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OF THE

OLIVE BRANCH SYNOD,

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF IA.,

HELD AT

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,

SEPTEMBER 1--6, 1853.

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1853.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Olive Branch Synod, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, met pursuant to adjournment, in Mount Pisgah Evangelical Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Ia., and opened for the business of its sixth Convention, by singing a hymn, and prayer by the President.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. Keller was, on motion, appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The roll was called, and absentees marked.

Rev. H. WELLS,	Whitley C. H., Ia.
“ D. SMITH,	Louisville, Ky.
“ S. SAYFORD,	Middletown, Ia.
“ D. S. ALTMAN,	Richmond, Ia.
“ A. H. MYERS,*	San Francisco, Cal.
“ S. MC'REYNODDS,*	Camden, Ia.
“ Prof. F. W. CONRAD,*	Springfield, O.
“ F. TEMPLIN,*	Manchester, Ia.
“ O. BROWN,*	Lafayette, Ia.
“ A. F. HEILLS,	Ladoga, Ia.
“ J. KELLER,	Columbus, Ia.
“ S. P. SNYDER,	Charlotteville, Ia.
“ A. H. SCHERER,	N. London, Ia.
“ E. R. GUINEY,	Indianapolis, Ia.
“ D. SUMMERS,	Jeffersontown, Ky.
“ J. C. D. STARCH,	Lanesville, Harrison Co., Ia.
“ T. W. SARGENT,	Mooreville, Ia.

The following were received this session :

Rev. J. B. OLIVER,	Liberty, Union Co., Ia.
“ J. F. HARTMAN,	Cicerotown, Ia.
“ P. K. KARBACH,	Lanesville, Harrison Co., Ia.
“ FRED. ROTH,	Columbus, Ia.

*Absent and excused.

The lay delegates to Synod, on presenting satisfactory certificates, were received, as follows :

Bro. JOHN GUTHRIE,	from Rev. S. McReynolds' charge.
“ BURRIS MOORE,	“ J. Keller's “
“ DAN. FRIES,	“ S. P. Snyder's “
“ WM. GOOSE,	“ D. Summers' “
“ D. REITZEL,	“ T. W. Sargent's “
“ D. SHAVER,	“ A. F. Heills' “
“ D. SHOLL,	“ D. S. Altman's “
“ Dr. D. BEAVER,	“ J. B. Oliver's “
“ H. OHR,	“ E. R. Guiney's “

The President read the following

REPORT.

BRETHREN :—

Another Synodical year is gone. In it thousands closed their stewardship, wound up their probation, and finished their work, or left it undone forever. But, under the guardian care of our Heavenly Father, we have survived the year, and, as an ecclesiastical body, have once more convened, in the name of Christ. For his sustaining grace, and inexpressible goodness to us, his unworthy servants, may we all, with united hearts, praise his holy name, and ask his presence and aid in all our deliberations and transactions, during our present convention.

Our territory being very large, and pastoral districts remote from each other, the President is not sufficiently acquainted with the state of all the charges, to report accurately to your honorable body concerning them ; especially as but few of the brethren have written to him on this subject ; which omission, however much to be regretted, is of common occurrence in our Synod.

The following Lutheran Churches have been organized this year, and apply for admission into this body, viz :

Eel River Church, of Allen Co., Ia., of 20 members.

Tabor Church, of Miami Co., Ia., of 15 members.

Union Church, of Whitley county, Ia., of 12 members.

Mt. Zion Church, of Morgan county, Ia., of 25 members.

First Ev. Luth. Church, of Adams township, Decatur Co., Ia., of 14 members.

REMOVALS.

Rev. J. Geiger having removed into the bounds of the Miami Synod, at his own request received an honorable dismissal from the President.

Rev. A. F. Heills, of Indianapolis, removed to Ladoga.

Rev. G. A. Extine, of Berrien, Michigan, to Elkhart, Ia.

Rev. J. C. D. Starch, of Louisville, Ky., to Lanesville, Indiana, by permission of the President.

The Lord has graciously poured out his Spirit in many of our

churches, so that there has been an encouraging increase in the number, and we hope in the piety, of the membership.

With this report, I lay down that office with which you have honored me, and leave the chair to be occupied by him whom your body may elect.

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace be with you.

H. WELLS, *Pres't.*

The report was received, and referred to Committee No. 1.

The election of officers was called, and resulted in the choice of

Rev. H. WELLS, *Pres't.*

“ J. KELLER, *Sec'y.*

“ E. R. GUINEY, *Treas.*

Rev. D. Harbaugh, of the Miami Synod, and J. W. McIntyre, General Agent of the American S. School Union, for this State, were introduced, and invited to seats as advisory members.

Bro. J. B. Livengood, on motion, was received as a Commissioner to this Synod, from New Hope Church, Spencer county, Ia.

The chair appointed the following committees :

No. 2. Consisting of Altman, Snyder, and Fries.

No. 3. Consisting of Smith, Starch, and Reitzel.

No. 4. Consisting of Altman, Guiney, and Heills.

No. 5. Consisting of Scherer, Heills, and Moore.

No. 6. Consisting of Altman, Snyder, and Reitzel.

On motion, adjourned to half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Altman.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Heills.

Previous minutes were read, amended and adopted.

Committees were appointed as follows :

No. 7, Consisting of Summers, Starch and Goose.

No. 8, Consisting of Hills, Snyder and Guthrie.

No. 9, Consisting of Sargent, Scherer and Shaver.

No. 10, Consisting of Sayford, Summers and Bowers.

Revs. W. C. Barnett, a delegate from Miami Synod, J. Geiger, of the same, and J. M. Markwell, of fourth Presb. Church, of this place, were introduced and invited to seats as advisory members.

Committee No. 1.—Your committee appointed to examine the President's Report, respectfully report the following :

While death has swept its thousands from the world, we rejoice that it has not taken any of our number from his work in the ministry ; for which, the most devout gratitude of our hearts should be rendered to God.

The President complains of having received but few communications this year, from the members of Synod, which causes him to have but a limited knowledge of the progress of the Savior's kingdom in our bounds.

Resolved, That we in the future take a deeper interest in communicating to him our success in the vineyard of the Lord. We feel gratified to learn from this document, that the Lord has graciously poured out his Spirit on many of our churches, increasing their numbers and advancing their piety, which should greatly stimulate us to a renewal of our diligence in the Master's work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. HEILLS,
T. W. SARGENT,
D. SHAVER.

Received and adopted.

Committee No. 2.—The document referred to your committee for examination, is a copy of the proceedings of the last Convention of this body, convened September 24–28, 1852, in Ladoga, Ia.

Your committee find the following items of unfinished business claiming the attention of Synods—which, on motion, were acted on separately.

