MINUTES, 1846.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian church in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, May 21st, 1846, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Ansel D. Eddy, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from the Epistle of Jude, 3d verse:—"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you, that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

After public worship, the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

The Committee of Commissions reported, that the following persons* present had been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz.:

I. SYNOD OF ALBANY.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Londonderry.		
Newburyport.		
Champlain,	John Mattocks, Jr.	
Troy,	Lewis Kellogg,	Alberoni Kidder.
Albany,	Samuel W. Fisher,	Isaac Aiken.
Columbia.		
Delaware,	Isaac D. Cornwall,	William H. Downes.

II. SYNOD OF UTICA.

St. Lawrence,	Baruch B. Beckwith.	
Watertown,	Isaac Brayton,	George Camp.
Oswego,		Peter Chandler (2).
Otsego,	Alfred E. Campbell,	David H. Little.
Utica,	Selden Haynes.	

III. SYNOD OF GENEVA.

Onondaga,	William H. Cooper,	D. Brace.
Cayuga,	Seth Smith,	Abijah Fitch.
Geneva,	Ira Ingraham,	Richard G. Pardee.
Cortland,	Hercules R. Dunham,	John L. Boyd.
Chenango,	Justus L. Janes,	James Kershaw (3).
Tioga,	Marcus Ford,	Oliver Ely.
Bath,	Robert E. Willson.	
Chemung,	Charles C. Carr,	Simeon Benjamin (2).
Ithaca,	J. Parsons Hovey,	A. G. Stone (3).
Pennsylvania,	Elijah D. Wells.	[4]

*The figures indicate the day of the sessions on which the individual took his seat.

IV. SYNOD OF GENESSEE.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Genesee,	Joseph R. Page.	
Ontario.		
Rochester.		
Niagara,	Josiah Partington.	
Buffalo,	Levi A. Skinner,	Dwight Needham.
Angelica,	Joel Wakeman.	

V. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

Hudson,	Obadiah M. Johnson,	Theodore L. Jackson.
North River,	Benjamin F. Wile,	Newton Reed.
Long Island,	Henry Clark,	Richard Cook.
New York, 3*d*,	Edwin F. Hatfield,	John L. Mason.
New York, 4*th*,	Charles H. Read,	Benjamin Strong.
Brooklyn,	Samuel H. Cox, D. D.,	Oliver H. Lee.
Newark,	William C. White,	William Tuttle.
Rockaway,	John Ford,	Wm. B. Lefever, M. D.
Montrose,	Henry A. Rowland,	Richard L. Seely.

VI. SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Wilmington,	E. W. Gilbert, D. D.,	Jacob Faris.
Lewes,	Gaylord L. More,	Handy Mills.
Philadelphia, 3*d.*,	Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D.,	Francis G. Brewster.
Philadelphia, 4*th*,	James P. Wilson,	Samuel T. Bodine.
Harrisburg,	James W. Phillips,	Charles Dingee.

VII. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

Erie,	George W. Cleaveland.	
Meadville,	Richard Craighead,	William F. Clark.
Pittsburgh,	Samuel M. Sparks,	S. P. Brown, M. D.

VIII. SYNOD OF WESTERN RESERVE.

Grand River,	Dexter Witter,	Hon. J. R. Giddings.
Portage,	Robert C. Learned,	Horace Foot.
Huron,	Merit Harmon,	F. Williams, M. D.
Trumbull.		
Cleveland,	Cyrus L. Watson,	Jeremiah Holt.
Medina.		
Elyria,	Daniel W. Lathrop.	
Maumee,	William H. Beecher.	

IX. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

Detroit,	George Duffield, D. D.	
St. Joseph,	Alfred Bryant,	Henry Johnson.
Monroe.		
Marshall,	Calvin Clark.	
Washtenaw,	Ira M. Wead.	
Kalamazoo.		
Ionia,	Le Moyne S. Smith.	

X. SYNOD OF OHIO.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Athens,	Samuel P. Dunham,	Silvanus Bartlett.
Licking,	Asaph Boutelle,	James Young.
Marion,	James Rowland,	John W. Thompson.
Scioto,	Joseph Chester.	
Tuscarawas.		

XI. SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati,	Horace Bushnell,	Eli Taylor.
Ripley.		
Dayton.		

XII. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

Salem,	James Brownlee.	
Madison,	John M. Dickey,	Stephen C. Stevens.
Crawfordsville,	James H. Johnston,	James L. Allen.
Indianapolis,	Benjamin M. Nyce,	Wm. H. Wishard (2).
Logansport,	Joseph G. Wilson.	
La Porte,	Samuel N. Steel,	James M. Clark.
Fort Wayne.		

XIII. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

Illinois,	Albert Hale,	David B. Ayres.
Schuyler,	James J. Marks,	Frederick Collins.
Palestine.		
Alton,	Robert Stewart.	
Des Moines,	John M. Boal.	

XIV. SYNOD OF PEORIA.

Ottawa,	Robert W. Patterson,	Darius Hewit.
Peoria,	Henry G. Pendleton.	
Knox,	Thomas Cole.	
Galena,	Calvin Waterbury.	

XV. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

St. Louis,	James B. Townsend.	
Northern Missouri,	Joshua T. Tucker,	Alexander L. Slayback.
Lexington.		
Harmony,	Isaac W. K. Handy.	

XVI. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

Winchester,	John T. Hargrave,	Ananias Davidson.
Dist. of Columbia,	William McLain.	
Hanover,	Jacob D. Mitchell,	Carter Braxton.

XVII. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.

Union,	Gideon S. White.	
Holston,	Ira Morey, Jr.,	Hon. John Blair.
Kingston.		
New River,	George Painter.	
Chattahoochee,	Jesse Wimpy.	

XVIII. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
Harmony,	Eliphaz P. Pratt,	William Wright.
Providence,	George W. Kennedy,	Gen. Robert B. McAfee.
Green River,	Alexander W. Campbell.	

XIX. SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

W. Tennessee,	Robert C. Garrison,	William O. Perkins.
Shiloh,	Theodore M. Dwight.	
N. Alabama,	Conway P. Wing.	

XX. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.*

Clinton,	Robert McLain.	
S. Lexington,	William E. Holly,	Ansel L. Edrington.
Newton.		

General Association of Connecticut,	Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D.
" " "	Rev. Andrew L. Stone.
General Association of Massachusetts,	Rev. Samuel G. Buckingham.
" " "	Rev. Elam Smalley.
General Association of New Hampshire.	
General Conference of Maine.	
General Convention of Vermont,	Rev. David Merrill.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island,	Rev. Thomas Vernon.
Presb. and Cong. Convention, Wisconsin,	Rev. Aaron L. Chapin.
Evangelical Synod of Lutheran Church,	Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D.
General Synod of the Ger. Ref. Church,	Rev. John H. A. Bomberger.

The Committee further reported, that several Commissions had been presented, signed only by the Moderator, or the Stated Clerk, and others not according to the prescribed form; that two clerical Commissioners were present from the Presbytery of Ottawa; and that the following persons, claiming to be Commissioners, had appeared without any Commission, viz.

Rev. John M. Boal,	of the Presbytery of	Des Moines.
Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop,	"	Elyria.
Oliver Ely, R. Elder,	"	Tioga.
Richard L. Seely, R. Elder	"	Montrose.

It was *Resolved*, that, in all the above cases, where the Commission is in the regular form, and authenticated either by the Moderator or the Stated Clerk, the Commissioner be admitted to his seat.

The other cases were referred to a *Committee of Elections*, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Henry A. Rowland, Alfred E. Campbell, and Mr. David H. Little.

Adjourned until 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [7]

Thursday, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, viz.:

* Erected during the present sessions.

Rev. Joel Wakeman, of the Presbytery of Angelica.
Rev. Jesse Wimpy, " " Chattahoochee.
Rev. George W. Cleaveland, " Erie.
Rev. Joshua T. Tucker, " Northern Missouri.
John W. Thompson, R. Elder, " Marion.
Newton Reed, R. Elder, " North River.
Hon. J. R. Giddings, R. Elder, " Grand River.
Alberoni Kidder, R. Elder, " Troy.
David B. Ayers, R. Elder, " Illinois.
Rev. Cyrus L. Watson and Elder Jeremiah Holt, of the Presbytery of Cleveland.
Rev. Conway P. Wing, of the Presbytery of N. Alabama.

The Committee of Elections reported, recommending that the following persons, who had appeared without Commissions, but had submitted satisfactory evidence of their appointment, be admitted to seats in the Assembly, and they were admitted accordingly, viz.

Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop, of the Presbytery of Elyria.
Rev. John M. Boal, " " Des Moines.
Oliver Ely, R. Elder, " " Tioga.
Richard L. Seely, R. Elder, " " Montrose.

The following persons, also, whose Commissions were not in the usual form, were, on the recommendation of the Committee, admitted to seats in the Assembly, viz.:

Rev. George W. Kennedy, of the Presbytery of Providence.
Robert B. McAfee, R. Elder, " " "
Rev. Hercules R. Dunham, " " Cortland.
John L. Boyd, R. Elder, " " "
Rev. Ira M. Wead, " " Washtenaw.
Rev. Robert E. Willson, " " Bath.
Rev. Robert W. Patterson, " " Ottawa.

Nominations were made for Moderator. The Roll was called, and the Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D., of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, was elected, and inducted into office in the usual form.

The Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, was chosen Temporary Clerk.

A communication was received from the Rev. Erskine Mason, D. D., tendering his resignation of the office of Stated Clerk, which was accepted with a vote of thanks for his valuable services; and the election of a Stated Clerk was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Wm. B. Lewis was appointed Stated Clerk *pro tem.*

The Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., was, on presenting his Commission, received as a Delegate to this body from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. [8]

The printed "Rules for Judicatories," with the exception of Rules 36, 37, 38, were adopted as the Rules of this Assembly.

Resolved, to occupy half an hour each morning, before proceeding to business, in devotional exercises.

Resolved, that the Committees on Synodical Records consist of three Bishops and two Elders.

The Committee of Commissions reported the case of the Rev. William E. Holly, and Ansel L. Edrington, R. Elder, from the Presbytery of S. Lexington, who presented Commissions and requested to be received as connected with the "Synod of Mississippi," a body which had been organized without any act of the General Assembly. Their case was referred to the Committee on Elections, who reported, recommending that the Synod of Mississippi be

recognized as a constituent part of this Assembly, and that the Delegates from the Presbyteries of Clinton, S. Lexington, and Newton, be admitted to seats accordingly.

Several substitutes for the report of the Committee were proposed, which, after a protracted debate, were laid upon the table, and the following substitute, presented by the Rev. D. W. Lathrop, was adopted, viz.:

"*Whereas* it appears that the Presbytery of Clinton had not, since the revolution of 1837, 1838, regarded itself as connected with any Synod in connection with the General Assembly; and that said Presbytery has not in fact been so connected, except by the provisional arrangement, made by the Assembly of 1839, to meet the exigencies of fragments, which by that revolution were dissevered from their original Synodical relations, which arrangement was not regarded by that Presbytery as intended to bind them to an integral relationship to the Synod of Tennessee;

"Therefore, *Resolved*, that in the peculiar circumstances of this case, it is proper that the 'Synod of Mississippi' should be, and hereby it is, recognized as a Synod in our connection, and the Commissioners from the respective Presbyteries of that Synod are entitled to seats in this Assembly."

The printed Minutes of the last Assembly were distributed among the members.

Adjourned to meet in this church to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 22d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Half an hour was occupied in devotional exercises.

After which the Roll was called, and the Minutes of the preceding sessions were read and approved.

The following new Commissioners appeared and took their seats, viz.:

Simeon Benjamin, R. Elder, of the Presbytery of Chemung.
William H. Wishard, R. Elder, " Indianapolis.
Ananias Davidson, " " Winchester. [9]

The Rev. Messrs. E. Smalley and Samuel G. Buckingham presented testimonials of their appointment as Delegates from the General Association of Massachusetts to this Assembly, and were recognized accordingly.

The Clerks were directed to procure 250 printed copies of the Roll.

Nominations were made for the office of Stated Clerk.

Rev. E. S. Ely, D. D., moved that the office of Treasurer be separated from the office of Stated Clerk, and that the Assembly proceed to elect a Treasurer of the General Assembly.

After some discussion, the whole subject was referred to the Rev. Messrs. J. P. Wilson, E. S. Ely, D. D., C. H. Read, and Messrs. B. Strong and O. H. Lee, to consider and report to-morrow morning.

The following *Standing Committees* were then announced by the Moderator, viz.:

On Bills and Overtures, Rev. Messrs. G. Duffield, D. D., E. S. Ely, D. D., William C. White, William H. Beecher, and Messrs. J. L. Mason, J. R. Giddings, and C. Braxton.

On Mileage, Messrs. A. Fitch, R. B. McAfee, and O. H. Lee.

On Devotional Exercises, Rev. Messrs. A. E. Campbell, C. H. Read, A. Hale, and Messrs. Wm. Tuttle and H. Foot.

On Leave of Absence, Rev. Messrs. S. W. Fisher, S. Smith, A. W. Campbell, and Messrs. E. Taylor, and F. G. Brewster.

