# MINUTES, 1851.

*Utica, N. Y., May 15th*, 1851.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the city of Utica, in Concert Hall, the usual place of worship of the First Presbyterian church, (their church edifice having been consumed by fire), on Thursday, the 15th day of May, A. D. 1851, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. David H. Riddle, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from Isa. lxv. 8: "Thus saith the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, 'Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it,' so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all."

After sermon, the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

The Committee of Commissions presented their report, and the following persons were thereupon enrolled as duly-appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz.:—

## I. SYNOD OF ALBANY.

| PRESBYTERIES. | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. *Champlain*, | Silas R. Woodruff, | Hon. Sylvester Langdon, |
| | Andrew M. Millar, | H. H. Everest. |
| 2. *Troy*, | Charles Doolittle, | R. J. Knowlson. |
| 3. *Albany*, | Charles W. Treadwell, | J. W. Bulkley. |
| 4. *Columbia*, | T. Woodbridge, D. D., | Harvey Chittenden. |
| 5. *Delaware*, | Francis Janes. | |

## II. SYNOD OF UTICA.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. *St. Lawrence.* | | |
| 2. *Watertown*, | Joseph A. Canfield. | |
| 3. *Oswego*, | Samuel Sweezy, | John E. Dutton (2).* |
| 4. *Otsego*, | Solomon J. Tracy, | J. Philips. |
| 5. *Utica*, | John Waugh, | Thomas Williams, |
| | Franklin A. Spencer, | Calvin Bishop. [4] |

## III. SYNOD OF GENEVA.

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| 1. *Onondaga*, | Addison K. Strong, | Hon. Elijah Rhoades. |
| | William W. Newell, | |
| 2. *Cayuga*, | Samuel M. Hopkins, | Sylvester Willard, M. D., |
| | John Tompkins, | Milton A. Kinney. |
| 3. *Geneva*, | Horace Eaton, | Hon. Ebenezer B. Jones. |
| | Charles Hawley, | |

* The figures show on what day of the sessions the Commissioner presented his credentials and took his seat.

| PRESBYTERIES. | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. |
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| 4. *Cortland*, | Thomas K. Fessenden, | Henry Stephens. |
| 5. *Chenango*, | Hiram W. Gilbert, | John Foote (5). |
| 6. *Tioga*, | Dennis Platt, | Alvan Wheeler, M. D. |
| 7. *Bath*, | James H. Hotchkin, | John Emerson (6). |
| 8. *Chemung*, | Charles C. Carr, | Ebenezer Conkling. |
| 9. *Ithaca*, | David H. Hamilton. | |
| 10. *Pennsylvania*, | Octavius Fitch (2), | William R. Shepherd. |

IV. SYNOD OF GENESEE.

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| 1. *Genesee*, | Charles N. Mattoon, | Hon. Aug. P. Hascall. |
| 2. *Ontario.* | | |
| 3. *Rochester.* | | |
| 4. *Niagara*, | Albert H. Gaston, | Daniel Holmes. |
| 5. *Buffalo*, | M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D., | Moses Bristol, M. D. |
| | Richard M. Sanford, | |
| 6. *Angelica*, | Daniel Russell (5). | |

V. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. *Hudson*, | Augustus Seward (2), | Benjamin Dunning (2). |
| 2. *North River*, | Jonathan Silliman, | Peter Roe. |
| 3. *Long Island*, | Amos E. Lawrence, | Samuel Phillips. |
| 4. *New York, 3d*, | David B. Coe, | Lewis E. Jackson, |
| | James Knox, | John C. Hines. |
| 5. *New York, 4th*, | Thomas H. Skinner, Jr. | |
| 6. *Brooklyn*, | James W. McLane, | Abraham B. Conger. |
| 7. *Newark*, | Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., | John Taylor, |
| | Daniel G. Sprague (5), | Jonathan Provost. |
| 8. *Rockaway*, | Burtis C. Megie, | George H. Thompson. |
| 9. *Montrose*, | Samuel Whaley. | |
| 10. *San Francisco.* | | |

VI. SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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| 1. *Wilmington*, | Horatio S. Howell. | |
| 2. *Philadelphia, 3d*, | George Chandler, | John Clouds. |
| 3. *Philadelphia, 4th*, | Albert Barnes, | Hon. William Strong (2), |
| | Joel Parker, D. D., | J. Marshall Paul, M. D. (2). |
| 4. *Harrisburgh*, | Jeremiah Miller, | John B. Hall. |

VII. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

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| 1. *Erie*, | Joseph Vance, | Dyer Loomis. |
| 2. *Meadville*, | William Johns. | |
| 3. *Pittsburgh*, | David H. Riddle, D. D. | [5] |

VIII. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

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| 1. *Detroit*, | Robert R. Kellogg, | Eurotas P. Hastings. |
| 2. *St. Joseph*, | John W. Cunningham, | William B. Cory. |
| 3. *Monroe*, | George C. Curtis. | |
| 4. *Marshall*, | Elihu P. Marvin. | |
| 5. *Washtenaw*, | Alanson Scofield (2), | William C. Vanhorn. |
| 6. *Kalamazoo*, | James McLaurin. | |
| 7. *Ionia.* | | |

## IX. SYNOD OF WESTERN RESERVE.

| PRESBYTERIES. | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. |
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| 1. *Grand River*, | Edmund F. Dickinson. | |
| 2. *Portage*, | Eleroy Curtis, | Amos Seward. |
| 3. *Huron*, | Newton Barrett. | |
| 4. *Trumbull*, | George D. Young. | |
| 5. *Cleveland*, | | Elisha Taylor. |
| 6. *Medina*, | Israel Shailer. | |
| 7. *Elyria.* | | |
| 8. *Maumee*, | James H. Newton (2), | Henry Reed. |

## X. SYNOD OF OHIO.

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| 1. *Athens*, | Roswell Tenney. | |
| 2. *Pataskala*, | Henry Calhoun (2). | |
| 3. *Franklin*, | Henry L. Hitchcock. | |
| 4. *Scioto*, | Augustine Bardwell. | |

## XI. SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

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| 1. *Cincinnati*, | Thornton A. Mills, | E. S. Padgett. |
| 2. *Dayton*, | Daniel Rice, | D. M. Curtis. |
| 3. *Hamilton*, | Benjamin Graves, | Daniel Bushnell. |

## XII. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

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| 1. *Salem*, | John M. Bishop, | John Loughmiller, Sen. |
| 2. *Madison*, | Benjamin F. Morris, | Thurston Wood (2). |
| 3. *Indianapolis*, | Clement E. Babb, | John L. Ketcham. |
| 4. *Greencastle*, | Ransom Hawley, | Anson C. Potwin (2). |

## XIII. SYNOD OF WABASH.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. *Crawfordsville*, | James H. Johnston. | |
| 2. *Logansport*, | Joseph G. Wilson, | John Heald, M. D. |
| 3. *Fort Wayne*, | Alexander Lemon. | |

## XIV. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

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| 1. *Illinois*, | Hugh Barr. | |
| 2. *Schuyler*, | Alexander B. Campbell. | |
| 3. *Wabash*, | Enoch Kingsbury (6). | |
| 4. *Alton*, | Lemuel Grosvenor. | |
| 5. *Des Moines*, | S. Storrs Howe. | [6] |

## XV. SYNOD OF PEORIA.

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| 1. *Ottawa*, | James H. Baldwin. | |
| 2. *Peoria and Knox.* | | |
| 3. *Galena*, | Edmund D. Holt. | |
| 4. *Chicago*, | Lewis H. Loss, | William H. Brown. |
| 5. *Belvidere*, | Charles Fanning. | |
| 6. *Minnesota*, | Joseph C. Whitney. | |
| 7. *Milwaukie*, | William H. Spencer (4). | |

XVI. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

| PRESBYTERIES. | MINISTERS. | ELDERS. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. *St. Louis*, | Edmund Wright. | |
| 2. *Northern Missouri*, | Hervey H. Hayes. | |
| 3. *Lexington.* | | |
| 4. *Osage*, | George A. M. Renshaw. | |

XVII. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

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| 1. *Winchester*, | Patterson Fletcher, | Walter Somerville, M. D. |
| 2. *D. of Columbia*, | Randolph A. Smith, | Jacob Gideon. |
| 3. *Hanover*, | Edward H. Cumpston, | David B. Payne. |

XVIII. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

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| 1. *Harmony*, | E. Perkins Pratt, |
| 2. *Providence.* | |
| 3. *Green River*, | Archer C. Dickerson. |

XIX. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.

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| 1. *Union*, | Gideon S. White. |
| 2. *Holston*, | Samuel Sawyer (3). |
| 3. *Kingston.* | |
| 4. *New River*, | James McChain. |

XX. SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

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| 1. *West Tennessee*, | Frederick A. Thompson, | Donald Cameron. |
| 2. *Shiloh*, | Alfred H. Dashiell. | |
| 3. *Richland*, | James N. Bradshaw. | |

XXI. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

1. *Clinton.*
2. *South Lexington.*
3. *Newton.*

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

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| *General Association of Connecticut.* | |
| " " *Massachusetts*, | Rev. Francis Horton, Rev. Lorenzo Carey. |
| " " *New Hampshire*, | Rev. Isaac Willey. |
| *General Conference of Maine*, | Rev. Uriah Balkam. |
| *General Convention of Vermont*, | Rev. Cyrus B. Drake. [7] |
| *General Evan. Consociation of R. Island.* | |
| *Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin*, | Rev. John Gridley. |
| *General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States.* | |
| *General Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.* | |
| *General Association of New York*, | Rev. Direk C. Lansing, D. D. |
| *General Assembly of the Cumberland Pres. Church.* | |

The Committee further reported the case of Mr. William C. Vanhorn,

Elder from the Presbytery of Washtenaw, whose Commission was defective in form.

The Rev. James H. Hotchkin, Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., and Elder Eurotas P. Hastings, were appointed a *Committee of Elections*, to whom the above case was referred. *Ordered*, that any Commissioners, who may be in similar circumstances, be referred to the same Committee.

An application was presented from the Presbytery of Milwaukie, to be received into connection with the General Assembly, which was referred to the same Committee.

To-morrow, at 7½ o'clock P. M., was designated as the time for hearing the sermon on Home Missions.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M., the first half-hour to be appropriated to devotional exercises.

Concluded with prayer.

*Friday, May 16th, 9 o'clock A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. After which, half an hour was occupied in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee of Elections made a report; and, on their recommendation, Elder William C. Vanhorn, from the Presbytery of Washtenaw, notwithstanding the defect in his Commission, was received as a member, and his name entered on the Roll.

The consideration of the communication from the Presbytery of Milwaukie was, on the recommendation of the same Committee, deferred until the Assembly be fully organized.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Moderator. The Rev. Albert Barnes, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Fourth, was unanimously elected, and inducted into office in the usual form.

The Rev. Samuel M. Hopkins, of the Presbytery of Cayuga, was unanimously elected Temporary Clerk.

The General Rules for Judicatories, contained in the Appendix to the Constitution, were adopted as the Rules of this Assembly.

*Resolved*, That the Assembly will hold its daily sessions from 9 o'clock A. M. to 12 M.; and from 2 to 5 o'clock P. M.

The printed Minutes of the last Assembly were, according to rule, distributed to the members.

The docket of business was read by the Stated Clerk. [8]

*Ordered*, that the usual number of copies of the Roll be printed, under the direction of the Clerks, for the use of the members.

The reception of memorials, Overtures, Narratives, and Statistical Reports, was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 9½ o'clock, A. M.

The reception of Synodical Records was made the order of the day for this P. M at 2 o'clock.

It was *Ordered*, that the contributions for the funds of the Assembly be called for this P. M. at 5 o'clock; that the contributions to the Commissioners' Fund be paid into the hands of the Committee on Mileage; and that the contributions to the Contingent Fund be paid into the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The reports of the Delegates from the last Assembly to Corresponding Bodies were called for. Reports were received from the Rev. David Dobie, Delegate to the General Convention of Vermont; from the Rev. Lewis H. Loss, Delegate to the Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin; from the Rev. David H. Riddle, D. D., Delegate to the Gen-

eral Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States; and from the Rev. Samuel M. Hopkins, Delegate to the General Association of New York.

*Ordered*, that the foregoing reports be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes; and that the report of the Delegate to the General Association of New York, and the subject of correspondence with that body, be referred to the Committee to be appointed on the Polity of the Church.

