

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN SYNOD

AND

MINISTERIUM

OF

NORTH-CAROLINA AND ADJACENT PARTS,

Convened in John's Church,

At Salisbury, Rowan County, N. Carolina.

MAY 2nd, AND DAYS SUCCEEDING,

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ON the first Sunday in May, being the 3rd day of the month, the Ministers and Lay-Delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the State of North Carolina and adjacent parts assembled in Synod, in John's Church, at Salisbury, North Carolina.

On Saturday previous, a numerous Congregation was edified by suitable and impressive discourses, preparatory to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In the morning, the Rev. W. Artz pronounced a discourse from Coloss. 3, 16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

In the afternoon, the Rev. J. Scherer preached from Hebr. 10, 22: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

In the evening, at candle-light, another discourse was delivered, by the Rev. W. C. Bennet, from Matt. 28, 19—first clause: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations."

On Sunday morning, a numerous congregation assembled in the Church for Divine Worship. The Rev. H. Græber preached the Synodical discourse from Mark 1, 15: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel."

After which, the Rev. Father, G. Shober, delivered a feeling address, and consecrated the elements of the Eucharist. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was now subsequently administered to the Ministers and Lay-Delegates, and to a large number of the members of the congregation, as well as to some Christians of other denominations; during this solemn time, it is hoped that a goodly number have made "a Sabbath day's journey towards the Kingdom of Heaven."

In the afternoon, the Rev. Secretary, W. Artz, preached from John 3, 14, 15: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

In the evening, at candle-light, the Rev. D. Jenkins preached, from II. Cor. 5, 20: "Now, then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, May 4, 1835.

In pursuance to previous notice, for the purpose of transacting the business of the Synod: the Ministers and Lay Delegates assembled in the Church. After singing a hymn, the Session of the Synod was opened with prayer by the President.

On calling the names, the following Ordained Ministers and Licentiates answered to them, and took their seats in Synod accordingly :

ORDAINED MINISTERS :

Rev. Gotleib Shober, Salem, N. Carolina.—Rev. Jacob Scherer, Wythe County, Virginia.—Rev. Henry Græber, near Salisbury, Rowan county, N. C.—Rev. Jacob Miller, Davidson county, N. C. Rev. William Artz, Orange county, North Carolina.

LICENTIATES :

Rev. Jacob Grierson, Guilford county, North Carolina.—Rev. Daniel Jenkins, Davidson county, North Carolina.

ABSENTEES :

Rev. Daniel Scherer, Hillsborough, Illinois.—Rev. William Jenkins, Shelbyville, Tennessee.—Rev. Samuel Rothrock* Salisbury, N. Carolina.—Rev. Adam Grimes, Surry county, N. Carolina.

The Lay-Delegates were now called upon to present their certificates of appointment to this Synod ; whereupon, the following gentlemen presented their credentials and took their seats accordingly :

LAY-DELEGATES.

Mr. Martin Ripple, from Rev. G. Shober's congregation, (Hopewell)	
Dr. John Stanger,	J. Scherer's do.
Mr. Daniel Cress,	H. Græber's do.
Adam Haggie,	W. Artz's do.
Moses L. Brown,	S. Rothrock's do.
Thomas J. Myers,	A. Seechrist's former do.
Col. John Smith,	D. Jenkins's do.

Mr. Henry Trexler, who appeared as a Lay-Delegate in Synod, cheerfully offered to vacate his seat, when it appeared from the Constitution that the congregation which he intended to represent, under existing circumstances, occupied a part of a Ministerial district, from which there was already one Lay-Delegate present.

* The Rev. S. Rothrock, the Pastor Loci, having been unable to attend our Synodical Session, in consequence of bodily illness, we truly sympathise with him, and pray and hope that the Lord may soon favor him again with the blessings of health.

Now the Rev. President read the Report of his official transactions for the past year ; which was laid on the table.

The Rev. President now informed the Synod of the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Rev. G. Scherer was invited to the Chair, and the Rev. G. Shober appointed Secretary, *pro tempore*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That each Officer be voted for separately. The members proceeded to the balloting ; and, on counting the votes, it appeared that the following persons were chosen, viz :

Rev. JACOB SCHERER, President.

HENRY GRÆBER, Secretary.

WILLIAM ARTZ, Treasurer.