On the Narrative, Rev. Messrs. S. Haynes, H. Bushnell, J. P. Wilson, and J. T. Tucker.

On Church Polity, Rev. Messrs. J. Ford, J. M. Dickey, D. W. Lathrop, W. McLain, J. B. Townsend, and Messrs. B. Strong, F. Williams, and J. Blair.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Records of the several Synods, viz.: on the Records of the Synod of

Albany, Rev. Messrs. I. Ingraham, R. Craighead, A. Bryant, and Messrs. W. F. Clark, and J. Holt.

Utica, Rev. Messrs. H. A. Rowland, M. Ford, R. E. Willson, and Messrs. S. Bartlett, and J. W. Thompson.

Geneva, Rev. Messrs. I. Brayton, C. L. Watson, I. M. Weed, and Messrs. A. L. Slayback, and Wm. O. Perkins.

Genessee, Rev. Messrs. S. Smith, B. F. Wile, C. Clark, and Messrs. T. L. Jackson, and S. T. Bodine.

New York and New Jersey, Rev. Messrs. J. T. Hargrave, R. W. Patterson, S. N. Steel, and Messrs. J. L. Allen, and D. B. Ayres.

Pennsylvania, Rev. Messrs. W. H. Beecher, B. B. Beckwith, L. Kellogg, and Messrs. A. L. Edrington, and Wm. Wright.

W. Pennsylvania, Rev. Messrs. M. Harmon, J. Mattocks, Jr., J. Wakeman, and Messrs. D. Needham, and R. Cook.

Western Reserve, Rev. Messrs. O. M. Johnson, E. D. Wells, I. D. Cornwall, and Messrs. W. B. Lefever, and D. H. Little.

Michigan, Rev. Messrs. J. P. Wilson, H. N. Pohlman, D. D., E. P. Pratt, and Messrs. R. L. Seely, and J. Faris.

Ohio, Rev. Messrs. C. H. Read, I. W. K. Handy, A. L. Chapin, and Messrs. F. Collins, and A. Kidder. [10]

Cincinnati, Rev. Messrs. A. W. Campbell, G. Duffield, D. D., L. Bacon, D. D., and Messrs. J. R. Giddings, and J. L. Mason.

Indiana, Rev. Messrs. C. P. Wing, W. H. Cooper, T. Cole, and Messrs. J. Young, and H. Mills.

Illinois, Rev. Messrs. J. D. Mitchell, T. Vernon, B. M. Nyce, and Messrs. H. Johnson, and C. Dingee.

Peoria, Rev. Messrs. A. Boutelle, J. H. Johnston, H. Clark, and Messrs. I. Aiken, and G. Camp.

Missouri, Rev. Messrs. E. S. Ely, D. D., L. S. Smith, and Messrs. A. G. Stone, W. H. Downes, and R. G. Pardee.

Virginia, Rev. Messrs. J. Ford, H. G. Pendleton, J. J. Marks, and Messrs. J. L. Boyd, and S. P. Brown.

Tennessee, Rev. Messrs. A. Hale, J. Chester, J. R. Page, and Messrs. R. B. McAfee, and A. Fitch.

Kentucky, Rev. Messrs. J. Rowland, J. Brownlee, J. M. Boal, and Messrs. C. Braxton, and D. Bracc.

W. Tennessee, Rev. Messrs. J. B. Townsend, L. A. Skinner, J. G. Wilson, and Messrs. N. Reed, and F. G. Brewster.

The presentation of Synodical Records was made the order of the day for the opening of the session this afternoon.

The reception of memorials on the subject of Slavery was made the second order of the day for this afternoon, with the understanding that every one shall have the privilege of reading his memorial if he will.

Adjourned until 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, 3½ *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Mr. Darius Hewit, R. Elder of the Presbytery of Ottawa,
Mr. Peter Chandler, " " " Oswego, and
Rev. Calvin Waterbury, " " Galena,

presented regular Commissions and took their seats.

The presentation of the Narratives of the several Presbyteries on the State of Religion, and of Statistical Reports, was made the order of the day for Monday morning.

The Synodical Records were presented and committed to the several Committees for examination.

The Assembly proceeded to the next order of the day, viz.: the reception of memorials on the subject of Slavery.

The Roll was called, and memorials were presented from the following Presbyteries, viz.: Otsego, Utica, Onondaga, Cayuga, Cortland, Buffalo, Angelica, Montrose, Erie, Meadville, Grand River, Maumee, Cleveland, Genesee, St. Josephs, Marshall, Washtenaw, Athens, Scioto, Salem, Indianapolis, La Porte, Peoria, Ottawa, Knox, Galena, Portage and Trumbull; also, from Fly and Oaks Creek church.

Also, from the Synods of Indiana, Ohio, Cincinnati and Peoria. Also, [11] letters from the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts, on the same subject; which were read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Rev. David Merrill presented credentials, as a Delegate to this Assembly from the General Convention of Vermont, and was received accordingly.

Rev. A. W. Campbell moved, that the Committee on Devotional Exercises be authorized to confer with a similar Committee of the General Assembly, meeting in the Tenth Presbyterian church of this city, in reference to a united celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

Half an hour was occupied as usual in devotional exercises.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Mr. A. G. Stone, R. Elder, from the Presbytery of Ithaca, and
Mr. James Kershaw, " " " Chenango,

presented regular Commissions, and took their seats accordingly.

The Assembly took into consideration the place of the meeting of the next General Assembly. Several places were put in nomination; after which the subject was postponed to receive a report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overtures No. 1 and 2, viz.: memorials from the Presbyteries of Hudson and Utica, on the subject of "Annual Assemblies;" which were referred to the Committee on Church Polity.

Also, No. 3, on the subject of "Doctrinal Tracts," which was referred to a Committee of two from each Synod, viz.: Messrs. Rowland and Mason, Fisher and Kidder, Haynes and Little, Willson and Fitch, Skinner and Needham, Wilson and Brewster, Cleaveland and Clark, Beecher and Giddings, Duffield and Johnson, Boutelle and Bartlett, Bushnell and Taylor, Dickey

and Stevens, Hale and Ayres, Waterbury and Hewit, Tucker and Slayback, Mitchell and Davidson, Wimpy and Blair, Campbell and McAfee, Dwight and Perkins, McLain and Edrington.

The Assembly then proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: the Report of the Committee on the election of Stated Clerk. The Committee reported, recommending that the offices of Stated Clerk and Treasurer be separated. The report was adopted, and the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Stated Clerk and a Treasurer.

Nominations were made. The Roll was called, and the Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, of New York, was elected Stated Clerk, and Thomas Fleming, Esq., of Philadelphia, was elected Treasurer, of the General Assembly. [12]

The Rev. Alfred E. Campbell was then elected Temporary Clerk, in place of Mr. Hatfield, chosen Stated Clerk.

A memorial from the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, in reference to a case of discipline in the Synod of Cincinnati (Rev. William Graham's), was presented by the Rev. W. McLain.

Objection was made to the reading. The Moderator decided that it was in order. From this decision an appeal was taken, which was not sustained, and the memorial was read.

Rev. W. McLain moved that the memorial be referred to the Committee on the Records of the Synod of Cincinnati.

Rev. W. H. Beecher moved, as a substitute, that it be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Mr. Giddings moved, as an amendment to Mr. Beecher's motion, that it be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, with instructions to report against the prayer of the memorial, and was proceeding to discuss the general subject, when the Moderator declared him to be out of order in discussing, at this time, the merits of the question.

From this decision an appeal was taken, and the appeal was sustained.

The discussion then proceeded until near the hour of adjournment.

Resolved, that the sessions of this body shall commence at 9 o'clock, A. M., and terminate at 1 o'clock, P. M.; and at 4 o'clock, P. M., and terminate at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. D. W. Lathrop, and Messrs. J. L. Mason and O. H. Lee were appointed a *Committee of Finance;* to whom was referred so much of the report of the late Stated Clerk and Treasurer as relates to the finances of the Assembly.

Adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 25th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The usual time was occupied in devotional exercises.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. A. D. Eddy, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, in behalf of the officers of that Assembly, made a report on the subject of Finances, Foreign Correspondence, and other items of business which had occurred since the meeting of the last Assembly;—which was referred to a special *Committee*, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. M. Ford, I. Brayton, E. D. Wells, and Messrs. D. H. Little and D. Hewit.

The Rev. C. Waterbury presented a memorial from the Presbytery of Galena, proposing such an alteration of the Book of Discipline as to provide for the election and installation of Ruling Elders for a limited period; which was read and referred to the Committee on Church Polity. [13]

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: the presentation of Narratives on the State of Religion, which, having been received, without being read, were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The Delegates from Corresponding Bodies were heard in reference to the state of religion in their respective connections.

The Rev. Dr. Pohlman, of the Evangelical Synod of the Lutheran Church, reported Articles of Correspondence between that Synod and this Assembly, which were referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The Moderator, by leave of the house, vacated the chair, to make some statements in reference to the meeting of the "Evangelical Alliance," appointed to be held in London in August next. After some discussion, the subject of appointing delegates to that Convention was referred to a *Committee*, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. C. H. Read, A. E. Campbell, I. Brayton, C. Waterbury, and Messrs. J. L. Mason, R. B. McAfee, and A. L. Edrington.

A nomination was made of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies; and the election made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. A. W. Campbell presented a memorial from certain churches in Kentucky, on the subject of a Re-union of the two portions of the Presbyterian Church; which, having been read, was referred to a *Committee* consisting of the Rev. Messrs. A. W. Campbell, L. Kellogg, A. Bryant, E. S. Ely, D. D., C. H. Reed, and Messrs. R. B. McAfee, D. H. Little, and J. L. Mason.

The unfinished business of Saturday, viz.: the reference of the memorial of the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, was resumed. The motion before the house was postponed, and the subject was referred to the Committee on the Records of the Synod of Cincinnati.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Rev. John H. Bernheim, requesting permission to address the Assembly in behalf of the "Society for Ameliorating the Condition of the Jews." Permission was granted for to-morrow, immediately after the opening of the morning session.

The Rev. A. L. Chapin, Delegate from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, was heard in reference to that Convention, and the interests of religion in that region.

The subject of the election of Trustees of the General Assembly, and of Directors of the Theological Seminaries, was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. D. W. Lathrop, E. S. Ely, D. D., and J. Ford. [14].

The first Monday in January was recommended to the churches to be observed as a day of prayer for the conversion of the world.

The subject of inducting the Moderator into office, at his election, was referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The Rev. Messrs. C. P. Wing, L. A. Skinner, B. F. Wile, and A. W. Campbell, were appointed a *Committee* to consider the expediency *of* a *Correspondence* with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Rev. Dr. Eddy, made a report recommending,—1. That so much of the Rev. Dr. Eddy's report as refers to Foreign Correspondence the Assembly endorse, and adopt

the letter of the late Moderator, in reply to the letter received from the Free Church of Scotland, as substantially expressive of its own sentiments in relation to said Correspondence and the subjects therein treated; and that the Correspondence be published in the Minutes of the Assembly. 2. That so much of the Rev. Dr. Eddy's report as relates to the "Debts of the Assembly," and the "Church Psalmist," be referred to the Financial Committee.

The report was accepted. And, on further consideration, it was *Resolved*, 1. That so much as refers to the Debts of the Assembly be referred to the Financial Committee.

2. That so much as refers to the "Church Psalmist," be referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. S. W. Fisher, S. N. Steel, and C. Clark.

3. That so much as relates to Foreign Correspondence, be laid for the present on the table.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 26th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The usual time was occupied in devotional exercises.

The Roll was called and the Minutes were read and corrected.

The agent for the "Society for Ameliorating the Condition of the Jews," was heard in a short address in behalf of that Society. After which the Rev. Messrs. J. D. Mitchell, B. F. Wile and G. L. More, were appointed a Committee to bring in a minute on the subject.

The Rev. John H. A. Bomberger presented his credentials as a Delegate to this body from the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, and was received accordingly.

On motion of the Rev. A. W. Campbell, it was *Resolved*, that,

Whereas there is a spirit abroad that seeks to unite in closer bonds the different divisions of the Christian Church;—*whereas* there prevails extensively, in some parts of our country, an impression that a union between the Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church would be very desirable; and *whereas* the General Assembly of that body did, at its sessions in May last, in Lebanon, Tennessee, appoint a Committee of Correspondence on the subject of union, a [15] Committee, therefore, be appointed to correspond with the aforesaid Committee on the subject, to obtain all necessary information, and to report to the Assembly at its next stated meeting. The Rev. Messrs. A. W. Campbell, S. W. Fisher, and C. P. Wing, were appointed said Committee.

The Rev. E. S. Ely, D. D., from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented a report on the subject of the memorials on Slavery.

The Rev. W. H. Beecher, from the same Committee, presented a minority report.

The Rev. G. Duffield, D. D., from the same Committee, presented a third report, on the same subject.

The order of the day, viz.: the election of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, was postponed until the afternoon session.

The Rev. H. A. Rowland moved the reference of these reports to a special Committee.