The nomination of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies was made the order of the day for Tuesday next, at 9½ o'clock. A. M.

Several copies of the printed Minutes of Corresponding Bodies were received and distributed to the several Synods, and to the officers of the Assembly.

The accounts of the Treasurer and of the Stated Clerk were received and referred to an *Auditing Committee*, consisting of Messrs. Sylvester Willard, M. D., John C. Hines, and John Taylor.

A letter of resignation was received from the Treasurer, Thomas Fleming, Esq., which was accepted; and the thanks of the Assembly were returned to Mr. Fleming for his long and faithful services.

Mr. Anthony P. Halsey, an Elder of the Presbytery of New York, Fourth, was unanimously elected Treasurer.

The election of Trustees of the Theological Seminaries was postponed to the next Assembly.

The nomination of the *preacher on Home Missions* was referred to a *Committee*, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Thornton A. Mills and Lewis H. Loss; and Elder Elisha Taylor.

Nominations of a place for the meeting of the next Assembly were made; when the further consideration of the subject was postponed for the present.

A *Committee*, consisting of Rev. M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D., Rev. Franklin A. Spencer, and Mr. Thomas Williams, was appointed to report on the propriety of obtaining a more convenient *place for holding the sessions* of the Assembly.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Friday, May 16th, 2 o'clock P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Roll was called.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following new Commissioners, whose names were placed on the Roll of the Assembly, viz.:—

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| Rev. Augustus Seward, | from the | Presbytery of | Hudson. |
| Elder Benjamin Dunning, | " | " | " |
| Rev. Alanson Scofield, | " | " | Washtenaw. |
| Elder Hon. William Strong, | " | " | Philadelphia, 4th. |
| Elder J. Marshall Paul, M. D., | " | " | " |
| Elder Anson C. Potwin, | " | " | Greencastle. |
| Rev. Albert H. Gaston, | " | " | Niagara. |
| Elder Thurston Wood, | " | " | Madison. |

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:—

1. *Bills and Overtures. Ministers*—David H. Riddle, D. D., Timothy Woodbridge, D. D., Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., and Joseph G. Wilson. *Elders*—Jacob Gideon, J. Marshall Paul, M. D., and Sylvester Willard, M. D.

2. *Judicial Committee. Ministers*—Joel Parker, D. D., Gideon S. White,

Joseph Vance, and Lewis H. Loss. *Elders*—Walter Somerville, M. D., E. S. Padgett, and Moses Bristol, M. D.

3. *Polity of the Church. Ministers*—James H. Hotchkin, James H. Johnston, Hervey H. Hayes, and Thornton A. Mills. *Elders*—Hon. William Strong, Hon. Augustus P. Hascall, and John L. Ketcham.

4. *Devotional Exercises. Ministers*—Franklin A. Spencer, George Chandler, and Joseph C. Whitney. *Elders*—Calvin Bishop and Abraham B. Conger.

5. *Narrative. Ministers*—M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D., Dirck C. Lansing, D. D., Edward H. Cumpston, and John M. Bishop.

6. *Leave of Absence. Ministers*—James W. McLane, Silas R. Woodruff, and Jonathan Silliman. *Elders*—William R. Shepherd and Donald Cameron.

7. *Mileage. Elders*—Eurotas P. Hastings, Jacob Gideon, and Hon. Sylvester Langdon.

The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the Rev. Dr. Riddle for his excellent sermon delivered last evening; and a copy thereof was requested for publication.

The Assembly took up the subject of the place for the meeting of the next Assembly. All other nominations having been withdrawn, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the next Assembly meet in the city of Washington, in the Fourth Presbyterian church, on the third Thursday of May, A. D., 1852, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Messrs. John C. Smith, Elisha Ballantine, and James B. Eckard, with Messrs Jacob Gideon, W. H. Campbell, and William P. Young, were appointed a *Committee of Arrangements* for the meeting.

The Committee appointed to report on another place for holding our daily sessions, presented a report, recommending that the Assembly [10] accept of the invitation of the Bleecker Street Baptist church; and that the sessions of this body, after to-day, be held in their place of worship.

The report was adopted, and the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the Westminster church and to the Reformed Dutch church of this city, for the offer of their houses for the use of the Assembly during this meeting.

The Committee appointed by a former Assembly to prepare a Digest reported progress, and were continued.

The Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., was appointed in the place of Rev. Erskine Mason, D. D., deceased, on the Committee to inquire into the subject of the legacy of William Brown, Esq., of Greenville, Tennessee; and also in reference to the legacy of the late Isaac Keith, D. D., of Charleston, South Carolina.

The application from the Presbytery of Milwaukie, the consideration of which had been deferred, was taken up, and referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church, to report as soon as possible.

The Assembly resolved to hear the agents of benevolent societies on Monday, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee appointed to prepare and publish a new edition of the Constitution of the Church reported that a new edition had been published by Mr. Henry Perkins of Philadelphia; copies of which, handsomely bound and lettered, were presented to the Assembly for the use of the Moderator and Clerks.

The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to Mr. Perkins for his acceptable donation.

The Committee, appointed by the last Assembly, on the "*Erection of Presbyteries in Foreign Lands*," not having made a report, were discharged; and

the subject was recommitted to a new *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Joel Parker, D. D., Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Rev. James W. McLane, and Elders William Strong and Lewis E. Jackson.

The Moderator announced the Committees appointed to examine Synodical Records: On the Records of the Synod of

1. *Albany. Ministers*—Joseph A. Canfield and Frederick A. Thompson. *Elder*—J. Philips.

2. *Utica. Ministers*—James Knox and Addison K. Strong. *Elder*—Elijah Rhoades.

3. *Geneva. Ministers*—Charles N. Mattoon and E. Perkins Pratt. *Elder*—Hon. Augustus P. Hascall.

4. *Genesee. Ministers*—Jonathan Silliman and Archer C. Dickerson. *Elder*—Peter Roe.

5. *New York and New Jersey. Ministers*—Horatio S. Howell and Gideon S. White. *Elder*—John Clouds.

6. *Pennsylvania. Ministers*—Joseph Vance and Patterson Fletcher. *Elder*—Dyer Loomis.

7. *West Pennsylvania. Ministers*—Edmund F. Dickinson and Randolph A. Smith. *Elder*—Amos Seward.

8. *Michigan. Ministers*—Roswell Tenney and Francis Janes. *Elder*—E. S. Padgett.

9. *Western Reserve. Ministers*—Robert R. Kellogg and Edward H. Cumpston. *Elder*—Eurotas P. Hastings. [11]

10. *Ohio. Ministers*—Thornton A. Mills and Charles W. Treadwell. *Elder*—D. M. Curtis.

11. *Cincinnati. Ministers*—John M. Bishop and Samuel Sweezy. *Elder*—John Loughmiller, Sen.

12. *Indiana. Ministers*—Hugh Barr and Solomon J. Tracy. *Elder*—Samuel Phillips.

13. *Illinois. Ministers*—James H. Baldwin and Jeremiah Miller. *Elder*—John B. Hall.

14. *Peoria. Ministers*—William Johns and George C. Curtis. *Elder*—Amos Seward.

15. *Missouri. Ministers*—Benjamin Graves and S. Storrs Howe. *Elder*—Dyer Loomis.

16. *Virginia. Ministers*—Edmund Wright and Elihu P. Marvin. *Elder*—William C. Van Horn.

17. *Kentucky. Ministers*—Augustine Bardwell and David H. Riddle, D. D. *Elder*—J. Marshall Paul, M. D.

18. *Tennessee. Ministers*—Alfred H. Dashiell and Clement E. Babb. *Elder*—Thurston Wood.

19. *West Tennessee. Ministers*—David B. Coe and Addison K. Strong. *Elder*—Milton A. Kinney.

20. *Mississippi. Ministers*—Thomas H. Skinner, Jr., and Alanson Scofield. *Elder*—Henry Reed.

A communication was received from the pastor of the Universalist Society of Utica, offering the use of their place of worship on Sabbath next, in the P. M. It was referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

An invitation was received from N. D. Benedict, M. D., the superintendent of the New York State Lunatic Asylum, to visit that institution, any day during the sessions of the Assembly, from 2 to 4 o'clock P. M.

The invitation was accepted, with thanks, and the Assembly resolved to visit the institution to-morrow, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was adopted,

recommending the following supplies for the pulpits of this city and vicinity on the ensuing Lord's day, viz.:—

*First Presbyterian Church*—Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, D. D., Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., and Rev. Joel Parker, D. D.

*Dutch Reformed Church*—Rev. David H. Riddle, D. D., in the evening.

*Westminster Church*—Rev. E. W. Gilbert, D. D., and Rev. James W. McLane.

*Broad Street Baptist Church*—Rev. David B. Coe, Rev. Charles C. Carr, and Rev. Edmund H. Cumpston.

*Bleecker Street Baptist Church*—Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. Samuel M. Hopkins, and Rev. Edmund Wright.

*Bleecker Street Methodist Church*—Rev. George Chandler, Rev. Lewis H. Loss, and Rev. Frederick A. Thompson.

*State Street Methodist Church*—Rev. Joseph G. Wilson, Rev. William W. Newell, and Rev. George D. Young.

*Clinton*—Rev. M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D.

*New York Mills, Methodist*—Rev. James H. Johnston.

*Presbyterian Church of Rome*—Rev. Albert Barnes. [12]

*Chapel of the Lunatic Asylum*—Rev. Dennis Platt.

*Universalist Society at Mechanics' Hall*—Rev. George C. Curtis.

They also recommended, that a prayer-meeting be held in this place every morning, commencing at ¼ before 6 o'clock, to continue one hour.

Also, that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered on Thursday next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

A report was received from the Rev. Edward McMillan, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which was read, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The order of the day, viz.: the reception of moneys for the Contingent and Commissioners' Funds of the Assembly, was taken up.

A discussion ensued on the proper mode of division and distribution. Before the discussion closed, the Assembly adjourned to meet in the Bleecker Street Baptist church, to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

At 7½ o'clock P. M., the annual sermon on Home Missions was preached by the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, on Church Extension, from Isa. liv. 2, 3: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

*Saturday, May 17th, 9 o'clock A. M.*

The Assembly met in the Bleecker Street Baptist church, and was opened with prayer.

Half an hour was occupied in devotional exercises; during which the recent death of Elder Moses Forbes, appointed a Commissioner from the Presbytery of St. Louis, was announced by his colleague, the Rev. Edmund Wright.

The Roll was called.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following additional Commissioners presented their credentials and their names were placed on the Roll of the Assembly, viz.:—

Rev. Octavius Fitch, from the Presbytery of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Henry Calhoun, " " Pataskala.

Rev. Samuel Sawyer, from the Presbytery of Holston.
Elder John E. Dutton, " " Oswego.
Rev. James H. Newton, " " Maumee.

The Presbyteries were called. and their Narratives of the State of Religion, and Statistical Reports, were received, and put into the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Records and the Statistical Reports of the Synods were called for; and, some delinquency having been found in the premises, it was *Resolved*, That it be enjoined on the several Synods to be careful hereafter in sending up their Statistical Reports, as well as their Records.

An invitation was received from Mr. P. Churchill, agent, to visit the [13] Utica Globe Mills in this vicinity. The invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to Mr. Churchill.

The Records of the Synod of Missouri not having been forwarded to the Assembly, the Committee appointed to examine them was discharged.

A communication from Mr. James H. Robinson, of the Presbytery of Fort Wayne, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church presented a report, which was adopted, recommending that the Synod of Indiana, at their own request, be divided in the following manner:—

"*Resolved*, That the Presbyteries of Crawfordsville, Logansport, and Fort Wayne, be detached from the Synod of Indiana, and constituted a Synod to be called the Synod of Wabash; that they hold their first meeting at Fort Wayne, on the second Thursday of September next, at 11 o'clock A. M.; and that the Rev. Charles White, D. D., or, in case of his absence, the senior minister present, preach the opening sermon, and preside until a new Moderator be chosen; and that the Synod meet afterwards on their own adjournment."

The same Committee also reported paper No. 1, on "*Church Extension*," and No. 2, on "*Collections for Benevolent Objects*;" recommending that these papers be referred to a Committee to consist of one member from each Synod, to report to the Assembly as early as possible.