Item 1,—On page 10th, is a recommendation requesting the members of this body to continue the inculcation of the better observance of the Sabbath during this year.

Has said recommendation been complied with? The roll was called, and the brethren responded affirmatively.

Item 2, page 16.—A resolution expressing the approbation of this Synod, of the proposed publication of a "Western Church Paper," and the appointment of a Publishing Committee of two members of this body, to confer with similar committees of other Synods. What report has said committee to make?

The committee replied, that their action had been superseded by the action of the Board of Directors of Wittenberg College, and that again being ineffectual, led individuals to assume the responsibility, and publish said paper.

Item 3,—Is a proposition to alter article 6, of the Constitution of the Home Evangelization Society.

What action will Synod take on this item? After much discussion, the proposition was voted down.

On the same page, is a resolution appointing a committee, consisting of Revs. D. S. Altman, J. Keller, and E. R. Guiney, to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for an Education Society, to be organized at this session of Synod. Is said committee ready to report? A Constitution was read by Rev. D. S. Altman, and on motion was laid on the table, to the time of Ed. business.

Item 4,—Refers to the members elected by this Synod, as members of the Board of Directors of Wittenberg College.

Have they attended any of the meetings of said board, and what report have they to make?

For satisfactory reasons only, Rev. D. S. Altman attended.

The undersigned Director of the Board of Wittenberg College, respectfully reports, that he attended the Spring and Fall examinations of said institution, and was highly gratified with the manner in which the students acquitted themselves, their thorough acquaintance with the branches taught, and the ability of their instructors. Especially was he gratified with the examination of the Theological Class, which gave such entire satisfaction to every friend of Scriptural revivals.

May God speed the day when all our Colleges and Theological Seminaries, shall take the high position of Wittenberg, and train all our young men to be scriptural, apostolical revivalists. A great amount of business was attended to at each meeting of the board. One important item was the appointment of Rev. J. J. Miller, Agent for the College. The Institution is in a flourishing condition, embracing during the last year 189 students, a very large number of whom have the ministry in view.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. ALTMAN.

The report was received.

Item 5,—Relating to the delegates elected to represent this body at the last meeting of the General Synod, which convened in Winchester, Va., May 21, 1853. Did they attend said meeting, and what report are they prepared to make? Verbal reports of an interesting character were presented by both the delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. ALTMAN,
S. P. SNYDER,
D. FRIES.

Received and adopted.

Committee No. 3.—Your committee, to whom were handed the following papers, respectfully report:

That Nos. 1 and 2 are constitutions and applications undersigned by a number of members of Eel River, Allen county, and Tabor Evangelical Luth. Churches, of Miami county, Ia., under the pastoral care of Rev. H. Wells. There is nothing in these constitutions which would prohibit their hearty reception into this body.

No. 3, Is an application from St. Paul's Evang. Lutheran congregation of Fayette county, Indiana, for reception into this Synod. The congregation consists of 30 members, and has adopted a congregational Constitution, with the Formula of Government of the General Synod.

No. 4, Is a similar document from St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church, of Union county, Ind., with similar constitution and application. This congregation is composed of 12 members;—both of these congregations under the pastoral care of Rev. J. B. Oliver. Your com. recommend that the above four congregations be received

into regular connection with this Synod, and that Dr. D. Beaver, the delegate from the latter two, be received as a member of this body.

No. 5, Is an Ordination Certificate of the Rev. J. F. Hartman, from the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Indianapolis, dated October 1, 1849, signed by J. F. Isensee, Pres., and O. Hunger, D. D., Sec.

No. 6, Is an application from said Rev. Hartman to this Synod, desiring to be received as a member of the same. He also states that he was sent as a missionary by Rev. Gossner of Berlin, and recommended to the Pittsburgh Synod, from which he received a license to preach, and afterwards settled in the State of Indiana, applied, was received, and ordained by the Indianapolis Synod. He also states, that on account of the unevangelical practices of said Synod, and a sincere love of peace, he voluntarily separated himself from said body.

No. 7, Is a regular dismissal at his own request from said Synod, dated Oct. 2, 1851, signed by O. Hunger, D. D., President of the Indianapolis Synod. Rev. Hartman has therefore been about two years disconnected from said Synod. Your committee recommend that this Synod have a friendly colloquium with Rev. Mr. Hartman.

No. 8, Is a communication of 14 members of the First Evang. Lutheran congregation, of Adams Township, Decatur Co., Ind., under the pastoral care of Rev. J. Keller, containing their regular organization, and an application to this Synod for reception. They have adopted the Formula of Government and Discipline of the General Synod as the basis of their organization.

No. 9, Is the constitution of St. Matthew's Evang. Lutheran congregation of Richmond, Ind., accompanied with a petition to this Synod, to be received into connection with the same. This document is undersigned by 13 names of the congregation.

No. 10, Is the constitution of the English Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, of East Germantown, Wayne County, Indiana, which is likewise accompanied with an application signed by 28 persons for reception into this body. Both these congregations are under the pastoral care of Rev. D. S. Altman.

In reference to the above constitutions and applications, your committee remark, that they find nothing which conflicts with the spirit of the constitution of this Synod, and therefore, recommend them to this body for reception.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. SMITH,
J. C. D. STARCH,
D. REITZEL.

The report received, and after some consultation, and reading

the Constitution of the East Germantown congregation, was adopted. Rev. D. Sholl, the delegate from the East Germantown pastorate, on presenting satisfactory credentials, was accordingly received as a member of this body.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. Smith.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. Geiger.

Previous minutes read and adopted.

Prof. H. R. Geiger, of the Wittenberg Synod, and Rev. J. J. Miller, of the English Synod of Ohio, and delegate to this body, were introduced and invited to seats as advisory members.

Rev. J. B. Oliver was received as a member of this body, from the Wittenberg Synod, on presenting the proper credentials.

Committee No. 4. Your committee respectfully report the following:

No. 1, Is a sermon of our licentiate, Bro. T. W. Sargent, based on 1 Cor. 11: 28. Theme,—“Self-Examination.” This sermon is Biblical and Practical, and if properly delivered, calculated to effect good. Your committee recommend a renewal of this Brother's license.

No. 2, Is the journal and a number of skeletons of Rev. D. Summers, a licentiate of this body. Your committee is pleased with the manner in which this journal has been kept, and with the industry and fidelity it exhibits of this Brother's efficiency in the vineyard of the Lord. From it we learn that since our last meeting he has preached 138 times. His skeletons are well arranged, showing much care in preparation, and well calculated to edify the Christian and alarm the impenitent. His sermon founded on Isa. 55: 6-7, is methodically arranged. Biblical in spirit,—exceedingly interesting and soul-stirring in its nature. Your committee recommend the ordination of this Brother, at such time and place as the Ministerium may determine.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. ALTMAN,
E. R. GUINEY,
A. F. HELLS.