The Rev J. Scherer rose and offered to resign the Presidency, but it was decided in the negative.

The Rev. W. C. Benne., Minister of the German Reformed Church, being present, was introduced, and received as an advisory member of this body.

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes of last Synod be dispensed.

The Rev. President now stated : that all papers intended for the synod, or Ministerium, should be handed in ; and also, that verbal notice might be given of any important business intended to be brought before this body, not contained in writing.

Hereunto, the following communications, addressed to this Synod, were handed in ; which were opened, arranged, and numbered :

No. 1, was composed of Petitions.

No. 2, contained a packet of papers relative to Mr. Andrew Seechrist's immoral deportment.

No. 3, consisted of Minutes received from our sister Synods.

No. 4, consisted of the President's Report for the last Synodical year.

No. 5, comprised the Treasurer's Account and Report.

No. 6, included Letters.

Now the vote was taken, whether those communications presented shall be taken up and be discussed before the Whole House, or whether they shall first be referred to Committees ?

Resolved, that they first be referred to Committees for Examination and Report.

Resolved that the President appoint said Committees.

The said Communications were referred as follows :

No. 1, was referred to Rev. W. Artz, Col. J. Smith, and D. Cress, Esq.

No. 2, to Rev. H. Græber, Dr. J. Stanger, and Mr. Moses L. Brown.

No. 3, to Rev. D. Jenkins, Rev. W. C. Bennet, and Mr. T. J. Myers.

No. 4, to Rev. W. Artz, Rev. J. Scherer, Rev. J. Grieson, and Mr. Martin Ripple.

No. 5, to Dr. J. Stanger, Rev. J. Miller, and Mr. Thomas J. Myers.

No. 6, to Rev. H. Græber, Rev. G. Shober, and Mr. A. Haggie.

The Ministers were then called upon to hand in their Parochial Reports, which are as follows :

PAROCHIAL REPORTS :

MINISTERS:	No. of Congregations.	Baptized.		Persons Confirmed.	No. of Communicants.	Interments.	No. of Sund. Schools.
		Children.	Adults.				
Rev. G. Shober.	1	—	—	3	21	—	1
J. Scherer.	6	55	2	25	406	9	3
H. Græber.	3	109	—	—	500	16	2
J. Miller.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. Artz.	5	61	—	15	126	16	2
S. Rothrock.	3	36	3	42	240	20	—
J. Grieson.	—	6	—	—	—	4	—
D. Jenkins.	5	54	14	70	279	10	5
Total.	23	321	19	155	1572	75	13

The number of vacant congregations was now enquired into, from which it appeared, that some congregations, within the bounds of this Synod, are still unsupplied with Ministers of our Church, to break the bread of life unto them. This Synod indeed sympathises with them, and deeply regrets that it has not at present the means to fulfil the wishes of its parishioners. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That it be recommended to every Minister of this Synod to exert himself to get the consent of his congregations, with a portion of their time, to visit those destitute members of our Church.

Resolved, That the Synod adjourn until after preaching.

Prayer by the Rev. W. Artz.

This afternoon, the Rev. G. Shober preached, from Gal. 6, 18: "Brethren the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen."

The Synod resumed its business at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. President.

The following contributions, from congregations and individuals, for the benefit of the Synodical Treasury, were handed in, viz:

Rev. G. Shober's Congregation, (Hopewell,) - - - \$1 25½

Rev. J. Scherer's Congregations:

Burk's Garden, - - - - -	2 00
St. John's Church, - - - - -	4 83
Kimberling's, - - - - -	2 00
St. Paul's, - - - - -	2 07½
Zion's, - - - - -	3 00
By Mr. A Grossglose, - - - - -	1 00

Brought over from page 5, \$16 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ *Rev. H. Græber's Congregations:*

Organ Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	55
St. John's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	00
Sewitze's,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	00
By Mr. D. Lentz, from Luther's Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	50
Rev. W. Artz's Congregations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	00
John's Church, (Salisbury,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	00

Rev. D. Jenkins' Congregations:

Pilgrim's Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	00
Bear Creek Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	00
Beck's Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sandy Creek,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	50

Total, \$46 83 $\frac{1}{4}$

The first Committee was now called upon to Report.

No. 1. The Committee appointed to examine No. 1. asking leave to report, that it contains

A petition from Frederick Callep's Church, Smith County, Va., to supply them with a Minister, who can preach to them both in the German and English Languages.—Referred to the Ministerium.