The Rev. W. McLain moved that Mr. Rowland's resolution be postponed, in order to take up the following, viz.:

Whereas the General Assembly has repeatedly expressed its sentiments in

regard to Slavery; and *whereas*, by the action of the last Assembly, the whole subject was referred to the inferior judicatories, therefore, *Resolved*, that it is inexpedient for the Assembly to take any action thereon.

After some discussion, it was *Resolved*, that the Roll be called, beginning at the top and alternating with the bottom of the Roll, that each member may have an opportunity of expressing his opinion on the general subject.

The calling of the Roll commenced, and some progress was made, when the Assembly adjourned until four o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: the election of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

The Rev. Messrs. C. C. Carr and J. R. Page were appointed a Committee to collect and count the votes.

The Rev. Mr. Powell was then heard in a short address on the subject of the "Sabbath."

After which, the Rev. S. W. Fisher offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.:

Whereas the Sabbath was made for man, and is essential to his highest physical and spiritual well-being, therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly regard with great approbation the efforts which have been made in different parts of the United States, within the last few years, to secure the more general observance of this day as a season of sacred rest.

Resolved, That, while they rejoice in the success which has crowned [16] these efforts, especially in the increasing respect paid to this institution on many of the great thoroughfares of the nation, they cannot be insensible to the fact that Sabbath-breaking still abounds, and constitutes one of those great national sins, which, if unrepented of, will in time bring down upon us the divine indignation.

Resolved, also, That the churches under the care of this Assembly take such order on this subject, as will most effectually guard the members of the Church from the sin of Sabbath-desecration, and secure a more general and faithful appropriation of this day to the great purposes for which it was given to the world.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed, and continued until 6 o'clock, when the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, May 27th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The usual time having been occupied in devotional exercises, the Roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to count the votes for Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, reported, that the following persons were duly elected, viz.:

To the *General Association of Connecticut*, the Rev. Messrs. Charles H. Read, Selden Haynes, and Calvin Clarke.

To the *General Association of Massachusetts*, the Rev. Messrs. Charles H. Read and Selden Haynes.

To the *Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island*, the Rev. Robert C. Learned.

To the *General Convention of Vermont*, the Rev. N. S. S. Beman, D. D., and Rev. Lewis Kellogg.

To the *General Association of New Hampshire*, the Rev. Samuel W. Fisher and Rev. Leonard E. Lathrop, D. D.

To the *General Conference of Maine*, the Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, or the Rev. Leonard E. Lathrop, D. D., his alternate.

To the *Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin*, the Rev. L. A. Skinner and Rev. Horace Bushnell.

To the *Evangelical Synod of the Lutheran Church*, the Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D., or the Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, his alternate.

To the *General Synod of the German Reformed Church*, the Rev. William McLain.

The Committee on Church Polity presented the following report, which was adopted, viz.: The Assembly have received with great pleasure the Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., a Delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Church; and fully reciprocate the kind sentiments contained in the minutes of the last meeting of their Synod; and do, on the principles of action between the Assembly and other Corresponding Bodies, [17] cordially adopt, and recommend for adoption, by our inferior judicatories, the Plan of Correspondence proposed by the Delegate and unanimously adopted by the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed and continued until one o'clock.

The Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, Delegate from the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, after a short address, which was responded to by the Moderator, respectfully took his leave.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, Overture No. 4, a memorial from members of the Synod of Indiana, on the subject of boundaries, which was, for the present, laid on the table.

The Reports of Committees appointed to examine Synodical Records were made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Rev. J. D. Mitchell, from the Committee appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the "Society for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Jews," presented a report, which was adopted, to the intent that the object of this institution is deserving of the sympathy and co-operation of the Church; and that the Rev. Mr. Bernheim, the agent, and the cause he pleads, be commended to the confidence and Christian liberality of the churches under our care.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed, and continued until 6 o'clock.

The Rev. John Scudder, M. D., Foreign Missionary, requested the Assembly to accept for each member of its body a copy of two Tracts of which he is the author. The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to Dr. Scudder for his kindness.

Adjourned until 7¾ o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 7¾ *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Committee on Church Polity presented a report on Overture No. 1, viz.: a memorial from the Presbytery of Utica on the subject of annual Assemblies and the restoration of judicial power to the Assembly in the case of ministers, which was, for the present, laid on the table. [18]

The Rev. A. L. Chapin, Delegate from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, after a short address, which was responded to by the Moderator, respectfully took his leave.

The unfinished business was resumed, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, and continued until 9½ o'clock.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, *May* 28, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The usual time was occupied in devotional exercises.

The order of the day, viz., the reports of Committees on Synodical Records, was taken up; and, on the recommendation of the several Committees, the Records of the Synods of Utica, Illinois, Geneva, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Ohio, Western Reserve, Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, and New York and New Jersey, were approved so far as written.

The Records of the Synods of Kentucky, Tennessee, West Pennsylvania, and Michigan, were not in the house, and the Committees appointed thereon were discharged.

The Records of the Synod of Peoria were approved with the following exceptions, viz.: that, on p. 28, mention is made of a minister being invited to sit as a corresponding member without designating the ecclesiastical body to which he belonged.

2. On page 33, there is a record of a business meeting held on Sabbath evening.

The Rev. S. W. Fisher, from the Committee on "Psalmody," made a report which was discussed until near the hour of adjournment.

The Rev. N. S. S. Beman, D. D., was heard in behalf of the "Church Psalmist."

The report of the Rev. A. D. Eddy, D. D., Delegate from the last Assembly to the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts, was presented and read.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday, 4 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. C. H. Read being under the necessity of leaving for home, the Rev. James P. Wilson was appointed in his stead on the Committee in reference to the "Evangelical Alliance;" and the Rev. R. C. Learned in his stead on the Committee on Devotional Exercises. [19]

The unfinished business of the morning, viz.: the consideration of the report on Psalmody, was resumed, and after long discussion, the report was amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

Whereas, the subject of Psalmody is one of great importance, and it is

highly desirable that there should be uniformity in respect to the book used for this purpose;

And, *whereas*, the Assembly of 1840, after repeated discussions, "referred the whole subject of Psalmody, with the procuring and furnishing an edition of Psalms and Hymns for general use, to the Consulting Committee;"

And, *whereas*, this Committee, agreeably to the powers entrusted to them, after a patient and thorough examination of different books submitted to them, unanimously adopted and recommended to the churches, the book entitled the "Church Psalmist," as in their judgment possessing greater excellencies than any other known to them;

And, *whereas*, the Assembly of 1843 adopted the report of the Committee, thereby adopting the "Church Psalmist" as the authorized Psalmody of the Presbyterian Church in these United States, and giving their approbation to the arrangements entered into with the editor and publisher, in accordance with which 10 per cent. of the proceeds of all sales of 50 copies and over, was received into the treasury of the Assembly;

Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That it is earnestly recommended to the churches in connection with this Assembly, for the purpose of carrying out the matured action of our highest ecclesiastical judicatories, and thus securing uniformity, an increasing revenue, and the possession of a work of high intrinsic merit, whenever they deem it best to make a change in their Psalmody, to adopt the book of the Assembly.

Resolved, 2. That by the permission of the Editor, the 2d part of the 51st Psalm in L. M. of Dr. Watts' version, be substituted for the 3d part of the 51st Psalm in C. M. of the Church Psalmist.

The Rev. L. Bacon, D. D., in the name of the General Association of Connecticut, presented to the Assembly a copy of their Psalms and Hymns, which was accepted, and the Assembly voted that a copy of the Church Psalmist be presented, in return, to that Association, by the hand of the Rev. Dr. Bacon, their delegate.

The Rev. H. A. Rowland, from the Committee on "Doctrinal Tracts," presented a report, which was accepted and put on the docket.

Adjourned until 7¾ o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, 7¾ *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Hatfield, it was *Resolved*, that it be referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises, to consider and report on the expediency of recommending the observance by our churches of a day [20] of fasting, humiliation and prayer, on account of the existing war, and the low state of religion in our churches.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on Slavery, was resumed, and continued until near 10 o'clock.

The Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., of the Evangelical Synod of the Lutheran Church, after a brief and affectionate address, to which the Moderator appropriately responded, took his leave.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 29th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The usual time having been occupied in devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Records of the Synod of Genessee were, on recommendation of the Committee, approved, with the following exceptions: 1. Of a decision of the Moderator, recorded on p. 151, that a member of a Synod, who might be interested in a case under trial, cannot be challenged; which decision is unconstitutional, and ought to be reversed by that Synod; and, 2. Of an irregularity, recorded on p. 170, in allowing the original parties in a trial to speak after a lower judicatory had given the reasons for their decision, which was contrary to our Book of Discipline.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that they had given leave to Messrs. J. R. Giddings, Newton Reed, C. H. Read, I. Aiken, B. Strong, and W. B. Lefever.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on Slavery, was resumed and continued until one o'clock.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report in reference to the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

1. That a Lecture preparatory to Communion be preached on Saturday evening, in this house, by the Rev. H. A. Rowland.

2. That the Lord's Supper be celebrated on Sabbath afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in this church.

Reading the Scriptures and Hymn, by the Rev. S. Haynes.

Prayer, by the Rev. I. M. Wead.

Administration of the Bread, by the Rev. S. H. Cox, D. D.

Administration of the Cup, by the Rev. C. P. Wing.

Address to Communicants, by the Rev. S. G. Buckingham.

Address to Non-Communicants, by the Rev. E. F. Hatfield.

Hymn and Benediction, by the Rev. T. Vernon.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported Overture No. 5, a memorial from the Presbytery of Rockaway, on the subject of "Peace," which was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. R. E. Willson, and W. H. Cooper. [21]

The Rev. B. F. Wile presented a memorial from the church in the village of Poughkeepsie, on the subject of a Day of Prayer and Fasting, which was referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report as to the result of a conference with a similar Committee of the other Assembly, in reference to a united celebration of the Lord's Supper, which was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, to whom was referred the resolution authorizing them to confer with a similar Committee of the Assembly meeting in the Tenth Presbyterian church, in reference to a united celebration of the Lord's Supper, report:

That they presented to the Committee of the Annual Assembly a certified copy of the resolution passed by this body, accompanied by the following letter, addressed to the chairman of said Committee:

"Dear Brother—It devolves upon us, as Chairman and Secretary of the Committee on Devotional Exercises of the Triennial General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, convened in the First Presbyterian church in this city, to present for your consideration the above resolution.

"Should the foregoing proposal meet the approval of yourself and of your Assembly, it would afford us great pleasure as a Committee to confer with you at such time and place as you may designate.

"Wishing you, and the Assembly with whom you are associated, grace, mercy and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ, we are yours, affectionately,

"ALFRED E. CAMPBELL, Chairman.
"CHARLES H. READ, Secretary.

To our proposal we have received the following answer, through the Rev. Daniel Baker, one of the Committee on Devotional Exercises:

"Extract from the Minutes of the General Assembly, in session at Philadelphia, May 28th, 1846.

"The Committee to whom were referred the papers relating to the joint celebration of the Lord's Supper by the two Assemblies, with instructions to bring in a minute expressive of the views of the Assembly, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

"The Committee on Devotional Exercises, having reported to the General Assembly a communication from a similar Committee of the General Assembly in session at the First Presbyterian church, representing that the said Assembly has authorized its Committee to confer with the Committee of this Assembly in relation to a joint celebration of the Lord's Supper by the two bodies; it was ordered, that the Committee respectfully acknowledge and reciprocate the courtesy of the communication, and say in reply, that while this Assembly recognize the above-mentioned body as a branch of the Church of our common Lord, and for this reason would, as individuals, under appropriate circumstances, unite with our brethren in the celebration of divine ordinances, yet, as this Assembly has never in its corporate and official capacity, united with any other ecclesiastical body in celebrating the [22] Lord's Supper, it judges it inexpedient to institute a new usage at this time.

"On motion, the Committee on Devotional Exercises were directed to communicate a copy of the above minute to the Committee of the other Assembly.

"*Attest.* WILLIS LORD, Stated Clerk of the Gen. Assembly."

We can only regret, that the proposal made in the most fraternal manner, and passed by a unanimous vote, did not meet with a cordial response in the other Assembly. We have long seen, that while the two Assemblies were holding correspondence with many of the same ecclesiastical bodies, and in their respective Synods and Presbyteries maintaining the usual courtesies of correspondence, and freely exchanging pulpits with each other, nothing had been done, in our official capacity, to show to the world that we recognized each other as brethren. And as the world had seen the jarring and contention that existed in former years between the two Assemblies, it seemed to be demanded from both, to manifest, by some public act, like that of the united celebration of the Lord's Supper, that, though we were separated, we were one in Christ, and would love and treat each other as brethren. And though we are the injured party, our motives and our ministerial character having been impeached, and some of us belonging to Presbyteries and churches, who were exscinded by the acts of 1837, still it was our earnest wish to extend to them the hand of Christian charity, to forgive and forget, as we pray to be forgiven of our God.

It is therefore, to us, a source of deep regret, that our brethren of the other Assembly did not manifest a disposition to unite with us, and by their influence and example aid us, in doing away the reproach and the odium which have been heaped upon the Presbyterian Church. But though we

may not, as an Assembly, under existing circumstances, unite with our brethren of the other Assembly in a joint celebration of the Lord's Supper, still it is our sincere prayer, that we may meet with them in the General Assembly and Church of the First Born in Heaven, and sit down with them at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, 4 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and corrected.