Received and adopted.

Committee No. 5. Your committee to whom were referred the minutes of some sister Synods, respectfully report, that,

No 1, Is the minutes of the Evang. Luth. Synod of Va. This body has 25 ministers, 41 churches, 1645 communicants, 100 infants baptized, 6 adults, 25 confirmations, 18 added by letter, 43 removals. Rev. A. P. Ludden, President, X. J. Richardson, Sec., A. R.

Rude, Treas. Your committee rejoices to find this Synod zealously engaged in doing good; also we see that the minutes of our 4th Convention were favorably noticed by said Synod.

No. 2, Is the minutes of Wittenberg Synod. The officers are Revs. J. Livengood, President, S. Fenner, Sec., A. Kuhr, Treas. This Synod numbers 21 ordained, and 9 licensed ministers, 46 churches, 14 preaching places, 124 infant, and 14 adult baptisms, 29 Sab. schools, 1211 scholars, and 1740 communicants. Collections for H. M. \$74,71; F. M. \$50,19. For Education, \$99,57.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. SCHERER,
A. F. HELLS,
B. MOORE.

Received and adopted.

Committee No. 7, respectfully report the following:

Item 1, Is a copy of the minutes of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, convened at Newton, Catawba county, N. C., April 29th, 1853. The officers are: Revs. J. A. Lynn, Pres., L. C. Groeclose, Rec. Secretary, S. Scherer, Cor. Secretary, and M. Barrier, Esq., Treas. The number of ministers 11, churches 25, communicants 2513. These brethren are earnestly engaged in the work of God.

Item 2, Is a letter from Rev. P. Glenn, who was appointed a delegate to represent the Synod of the South West at this Convention. His circumstances are such, he says, as to prevent him being present at our meeting of Synod, and asks to be pardoned. He states that the brethren of the Synod of the South West feel a deep interest in our prosperity, and desire that the harmony and co-operation hitherto existing between these bodies may continue. Your committee recommend that this brother be excused, although we exceedingly regret his absence.

Item 3, Is a letter from Rev. C. Kuhl, President of the Synod of Illinois. He states, that the Rev. G. Wolf was appointed a delegate to this body, but that he has since withdrawn from their Synod, and hence cannot represent it. The President, however, assures this body of the warmest sympathy and co-operation on the part of the body over which he presides, in our common labors of faith and love, and desires that our hitherto friendly feelings may never be impaired. He states, that their next annual session, will be held on the 15th of September, 1853, in the city of Quincy, Illinois, where they will be very happy to greet a delegate from this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. SUMMERS,
J. C. D. STARCH,
W. GOOSE.

Received and adopted by items.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

On calling the roll, the following were reported as vacant :

Peru and Tabor, in Miami county, Indiana, and Kokomo, in Howard county, by H. Wells.

Louisville mission, by Rev. D. Smith ; Shaffer's church, West River, by Rev. D. S. Altman.

Some vacant congregations in Green and adjacent counties, by the Secretary.

New Castle and Flat Rock Churches, were reported by Rev. Snyder.

Ebenezer Charge, and Decatur church, by Rev. E. R. Guiney.

Brother H. Rhoades, of the last mentioned church, on presenting satisfactory credentials, was received as a commissioner to this body.

Resolved, in view of the above vacancies, that we, as a Synod, sincerely sympathize with the destitute, and earnestly desire their speedy supply by regular pastors. Brethren, come and help these of "Macedonia."

The committee for examination of licentiates, was reported as not being full ; whereupon the chair appointed Rev. D. S. Altman, and Synod by resolution appointed the chair, a member of said committee.

On motion, Revs. Heills, Summers, and Prof. Geiger, were appointed committee No. 12, to report resolutions relating to the Evangelical Lutheran.

Pursuant to recommendation of committee No. 3, item 7, a friendly colloquium was held between the Synod, and Rev. J. F. Hartman, on the doctrines and usages of the church. After numerous questions and answers, the colloquium was deferred to a future period.

On motion, adjourned to half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Barnett.

 FOURTH SESSION.

Friday, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Scherer.

Committee No. 12, reports the following :

Resolved, That we have long felt the necessity of the establishment of a religious paper, devoted to the interests of our church in the West, and that we hail, as the harbinger of great good, the establishment of the Evangelical Lutheran.

Resolved, That we sanction the action of the persons who originated this enterprise, and that we heartily approve of the appointment of Rev. V. L. Conrad, Editor, and the arrangements which have been made with J. Brookwell Peat, Esq., Publisher.

Resolved, That we most heartily pledge ourselves to use our ut-

most efforts to introduce it immediately into every family connected with our respective charges.

Respectfully submitted.

H. WELLS,
D. SUMMERS,
H. R. GEIGER.

On motion, the report was received, lengthily discussed, and adopted by items.

On motion, Revs. G. C. Becks, T. A. Lynch, and W. Wilson, of the M. E. Church, were introduced, and invited to seats as advisory members.

On motion, Bro. B. Moore was excused from further attendance on this Synodical Convention.

On motion, committee No. 14, consisting of Revs. Altman, Smith, Miller, Summers, and Prof. Geiger, were appointed to report on Educational Business to-morrow morning.

Committee No. 11, respectfully report the following :

The document placed in our hands, is a copy of the minutes of the Sixteenth Convention of the "General Synod" of our Church, held at Winchester, Va., in May last. The officers are :

Rev. J. BACHMAN, D. D., *Pres't.*

" C. A. HAY, *Sec'y.*

" P. S. MICHLER, Esq., *Treas.*

Twenty Lutheran Synods of the U. S. A., are now connected with this Synod. Much business of a general interest to the Church, was transacted.

1st Item of interest we mention, is the noble plan of creating a "Pastor's Fund," for the Christian purpose of aiding the worn out soldier of the cross, and those dependant on him in old age, in sickness, or in want.

From the minutes of Synods connected with the General Synod, it is evident that the moral reforms of the day are making encouraging progress, such as the better observance of the Sabbath movements, Temperance efforts, &c.

Literary institutions are more fully appreciated, and revivals of religion are becoming more general.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the all-important principles of the Reformation of the 16th century, and their salutary effect on the religious and civil liberties of the nations of the earth, and in view of the formidable and undisguised opposition of the Romish Priesthood to these principles in this country, it becomes the solemn duty of the Protestant Churches, to watch the movements of the Papal Hierarchy, and to counteract them by all practicable and Christian means.