A Petition from Chilhowee, Smith county, Va., in which they deplore the truly distressing state of their congregation, in consequence of having no Minister to preach unto them the bread of life. They entreat the Synod to send them a Minister as soon as possible; and, if this is impracticable, to be visited occasionally.—Referred to the Ministerium.

A Petition from Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, N. C., in which they express their approbation of the labors of the Rev. D. Jenkins, during the past year, and their desire that he will remain among them, which we refer to the consideration of the Ministerium.

Also, a Petition from the same Church, to be favored with the next session of this body.

A Petition from Sandy Creek Congregation, in which they request a continuation of the labors of the Rev. D. Jenkins among them.—Referred to the Ministerium.

A Petition from the congregation at Cold-Water meeting-house, Cabarus county, N. C., to be favored with preaching by the Rev. D. Jenkins, for the space of twelve months; or even for a shorter time.—Referred to the Ministerium.

A Petition from the members of Bethel Church, Montgomery county, N. C., for the ministerial labors of the Rev. D. Jenkins among them.—Referred to the Ministerium.—Also, a request of the same Church to be favored with the next session of this Synod.

A Petition from Becks's Church, Davidson county, N. C., in which they state their peculiar want of a Minister, and pray for the useful labors of the Rev. D. Jenkins among them.—Referred to the Ministerium.

A Petition from Sowers' congregation, Davidson, county, N. C., for the ministerial labors of the Rev. D. Jenkins to be continued among them.—Referred to the ministerium.

A Petition from Union Church, Rowan county, N. C., for the labors of the Rev. D. Jenkins among them.—Referred to the Ministerium.

A Petition from the Rev J Grieson for the renewal of his License.--
 Referred to the Ministerium.—Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ARTZ, Chairman of Comm.

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

Resolved, By this Synod, that the subject of Temperance be recommended to our people.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we adjourn for this evening, to meet again on to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. J. Miller.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, May 5, 1935.

Synod met, and opened with prayer by the Rev. President.

The second Committee was now called upon to report.

Your Committee, appointed to examine a packet of papers marked No. 2, relative to Mr. Andrew Seechrist's immoral deportment, have carefully and conscientiously examined them, and beg leave to Report as follows:

Your Committee have, in the first place, examined a letter of said Seechrist, addressed to this Synod, in a most rude and unbecoming style, in which he intimates his intention of detaching himself from this Synod in future.

Secondly, we have fully examined all the evidences addressed, before us, respecting the charge of his most immoral conduct, from which your Committee is fully convinced, that he ought to be disowned by this Synod in future, even if his letter had not requested his dismissal.

And, Thirdly, your committee is of the opinion, that in case any party or parties, from amongst the members of our Churches, should claim him as their minister in future, they should cease to belong to our connexion.

Respectfully submitted, HENRY GRÆBER, Chairman.

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

The third Committee was now called upon to Report.

No. 3. The Committee appointed to examine and Report on minutes of the different Synods, of the recent Convention in the West, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report as follows:

1st. The Synod of South-Carolina, convened at Ebenezer Church, Effingham County, Georgia, attended by 7 Ordained Ministers and 4 Licentiates, who reported 1763 regular communicants, confirmed 125, baptized 405, and Sabbath Schools 18.

Moreover, the said Synod acknowledge the reception of a letter from our Delegate, the Rev. H. Græber, addressed to them; and requested to reciprocate the same.

2nd. The Synod of East Pennsylvania, convened at Reading, on Trinity Sunday, A. D. 1834, for the purpose of transacting their Synodical business, attended by 31 Ordained Ministers, and 4 candidates, who, together with the absentees, reported, 22,003 Communicants, confirmed 2,182, baptized 4,249, and 159 Sunday Schools.

We would farther state, that we cannot pass over, in silence, a letter addressed to said Synod by the Rev. J. Jones, a Colored Missionary, without expressing our high approbation of his laborious and successful efforts amongst his colored brethren, in collecting and organizing three Congregations; one in Philadelphia, another in Gettysburg, and a third in Chambersburg.

