
Colored Evangelization, -----	8,855	11,720	10,470	9,623	10,468
Bible Cause, -----	5,459	4,407	4,363	4,432	4,221
Presbyterial, -----	16,201	14,982	14,891	14,073	15,935
Pastors' Salaries, -----	776,592	808,784	788,181	772,793	798,106
Congregational, -----	627,876	621,792	610,102	667,152	607,393
Miscellaneous, -----	117,490	124,776	102,367	96,481	108,938
Total, -----	\$1,921,630	\$1,943,580	\$1,888,799	\$1,880,126	\$1,856,515

JOSEPH R. WILSON, *Stated Clerk.*

Places and Times of Synodical Meetings for 1896

ALABAMA, -----	Anniston, Ala., Nov. 17, 7:30 P. M.
ARKANSAS, -----	Monticello, Ark., Nov. 12, 7:30 P. M.
FLORIDA, -----	Tampa, Fla., Nov. 5, 7:30 P. M.
GEORGIA, -----	Athens, Ga., Nov. 11, 7:30 P. M.
KENTUCKY, -----	Bowling Green, Ky., Oct. 14, 7:30 P. M.
MEMPHIS, -----	Holly Springs, Miss., Nov. 6, 7:30 P. M.
MISSISSIPPI, -----	Winona, Miss., Nov. 18, 7:30 P. M.
MISSOURI, -----	Jackson, Mo., Oct. 13, 7:30 P. M.
NASHVILLE, -----	Murfreesboro, Tenn., Oct. 15, 7 P. M.
NORTH CAROLINA, -----	Newbern, N. C., Nov. 10, 7:30 P. M.
SOUTH CAROLINA, -----	Orangeburg, S. C., Oct. 27, 8 P. M.
TEXAS, -----	Houston, Texas, Oct. 16, 11 A. M.
VIRGINIA, -----	Lewisburg, W. Va., Sept. 22, 7:30 P. M.

Collections as Ordered by the General Assembly.

CAUSES.	MONTHS.
FOREIGN MISSIONS, -----	May, October.
Receiving Treasurer, ERSKINE REED, Nashville, Tenn.	
ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS, -----	January, September.
Receiving Treasurer, W. A. POWELL, Atlanta, Ga.	
LOCAL HOME MISSIONS, -----	February, June, August.
Remit to Synodical or Presbyterian Treasurer.	
COLORED EVANGELISTIC, -----	December.
Receiving Treasurer, W. A. POWELL, Atlanta, Ga.	
INVALID FUND, -----	July.
Receiving Treasurer, W. A. POWELL, Atlanta, Ga.	
EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTRY, -----	April, November.
Receiving Treasurer, G. W. MACRAE, Memphis, Tenn.	
PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE, -----	March.
Receiving Treasurer, JAMES K. HAZEN, Richmond, Va.	
BIBLE CAUSE, -----	October.
Remit to American Bible Society, New York.	

MINISTERIAL OBITUARY.

The following named ministers are officially reported as having died during the past ecclesiastical year, viz.:

E. F. Alexander,	Presbytery of Greenbrier.
Andrew J. Anderson,	“ Suwanee.
C. C. Bomberger,	“ St. Louis.
R. G. Brank, D. D.	“ St. Louis.
E. A. Cheek,	“ Transylvania,
J. M. Connelly,	“ Western Texas.
A. L. Crawford,	“ Concord.
John R. Dow,	“ Charleston.
John E. DuBose,	“ Atlanta.
John Stephenson Frierson,	“ Columbia
J. P. Gammon,	“ East Hanover.
R. C. Garrison,	“ Western Texas.
J. M. Geary,	“ North Mississippi.
Wm. Hill, D. D.,	“ Potosi.
W. N. Jenkins,	“ Louisiana.
R. Mark Kennedy,	“ Nashville.
Robert Logan,	“ Fort Worth.
Archibald McQueen,	“ Fayetteville.
James Nicols,	“ Maryland.
William H. Parks,	“ St. Louis.
William P. Paxson, D. D.,	“ St. Louis.
A. G. Peden,	“ Atlanta.
Thomas L. Preston, D. D.,	“ Lexington.
W. T. Richardson, D. D.,	“ East Hanover.
John A. Scott, D. D.,	“ Winchester.
C. M. Shepperson, D. D.,	“ Memphis.
A. P. Smith, D. D.,	“ Dallas.
N. H. Smith,	“ Augusta.
T. C. Smith,	“ St. Louis.
Samuel D. Stuart,	“ Abingdon.
E. D. Viser,	“ Savannah.
R. Q. Way,	“ Savannah.
O. A. White,	“ Fayetteville.
W. S. Wightman,	“ Charleston.
H. P. S. Willis,	“ Missouri.
John R. Wilson,	“ Tuskaloosa.

SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

1861-1896.

A. D.	NAME.	PRESBYTERY.	PLACE OF ASS'Y.
1861.	Rev. Benj. M. Palmer, D. D.,	-----New Orleans,	-----Augusta.
1862.	Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.,*	-----Concord,	-----Montgomery.
1863.	Rev. James A. Lyon, D. D.,*	-----Tombeckbee,	-----Columbia.
1864.	Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D.,*	-----Flint River,	-----Charlotte.
1865.	Rev. George Howe, D. D.,*	-----Charleston,	-----Macon.
1866.	Rev. Andrew Hart Kerr, D. D.,*	-----Memphis,	-----Memphis.
1867.	Rev. Thos. Vernor Moore, D. D.,*	-----East Hanover,	-----Nashville.
1868.	Rev. John N. Waddel, D. D.,*	-----Chickasaw,	-----Baltimore.
1869.	Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D.,*	-----Louisville,	-----Mobile.
1870.	Rev. Robert L. Dabney, D. D.,	-----West Hanover,	-----Louisville.
1871.	Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D.,*	-----Harmony,	-----Huntsville.
1872.	Rev. Thomas R. Welch, D. D.,*	-----Arkansas,	-----Richmond.
1873.	Rev. Henry Martyn Smith, D. D.,*	-----New Orleans,	-----Little Rock.
1874.	Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D.,	-----Charleston,	-----Columbus.
1875.	Rev. Moses D. Hoge, D. D.,	-----East Hanover,	-----St. Louis.
1876.	Rev. Benjamin M. Smith, D. D.,*	-----West Hanover,	-----Savannah.
1877.	Rev. C. A. Stillman, D. D.,*	-----Tuskaloosa,	-----New Orleans.
1878.	Rev. T. E. Peck, D. D.,*	-----Roanoke,	-----Knoxville.
1879.	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.,	-----Wilmington,	-----Louisville.
1880.	Rev. T. A. Hoyt, D. D.,	-----Nashville,	-----Charleston.
1881.	Rev. Robert P. Farris, D. D.,	-----St. Louis,	-----Staunton.
1882.	Rev. R. K. Smoot, D. D.,	-----Central Texas,	-----Atlanta.
1883.	Rev. T. Pryor, D. D.,*	-----East Hanover,	-----Lexington.
1884.	Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D.,	-----Louisville,	-----Vicksburg.
1885.	Rev. H. R. Raymond, D. D.,	-----Tuskaloosa,	-----Houston.
1886.	Rev. J. H. Bryson, D. D.,	-----North Alabama,	-----Augusta.
1887.	Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D.,	-----Atlanta,	-----St. Louis.
1888.	Rev. J. J. Bullock, D. D.,*	-----Maryland,	-----Baltimore.
1889.	Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.,	-----Fayetteville,	-----Chattanooga.
1890.	Rev. James Park, D. D.,	-----Knoxville,	-----Asheville.
1891.	Rev. Hampden C. Du Bose, D. D.,	-----Pee Dee,	-----Birmingham.
1892.	Rev. Samuel A. King, D. D.,	-----Central Texas,	-----Hot Springs.
1893.	Hon. J. W. Lapsley,	-----North Alabama,	-----Macon.
1894.	Rev. James R. Graham, D. D.,	-----Winchester,	-----Nashville.
1895.	Rev. C. R. Hemphill, D. D.,	-----Louisville,	-----Dallas.
1896.	Rev. R. Q. Mallard, D. D.,	-----New Orleans,	-----Memphis.

* Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED:

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly, viz. : (1), Statistical, as per form on preceding pages ; (2), on Systematic Beneficence ; (3), on Sabbath Schools ; (4), Narratives.

2. To make their reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columns of *names* and *figures* in the Statistical Tables.

3. To make them as accurate and as full as possible. When churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that the numbers of their communicants should be inserted from their last reports.

4. To report NO FRACTIONS in the money columns.

5. To *add up* each column of figures with special care.

6. To append to the statistics of Presbyteries a brief account of the changes which have occurred during the year, such as the *number* of licenses, ordinations, installations, dismissions of pastors, organizations of new churches, and the names of ministers deceased.

7. To transmit their Statistical Reports to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, at the meeting of the Assembly (or at Richmond, Va., 1001 E. Main street, *not later than the 10th of May* in each year).