Resolved, That one of the best methods under God of accomplishing this end, is the general dissemination of the doctrines,

principles, and history of the glorious Reformation—and that for this purpose, it is hereby again recommended to the ministry of the Synods connected with this "General Synod," annually to deliver a discourse on these important topics, on or near the 31st day of October.

Your committee recommend that this Synod concur in the spirit of the above resolutions.

The Foreign Missionary Society presents many encouraging features. Upwards of five thousand members have been collected into Churches by the labors of Foreign Missionaries, and by these a number of Missionaries are now sustained on said field, who are the instruments of much good, through the blessing of God, to many more poor heathen.

The Home Missionary presents many promising features. From May 15, 1850, to May 19, 1853, \$4,832,76 were received into the Treasury; and since the last meeting of Synod, 38 laborers have been commissioned to go and labor in the vineyard of the Lord. Some of them are in the West, and are greatly aiding in building up the waste places of our Zion.

The Parent Education Society also, since the last meeting of Synod, has sent out 17 young men as workmen for God. Thirty-one are still on its funds. We recommend to Synod every possible effort to sustain these Societies in their labors of love in behalf of the church.

The last item of interest we mention, is the Church Extension Society. This is a most praiseworthy object, and it ought to rejoice our hearts that something is finally doing in this direction: Your committee recommend the reading of the Constitution of said Society before Synod. Also, we recommend the special action of Synod, on said document.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SAYFORD,
D. SUMMERS,
J. BOWERS.

Received and adopted by items:

On motion, the Constitution of the Church Extension Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was read.

On motion, committee No. 15, was appointed, consisting of Revs. Barrett, Altman, and Heills, to draft resolutions concerning said Church Extension Society.

Committee No. 13, respectfully report: That the papers given into our hands are the Journal, four sermons, and the license of Rev. J. C. D. Starch, in reference to which your Committee will report more fully to the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

D. SMITH,
D. S. ALTMAN,
S. P. SNYDER.

Received and adopted.

Committee No. 6, respectfully report: That the papers placed in our hands, should be reported on to the Ministerium, at which time we will more fully report.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. ALTMAN,
S. P. SNYDER,
D. REITZEL.

On motion, Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.
Prayer by Rev. Sayford.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Snyder.

Previous minutes were read and adopted.

Committee No. 15, report the following: Forasmuch as the destitutions of the Lutheran Church are seen more and more, the more our hearts become interested in supplying them; and as one great barrier in the way of our progress as a Church, lies in the lack of ability in towns and cities, in the *West especially*, to erect Churches, which are indispensable to success among us—therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we hail with the most unbounded gratitude to God and the Church, the organization of the Church Extension Society, the object of which is to raise \$50,000, or more, to aid in supplying the destitute.

Resolved, 2. That we most heartily concur in the plan proposed in the Constitution, prepared and adopted by said Society.

Resolved, 3. That we, as a Synod, do now pledge ourselves to preach, on or near the Anniversary of the Glorious Reformation, and collect all the funds in our power, to put into the Treasury of the Church Extension Society.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. BARNETT,
D. S. ALTMAN,
A. F. HEILLS.

Received and adopted, item by item.

Committee No. 16, consisting of Snyder, Guiney, and Fries, was appointed.

Committee No. 17, consisting of Summers, Altman, and Ohr, was appointed.

On motion, Educational Business was called.

Resolved, That this Synod is highly gratified to learn, from the report of one of our Directors to Wittenberg College, the prosperous and healthy condition of said Institution.

Resolved, That this Synod has learned with pleasure the appointment of Rev. J. J. Miller, Agent for said Institution, and that we most cordially invite him to our charges, and co-operate with him

carrying out the plans adopted by the board, for the permanent establishment of the institution.

Committee No. 14, respectfully reports (this committee is a committee on item 3, of the report of committee No. 2, which item related to Educational business, and was laid on the table to the proper time,) the following:

CONSTITUTION OF THE OLIVE BRANCH ED. SOCIETY.

ART. I. This Society shall be composed of all the members of the Olive Branch Synod, who shall from time to time, be assembled in synodical Convention.

ART. II. The object of this society shall be to aid indigent, but vigorous young men, in preparing for the Gospel Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, according to the following regulations, viz:

1. No young man shall be received on the funds of this Society, who does not furnish satisfactory evidences of his being born of the Spirit, called to serve God in the ministry, and possessed of the necessary talents, to become an acceptable minister of Jesus Christ.

2. Any young man who may feel disposed to take a full Academic, Collegiate, and Theological course, may receive the benefits of this Society's funds. Aid will also be extended, to young men of suitable character and abilities who may not feel disposed to take a full collegiate course, under the following regulations, viz:

(a.) Any young man over 20 years of age, of the above mentioned qualifications, who may desire to study for the Gospel ministry, but not disposed to take a full Collegiate course, shall, nevertheless, be required to study at least the following branches; English Grammar, Geography, Ancient and Modern History, Rhetoric, Moral Science, Mental Philosophy, Physiology, Evidences of Christianity, Logic, Political Economy, and Greek enough to read the New Testament, together with as much Latin as he can study in the Preparatory Department, and a full Theological course.

(b.) Any young man under 20 years of age, of the above mentioned character and abilities, shall be required to pursue his studies regularly until the end of the Freshman year, and also all the English Branches of the above course, to which he has not already attended.

3. The Synod, however, shall have power, when in session, to depart in particular cases from the above mentioned rules, and may prescribe such other regulations as may appear to them most judicious.

ART. III. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be annually elected. The Executive Committee shall consist of the members of this Synod, elected as members of the Board of Directors of Wittenberg College.

ART. IV. Every member of this Society shall pay the sum of one dollar at the time of admittance, and annually the same sum; and

any person who pays the sum of ten dollars at one time, may become a life member.

ART. V. Each beneficiary of this society shall be required to give his note to the Treasurer of this Society for the amount received. One-half of which shall be canceled, when he has finished his Collegiate and Theological course, and enters the ministry. The remainder shall be paid as follows: one-third three years after he has entered the ministry, and the balance in two annual installments, without interest, after five years, interest will be demanded on all that remains unpaid, unless Synod shall direct otherwise. Any young man receiving a loan from this society, who may discontinue his studies previous to entering the Lutheran ministry, without the consent of Synod, or who may be found guilty of immoral conduct, (which may God in mercy forbid,) and thereby be dismissed by Synod, shall be required to refund the whole amount, with full interest from date, within one year after he leaves the Institution, or is dismissed by Synod.

ART. VI. The funds of this Society shall be raised by annual contributions, Collections or Life Memberships, or appointing an agent to canvass the whole or a part of the Synodical District.