The report and recommendation of the Committee were adopted; and the papers were referred to the following *Committee*, viz.:—

*Ministers*—James H. Johnston, Timothy Woodbridge, D. D., Samuel Sweezy, Thomas K. Fessenden, M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D., David B. Coe, Edmund F. Dickinson, Augustine Bardwell, Thornton A. Mills, S. Storrs Howe, Edmund Wright, Edward H. Cumpston, Samuel Sawyer, Archer C. Dickerson, and Alfred H. Dashiell; with the *Elders*—J. Marshall Paul, M. D., Dyer Loomis, Eurotas P. Hastings, and William H. Brown.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was accepted, viz.:—

"The Committee on Bills and Overtures report Overture No. 1, memorials, &c., on the subject of Slavery; one from the Presbytery of Grand River, and one from the Presbytery of Chicago; and, as connected with the same general subject, a resolution of the Presbytery of Belvidere; a letter from the Western Presbyterian church of Palmyra, with questions touching the fugitive slave law; and another from the church in Trumansburgh, N. Y., on the subject of the Colonization Society. The memorials are few in number, (four in all,) kind in spirit, decorous in matter, and no doubt conscientious in origin. The Committee have carefully read and considered these documents, and unanimously and cordially agree to the following result: That

the Assembly have reason to be thankful to Divine Providence for the wisdom and prudence vouchsafed to the last Assembly, in coming to conclusions on this vexed question, which have so generally met with the acquiescence of the Church at this crisis; and that it seems obviously our privilege and duty, at the present session, to leave the whole subject as it was placed by that action, and to devote our time to other subjects which demand attention; [14] always praying, that God will hasten on the day of universal freedom throughout our land and the world."

A motion was made that the report be adopted.

The reading of the memorials was called for; and the memorials from the Presbyteries of Chicago, Salem, Grand River, Fort Wayne, and Belvidere, and the letters from the churches of Trumansburgh and the Western church of Palmyra were accordingly read.

The discussion proceeded until the hour of adjournment, when, without taking the question, the Assembly adjourned until Monday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Monday, May 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

Half an hour was occupied in devotional exercises; after which the Roll was called, and the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business of the last session, viz., the subject of mileage, and the distribution of the Commissioners' Fund, was resumed—the question being on the motion of Rev. T. A. Mills, to refer the whole subject to a Committee to report a plan which shall include the actual expenses as well as the distances travelled by Commissioners.

After some discussion, the matter was postponed, for the present, to hear the report of the Committee on the Polity of the Church, in reference to the request of the Presbytery of Milwaukie to be attached to the Synod of Peoria.

The Committee reported, recommending that the request of the Presbytery of Milwaukie be granted, and that their Commissioners be admitted to seats in the Assembly.

A motion was made that the report be adopted.

A discussion ensued, during which it was agreed to allow the Rev. William H. Spencer, the Delegate from the Presbytery of Milwaukie, to present a statement on the subject.

The Assembly agreed to adjourn to-morrow P. M. at 4½ o'clock, to give an opportunity for holding a meeting in behalf of the American Sunday-School Union.

Before the question in relation to the Presbytery of Milwaukie was taken, the Assembly adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Monday, May 19th, 2 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 Mr. Thomas R. Walker, president of the Utica Cemetery Association, inviting the members of the Assembly to visit their grounds at any time during their stay in the city.

The invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Assembly were tendered in return. [15]

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 2, from the

Synod of West Pennsylvania, "On Stated Supplies and Vacant Congregations," in the form following:

"When a minister is at the same time pastor of one church, and acts as the stated supply of another church, has each of said churches a right to be represented by its own elder, at the same meeting of Presbytery or Synod? Or does this case come under the Rule, Chap. X., sect. 4, p. 368, of Form of Government?" they recommend that the following answer be returned, viz.: "That churches, having stated supplies only, are not such churches as are contemplated in the article referred to, and have a right of representation according to the principles of the Form of Government, Chap. X., sec. 5.

The report was adopted.

Also, Overture No. 3, from the Synod of New York and New Jersey, and from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, "On Church Covenants," requesting the Assembly to take order in reference to some uniform mode and formula of receiving members into our churches; with a recommendation of the following answer:—

"That it is inexpedient for the Assembly to attempt such a measure, however desirable it is to have uniformity; but that it more properly belongs to the Presbyteries and Synods."

The report was adopted.

The order of the day was suspended for the present, and the unfinished business of the morning, viz., the consideration of the application of the Presbytery of Milwaukie, was resumed; the question being on the adoption of the report of the Committee.

Rev. William H. Spencer, the Delegate from the Presbytery of Milwaukie, was heard in support of the application.

After a long discussion, the question was put, and the report of the Committee was adopted. The Presbytery was attached to the Synod of Peoria, and the Rev. William H. Spencer, the Delegate, was enrolled as a member of the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded to hear the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

The Rev. Francis Horton, Delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts, and the Rev. Isaac Willey, Delegate from the General Association of New Hampshire, were heard in such statements as they desired to make in reference to the bodies which they represented.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M., to hear the other Delegates from Corresponding Bodies; and immediately after, to hear the agents of benevolent societies.

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

Concluded with prayer.

*Tuesday, May 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. Half an hour was employed in devotional exercises.

The calling of the Roll was hereafter dispensed with. The Minutes of the last session were read and approved. [16]

The Rev. Daniel Russell, a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Angelica, appeared, and his name was placed on the Roll of the Assembly.

A communication from Mr. Theodore Dwight, of New York City, in reference to a proceeding of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, was received, and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. James W. McLane, Rev. Franklin A. Spencer, and Elder William H. Brown.

A printed pamphlet, on the subject of "Trustees, sessions, voting, and

church order," was communicated through the Moderator, and referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The first order of the day, viz.: nomination of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, was postponed; and the Assembly proceeded to hear further statements from the Delegates of Corresponding Bodies.

The Rev. Lorenzo Carey, and the Rev. Francis Horton, Delegates from the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Uriah Balkam, from the General Conference of Maine; Rev. Cyrus B. Drake, from the General Convention of Vermont; the Rev. John Gridley, from the Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin; and the Rev. Dirck C. Lansing, D. D., from the General Association of New York; made interesting communications on the state of religion, education, and temperance, within their respective bounds.

Written communications, on the same subject, were also received from the Rev. John G. Morris, D. D., Delegate from the Evangelical Synod of the Lutheran Church, in the United States, and from the Rev. N. A. Keyes, Delegate from the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, containing apologies for their absence, and interesting statements in respect to their particular communions. These communications, so far as written, were put into the hands of the Committee on the Narrative.

The Moderator then, in the name of the Assembly, made an appropriate address to the Delegates of Corresponding Bodies, expressing the continuance of the most friendly feelings of the General Assembly towards the various ecclesiastical bodies which have been here represented.

A communication was received from Messrs. Mark H. Newman & Co., publishers of the Assembly's Hymn Book, directing attention to some new editions of the Hymn Book, together with a donation of several copies of the Confession of Faith, Shorter Catechism, Doddridge's Rise and Progress and Baxter's Call, in a cheap form, for general circulation, which were accepted with thanks.

The Rev. John Patton, corresponding secretary of the Philadelphia Education Society, was then heard in an address in behalf of the cause of education. After which the Assembly adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Tuesday, May 20th, 2 o'clock, P. M.*

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

The Rev. Daniel G. Sprague, of the Presbytery of Newark, and Mr. John Foote, Elder from the Presbytery of Chenango, appeared as Commissioners, and their names were placed on the Roll of the Assembly. [17]

Rev. Patterson Fletcher offered resolutions on the subject of reporting the number of candidates for the ministry; which were referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church made a report in reference to memorials from the Synods of Ohio, Western Reserve, and Cincinnati, on the subject of the boundaries of those Synods. And, as there appears to be a full concurrence between them as to what is desirable, the Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. That the division line, between the Synods of Western Reserve and Cincinnati, be the southern line of the Western Reserve, extended westward to the State line of Indiana.

2. That the division line between the Synods of Ohio and Cincinnati be as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Wyandot county,

Ohio; thence southwardly with the western lines of Wyandot, Marion, Union, Madison, Pickaway, Ross, Pike, and Scotio counties, to the Ohio River.

The report was adopted.

They also reported in reference to an application of the Presbytery of Des Moines for a division of said Presbytery, and the erection of a new Synod, as follows:—

That, in their estimation, the way is not fully prepared for the formation of a new Synod; inasmuch as neither the Presbytery of Minnesota, nor the Synods of Illinois and Peoria, have been consulted on the subject: also, that the small number of members which would compose the Synod renders it a subject of doubtful expediency for the present year.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the papers be returned to the Presbytery of Des Moines, that they may, if they see fit, apply to the Synod of Illinois for an orderly division of their Presbytery, and prepare the way for the erection of a new Synod the coming year.

This report also was adopted.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Stated Clerk reported, that they had examined the accounts which have been presented, and find them accurate.

By the accounts presented, there has been received during the past year,

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| For the Commissioners' Fund . . . . . | $473.19 |
| For the Contingent Fund . . . . . | 496.20 |
| Amounting to . . . . . | 969.39 |
| Of which there has been expended for various purposes . | 893.39 |
| Leaving a balance on hand of . . . . . | $76.00 |

$21.50 of which is in the hands of the Stated Clerk, and $54.50 in the hands of the Treasurer.

It further appears by these accounts, that there is a balance due the estate of William Osborn, for printing, of $67.12; which, deducted from the surplus in the hands of the Clerk and Treasurer, would leave an actual balance of $8.88.

The report was adopted. [18]

Nominations were then made of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies. And the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 2 o'clock P. M.

The unfinished business of Saturday, viz., the consideration of the report on the subject of Slavery, was resumed, the question being on the adoption of the report of the Committee.

The discussion was after a while suspended, to receive a communication from the Hon. William J. Bacon, chairman of a committee of the Common Council of this city, in reference to the approaching visit of the President of the United States.

Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the Rev. Alanson Scofield, Hon. William Strong, and Messrs. John L. Ketcham, Jacob Gideon, and Elisha Taylor, be a Committee to report what action should be taken by the Assembly in reference to that event.

The discussion was resumed. Rev. Dennis Platt moved to amend, by adding:

"The Assembly are aware, that a new phase of this subject has been presented by a recent enactment of Congress, commonly known as the 'Fugitive Slave Law.' But we suppose that the principles already settled will be a sufficient guide to a sincere and intelligent inquirer after truth and duty. While all active resistance to legal authority is to be avoided, (except in

cases which justify a bloody revolution,) it is the right and duty of all citizens to speak and vote according to their honest convictions in favor of good laws, and for the repeal of those which are evil.

"And no human enactment can make it our duty to refrain from acts of charity towards the suffering, or to engage in the work of sending back to a hopeless bondage persons who are innocent of crime, and who have according to the law of nature already achieved their freedom."

At 4½ o'clock, agreeably to previous arrangements, the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Wednesday, May 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The usual time was employed in devotional exercises. The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. Enoch Kingsbury, from the Presbytery of Wabash, and Elder John Emerson, from the Presbytery of Bath, appeared as Commissioners, and their names were placed on the Roll of the Assembly.

The Committee, appointed to report in reference to the visit of the President of the United States, made a report, recommending that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Common Council of this city for their expression of courtesy to this Assembly; and that the Assembly, on being notified of the arrival of this distinguished visitor, with the intention to remain long enough to afford an opportunity so to do, will adjourn, or take a recess, that the members who wish may meet and interchange civilities with him and the members of the Cabinet who may accompany him.

The report was adopted. [19]

An application from the Rev. Mr. Bogue, to be heard on behalf of the American Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews, was presented, and the consideration thereof postponed for the present.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz., the discussion of Rev. Dennis Platt's amendment to the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on the subject of Slavery, was resumed.

Mr. Platt had leave of the Assembly to amend his motion so as to read as follows:—

"In regard to the new phase of this subject presented during the last year, and to questions growing out of it, there seems to be no occasion for the Assembly to assert any new principle; since it is an established doctrine of our Church and of Protestant Christendom, that whilst obedience to law is a Christian duty, in all but extreme cases, yet no human enactments can bind any man to do that which he knows to be in conflict with the law of God."

The Rev. Archer C. Dickerson moved to amend by striking out all after the words "new principle."

The Rev. Lemuel Grosvenor moved to postpone the question before the house, to take up a substitute.

The Rev. Elihu P. Marvin moved the previous question, which was ordered by the Assembly.