The unfinished business, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed and continued until 6 o'clock.

Adjourned until 7¾ o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, 7¾ *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer. [23]

The Minutes were read and approved.

The unfinished business, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed and continued until near 10 o'clock.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, *May* 30*th*, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The usual time was occupied in devotional exercises; after which the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. E. S. Ely, D. D., offered resolutions in reference to a new edition of the Confession of Faith, which were referred to the Rev. Messrs. E. S. Ely, D. D., E. F. Hatfield, E. W. Gilbert, D. D., A. E. Campbell, S. Haynes, S. H. Cox, D. D., and H. Bushnell.

A memorial was presented from the Ladies' Temperance Union, of Philadelphia, which was referred to the Rev. Messrs. H. R. Dunham, and C. C. Carr.

On motion of the Rev. S. Haynes, the Committee on Devotional Exercises were instructed to make arrangements for the observance of the Monthly Concert of Prayer by the Assembly, on Monday evening next.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that leave of absence had been given to the Rev. Messrs. G. Duffield, D. D., and R. C. Learned, for two days, and to Mr. R. L. Seely and the Rev. W. H. Cooper, after this week.

The Moderator presented a letter from the Rev. Thomas Cole, a member of the Assembly, stating, as his reason for absence from the house, severe indisposition.

The unfinished business, viz.: hearing of opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed and continued until 1 o'clock.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of electing Trustees of the Assembly and Directors of the Theological Seminaries, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.:

1. That it is inexpedient to make any change in these Boards respectively the present year, and that, therefore, there be no election for the same by this Assembly.

2. That the Committee appointed by the last Assembly to inquire and report on this subject be continued, and that the Stated Clerk notify the gentlemen composing that Committee, that they are desired to report to this Assembly.

The Finance Committee presented a report on the finances of the Assembly, which was for the present put on the docket.

The Moderator and Stated Clerk, were appointed a Committee to correspond with those Presbyteries which for some time past have not been represented in the Assembly.

The Committee on the memorial from the Presbytery of Rockaway, [24] on the subject of "Peace," presented a report, which was put upon the docket.

Adjourned until Monday, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, June 1st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The usual time having been occupied in religious exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Moderator and Stated Clerk were appointed a Committee to give proper notice to the Presbyteries, that they be reminded to take up collections for the Commissioners' Fund.

At the recommendation of the Mileage Committee, it was *Resolved*, That the apportionment of the Commissioners' Fund, be according to the actual necessary expenditures of the Commissioners, instead of the usual method of allowing so much per mile.

The report of the Committee on Finance was taken up, and after being amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance report to the General Assembly,

That they have examined the accounts of the late Stated Clerk in the matters wherein he performed the duties of Treasurer of the Assembly, compared the same with appropriate vouchers, and find the accounts to be correct, with a balance at the commencement of the present fiscal year of $37 18 cents, which is paid into the hands of the Treasurer elected by this Assembly:

That there is due to William M. Meredith, Esq., of Philadelphia, the sum of $100, which ought to be promptly paid:

That to meet the current expenses of the Assembly for printing the Minutes, salaries of Clerks, janitor's services, postage, and other incidental expenses, and present indebtedness, there is wanting the full sum of $600:

That to meet this necessity there is on hand only the sum of $206 38 cents.

That of the amount pledged by different Presbyteries at the last Assembly, $56 are yet unpaid, viz.:

From the Presbytery of		Ithaca,	$10 00
Do.	do.	Indianapolis,	5 00
Do.	do.	Ottawa,	5 00
Do.	do.	Cincinnati,	20 00
Do.	do.	Des Moines,	1 00
Do.	do.	Galena,	5 00
Do.	do.	St. Charles,	5 00
Do.	do.	N. Alabama,	5 00

That the following Presbyteries pledged nothing and have paid nothing, viz.: Columbia, Chenango, Trumbull, Washtenaw, Ripley, Harmony, Lexing-

ton, Kingston, St. Lawrence, Ontario, Huron, [25] Medina, Kalamazoo, Sangamon, West Tennessee, Clinton, Oswego, Rochester, Maumee, Marshall, Marion, Palestine, Peoria and Union:

That from these statements it appears that, to meet present wants, there is need to provide the sum of $400.

They further report, that it appears that Mr. Newman, the publisher of the Psalm Book, has not only complied promptly with his engagement to pay ten per cent. of the amount of sales on all orders for 50 copies; but that he has generously paid into the Treasury of the Assembly this percentage on all sales of the book to any of our churches; and there is reason to believe that, if the attention of the churches is appropriately called to the subject, the income from this source will, after a very short period, be sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of the Assembly, and thus obviate the necessity for the customary applications to the churches for contributions to the Contingent Fund.

Being released from this obligation, it may be hoped also, that the churches would be inclined to make more liberal contributions to the Fund specifically appropriated to Commissioners; the deficiency in which Fund presents so great difficulty in the way of obtaining a full representation of our distant Presbyteries in the General Assembly.

In conclusion, the Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Permanent Clerk be instructed promptly to meet the claim of William M. Meredith, Esq., by an order on the Treasurer of the General Assembly.

2. That the Presbyteries which at the last Assembly made no pledges, and those whose pledges then made have not been redeemed, be specially and fraternally notified of the importance of an early compliance on their part, with their obvious obligations in this regard.

3. That it be recommended to the several Presbyteries and sessions in our connection, to see that their congregations have the requisite facilities for examining our Psalm Book, before changing those now in use with them for any other.

4. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to make to Mark H. Newman, Esq., on behalf of the General Assembly, an appropriate acknowledgment of the Assembly for his past liberality; and to propose such a modification of his contract as shall secure to the Assembly a certain amount on all copies published.

The Moderator was appointed to preside at the Monthly Concert this evening, and direct in the devotions of the Assembly, and the Rev. Messrs. L. Bacon, D. D., and J. B. Townsend were appointed to make brief addresses.

The unfinished business, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed and continued until 1 o'clock.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer. [26]

The Minutes were read and approved.

The unfinished business, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed and continued until 6 o'clock.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, 8 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met and observed the Monthly Concert of Prayer according to previous appointment.

After which the Assembly took up the memorial on the subject of "Peace," and adopted the following resolutions:

1. That in the opinion of this Assembly, the Providence of God, the signs of the times, the existence of war, and the prevailing rumors of war, should awaken the Christian Church, composed as it is of the sons of peace, to earnest prayer and earnest effort, that the Spirit of God and the Gospel of peace may counteract and ultimately extinguish the spirit of war.

2. That it is hereby recommended to all the ministers of our communion, that, on the first Sabbath of July next, they present this subject to their respective congregations.

3. That the Stated Clerk cause the above resolutions to be published in the religious papers.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, *June* 2*d*, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The usual time was occupied in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Cincinnati presented a report, and Mr. Stevens, from the same Committee, presented a minority report; both of which were accepted and put upon the docket.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that they had given leave to the Rev. Messrs. C. C. Carr, M. Harmon, and J. J. Marks, from the future sessions of the Assembly; and to the Rev. J. P. Wilson from the sessions of to-day.

The Rev. L. Bacon, D. D., Delegate from the Association of Connecticut, after a brief address, to which the Moderator responded, took his leave.

Adjourned until 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [27]

Tuesday, 3½ *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on the memorial from Bowling Green, Kentucky, in reference to a Re-union of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church, reported that nothing had thus far been accomplished; and the Committee were discharged.

The unfinished business, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed and continued until 6 o'clock

Adjourned until 7¾ o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, 7¾ *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed and continued until 11 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. T. Vernon, Delegate from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, after a brief address, to which the Moderator responded, took his leave.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, June 3d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Mr. O. H. Lee, from the Committee on Mileage, reported that the sum of $585 had been contributed to the Commissioner's Fund, which sum, apportioned according to the rule recently adopted by the Assembly, will amount to 82 cents on each dollar of necessary travelling expenses reported to the committee. This sum they recommend that the Treasurer of the Assembly be directed to pay to the Commissioners accordingly; and the report was adopted.

The unfinished business, viz.: the calling of the Roll to hear opinions on the subject of Slavery, was resumed, and continued until 12 o'clock, when the calling of the Roll was completed.

The Rev. S. G. Buckingham, Delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts, after a brief address, which was responded to by the Moderator, respectfully took his leave.

The Rev. I. Brayton moved that all other business be laid aside, to take up the resolutions presented by the Rev. E. F. Hatfield, during the calling of the Roll.

On motion of Mr. Hatfield, the Assembly united in prayer.

The resolutions were then read; when the Rev. G. S. White moved [28] the reference of the whole subject to a Committee to consist of the Rev. Messrs. G. Duffield, D. D., and J. D. Mitchell. A division of the question was called for. The motion for reference was lost.

The Rev. R. W. Patterson moved to postpone the paper of the Rev. Mr. Hatfield, to take up the resolutions presented by the Rev. G. Duffield, D. D., which motion prevailed.

It was then moved that the Rev. Dr. Duffield's resolutions be adopted. The Ayes and Noes were demanded.

Mr. S. C. Stephens then moved to postpone the Rev. Dr. Duffield's paper to take up the first part, viz.: the resolutions of the Rev. E. F. Hatfield's paper. The motion was lost.

Mr. J. L. Mason moved that Dr. Duffield's paper be postponed to take up the second part of the Rev. Mr. Hatfield's paper, namely, the Declaration of Principles. The motion was lost.

It was then moved that the Rev. Dr. Duffield's paper be adopted, and the motion prevailed. Ordered, that the Roll be called, and the Ayes and Noes be recorded.

The Roll was called, and the following persons voted in the AFFIRMATIVE: Messrs. Mattocks, Kellogg, Fisher, Cornwall, Kidder, Beckwith, Brayton, A. E. Campbell, Haynes, Camp, Chandler, Little, Ingraham, Janes, Seth Smith, M. Ford, H. R. Dunham, R. E. Willson, Hovey, Wells, Pardee, Stone, O. Ely, Boyd, Benjamin, Kershaw, Page, Partington, Skinner, Wakeman, Needham, O. M. Johnson, Wile, Hatfield, Clark, Cox, W. C. White, J. Ford, H. A. Rowland, Jackson, Mason, Lee, Tuttle, Gilbert, J. P. Wilson, Faris, Brewster, Dingee, Cleaveland, Craighead, W. F. Clark, Witter, Learned, Beecher, Watson, Lathrop, Foot, Williams, Holt, Duffield, Bryant, C. Clark, Weed, L. S. Smith, H. Johnson, S. P. Dunham, J. Rowland, Chester, Boutelle, Thompson, Young, Taylor, Brownlee, Dickey, J. H. Johnston, Nyce, J. G. Wilson, Steel, Stevens, Allen, Wishard, J. M. Clarke, Ayres, Hale, Boal, Stewart, Collins, Pendleton, Patterson, Cole, Waterbury, Hewit.—92.

The following persons voted in the NEGATIVE: Messrs. E. S. Ely, D. D., Philips, Sparks, Brown, Bartlett, Townsend, Tucker, Handy, Hargrave, W. McLain, Mitchell, Braxton, G. S. White, Morey, Painter, Wimpy, Blair,

Pratt, Kennedy, A. W. Campbell, Wright, McAfee, Garrison, Dwight, Wing, Perkins, R. McLain, Holley, Edrington.—29.

The following persons voted NON LIQUET: Messrs. Brace, Fitch, Bushnell.—3.

The paper presented by the Rev. Dr. Duffield was therefore adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

Declaration of the General Assembly on the subject of Slavery.

The Assembly, having duly considered the subject presented to their attention, in the various memorials forwarded from Presbyteries, Synods, &c., adopt the following as the expression of their judgments:

1. The system of Slavery, as it exists in these United States, viewed either in the laws of the several States which sanction it, or in its actual operation and results in society, is intrinsically an unrighteous and [29] oppressive system, and is opposed to the prescriptions of the law of God, to the spirit and precepts of the Gospel, and to the best interests of humanity.

2. The testimony of the General Assembly, from A. D. 1787 to 1818, inclusive, has condemned it: and it remains still the recorded testimony of the Presbyterian Church of these United States against it, from which we do not recede.

3. We cannot therefore withhold the expression of our deep regret that Slavery should be continued and countenanced by any of the members of our churches; and we do earnestly exhort both them and the churches, among whom it exists, to use all means in their power to put it away from them. Its perpetuation among them cannot fail to be regarded by multitudes, influenced by their example, as sanctioning the system portrayed in, and maintained by, the statutes of the several slave-holding States wherein they dwell. Nor can any mere mitigation of its severity, prompted by the humanity and Christian feelings of any individuals who continue to hold their fellow-men in such bondage, be regarded either as a testimony against the system, or as in the least degree changing its essential character.