ART. VII. This Society shall be a branch of the Parent Education Society of the General Synod, with the provision of being permitted to disburse its own funds.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of Synod by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. ALTMAN,
D. SMITH,
J. J. MILLER,
D. SUMMERS,
H. R. GEIGER.

Report received, acted on, and adopted by items.
Adjourned, to meet after service this afternoon.
Prayer by Rev. Miller.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer by the Secretary.

On motion, Educational Business was resumed. Officers were elected for the Educational Society of this Synod, as follows: Revs. H. Wells, President, A. F. Heills, Secretary, and J. Keller, Treasurer.

A preamble and resolution was submitted by Rev. J. J. Miller, as follows:

WHEREAS, we believe that the education of young men of approved piety and talents, for the Gospel Ministry of the Evangel-

ical Lutheran Church is of the greatest importance to the cause of God, and the interest of the Church, therefore,

Resolved, That as soon as circumstances will justify we will make all proper efforts in our respective charges to secure a seven years' Scholarship in Wittenberg College, said Scholarship to be under the control of the Education Society of the Olive Branch Synod, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, solely for purposes of Beneficiary Education. Received and adopted.

On motion, Bro. Guthrie was excused from farther attendance on this Synodical Convention.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock, A. M., Monday. Prayer by Prof. H. R. Geiger.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Smith.

Last minutes read, received and adopted.

On motion, Rev. S. Sayford and delegate were excused from farther attendance on this Synodical Convention.

Parochial reports were called; (see Appendix, Page 27.)

On motion, Educational Business was resumed.

Resolved, That this Education Society co-operate with Rev. J. J. Miller in publishing a circular of the \$100 Scholarships in Wittenberg College.

Resolved, That we receive no young man on the funds of this Education Society, until he has been connected with some good institution of learning one session, and that this Resolution become a By-law of this Society. We, the undersigned, do enter our protest to the above Resolution.

D. S. ALTMAN,
S. P. SNYDER.

On motion, Rev. D. S. Altman (our Director to the Board of Directors of Wittenberg College,) was allowed \$8 from the Synodical Treasury, for traveling expenses to and from the meetings of said Board.

Resolved, That we hereafter pay from our Synodical Treasury, our Directors to the Board of Wittenberg College, 2 cts. per mile for traveling expenses.

Committee, No. 10, Respectfully report the following:

No. 1, Is the Western Virginia Synod's minutes of its eleventh session, convened at Copp's Church, Botatot County, Va.

It is composed of 7 ordained and 3 licensed ministers.

The officers are: Revs. E. Hawkins, President; J. A. Brown, Secretary, and S. Schæffer, Treasurer. Their Parochial Report shows the following:—33 congregations, 1727 communicants, 248 confirmations, 141 Infant, and 29 Adult Baptisms, 44 admissions,

17 Prayer meetings. This body is otherwise actively engaged in doing good.

No. 2, Is the minutes of the twenty-ninth Synod of South Carolina. This large and respectable body held its last session at St. Mark's Church, Edgerfield District, S. C., Nov. 12th, 1852. Its officers are: Rev. G. Haltwanger, President; J. B. Anthony, Recording Secretary; E. B. Hert, Corresponding Secretary, and John Ranch, Esq., Treasurer. From the Parochial Report we gather the following:—Ministers 43, Congregations, 46, Communicants, 3961, Infant, 522, and Adult Baptisms, 111, Admissions, 692, Sabbath Schools, 29, Scholars, 956. Other movements for good find hearty and able co-operators in this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. SNYDER,
J. GUTHRIE,
D. REITZEL.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Bro. McKentyre.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Monday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Summers.

Last minutes read and adopted.

Missionary Business was called.

Our Evangelist for last year reported the following:

Your Evangelist has labored six months as directed by your Society, in which time he preached 100 sermons; in the Counties of Miami, Whitley, Wabash and Allen, organized one congregation of 50 members, supplied our destitute Churches at Manchester and Peru, to which Churches there were a few accessions, and in which places our sinking cause, by the blessing of the Lord, was saved from dissolution, collected for the Society of Manchester and Columbia Charges \$70, Peru, \$30, Augusta, \$11,84; the above, with the \$50 received from the Treasurer, your Evangelist has been paid \$170,84 for services rendered this year, leaving a balance of \$29,16 due him.

Respectfully submitted,

H. WELLS.

Received, and by resolution the Treasurer was ordered to pay the Evangelist the amount due him.

Resolved, That Rev. T. W. Sargent receive out of the Home Missionary Treasury the sum of \$15, for services rendered during the year; and that the officers of this Synod recommend him and Rev. J. B. Oliver to the Home Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as suitable persons to receive aid from said Society.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer of this Synod,

to be paid from the Missionary money of the same, the sum of \$30, and that the amount be equally divided between Revs. Smith and Scherer, for services rendered.

Resolved, That the officers of this Synod during the coming year, be instructed to employ as many ministers as the funds of the Evangelization Society will justify, to labor in the bounds of our Synod, and the amount to be paid to each Evangelist be left discretionary with said officers.

Committee No. 16, Respectfully report the following :

Item 1, Is the minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Miami, convened at Millville, Ohio, June 2nd, 1853.

Its officers are,

Rev. A. BARTHOLOMEW, *Pres't.*
 " J. G. HARRIS, *Sec'y.*
 " W. H. HARRISON, *Treas.*

From the Parochial Report we learn that this Synod embraces 27 ministers, 55 churches, 2834 communicants, 187 confirmations, 43 Adult, and 314 Infant Baptisms.

We also learn that Rev. Barnett, who is in our midst, was appointed a delegate from said Synod, to this body.

Your committee recommend a reciprocation of this fraternal act.

Item 2, Is a letter from Prof. Conrad, in which he states, that it was his intention to be present at this meeting of Synod, but on account of business connected with his father's estate, he has been unavoidably detained. Your committee exceedingly regret that Prof. C. cannot be present, and move that he be excused. It was so ordered.

Item 3, Is a letter from Rev. G. A. Exline, in which he sends his Parochial Report. He states, that on account of straitened circumstances in money matters, he is unable to attend the meeting of Synod. From his letter, it appears that he is in great distress at this time. He says, also, that the Home Missionary Society has denied him further aid, and his charge is unable or unwilling to support him. He asks, if there is a vacant charge in the bounds of Synod, which can give him a competent support. If so, that Synod at once will point it out to him. Your committee recommend the reading of his letter before Synod. Accordingly read.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. SNYDER,
 E. R. GUINEY,
 D. FRIES.

Received, acted on, and adopted by items.