The previous question was then put. The amendments were successively rejected, and the original report of the Committee was adopted.

After which the Assembly adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Wednesday, May 21st, 2 o'clock P. M.*

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

It was made the order of the day for Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M., to hear the reports of the Committees appointed to examine Synodical Records.

The Assembly then proceeded to the order of the day, the election of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies; and the Rev. John M. Bishop, and J. Marshall Paul, M. D., were appointed a *Committee to collect* and count the votes.

The Rev. Mr. Bogue was permitted to address the Assembly, in behalf of the American Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews.

Several copies of a sermon on "Presbytery" by the Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, of Cincinnati, were received for the use of the members of the Assembly, and the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the author for his donation.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following as the order of exercises at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and the report was adopted:—

Reading the Scriptures and Hymn, by the Moderator.

Introductory Remarks, by the Rev. David H. Riddle, D. D.

Distribution of the Bread, by the Rev. Francis Horton. [20]

Distribution of the Cup, by the Rev. John Gridley.

Concluding Remarks, by the Rev. M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church made a report in reference to letters of Mr. James H. Robinson, concerning the Presbyterian church of Fort Wayne, recommending that the subject be dismissed, and the letters be returned to the persons to whom they are addressed.

The report was adopted.

The unfinished business of Monday, viz., the subject of mileage, was resumed;—the question being on the motion of the Rev. Thornton A. Mills to refer the subject to a special Committee.

The motion was carried, and the whole subject was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, and the Hon. Messrs. Augustus P. Hascall, and Elijah Rhoades.

The Rev. Edmund F. Dickinson offered a resolution, proposing to have statistical tables prepared of Slavery as it exists in our Southern churches.

Rev. Gideon S. White moved an amendment, to have similar tables prepared concerning hired servants in the North.

After some discussion, the resolution and amendment were, on leave, withdrawn.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Albany made a report, and, on their recommendation, the Records were approved, with the following exceptions:—

1. On page 224, entries are made in pencil marks. 2. On page 227, is found an order for religious exercises for the afternoon and evening, which the records show were not performed until the afternoon and evening of the next day, without any record of the change.

The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, for his sermon on Home Missions, delivered during the present sessions of the Assembly, and a copy thereof was requested for publication.

The Assembly then adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Thursday, May 22d, 9 o'clock A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. The usual time was employed in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No 4, in these

words: "May a session of a church invite a minister of the Gospel belonging to the same Presbytery or Synod to which the church belongs, to sit as a Corresponding Member of said session; and, when so invited, may such minister, at the request of an accused brother, be assigned as counsel for the accused?"

The Committee recommended that both questions be answered in the negative; and the report was adopted.

Also, Overture No. 5, from the Presbytery of Greencastle, in these words, viz.: "*Whereas* it is very desirable that the Minutes of the General Assembly be extensively circulated; and *whereas* many of our ministers, [21] and more of our churches, never obtain them; therefore, *Resolved*, That the General Assembly be requested to adopt some measure to extend their circulation."

The Committee report, that the existing regulations of the Assembly are designed to supply all who pay the proper amount into the Contingent Fund, at the rate of 25 cents per copy; and this seems to be as economical and wise a plan as could be designed. The report was adopted.

The Rev. John C. Brigham, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, and the Rev. Samuel H. Cox., D. D., were permitted to address the Assembly in behalf of the American Bible Society. After which the following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the American Bible Society, from the catholicity of its principles, the extent of its operations, and the indispensable need of the Book which it circulates to all men, has not only the confidence and good wishes of the General Assembly, but its prayers that prosperity and increasing usefulness may continue to attend the labors of that national institution.

"*Resolved*, That the manner in which the Society carries on its operations, through local auxiliaries, renders it peculiarly important that pastors and other friends of the Bible give attention to the management of those auxiliaries, and see that they discharge their duties with punctuality and energy."

The Rev. J. B. Pinney was also heard in behalf of the American Colonization Society.

The Committee, to whom was referred a communication from Mr. Theodore Dwight, of New York, reported, that the subject of the communication pertains to matters not under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly; and they therefore recommended, that the paper be returned to Mr. Dwight.

The report was adopted.

Invitations were received from the directors of the Utica Orphan Asylum, and from the trustees of the Utica Steam Cotton Mills, to visit these establishments, at the convenience of the Assembly.

The invitations were accepted, and a vote of thanks was passed.

The Committee appointed to collect and count the votes, reported that the following persons had been duly elected Delegates to Corresponding Bodies; to the

*General Association of Connecticut*—Rev. Ransom Hawley, Rev. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, and Rev. Thomas K. Fessenden.

*General Association of Massachusetts*—Rev. Ransom Hawley and Rev. Benjamin W Chidlaw, principals; and Rev. Thomas K. Fessenden, alternate.

*General Association of New Hampshire*—Rev. William E. Knox, principal; Rev. David B. Coe, alternate.

*General Conference of Maine*—Rev. Robert R. Kellogg, principal; and Rev. Baruch B. Beckwith, alternate.

*General Convention of Vermont*—Rev. Charles Doolittle, principal; and Rev. F. Harmon, alternate.

*General Association of Rhode Island*—Rev. William W. Newell, principal; Rev. Amos E. Lawrence, alternate. [22]

*Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin*—Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., and Rev. William H. Spencer, principals; Rev. Harvey Curtis, alternate.

*General Synod of Lutheran Church in the United States*—Rev. David H. Riddle, D. D., principal; and Rev. William R. De Witt, D. D., alternate.

*General Synod of the German Reformed Church*—Rev. E. W. Gilbert, D. D., principal; and Rev. Albert Barnes, alternate.

*General Association of the State of New York*—Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D., principal; and Rev. Franklin A. Spencer, alternate.

*General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church*—Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, principal; and Rev. Archer C. Dickerson, alternate.

The Committee on Church Extension made a report, which was accepted, and 250 copies of it ordered to be printed, for the use of the members.

The consideration of the report was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 9½ o'clock A. M.

The Rev. Jeremiah Miller offered a resolution on the subject of the Sabbath, which was under consideration, when the Assembly adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Thursday, May 22d, 2 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 the Polity of the Church made a report on the subject of Correspondence with the General Association of New York, as follows:—

"That, from the position in which that body, and a large portion of the Presbyterian Church are placed, in respect to each other, it is natural that a spirit of rivalry should exist between them; and that this should engender a spirit of proselytism, which appears to have been manifested, in a degree, in some of the past action of the Association, which we hope will not be persisted in on their part, and which we trust will never characterize the action of our Church. We are brethren of the same family, have the same Lord, the same faith, the same baptism, and the same great ends in view, and should live together in the strictest bonds of holy fellowship and union; striving together for the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Whether an individual church chooses to administer the discipline in the Presbyterian or Congregational way, is comparatively a matter of minor concern. Let each be persuaded in his own mind, and not interfere with the rights of his brother.

"We recommend that the correspondence be continued, and hope that it may be so conducted as to prove mutually satisfactory, and promotive of the interests of the kingdom of our dear Redeemer."

The report was adopted.

A communication was received from Mr. D. D. T. Davie, a daguerreotypist of Utica, proposing, with their consent, to daguerreotype the Assembly, [23] in groups of twenty or thirty individuals; which was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Joel Parker, D. D., J. Marshall Paul, M. D., and the Hon. Elijah Rhoades.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz., the consideration of Mr. Miller's resolutions on the *Sabbath*, was resumed.

The resolutions were, after some discussion, referred for revision to a *Committee*, consisting of the Rev. Jeremiah Miller, Rev. David H. Riddle, D. D., and J. Marshall Paul, M. D.

The seventeenth of the "Rules for Judicatories," concerning the "Previous Question," was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Hon. William Strong, Mr. Abraham B. Conger, and Mr. William H. Brown, to explain its use and proper mode of application.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to all our churches to observe the first Monday in January next, as a day of fasting and prayer, for the conversion of the world.

The Assembly agreed to hear reports of the state of the Theological Seminaries within our bounds, immediately after the administration of the Lord's Supper.

At 3 o'clock, the Assembly, agreeably to previous order, united with each other, and with such Christian brethren and sisters as chose to participate with them, in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, when the several parts of the service were performed as previously appointed.

The Assembly proceeded to hear statements in relation to the Theological Seminaries within their bounds. Rev. George F. Wiswell, agent, made a brief statement in reference to the Union Seminary, in the city of New York; Rev. Professor Samuel M. Hopkins, in reference to the Auburn Theological Seminary; Rev. Eleroy Curtis, in reference to the Theological Department of Western Reserve College; the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, in reference to Lane Seminary; and the Rev. Gideon S. White, in reference to the Seminary at Maryville, Tennessee.

The Assembly agreed to hear the Rev. Theron Baldwin, secretary of the Society for Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, to-morrow, at 10½ o'clock A. M.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report, which was adopted, recommending the following supplies for the pulpits of the city and neighborhood on the ensuing Sabbath:—

*First Presbyterian Church*—Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D., and the Moderator.

*Bleecker Street Baptist Church*—Rev. Messrs. Charles Hawley, Clement E. Babb, and Henry L. Hitchcock.

*Bleecker Street Methodist Church*—Rev. Messrs. George C. Curtis, E. Perkins Pratt, and James Knox.

*Reformed Dutch Church*—Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D. D.

*Broad Street Baptist Church*—Rev. Messrs. Thornton A. Mills, Thomas H. Skinner, Jr., and James W. McLane.

*Rome*—Rev. David H. Riddle, D. D.

The report was accepted.

After which the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer. [24]

*Friday, May 23d, 9 o'clock A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. The usual time was employed in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that leave of absence had

been given to the Rev. Messrs. Charles Doolittle, Lemuel Grosvenor, and Joseph C. Whitney; and to Messrs. H. H. Everest, Ebenezer B. Jones, Henry Stephens, John Foote, William R. Shepherd, Benjamin Dunning, Jonathan Provost, Daniel Bushnell, John Heald, and Aaron C. Potwin.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Mileage, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

"The Commissioners' Fund is distributed at the present time in the following manner: The money contributed for the General Fund is paid into the hands of the Committee on Mileage, and distributed to such Commissioners as claim it, (whose Presbyteries have contributed any thing to the fund, and who have not otherwise been paid,) according to the number of miles each has travelled to the place of meeting.

"This mode of distribution appears to be as simple and equitable as any that can be adopted; and the Committee recommend that it remain unchanged.

"Our Form of Government, Chap. XXII., sec. 3, makes it proper for each Presbytery to pay its own Commissioners; consequently, if any Presbytery shall choose to do so, the Assembly cannot require them to contribute to the General Fund; but it is most earnestly recommended to the older and abler Presbyteries, in view of the wide extent of our Church, and the great importance of our rising Presbyteries being represented in the meetings of the Assembly, if they shall still choose to exercise their right to pay their own Commissioners in full, that they be particular in making additional collections for the General Fund, so that the younger and feebler Presbyteries may be fully represented. And it is hereby made the duty of the Stated Clerk to give due notice of this recommendation previous to the meeting of the General Assembly."

It was moved that the Presbyteries, in their annual report to the Assembly, state whether they pay their own Commissioners, and what additional amount they contribute to the common fund.

After some discussion, the subject was referred to the Committee which had just reported on the subject of Mileage.

The Judicial Committee presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:—

"The Judicial Committee congratulate the General Assembly on the peaceful and happy relations of our ecclesiastical courts and the manifest disposition to terminate personal difficulties, without extended litigation.

"A single paper only has been referred to your Committee; and even this will allow no action by the General Assembly at its present sessions.

"The paper alluded to is a complaint preferred by Mr. Franklin Knox against the Synod of Missouri, for its proceedings in the trial of an appeal of William G. Webb from the decision of the Presbytery of St. Louis. The grounds of the complaint are alleged to be observable in the Synodical Records touching the case. [25]

"These records have not been sent up to the Assembly; consequently, the complaint cannot be taken up and intelligently issued at the present time.

"The Judicial Committee recommend, therefore, that the paper be returned to Mr. Knox, with the advice, that the difficulty be adjusted in some other way, if possible; but, if this be impracticable, that the complaint be sent up to the next General Assembly, accompanied by the necessary documentary evidence in the case."

