MINUTES, 1852.

Washington City, May 20th, 1852.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the city of Washington, in the Fourth Presbyterian church, on Thursday, the 20th day of May, 1852, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Albert Barnes, the Moderator of the last Assembly, from 1 Cor. xii. 4–11: "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations; but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues. But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

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*,	Abraham D. Brinkerhoff,	
	John Mattocks.	
2. *Troy*,	N. S. S. Beman, D. D.,	Hiram Slocum (2),*
	Courtney Smith,	Wyatt R. Swift (2).
3. *Albany*,	H. Mandeville, D. D. (2),	Richard J. Knowlson (2).
4. *Columbia*,	Henry Darling,	Charles Paul.
5. *Delaware*,	Julius S. Pattengill,	Eli Boies.
6. *Catskill*,	Leonard B. Van Dyck,	Alban Crocker. [148]

II. SYNOD OF UTICA.

1. *St. Lawrence*,	Elijah W. Plumb,	Harvey D. Smith.
2. *Watertown*,	Joseph A. Canfield,	John C. Stirling.
3. *Oswego*,	Ebenezer G. Townsend.	
4. *Otsego*,	John G. Hall,	James M. Peak, M. D.
5. *Utica*,	Philemon H. Fowler,	Spencer Kellogg.
	William A. Knox,	

III. SYNOD OF GENEVA.

1. *Onondaga*,	William H. Cooper,	Revillo C. Hatch (2),
	William W. Williams,	Alfred Cobb.

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

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
2. *Cayuga*,	Simon S. Goss,	Chester Parsons,
	William S. Franklin,	Hon. Daniel Hewson.
3. *Geneva*,	Samuel H. Gridley,	Richard G. Pardee,
	Silas Hawley,	Columbus Croul.
4. *Cortland*,	Hercules R. Dunham,	William Elder.
5. *Chenango*,	John B. Hoyt.	Gilbert D. Phillips.
6. *Tioga*,	Peter Lockwood.	
7. *Bath*,	Oris Fraser.	James H. Hotchkin.
8. *Chemung*,	Anson H. Parmelee,	Joel D. Gillett.
9. *Ithaca*,	William Wisner, D. D.,	Edmund Brown, M. D.
10. *Pennsylvania*,	James F. Calkins.	

IV. SYNOD OF GENESEE.

1. *Genesee*,	Thomas M. Hodgman,	Hon. Aug. P. Hascall.
2. *Ontario*,	Henry Kendall,	Henry L. Young.
3. *Rochester.*		
4. *Niagara*,	Charles E. Furman,	Stephen P. Morehouse.
5. *Buffalo*,	Timothy Stillman,	E. Sterling Ely.
	Albert T. Chester, D. D.,	
6. *Angelica*,		Hon. Laurens Hull, M. D.

V. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

1. *Hudson*,	John N. Lewis,	Marcus Sears, M. D.
2. *North River*,	A. Cogswell Frissell,	Henry White, M. D.
3. *Long Island*,	Henry Clark,	Edward Huntting.
4. *New York*, 3*d*,	Alf. E. Campbell, D. D.,	Hon. John L. Mason,
	Asa D. Smith, D. D.,	Charles Starr, Jr.
5. *New York*, 4*th*,	J. Parsons Hovey,	Marcus Wilbur,
	Wm. Adams, D. D.,	Joseph E. Marshall.
6. *Brooklyn*,	Daniel P. Noyes,	John C. Halsey, M. D.
7. *Newark*,	Jona. F. Stearns, D. D.,	Samuel P. Smith.
	William Whittaker (2),	
8. *Rockaway*,	Sylvester Cooke,	Hon. Daniel Haines.
9. *Montrose*,	Henry A. Rowland,	Hon. Wm. Jessup, LL.D.
10. *San Francisco.*		[149]

VI. SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Wilmington*,	Walter S. F. Graham.	
2. *Philadelphia*, 3*d*,	John McKnight,	William Denny,
	Beriah B. Hotchkin,	Hon. William Darling.
3. *Philadelphia*, 4*th*,	George Duffield, Jr.,	Hon. A. Naudain, M. D.,
	Amasa Converse, D. D.,	J. Marshall Paul, M. D. (2).
4. *Harrisburgh*,	Conway P. Wing,	James W. Weir.

VII. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Erie*,	Geo. A. Lyon, D. D.,	George Kellogg.
2. *Meadville*,	Jonathan A. Woodruff.	
3. *Pittsburgh*,	Benj. J. Wallace (5),	Thomas J. Campbell.

VIII. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Detroit*,	George Duffield, D. D.,	Henry C. Knight.
2. *St. Joseph*,	Jacob Patch.	
3. *Monroe*,	George C. Curtis,	Charles Noble (2).
4. *Marshall*,	Mills B. Gelston,	Philo Dibble (2).
5. *Washtenaw*,	Charles G. Clark,	William C. Voorheis.
6. *Kalamazoo.*		

IX. SYNOD OF WESTERN RESERVE.

1. *Grand River.*		
2. *Portage*,	Myron Tracy (2).	
3. *Huron*,	Joseph M. Hayes,	James B. Watson (2).
4. *Trumbull*,	Loomis Chandler.	
5. *Cleveland*,	James Shaw (2),	Stephen Whittaker.
6. *Medina.*		
7. *Elyria*,	David A. Grosvenor.	
8. *Maumee*,	John McCutchan.	

X. SYNOD OF OHIO.

1. *Athens*,	Lucian C. Ford,	Barzillai Jewett.
2. *Pataskala*,	Samuel W. Rose.	
3. *Franklin*,	James Harrison,	Benoni Dickerman (2).
4. *Scioto*,	Marcus Hicks.	

XI. SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

1. *Cincinnati*,	Samuel W. Fisher,	Gabriel Tichenor,
	Thornton A. Mills,	A. L. Bushnell, M. D. (2).
2. *Dayton*,	E. Roger Johnson,	Joel Forgey.
3. *Hamilton*,	Daniel Tenney,	Reuben E. Hills.

XII. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

1. *Salem*,	Wm. H. McCarer.	
2. *Madison*,	Hiram Wason,	Edwin G. Whitney.
3. *Indianapolis*,	Benjamin F. Cole,	John M. Boyd, M. D. (4).
4. *Greencastle*,	William M. Cheever,	John Ott. [150]

XIII. SYNOD OF WABASH.

1. *Crawfordsville*,	Amzi W. Freeman.	
2. *Logansport*,	George D. Miller.	
3. *Fort Wayne*,	Alfred Hawes,	Benjamin W. Oakley.
4. *Elkhart*,	Nathan L. Lord.	

XIV. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

1. *Illinois*,	Wm. G. Gallaher (4),	Samuel Rannels (4).
2. *Schuyler*,	Henry C. Abernethy.	
3. *Wabash.*		
4. *Alton*,	Joseph A. Ranney,	Lawson A. Parks.
5. *Des Moines*,	Wm. W. Woods, M. D.	

XV. SYNOD OF PEORIA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Ottawa*,	Henry Bergen.	
2. *Peoria and Knox*,	Wells Andrews.	
3. *Galena*,	Aratus Kent.	
4. *Chicago*,	Robert W. Patterson.	
5. *Belvidere*,	Alfred Eddy.	Sidney Avery.
6. *Minnesota*,	Edward D. Neill.	
7. *Milwaukee*,	Samuel N. Steele,	John Ogden.
8. *Fox River*,	Cyrus E. Rosencrans.	

XVI. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

1. *St. Louis*,	James Gallaher,	Martin Simpson.
2. *North'n Missouri*,	Joseph L. Bennett (2).	
3. *Lexington*,	Samuel J. M. Beebee (2).	
4. *Osage*,	Albert G. Taylor.	

XVII. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

1. *Winchester*,	Abraham D. Pollock,	James Burr.
2. *Dist. of Columbia*,	James R. Eckard,	Jacob Gideon.
3. *Hanover*,	Stephen Taylor, D. D.,	Carter Braxton.

XVIII. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

1. *Harmony*,	H. Sneed McElroy,	Alexander Hamilton.
2. *Providence*,	Thomas Cleland, D. D.,	Jno. C. Maxwell, M. D. (2).
3. *Green River*,	Samuel Y. Garrison.	

XIX. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.

1. *Union*,	Nathaniel Hood,	Horace Maynard.
2. *Holston.*		
3. *Kingston*,	Thomas Brown (2).	
4. *New River*,	George Painter,	Abraham Painter.

XX. SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

1. *West Tennessee*,	George H. Blair,	William O. N. Perkins.
2. *Shiloh.*		
3. *Richland*,	Archibald M. Pickens.	[151]

XXI. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

1. *Clinton.*		
2. *S. Lexington.*		
3. *Newton.*	Hervey Woods.	

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Connecticut,	Rev. Hiram P. Arms.
" " *Massachusetts*,	Rev. Eber Carpenter.
" " *New Hampshire*,	Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace.
General Conference of Maine,	Rev. Joseph Blake.
General Convention of Vermont,	Rev. A. Huntington Clapp.
General Evan. Consociation of R. Island.	
Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin,	Rev. John J. Miter.

General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States.
General Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, Rev. Jacob O. Miller.
General Association of New York, Rev. O. Ellsworth Daggett (2).
General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Committee further reported the case of the Rev. A. Cogswell Frissell, from the Presbytery of North River, as appearing without a Commission.

The Assembly having received other and satisfactory evidence of his appointment as a Commissioner, it was resolved that Mr. Frissell be received as a member, and his name was put upon the Roll of the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator. Nominations were made, the Roll was called, and the Rev. William Adams, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, Fourth, was elected, and inducted into office in the usual form.