3rd. Contains the extracts from the minutes of the second session of the Hartwick Synod, and Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

in the State of New York, convened at St. Paul's Church, Schoharrie, Schoharrie county, October 20, 1832.*

4thly. Are the proceedings of the recent Convention, held in Jefferson-town, Jefferson county, Kentucky, at which there were three Ordained Ministers, and three Lay-Delegates present. It is with no small degree of interest, that we have examined the proceedings of said Convention, which leaves a flattering impression upon the mind of the Committee, relative to its future prosperity. We cannot, however, conclude our remarks, without applying the untiring efforts of our brethren in the far West, and wishing that the smiles of Omnipotence may continue to prosper their attempts in behalf of our Lutheran Zion. In conclusion, your Committee would recommend that six copies of the minutes of the present session be sent to all our sister Synods in the United States.—Submitted with deference.

DANIEL JENKINS, Chairman of Comm.

Resolved, That this Report be accepted.

The fourth Committee was now called upon to Report.

No. 4. The Committee appointed to examine the same, being the President's Report of the last Synodical year, ask permission to state, that they have examined it, and recommend, that the extract which they have made be published with the minutes. *See page 14.*

Submitted with deference. WILLIAM ARTZ, Chairman of Com.

Resolved, That the statement of the Committee be accepted.

The fifth Committee was now called upon to Report.

No. 5. The Committee appointed by the Synod to examine the accounts of their late Treasurer, the Rev. Samuel Rothrock, have performed that duty, and beg leave to make the following Report thereon:

Your Committee find, from the statement exhibited by the Treasurer, that there came into his hands, since the last annual settlement with the former Treasurer, the sum of - - - - - \$158 77 $\frac{3}{4}$

We also find, that, since that period, he has expended, at different times, to the order of the President, as the vouchers exhibited shew, the sum of - - - - - 48 30

Leaving at present in the Treasury, the sum of - - - \$110 47 $\frac{3}{4}$

Whereof \$50 are by bond, and the balance in cash.

By contributions handed in at the present Session, here added 46 83 $\frac{1}{4}$

All humbly submitted.

Total \$157 31

JOHN STANGER, Chairman of Comm.

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents be paid to the Rev. G Shober, for postage, by the present Treasurer, out of the funds of this Synod.

Resolved, That the sum of \$4 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ be paid, out of the same funds, by the Treasurer, to the Rev. H. Græber for postage, and the translation of the Minutes of our last session into the German Language.

* After the Synod was adjourned, and its members were gone to retirement, five copies of the minutes of the thirty-ninth Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministers of the State of New York and adjacent parts, came to my hands, which I now forward to the brethren by mail.

H. GRÆBER, Secretary.

Resolved, That the sum of \$2 75, postage on minutes, be paid by the Treasurer out of the same funds, to the Rev. President, J. Scherer.

This being complied with,

The sixth Committee was now called upon to Report.

No. 6. The Committee appointed to examine several letters, and to Report thereon, have attended to their duty, and now ask permission to exhibit the result of their labor:

In the first place, your Committee has found a letter, which properly is a Petition, from Gerber's Church, in Stokes county, N. C., signed by six persons of said church, in which they complain that the Rev. Jacob Miller had not administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in their Congregation in three successive years; and, also, had no catechetical instruction nor confirmation amongst them: that consequently, many had left the Church, and attached themselves to other denominations. They, therefore, entreat this Synod to make better provisions for them.— Referred to the Ministerium.

2dly, We found a letter containing two important questions on doctrinal points, and duties of the ministry. Your Committee is of the opinion that those questions ought to be referred to the Ministerium.

3dly, We found an affectionate letter from the Rev. William Jenkins, addressed to this Body, in which he has expressed a probability of never attending this Synod any more, in consequence of the movements of our Church in the West. He wishes to have his absence from the present session of Synod excused; and asks an honorable dismissal from this Body, under the condition, that the contemplated Synod of our Church be founded in the West.

We recommend that his absence be excused; and that, under the condition, a Lutheran Synod be founded in the West, we would also cheerfully recommend, that he obtain an honorable dismissal from this body.

4thly, We read a letter from the Rev. Adam Grimes, in which he stated that it had been impossible for him to attend this Synod, in consequence of sickness in his family; and wishes to be excused for his non attendance, as well as to be continued in office.

We recommend that he be excused for not attending this Synod, and refer the subject of renewal of his license to the Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted. HENRY GRÆBER Chairman of Com.