The Rev. Theron Baldwin was heard in a short address in behalf of the Society for Collegiate and Theological Education in the West. After which the following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, by aiding in the establishment of the higher institutions of learning under Christian influence, on our great home-missionary field, is directly and efficiently co-operating with other agencies in securing the evangelization of our country; and that, by reason of the work in which they are engaged, its past success, and its prospective usefulness, it deserves the sympathy and aid of our churches, whose prosperity has ever been closely identified with the spread of intelligence, and whose power for good, under God, resides pre-eminently in an educated and evangelical ministry."

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the erection of Presbyteries at missionary stations in foreign lands, made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:—

"There are about thirty missionaries under the care of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, who belong to various Presbyteries embraced in this General Assembly. In the judgment of your Committee, the propagation of vital religion is the first object of missionary labor: and no great interest connected with this end ought to be jeoparded by premature action in giving shape to our ecclesiastical arrangements in the missionary stations among the heathen. Still it is obvious that the number of our missionaries is such, and so many, in some instances, are laboring in the same locality, as to render it proper to inquire whether they may not, with great advantage, be formed into Presbyteries, by means of which we may propagate the policy as well as the doctrines of our Church.

"The introduction of such a change is a work of some delicacy; and, in the judgment of your Committee, demands time for a mature deliberation, and a full interchange of sentiment with the parties concerned in it. The Prudential Committee, we learn, have left the management of ecclesiastical affairs to the missionaries themselves. So long as the Gospel is preached, souls converted, the heathen instructed, and those great principles of religious liberty maintained which are secured by ministerial parity, the object of the Board is attained.

"Yet there are some missionary stations in which the number of laborers is small, and the Congregational and Presbyterian elements so equally divided, that, if either form of government were insisted on, the harmony of the mission might be marred. In cases of this sort, it is highly probable that every real interest of the mission would be promoted by delay. Information in regard to the proportion of Presbyterian ministers in each [26] locality where such a mixture occurs, and in respect to the sentiments and wishes of our brethren, seems to be indispensable to a wise and judicious action.

"The Committee recommend, therefore, that a *Committee* of three ministers be appointed *to confer with the Prudential Committee*, and to correspond with those members of our Presbyteries who are in the employment of the American Board, and to submit to the next Assembly a report, embodying such information as may enable them to judge wisely of the whole matter."

The Rev. Joel Parker, D. D., Rev. E. W. Gilbert, D. D., and Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., were appointed a *Committee of Correspondence* on the above subject.

It was *ordered*, that all moneys for the Commissioners' Fund be paid to the Committee on Mileage previous to 6 o'clock this afternoon; and that all claims on the Fund be presented by the Commissioners before to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly then took up the report on Church Extension. A motion

was made to adopt the report. After some discussion, the Assembly adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Friday, May 23d, 2 o'clock P. M.*

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

The reports of Committees appointed to examine Synodical Records were received; and, on their recommendation, the Records of the following Synods were approved, as far as written, viz.: West Tennessee, Utica, New York and New Jersey, Cincinnati, Western Reserve, Ohio, Genesee, Kentucky, Geneva, Indiana, Peoria, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Michigan.

The Records of the Synods of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Illinois not being present, the Committees appointed to examine them were discharged. The Records of the Synod of West Pennsylvania were approved, with directions that the Stated Clerk be requested to number the pages of the Records.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz., the report of the Committee on Church Extension, was resumed.

The Rev. Daniel Russell moved so to amend and modify the report, as to extend the benefits proposed to the whole Presbyterian Church. The motion was postponed.

The Rev. Clement E. Babb moved to amend, by striking out all after the preamble, and to introduce a substitute.

The subject was discussed until the hour of adjournment, when, without taking the question, the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer. [27]

*Saturday, May 24th, 9 o'clock A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. After the usual time employed in devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. John Marsh, secretary, was then heard in an address in behalf of the American Temperance Union.

After which, the following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Whereas*, In the good providence of God, a great and benign change has been wrought by the Temperance Reform, in its distinctive character, in the drinking usages of the people of the United States, and of other countries, deeply affecting the great interests of religion and humanity; and *whereas*, notwithstanding all that has been accomplished, there is still in all our cities, and on all our thoroughfares, a vast amount of intemperance, especially among our young men and our floating population, causing an alarming increase of crime, pauperism, desecration of the Sabbath, and contempt of God; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the General Assembly would again express its deep sense of the necessity of a continued and more vigorous support of the Temperance enterprise; and they would enjoin upon all Presbyteries, ministers, churches, Sunday-school teachers, to be active and vigilant in this great work; instead of tardily following, ever taking the lead in it, as God's great reforming power in the earth; and by personal example, by family and social and official influence, by the diffusion of wise Temperance publications, by the encouraging and upholding of legislatures and magistrates in the enactment and execution of efficient laws for the suppression of the

traffic, to do what in them lies, in their day and generation, to stay the further desolations of intemperance, and thus prepare the way of the Lord among all people."

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that leave had been given to the Rev. Messrs. Charles W. Treadwell, Charles C. Carr, Albert H. Gaston, Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., Burtis C. Megie, George Chandler, James H. Baldwin, and Lewis H. Loss; also, to Messrs. Elijah Rhoades, Sylvester Willard, Augustus P. Hascall, Moses Bristol, Samuel Phillips, John C. Hines, John Taylor, John Clouds, William B. Cory, and Thurston Wood.

The Committee, to whom was referred the interpretation of the 17th Rule, presented a report, and, on their recommendation, the 13th and 17th Rules were amended, so as to read as follows:—

"The previous question shall be put in this form: Shall the main question be now put? It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; and its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the body to a direct vote,—first, upon a motion to commit the subject under consideration, (if such motion shall have been made;) secondly, (if the motion to commit does not prevail,) upon pending amendments; and, lastly, upon the main question. The call for the previous question shall not be debatable.

"The 13th Rule shall be amended by striking out the words, 'or the previous question.'" [28]

The Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions on the subject of the Sabbath, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, 1. That this Assembly continues to regard the holy Sabbath as an institution of God, universally and perpetually binding upon man, and as of primary and indispensable importance to all the interests of the Church, the country, and the world.

"*Resolved*, 2. That we view with great pleasure any intimations of an increasingly healthful sentiment in regard to the Sabbath in our country, especially in public corporations; and exceedingly deplore the unhappy example of its desecration in high places.

"*Resolved*, 3. That in this age of growing internal improvements and consequent temptations and facilities for transgression, and when such large accessions are constantly making to our population, with loose and unscriptural views of the Sabbath, it is more than ever incumbent on all Christians, by their influence, example, and efforts, to honor and conserve this sacred institution."

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz., the subject of Church Extension, was resumed; the question being on the amendment, offered by the Rev. Clement E. Babb, to the report of the Committee.

Some progress having been made in the discussion, it was suspended, and the Rev. Francis Horton, Delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts, after a short address, to which the Moderator responded, took his leave.

The discussion was resumed, and continued until the hour of adjournment, when, without taking the question, the Assembly adjourned until Monday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Monday, May 26th, 9 o'clock A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. After the usual time had been occupied in devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. Thomas K. Fessenden having declined the appointment of Delegate to Connecticut and Massachusetts, the Rev. S. Storrs Howe was elected in his place.

The Committee on Mileage made a report, which was adopted; and the Committee (in the absence of the Treasurer) were directed to pay the Commissioners, according to their proportion of the fund, at the rate of 3.7329 cents per mile.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of reporting the Collections for the Commissioners' Fund, made the following report, which was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Presbyteries be required to report in full the sums paid by their respective churches for the payment of Commissioners to the General Assembly; and that the Stated Clerk be directed to state the portion of the whole retained by the Presbyteries for the payment of their own Commissioners, and that which passed into the hands of the Treasurer for the General Commissioners' Fund of the Assembly." [29]

The unfinished business of Saturday, viz., the subject of Church Extension, was resumed; the question being on the amendment of the Rev. Clement E. Babb to the report of the Committee.

The Rev. Joseph G. Wilson moved, that the whole subject of Church Extension, with the various reports and amendments, be referred to a special Committee, for the purpose of making a report to the next Assembly.

The Rev. Alanson Scofield moved to postpone Mr. Wilson's motion, in order to take up the following substitute:—

"*Resolved*, That the Presbyteries be overtured on the whole subject of Church Extension, that they may, if they choose, memorialize the next General Assembly."

Rev. James W. McLane moved the previous question, which was ordered by the Assembly.

The motion of the Rev. Joseph G. Wilson, to refer the whole subject to a special Committee, was then carried; and the whole subject was accordingly referred to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Rev. Frederick A. Ross, Rev. Artemas Bullard, D. D., Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D., Rev. James B. Townsend, Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, and Rev. Robert W. Patterson; four of whom to form a quorum.

The Assembly then adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

*Monday, May 26th, 2 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. 5, as follows:—"May the session of a church, at the request of an accused brother, assign as his counsel a minister of the gospel belonging to the same Presbytery to which the session belongs?"

The Committee answered:—"There is no provision for such a case in our Constitution; and, though it does not appear to contravene its spirit and design, and might in special cases be allowable with advantage; yet, a strict interpretation of Chap. IV., sec. 21., of the Book of Discipline, seems to preclude the employment of any one as counsel who is not a member of the judicatory."

The report was adopted.

The Committee, to whom was referred the nomination of a preacher on

Home Missions, recommended the appointment of the Rev. Artemas Bullard, D. D., as principal, and Rev. George Duffield, D. D., as alternate.

Their recommendation was adopted.

"*Resolved*, That the rule in regard to the printed Minutes, adopted by the last, and several preceding Assemblies, be adopted in reference to the Minutes of this Assembly."

The bills for stationery and for printing were presented and ordered to be paid.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That this Assembly does hereby declare its undiminished [30] confidence in, and cordial sympathy with, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the American Home Missionary Society, and the American Tract Society, with which our Church has co-operated for so many years, in carrying forward the blessed work of the Gospel, and doing good to man; and does hereby affectionately commend them to the Presbyteries and churches connected with this Assembly."

"*Resolved*, That it be referred to a *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. James W. McLane, Messrs. Moses W. Dodd, Roe Lockwood, and Charles Starr, to take into consideration the *employment of the Press* for the promotion of the cause of Christ, by means of our denomination.

*Ordered*—That the salaries and travelling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks be paid.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to the citizens of Utica, and the families of different religious denominations, who have extended such kind and cordial hospitality to the Commissioners in attendance, and have contributed to make their stay in this city so peculiarly pleasant. And that it is our fervent prayer, that the blessing of God may, in connection with this meeting, and with the ordinary means of grace here enjoyed, rest upon them.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to those railroad and steamboat companies that have offered to convey the members of this Assembly at a reduced price.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian church in this city, and to the Bleecker Street Baptist church, for the accommodations extended to the Assembly during their present sessions."

The Rev. Ova P. Hoyt, Delegate to the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, forwarded a written report, which was read, and his bill of travelling expenses was ordered to be paid out of any unappropriated funds.

The bill of expenses of the Rev. Conway P. Wing, as Delegate to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was presented, and ordered to be paid out of any unappropriated funds.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Roll was called, and none of the members were found to have absented themselves without leave.

The Rev. M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D., from the Committee to prepare a Narrative, made a report, which was adopted, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the Moderator, for the modest, efficient, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

The business of the Assembly having been finished, and the vote having

been taken for dissolving the Assembly, the Moderator, with prayer and the apostolic benediction, declared the Assembly dissolved; and required another General Assembly, chosen in the same manner, to meet in the Fourth Presbyterian church, in the city of Washington, on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1852, at 11 o'clock A. M.

E. W. GILBERT, *Permanent Clerk.*

*Utica, May, 26th,* 1851.

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# APPENDIX.

## ANNUAL NARRATIVE

### Of the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, May, 1851.

The Committee, to whom was referred the business of preparing a Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the General Assembly, respectfully report:—

The duty assigned to us is, on all accounts, difficult, and, on some accounts, not possible to be adequately performed. Had we just such narratives from all the Presbyteries as it is desirable that we should have, it would, even then, be no easy task to gather into a small space all the points of interest and importance, and so to arrange and exhibit them as to give a clear view of the actual state of things in our vast and varied field. Unhappily, however, of the one hundred and four Presbyteries in our connection, less than three fourths are heard from; and, for the most part, the reports laid upon the table of the Assembly are exceedingly meagre and unsatisfactory.

Your Committee would suggest the propriety of some action of this body, designed to secure, in future years, more perfect reports from all the inferior judicatories.

Having carefully availed ourselves of all the sources of information within our reach, we unite in making the following representations.