The Rev. John N. Lewis, of the Presbytery of Hudson, was in the same manner 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, for the present, hold its daily sessions from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2 o'clock P. M.; and from 4½ o'clock to 6½ o'clock P. M.; and that the first half hour of the morning session be appropriated to devotional exercises.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 21st, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

Half an hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

After which, the Roll was called, and the Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved. [152]

The Committee of Commissions reported the following new Commissioners, whose names were put upon the Roll of the Assembly, viz.:

Rev. James Shaw,	from the	Presb'y of	Cleveland.
Elder J. Marshall Paul, M. D.,	"	"	Philadelphia, Fourth.
" Wyatt R. Smith,	"	"	Troy.
" Hiram Slocum,	"	"	"
" James B. Watson,	"	"	Huron.
Rev. Thomas Brown,	"	"	Kingston.
" Henry Mandeville, D. D.,	"	"	Albany.
Elder Richard J. Knowlson,	"	"	"
Rev. William Whittaker,	"	"	Newark.
" Joseph L. Bennett,	"	"	Northern Missouri.
Elder Alfred Cobb,	"	"	Onondaga.
" Andrew L. Bushnell, M. D.,	"	"	Cincinnati.
" Benoni Dickerman,	"	"	Franklin.
" Philo Dibble,	"	"	Marshall.

They also reported the Rev. Oliver Ellsworth Daggett, Delegate from the General Association of New York, whose name was enrolled accordingly.

The docket of business was read by the Stated Clerk.

Ordered, That the usual number of copies of the Roll be printed under the direction of the Clerks.

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

1. *Bills and Overtures. Ministers*—Stephen Taylor, D. D., Henry A. Rowland, Philemon H. Fowler, and Robert W. Patterson. *Elders*—Hon. John L. Mason, James W. Weir, and Henry C. Knight.

2. *Judicial Committee. Ministers*—William Wisner, D. D., Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hervey Woods, and James Harrison. *Elders*—Hon. Daniel Haines, Hon. Arnold Naudain, M. D., and Carter Braxton.

3. *Polity of the Church. Ministers*—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Thomas Cleland, D. D., Amasa Converse, D. D., and George A. Lyon, D. D. *Elders*—Hon. William Darling, Hon. Daniel Hewson, and William O. N. Perkins.

4. *Devotional Exercises. Ministers*—George Duffield, D. D., James R. Eckard, Henry Kendall, and Abraham D. Pollock. *Elders*—Jacob Gideon and Hon. Augustus P. Hascall.

5. *Narrative. Ministers*—Samuel W. Fisher, Aratus Kent, Leonard B. Van Dyck, and Conway P. Wing.

6. *Leave of Absence. Ministers*—Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., George C. Curtis, and Henry C. Abernethy. *Elders*—Spencer Kellogg and Thomas J. Campbell.

7. *Mileage. Elders*—Charles Starr, Jr., Henry L. Young, and Reuben E. Hills.

8. *On Elections. Ministers*—Henry Mandeville, D. D., and Sylvester Cooke. *Elder*—James W. Weir.

The Moderator also announced the following Committees on Synodical Records, viz.: On the Records of the Synod of

1. *Albany. Ministers*—Albert T. Chester, D. D., and Walter S. F. Graham. *Elder*—Henry White, M. D. [153]

2. *Utica. Ministers*—Thornton A. Mills and James F. Calkins. *Elder*—George Kellogg.

3. *Geneva. Ministers*—Joseph A. Ranney and Henry Clark. *Elder*—Sydney Avery.

4. *Genesee. Ministers*—John McKnight and Alfred Eddy. *Elder*—Alexander Hamilton.

5. *New York and New Jersey. Ministers*—Timothy Stillman and Henry Darling. *Elder*—William Denny.

6. *Pennsylvania. Ministers*—Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., and Jacob Patch. *Elder*—James M. Peak, M. D.

7. *West Pennsylvania. Ministers*—Abraham D. Brinkerhoff and A. Cogswell Frissell. *Elder*—Chester Parsons.

8. *Michigan. Ministers*—Hercules R. Dunham and John Mattocks. *Elder*—Edwin G. Whitney.

9. *Western Reserve. Ministers*—George H. Blair and Elijah W. Plumb. *Elder*—Benjamin W. Oakley.

10. *Ohio. Ministers*—Daniel P. Noyes and Joseph A. Canfield. *Elder*—James H. Hotchkin.

11. *Cincinnati. Ministers*—William E. Knox and Jonathan A. Woodruff. *Elder*—Lawson A. Parks.

12. *Indiana. Ministers*—Courtney Smith and Mills B. Gelston. *Elder*—Barzillai Jewett.

13. *Wabash. Ministers*—Samuel H. Gridley and Lucien C. Ford. *Elder*—E. Sterling Ely.

14. *Illinois. Ministers*—Beriah B. Hotchkin and Hiram Wason. *Elder*—Edward Huntting.

15. *Peoria. Ministers*—Sylvester Cooke and Simon S. Goss. *Elder*—Reuben E. Hills.

16. *Missouri. Ministers*—George Duffield, Jr., and Anson H. Parmelee. *Elder*—Stephen Whittaker.

17. *Virginia. Ministers*—J. Parsons Hovey and Charles E. Furman. *Elder*—William C. Voorheis.

18. *Kentucky. Ministers.*—E. Roger Johnson and Silas Hawley. *Elder*—Alban Crocker.

19. *Tennessee. Ministers*—Joseph M. Hayes and Ebenezer G. Townsend. *Elder*—Revillo C. Hatch.

20. *West Tennessee. Ministers*—David A. Grosvenor and William H. Cooper. *Elder*—John C. Stirling.

21. *Mississippi. Ministers*—Benjamin F. Cole and John G. Hall. *Elder*—Richard G. Pardee.

The Synodical Records were received, and put into the hands of the respective Committees.

Resolved, That hereafter all memorials, appeals, complaints, and papers from Synods and Presbyteries, be placed in the hands of the Moderator, who shall pass them to the appropriate Committees.

Several papers were thus received, and referred agreeably to the above resolution.

For the purpose of giving the members of the Assembly an opportunity of visiting the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon, and also of paying their respects to the President of the United States, it was [154] unanimously resolved, that, when the Assembly adjourn this afternoon, it will adjourn until Monday at 9 o'clock A. M.

The reception of the Narratives and Statistical Reports was made the order of the day for 4½ o'clock this afternoon.

The reception of moneys for the Funds of the Assembly was made the order of the day for 2 o'clock P. M.

The election of Trustees of the General Assembly, and also of Directors of the Theological Seminaries, was referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The nomination of the next preacher on Home Missions was referred to the Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., Rev. Abraham D. Pollock, and Andrew L. Bushnell, M. D.

The nomination of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies was made the order of the day for this afternoon, immediately after the reception of the Narratives and Statistical Reports.

The report of the Treasurer was received, and with the vouchers referred to the Hon. Laurens Hull, M. D., the Hon. Augustus P. Hascall, and Mr. Charles Starr, Jr., to be audited.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Digest, reported that a Digest sufficient for the present had been prepared by other hands, and requested therefore to be discharged. Their report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Legacies reported progress, and were continued.

Took a recess for ten minutes.

After recess, the Committee on Church Extension made their report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

The consideration of the report was made the order of the day for Monday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned until 4½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 21st, 4½ 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 following additional Commissioners presented their credentials, and their names were placed on the Roll, viz.:

Rev. Myron Tracy,	from the Presbytery	of	Portage.
Elder Charles Noble,	"	"	Monroe.
" John C. Maxwell, M. D.,	"	"	Providence.

The Narratives and Statistical Reports were received, and put into the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Rev. Samuel J. M. Beebee, from the Presbytery of Lexington, appeared in the Assembly, and stated that his Commission, which was to be forwarded to him at this city, had not yet come to hand; and his [155] case was referred to the Rev. Henry Mandeville, D. D., Rev. Sylvester Cooke, and Mr. James W. Weir, as a *Committee of Elections*.

After some time, the Committee reported, and on their recommendation, Mr. Beebee was admitted to a seat.

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. O. Ellsworth Daggett and Rev. Samuel W. Fisher.

Second Presbyterian Church—Rev. Philemon H. Fowler and Rev. George C. Curtis.

Fourth Presbyterian Church—Rev. William Adams, D. D., Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., and Rev. George Duffield, D. D.

F St. Presbyterian Church—Rev. Abraham D. Pollock.

Colored Presbyterian Church—Rev. Thornton A. Mills and Rev. Joseph A. Ranney.

Foundry (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. Conway P. Wing.

McKendree (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. Jacob O. Miller and Rev. William H. M'Carer.

Wesley (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. Henry Kendall and Rev. Samuel N. Steele.

Union (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., and Rev. Samuel H. Gridley.

Ebenezer (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. Timothy Stillman and Rev. William E. Knox.

Ryland (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., and Rev. Daniel Tenney.

St. Paul's (Lutheran) Church—Rev. George F. Wiswell and Rev. Henry A. Rowland.

First Baptist Church—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., and Rev. Hiram P. Arms.

E St. Baptist Church—Rev. Henry Mandeville, D. D., and Rev. Cyrus P. Wallace.

Methodist Protestant Church—Rev. William W. Woods, M. D., and Rev. William H. Cooper.

Second Presbyterian Church, Alexandria—Rev. Artemas Bullard, D. D., Rev. George Duffield, Jr., and Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Alexandria—Rev. George Duffield, Jr.

Presbyterian Church, Georgetown—Rev. Stephen Taylor, D. D.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Georgetown—Rev. Alfred Eddy and Rev. Henry Darling.

Methodist Protestant Church, Georgetown—Rev. John N. Lewis and Rev. William W. Williams.

They also recommended that the Lord's Supper be administered in this church, on Thursday next, at 4½ o'clock P. M., with the following arrangements, viz.:

Reading a Hymn and Prayer, by the Moderator.

Reading the Scriptures and an Address, by Rev. Thomas Cleland, D. D.

Prayer and distribution of the Bread, by Rev. Stephen Taylor, D. D. [156]

Distribution of the Cup, by Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D.

Address, by Rev. George Duffield, D. D.

Reading a Hymn and the Benediction, by the Moderator.

The following elders were appointed to assist in distributing the elements, viz.: Messrs. Spencer Kellogg, Jacob Gideon, Hon. Daniel Haines, Hon. Wm. Darling, Charles Noble, James Burr, Alexander Hamilton, and Andrew L. Bushnell, M. D.