4. But while we believe that many evils, incident to the system, render it important and obligatory to bear testimony against it; yet would we not undertake to determine the degree of moral turpitude on the part of individuals involved by it. This will doubtless be found to vary in the sight of God, according to the degree of light and other circumstances pertaining to each. In view of all the embarrassments and obstacles in the way of emancipation, interposed by the statutes of the slave-holding States, and by the social influence affecting the views and conduct of those involved in it, we cannot pronounce a judgment of general and promiscuous condemnation, implying that destitution of Christian principle and feeling which should exclude from the table of the Lord all who stand in the legal relation of masters to slaves; or justify us in withholding our ecclesiastical and Christian fellowship from them. We rather sympathize with, and would seek to succor them, in their embarrassments, believing that separation and secession among the churches and their members, are not the methods that God approves and sanctions for the reformation of his Church.

5. While, therefore, we feel bound to bear our testimony against Slavery, and to exhort our beloved brethren to remove it from them, as speedily as possible, by all appropriate and available means, we do at the same time condemn all divisive and schismatical measures, tending to destroy the unity and disturb the peace of our churches, and deprecate the spirit of denunciation, and that unfeeling severity, which would cast from the fold, those whom we are rather bound, by the spirit of the Gospel and the obligations of our covenant, to instruct, to counsel, exhort and try to lead in the

ways of God; and towards whom, even though they may err, to exercise forbearance and brotherly love.

6. As a court of our Lord Jesus Christ we possess no legislative authority, and as the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, we possess no judiciary authority. We have no right to institute and [30] prescribe tests of Christian character and church-membership, not recognized and sanctioned in the Sacred Scriptures and in our standards, by which we have agreed to walk. We must, therefore, leave this matter with the sessions, and Presbyteries, and Synods—the judicatories to whom pertains the right of judgment—to act in the administration of discipline, as they may judge it to be their duty, constitutionally subject to the General Assembly only in the way of general review and control."

The Rev. W. McLain gave notice, in behalf of himself and others, that he should protest against this decision.

The Rev. H. Bushnell gave notice, that he should protest against that action of this body, by which the members from the Synod of Mississippi were admitted to seats on this floor.

Adjourned until 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. W. B. Lewis was appointed alternate to the Rev. C. H. Read; and the Rev. S. D. Burchard, alternate to the Rev. S. Haynes, as Delegates to the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The Rev. S. Haynes offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That when the Assembly adjourns its sessions in this city, it will adjourn to meet in the city of Cincinnati, on the third Thursday of May, 1847, at 11 o'clock A. M., at such place as shall be appointed by the Committee of Arrangement.

2. That the Rev. Messrs. Calvin E. Stowe, D. D., T. A. Mills, J. C. White, H. Bushnell, and Messrs. E. M. Gregory, P. Hinckle, George L. Weed, and J. C. Macy, be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the Assembly.

3. That the several Presbyteries have power to fill such vacancies as may occur in their present delegation, by death, or removal, sickness, or inability to attend, in the same manner as they usually elect Commissioners to the Assembly; but, as far as possible, it ought to consist of the same Commissioners.

Ordered, on motion of the Rev. S. Haynes, that the following Overture be sent down to the several Presbyteries for their action, and that they report to the meeting of this Assembly in 1847: "Shall the Form of Government, Chap. XII. Sec. VI., be so altered as to require the General Assembly to hold its sessions annually instead of triennially, retaining its present functions?"

The Rev. W. McLain presented the following protest, for himself and others, against the recent action of the Assembly on the subject of Slavery, which was ordered to be put on the records:

"In General Assembly, 3d June, 1846. We, whose names are hereto [31] annexed, do most solemnly protest against the recent action upon Slavery for the following reasons, viz.:

"1. By the action of the General Assemblies of 1839 and 1843, the whole

subject was referred to the lower judicatories, for them to take such action thereon as the circumstances of the case demanded; and it does not appear that they have neglected to act accordingly.

"2. We consider it injurious to the welfare of both the Church and the country for this Assembly to take any action upon a subject so interwoven with the political institutions of the States, as is the subject of Slavery.

"3. We believe that our brethren at the North ought not to ask us to make any sacrifice of our usefulness, in order that they may be able to quiet the noisy spirit of abolitionism by which they are surrounded; and that their ends would be better obtained by wielding the truth against all those who would disturb the peace of our beloved Zion. (Signed.) W. McLain, Gideon S. White, Jesse Wimpy, Isaac W. K. Handy, George Painter, T. M. Dwight, A. W. Campbell, Robert McLain, Joshua T. Tucker, G. W. Kennedy, J. B. Townsend, Robert C. Garrison, John T. Hargrave, A. L. Edrington, Robert B. McAfee, W. Wright, C. P. Wing, Ira Morey, Jr., John Blair, Gaylord L. More, H. Mills, Alex. L. Slayback, E. P. Pratt, William E. Holley."

The Rev. J. D. Mitchell, for himself and others, presented also the following protest which was ordered to be put upon record:

"The members of the General Assembly, whose names are hereunto subscribed, most respectfully ask leave solemnly to protest against the preamble and resolutions on the subject of Slavery, this day adopted, by a large majority of the General Assembly; first, because they consider it inexpedient that the General Assembly should take any action whatever on the subject of Slavery; the General Assembly having at its last session expressed such an opinion as the subject merited. And in the next place, because they do not believe that Slavery, as existing in the Southern States, is forbidden by the laws of God and the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as revealed in his Holy Word.

"Subscribed this 3d day of June, 1846.

"J. D. Mitchell, Wm. E. Holley, Carter Braxton, W. O. Perkins, Isaac W. K. Handy."

The report of the Committee on the Records of the Synod of Cincinnati was then taken up.

The Rev. J. R. Page moved, that the consideration of the case be postponed till the meeting of the Assembly at Cincinnati. The motion to postpone was lost.

The Rev. E. S. Ely, D. D., moved that the report of the majority be adopted.

The Rev. S. Haynes moved, that that part of the report which relates to the Presbytery of Ripley be stricken out; and the motion prevailed.

It was then moved that the remaining part of the report, as follows, be adopted: That the proceedings of the Synod of Cincinnati, in the institution and prosecution of judicial process against William Graham, subjecting him first to censure, and afterwards to suspension, [32] under which he now labors, are unconstitutional and irregular, and therefore null and void; and that the Synod be, and is hereby enjoined to take constitutional action in the case, and to revise and correct its proceedings accordingly. While the Assembly thus speaks on the constitutionality of the matter, they do it without reference to the error or truth of the sentiments he advanced."

The motion was discussed till 6½ o'clock, when the Assembly adjourned until 7¾ o'clock. P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, 7¾ o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee, to whom was referred the memorial from the "Ladies' Temperance Union," presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

The Assembly rejoice to learn that the Ladies' Temperance Union has been extensively useful in promoting the cause of temperance; and hereby earnestly recommend to the ministers, elders, and communicants, within their bounds, to unite with all benevolent Christian associations and individuals, in all reasonable efforts to promote total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages. The Assembly regard it as the duty of every minister of Christ occasionally to preach on this subject, and of the friends of humanity and religion, to promote universal temperance by the influence of their speech and example.

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery be directed to collect and send to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, a sum equal in amount to 25 cents for each member of the Presbytery, for the Minutes of the Assembly.

Also, that the Stated Clerk of the Assembly be directed to publish at least 1500 copies of the Minutes of this Assembly: and that a copy thereof be sent to each minister, and each vacant church-session, whose post-office address is given in the Statistical Report of their Presbytery, and whose Presbytery has complied with the above rule.

Further, that in publishing the Statistical Reports, 2 columns only of moneys contributed be retained, viz.: contributions to the Commissioners' and Contingent Funds of the Assembly.

The unfinished business, viz.: the consideration of the resolution in reference to the records of the Synod of Cincinnati, was resumed.

The Rev. L. A. Skinner moved to amend by erasing all after the word "irregular." The motion was lost.

The Rev. D. W. Lathrop moved to strike out the words "and therefore null and void." The motion was lost.

The discussion was continued until 11 o'clock, when the question was taken by Ayes and Noes, the resolution was adopted, Ayes 65, Noes 29, Non Liquet 9, as follows:

The following persons voted in the AFFIRMATIVE: Messrs. Mat [33] tocks, Fisher, Kidder, Cornwall, Beckwith, A. E. Campbell, Camp, Janes, M. Ford, Hovey, Stone, Benjamin, Page, O. M. Johnson, Wile, Hatfield, H. Clark, Cox, H. A. Rowland, Mason, Tuttle, Gilbert, E. S. Ely, J. P. Wilson, Phillips, Faris, Brewster, Bodine, Dingee, Sparks, Cleaveland, Brown, Learned, Foot, Williams, Duffield, J. Rowland, Allen, J. M. Clark, Ayres, Boal, Stewart, Patterson, Cole, Townsend, Tucker, Handy, Hargrave, W. McLain, G. S. White, Morey, Painter, Blair, Pratt, Kennedy, A. W. Campbell, Wright, McAfee, Garrison, Dwight, Wing, Perkins, R. McLain, Holley and Edrington.—65.

The following persons voted in the NEGATIVE: Messrs. H. R. Dunham, R. E. Willson, Wells, Pardee, Brace, Fitch, Boyd, Partington, Skinner, Needham, W. F. Clark, Beecher, Watson, Lathrop, Holt, H. Johnson, L. S. Smith, Chester, Bartlett, Dickey, J. Johnston, Nyce, J. G. Willson, Steel, Stevens, Wishard, Collins, Pendleton and Hewit.—29.

The following persons voted NON-LIQUET: Messrs. J. Ford, Bryant, Brewster, C. Clark, Haynes, Weed, Thompson, Hale and Waterbury.—9.

Against the foregoing decision, the Rev. Messrs. D. W. Lathrop and W. H. Beecher gave notice of their intention to protest.

On motion of Rev. A. E. Campbell, it was *Resolved*, that the Assembly do not intend by the above decision to restore Mr. Graham to his ministerial standing; that action being left entirely to the Synod.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, June 4, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. E. S. Ely, D. D., reported the following resolutions in regard to a new edition of the Confession of Faith, which were adopted, viz.:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the publication of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, beg leave to report, that, under the direction of a Committee of the Synod of Pennsylvania, Messrs. Perkins & Purves, of Philadelphia, have stereotyped and published "The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, containing the Confession of Faith, the Catechisms, Larger and Shorter, the Form of Government, the Book of Discipline, and the Directory for Worship," as the same were adopted by the fathers of the Presbyterian Church in 1788, except so far as the same have been subsequently amended and ratified in conformity to said Constitution; therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly hereby authorize and approve of the edition of our Constitution as published by Messrs. Perkins & Purves in 1845; and direct the Stated Clerk of this Assembly by his certificate to authenticate the same.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be, and hereby is, directed to au- [34] thenticate any future edition of the Constitution which may be submitted to his inspection, and found by him to correspond perfectly with this first approved edition already published by Messrs. Perkins & Purves.

The Rev. J. P. Wilson, from the Committee on the "Evangelical Alliance," presented a report, approving the object of this Alliance, but recommending that no formal delegation be appointed as from this body.

After some discussion, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. D. W. Lathrop, from the Committee on Finance, presented a report in reference to the legacy of William Brown, Esq., of Greenville, Tennessee, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That John Blair, Esq., of Jonesboro', Washington County, Tennessee, be, and hereby is, appointed to receive in behalf of the General Assembly, from Valentine Sevier, Esq., of Greenville, Green County, Tennessee, the executor of William Brown, Esq., of said Greenville, deceased, the amount due to our Church on the legacy of said William Brown, Esq., deceased.

Resolved, 2. That the said John Blair, Esq., be authorized and requested, on receipt of the amount due on said legacy, to give to the executor aforesaid, a receipt in full for the same in the name of the Assembly, and pay over the amount to Thomas Fleming, Esq., Treasurer of the General Assembly.

Resolved, 3. That if, in attending to this business, any question should arise embarrassing the proceedings, the receiver be requested to correspond with the Rev. E. F. Hatfield, the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, and act in view of such correspondence at his discretion.

Resolved, 4. That the receiver above named be authorized, at his discretion, to enter into an amicable arrangement with any authorized agent of the other body, called "the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church

in the United States," for an equal distribution of the avails of the legacy referred to between that body and this.

That a certificate of the appointment of Mr. Blair, as above, be given to him, signed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

The Rev. W. H. Beecher, for himself and others, offered the following protest, which was ordered to be put on record:

"The undersigned solemnly protest against the action of the General Assembly, declaring the action of the Synod of Cincinnati, in suspending the Rev. William Graham for teaching great and dangerous errors, unconstitutional and irregular, and therefore null and void, and directing the Synod to review and reverse their decision.

"1. Because the whole records of the Synod in the case were not read, though called for by one of the delegates from the Synod of Cincinnati and by others, and, therefore, the Assembly were compelled to vote without sufficient knowledge of the case.

"2. Because it is virtually declared by this decision to be unconstitutional to suspend a minister for errors ever so destructive or contrary [35] to the Bible, unless those errors be expressly specified in the Confession of Faith; thus allowing dangerous views to be taught, or practices to exist, which cannot be reached by discipline.

"3. Because the Directory provides that when important cases of unconstitutional action appear on the records of a lower judicatory, it shall be cited to appear before the higher, and answer as to what it has or has not done. Dis., Chap. VII., Sec. 1, Subsec. 6.