### 1. THE EXTERNAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCH.

The external condition of our Church may be regarded as generally prosperous. While, from various causes, many congregations, in almost every part of the land, are struggling to maintain an existence, and some, it is to be feared, are struggling vainly, yet, on the whole, the aspect of things is encouraging. One cannot return from a walk about Zion, having told the towers thereof, and marked well her bulwarks, and considered her palaces, without joyously feeling that she is a city that is compact together, and, under God's protection, safe from the assaults of her enemies.

The past year has evidently been a year of God's favor toward us. The ground previously possessed has been well maintained, and much new ground has been occupied. New churches have been organized, and old ones have received large accessions to their numbers. Many new houses of worship have been erected, and many old ones have been repaired and enlarged. A large amount of church debts has been cancelled, and other serious embarrassments, which are mentioned as having formerly existed, have, in various instances, been removed.

Many Presbyteries report a large increase of attendance on the ministrations of the sanctuary, and all assure us that they are living at peace among themselves, and laboring harmoniously to advance the cause of the Gospel.

### Want of Ministers.

That, in the external condition of our Church, which occasions most anxiety, is the great and growing scarcity of well-qualified and faithful ministers. From every quarter in the West, Southwest, and Northwest, the complaint on this ground is urged in a manner that has deeply affected our minds. Not only is the want of ministers sorely felt on the field, so as to be the principal cause of whatever distress exists there, and of the danger that threatens the permanence of not a few churches, but there seems to be no promise nor prospect of a speedy adequate supply; nor even that the difficulty is not to become greater, rather than less. It is a most alarming fact, that, as compared with former years, the number of young men preparing for the sacred office is very small. At a time when, to meet the growing demands of our country and the world, the supply should at least be doubled, a fearful diminution of the supply seems to be inevitable.

Your Committee feel impelled to ask, if something cannot be done to remedy the evil. May not individual churches do something, by thoroughly canvassing among themselves for pious young men, endowed by nature and grace with the proper qualifications, by urging them into a course of preparation for the ministry, and by aiding them, if need be, with the means of prosecuting their studies? And may not some means be devised of revivifying or reorganizing, on some more efficient plan, our Boards of Ministerial Education? Your Committee feel that scarcely any other interest of the Church demands, at the present time, so large a share of our attention.

### Theological Seminaries.

We have reason to congratulate ourselves on the present condition of our Theological Seminaries, and their thorough preparation to do the work for which they are intended. We believe that no similar institutions in the land are better furnished for the business intrusted to them. Would to God that these schools of the prophets had work to do, commensurate with their ability! We deeply feel that the members in attendance on them should be speedily doubled; and we cannot but think that, with proper effort on the part of ministers and churches, this consummation, so much to be desired, is possible.

From all that appears, your Committee are of the opinion, that our Church has never enjoyed a higher degree of favor with the community at large than she does at the present moment, and that she was never in circumstances more favorable for exerting a wide and powerful influence for God.

## 2. THE INTERNAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCH.

In regarding the interior condition of our Church, the first great fact that presents itself is, the unusual number, as compared with recent years, of

### Revivals of Religion.

Almost every Presbytery has sent up the cheering intelligence of these displays of Divine grace upon more or less of its congregations. Some have represented their entire fields as being visited with the refreshing showers of Heaven. It is a peculiarly gratifying fact, in connection with this subject, that many of our colleges and other literary institutions have been reached by these reviving influences; and it is to be hoped that not a few have been converted, who will ere long come up as ministers to labor amid the desolations, where more laborers are so greatly needed.

There is reason to believe that the word of salvation is faithfully and

fully preached in all our congregations; that the ministers of Christ, with the elders and other members of the churches, are using with fidelity all the ordinary and approved means for promoting their appropriate gospel work; and that, under these influences, the great body of believers is being perfected more and more in knowledge and grace, as well as adding to itself daily of such as shall be saved.

It does not appear that any serious dissensions are disturbing any portion of the Church; but that, on the contrary, great peace and harmony every where prevail.

### Church Extension.

We have gratifying evidence, that the interest felt in the various enterprises of Christian benevolence is rather increasing than declining. We are particularly interested in the notices afforded of a greatly augmented zeal in almost every portion of the Church, in behalf of those causes which aim especially to extend the influence of the Gospel in our own country. The conviction is evidently gaining strength, that, while "the field is the world," and we are bound to do all that we can to send the Gospel to the utmost ends of the earth, we are yet especially constrained by the necessity of the case, if we would long retain the power of doing any thing for Christ, and by the most obvious principles of simple duty, to exert ourselves for the universal diffusion of a strong Gospel influence in this land.

### The Sabbath.

Much attention is being directed every where to the cause of Sabbath observance, and results are reported to us in this relation of a most cheering character.

### Temperance.

There seems to be a decline only in respect to the cause of Temperance. A few Presbyteries report favorably on this subject; but, for the most part, the language employed is eminently gloomy and disheartening. We make this announcement with the profoundest sorrow.

### Education.

In regard to the efforts made in behalf of the rising generation, we are happy to say, that we see much cause for rejoicing. Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes are maintained every where, with great and growing interest, and with apparently increased success. It affords us peculiar pleasure to report, also, that the Shorter Catechism is having assigned to it, very generally, the place to which it is properly entitled in this department of instruction. We regret that, in connection with what is being done for children and youth, we are not able to speak positively of the extent to which is observed the patriarchal institution of parental and household teaching.

On the whole, we feel that we have much reason to rejoice in the report which it is our privilege to make, and that we are specially called upon to render devout praise and thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for his grace bestowed on us.

### Decease of Ministers.

It is our melancholy duty to announce that, during the last year, Death has been reaping among us his accustomed harvest. The catalogue of deceased ministers contains some of the brightest names of the Church.

In this respect, the year covered by this report has been one of severe but righteous visitation; in view of which it becomes us especially to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and to pray earnestly that the rod may be sanctified to our own souls.

Since the meeting of the last Assembly, the following twenty-nine ministers have departed this life, viz.:—

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| Thomas Gordon, | of the Presbytery of | Troy. |
| David Porter, D. D., | " | Columbia. |
| Seth Williston, D. D., | " | " |
| William Salisbury, | " | Delaware. |
| Charles Bowles, | " | Watertown. |
| Washington Thacher, | " | Utica. |
| W. W. Robinson, | " | Geneva. |
| Samuel Scott, | " | Tioga. |
| Ethan Pratt, | " | Bath. |
| Jonathan Huntting, | " | Long Island. |
| Herman Norton, | " | New York, Third. |
| Henry White, D. D., | " | " Fourth. |
| Erskine Mason, D. D., | " | " " |
| Ward Stafford, | " | Newark. |
| Pierce Chamberlain, | " | Wilmington. |
| Nathan B. Purinton, | " | Trumbull. |
| Alonzo H. Butler, | " | Maumee. |
| Theron C. Depew, | " | St. Joseph. |
| Ludovicus Robbins, | " | Marshall. |
| Stephen C. Hickok, | " | " |
| Hollis Russell, | " | Kalamazoo. |
| Chester Colton, | " | Dayton. |
| Albert A. Vance, | " | Madison. |
| Harvey Blodget, | " | Illinois. |
| Lycurgus P. Kimball, | " | Schuyler. |
| W. A. B. McCuistian, | " | Des Moines. |
| William Gray, | " | Ottawa. |
| George Clark, | " | St. Louis. |
| Campbel Boyd, | " | Kingston. |

We have also to record the names of two other ministers, who departed this life in the year preceding, but were not reported to the last Assembly:—

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| John Batey, | of the Presbytery of | Brooklyn. |
| John Barrett, | " | Trumbull. |

## CORRESPONDING BODIES.

In conclusion, we are happy to report the most gratifying evidence of prosperity, progress, and peace in those branches of the Church of Christ with which we are in correspondence, and whose delegates have communicated with us, either personally or by letter, during the session of this Assembly, viz.:—

The General Associations of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York; the General Conference of Maine; the General Conventions of Vermont and Wisconsin; and the General Synods of the Lutheran and German Reformed Churches.

ALBERT BARNES, *Moderator.*
EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*

## SUMMARY OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

| SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES. | Date. | Presbyteries. | Ministers. | Licentiates. | Candidates. | Churches. | Added on Exam. | Added on Certif. | Whole No. of Communicants. | Ad. Bap. | Inf. Bap. | Comm. Fund. | Conting. Fund. | STATED CLERKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I. Synod of Albany | 1803 | 5 | 98 | 3 | 1 | 85 | 247 | 111 | 10,472 | 65 | 219 | $94 90 | $8 75 | A. Bordman Lambert. |
| 1. Champlain | 1814 | ... | 26 | ... | ... | 20 | 54 | 33 | 2,760 | 20 | 89 | ..... | 5 00 | David Dobie. |
| 2. Troy | 1820 | ... | 22 | 3 | ... | 20 | 63 | 27 | 3,013 | 32 | 45 | 22 00 | ..... | A. Bordman Lambert. |
| 3. Albany | 1791 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | 8 | 7 | 8 | 1,274 | 1 | 20 | 26 54 | ..... | Thomas S. Wickes. |
| 4. Columbia | 1802 | ... | 22 | ... | 1 | 18 | 58 | 32 | 2,097 | 12 | 65 | 46 36 | 3 75 | Josiah Leonard. |
| 5. Delaware* | 1831 | ... | 18 | ... | ... | 19 | 65 | 11 | 1,328 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Isaac D. Cornwell. |
| II. Synod of Utica | 1829 | 5 | 86 | 2 | 1 | 98 | 339 | 194 | 9,127 | 83 | 145 | 97 30 | 15 67 | Franklin A. Spencer. |
| 1. St. Lawrence | 1818 | ... | 7 | ... | ... | 9 | 13 | 26 | 788 | 4 | 30 | 5 00 | 1 50 | Baruch B. Beckwith. |
| 2. Watertown | 1822 | ... | 14 | ... | ... | 22 | 63 | 26 | 2,450 | 28 | 21 | 45 60 | 1 25 | Isaac Brayton. |
| 3. Oswego | 1823 | ... | 15 | ... | ... | 22 | 133 | 40 | 1,437 | 19 | 22 | ..... | ..... | Robert W. Condit, D. D. |
| 4. Otsego | 1820 | ... | 12 | ... | ... | 19 | 73 | 30 | 1,551 | 20 | 34 | 3 70 | ..... | John G. Hall. |
| 5. Utica | 1842 | ... | 38 | 2 | 1 | 26 | 57 | 72 | 2,901 | 12 | 38 | 43 00 | 12 92 | Samuel W. Brace. |
| III. Synod of Geneva | 1812 | 10 | 212 | 35 | 9 | 198 | 631 | 629 | 21,421 | 217 | 395 | 208 04 | 20 00 | Henry A. Nelson. |
| 1. Onondaga | 1810 | ... | 36 | ... | ... | 27 | 168 | 89 | 3,241 | 63 | 71 | 50 50 | 15 00 | Seth P. M. Hastings. |
| 2. Cayuga | 1810 | ... | 38 | 31 | 4 | 23 | 66 | 56 | 2,620 | 33 | 31 | 42 90 | ..... | Henry A. Nelson. |
| 3. Geneva | 1805 | ... | 43 | 2 | ... | 33 | 79 | 93 | 4,736 | 12 | 92 | 21 63 | ..... | William Hogarth. |
| 4. Cortland | 1825 | ... | 13 | ... | ... | 16 | 77 | 42 | 1,760 | 30 | 47 | 5 75 | 3 00 | Hercules R. Dunham. |
| 5. Chenango | 1826 | ... | 14 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 46 | 57 | 1,759 | 12 | 23 | 4 00 | ..... | Amos C. Tuttle. |
| 6. Tioga | 1829 | ... | 16 | ... | ... | 15 | 16 | 50 | 1,926 | 1 | 37 | 20 45 | ..... | Philip C. Hay, D. D. |
| 7. Bath | 1817 | ... | 14 | 1 | ... | 18 | 31 | 34 | 1,513 | 11 | 26 | 18 05 | ..... | Robert E. Willson. |
| 8. Chemung | 1836 | ... | 17 | ... | 1 | 21 | 42 | 100 | 1,514 | 23 | 35 | 14 76 | ..... | Charles C. Carr. |
| 9. Ithaca | 1839 | ... | 11 | ... | 1 | 15 | 94 | 96 | 1,961 | 27 | 16 | 30 00 | ..... | William N. McHarg. |
| 10. Pennsylvania | 1845 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | 13 | 12 | 12 | 391 | 5 | 17 | ..... | 2 00 | Samuel J. McCullough. |
| IV. Synod of Genesee | 1821 | 6 | 129 | 4 | ... | 126 | 261 | 307 | 14,763 | 73 | 181 | 68 61 | 50 | Timothy Stillman. |
| 1. Genesee | 1819 | ... | 14 | 1 | ... | 15 | 70 | 78 | 1,728 | 17 | 29 | ..... | ..... | Charles N. Mattoon. |
| 2. Ontario* | 1817 | ... | 20 | ... | ... | 19 | ..... | ..... | 2,356 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | John Barnard, Jr. |

* The asterisk indicates that the report is that of a previous year.