The appointment of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies was taken up, when it was resolved that the Assembly will hereafter appoint but one Delegate with an alternate to each of the bodies in correspondence with us.

The Auditing Committee reported, that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer, with the accompanying vouchers, and found them correct; and that the balance in his hands carried to the new account is $27.57.

The report was adopted.

Nominations were made of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, and the election was made the order of the day for Monday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Resolved, That the candidate having the second place in each vote, be regarded as the alternate.

Reports were received from the Delegates appointed by the last Assembly to Corresponding Bodies: from the Rev. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, one of the Delegates to the General Association of Connecticut; from the Rev. David B. Coe, the alternate Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire; from the Rev. William H. Spencer, one of the Delegates to the Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin; and from the Rev. Conway P. Wing, the Delegate to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, To hear the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies, in such statements as they may desire to make, on Monday next, after the first order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for Tuesday morning next, to hear the reports from Theological Seminaries.

Resolved, That the agents of benevolent societies, who may desire to address the Assembly, be referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises, who will recommend to the Assembly a suitable time for the presentation of the claims of their respective societies.

The Assembly renewed the recommendation of former Assemblies, to observe the first Monday of January as a day of fasting and prayer for the Conversion of the World. Also, that the last Thursday of February be observed as a day of prayer for Colleges.

Nominations of a place for the meeting of the next Assembly were made, and the designation made the order of the day for Monday, at 4½ o'clock P. M.

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

Concluded with prayer. [157]

Monday, May 24th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual half hour of devotional exercises, the Roll was called, and 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. William G. Gallaher, from the Presbytery of Illinois.
Elder Samuel Rannels, " " "
" John M. Boyd, M. D., " " Indianapolis.

The Judicial Committee reported a complaint of Franklin Knox against the Synod of Missouri, as in order, and recommended that it be taken up and issued by the Assembly.

The report was put upon the docket.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz., the election of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies. The Rev. Peter Lockwood and Elder Richard G. Pardee were appointed a Committee to collect and count the votes.

The Delegates from Corresponding Bodies were then heard in such statements as they desired to make. The Rev. Hiram P. Arms, from the General Association of Connecticut; the Rev. Eber Carpenter, from the General Association of Massachusetts; the Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, from the General Association of New Hampshire; the Rev. Joseph Blake, from the General Conference of Maine; the Rev. A. Huntington Clapp, from the General Convention of Vermont; and the Rev. O. Ellsworth Daggett, from the General Association of New York; made interesting communications on the state of religion, education, and temperance, within their respective bounds.

After which, the Moderator, in the name of the Assembly, made an appropriate response to the Delegates of Corresponding Bodies, expressing the kind feelings of the Presbyterian Church towards the various ecclesiastical bodies which have been here represented.

A letter was received from the Rev. Hiram A. Hunter, Delegate from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, apologizing for his absence, having been stopped by sickness on his way to this body; and expressing the cordial fellowship of his denomination with the churches represented in this Assembly.

The Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., offered the following resolutions, which were considered and adopted:

"*Whereas*, the members of this General Assembly, as a body, made a most interesting visit, on Saturday, May 22d, to Mount Vernon, and the tomb of General George Washington, the Father of his Country: and *whereas*, this excursion has awakened in our minds recollections and emotions of a peculiar character, binding our hearts more closely to our common country, and its political and religious institutions: and *whereas*, we desire, as an ecclesiastical body, to create a lasting memorial of this event and its influence upon our own hearts: therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we procure and present a block of marble for the Monument now in the process of erection to the memory of Washington in this city. [158]

"*Resolved*, That said marble block bear the following inscription: 'The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in session in Washington City, May, 1852.'

"*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to receive contributions from the members of the Assembly, to procure said block of marble, and to give it its proper destination."

The Rev. James R. Eckard, with Messrs. Jacob Gideon and Carter Braxton, were appointed the Committee on the foregoing resolutions.

Resolved, That the sermon on Home Missions be delivered in this church, on Wednesday next, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned until 4½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 24th, 4½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

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

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., principal; and Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., alternate.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., principal; and Rev. Stephen Taylor, D. D., alternate.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. Randolph A. Smith, principal; and Rev. A. Cogswell Frissell, alternate.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. Silas Hawley, principal; and Rev. Charles N. Mattoon, alternate.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Myron Tracy, principal; and Rev. Amasa Converse, D. D., alternate.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. Henry Clark, principal; and Rev. Conway P. Wing, alternate

Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin—Rev. Robert W. Patterson, principal; and Rev. Artemas Bullard, D. D., alternate.

General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States—Rev. Robert Adair, principal; and Rev. William H. Cooper, alternate.

General Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States—Rev. William R. De Witt, D. D., principal; and Rev. Henry Mandeville, D. D., alternate.

General Association of New York—Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., principal; and Rev. Henry Kendall, alternate.

General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church—Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, principal; and Rev. Elias R. Fairchild, D. D., alternate.

The Assembly proceeded to determine the place for the meeting of the next General Assembly. The Roll was called, and Buffalo was chosen.

It was thereupon *Resolved*, that the next Assembly meet in the North [159] Presbyterian church, in the city of Buffalo, on the third Thursday of May, 1853, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Alfred T. Chester, D. D., Rev. M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D., Rev. Grosvenor W. Heacock, Dr. Bristol, and Mr. Chauncey D. Cowles were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for the meeting.

The report on Church Extension, being the order of the day, was taken up for consideration.

The Rev. Timothy Stillman moved, that the first section of the report, referring to "Education for the Ministry," be adopted.

The discussion of this motion was interrupted, to hear a communication from the Rev. Jacob O. Miller, the Delegate from the German Reformed Church, to which the Moderator responded; when the Rev. Mr. Miller respectfully took his leave.

The discussion of the report on Church Extension was renewed, and con-

tinued until 6½ o'clock, when the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The usual time was devoted to religious exercises.

The calling of the Roll hereafter was dispensed with.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace, from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, presented his credentials, and his name was placed on the Roll of the Assembly.

The order of the day, viz., communications from Theological Seminaries, was deferred for the present, and the Assembly took up the unfinished business of yesterday, viz., the report on Church Extension; the question being on the adoption of the first section of the report.

Rev. Joseph A. Ranney moved to amend the first section of the report as follows:

"Strike out all after the first sub-section, and read as follows:

"2. It is earnestly recommended to each Presbytery to appoint yearly a Standing Committee on Education for the Ministry, whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of funds, in such way as the Presbytery may direct.

"3. It is recommended to all our Presbyteries that they adopt one of the following plans as soon as it may be convenient:

"(1.) Let the Standing Committee on Education for the Ministry co-operate with the American Education Society, or some one of its branches, by paying into its treasury all funds collected, and, in return, asking aid for such young men as the Presbytery may have under its care. Or,

"(2.) Let the Committee on Education act independently of any education society, and raise and disburse all the funds of the Presbytery within its own bounds, in such way as the Presbytery may direct." [160]

The discussion was continued until 12 o'clock, when the Assembly took a recess of fifteen minutes.

After recess, the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported documents No. 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, being certain memorials on the subject of Church Extension, from the Presbyteries of Kingston, Holston, Des Moines, Wilmington, and Detroit; also, document No. 8, being a memorial on tracts and publications from the Synod of Tennessee; all of which memorials relate to subjects embraced in the report of the Committee on Church Extension. "These papers are expressive of the deep interest felt by these several bodies in the cause to which they relate; but as they contain no matters not embraced in the report of the Committee on Church Extension now before the Assembly, they hope that the object of the memorialists will by means thereof be obtained; and the Committee respectfully ask to be discharged from further action in reference to them.

Their report was accepted, and the request of the Committee was granted.

The discussion of the report on Church Extension was resumed.

The Rev. Artemas Bullard, D. D., a member of the Committee, and the Rev. John Patton, secretary of the Philadelphia Education Society, were permitted to make statements on the subject before the Assembly.

The discussion continued until 2 o'clock, when the Assembly adjourned until 4½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 25th, 4½ 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 four memorials on the subject of Slavery, from the Presbyteries of Athens, Fort Wayne, and Franklin, and from several individuals, desiring the General Assembly to take order on the subject of Slavery in the way suggested in their memorials.

These memorials ask of the Assembly:

"1. A further expression of opinion on the subject of Slavery.

"2. That it be enjoined on the lower judicatories to bring every case of slaveholding under examination for particular condemnation or vindication.

"3. That the several Synods be cited to appear before the next General Assembly, to answer charges which, it is alleged, common fame brings against them in connection with slavery.

"The Committee are of opinion:

"1. That the General Assembly has already so clearly and explicitly defined its views on this subject, that no further expression of opinion is demanded at the present time.

"2. That the demand for an injunction on the lower judicatories to [161] take action with respect to this subject is not in accordance with the provisions of our Constitution. (*Vide* Chap. on Review and Control.)

"3. That the several memorials which ask for this citation of the Synods should be referred to the Judicial Committee.

"In view of these reasons, the Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

The report was adopted, and the Committee were discharged accordingly.

The unfinished business of the morning, the consideration of the report on Church Extension, was resumed—the question being on the amendment of Mr. Ranney.

The discussion was continued until the usual time for adjournment.

The Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, the Delegate from the General Association of New Hampshire, and the Rev. A. Huntington Clapp, the Delegate from the General Convention of Vermont, after short valedictory addresses, to which the Moderator responded, respectfully took their leave.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The usual time was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Hon. William Jessup, LL. D., Elder, from the Presbytery of Montrose, presented his credentials, and his name was placed upon the Roll of the Assembly.

The reports of the Committees to examine Synodical Records were made the order of the day for Friday next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

A written communication was received from the Rev. John P. Cleaveland, D. D., the Delegate to this body from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, stating the reasons of his unavoidable absence, and expressing the fellowship of the churches of that Consociation with those under the care of the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded to hear statements in relation to the Theological

Seminaries within our bounds. The Rev. George F. Wiswell, agent, made a statement in reference to the Union Seminary, in the city of New York; the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, in reference to Lane Seminary; and the Rev. Nathaniel Hood, in reference to the Seminary at Maryville, Tenn.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the consideration of the report on Church Extension, was resumed, the question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Ranney.