"4. Lastly, because the Assembly of 1843 referred the whole subject of Slavery to the lower judicatories, to take such action as in each case appeared right, with which decision the action of the Synod of Cincinnati is in strict conformity. (Signed,) Wm. H. Beecher, S. C. Stevens, F. Collins, S. N. Steel, John L. Boyd, Abijah Fitch, Dwight Needham, Silvanus Bartlett, Cyrus L. Watson, Joseph Chester, John M. Dickey, L. A. Skinner, Josiah Partington, Wm. F. Clark, E. D. Wells, Henry Johnson."

The Rev. Messrs. A. W. Campbell. H. A. Rowland, and Mr. J. L. Mason were appointed a *Committee to answer* the foregoing *Protest*.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that leave had been given to Messrs. Kellogg, Ingraham, Pardee, Braxton, Mitchell, Thompson, Dwight, Stone, Wright, H. R. Dunham, McAfee, Cleaveland, Bartlett, Young, O. Ely, Witter, Williams, Craighead, Cole, R. E. Willson, S. P. Dunham, Allen, Wishard, C. Clark, J. M. Clark, Partington, Bryant, James, J. H. Johnston, Haynes, White and More.

The Rev. E. S. Ely, D. D., presented the following protest, which was directed to be put on record.

"The undersigned protests against the paper submitted yesterday by Dr. Duffield, on the subject of Slavery, and adopted by this Assembly, because that paper teaches that in every case some degree of moral turpitude attaches to every one who holds a slave; and that he ought to be regarded and treated as a subject of discipline, to be instructed, counselled and exhorted as a delinquent. This decision the undersigned regards as the pre-judging of the case of every man who, under any circumstances, or for any cause, actually holds, or may possess a slave.

(Signed.) "Ezra Stiles Ely.

"Philadelphia, June 4, 1846."

The Committee on Church Polity presented a report recommending that the following Overture be sent down to the Presbyteries for their action:

"Shall appellate power be restored to the Assembly, so far as respects ministers?" And the report was adopted.

The Rev. C. Waterbury proposed that the following Overture be sent down to the Presbyteries for their action: "Shall the following be appended to the Form of Government, Chap. XIII., as paragraph 8: 'Though the office of Ruling Elder is perpetual, and cannot be laid aside at pleasure, yet any congregation may elect persons to exercise that office among them for a limited period, whenever they shall judge such a course would be most for the edification of the body of Christ'?"

The consideration of the whole subject was postponed until the next meeting. [36]

The Rev. A. W. Campbell reported an answer to the protest of Wm. H. Beecher and others, which was ordered to be put on record, and is as follows:

The Committee, appointed to answer the protest of Wm. H. Beecher and others against the decision of the Assembly on the Records of the Synod of Cincinnati, respectfully reply:

"1. That, although a call to 'read all the records of the case' only applies to cases of appeal, in the reports both of the majority and of the minority of the Committee on the Records of that Synod, a very full and ample portion of these records was read before the Assembly; that the lateness of the hour forbade such a reading; that all the facts of the case were distinctly before the house; and that, therefore, the Assembly seemed unwilling to respond to such an untimely and unnecessary call for the reading of these records.

"2. That the whole letter and principle of our Church, in the work of ordaining its officers, imply that such persons have thoroughly studied the Scriptures and the Constitution of the Church; that they have adopted these standards at ordination, because they are thus intelligently impressed with the conviction that these standards do contain all the laws and rules of Christ, intended for the government of His Church; and that if it should ever become necessary to alter or add to these rules, it must be done according to the requirement of the Book itself.

"The Assembly regard the Confession of Faith, the Form of Government and Book of Discipline, as containing the laws and rules of the Bible, by which their ministers and members are to be tried when charged with an offence; and that if the principle be tolerated that any of the church-judicatories may constitute their own opinion of error, the law by which a minister is to be tried, then no minister or member has any protection from the oppressive action of a majority who differ from him. A Presbytery might declare opposition to abolitionism, or to colonization to be a great error, and suspend a brother for the honest maintenance of his opinion in these respects; or it might cut off a brother for any opinion entertained by him which is in opposition to the sentiments of a majority of his brethren in the judicatory; which principle we regard as destructive of the true liberty of the Church.

"3. That the Assembly do not find that the Synod has been guilty of any 'gross delinquency in their proceedings;' but that their records are defective; that their final decisions were unconstitutional, and therefore null and void: and consequently can in this only review the decisions of the Synods, and cannot cite the Synod to appear at its bar as a delinquent judicatory."

Mr. Skinner, for himself and others, presented the following protest, which was required to be put on record, viz.:

"The undersigned respectfully protest against the vote of this body

receiving under their care the Synod of Mississippi, and admitting to seats in this Assembly Commissioners from the Presbyteries composing said Synod, for the following reasons: [37]

"1. The Presbytery of Clinton, out of which this Synod was formed, were represented by their Commissioners in the Assembly of 1839, and were annexed to the Synod of Tennessee.

"This Presbytery, though not represented in the Assemblies of 1840 and 1843, did nevertheless recognize their relation to us, by sending up their Statistical Reports, as will appear from the records of said Assemblies.

"This Presbytery thus constitutionally connected with the General Assembly, without any action on the part of the Synod with which they were connected, in an unconstitutional manner, divided itself and constituted three Presbyteries; and without any action of the General Assembly, these Presbyteries formed themselves into a Synod.

"We regard the action of the Presbytery of Clinton as unconstitutional, and the action of the Assembly in receiving the Synod of Mississippi as encouraging disorder in the Church.

"2. The preamble on which is based the action of the Assembly in their reception, as appears from the records above referred to, is not true in fact.

"3. If we admit, what the Assembly have assumed, that the Presbytery of Clinton was independent, and had a right to subdivide and form an independent Synod, then we protest against the action of the Assembly in receiving this Synod without any evidence that the Presbyteries composing it adopt our Confession of Faith and Form of Government.

"4. We solemnly protest against the reception of these Presbyteries on the ground, that ministers and church-members connected with said Presbyteries are slave-holders, and their Commissioners claim and advocate, that the Bible sanctions the institution of Slavery, thus increasing and strengthening the slave-holding influence in the Church.

"(Signed.) L. A. Skinner, Wm. H. Beecher, (on constitutional grounds only), H. Bushnell, Abijah Fitch, Dwight Needham, David Brace, Josiah Partington, Eli Taylor, H. G. Pendleton, L. M. S. Smith, Joseph Chester, H. R. Dunham, Silvanus Bartlett, John L. Boyd, Cyrus L. Watson, Samuel N. Steel, J. G. Wilson, (on constitutional grounds and mistake respecting the facts,) and Ira M. Wead, (on account of the unconstitutionality of the proceedings.)"

The Rev. Messrs. D. W. Lathrop and B. F. Wile, were appointed a *Committee to answer* the foregoing *Protest.*

Their answer was presented, which was adopted and ordered on record, as follows:

"In answer to the first reason of the Protesters, the Assembly remark, that the action protested against did not imply, that the division of the Presbytery of Clinton would have been constitutional had that Presbytery been integrally connected with the Synod of Tennessee, but the contrary; and proceeded upon the position which the Assembly believed at the time to be satisfactorily ascertained, that said Presbytery was not, and had never been, in its own estimation, or in fact, an integral part of that Synod: and the impression of the Protesters that the Assembly erred in this position, does not now appear to the As[38]sembly to be well founded; the only evidence being the presence of a Commissioner from that Presbytery in the Assembly of 1839, and the appearance of a Statistical Report from the same in the published Minutes of the Assemblies of 1840 and 1843;—both which facts were satisfactorily explained to the Assembly before the action protested against.

"2. The second reason of the Protesters is fully answered in the answer to their first reason.

"3. It was satisfactorily announced to the Assembly, that the Presbyteries referred to had adopted the Confession of Faith, Form of Government and Book of Discipline.

"4. The Assembly were not aware of the facts, if they are such, which are alleged as the 4th reason of the Protesters; nor were the Assembly called on, or warranted, to establish any new test of communion, or membership in our churches or Presbyteries; nor to sanction nor repudiate any question respecting Slavery, in receiving these Presbyteries."

The Narrative of the State of Religion was presented and read by the Rev. J. P. Wilson; and, after being slightly amended, was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Rev. J. Ford moved that the Assembly adopt, as their own, the answer of the Moderator of the last Assembly to the letter of the Free Church of Scotland. After some discussion, the Moderator and Stated Clerk were appointed a *Committee to prepare an answer*, and report to this Assembly at its next meeting.

The bills for printing the Roll, for janitor's services, and for the salaries of Clerks were presented, and ordered to be paid.

The Rev. H. A. Rowland called for action on the report on "Doctrinal Tracts;" when, after a few remarks, the whole subject was referred to a *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Wm. Patton, D. D., T. H. Skinner, D. D., E. F. Hatfield, and H. A. Rowland, to act in the premises, and report at the meeting of the Assembly in Cincinnati.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches to observe the first Sabbath in July next as a day of humiliation and prayer, on account of the existing war.

On motion of the Rev. C. Waterbury, it was ordered, that Synodical Records be sent up for review at the meeting of the Assembly in Cincinnati next year.

Ordered, that the Narratives of the State of Religion, and the Statistical Reports, from Presbyteries, be sent up in the same manner as the present year.

The Committee, appointed by the last Assembly, (p. 11,) to report in reference to a correspondence with the "General Association of New York," not having reported, were continued, and the Rev. G. Duffield, D. D., was made their chairman.

The Committee on the "Digest" were also continued.

On motion of the Rev. W. McLain, it was *Resolved*, unanimously, [39] that the thanks of this Assembly be rendered to the Moderator for the disinterested manner and distinguished ability with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Assembly.

Also, to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian church in Philadelphia, for the liberal use of their house of worship during its long sessions.

Also, to the Knickerbocker Ice Company, for its gratuitous and liberal supply of ice during the sessions of the Assembly.

And likewise to the families of this city who have so kindly and with such readiness extended to us their hospitality.

The Minutes were read and approved. The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator, with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction,

declared the Assembly adjourned, to meet in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the third Thursday of May, 1847, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

E. W. GILBERT,

Philadelphia, June 4, 1846. *Permanent Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

THE TRIENNIAL NARRATIVE

Of the Progress of Religion in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

We are permitted again, in the providence of God, to meet together and mingle our rejoicings and lamentations.

The great Head of the Church has entrusted to our faithfulness the welfare and interests of a large portion of his Church, and we set forth to the world our statement of the condition and prospects of that province of Christ's kingdom over which our guardianship extends, and for which there rests on us a most solemn responsibility. The interests of that glorious kingdom, which is ere long to be bounded only by the limits of the habitable globe, and its duration commensurate with eternity, lie very near our hearts. Feebly and frail as all human effort must be in its best endeavors, and conscious as we are of weakness and worthlessness in our purest aims and holiest purposes, yet, when we remember that our power is only derived and secondary—a mere instrumentality—we are comforted in the thought, that our hold is on an omnipotent hand—our stay on the arm of a God in covenant. We know that all his plans for the progress of his Church and the salvation of a lost race, shall be carried out and consummated, not for our sakes, but for his own honor and declarative glory. In this we rejoice; and, remembering his promises, take courage, and gird ourselves for our work.

Outpourings of the Holy Spirit.

We are not permitted, at this time, to unite in universal rejoicings, and lift the note of exultation and triumph, as in times not long past; neither are we, on the other hand, to hang our harps on the willows and sit down in mourning. There has been no general awakening through our bounds, nor has there been, by any means, the total absence of the influence of the Spirit of God. On the contrary, from nearly all of our Presbyteries, there are interesting reports of revivals in particular churches; and in many of these Presbyteries, a large proportion of their churches have been watered by the dews of divine grace; and those parts, that have been thus more especially favored, are the Southern and Southwestern portions of the Church.

Cheering Signs.

Among the favorable indications, apparent in the churches, and worthy of important notice, are the following, to wit:—the prevalence of peace and harmony in doctrine and discipline; renewed and growing attention to catechetical instruction; greatly increased regular attendance on the public services of the sanctuary; a more systematic, and consequently a more efficient, mode of benevolent contributions; the permanent position of the temperance cause; the increased power, number, and efficiency of Sabbath-schools; and the particular attention, which it is evident, from all the reports of the Southern Presbyteries, is paid to the religious instruction and improvement of the colored population. We notice, also, the evidence of a rising

standard of morality, in the respect which is manifested for the Christian Sabbath, the universal observance of the monthly concert of prayer, and we add, also, the growing impression on the minds of pastors, that the increase and enlargement of their respective churches, and the advancement of the cause of the Redeemer, must depend (under God) more on the stated and regular work of the ministry, and the active consistent piety of the members, than on sudden excitement, startling impulse, and an over-anxious and questionable impatience of the usual steady and established order of progressive increase and constant accession.

Unfavorable Appearances.

But, while we notice these favorable indications, there are also equally-evident unfavorable influences silently operating *in the Church*, abating its aggressive power, and materially retarding its onward progress. To these, also, we feel compelled to recur.