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| 3. Rochester* | 1819 | ... | 25 | ... | ... | 20 | ..... | ..... | 3,318 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Augustus W. Cowles. |
| 4. Niagara | 1817 | ... | 20 | ... | ... | 16 | 47 | 76 | 2,155 | 11 | 37 | 23 61 | ..... | Charles E. Furman. |
| 5. Buffalo | 1823 | ... | 40 | 3 | ... | 37 | 114 | 125 | 3,478 | 31 | 104 | 45 00 | ..... | Timothy Stillman. |
| 6. Angelica | 1828 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | 19 | 30 | 28 | 1,728 | 14 | 11 | ..... | 50 | Joel Wakeman. |
| V. Synod of N. Y. and N. J. | 1788 | 10 | 188 | 35 | 15 | 133 | 741 | 633 | 22,505 | 231 | 604 | 336 33 | 104 53 | John N. Lewis. |
| 1. Hudson | 1797 | ... | 15 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 95 | 49 | 1,760 | 44 | 76 | 54 30 | 5 00 | Obadiah M. Johnson. |
| 2. North River | 1819 | ... | 14 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 84 | 26 | 1,722 | 31 | 43 | 20 50 | 5 00 | Sumner Mandeville. |
| 3. Long Island | 1791 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | 6 | 8 | 6 | 625 | 3 | 27 | 12 50 | 2 00 | Amos E. Lawrence. |
| 4. New York, Third | 1831 | ... | 39 | 14 | 8 | 15 | 126 | 160 | 4,919 | 32 | 162 | 44 06 | 65 53 | Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D. |
| 5. New York, Fourth | 1845 | ... | 21 | 12 | 3 | 12 | 75 | 98 | 2,930 | 14 | 67 | 95 44 | 12 00 | Thomas H. Skinner, Jr. |
| 6. Brooklyn | 1838 | ... | 19 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 55 | 106 | 2,030 | 8 | 47 | 42 86 | 5 00 | Jonathan M. Rowland. |
| 7. Newark | 1824 | ... | 30 | 2 | ... | 17 | 128 | 124 | 3,765 | 39 | 81 | 47 53 | 10 00 | Ebenezer Seymour. |
| 8. Rockaway | 1839 | ... | 18 | ... | 1 | 18 | 65 | 33 | 2,582 | 33 | 32 | 10 00 | ..... | Joel Campbell. |
| 9. Montrose | 1832 | ... | 19 | ... | ... | 28 | 105 | 31 | 2,172 | 27 | 69 | 9 14 | ..... | Adam Miller. |
| 10. San Francisco* | 1849 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Samuel H. Willey. |
| VI. Synod of Pennsylvania | 1838 | 4 | 66 | 10 | 2 | 63 | 464 | 253 | 10,111 | 125 | 386 | 139 43 | 76 07 | John McKnight. |
| 1. Wilmington | 1833 | ... | 14 | 1 | ... | 18 | 46 | 19 | 1,405 | 3 | 42 | 15 62 | 2 75 | Horatio S. Howell. |
| 2. Philadelphia, Third | 1832 | ... | 14 | 2 | ... | 13 | 141 | 53 | 2,749 | 27 | 151 | 4 24 | ..... | John McKnight. |
| 3. Philadelphia, Fourth | 1845 | ... | 27 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 203 | 158 | 4,846 | 76 | 149 | 71 57 | 71 57 | Charles Brown. |
| 4. Harrisburgh | 1839 | ... | 11 | ... | ... | 9 | 74 | 23 | 1,111 | 19 | 44 | 48 00 | 1 75 | Conway P. Wing. |
| VII. Synod of W. Penna | 1843 | 3 | 22 | ... | ... | 31 | 98 | 67 | 2,436 | 23 | 100 | 63 45 | 6 50 | George A. Lyon, D. D. |
| 1. Erie | 1801 | ... | 9 | ... | ... | 15 | 43 | 38 | 1,055 | 10 | 36 | 36 95 | 1 50 | Joseph Vance. |
| 2. Meadville | 1842 | ... | 7 | ... | ... | 13 | 41 | 22 | 840 | 9 | 34 | 18 50 | 3 00 | Richard Craighead. |
| 3. Pittsburgh | 1839 | ... | 6 | ... | ... | 3 | 14 | 7 | 541 | 4 | 30 | 8 00 | 2 00 | Benjamin J. Wallace. |
| VIII. Synod of Michigan | 1834 | 7 | 80 | 3 | 4 | 118 | 426 | 332 | 7,498 | 142 | 247 | 93 31 | 17 50 | George Duffield, D. D. |
| 1. Detroit | 1826 | ... | 19 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 114 | 85 | 2,102 | 35 | 75 | ..... | 5 00 | Robert R. Kellogg. |
| 2. St. Joseph | 1833 | ... | 15 | ... | 1 | 26 | 77 | 31 | 1,206 | 28 | 51 | 40 00 | ..... | Norman Kellogg. |
| 3. Monroe | 1833 | ... | 14 | ... | ... | 16 | 139 | 47 | 1,054 | 54 | 39 | 25 19 | 5 00 | John Monteith. |
| 4. Marshall | 1838 | ... | 17 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 62 | 94 | 1,274 | 22 | 38 | 5 47 | 6 50 | Samuel H. Hall. |
| 5. Washtenaw | 1838 | ... | 15 | 1 | ... | 15 | 14 | 48 | 1,110 | 3 | 39 | 15 65 | 1 00 | William S. Curtis. |
| 6. Kalamazoo | 1838 | ... | 12 | ... | ... | 11 | 20 | 27 | 661 | ..... | 5 | 7 00 | ..... | Ova P. Hoyt. |
| 7. Ionia* | 1845 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | 6 | ..... | ..... | 91 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Le Moyne S. Smith. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| IX. Synod of W. Reserve..... | 1825 | 8 | 133 | 19 | ... | 123 | 161 | 208 | 7,842 | 40 | 174 | $32 25 | $5 00 | William Hanford. |
| 1. Grand River..... | 1814 | ... | 20 | 1 | ... | 16 | 9 | 24 | 1,092 | 1 | 9 | ..... | ..... | Alanson Saunders. |
| 2. Portage..... | 1818 | ... | 30 | 13 | ... | 16 | 9 | 41 | 1,306 | 1 | 27 | 8 50 | 75 | William Hanford. |
| 3. Huron..... | 1823 | ... | 17 | 1 | ... | 19 | 72 | 43 | 1,252 | 16 | 41 | ..... | 2 50 | Jonathan B. Parlin. |
| 4. Trumbull..... | 1827 | ... | 12 | ... | ... | 17 | 48 | 26 | 1,336 | 16 | 38 | ..... | ..... | Charles A. Boardman. |
| 5. Cleveland..... | 1830 | ... | 22 | 1 | ... | 14 | 7 | 46 | 1,305 | 3 | 28 | 18 75 | 1 75 | Samuel T. Mills. |
| 6. Medina..... | 1836 | ... | 7 | ... | ... | 10 | ..... | ..... | 345 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Sherman D. Taylor. |
| 7. Elyria..... | 1842 | ... | 17 | 3 | ... | 13 | 7 | ..... | 719 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... .. | Alfred H. Betts. |
| 8. Maumee..... | 1842 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | 18 | 9 | 28 | 487 | 3 | 31 | 5 00 | ..... | E. Richard Tucker. |
| X. Synod of Ohio..... | 1814 | 4 | 52 | 6 | 1 | 71 | 441 | 194 | 4,293 | 110 | 262 | 129 15 | 11 75 | Addison Kingsbury. |
| 1. Athens..... | 1822 | ... | 14 | 3 | ... | 20 | 122 | 27 | 877 | 26 | 42 | ..... | 3 25 | Lucian C. Ford. |
| 2. Pataskala..... | 1809 | ... | 15 | ... | 1 | 21 | 76 | 48 | 1,539 | 13 | 71 | 38 00 | 2 25 | Alexander Duncan. |
| 3. Franklin..... | 1835 | ... | 15 | 3 | ... | 19 | 78 | 55 | 1,235 | 21 | 43 | 51 15 | 4 00 | Henry L. Hitchcock. |
| 4. Scioto..... | 1845 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | 11 | 165 | 64 | 642 | 50 | 106 | 40 00 | 2 25 | Joseph Chester. |
| XI. Synod of Cincinnati..... | 1829 | 3 | 39 | 8 | 1 | 41 | 246 | 145 | 2,808 | 74 | 156 | 159 25 | 12 25 | Thornton A. Mills. |
| 1. Cincinnati..... | 1828 | ... | 20 | 8 | ... | 15 | 102 | 76 | 1,274 | 21 | 60 | 84 00 | 10 00 | David D. Gregory. |
| 2. Dayton..... | 1838 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | 15 | 82 | 24 | 857 | 25 | 54 | 25 25 | 2 25 | Daniel Riee. |
| 3. Hamilton..... | 1846 | ... | 11 | ... | 1 | 11 | 62 | 45 | 677 | 28 | 42 | 50 00 | ..... | Daniel Tenney. |
| XII. Synod of Indiana..... | 1826 | 4 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 60 | 251 | 160 | 3,053 | 81 | 185 | 235 10 | 14 75 | Joseph G. Wilson. |
| 1. Salem..... | 1823 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | 16 | 59 | 27 | 795 | 11 | 43 | 63 10 | 4 00 | John M. Bishop. |
| 2. Madison..... | 1825 | ... | 12 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 76 | 33 | 919 | 30 | 58 | 63 50 | 5 00 | Hiram Wason. |
| 3. Indianapolis..... | 1830 | ... | 10 | ... | ... | 18 | 55 | 41 | 733 | 12 | 44 | 58 50 | 3 25 | Clement E. Babb. |
| 4. Greencastle..... | 1850 | ... | 7 | 1 | ... | 11 | 61 | 59 | 606 | 28 | 40 | 50 00 | 2 50 | William D. Rossiter. |
| XIII. Synod of Wabash..... | 1851 | 3 | 30 | 1 | ... | 47 | 163 | 71 | 1,767 | 39 | 95 | 122 05 | 3 00 | Vacant. |
| 1. Crawfordsville..... | 1825 | ... | 12 | 1 | ... | 12 | 62 | 29 | 487 | 13 | 19 | 25 05 | 3 00 | James H. Johnston. |