The discussion continued until 2 o'clock P. M., when the Assembly adjourned until 4½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [162]

Wednesday, May 26th, 4½ 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 Leave of Absence reported, that leave of absence had been given to Rev. William Wisner, D. D., Mr. Richard J. Knowlson, Rev. George Painter, Rev. John B. Hoyt, and Messrs. Richard G. Pardee, Edwin J. Whitney, John C. Halsey, M. D., Abraham Painter, and James Burr.

The Judicial Committee reported No. 2, a complaint of J. Henry Clark, M. D., and others, against the Synod of New York and New Jersey, as in order; and recommended that it be taken up and issued by the Assembly.

The report was put upon the docket.

The Judicial Committee also reported on two memorials relating to the subject of Slavery, transferred to them from the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

"The first, marked No. 1, in the report of that Committee, is from the Presbytery of Athens. It inquires, whether it will not be lawful for the General Assembly to call before them Synods and Presbyteries, which are alleged to be guilty of wrong-doing in the matter referred to. No. 4 is from the Presbytery of Franklin. It represents that the Synods of Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Virginia, Tennessee, and West Tennessee, are charged by 'common fame' with holding sentiments and countenancing practices on the subject of Slavery, in direct opposition to the repeated declarations of the General Assembly; and respectfully suggests, that the said Synods be cited to appear before the next Assembly, to answer upon the subject, according to the Book of Discipline, Chap. VII., sect. 1, articles 5 and 6.

"The Committee would suggest, that prosecutions on the ground of 'common fame,' even in the case of a single individual, ought, not only on principles of Christian charity, but according to an explicit injunction of the Book of Discipline, Chap. III., sect. 5, to be undertaken with 'great caution.' Much more, when the character of a Synod is concerned, or, as in the present case, of several Synods; and when the matter in question is one of peculiar delicacy and difficulty.

"It does not appear to the Committee, that there is any such 'common fame' in the premises as requires the interposition of the General Assembly; and they therefore recommend, that the action proposed by the memorials be not taken."

A motion was made that the report of the Committee be adopted.

The consideration of this motion was deferred for the present, and the report put upon the docket.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported No. 12, "A Memorial from the Trustees and Elders of Park Church, Newark, N. J.;" which was put upon the docket.

The unfinished business of the morning, the consideration of the report on

Church Extension, was resumed; the question being still on Mr. Ranney's amendment.

The discussion was continued until 6½ o'clock. [163]

Before the adjournment, the Committee on Mileage made the following report:

"There has been paid into the hands of the Committee, from fifty Presbyteries, the sum of $1,077.88; and apportionment has been made on 49,436 miles of travel in coming to the Assembly, at the rate of $2.18 for every 100 miles of travel, and in favor of 70 members, the whole number (from Presbyteries which have contributed to the Commissioners' Fund) who are understood to have applied for a portion of the Fund."

The report was adopted, and, in the absence of the Treasurer, the Committee on Mileage were authorized and directed to pay the Commissioners accordingly.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual time had been occupied with devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. Henry A. Rowland, the complaint of members of the Park church, Newark, N. J., was made the order of the day, immediately after the disposal of the question before the house.

The unfinished business, the consideration of the report on Church Extension, was resumed; the question being still on Mr. Ranney's amendment.

The discussion continued until 12 o'clock, when, on motion of the Hon. William Darling, it was resolved, that the discussion be arrested, and the whole subject be committed to a special Committee, at a quarter before 1 o'clock this day.

The discussion continued until the appointed time; when the whole subject was referred to a special *Committee of twelve*, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Stephen Taylor, D. D., Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Philemon H. Fowler, Asa D. Smith, D. D., George A. Lyon, D. D., Samuel W. Fisher, and Robert W. Patterson; with the Hon. Messrs. William Darling, William Jessup, LL.D., and John L. Mason; and Messrs. John Ogden and Horace Maynard.

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

A written communication was received and read from the Rev. Joseph H. Jones, D. D., secretary of the "Corporation for the Relief of Presbyterian Ministers, and their Widows and Children," requesting of the Assembly the acceptance of a number of copies of an address on the subject.

Also, a similar communication from the Rev. Albert Barnes, on the same subject, commending to the attention of the members the objects of this corporation. [164]

Copies of the address were accordingly received and distributed to the members of the Assembly.

Took a recess for ten minutes.

After the recess, the Assembly took up the complaint of J. Henry Clark, M. D., Edward A. Crane, and other members of the Park church, Newark, N. J., against the Synod of New York and New Jersey.

The Moderator read the 39th Rule, reminding the Assembly of the solemn judicial business on which they were about to enter.

The Moderator, on the ground of his being a member of the Synod complained of, voluntarily relinquished the chair, while this case should be under consideration, to the Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., the Moderator of a former Assembly. Messrs. Edward A. Crane and Ellison Conger appeared on the part of the complainants.

The Assembly heard the decision complained of; then the reasons assigned for the complaint; then the whole record of the proceedings of the Synod in the case.

Before the reading of the documents was finished, the Assembly adjourned until 4½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 27th, 4½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met for the celebration of the Lord's Supper; and, in union with a large number of Christians who accepted the invitation to participate with them, united in the celebration of this ordinance in the order previously appointed.

After the Supper, the Assembly resumed business.

The Rev. Hiram P. Arms, the Delegate from the General Association of Connecticut; the Rev. Eber Carpenter, the Delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts; and the Rev. Joseph Blake, the Delegate from the General Conference of Maine, severally made a short valedictory address, to which the Moderator appropriately responded, when they took their leave.

In view of the probability of a somewhat protracted session, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to the several railroad companies, who have kindly favored us with the privilege of coming hither at a greatly reduced rate of fare; and that we respectfully ask of them an extension of the time, in which our return tickets will be available.

After which, the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 28th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual time had been occupied with devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved. [165]

The Rev. O. Ellsworth Daggett, the Delegate from the General Association of New York, took his leave of the Assembly, with expressions of kindness towards this body, which were reciprocated by the Moderator, in the name of the Assembly.

The Rev. Silas Hawley offered the following resolution, which was put upon the docket, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That, in the view of this Assembly, the Plan of Union of 1801 has been, and still is, in full force in the Presbyterian Church; that its pretended abrogation by the Assembly of 1837 was part and parcel of the exscinding acts; that as the said acts were unconstitutional, the Plan of Union was not in the least affected by them."

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that leave had been given to Rev. Timothy Stillman, Rev. William Whittaker, and Messrs. John C. Sterling, Henry White, M. D., Joel D. Gillett, William O. N. Perkins, and Revillo C. Hatch.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to hear the reports of Committees on Synodical Records; and, on the recommendation

of the respective Committees, the Records of the following Synods were approved, so far as written:

Albany, Utica, Geneva, Genesee, New York and New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Michigan, Western Reserve, Ohio, Cincinnati, Indiana, Illinois, Peoria, and Virginia.

The Records of the Synod of Missouri were approved, subject to the decision of a judicial case now pending.

The Synod of Wabash forwarded an attested copy of their Records, but the Assembly declined receiving them as a substitute for the Records themselves.

The Records of the Synods of Kentucky, Tennessee, West Tennessee, and Mississippi, not having been received, the Committees appointed to examine them were discharged.

One hundred copies of a volume, entitled "The Path of Life," by Rev. Henry A. Rowland, were presented to the members of the Assembly by the author; for which the thanks of the Assembly were unanimously rendered.

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, viz.:

First Presbyterian Church—Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. John N. Lewis, and Rev. George C. Curtis.

Second Presbyterian Church—Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., and Rev. Samuel W. Fisher.

F Street Presbyterian Church—Rev. George Duffield, D. D.

Fourth Presbyterian Church—Rev. Stephen Taylor, D. D., Rev. Robert W. Patterson and Rev. Henry Darling.

Colored Presbyterian Church—Rev. Nathaniel Hood and Rev. Hercules R. Dunham.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South—Rev. Thomas Cleland, D. D., and Rev. J. Parsons Hovey.

Foundry (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. Simon S. Goss and Rev. E. W. Gilbert, D. D. [166]

McKendree (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. Hiram Wason and Rev. John G. Hall.

Wesley (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. James Shaw and Rev. Ebenezer G. Townsend.

Union (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. John B. Hoyt and Rev. Peter Lockwood.

Ryland (M. E.) Chapel—Rev. James Gallaher.

Asbury (M. E.) Colored Church—Rev. Samuel Y. Garrison and Rev. Henry Bergen.

Ninth Street (M. Prot.) Church—Rev. Thomas M. Hodgman, and Rev. H. Sneed McElroy.

St. Paul's (Lutheran) Church—Rev. Henry C. Abernethy and Rev. William W. Woods, M. D.

First Baptist Church—Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., and Rev. George Duffield, Jr.

E Street Baptist Church—Rev. Henry Kendall and Rev. William H. Cooper.

Shiloh Baptist Church, near Navy Yard—Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace.

First Congregational Church—Rev. William S. Franklin and Rev. Anson H. Parmelee.

First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria—Rev. James Harrison.

Second Presbyterian Church, Alexandria—Rev. Wells Andrews, Rev. William E. Knox, and Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D.

First Presbyterian Church, Georgetown—Rev. Philemon H. Fowler.

Fifth Presbyterian Church, Baltimore—Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D.

Hon. William Jessup, LL.D., was added to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz., the complaint of members of the Park church, Newark, N. J., against the Synod of New York and New Jersey, was resumed.

The reading of the documents was continued and completed.

At this stage it was moved by Hon. William Jessup, LL.D., that the proceedings be dismissed, on the ground that the action of the Presbytery was not a proper subject-matter of complaint, or removal of the case to a higher judicatory; their proceedings having been merely advisory upon the memorial of the complainants.

Pending the discussion of this motion, the Assembly adjourned until 4½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 28th, 4½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz., the complaint of certain members of the Park church, Newark, N. J., was resumed; the question being on the motion of Judge Jessup to dismiss the case.