☞ Blank forms for *Sessional or Presbyterial Reports* are not furnished by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, but by the Executive Committee of Publication, at cost price, by order of the Assemblies of 1867 and 1878 ; and Stated Clerks are earnestly urged to supply themselves with the latest blanks for *Statistical Reports*.

The Assembly instructs Stated Clerks to send up no overture except when it is written upon a separate sheet of its own.

TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of these officers promptly to notify the approaching General Assembly, through its Stated Clerk, (1), of the formation or dissolution of Presbyteries within the bounds of their respective Synods, and (2), by the 1st of May in each year, of the *times and places* of the next ensuing meetings of these bodies.

ALPHABETICAL LIST
OF
MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES,
EMBRACED IN THE PRECEDING PAGES.

NOTE.—The Post-office addresses in this List may in a few cases differ from those given in the Tables, the List having been prepared to correspond as nearly as possible with recent changes. The figures denote the page on which the name may be found in the Tables. The names without figures are not found in the Tables, but with no information otherwise, they, with their post-offices, from Minutes of 1895, are for the present retained in this list

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.

- Abraham, Roy N., Mountville, Ga., 653.
 Adams, R., Laurens, S. C., 689.
 Adams, R. H., Corydon, Ky., 659.
 Adamson, Geo. D., Louisville, Ky., 678.
 Adger, D. D., J. B., Pendleton, S. C., 690.
 Akers, Wm. W., Marceline, Mo., 672.
 Albright, W. H., Lawson, Mo., 674.
 Alexander, J. H., Atlanta, Ga., 654.
 Alexander, D. D., J. H., Kosciusko, Miss., 665.
 Alexander, R. W., Waynesville, N. C., 683.
 Alexander, D. D., S. C., Monticello, Ark., 649.
 Alexander, D. D., W. A., Clarksville, Tenn., 665.
 Alexander, W. C., Concord, N. C., 679.
 Alexander, W. McF., Memphis, Tenn., 663.
 Allen, A. S., Nashville, Tenn., 677.
 Allen, F. L., Hearne, Texas, 692.
 Allen, J. W., Collierville, Tenn., 663.
 Allison, J. L., Portsmouth, Va., 708.
 Allison, D. D., J. Y., Baton Rouge, La., 666.
 Allison, T. J., Decatur, Ala., 644.
 Allmond, M. B., Louisville, Ky., 659.
 Allyn, H. S., Harmony Grove, Ga.
 Alston, R. H., New Orleans, La.
 Altfather, C. L., Mexia, Texas, 693.
 Amis, E. H., Goose Creek, Ky., 658.
 Anderson, B. R., Lanford, S. C., 689.
 Anderson, I. S., Rose Hill, Va., 700.
 Anderson, J. G., Millersburg, Ky., 657.
 Anderson, J. P., LaGrange, Ga., 653.
 Anderson, Neal L., Montgomery, Ala., 645.
 Anderson, R. C., Martinsville, Va., 708.
 Anderson, R. C., Jr., Roanoke, Va., 707.
 Anderson, W. D., Dallas, Texas, 694.
 Anderson, W. M., Dallas, Texas, 694.
 Andrew, J. B., Eminence, Ky., 658.
 Arbutnot, D. D., J. S., Nashville, Tenn., 677.
 Archer, S., Greenville, Miss., 665.
 Armentrout, D. M., Oxford, Ala.
 Armstrong, D. G., Albany, Ga., 656.
 Armstrong, D. D., G. D., Norfolk, Va., 707.
 Arrowood, M. C., Marshville, N. C., 682.
 Arrowood, R. S., Cool Spring, N. C.
 Arrowood, W. B., Laurinburg, N. C., 681.
 Atkins, A. H., Gainesville, Ala., 647.
 Atkinson, D. D., C. M., Centerville, La., 668.
 Atkinson, D. D., W. R., Columbia, S. C., 687.
 Auld, I. M., St. Petersburg, Fla., 651.
 Austin, H., Galveston, Texas, 692.
 Avila, Julio, Lerdo, Mexico.
- Bacher, T. J., Versailles, Ky., 660.
 Bachman, J. L., Sweetwater, Tenn., 676.
 Bachman, D. D., J. W., Chattanooga, Tenn.,
 676.
 Bailey, Edward, Kartah, Ga., 655.
 Bailey, E. C., Timmons ville, S. C., 690.
 Bailey, Wm. L., Oakdale, Va., 705.
 Baird, J. F., Hoscutt, Ga., 652.
 Baird, R. F., Acworth, Ga., 655.
 Baker, B. L., Monticello, Fla., 650.
 Baker, D. D., J. W., Marietta, Ga., 654.
 Baker, R. Q., Argyle, Fla., 650.
 Baker, W. E., Roswell, Ga., 655.
 Baker, W. S., Bartlett, Tex., 693.
 Baldwin, L. H., Norfolk, Va., 682.
 Banks, Fitzhugh, Tunica, Miss.
 Barbee, Joshua, Excelsior Springs, Mo., 674.
 Barber, W. L., Bascobel, Ga., 652.
 Barbour, John, Birmingham, Ala., 644.
 Barbour, D. D., L. G., Richmond, Ky., 660.
 Barclay, E. E., Capon Bridge, W. Va.
 Barclay, T. P., Wytheville, Va., 700.
 Barclay, Jonas, Martindale, N. C., 683.
 Barkley, A. H., Crawford, Miss., 669.
 Barks, Horace B., Lexington, Mo., 670.
 Barks, J. V., Odessa, Mo., 670.
 Barnes, J. L., Carrollton, Miss., 665.
 Barnett, D. D., E. H., Atlanta, Ga., 653.
 Barr, D. L., Newton, Miss., 669.
 Barr, D. D., J. C., Charleston, W. Va., 703.
 Barr, Lewis, Knoxville, Tenn., 677.
 Barret, D. D., T. C., Pattonville, Mo.
 Barron, L. W., San Antonio, Texas, 700.