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| 2. Logansport | 1835 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | 16 | 77 | 32 | 815 | 23 | 60 | 71 00 | ..... | Joseph G. Wilson. |
| 3. Fort Wayne | 1845 | ... | 9 | ... | ... | 19 | 24 | 10 | 465 | 3 | 16 | 26 00 | ..... | Alfred Hawes. |
| XIV. Synod of Illinois | 1831 | 5 | 60 | ... | 2 | 80 | 395 | 274 | 4,102 | 71 | 176 | 69 50 | 5 50 | George C. Wood. |
| 1. Illinois | 1828 | ... | 15 | ... | ... | 14 | 52 | 52 | 909 | 16 | 18 | 25 00 | ..... | Livingston M. Glover. |
| 2. Schuyler | 1833 | ... | 10 | ... | 2 | 15 | 91 | 25 | 954 | 12 | 43 | ..... | ..... | Henry C. Abernethy. |
| 3. Wabash | 1833 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | 6 | 33 | 4 | 215 | 5 | 15 | 11 50 | 1 00 | Enoch Kingsbury. |
| 4. Alton | 1836 | ... | 21 | ... | ... | 30 | 65 | 137 | 1,449 | 21 | 81 | 25 00 | 2 00 | Augustus T. Norton. |
| 5. Des Moines | 1845 | ... | 9 | ... | ... | 15 | 154 | 46 | 575 | 17 | 19 | 8 00 | 2 50 | Glen Wood. |
| XV. Synod of Peoria | 1843 | 7 | 67 | 2 | 4 | 48 | 251 | 246 | 2,952 | 63 | 127 | 50 99 | 3 75 | Robert W. Patterson. |
| 1. Ottawa | 1834 | ... | 15 | ... | ... | 10 | 26 | 28 | 240 | 4 | 13 | 5 00 | ..... | Nahum Gould. |
| 2. Peoria and Knox | 1836 | ... | 15 | 1 | ... | 8 | 13 | 36 | 762 | 1 | 8 | 3 30 | ..... | Joseph Fowler. |
| 3. Galena | 1842 | ... | 9 | ... | 4 | 14 | 163 | 80 | 728 | 46 | 31 | 3 00 | ..... | John C. Downer. |
| 4. Chicago | 1847 | ... | 13 | ... | ... | 6 | 34 | 59 | 737 | 8 | 50 | 20 94 | ..... | Lewis H. Loss. |
| 5. Belvidere | 1847 | ... | 9 | ... | ... | 5 | 9 | 22 | 248 | 4 | 15 | 8 75 | 1 25 | Ichabod A. Hart. |
| 6. Minnesota | 1850 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 3 | 6 | 21 | 43 | ..... | 10 | 5 00 | 1 00 | Edward D. Neill. |
| 7. Milwaukie | 1851 | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | 2 | ..... | ..... | 194 | ..... | ..... | 5 00 | 1 50 | William H. Spencer. |
| XVI. Synod of Missouri | 1832 | 4 | 41 | ... | 5 | 57 | 118 | 132 | 2,221 | 25 | 90 | 86 60 | 7 00 | John Leighton. |
| 1. St. Louis | 1831 | ... | 10 | ... | 2 | 11 | 74 | 72 | 880 | 13 | 65 | 54 50 | 5 00 | Edmund Wright. |
| 2. Northern Missouri | 1845 | ... | 10 | ... | 3 | 14 | 26 | 38 | 680 | 6 | 16 | ..... | ..... | John Leighton. |
| 3. Lexington | 1845 | ... | 12 | ... | ... | 14 | ..... | ..... | 323 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Tapping S. Reeve. |
| 4. Osage | 1845 | ... | 9 | ... | ... | 18 | 18 | 22 | 338 | 6 | 9 | 32 10 | 2 00 | Isaac B. Ricketts. |
| XVII. Synod of Virginia | 1788 | 3 | 43 | 6 | 5 | 43 | 130 | 84 | 3,816 | 35 | 182 | 161 00 | 7 00 | John C. Smith. |
| 1. Winchester | 1794 | ... | 12 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 46 | 17 | 983 | 12 | 35 | 71 00 | 3 00 | Patterson Fletcher. |
| 2. District of Columbia | 1831 | ... | 13 | 2 | ... | 11 | 40 | 46 | 1,486 | 8 | 97 | ..... | ..... | Thomas James Shepherd. |
| 3. Hanover | 1838 | ... | 18 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 44 | 21 | 1,347 | 15 | 50 | 90 00 | 4 00 | Henry Smith. |
| XVIII. Synod of Kentucky | 1802 | 3 | 14 | ... | 6 | 23 | 42 | 22 | 1,174 | 21 | 21 | 90 00 | 6 00 | Archer C. Dickerson. |
| 1. Harmony | 1842 | ... | 5 | ... | 5 | 8 | 27 | 14 | 442 | 14 | 14 | ..... | 5 00 | E. Perkins Pratt. |
| 2. Providence | 1842 | ... | 5 | ... | 1 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 506 | 7 | 2 | 90 00 | 1 00 | Thomas H. Cleland. |
| 3. Green River | 1842 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 9 | 4 | 2 | 226 | ..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | Archer C. Dickerson. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| XIX. Synod of Tennessee..... | 1817 | 4 | 50 | 1 | 4 | 73 | 150 | 68 | 4,664 | 27 | 208 | $40 00 | $7 75 | Fielding Pope. |
| 1. Union..... | 1797 | ... | 22 | 1 | 3 | 28 | 54 | 27 | 1,912 | 11 | 92 | 10 00 | 1 00 | Fielding Pope. |
| 2. Holston..... | 1826 | ... | 12 | ... | ... | 14 | 40 | 18 | 1,441 | 3 | 74 | 30 00 | 3 00 | Daniel Rogan. |
| 3. Kingston..... | 1838 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | 19 | 10 | 18 | 697 | 2 | 24 | ..... | 2 00 | William B. Brown. |
| 4. New River..... | 1838 | ... | 8 | ... | 1 | 12 | 46 | 5 | 614 | 11 | 18 | ..... | 1 75 | George Painter. |
| XX. Synod of W. Tennessee. | 1826 | 3 | 25 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 102 | 58 | 2,100 | 36 | 155 | 87 80 | 11 50 | William Eagleton. |
| 1. West Tennessee..... | 1810 | ... | 7 | ... | 1 | 6 | 17 | 22 | 457 | 3 | 20 | ..... | 6 50 | Bobert C. Garrison. |
| 2. Shiloh..... | 1816 | ... | 10 | ... | 1 | 18 | 38 | 15 | 1,020 | 13 | 73 | 83 00 | ..... | Amzi Bradshaw. |
| 3. Richland..... | 1824 | ... | 8 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 47 | 21 | 623 | 20 | 62 | 4 80 | 5 00 | Archibald M. Pickens. |
| XXI. Synod of Mississippi... | 1846 | 3 | 16 | 1 | ... | 24 | 42 | 15 | 951 | 26 | 18 | ..... | 6 00 | Alexander Newton, D. D. |
| 1. Clinton..... | 1832 | ... | 5 | 1 | ... | 5 | 32 | 3 | 278 | 24 | 13 | ..... | 5 00 | George Moore. |
| 2. Lexington, S..... | 1845 | ... | 8 | ... | ... | 8 | 2 | 9 | 385 | 2 | 5 | ..... | 1 00 | Charles M. Atkinson. |
| 3. Newton..... | 1845 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 11 | 8 | 3 | 288 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Duncan A. Campbell. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Albany | 1803 | 5 | 98 | 3 | 1 | 85 | 247 | 111 | 10,472 | 65 | 219 | $94 90 | $ 8 75 | A. Bordman Lambert. |
| 2. Utica | 1829 | 5 | 86 | 2 | 1 | 98 | 339 | 194 | 9,127 | 83 | 145 | 97 30 | 15 67 | Franklin A. Spencer. |
| 3. Geneva | 1812 | 10 | 212 | 35 | 9 | 198 | 631 | 629 | 21,421 | 217 | 395 | 208 04 | 20 00 | Henry A. Nelson. |
| 4. Genesee | 1821 | 6 | 129 | 4 | ... | 126 | 261 | 307 | 14,763 | 73 | 181 | 68 61 | 50 | Timothy Stillman. |
| 5. N. York and N. Jersey | 1788 | 10 | 188 | 35 | 15 | 133 | 741 | 633 | 22,505 | 231 | 604 | 336 33 | 104 53 | John N. Lewis. |
| 6. Pennsylvania | 1838 | 4 | 66 | 10 | 2 | 63 | 464 | 253 | 10,111 | 125 | 386 | 139 43 | 76 07 | John McKnight. |
| 7. West Pennsylvania | 1843 | 3 | 22 | ... | ... | 31 | 98 | 67 | 2,436 | 23 | 100 | 63 45 | 6 50 | George A. Lyon, D. D. |
| 8. Michigan | 1834 | 7 | 80 | 3 | 4 | 118 | 426 | 332 | 7,498 | 142 | 247 | 93 31 | 17 50 | George Duffield, D. D. |
| 9. Western Reserve | 1825 | 8 | 133 | 19 | ... | 123 | 161 | 208 | 7,842 | 40 | 174 | 32 25 | 5 00 | William Hanford. |
| 10. Ohio | 1814 | 4 | 52 | 6 | 1 | 71 | 441 | 194 | 4,293 | 110 | 262 | 129 15 | 11 75 | Addison Kingsbury. |
| 11. Cincinnati | 1829 | 3 | 39 | 8 | 1 | 41 | 246 | 145 | 2,808 | 74 | 156 | 159 25 | 12 25 | Thornton A. Mills. |
| 12. Indiana | 1826 | 4 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 60 | 251 | 160 | 3,053 | 81 | 185 | 235 10 | 14 75 | Joseph G. Wilson. |
| 13. Wabash | 1851 | 3 | 30 | 1 | ... | 47 | 163 | 71 | 1,767 | 39 | 95 | 122 05 | 3 00 | Vacant. |
| 14. Illinois | 1831 | 5 | 60 | ... | 2 | 80 | 395 | 274 | 4,102 | 71 | 176 | 69 50 | 5 50 | George C. Wood. |
| 15. Peoria | 1843 | 7 | 67 | 2 | 4 | 48 | 251 | 246 | 2,952 | 63 | 127 | 50 99 | 3 75 | Robert W. Patterson. |
| 16. Missouri | 1832 | 4 | 41 | ... | 5 | 57 | 118 | 132 | 2,221 | 25 | 90 | 86 60 | 7 00 | John Leighton. |
| 17. Virginia | 1788 | 3 | 42 | 6 | 5 | 43 | 130 | 84 | 3,816 | 35 | 182 | 161 00 | 7 00 | John C. Smith |
| 18. Kentucky | 1802 | 3 | 14 | ... | 6 | 23 | 42 | 22 | 1,174 | 21 | 21 | 90 00 | 6 00 | Archer C. Dickerson. |
| 19. Tennessee | 1817 | 4 | 50 | 1 | 4 | 73 | 150 | 68 | 4,664 | 27 | 208 | 40 00 | 7 75 | Fielding Pope. |
| 20. West Tennessee | 1826 | 3 | 25 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 102 | 58 | 2,100 | 36 | 155 | 87 80 | 11 50 | William Eagleton. |
| 21. Mississippi | 1846 | 3 | 16 | 1 | ... | 24 | 42 | 15 | 951 | 26 | 18 | ..... | 6 00 | Alexander Newton, D. D. |
| | | 104 | 1,490 | 140 | 64 | 1,579 | 5,699 | 4,203 | 140,076 | 1,607 | 4,126 | $2,365 06 | $350 77 | |

## COMPARATIVE VIEW.

THE preceding tables show a gratifying increase in all the particulars enumerated, with the single exception of Adult Baptisms.

Of Synods, there are twenty-one; the Synod of Wabash having been erected by the last Assembly.

Of Presbyteries, there are one hundred and four; the Presbyteries of Greencastle, Minnesota and Milwaukie having been constituted during the past year; and the Presbyteries of Peoria and Knox having been united.

Of Ministers, there are one thousand four hundred and ninety; an increase of seventeen; while thirty-one have been removed by death. The Licentiates are one hundred and forty; an increase of three. The Candidates reported are sixty-four; an increase of four. A large number of Candidates in addition to these, who have not yet formally been taken under the care of their respective Presbyteries, are pursuing a course of academical and theological study in the several academies, colleges, and theological seminaries in our connection. It is very commonly the case, that the candidate delays his application to the Presbytery until the last year or two of his theological course.

Of Churches, there are one thousand five hundred and seventy-nine; an increase of eleven. The Additions to the churches have been, on Examination, five thousand six hundred and seventy-nine; and, on Certificate, four thousand two hundred and three; an increase over the previous year in both particulars, and more than in any other year since 1837. The Communicants are one hundred and forty thousand and seventy-six; an increase of two hundred and seventy-nine.

Of Baptisms, one thousand six hundred and seven Adults have been reported, and four thousand one hundred and twenty-six Infants; a decrease of one hundred and seven adults, and an increase of thirty infants.

Of contributions to the Commissioners' Fund, the sum of two thousand three hundred and sixty-five dollars and six cents has been reported, and to the Contingent Fund, three hundred and fifty dollars and seventy-seven cents; an increase, to the former, of eight hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty-four cents; and to the latter, of one hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty-two cents.

All the Presbyteries have reported, with the exception of Delaware, Ontario, Rochester, San Francisco, and Ionia. Many of the reports, however, are exceedingly imperfect; from a large number of churches no returns have been received. It is greatly to be desired that every Presbytery would take measures to insure full returns from all their churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*

*New York, July* 14*th*, 1851.