After much discussion, the question was put and carried, and the case was accordingly dismissed.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, [167] which was adopted, in reference to the "Corporation for the Relief of Poor and Distressed Ministers of the Presbyterian Church," (whose office is in Philadelphia, and of which corporation, A. W. Mitchell is president; John K. Kane, Albert Barnes, J. B. Mitchell, Joseph Jones, Robert Patterson, committee; and Robert Patterson, treasurer:)

"*Whereas* this corporation, organized long ago, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of securing to aged ministers, and to the families of deceased ministers, a moderate provision against want, is prepared at the present time to enter into all those contracts depending on the duration of human life, which form the business of life-annuity and life-insurance companies: and *whereas* it appears, that this corporation has a considerable fund beyond the value of all its liabilities; that its expenses are very inconsiderable; that, having no stockholders among whom to make a dividend of profits, it can have no object in acquiring profit, but that, on the contrary, it seeks to give a full equivalent for all that it receives; that its engagements, therefore, are not only more secure, but also more liberal, than those of companies generally: and *whereas*, among the contracts which it especially invites, there are several by which a congregation, or a few of its members, can, without a large expenditure, provide for the necessities of their pastor in his old age, and for the family he may leave behind him; or, by a reasonably increased investment, may secure similar benefits to all its successive pastors and their families: and *whereas* it is important that the attention of those concerned should be especially called to this important subject: Therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we regard the plans of this corporation as eminently worthy of the consideration of the ministers and churches within our bounds."

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to

take up the second section of the report on Church Extension, viz., that referring to "Home Missions."

The Assembly proceeded to take up the judicial case which had been put upon the docket, viz., the complaint of Franklin Knox against the Synod of Missouri.

The Moderator read the usual Rule, respecting the entering upon judicial business, and enjoined upon the Assembly a solemn attention to the matter in hand.

The decision complained of and the complaint were read; when the reading was interrupted, for the purpose of hearing a report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 9, in reference to the Commissioners' and Contingent Funds of the Assembly, which was put upon the docket.

After which, the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow at 8½ o'clock A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 29th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual time had been occupied with devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported the following persons [168] as excused from further attendance on the Assembly, viz.: Rev. William H. Cooper, Rev. Courtney Smith, Rev. Leonard B. Van Dyck, Rev. A. Cogswell Frissell, Rev. Elijah W. Plumb, Rev. Beriah B. Hotchkin, Rev. Conway P. Wing; and Messrs. Alfred Cobb, James H. Hotchkin, Henry L. Young, Hon. Lawrence Hull, M. D., Samuel P. Smith, Marcus Wilbur, Charles Starr, Jr., Harvey D. Smith, Barzillai Jewett, J. Marshall Paul, M. D., and Henry C. Knight.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported papers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, with resolutions; which were put upon the docket.

No. 1, in reference to Statistical Reports, was taken up, and the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be, and he is hereby, instructed to prepare such a table as may embrace, if practicable, all the funds collected for religious purposes, whether expended at home or abroad; and that the Moderator, and Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., be appointed a Committee to advise and aid the Stated Clerk in carrying out this arrangement."

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to previous order, to take up for consideration the second section of the report on Church Extension, referring to "Home Missions."

Rev. Samuel W. Fisher moved the adoption of this section of the report.

The discussion continued until 12 o'clock, when the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 13, "On Religious Liberty," accompanied with a resolution. It was put upon the docket.

The Committee appointed to nominate the preacher of the next annual sermon on Home Missions, nominated the Rev. Robert W. Patterson, of the Presbytery of Chicago, as principal, and the Rev. Henry Mandeville, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany, as alternate. The nomination was accepted, and these persons were accordingly appointed.

The Committee, appointed in reference to the block for the Washington Monument, made the following report, which was approved:

"Your Committee collected the sum of $161; and have contracted with Mr. Doherty, who superintends the building of the Washington Monument,

to place the specified inscription, and that of an open Bible, on a slab of stone that will be neat, plain, and suitable, and will cost only $100. The remainder of the money contributed will be considered as a donation from the members of the General Assembly to the common fund for the erection of this great work."

The Committee further reported that, on Monday morning next, a certificate would be furnished each member of the Assembly, as a memento that he is among those whose noble patriotism is erecting this great work to the memory of the Father of his Country.

Took a recess for ten minutes.

After the recess, the consideration of the report on Church Extension was resumed. The Rev. Artemas Bullard, D. D., of the Presbytery of St. Louis, one of the Committee on Church Extension, was permitted to make statements on the subject before the house.

The discussion continued until 2 o'clock P. M.; when, without taking the question, the Assembly adjourned until Monday next, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer. [169]

Monday, May 31st, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met. The Moderator, Rev. William Adams, D. D., having obtained leave of absence, the Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., the last Moderator present, was called to preside, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The usual time was occupied with devotional exercises. After which, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that leave had been given to Rev. Amasa Converse, D. D., Rev. Simon S. Goss, Rev. John B. Hoyt, Rev. Henry A. Rowland; and Messrs. Gabriel Tichenor, Hon. Daniel Hewson, Joel Forgey, Edward Huntting, Stephen P. Morehouse, John C. Maxwell, M. D., Gilbert D. Phillips, Charles Paul, William Elder, Sidney Avery, James W. Weir, and Hon. John L. Mason.

It was *Resolved*, that the discussion on the second section of the report on Church Extension terminate at a quarter before 12 o'clock this day; and that no member be allowed to speak on the subject more than ten minutes.

The unfinished business of Saturday was then resumed, viz., the consideration of the second section of the report on Church Extension; the question being on Mr. Fisher's motion to adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

Mr. Jacob Gideon moved to amend, by striking out the first article, recommending the American Home Missionary Society, &c.

Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., moved a postponement of Mr. Gideon's motion, to take up the following substitute:

"*Resolved*, That each Presbytery within the bounds of the Assembly be directed to examine and appoint all missionaries to labor among their respective churches, whether as stated supplies or pastors, and report to each Assembly their full proceedings on this subject.

"*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to communicate this resolution to the American Home Missionary Society, to have such conference and make such explanations as may be necessary."

The Rev. John G. Hall moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject.

The discussion was continued until a quarter before 12 o'clock; when Mr. Hall asked and obtained leave to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Jacob Gideon then moved to lay the whole subject on the table. The Moderator pronounced the motion out of order, as unknown to our Book. An appeal was taken from this decision, and the Moderator was sustained.

The discussion was here interrupted, to hear the report of the Committee of twelve appointed on the first section of the report on Church Extension.

The Committee made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

"In order successfully to awaken the interest, and call forth the energies of the whole Church, in supplying an adequate ministry, the General Assembly adopt the following arrangement:

"1. It is recommended, in behalf of those Presbyteries and churches that may desire a new and more extended channel of co-operation in [170] reference to this subject, that an Education Society be formed, by those interested in the object, at, or immediately after, the final adjournment of this Assembly, to be called the 'Western Education Society;' that this Society arrange its meetings at the same time and place with the meetings of the Assembly, and permit the members of each Assembly, *ex officio*, to act as members of the Society at its annual meeting; and that the Executive Committee and Secretary of the Society be located at Cincinnati.

"2. It is hereby recommended to each of the Presbyteries, as soon as may be convenient, and from year to year thereafter, to make suitable provision for the presentation to all its congregations of the wants of our Church, our country, and the world, in relation to this subject; and for pressing upon young men their duty in reference to the ministry; upon Christian parents their obligations to dedicate their children to this work, and train them for it; and upon individual churches their privilege and duty to seek out and sustain, through a course of preparation, such promising young men as would not otherwise enter the ministry; and to see that in each church an annual contribution is made to aid in this work.

"3. It is further recommended, that each Presbytery appoint yearly a Standing Committee on Education for the Ministry, who shall take charge of the funds collected in its churches, and disburse them as shall be directed. And it is recommended, that each Presbytery, as far as practicable, exercise a special supervision over all its young men who are studying with a view to the ministry. But this article shall not be so construed as in anywise to interfere with the choice of any Presbyteries, or churches, that may prefer to co-operate directly with the various Education Societies.

"4. It is requested of each Presbytery to forward to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, by the 15th of April, every year, a full report of its proceedings on this subject; stating the number of churches to which this cause has been presented, the amount of funds collected and appropriated, the number of candidates under its care, and the different stages of their progress. And it shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to report the same to the General Assembly.

"5. It is also hereby requested, of each of the Education Societies with which any of our Presbyteries or churches may co-operate, to furnish a like report to the Assembly every year, so far as its operations relate to our Church. And it is hereby recommended to the Societies with which our churches are connected, to adopt a plan of operation and correspondence which will make them mutual helps in advancing their cause.

"6. It is further requested, of the Directors or Trustees of the Union Seminary, New York, the Auburn Seminary, Lane Seminary, and the Seminaries at Hudson, Ohio, and Maryville, Tenn., to present to every General Assembly a concise report of their condition, the number of their students, the names of the Faculty, the ordinary yearly expenses, and any other infor-

mation that may be deemed interesting. The Stated Clerk is hereby directed to forward this request to each of the institutions which have been named, at an early day.

"7. It is earnestly recommended to all the ministers and churches [171] under our care, to observe the last Thursday of February of every year, as a day of special prayer in behalf of our Literary and Theological Institutions, and of the young men connected with all our churches and congregations."

Took a recess for ten minutes.

After the recess, the unfinished business was resumed, viz.: the consideration of the second section of the report on Church Extension.

Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., asked and obtained leave to withdraw his motion for postponement.

Mr. Jacob Gideon's motion was then put and lost.

The question now came up on the original motion of Mr. Fisher, to adopt the recommendations contained in the second section of the report.

These recommendations, after several amendments, were adopted, and are as follows:

"To promote more extensively the work of Domestic Missions, the General Assembly hereby adopts the following arrangement:

"1. The American Home Missionary Society is hereby recommended to the Presbyteries as the agency through which, as heretofore, the work of Domestic Missions shall be done; and the Presbyteries and Synods are requested to adopt, as far as they may deem proper in their circumstances, the following or similar arrangements:

"2. Each Presbytery shall elect a Standing Committee on Church Extension, to serve one year, and continue in office till successors are appointed, who shall under its direction attend to the general interests of this work within its bounds.