 Bartlett, D. D., W. F. V., Lexington, Ky., 661.
 Batte, Junius M., Orrwood, Miss., 664.
 Beale, Weisel, La Belle, Mo., 672.
 Beall, B. L., Greensboro, N. C., 679.
 Bean, D. D., W. S., Clinton, S. C., 688.
 Bear, J. E., Chinkingang, China, 704.
 Beattie, D. D., F. R., Louisville, Ky., 661.
 Beattie, R. J., Tusculmba, Ala., 644.
 Beattie, W. E., Nashville, Tenn., 678.
 Bedinger, B. F., Talladega, Ala., 644.
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 Boving, C. B., Lamar, Mo., 670.
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 Brown, D. D., Hlugh A., Saxe, Va., 708.
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 Brown, J. C., Lewisburg, W. Va., 703.
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 Brown, R. A., Madison, N. C., 684.
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 Brownlee, H. H., Port Gibson, Miss., 667.
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 Bruce, W. W., Hustonville, Ky., 660.
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 Burns, E. P. (col.), Apple Valley, Ga., 653.
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 Caldwell, W. J., Greenwood, Miss., 666.
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 Campbell, H. C. V., Berkeley Springs, W. Va., 710.
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 Cochran, W. O., Maysville, Ky., 657.
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 Crow, William, Richmond, Ky., 660.
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 Crozier, D. D., R. H., Palestine, Texas, 696.
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- Cunningham, C. E., Yazoo City, Miss., 665.
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- Eagleton, G. E., Ladonia, Texas, 698.
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 Elwang, W. W., Orlando, Fla., 651.
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- Ewing, D. D., F. L., Covington, Tenn., 663.
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- Fair, D. D., J. Y., Richmond, Va., 702.
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 Fox, D. W., Lumberton, N. C., 681.
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 Fraser, D. D., George, Crowley, La., 667.
 Fraser, Simon, ———, 700.
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 Frierson, D. E., Shelbyville, Ky., 658.
 Frierson, D. D., D. E., Anderson, S. C., 691.
 Frierson, W. J., Dulocka, Tenn., 675.
 Frierson, W. V., Tupelo, Miss., 663.
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 Gill, S. S., Hickory Withe, Tenn., 663.
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 Glassell, John, Mansfield, La., 669.
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 Graham, J. C., Summit, Miss., 668.
 Graham, D. D., J. R., Winchester, Va., 710.
 Graham, Jr., J. R., Tsing-kiang-pu, China, 711.
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 Granger, M. B., W., Jackson, Mo., 673.
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 Graves, J. A., Bedford City, Va., 706.
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- Gray, Robert, Dublin, Va., 700.
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 Griswold, H. G., Fort Valley, Ga., 655.
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- Haden, R. A., Wusih, China, 669.
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- Hersman, D. D., C. C., Hampden-Sidney, Va., 709.
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 Hogarth, Thomas, Jarratts, Va., 702.
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 Holt, J. W., Hinton, W. Va., 703.
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 Hopkins, D. D., A. C., Charlestown, W. Va., 710.
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 Howard, C. M., Old Town, Va., 706.
 Howerton, D. D., J. R., Norfolk, Va., 708.
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 Hudson, W. H., Kiahing, China, 689.
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- Irons, A. G., Demopolis, Ala., 647.
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 Irvine, R. A., Clay City, Ky., 661.
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 Irwin, L. W., Iron Gate, Va., 707.
 Isler, S. H., Goldsboro, N. C., 685.
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- Jackson, Spencer, Anniston, Ala., 645.
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 James, Albert A., Pacolet, S. C., 688.
 Jeffries, E. D., Alderson, W. Va., 703.
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 Jennings, Clark B., Union, S. C., 688.
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 Johnson, A. G., Decatur, Ga., 654.
 Johnson, C. W., Fayetteville, Tenn., 675.
 Johnson, D. D., Josephus, Victoria, Tex., 699.