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly recommends, that the children of the congregations belonging to it, be catechised, either by ministers, having the charge of the congregations to which the children belong, or by some other qualified persons who may be appointed by the Minister and Church Council; and we further recommend the co-operation of ministers, church-councils, and parents in this great and needful work; and that, at our next Synodical meeting, every minister report what has been done.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend all the churches under its care to celebrate the 3rd Thursday of July next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer for the prosperity of Zion.

The subject of educating young men for the Gospel Ministry was now introduced; and that the work could probably be best accomplished on a Manual Labour plan in this section of country. Which was after some debate laid over for future consideration.

The Synod proceeded to elect its Delegates to the General Synod; and,

after counting the votes, it appeared that the Rev. Samuel Rothrock was duly elected as the Ministerial Delegate, and Mr. Moses L. Brown as the Lay Delegate to represent this body in the next General Synod.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn until after preaching.

The Rev. President closed by pronouncing the divine benediction.

The Rev. Jacob Miller pronounced a discourse, from I. Cor. 13, 13: "And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity."

The Synod entered into business.

The Rev. Mr. Sparrow, a Presbyterian Minister, being present, was introduced and invited to a seat among us as an advisory member.

The Synod now elected its Five Directors for the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, viz:—Rev. Samuel Rothrock, Rev. Henry Græber, and Rev. William Artz;—with the Lay-men, Dr. John Stanger, and Col. John Smith.

Resolved, that the Rev. S. Rothrock, and Rev. H. Græber serve two years, and the other gentlemen four years, as said Directors.

Resolved, That \$25 be given by this Synod to Mr. John Greever, and \$25 to Mr. Adam Ritter, indigent Students at Gettysburg, Penn.

Now the Manual Labor plan was taken up.

Resolved, That five persons be appointed as a Committee to take under consideration the propriety of establishing an institution on the Manual Labor plan, within the district of this Synod, and that the said Committee Report by to-morrow afternoon.

The following gentlemen were appointed to constitute this Committee, viz: Rev. W. Artz, Rev. J. Miller, Rev. D. Jenkins, Dr. John Stanger, and Col. John Smith.

As it was thought expedient to have a Central Book Depository within the district of this Synod, to supply the wants of our Church, it was

Resolved, That Mr. John Murphy, in Salisbury, be our Agent to keep said Book Depository, and act as such, so soon as the Secretary of this Synod can be authorized, by his ministerial brethren, to instruct him how small, or how large an assortment of Lutheran Books would be advisable to deposit; allowing said Agent, as a matter of course, a reasonable profit in the sale of them.

Resolved, That the Rev. Daniel Jenkins be requested to address a friendly Letter to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of S. Carolina, in due time.

Resolved, That the Rev. W. Artz be a Ministerial Delegate to attend the German Reformed Synod, on the 2nd Sabbath of this instant.

Resolved, That our next Synodical Meeting be held on the third Sunday in May, 1836; and that Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, N. C., be the place.

Resolved, That 1,000 copies of our Minutes be printed: 600 in the English language, and 400 in the German: and also, that the Rev. Secretary superintend the printing of them; that he translate them into the German language, and that he receive, for the latter, a compensation of \$5 00.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Secretary.

Session of the Ministerium :

Ministerial Session was announced by the President.

Whereas, the Rev. Pastor Loci having somewhat recovered from his recent indisposition, it was unanimously agreed that the Ministerial Session be held in his Room this evening.

The Brethren having met at early candle-light, the session was opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. President.

Resolved, That the reasons which the Rev. Jacob Miller gave for not attending Gerber's Church, are not satisfactory.

Resolved, That we countenance no distinction between those Christians who are separately prayed for in public, and those who retire into their chambers for devotion.

Resolved, Suppose there should be a case, that any Licentiate should depreciate religious instruction of youth, which is in accordance with the Word of God, and consistent with the good rules of our Church by way of catechisation or otherwise; he can never be ordained.

The Licenses, Journals, and Sermons of the Licentiates present, which they had handed in, were examined, and the renewal of their Licences considered.

Resolved, That the Rev. Adam Grimes's License be renewed for one year, when presented, that is, until next Ministerial Session to expire.

Relative to the several Petitions for ministerial aid from different churches, that were referred by the Synod to this session: induce us indeed to express once more, our heartfelt sympathy that we cannot at present supply all our respective petitioners with the desired ministerial aid.