Committee No. 9, report the following :

Item 1, Is a copy of the minutes of the Evan. Lutheran Synod, and Ministerium of Ohio, and adjacent States. This body numbers 17 ministers, 356 baptisms, 40 churches, 211 confirmations,

2409 communicants. Synodical collections, \$47,80. The officers are :

Rev. J. MANNING, *Pres.*

“ D. SPARKS, *Sec'y.*

“ D. ROTHACKER, *Treas.*

In this Synod, we see a spirit of benevolence in Missionary and Educational enterprises worthy of imitation, having, during the past year, aided 15 young men in a course of preparation for the Gospel ministry. There are at present 11 young men, aided by the funds of this Synod.

Item 2, Is a copy of the minutes of the South West Synod. It numbers 13 ministers, 24 congregations, 1,492 communicants, &c. This body seems to be actively engaged in doing good. We learn that Rev. P. Glenn was appointed a delegate to this Synod from that. We regret very much the absence of that brother, and most earnestly recommend that delegates be more faithful in meeting with the respective bodies of their appointment.

Item 3, Is a copy of minutes of the English Ev. Luth. Synod of Ohio, which convened at Brownsburg, Ohio. This Synod numbers 21 ministers, 63 congregations, 15 preaching places, 2,903 communicants, 265 confirmations, 288 baptisms. Collections for Home Missions, \$46,50. For Foreign Missions, \$8,00. Benef. Education, 179,25. Its officers are :

Rev. S. WAGNER, *Pres.*

“ A. H. AUGHE, *Sec'y.*

“ W. THOMPSON, *Treas.*

Rev. J. J. Miller, now in our midst, was appointed a delegate to this Synod from that. Your committee recommend the appointment of a delegate to meet with said body at its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. SARGENT,
A. H. SCHERER,
D. SHAVER.

Received and adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Prayer by brother Ohr.

NINTH SESSION.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Smith.

Last minutes read and adopted.

Committee No. 8, reports the following :

Item 1, Is a letter from Rev. S. McReynolds, assigning his reason for absence, which is sickness in his family. He prays Synod to excuse him for non-attendance. Your committee recommend

that he be excused. He also sends his Parochial Report, \$5 for Synod, and his report as Treasurer of the Olive Branch Synod, as follows :

Received of former Treasurer,	\$4,35
At last Synod,	54,20

Total,	<u>58,55</u>
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Paid per order of Synod to H. Wells,	\$2,00
Printing minutes,	45,25

Total,	<u>47,25</u>
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Balance in hand,	\$11,30
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We find the report correct.

He also sends his report as treasurer of the H. Evangelization Society, which is as follows:

Received at last Synod,	\$81,35
Hamilton, Aux. Society this year,	18,00

Total,	<u>\$99,35</u>
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Paid per order of Synod	Sep. 28, 1852, D. Smith,	\$15,00
“ “	Oct. 8, “ H. Wells,	15,60
“ “	“ “	50,00

Total,	<u>\$80,60</u>
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Balance,	18,75
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Your committee find the above all correct.

Item 2, Is a letter from Rev. O. Brown accompanied by his Parochial Report, and his reason for absence from Synod, which he states is sickness in his family. He also sends a bill of \$305, as a debt against Synod, which was ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. HEILLS,
S. P. SNYDER,
JOHN GUTHRIE.

Received and acted on by items.

Missionary Business was resumed. A list of arrears on former pledges to the Society was read, and by resolution, Rev. A. F. Heills was appointed to collect out-standing dues to the H. M. Society in his charge.

Resolved, That this Synod advise the Decatur Church to confer with the Indianapolis Church or Ebenezer charge, and try to procure the services of either of their Pastors for the ensuing year.

On motion, Synod resolved itself into a Church Extension Society, and elected an Executive Committee, consisting of Revs. D. S.

Altman, E. R. Guiney, and Dr. D. Beaver, and that this Society be auxiliary to the Parent Church Extension Society.

On motion, Rev. D. Stevens, of the Third Presbyterian Church, was introduced, and invited to a seat as an advisory member. Whereupon, he invited Synod to attend the laying of the cornerstone of said church, at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, In view of Rev. G. A. Exline's distressing circumstances, and in hope of his usefulness, that we, as a Synod, recommend him to Ebenezer charge, and that the Secretary address a letter to him, enclosing a collection in cash, made in said charge, to defray his expenses in visiting it, and urge him to come immediately.

PROMISCUOUS BUSINESS.

WHEREAS, reports injurious to the character of Rev. A. H. Myers, (a member of this Synod,) have been circulated, especially in regard to the finances of the Mission Church in Indianapolis, therefore, *Resolved*, that the following certificate of the Trustees of Mt. Pisgah Church be spread upon our minutes.

We, the undersigned, Trustees of Mt. Pisgah Evang. Lutheran Church, do hereby certify that Rev. A. H. Myers, at the time he left this place, delivered to us, for the use of the Luth. Church, the Deed, House, and appurtenances commonly called the "Mission Church," accounting at the same time for all moneys by him collected, with a statement and vouchers of all expenses in said enterprise. Having superintended the building of said house, collected and disbursed all moneys, without receiving any remuneration except a small amount allowed him by the church council, as traveling expenses, while on a collecting tour for said enterprise.

GEO. FRIALOS,	} Trustees.
CHRISTIAN BECK,	
G. D. STAATS,	
JOHN H. OHR.	

Resolved, That it be made a disciplinary offense for any member of our congregations not to pay their subscription to their Pastor within the year, and that the church council be recommended to bring such offending members to an account.

On motion, Rev. D. Smith, J. C. D. Starch, and Wm. Goose have leave of absense.

Resolved, That we regard the American Bible Society, American Tract Society, and American S. S. Union, as suitable objects of benevolence.

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to divide this Synod into Conference districts. Revs. S. P. Snyder, and D. S. Altman, committee.

REPORT.

1ST DISTRICT.	2D DISTRICT.	3D DISTRICT.
Altman, Snyder, Oliver, Keller, Summers, Guiney, Roth.	Smith, Stark, Heills, Karbaugh, Hartman, Sargent.	Wells, Scherer, McReynolds, Exline, Templin, Sayford, Brown.

Resolved, That this Synod tender its sincere thanks to the citizens of this place, for their kind hospitality enjoyed by us while in their midst.

Resolved, That we learn with pleasure, that the Am. S. S. Union has established a permanent agency, with an ample supply of books in this city, in order to advance the interests of the cause in the State, and we recommend our people needing information, assistance or books for Sunday School purposes, to address the agent, W. McKentyre, Indianapolis, Ia.

The following brethren were appointed to preach at the next meeting of Synod, on the following subjects, viz: Rev. F. W. Conard, on Education and the Lord's Supper; Rev. H. Wells, on Scripture Revivals; Rev. E. R. Guiney, on Temperance; Rev. D. Summers, on the Observance of the Sabbath; Rev. S. McReynolds, on Home Missions; Rev. D. Smith, on Popular Amusements; Rev. D. Brown, on Ordination; and Rev. J. B. Oliver, on Baptism, (its obligation.)