"3. Each Presbytery shall see that, by its own ministers or other suitable agency, the claims of Home Missions shall be presented annually to each of its churches, and that proper efforts are made to bring their liberality into free and becoming exercise toward this cause. These contributions to be paid into the Treasury of the American Home Missionary Society, or any of its auxiliaries, and to be raised with as little expense to that Society as possible.

"4. Each Presbytery shall recommend all applications for aid from any of its churches; and shall be careful to see that the amount asked for is the lowest which will fairly answer the purpose. And it is recommended, that the appropriations sought be diminished from year to year, if it can be safely done, that the churches may be brought to a self-sustaining standard as soon as possible.

"5. The American Home Missionary Society is hereby requested to arrange its system of appropriations, so that applications made by any Presbytery for its churches shall not require the official sanction of any agent of that Society. It is not intended, however, by this recommendation, to abridge the right of the Society to obtain information as to such applications, or use its full discretion as to granting them in whole or in part.

"6. Each Presbytery whose circumstances as to territory, churches, and numbers demand it, is recommended to appoint an itinerant missionary within its bounds. Or each Synod, where it is best that two, or more, or all of its Presbyteries shall be united in this work, is recommended to [172] appoint such a missionary, whose duty it shall be to act as a traveling

evangelist, after the scriptural pattern, to explore destitute fields; to prepare the way for the formation of new churches by the Presbyteries; to seek for ministers to take charge of them; to assist and direct in building houses of worship in destitute places; and in all other suitable ways, under the direction of Presbyterial or Synodical Committees, promote the work of Church Extension.

"7. Each Synod shall appoint yearly a Church Extension Committee, whose duty it shall be to take the supervision of any agencies which shall be established, to arrange and carry out some plan to aid in the erection of churches in destitute places, to conduct the Home Missionary business of the Synod generally, and make a full report at each meeting.

"8. Each Synod shall require a yearly collection from its churches, to assist, by loan or gift, feeble churches to erect houses of worship in destitute places; which funds shall be distributed by the Synod's Committee among those churches which may apply for it, according to their necessities. And the older and abler Synods of the Church are earnestly recommended to contribute of their abundance to aid the feebler Synods in this work.

"9. Each Synod is hereby charged with the review of the course of its Presbyteries in the duties now assigned them; and is further required to report to the General Assembly, through its Standing Committee, its proceedings up to the first of April in each year.

"10. Each Presbytery is further required, in addition to its Statistical Report and Narrative, to forward yearly to the General Assembly a full report of its various arrangements for Church Extension, stating the number of its ministers, and the particular manner in which they are employed; the number of its churches, and how they are supplied; the gross amount of funds collected in its bounds for Home Missions and church erection; the amount received by its churches from the American Home Missionary Society, or any similar institution; the number of houses of worship, with their probable value, and whether they are free from debt; the number of new churches organized, and new houses of worship erected; what itinerant arrangements have been adopted for preaching the Gospel; what and how much agency has been employed; together with all such other facts and suggestions as will show from year to year what has been accomplished, and what may need to be undertaken to bring all the churches to a proper degree of effort to promote the kingdom of Christ.

"11. The Stated Clerk is required, in due time previous to the meeting of each General Assembly, to notify the Stated Clerks of the Synods and Presbyteries, by a circular letter, of the foregoing requirement as to reports.

"12. There shall hereafter be appointed, with the other Standing Committees of the General Assembly, one on Church Extension, to whom shall be committed, at an early period of their sessions, the Synodical and Presbyterial reports on the subject, whose duty it shall be to present a condensed view of them to the Assembly, with such further propositions to promote this work as they may deem desirable. This Standing Committee shall be required to report as soon as a faithful discharge of its duties will permit. [173]

"13. A *Committee* consisting *of five*, is hereby appointed *to confer with the* Executive Committee of the *American Home Missionary Society*, expressing to it the kind feelings and confidence of the General Assembly and the churches it represents, and requesting its co-operation in this plan as far as its principles will admit; and also requesting a statement of the principles on which its appropriations are made to the churches of the several denominations of Christians who support it; the results of which conference shall be reported to the next General Assembly."

The Rev. George Duffield, D. D., Rev. Philemon H. Fowler, and Hon. Daniel Haines, were appointed a *Committee to nominate* the Committee of five contemplated in the 13th article; and on the nomination of the Committee the following persons were appointed, viz.: Rev. George Duffield, D. D., Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Rev. Robert W. Patterson, and Hon. John L. Mason.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 5 o'clock to hear the report of the Committee on the Narrative.

The Assembly then adjourned until 4½ o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 31st, 4½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly then resumed the consideration of the complaint of Franklin Knox against the Synod of Missouri.

The Rev. Samuel J. M. Beebee, at the request of the complainant, was permitted to act as his representative in the case.

The Rev. George Duffield, D. D., offered the following resolution:

"*Whereas*, it appears that the decision of the Synod of Missouri, in the case of the complaint of Franklin Knox, has been recorded in resolutions which set forth, not the reasons for the decision in the case, but which are in fact a compromise; which also admit, that at most there is a strong presumption of guilt, but not evidence agreeably to the Constitution sufficient to convict; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the complaint of Franklin Knox against the Synod of Missouri be referred back to the lower judicatory, and that the Synod be and hereby is instructed to reconsider said resolutions, and record their decision agreeably to the evidence and the principles of justice recognized in our Constitution."

The hour having arrived for hearing the report of the Committee on the Narrative, the business was suspended, and

The Narrative was then read by the Rev. Samuel W. Fisher. After which, it was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

A written communication was received from the Rev. Joel Parker, D. D., chairman of a Committee appointed by the last Assembly on Correspondence with the American Board, relative to the erection of Presbyteries in foreign lands; whereupon the whole subject was recommitted [174] to the same Committee, with the addition of the Stated Clerk and the Rev. James W. McLane.

On motion of the Hon. William Jessup, LL.D., the subject of the *Funds of the General Assembly* was referred to the Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Hon William Jessup, LL.D., Hon. William Darling, and Samuel H. Perkins, Esq., with discretionary power to take such action in relation thereto as may be deemed advisable; and that they report to the next General Assembly.

The Committee appointed by the last Assembly to take into consideration the employment of the periodical press, made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

"The Committee appointed by the last Assembly to take into consideration the employment of the press for the promotion of the cause of Christ, by means of our denomination, beg leave to report:

"That immediately after the adjournment of the last Assembly, they

instituted a correspondence with the 'Committee on Church Extension,' to whom had been committed several matters connected with the press, and with whom it was arranged that the Committee who now report should limit their inquiries to matters connected with the periodical press.

"It was deemed of great importance to the interests of our branch of the Church, that some arrangements should be made, if possible, whereby the Assembly might secure the publication of a weekly religious paper, devoted to the interests and views of our denomination. Application was made to several individuals who were interested in the subject, and frequent conferences held with them, in reference to the purchase of one of the most popular of these periodicals, which, it was understood, was offered for sale. But these efforts proved unavailing.

"A conference was then held with the proprietor of the *New York Evangelist and New York Presbyterian*, who made representations of his readiness so to conduct his long-established and valuable paper, as to secure the object had in view in the appointment of your Committee. To the suggestion made by the Committee, that the paper should be put under the general editorial supervision of three of the most capable ministers in our connection in New York and its vicinity, he cheerfully assented, and made liberal proposals to the individuals whom your Committee took the liberty to nominate; one only of whom felt himself free to accept the office. The arrangement has not, therefore, been perfected. But it is understood that the respected proprietor is still desirous so to conduct his paper as to subserve, in every practicable manner, the general interests of the denomination.

"Your Committee are happy to learn, and to call the attention of the Assembly to the fact, that, since the meeting of the last General Assembly, several influential individuals, in the city of Philadelphia and neighborhood, have made arrangements for the publication of a quarterly, to be called '*The Presbyterian Quarterly Review*,' under the editorial supervision and control of several of the most distinguished ministers in our connection, and that the first number has already issued from the press. In the full confidence that this quarterly will be true to the principles of our branch of the Church, the Committee take pleasure in commending [175] it to the approbation of this General Assembly, and the patronage of our ministers and churches."

The Delegate to the last Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin presented a bill of traveling expenses, amounting to $15, which was allowed and ordered to be paid. The expenses also of the Rev. Ransom Hawley, one of the Delegates to the last General Association of Connecticut, were ordered to be paid when his bill shall be presented.

The bill of Gideon & Co., for printing, amounting to $6; the bill of Austin Gray, for stationery, $7.27; of Kirkwood & Gill, for printing, $1; the janitor's bill of $14; and the salaries and traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks, were severally ordered to be paid.

On motion of Mr. Horace Maynard, the consideration of the third section of the report on Church Extension was made the order of the day for this evening, at 8 o'clock.

On motion of the Hon. William Darling, the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the citizens of Washington, and the families of different religious denominations, who have extended their kind and cordial hospitality to the Commissioners and others in attendance, and have contributed to make their stay in this city so peculiarly pleasant; with the assurance that it is our fervent prayer that the blessing of God, in connection with this meeting, may rest upon them.

The thanks of the Assembly were tendered also to the Rev. John C. Smith, and other members of the Committee of Arrangements, for their efforts to enable us to reach the city and to return to our respective homes comfortably and economically, and to minister to our comfort while here.

Thanks were also tendered to the Trustees of the Fourth Presbyterian church of this city, for the accommodation extended to the Assembly, during their present sessions; and also to the choir of the Fourth Presbyterian church, for their very agreeable assistance in our worship.

Thanks, also, were tendered to the Moderator, the Rev. William Adams, D. D., for his able, dignified, and impartial discharge of the duties of his office.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 31st, 8 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly proceeded to consider the third section of the report on Church Extension, viz., in relation to "Doctrinal Tracts."