We recommend, that the Rev. President and the Rev. Jacob Grieson visit the congregations, Chilhowee and Frederick Colleps, in Smith county, Va.

Resolved, That the Rev. Jacob Grieson's License be renewed for three years.

Resolved, That the Rev. Daniel Jenkins's License be renewed for one year.

The said questions which were referred to this Session, are already, in a manner, substantially answered, by a few of its Resolutions adopted.

The ministerial business being now finished, the Session was closed with a prayer by the Rev. Secretary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock, May 6, 1835.

The Synod resumed its business; after being opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. G. Shober.

The Committee appointed to take under consideration the propriety of establishing an Institution on the Manual Labor plan, for the education of young men for the Ministry, within the district of this Synod, were now called upon to Report.

The Committee being prepared, reported as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution of the Synod respecting the establishment of a Manual Labor School within the bounds of this Synod, have given to the subject all the consideration which the shortness of the time would admit of; and, **not having** leisure to submit in

writing the reasons and considerations that have influenced us, we now simply submit the result of our deliberations.

We are unanimously of the opinion, that it is not only expedient, but highly necessary to establish, as soon as possible, within the bounds of this Synod, an Institution for the education of young men for the Ministry, and for the general prosperity of the Church; and, we are further of the opinion, that the Manual Labor plan, all things considered, is the one which will succeed best in this part of the country, and which can be most easily accomplished by the means at our command.

We therefore recommend, that the Synod appoint a Committee of five persons, to collect all the information that can be had on this subject, as to the probable cost of keeping up such an Institution—also to prepare rules and regulations for the Institution, to look out for a fit place of location; to solicit aid and contributions for the work; and generally to take all such steps and measures that they may think necessary, and proper to carry the plan into speedy and successful operation.

And, said Committee, when they shall have made proper progress in this work, so as to satisfy them of its practicability, they shall call together the Synod, and submit to them, for their consideration, what they shall have done in the business.—Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ARTZ, Chairman of Comm.

Resolved, That the Committee recommended in the Report to be appointed by the Synod, consist of the following gentlemen:

Messrs. Charles Fisher, Emanuel Shober, Daniel M. Barringer, Col. John Smith, and Rev. Daniel Jenkins.

The above Report having been thus filled up, it was now—*Resolved* that it be adopted.

The business of the Synod having now been transacted,

On motion, *Resolved*, That we now adjourn, to meet as herein before specified.

Now the members, on bended knees, united with the Rev. President in offering up a fervent prayer to the Throne of God, our Father, Saviour, and Comforter, invoking his blessing upon them, and his Church at large.

Attested by

HENRY GRÆBER,

Secretary of the Synod and Ministerium

EXTRACT

From the Minutes of the Education and Missionary Society, composed of the Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North-Carolina.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, May 6, 1835.

Agreeably to a Resolution of the last Session, the Society met in John's Church, Salisbury, at the close of the Synod.

Nineteen persons subscribed their names as members of the Society.

An election for Officers for the ensuing year was held; and the following persons were chosen, viz:

Rev. WILLIAM ARTZ, President,

Rev. HENRY GRÆBER, Secretary,

Mr. MOSES L. BROWN, Treasurer.

The following gentlemen were elected Directors, viz:

Rev. JACOB SCHERER,

JACOB GRIESON,

Dr. JOHN STANGER,

Col. JOHN SMITH,

Mr. GEORGE VOGLER,

THOMAS J. MYERS.

Resolved, That these Directors serve for the term of one year.

A Committee was elected by ballot to employ a Missionary, composed of the following persons:

Rev. Daniel Jenkins, Mr. Daniel Cress, Mr. George Vogler.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurers account

Resolved, That the President appoint said Committee.

Dr. John Stanger and Col. S. Lemly were appointed.

Resolved, That we adjourn until after preaching.

Now the Rev. President of the Society pronounced, from Gal. 6, 9:—
“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

Immediately after Divine Worship, the Rev. President of the Synod arose and expressed the thanks of the Synod to the Members of the Congregation for the kindness and hospitality they had shown us, during our stay amongst them.

The Society resumed its business; when six persons more subscribed their names as members.

The Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, now reported.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer of the Education and Missionary Society of North Carolina, the Rev. Samuel Rothrock, have performed that duty, and Report as follows:

It appears, from the account rendered, that the sum came into his hands, since the last settlement, of - - - - -	\$120 94 $\frac{1}{4}$
And it further appears, that the sum of - - - - -	\$105 33
has been paid out to the Rev. Daniel Jenkins for his services as Missionary, for the term of 5 months and 23 days.	
Which will leave in the Treasury at present, the sum of	15 61 $\frac{1}{4}$
The amount contributed at the present Session of the Society, which is here added - - - - -	17 00
	Total \$32 61 $\frac{1}{4}$

Humbly submitted, this 6th day of May, 1835.

JOHN STANGER,
SAMUEL LEMLY.

Resolved, That this Report be adopted.

Resolved, That an extract of the Minutes be printed.

Resolved, That we meet again, at Pilgrim's Church, in Davidson county, N. C., at the close of the next Session of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Rev. Daniel Jenkins preach a Missionary Discourse at said time and in said place.

The Rev. President pronounced the Society adjourned, and dismissed the whole meeting with the Divine Benediction.—True extract.

Attested by

HENRY GRÆBER,
Secretary of the Education and Missionary Society.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

MUCH ESTEEMED BRETHREN: By the blessing and grace of God, we have again been permitted to assemble in our Synodical Convention, and it becomes my duty, according to the Constitution, to submit to you a report of my official transactions since the last meeting of this body.

The Lord has still continued, ordinarily, to pour out his spirit upon our Evangelical Zion at different times and in different places, during the past year. True practical religion is consequently exercised by many of her sons and daughters; and those, too, whom the Lord has made Watchmen over her, seem to have zealously proclaimed the joyful news of Salvation to the precious souls of their charge, and have faithfully attended to the ordinances of God's House since our last Session: with the exception of a few individuals. The latter is a matter of deep regret. Delicacy forbids me at present to enter into a detail of the subject.

One of said individuals, however, was directed to suspend all clerical functions until, at the present session, his guilt or innocence be determined. This direction has left the room of my retirement on the 24th day of October next. As a Committee of three Ordained Ministers could not be obtained at that time to investigate the case, it was deemed expedient and necessary to appoint in their stead a Committee of four respectable Church Officers, from other congregations; having at the same time accepted the Rev. Jacob Scherer in cases of difficulty. They have discharged their duty on the 6th day of December last, and will be prepared to hand in the Report of their investigation to this body when called upon: I have also letters in my care relative to this unpleasant and painful subject, which can be presented at a proper time.

The case of the other is a peculiar one, and altogether different from the former, and becomes a subject of discussion in the Ministerium.

In compliance with a Resolution passed at our last Synod, I addressed a letter to the Rev. Jacob Miller in the month of July, requesting of him information on the proposed questions; and, in October last, I received a protracted communication from him. If this letter be laid before this body, or rather be given to a Committee, it is possible that it will, in its spirit, give all the information required.

Also, in October last, I received a letter from the Rev. Daniel Jenkins, in which he stated, among other things, the success of his labors in Davidson County; doubtless, if this work be of God, it will prosper, but if it be of men, it will come to naught.

Respecting our vacant Congregations, little, and for some of them, nothing at all could be done during the past Synodical year, for the want of more ministers and an adequate support for them; nor have I any prospect at present that a change for the better can be effected in this unfavorable incident.

The several special Conferences, appointed at our last Session, have been held in their different places, but the anticipated success on two occasions was very considerably impeded, as it happened, by the inclemency of the weather, and other peculiarities.

The 31st day of October last, being the Anniversary of the glorious Reformation of Dr. Martin Luther, recommended to our Churches as a day of prayer and thanksgiving, was celebrated by a number of our people in several places.

Having been appointed, at our last Session, as a Ministerial Delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina; and as I could not fulfil the one part of the appointment, I complied with the other, by sending them a letter in the room of my personal presence at a proper time.

In conclusion, I have only to add, my Brethren, that I feel grateful to you for the brotherly love and forbearance which you have manifested towards me, as well as for the confidence which you have reposed in me during my continuance in the official station from which I must now retire, according to the provisions of the Constitution. May God continue to favor us with his gracious presence and blessing in all our deliberations here, and labors elsewhere, and enable us to promote the welfare of his Church to the glory of his name.

HENRY GRÆBER, President.