Household Duties.

(1.) First, the neglect of family-religion. The danger now seems to be, the substitution of Sabbath-school instruction for that rigid, faithful, parental training, that characterized the principles and practice of our forefathers; the results of which were, in times past, the hope and strength of the Church. The responsibility of every parent, for the religious culture of his children, cannot be devolved on the Sabbath-school teacher. It cannot even be shared with him. No parent can ever, without great guilt, turn his children away from his own table, to eat the crumbs of the bread of life that fall from the hands of a stranger. The responsibility must for ever rest where God has placed it. And, while the Sabbath-school teacher co-operates kindly and powerfully with the parent, and aids him in training up his infant offspring for the skies, he does not intend to supersede the duties of the natural instructor, but to assist him to lead them in the path of holiness and peace to God. The fulfillment of God's promise to the seed of the righteous, in blessing faithful, early, parental training, is seen in abundance of facts every where. From such as these the ranks of the redeemed are mainly made up. From among such as these we look for pastors for our churches, and for that view of duty dependent on doctrine, and that sound enlightened piety, which are at once the glory of the Church and the secret of its power and perpetuity.

The Children of the Church.

In connection with this, also, may be mentioned, as one of the unfavorable indications, the culpable inattention of the churches to their relative duty in regard to the baptized children. Too little solemnity is attached to this. No specific class of duties seems to spring from it. But these baptized youth are the children of the Church, not for the purpose of discipline, for obvious reasons; but they are the objects of the Church's deepest solicitude, and prayers, and hopes. It should be seen and known, that the ordinance is not a mere unmeaning ceremony, but a precious, glorious privilege—full of blessing to the subjects of it. It is feared, that the relation of such youth to the Church is not clearly stated, and therefore the relative duties are not understood or intelligently practised.

Light Reading.

(2.) The second evil that claims our notice is the corrupting influence, in our churches, and among our youngest and most promising members, of the

light literature of the day. The trash of foreign glutted markets is imported here, and poured in polluted streams along our railways and lines of public travel. These publications are eagerly purchased and read, and corrupt passions are excited, and pampered, and fed. The imagination is filled with impure images; the ear is familiarized to the language of blasphemy; doubts are engendered on fundamental principles of faith and morality. The language of the wise man is clear and pointed: "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge." An infidel argument unanswered, in any mind, has to that mind the moral power of a demonstration, and will affect the life accordingly. Let the pastors of churches see to it, and in every way use their influence against it. It is fraught with evil.

DANGER FROM WITHOUT.

If we look at the *external* influences that surround the Church, we shall find many that present themselves in an unfavorable light. Let us glance at these first.

CRAFTINESS OF ERROR.

There are various forms of error, gross delusions, deeply intrenched in the corrupt passions and selfish interests of the human heart, that interpose formidable barriers to the onward march of the gospel.—These errors are more rampant, and possess more vitality, in the newly settled parts of the country; and create difficulties, to which those whose lot is cast in more favored spots are comparative strangers.—Universalism, or, in other words, practical Atheism; Unitarianism, a religion dead and lying in state; Fourierism, and Free-thinking, in all its forms; and last of all, Romanism, most subtle and dangerous of all;—gasping in Italy—reviving by sufferance in France—but, in this country, accommodating itself, as far as possible, to our antagonist institutions. Here the great battle must be fought; and that dark superstition, which has distended itself like an endless dungeon over the earth, is here to fall before the simple elements, "light and love." Our work is to keep the Bible open, to discard all formalism in every shape, to exhibit religion theoretically as she is drawn in the Bible, in simple vesture, pure, unpensioned, unstipendiary, adorned with no colors but those which, like the rainbow, are formed by the sunbeams of the heavens; to exhibit her practically as a living vital principle, in "all holy conversation and godliness."

The power of simple truth is the weapon of aggression and defence, carried from house to house, and from heart to heart, by the faithful, laborious servant of Christ, encountering men off their guard, disarming prejudice, relieving doubts, easing the burdened conscience, and leading the soul almost unresistingly up to God. This is mighty to pull down the strongholds of sin, and build up the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

PREVALENCE OF WAR.

The next external influence, from which that we may be delivered, our prayers and supplications should go up without intermission to the throne of grace, is war—opposed in spirit and practice to every principle of the gospel of Christ. The mission of the Church in the world is a mission of peace and good will, of meekness and love, universally felt and diffused. And, when the glorious gospel is in the whole earth, and the shout goes up, "it is finished," war shall cease. Our duty as Christians is to humble ourselves before God, to deprecate his judgments, and earnestly to pray for the

coming of that time when men shall beat their "swords into plough-shares," and their "spears into pruning-hooks."

A condition of war is always most unfavorable for the progress of religion. The mind is in too high a state of excitement to be strongly susceptible of religious appeal and motive; and the vices in the code of Christian morals are elevated to the rank of virtues.

EVANGELICAL UNION.

A most delightful theme of contemplation, and a most remarkable sign of the times, is that principle of union manifested to some degree in this country, and widely in Europe. The results cannot but be salutary and powerful on the influence and progress of the Protestant Church. We hail the sign with unfeigned joy. We anticipate with hope and exultation the approaching convocation in the city of London, and trust in God that the result may be the taking of a high advanced position, before the Church and the world, for evangelical union; that the moral power of Christendom may no longer be paralyzed by discord and disunion, but move on, as the enemy has always done, with unbroken front.

PROGRESS.

There has been a gratifying increase in the numerical strength of our branch of the Church of Christ, and the returns of the different associations of benevolence indicate the increased confidence of the Church, in all our organized arrangements for the dispensation of the charitable funds of the Church.

COUNSEL.

In conclusion, we call upon all our ministers to give themselves wholly to their work, to be "good soldiers of Jesus Christ," remembering that they own no camp, but must be always in the field; to be diligent in the study of the Scriptures, to be sober and vigilant, watching for the coming of the Lord, praying for that time, when there shall be an altar to God on every mountain, when every valley shall ring with an hosanna, and every tongue become vocal with one utterance.

SAMUEL HANSON COX, *Moderator.*
EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*

Philadelphia, June 4, 1846.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Synods and Presbyteries.

The General Assembly has under its care twenty Synods, comprising one hundred and five Presbyteries, viz.:

1. The Synod of Albany comprises seven Presbyteries, viz.: Londonderry, Newburyport, Champlain, Troy, Albany, Columbia and Delaware.

2. The Synod of Utica comprises five Presbyteries, viz.: St. Lawrence, Watertown, Oswego, Otsego and Utica.

3. The Synod of Geneva comprises ten Presbyteries, viz.: Onondaga,

Cayuga, Geneva, Cortland, Chenango, Tioga, Bath, Chemung, Ithaca and Pennsylvania.

4. The Synod of Genesee comprises six Presbyteries, viz.: Genesee, Ontario, Rochester, Niagara, Buffalo, and Angelica.

5. The Synod of New York and New Jersey comprises nine Presbyteries, viz.: Hudson, North River, Long Island, New York, 3d, New York, 4th, Brooklyn, Newark, Rockaway and Montrose.

6. The Synod of Pennsylvania comprises five Presbyteries, viz.: Wilmington, Lewes, Philadelphia, 3d, Philadelphia, 4th, and Harrisburg.

7. The Synod of West Pennsylvania comprises three Presbyteries, viz.: Erie, Meadville and Pittsburgh.

8. The Synod of Western Reserve comprises eight Presbyteries, viz.: Grand River, Portage, Huron, Trumbull, Cleveland, Medina, Elyria, and Maumee.

9. The Synod of Michigan comprises seven Presbyteries, viz.: Detroit, St. Joseph, Monroe, Marshall, Washtenaw, Kalamazoo, and Ionia.

10. The Synod of Ohio comprises five Presbyteries, viz.: Athens, Licking, Marion, Scioto and Tuscarawas.

11. The Synod of Cincinnati comprises three Presbyteries, viz.: Cincinnati, Ripley and Dayton.

12. The Synod of Indiana comprises seven Presbyteries, viz.: Salem, Madison, Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, Logansport, La Porte, and Fort Wayne.

13. The Synod of Illinois comprises five Presbyteries, viz.: Illinois, Schuyler, Palestine, Alton, and Des Moines.

14. The Synod of Peoria comprises four Presbyteries, viz.: Ottawa, Peoria, Knox and Galena.

15. The Synod of Missouri comprises four Presbyteries, viz.: St. Louis, Northern Missouri, Lexington and Harmony.

16. The Synod of Virginia comprises three Presbyteries, viz.: Winchester, District of Columbia and Hanover.

17. The Synod of Tennessee comprises five Presbyteries, viz.: Union, Holston, Kingston, New River and Chattahoochee.

18. The Synod of Kentucky comprises three Presbyteries, viz.: Harmony, Providence, and Green River.

19. The Synod of West Tennessee comprises three Presbyteries, viz.: West Tennessee, Shiloh and North Alabama.

20. The Synod of Mississippi comprises three Presbyteries, viz.: Clinton, S. Lexington and Newton.

SUMMARY OF THE TRIENNIAL SCHEDULE.

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.	Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Added on Exam.	Added on Certif.	Whole No. of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Comm. Fund.	Contng. Fund.	STATED CLERKS.
I. Synod of Albany	7	124	1	1	106	464	259	13,409	147	303	$67 95	$46 50	Charles Doolittle.
1. Londonderry *	...	21	...	...	10	...	...	1,982					
2. Newburyport *	...	14	...	...	2	...	...	437					
3. Champlain *	...	23	...	1	20	...	...	2,547	...	...	5 00	.....	C. M. Seaton.
4. Troy	...	19	...	...	24	243	141	3,062	86	145	30 00	29 50	A. Boardman Lambert.
5. Albany	...	12	1	...	9	202	97	1,441	52	130	32 95	12 00	Thomas S. Wickes.
6. Columbia *	...	20	...	...	22	...	...	2,574	...	...			
7. Delaware	...	15	...	...	19	19	21	1,366	9	28	.....	5 00	Isaac D. Cornwall.
II. Synod of Utica	5	90	5	...	98	1,029	646	9,780	293	681	72 77	32 50	Selden Haynes.
1. St. Lawrence	...	10	1	...	8	59	99	800	13	65	.....	.....	S. Storrs Howe.
2. Watertown	...	16	...	...	22	270	118	2,397	103	218	55 00	15 50	Isaac Brayton.
3. Oswego	...	14	1	...	21	223	...	1,220	41	119	.....	.....	Robert W. Condit.
4. Otsego	...	16	1	...	20	264	158	2,005	83	166	.....	7 00	Horatio Pattengill.
5. Utica	...	34	2	...	27	213	271	3,358	53	113	17 77	10 00	
III. Synod of Geneva	10	197	42	11	195	1,779	1,358	20,790	641	1,295	100 67	86 76	Seth Smith.
1. Onondaga	...	32	1	...	28	176	146	3,027	50	134	46 50	23 00	Richard F. Cleveland.
2. Cayuga	...	33	24	5	25	264	199	2,807	104	130	32 00	20 00	Seth Smith.
3. Geneva	...	44	1	3	32	618	437	5,385	229	542	4 17	20 00	Thomas Lounsbury.
4. Cortland	...	9	3	...	14	...	...	1,809	...	...	.....	5 00	Ezra B. Fancher.
5. Chenango	...	14	9	3	18	279	144	1,609	107	179	.....	.....	Amos C. Tuttle.
6. Tioga	...	11	...	...	16	104	93	1,696	31	97	.....	.....	David S. Morse.
7. Bath	...	15	2	...	18	156	150	1,522	65	103	.....	6 50	Robert E. Willson.
8. Chemung	...	19	...	...	21	112	142	953	33	63	10 00	10 00	B. Foster Pratt.
9. Ithaca *	...	11	2	...	14	...	...	1,668	...	...	.....	2 26	Samuel Parker.
10. Pennsylvania	...	9	...	...	9	70	47	314	22	47	8 00	.....	Samuel J. McCullough.
IV. Synod of Genessee	6	136	...	...	145	552	429	16,046	126	304	49 50	49 50	Timothy Stillman.
1. Genessee	...	20	...	...	21	89	...	2,111	...	...	.....	15 00	John B. Preston.
2. Ontario *	...	15	...	...	25	...	...	2,831	...	...	.....	.....	John Barnard.

* Last report.