The report was read, and, having been amended and the blanks filled, it was adopted, and is as follows:

"To promote the diffusion of those truths which distinguish us as a Church, the General Assembly adopts the following arrangement:

"1. There is hereby established at Philadelphia a Standing Committee of nine persons, whose duty it shall be to superintend the publication of a series of tracts explanatory of the doctrines, government, and missionary [176] policy of the Presbyterian Church, as the General Assembly shall from time to time direct. One third of this Committee shall serve for one year, one third for two years, and the remaining third for three years. The election, to fill the places of those whose terms expire, to be held at each meeting of the General Assembly.

"2. This Committee shall elect a Secretary and Treasurer, the former of whom shall receive such a salary per annum, as shall be agreed upon by the Committee; and shall be the editor of the tracts published; and also, as far as may be necessary, the soliciting agent for such an amount of funds as may be required to carry out the objects for which this Committee is appointed.

"3. It shall be the duty of this Committee to meet at Philadelphia, and, after due organization, to take measures to procure the preparation and publication, in cheap, neat, and substantial form, of a series of tracts for the purposes above stated. No tract to be published, which does not receive the unanimous approbation of the Committee.

"4. This Committee shall, if consistent with the interests of the Assembly, enter into a contract with some publisher or publishers to assume, for a time, the publication of such tracts as may be furnished them, at certain rates, which shall be agreed upon in writing. And if no such arrangement can be profitably and satisfactorily made, then the said Committee shall, by solicitation from the churches, proceed to provide a sufficient fund for their publication in behalf of the Assembly.

"5. This Committee shall make a full report of its proceedings to the General Assembly, at each annual meeting."

The following persons were appointed the *Committee to superintend the preparation and publication of Doctrinal Tracts*, viz.: Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Rev. Albert Barnes, and Mr. S. T. Bodine, for one year; Rev. E. W. Gilbert, D. D., Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., and Rev. George Duffield, Jr.,

for two years; Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., and Hon. William Darling, for three years.

Resolved, That the Committee have power to fill their own vacancies.

Resolved, That at least 1,500 copies of the Minutes of this Assembly, with the usual Appendix, be published, under the direction of the Stated Clerk; and that a copy be forwarded, post-paid, to the Stated Clerks of the several Synods and Presbyteries.

The resolution on the docket, in reference to the Plan of Union of 1801, was taken up and adopted. See page 165.*

The report of the Committee on the Polity of the Church was taken up for consideration.

The following Overture from the Presbytery of New York, Third, was then adopted:

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the General Assembly, in order to ascertain the full number of individuals in the Church who are preparing for the ministry, to require of every session to state, in their annual report to their Presbytery, how many of the communicants under their care are pursuing a course of study for the Gospel ministry; and that every Presbytery be required to report the whole number of these students, thus ascertained, among their churches, in their annual statement to the General Assembly, instead of reporting, as heretofore, only [177] those who have formally been received under the care of the Presbytery."

No. 3, an Overture on a case of discipline, was taken up, and is as follows:

"Suppose a member of the church is on trial, and his accuser is 'common fame.' One specification against him is, 'Speaking evil of his brethren, A and B, while he neglects to take any gospel steps to bring them to repentance or to trial.'

"The specification is abundantly sustained by testimony; but the person on trial proposes to introduce testimony to prove that the reports which he circulated, and the opinions which he pronounced derogatory to the brethren named, were true. Has the accused a right to introduce such testimony, tending to injure the character of parties not on trial, nor connected at all with the prosecution, and having no opportunity for defence?

"Would the session be authorized to reject such testimony, on the ground that, if introduced, it would not exculpate the accused, inasmuch as he had no right to circulate evil reports against his brethren, whether true or false, while neglecting to bring them on trial?"

To this the following answer was given:

"The person on trial, under charges tabled on the ground of 'common fame,' has no right to introduce testimony which inculpates his brethren who are not on trial, and who have no opportunity to defend themselves, because it was his previous duty to take proper steps, if the persons were guilty of the evils which he had alleged against them, to bring them to repentance, or free the church from the scandal."

Paper No. 4 was taken up, and the action recommended by the Committee on the Polity of the Church was not adopted.

Paper No. 5, an Overture from the Presbytery of Pennsylvania, asking "whether the Constitution of our Church shall be so altered as to make the term of office of ruling elders temporary, in such churches as prefer it," was taken up, and answered as follows:

"The Assembly do not deem it expedient, or for the edification of the Church, to send down to the Presbyteries such an Overture; the most obvious and natural construction of our Form of Government does not con-

* Page 336 of the reprint.

template a rotatory eldership; and while such an organization of a session is not anti-presbyterial, yet the Assembly would discourage the adoption of the principle in our Church, from respect to the plain meaning of our rule. But nothing in this resolution is intended to disturb the relations of those churches, which have adopted the principle of a limited period in the service of elders."

The consideration of the complaint of Franklin Knox against the Synod of Missouri was resumed, the question being on the adoption of the Rev. Dr. Duffield's motion to remit the case to the Synod. See page 173.

The motion was adopted, and the case was referred back to the Synod of Missouri.

The Assembly resolved not to proceed to the election of Directors of the Theological Seminaries for the present year.

Overture No. 13, on "Religious Liberty," was taken up, and referred to Rev. Drs. Nathan S. S. Beman, William Adams, and Henry Mandeville, with the Hon. Messrs. William Jessup, LL.D., and William Darling [178] to prepare and publish a proper exhibition of our sentiments on this subject, to be sent forth in the name of this body.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, relating to the subject of Mileage and the Commissioners' and Contingent Funds, be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of this Assembly, and the Presbyteries be requested to consider the plan there proposed, and to take such action upon it as they shall think proper.

The report of the Judicial Committee relative to two memorials on the subject of Slavery was taken from the docket, and the whole subject, on motion of Rev. Lucian C. Ford, was indefinitely postponed.

The Minutes of the session were read and approved.

Thanks were tendered to the Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., the acting Moderator, for the manner in which he has conducted the business of the Assembly.

The Roll was called, and the absentees marked.

The business of the Assembly having been finished, and the vote having been taken for the dissolving of 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 North Presbyterian church, in the city of Buffalo, on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1853, at 11 o'clock A. M.

E. W. GILBERT, *Permanent Clerk.*

Washington, May 31st, 1852.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE

Of the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, May, 1852.

The Committee on the Narrative, in presenting their report to the General Assembly, would congratulate this body on the increased attention which, in accordance with the suggestion of the last Assembly, the Presbyteries have given to the preparation of their Narratives. This fact, while it denotes the more vigorous working of our own ecclesiastical organizations, at the same time has greatly facilitated the labors of your Committee in the presentation of the general condition of our branch of the Church. Indeed, our chief difficulty arises, not from the paucity, but the abundance, of the materials

before us, and from the impossibility of reducing such various statements to a consistent whole, that, in the moderate limits assigned to us, shall do justice to each separate part. Our Church, like our country, is so widely extended, and the Presbyteries differ so greatly in position and numbers, as to render it difficult, by any general statements, to convey a clear idea of its condition in all respects. There are some things, however, which either broadly characterize our churches, or are of especial moment to our whole communion, to which we would call attention.

CHURCH ERECTION.

Among these, it is an interesting fact, that almost every Presbytery reports the erection of one or more edifices for public worship, the remodeling and improvement of others, and the successful effort in a large number of cases to remove the burden of a church debt. The erection of new houses of worship in our growing cities and towns, and especially in the newer portions of our territory, is essential to the permanent progress of religion. And it is highly gratifying to perceive that an awakened interest is felt on this subject, and that many parts of the Church are increasingly solicitous that the Assembly should adopt some measures, by which the work of church-building in the destitute frontier settlements should be carried forward systematically and easily. The renewed and successful efforts, in many cases, to relieve the churches of debt, is a very encouraging sign of our advancement. Few things weigh more heavily on the pastor, and tend more powerfully to retard the development of religion, than these church debts. They have not only prevented the growth of many churches, but frequently broken up some of the most promising enterprises for the spread of religion. In this connection it is worthy of notice, as a sign of our advancement, and of the temporal prosperity of the congregations connected with us, that a large number of church edifices have during the year been remodeled and improved, while in other cases parsonages have been erected, and the entire temporal condition of the church placed on an independent foundation. While we may not commend extravagant outlays upon the material edifice, yet a truly healthful religious sentiment will always see to it, that, as the public prosperity advances, and the members of Christ's Church come to dwell in ceiled houses, the house of God should not be left desolate.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

There is no department of Christian labor more vital to the prosperity of religion than the religious instruction of the young. These constitute the chief material for the future upbuilding of the Church; and if they receive that attention which the importance of the case demands, we have every reason for anticipating from this source a constant increase of the members of Christ's fold. Especially, since, in many instances, education of a public kind is becoming wholly disconnected from religion, and literature and science are divorced from the Bible, does it become a subject of great importance to see that effective measures are taken, in every congregation, for the instruction of the children and youth in the right ways of the Lord. Nor would it be without reason, were this Assembly to urge upon such of the ministers of our Church, as have the requisite qualifications for it, the preparation of works on the evidences of Christianity, suitable to the young, and as guides to the teachers of Bible-classes and Sabbath-schools. We are happy to perceive that, while in no case is there a reported decline of interest in this cause, in the great majority of the Presbyteries there never has been

so much attention given to this subject. Larger numbers are reported in attendance on the Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes, while there is very gratifying evidence of increased attention to the catechising of the children, and their thorough instruction in the doctrines of our standards. In addition to this, in many especially of the newer States, we find an increased attention to the interests of education in general, and the institution of both male and female seminaries of learning. The Presbyterian Church has ever been foremost in seeking to educate the people; and while other denominations, who formerly neglected it, are now convinced of its importance, and are coming up to the work, it is a matter of congratulation that the ministers and intelligent laymen of our own Church are endeavoring to illustrate, in this respect, our ancient spirit, and maintain the principles which we have always professed. Let us be true to ourselves in reference to the young, and we need have little fear respecting the final triumph of the great anti-Christian apostasy, whether in the form of Puseyism or Popery.

TEMPERANCE.