Resolved, That we invite the S. S. Agent to address our respective charges on the importance of Sabbath Schools, and take collections if circumstances permit to further the cause.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

- Rev. D. S. Altman, to the Miami Synod.
- " S. P. Snyder, to the Wittenberg Synod.
- " J. Keller, to the South West Synod.
- " A. F. Heills, to the Illinois Synod.
- " J. B. Oliver, to the English Synod of Ohio.
- Rev. E. R. Guiney, to the Indiana Presbyterian Synod, to meet at Greenwood, Oct. 13, 1853.
- Rev. S. McReynolds, to the Wabash Presbyterian Synod—meets at Delphi, Oct. 20, 1853.
- Rev. D. Smith, to the O. S. Presbyterian Synod (South)—meets at Franklin, Ia. Oct. 20, 1853.
- Rev. E. R. Guiney, to the O. S. Presbyterian Synod (North)—meets at Indianapolis, Ia., Oct. 20, 1853.
- Rev. D. S. Altman, to the M. E. N. East Conference—meets at Richmond.

Rev. J. Keller, to the Indiana Conference, M. E. C.—meets at Evansville.

Rev. J. B. Oliver, to the South East Conference of the M. E. Church.

On motion, Rev. E. R. Guiney and Dr. Beaver, were elected members of the Board of Directors of Wittenberg College.

On motion, Synod by ballot selected its next place of meeting, which resulted in the choice of Richmond, Ia., Sep. 7, 1854.

Committee No. 17, respectfully report the following:

The letter referred to us, is from the State Central Committee on Temperance, asking this body to co-operate with them in endeavoring to secure at our coming election, men who will give us a prohibitory law, similar to that usually known as the "Maine Law." In reference to which, your committee offer the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

WHEREAS, the use of all intoxicating drink as a beverage, is detrimental to the cause of religion, and the best interests of our common country, and *Whereas*, we have long prayed, and labored for the total annihilation of this curse; and believing that for the accomplishment of this great and glorious end, the axe must be laid at the root of the tree. Therefore, in reliance upon divine aid,

Resolved, That we, the members of this Synod, anew pledge ourselves the avowed and uncompromising enemies of all intoxicating liquors used as a beverage.

Resolved, That we do whatsoever our hand finds to do with our might, to create a public sentiment, which will call for and sustain the enactment of a prohibitory law, similar in its general features, to what is usually termed the "Maine Law."

Resolved, That a copy of the "Maine Law" be appended to our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

D. SUMMERS,
D. S. ALTMAN,
H. OHR.

Received and adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish an abstract of the proceedings of this Convention for the Editor of the "Evangelical Lutheran," and the papers of this city.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to publish 600 copies of our minutes in English and furnish Rev. J. C. D. Starch with a full synopsis for translation and publication in German papers.

On motion the minutes were read and adopted.

On motion the Synod adjourned to the time and place of its next meeting.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The services were those common to Synodical Sessions: Preaching each evening at candle light in the Church, and Prayer Meeting at 8 o'clock A. M.

On Saturday, Preparatory services, and at candle light, a sermon on Education, and a collection in cash of \$76,64, and Pledges to the amount of \$159,00. Total, \$235,64. On Sabbath, preaching in the forenoon, and the Lord's Supper at 2 o'clock, in the usual style. At candle-light, a sermon on Missions and a collection to the amount of \$181,97 (cash) and Pledges for \$174,50. Total, \$356-47. Services were held in many of the churches in the city, by members of the Synod, and collections in some of them to the amount of \$10, perhaps. Preaching also on Monday evening.

J. KELLER, *Sec'y.*

P. S. The Religious exercises are imperfectly noticed; it is because many of the brethren neither gave me the texts nor places where they preached, and to have presented a part of the exercises full, and the remainder so imperfectly, would have looked unfavorable on our minutes, hence I preferred this condensed plan.

J. K., *Sec'y.*

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MINISTERIUM SESSION.

Monday, Sept. 5th, 5 o'clock, P.M.

Opened with prayer by the President.

The Examining Committee reports the following:

The papers placed in our hands are the sermons and journal of Rev. J. C. D. Starch. The sermons are Evangelical in Doctrine, Practical in Character, and prepared with some care. They give promise that with continued application and care, he may so improve as to become a very useful minister. This gives evidence that he has been laboring in the discharge of his duties during the year for which he has been licensed.

Respectfully submitted,

D. SMITH,
D. S. ALTMAN,
S. P. SNYDER.

Report received and adopted.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the license of Rev. J. C. D. Starch be renewed for one year.

Committee No. 6, Report the following:

This report was either not handed in or some one took it away in mistake. It is not among the file of reports.

The following resolutions under it:

Resolved, That Rev. T. W. Sargent's license be renewed.

Resolved, That Bro. Frederick Roth receive Catechist's license to labor under the care of Rev. J. Keller one Synodical year.

Resolved, That Bro. Philip K. Karbaugh be licensed to preach the Gospel one year, after services this evening.

On motion, it was ordered that Rev. D. Summers be ordained on the third Sabbath in October, in his own charge, and that Revs. Smith and Keller be the Committee of Ordination.

On motion, adjourned to 7 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. Altman.

SECOND SESSION.

Sept. 6th, 7 o'clock, A. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Guiney.

On motion, the Colloquium with Rev. J. F. Hartman was continued at some length. He was then invited to withdraw.

Inasmuch as Rev. J. F. Hartman has presented satisfactory credentials of good standing in the Indianapolis Synod, and on our own examination has been found Evangelical and practical in the Ministry of the Word, Therefore,

Resolved, That he be received as an ordained minister of this Synod; and that Rev. Smith instruct him with reference to the "*modus operandi*" of this Synod.

On motion, Ministerium adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting of Synod. Prayer by Rev. Scherer.

J. KELLER, *Sec'y.*

*Amounts Paid to the Home
Missionary Treasury at Synod.*

MINISTERIAL CHARGES.

Rev. H. Wells,	\$70,00
“ S. McReynolds,	19,00
“ S. Sayford,	6,75
“ D. S. Altman,	5,00
“ J. B. Oliver,	5,00
“ E. R. Guiney,	8,00
“ A. F. Heills,	8,00
“ J. Keller,	15,00
“ S. P. Snyder,	5,00
“ A. H. Scherer,	1,00
“ D. Summers,	20,00
“ T. W. Sargent,	5,00

LAY-MEMBERS.