3. Rochester *	...	36	...	...	29	...	...	3,935	...	...	.....	.....	John B. Richardson.
4. Niagara	...	19	...	...	15	71	182	2,102	17	92	27 50	10 00	William N. McHarg.
5. Buffalo	...	36	...	...	36	271	247	3,212	100	212	21 00	20 00	Timothy Stillman.
6. Angelica	...	10	..	...	19	121	...	1,855	9	...	1 00	4 00	Asa S. Allen.
V. Synod of N. Y. and N. J	9	158	37	25	118	2,238	2,295	21,971	633	2,206	344 33	438 45	William B. Lewis.
1. Hudson	...	15	...	2	12	205	130	1,882	83	46	34 75	75 00	Obadiah M. Johnson.
2. North River	...	13	...	4	14	215	136	1,708	71	126	41 58	35 00	Sumner Mandeville.
3. Long Island	...	12	1	...	6	...	...	467	14	54	.....	7 00	Daniel Beers.
4. New York, 3d	...	23	13	5	13	562	664	4,793	228	583	67 15	55 00	Edwin F. Hatfield.
5. New York, 4th	...	20	18	9	11	451	762	3,243	101	544	53 85	33 45	Erskine Mason, D. D.
6. Brooklyn	...	20	...	1	7	160	188	1,855	26	147	76 00	.....	William B. Lewis.
7. Newark	...	20	2	3	14	209	235	3,567	46	336	50 00	158 44	Ebenezer Seymour.
8. Rockaway	...	19	...	...	18	187	67	2,367	...	163	21 00	54 56	Joel Campbell.
9. Montrose	...	16	3	1	23	249	113	2,089	64	207	.....	20 00	Adam Miller.
VI. Synod of Pennsylvania	5	66	5	5	68	1,383	551	10,889	330	955	90 70	552 31	John Grant.
1. Wilmington	...	10	1	3	13	233	73	1,086	63	77	5 00	80 00	Eliphalet W. Gilbert, D. D.
2. Lewes	...	4	...	...	10	79	13	636	9	33	.....	.....	Cornelius H. Mustard.
3. Philadelphia, 3d	...	20	...	...	15	282	126	3,355	35	251	39 70	.....	John Crowell.
4. Philadelphia, 4th	...	22	4	2	21	693	288	4,718	213	492	10 00	397 31	Robert Adair.
5. Harrisburg	...	10	...	...	9	96	51	1,094	10	102	36 00	75 00	James W. Phillips.
VII. Synod of W. Pennsylvania	3	19	1	1	35	162	159	2,366	26	244	45 73	35 00	George A. Lyon.
1. Erie	...	8	...	...	14	36	60	1,094	9	91	29 63	5 00	Pierce Chamberlain.
2. Meadville	...	6	...	1	13	70	38	677	13	59	16 10	10 00	Richard Craighead.
3. Pittsburgh	...	5	1	...	8	56	61	595	4	94	.....	20 00	David H. Riddle, D. D.
VIII. Synod of Western Reserve.	8	130	15	2	146	585	349	9,625	110	454	66 24	22 84	Alfred H. Betts.
1. Grand River	...	18	1	...	28	104	25	2,182	30	20	.....	2 00	Dexter Witter.
2. Portage	...	27	12	...	19	20	49	1,639	5	55	20 92	15 84	William Hanford.
3. Huron	...	17	2	...	22	188	187	1,550	59	136	20 32	.....	Jonathan B. Parlin.
4. Trumbull	...	17	...	...	19	78	88	1,617	7	143	.....	.....	Henry B. Eldred.
5. Cleveland	...	18	...	1	14	195	...	1,226	...	...	20 00	3 00	Newton Barrett.
6. Medina	...	11	...	...	13	...	...	584	9	100	.....	.....	Lewis F. Laine.
7. Elyria *	...	13	...	...	13	...	...	444	...	...	3 00	2 00	
8. Maumee	...	9	...	1	18	...	...	383	...	...	2 00	.....	E. Richard Tucker.

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IX. Synod of Michigan	7	84	2	2	106	437	495	6,591	103	276	$60 50	$20 00	George Duffield, D. D.
1. Detroit	...	20	...	...	23	36	60	1,601	9	54	.....	10 00	Nathaniel West.
2. St. Joseph	...	12	1	2	21	230	161	1,035	53	102	55 00	5 00	Norman Kellogg.
3. Monroe	...	10	...	...	15	12	30	853	4	21	.....	5 00	E. N. Nichols.
4. Marshall	...	14	1	...	17	80	...	1,155	3	16	.....	.....	Samuel H. Hall.
5. Washtenaw	...	12	...	...	17	44	84	1,440	16	40	5 50	.....	Livingston M. Glover.
6. Kalamazoo	...	11	...	...	9	19	76	416	13	40	.....	.....	Ova P. Hoyt.
7. Ionia	...	5	...	...	4	16	84	91	5	3	.....	.....	Le Moyne S. Smith.
X. Synod of Ohio	5	54	7	...	70	914	382	5,218	191	590	69 50	11 00	Franklin Putnam.
1. Athens	...	12	2	...	19	224	46	765	11	78	.....	5 00	Lucien C. Ford.
2. Licking	...	13	1	...	16	171	148	2,149	50	199	30 50	5 00	Alexander Duncan.
3. Marion	...	17	2	...	20	293	128	1,511	84	172	.....	.....	Henry Van Deman.
4. Scioto	...	7	1	...	9	175	42	510	41	116	39 00	1 00	Joseph Chester.
5. Tuscarawas	...	5	1	...	6	48	18	283	5	25	.....	.....	Ebenezer Buckingham.
XI. Synod of Cincinnati	3	40	9	8	49	271	298	3,889	31	128	.....	10 00	Thornton A. Mills.
1. Cincinnati	...	20	9	8	21	271	298	1,939	31	128	.....	... ..	Andrew Benton.
2. Ripley *	...	12	...	...	14	...	...	1,210	...	...	.....	.....	Jesse Lockhart.
3. Dayton *	...	8	...	...	14	...	...	740	...	...	.....	10 00	Benjamin Graves.
XII. Synod of Indiana	7	60	5	2	101	806	603	4,460	225	470	183 09	42 50	Harvey Curtis.
1. Salem	...	8	1	...	11	82	43	698	11	25	.....	5 00	Solomon Kittredge.
2. Madison	...	10	1	...	17	103	89	729	22	115	65 59	10 00	Harvey Curtis.
3. Crawfordsville	...	13	2	...	18	183	98	846	72	137	45 50	15 00	James H. Johnston.
4. Indianapolis	...	11	...	...	19	239	88	880	51	97	.....	2 50	Thompson Bird.
5. Logansport	...	6	1	...	11	101	121	741	45	60	51 00	5 00	William M. Cheever.
6. La Porte	...	4	...	...	9	98	164	226	24	36	21 00	.....	John M. Bishop.
7. Fort Wayne	...	8	...	2	13	...	...	340	...	...	.....	5 00	Charles Beecher.

XIII. Synod of Illinois	5	53	2	...	62	529	358	3,407	157	134	16 00	6 00	Lycurgus P. Kimball.
1. Illinois	...	18	...	...	19	106	14	1,075	34	5	5 00	.....	Albert Hale.
2. Schuyler	...	10	1	...	11	98	124	745	23	93	.....	3 00	Henry C. Abernethy.
3. Palestine *	...	3	...	...	4	...	...	206	...	...	.....	.....	Enoch Kingsbury.
4. Alton	...	16	1	...	19	303	184	1,121	95	220	6 00	2 00	Augustus T. Norton.
5. Desmoines	...	6	...	...	9	22	36	260	5	16	5 00	1 00	Charles R. Fisk.
XIV. Synod of Peoria	4	52	1	...	46	307	586	2,230	32	231	38 87	10 00	Robert W. Patterson.
1. Ottawa	...	26	1	...	15	141	370	827	30	141	33 87	5 00	Flavel Bascom.
2. Peoria	...	5	...	...	9	14	33	305	...	16	5 00	.....	Henry G. Pendleton.
3. Knox	...	11	...	...	10	8	39	547	2	25	.....	5 00	Thomas Cole.
4. Galena	...	10	...	...	12	144	144	551	...	49	.....	.....	Calvin Waterbury.
XV. Synod of Missouri	4	33	3	5	50	178	286	1,832	66	211	66 00	5 00	Joshua T. Tucker.
1. St. Louis	...	7	...	...	8	114	221	686	20	117	.....	5 00	Henry M. Field.
2. Northern Missouri	...	9	2	4	14	32	38	666	17	66	17 00	.....	Fincelius R. Gray.
3. Lexington	...	10	...	...	11	...	...	224	...	...	.....	.....	Elijah A. Carson.
4. Harmony	...	7	1	1	17	32	27	256	29	28	49 00	.....	Amasa Jones.
XVI. Synod of Virginia	3	39	6	11	39	332	155	3,659	93	419	115 00	46 00	John C. Smith.
1. Winchester	...	10	1	6	14	105	12	882	29	91	18 00	6 00	Patterson Fletcher.
2. District of Columbia	...	13	4	...	10	84	84	1,474	21	203	3 00	10 00	James G. Hamner, D. D.
3. Hanover	...	16	1	5	15	143	59	1,303	43	125	94 00	30 00	A—— J. Leavenworth.
XVII. Synod of Tennessee	5	40	1	3	73	333	115	5,422	113	408	13 00	20 00	Fielding Pope.
1. Union	...	16	...	3	30	164	69	2,513	82	198	8 00	.....	Fielding Pope.
2. Holston	...	9	1	...	12	128	21	1,490	31	154	.....	10 00	Phillips Wood.
3. Kingston *	...	8	...	...	16	...	...	738	...	...	.....	5 00	William B. Brown.
4. New River *	...	3	...	...	7	...	...	549	...	...	5 00	5 00	George Painter.
5. Chattahoochee	...	4	...	...	8	41	25	132	...	56	.....	.....	Joseph McKee.
XVIII. Synod of Kentucky	3	14	1	4	21	225	38	954	58	138	145 00	.....	Archibald C. Dickerson.
1. Harmony	...	6	1	...	9	123	16	393	52	37	.....	.....	Eliphaz P. Pratt.
2. Providence	...	4	...	4	5	24	9	365	6	72	145 00	.....	Thomas H. Cleland.
3. Green River	...	4	...	...	7	78	13	196	...	29	.....	.....	Archibald C. Dickerson.

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XIX. Synod of West Tennessee...	3	28	6	6	34	184	87	2,021	72	151	$91 00	$15 00	William Eagleton.
1. W. Tennessee.....	...	13	4	4	11	...	...	807	...	...	.....	.....	Edward McMillan.
2. Shiloh	...	8	2	2	16	100	67	863	36	88	.....	10 00	Amzi Bradshaw.
3. N. Alabama.....	...	7	...	...	7	84	20	351	36	63	91 00	5 00	Conway P. Wing.
XX. Synod of Mississippi.....	3	13	2	3	19	354	36	857	115	81	267 85	10 00	Alexander Newton.
1. Clinton.....	...	4	...	2	4	106	17	186	52	51	86 00	5 00	George More.
2. S. Lexington.....	...	5	2	...	8	152	10	435	...	...	181 85	.....	William Edwards Holley.
3. Newton.....	...	4	...	1	7	96	9	236	63	30	.....	5 00	Robert M. Morrison.

SCHEDULE OF SYNODS.

NAMES OF SYNODS.	Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Whole Number of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Commiss. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	STATED CLERKS.
1. Albany	7	124	1	1	106	464	259	13,409	147	303	$67 95	$46 50	Charles Doolittle.
2. Utica	5	90	5	...	98	1,029	646	9,780	293	681	72 77	32 50	Selden Haynes.
3. Geneva	10	197	42	11	195	1,779	1,358	20,790	641	1,295	100 67	86 76	Seth Smith.
4. Genessee	6	136	...	...	145	552	429	16,046	126	304	49 50	49 50	Timothy Stillman.
5. N. York and N. Jersey	9	158	37	25	118	2,238	2,295	21,971	633	2,206	344 33	438 45	William B. Lewis.
6. Pennsylvania	5	66	5	5	68	1,383	551	10,889	330	955	90 70	552 31	John Grant.
7. W. Pennsylvania	3	19	1	1	35	162	159	2,366	26	244	45 73	35 00	George A. Lyon.
8. Western Reserve	8	130	15	2	146	585	349	9,625	110	454	66 24	22 84	Alfred H. Betts.
9. Michigan	7	84	2	2	106	437	495	6,591	103	276	60 50	20 00	George Duffield, D. D.
10. Ohio	5	54	7	...	70	914	382	5,218	191	590	69 50	11 00	Franklin Putnam.
11. Cincinnati	3	40	9	8	49	271	298	3,889	31	128	.....	10 00	Thornton A. Mills.
12. Indiana	7	60	5	2	101	806	603	4,460	225	470	183 09	42 50	Harvey Curtis.
13. Illinois	5	53	2	...	62	529	358	3,407	157	134	16 00	6 00	Lycurgus P. Kimball.
14. Peoria	4	52	1	...	46	307	586	2,230	32	231	38 87	10 00	Robert W. Patterson.
15. Missouri	4	33	3	5	50	178	286	1,832	66	211	66 00	5 00	Joshua T. Tucker.
16. Virginia	3	39	6	11	39	332	155	3,659	93	419	115 00	46 00	John C. Smith.
17. Tennessee	5	40	1	3	73	333	115	5,422	113	408	13 00	20 00	Fielding Pope.
18. Kentucky	3	14	1	4	21	225	38	954	58	138	145 00	.....	Archibald C. Dickerson.
19. W. Tennessee	3	28	6	6	34	184	87	2,021	72	151	91 00	15 00	William Eagleton.
20. Mississippi	3	13	2	3	19	354	36	857	115	81	267 85	10 00	Alexander Newton.
	105	1,430	151	89	1,581	13,062	9,485	145,416	3,562	9,679	$1,903 70	$1,459 36	