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 Johnston, J. W., Aberdeen, N. C., 680.
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 Johnston, R. Z., Lincolnton, N. C., 681.
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 Jones, A. G., San Antonio, Texas, 699.
 Jones, J. E., Meridian, Miss., 670.
 Jones, O. G., Rock Hill, S. C., 686.
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 Jones, Wilson S., ———, 698.
 Jordan, D. D., D. E., Wimsboro, S. C., 686.
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 Junkin, D. P., Mt. Meridian, Va., 705.
- Keady, D. D., W. G., Greensboro, Ala., 647.
 Keahey, N. B., Mouroeville, Ala., 645.
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 King, R. F., White's Store, Tenn., 676.
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 Kirkpatrick, M. R., Blackstock, S. C., 686.
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 Knoble, A., Louisville, Ky., 659.
- La Bach, D. D., J. M., Knoxville, Tenn.
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 Lacy, J. Horace, Florence, Ala., 644.
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 Lacy, J. Watkins, Sink's Grove, W. Va., 703.
 Lacy, D. D., M. L., Sink's Grove, W. Va., 703.
 Lacy, D. D., Wm. S., Norfolk, Va., 708.
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 Lafferty, J. W., Piedmont, W. Va., 710.
 Laird, A. F., Front Royal, Va., 710.
 Laird, H. R., Beeville, Texas, 699.
 Laird, W. R., Bristol, Tenn., 675.
 Lambdin, M. B., St. Albans, W. Va., 703.
 Lambert, A. N., Seldens, P. O., Va., 705.
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 Lee, Henry, Shreveport, La., 669.
 Leeper, F. L., Mt. Pleasant, S. C., 687.
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 Lentz, R. E., Rockdale, Texas, 604.
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- Leps, John C., Pamplin City, Va., 709.
 Leslie, J. D., Weatherford, Texas, 695.
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 Lewis, W. M., Atlanta, Ga., 654.
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 Ligon, R. C., Iva, S. C., 691.
 Lilly, D. Clay, Tuskalooza, Ala., 647.
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 Lindsey, J. B., Newton, Miss., 670.
 Lingamfelter, C. S., Elkins, W. Va., 704.
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 Link, A. G., Strasburg, Va., 711.
 Link, Luther, Princeton, N. J., 691.
 Linn, Lewis F., Mexico, Mo., 672.
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 Little, James M., Gilmore, Ky., 661.
 Little, L. L., Kiang yiu, China, 781.
 Lloyd, J. H., Sommerville, Tenn., 663.
 Lloyd, W. J. B., Durant, Ind. Ter., 697.
 Logan, D. D., J. V., Richmond, Ky., 660.
 Logan, Sanford M., Stanford, Ky., 660.
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 Lowry, T. M., Yorkville, S. C., 654.
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 Lunsford, T. B., Springdale, Ark., 650.
 Lupton, D. D., J. W., Clarksville, Tenn., 677.
 Lyle, G. T., Alderson, W. Va., 703.
 Lyle, John N., Lewisburg, Tenn., 675.
 Lyman, Chas. W., Lake Charles, La., 666.
 Lyons, D. D., J. S., Louisville, Ky., 658.
- Mack, Edward, St. Louis, Mo., 674.
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 Maddox, F. E., Birmingham, Ala., 644.
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 Martindale, C. O., Tuskegee, Ala., 646.
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 McDonald, D. D., Angus, Nashville, Tenn., 677.
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 Patterson, W. K., Nashville, Tenn., 677.
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 Penick, D. A., Lexington, Va., 704.
 Perkins, W. H., Amite City, La., 668.
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 Peters, B. F., Porterville, Miss., 670.
 Petrie, D. D., G. L., Charlottesville, Va., 709.
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