John Herahart,	1,00
Dr. D. Beaver,	1,00
G. P. Brown,	1,00
G. W. Deaver,	1,00
G. D. Staats,	1,00
J. K. English,	1,00
B. F. Haugh,	1,00
H. Rhoades,	1,00
G. Dell,	1,00
J. I. Ohr,	1,00
Michael Bushey,	1,00
Samuel Weaver,	1,20
Rev. D. Smith,	1,00
Jacob Wringer,	1,00

\$181,97

Foreign Missions.

Rev. D. Summers,	10,00
“ J. C. D. Starch,	5,00
“ J. Keller,	1,27

\$16,27

*Amounts Pledged at Synod
for Home Missions next year.*

MINISTERIAL CHARGES.

Rev. H. Wells,	\$15,00
“ D. S. Altman,	20,00
“ A. H. Scherer,	1,00
“ E. R. Guiney,	20,00
“ S. P. Snyder,	5,00

“ J. Keller,	10,00
“ J. C. D. Starch,	5,00
“ A. F. Heills,	20,00
“ J. B. Oliver,	10,00
“ A. H. Scherer,	1,00

LAY-MEMBERS.

J. McReynold,	1,00
D. Bowers,	1,00
J. Rudisel,	1,00
Albert McLane,	2,00
Christian Beck,	5,00
Thomas Hargos,	1,00
Dr. D. Beaver,	4,00
M. L. Ohr,	5,00
S. J. L. Ridley,	,50
Mary Haugh,	,50
E. Haugh,	1,00
Benjamin Shurk,	1,00
G. W. Heer,	1,00
William Steel,	1,00
John H. Ohr,	5,00
Wm. Sullivan, Sr.	1,00
John Beck,	2,00
A. C. B. Heanemar,	1,00
Guine Copet,	10,00
Mrs. Rhoades,	9,00
Mrs. Brown,	1,00
Mrs. McClin,	,50
S. A. Hargos,	1,00
Henry Ohr,	1,00
W. H. Endaly,	1,00
A. Haugh,	5,00
V. Harmon,	1,00
Samuel Weaver,	5,00
Jacob Beck,	1,00
P. K. Karbach,	2,00
John Heeikesl,	1,00
Mary Hale,	1,00
Sarah Lynch,	1,00
Margaret Bea,	1,00

\$174,50

Education Money Paid.

Rev. D. S. Altman,	\$5,00
“ E. R. Guiney,	10,00
“ A. F. Heills,	2,50
“ J. Keller,	6,00

“ J. B. Oliver,	2,00
“ S. Sayford,	2,64
“ S. P. Snyder,	3,00
“ D. Smith,	1,00
“ H. Wells,	5,00

LAY-MEMBERS.

Dr. D. Beaver,	5,00
D. Fries,	1,00
H. Ohr,	1,00
D. Reitzed,	1,00
D. Sholl,	1,00
J. B. Livengood,	5,00
G. D. Staats,	1,00
G. P. C. Brown,	1,00
B. F. Haugh,	1,00
J. K. English,	1,00
Adam Haugh,	5,00
Conradt Bea,	1,00
George Brown,	1,00
By Cash,	1,25
Frederick Roth,	1,00
Peter Brown,	1,00
Peter Hessong,	1,25
— Bradshaw,	1,00
C. Young,	2,00

— Beck,	1,00
J. T. Gilbland,	5,00

 \$75,64

Pledges to be Paid at next Meeting of Synod.

Rev. H. Wells,	\$10,00
“ D. S. Altman,	20,00
“ E. R. Guiney,	20,00
“ A. F. Heills,	10,00
“ J. Keller,	10,00
“ J. B. Oliver,	5,00
“ T. W. Sargent,	20,00
“ S. Sayford,	10,00
“ S. P. Snyder,	5,00
“ D. Summers,	25,00
Dr. J. S. Barnett,	5,00
Jacob Bowers,	10,00
D. Deffenbaugh,	5,00
H. Ohr,	1,00
Mrs. C. Heills,	1,00
Mrs. Barbara Brown,	1,00
M. L. Keller.	1,00

 \$159,00

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Churches	Stations	Infant Bap.	Adult	Confirmations	Adm. by let.	Rem. by let.	Excom.	Deaths	Communicants	S. Schools	Scholars	P. Meetings	For. Synod	Home Mis.	Foreign Mis.	Education	Local Purp.	RESIDENCES.		
H. Wells,	6	2	20	5	15	40	1	2	100	3	\$70:00	\$	3:00	\$3:00	\$70:00		5:00	\$50:00	Whitley, H. H., Ia.		
D. Smith,	1	1	12	1	4	20	3	1	42	1	5:25	40	1	1:00	5:25		1:00	400:00	Louisville, Ky.		
S. Sayford,	2	1	8	2	2	15	4	2	59	2	6:75	60	1	3:10	6:75		2:64	20:00	Middletown, Ia.		
S. McReynolds,	6	3	3	4	6	3	1	2		1	19:00	50		5:00	19:00			400:00	Camden, Ia.		
O. Brown,	3	2	3	3	6	6	1		85	1	5:00	50		5:00	5:00				Lafayette, Ia.		
D. S. Altman,	2	1	1	1	18	33	5	2	47	3	5:00	200	1	1:00	5:00		5:00	2000:00	Richmond, Ia.		
J. B. Oliver,	2	2	3	3	6	4			42	1	5:00	40			5:00		7:00		Liberty, Ia.		
E. R. Guiney,	1	1	6	3	6	15	3		99	2	8:00	150	3	2:00	8:00		10:00		Indianapolis, Ia.		
A. F. Heills,	3	2	2	1	4	26		2	80	1	8:00	30	1	5:85	8:00				Ladoga, Ia.		
G. A. Exline,	1	2	4	4	4	26			26	3	100	2							Elkhart, Ia.		
J. Keller,	5	2	19	3	7	18	1	3	138	3	15:02	220	2	4:29	15:02		6:00	800:00	Columbus, Ia.		
S. P. Snyder,	2	2	6	5	22	17	1	2	79	1	5:00	40	1	2:00	5:00		3:00	78:00	Charlottsville, Ia.		
A. H. Scherer,	2	2	6	1	4	10	2	3	50	2	1:00	110		1:75	1:00				New London, Ia.		
D. Summers,	3	3	14	1	17	4	2	5	50	1	20:00	50	2	1:50	20:00		10,00	200:00	Jeffersontown, Ky.		
T. W. Sargent,	2	2	8	10	61	1	1		61	1	5:00	50	1	2:25	5:00		1:00		Mooresville, Ia.		
J. C. D. Starch.	2	2	11	7	70	2	1	1	70	2	2:00	35	3	2:00	2:00		5:00		Lanesville, Ia.		
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