In most sections of the country, the Presbyteries report, not so much a great decline in intemperance, as a great increase of interest in the subject of temperance, and a determination on the part of multitudes to avail themselves of all wise legal measures to arrest the progress of this desolating evil. Many are waiting to see what will be the effect of measures now in operation in one of the Eastern States, in order to urge the trial of a successful experiment in other States. The passage of the "Maine Law," and its maintenance thus far, have revived the hopes of millions, and roused them to new efforts in this good cause. Rarely ever have we seen a more striking illustration of the power of moral influence, which a State, not among the central or the most populous, can exert, in promoting the spread of sound principles throughout the community. It seems to us most probable that, in connection with the religious and moral feeling that now opposes this evil, there will be some form of public legislation that will harmonize with it, to remove this fearful curse entirely from us as a nation.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

It is also gratifying to notice that, amidst the dark pictures which many of the Narratives give of the desecration of the holy Sabbath, there are signs of a decided improvement in this respect. The running of cars and steamboats on the Sabbath, while still most sadly prevalent, is yet on the decrease, and a more healthful public sentiment is being formed, which we trust will soon compel the entire cessation of these and all other forms of Sabbath desecration.

PECUNIARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Narratives inform us, not only of the usual attention to the benevolent causes of the day on the part of most of the churches, but in not a few of them of a decided increase in their contributions. It is much to be regretted that we have no full statistical reports on these subjects, in order to determine with greater certainty the advance of our churches from year to year, and furnish a just ground of encouragement and hope for the future. We believe that as a Church we are behind no other denomination in our land in our contributions to the cause of Christ; and we shall rejoice to see our position in this respect made fully manifest by accurate statistical reports.

REVIVALS OF RELIGION.

But, amidst all the evidences of growth and progress, none are so cheering to the Christian heart, or so vital to our permanent prosperity, as the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit in renewing power. From every part of the field of our labors, we hear reports of either gentle refreshings or powerful revivals. With only here and there an exception, some one or more of the churches in each Presbytery have enjoyed the special influences of the Holy Spirit; while in many cases large additions have been made to the membership of the churches. If indeed we cannot speak of the year past as, in every respect, one of the right hand of the Most High, yet it would be ungrateful for us not to recognize the signal favors which He has thus bestowed on hundreds of churches. Weak congregations, and some just ready to die, have, in several instances, been made strong and placed, within a few weeks, in a position of independence of foreign aid; while the energies of many of those already vigorous have been more fully developed. In connection with these visitations of mercy, we are permitted to report the steady growth of an attachment to the doctrines and polity of our Church, together with an increasing desire that, as a denomination, we should attempt greater things than we have yet done to promote this form of piety in the world. At the same time, in some parts of the country, where various errors have been rife and have sought to divide the churches from us and from each other, there has been a decided triumph of truth and righteousness, so that a greater peace and harmony have been secured.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

The Theological Seminaries, in more immediate connection with our Church, are generally in a prosperous condition. The faculties of all these seminaries are now well filled by men of acknowledged ability, learning and piety. An effort is now being made to endow the Union Theological Seminary in the city of New York, and place it on an independent foundation. No more noble or worthy object of an enlightened Christian benevolence, nor one that looks to larger results, can well be presented to those members of our Church to whom God has intrusted the stewardship of large possessions. While, however, the temporal prosperity of these institutions is thus in a fair way of being secured, it is a painful fact that the number of theological students has of late years diminished, rather than increased. It is obvious that we need, as a Church, more efficient means of arousing the attention of our pious young men to the work of the ministry, and of raising funds in sufficient abundance to insure, to those who are poor, an ample support during their preparation for the ministry. Unless the number of our ministers shall be speedily increased, it will be impossible for us to occupy the fields which now open so promisingly on every side, and into which the God of the harvest bids us enter.

HARVEST FIELDS.

There are at this time, aside from the ground already occupied, three fields of great promise which invite our labors.

I. The Colored People.

First. The colored population present claims upon us, in common with other denominations, to bring to them the gospel of the grace of God. We are most happy to notice, in the reports of the Southern Presbyteries, not only that much attention is given to this class of people, but that extensive revivals have occurred among them, and many conversions have taken place.

It is obvious, however, that we are not accomplishing all that our position and resources warrant us in doing in this field. And it is worthy of our consideration, whether it might not be expedient to train up colored ministers with special reference to this class of the people, who, while they might not have advanced as far as many others in the acquisition of theological science, may yet possess sufficient for the successful prosecution of their great work in this field.

II. The Immigrants.

Second. The foreign population, arriving upon our shores at the rate of between three and four hundred thousand a year, demand of us, as Christians, direct efforts to enlighten and save them. A few of these are truly evangelical; and with these we rejoice to sympathize and co-operate. But the mass are either apostate in Rome, or apostate from the doctrines of Luther. And it is necessary that, instead of merely seeking to give life to the present church organizations among them, we should also seek to form churches of our denomination among them, and by associating them with us, enable those who may be converted to stand more securely against the formalism and the infidelity which prevail so extensively among the multitude. The reports from the Presbyteries show a good beginning in this great work. Churches have been formed in New York City, Newark, N. J., Milwaukee, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and various other places, in connection with us; and there is every prospect of a large accession to our numbers from this quarter, in the course of a few years. Let us gird up our loins to this work, and we shall find a field already white to the harvest.

III. The New Settlements.

Third. Our new territories and frontier settlements demand of us as a Church, special efforts to plant churches and sustain missionaries. In these new regions, and wherever there is a large but scattered population, it is highly desirable that there should be itinerant or Presbyterial missionaries, who, under the direction of their own ecclesiastical bodies, should explore the field, gather the elements of churches, and preach as opportunity offers over a wide region. This system is already partially in operation in some of the Western and Southern States; and wherever adopted has proved to be of great value. These missionaries in general have gathered churches and secured ministers, and so have laid the foundations for many generations. We only need some more perfect and permanent arrangement in respect to them, to advance and take possession of regions where the voice of an educated minister is now rarely ever heard.

In reference to these three fields, our Church has begun the work, and begun it well. But, if she would perform her mission fully, she must adapt her missionary and educational systems to this new state of things, and then gird herself for labors protracted and difficult, but promising the richest harvest of souls.

SUMMARY.

Such in general are the state and prospects of our Church, as reported to us in the Narratives of the Presbyteries. We have enjoyed great temporal prosperity. In the building and repairing of churches, and the liquidation of church debts, great progress has been made. Our churches are dwelling in peace, and are growing in steadfastness of attachment to our doctrine and discipline; we have enjoyed many and precious revivals of religion, and

multitudes have been added to the churches. At the same time, there is a most affecting want of ministers, and wide fields of labor that we are unable to enter upon efficiently, from the inability to obtain the proper men to go in and reap the harvest.

DECEASE OF MINISTERS.

In conclusion, we would say, that death has been busy among us, removing one and another from their labors on earth, to join the assembly in heaven.

The following twenty-one ministers have deceased, since the meeting of the last Assembly, viz.:

Ezra G. Johnson,	of the Presbytery of	Catskill.
Josiah Hawes,	"	"
Oliver Wetmore,	"	Utica.
Daniel Bradford Butts,	"	"
Azariah Smith, M. D.,	"	Onondaga.
William Clark,	"	Geneva.
James H. Hotchkin,	"	Bath.
Horace A. Taylor,	"	Buffalo.
Edmund Ingalls,	"	"
Royal West,	"	New York, Third.
Daniel L. Carroll, D. D.,	"	New York, Fourth.
William L. Richards,	"	Brooklyn.
Noah Crane,	"	Newark.
Ebenezer J. Leavenworth,	"	Elyria.
James Brown,	"	Franklin.
Isaiah N. Ford,	"	Scioto.
Isaac Bliss,	"	Galena.
Orange Lyman,	"	Chicago.
Jairus Wilcox,	"	"
Ichabod L. Skinner,	"	District of Columbia.
Henry Reid,	"	Union.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

From the reports of the Delegates of the branches of the Church of Christ in correspondence with us, we are permitted to report their continued prosperity, and the gratifying evidence of the smiles of the Great Head of the Church upon them. Delegates from the following Corresponding Bodies have been present with us at this meeting of the Assembly, viz.:

General Association of Connecticut.
General Association of Massachusetts.
General Association of New Hampshire.
General Conference of Maine.
General Convention of Vermont.
Presbyterian and Congregational General Convention of Wisconsin.
General Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.
General Association of New York.

The Delegates from the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, have also communicated with us by letter.

By order of the General Assembly.

WILLIAM ADAMS, *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.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Comm. Fund.	Conting. Fund.	STATED CLERKS.
I. Synod of Albany	1803	6	100	2	7	84	219	210	10,187	65	220	$108 59	$16 00	A. Bordman Lambert.
1. Champlain	1814	...	27	...	5	21	39	40	2,494	5	97	.....	.....	David Dobie.
2. Troy	1820	...	26	2	...	16	64	106	2,859	25	41	9 00	5 00	A. Bordman Lambert.
3. Albany	1791	...	8	...	...	11	42	32	1,383	12	24	27 59	5 00	Robert P. Stanton.
4. Columbia	1802	...	9	...	2	6	29	13	902	10	14	32 00	2 25	Henry Darling.
5. Delaware	1831	...	19	...	...	18	24	7	1,364	10	29	4 00	1 00	Isaac D. Cornwell.
6. Catskill	1851	...	11	...	...	12	21	12	1,185	3	15	36 00	2 75	Josiah Leonard.
II. Synod of Utica	1829	5	93	2	1	100	255	211	9,323	59	149	137 94	22 37	Franklin A. Spencer.
1. St. Lawrence	1818	...	8	...	1	9	4	17	778	1	19	21 00	2 00	Baruch B. Beckwith.
2. Watertown	1822	...	16	...	...	22	80	56	2,354	24	38	26 50	25	Isaac Brayton.
3. Oswego	1823	...	14	...	...	22	*47	...	1,750	1	21	12 00	.....	Robert W. Condit, D. D.
4. Otsego	1820	...	18	...	...	19	53	51	1,555	15	37	27 00	4 82	John G. Hall.
5. Utica	1842	...	37	2	...	28	71	87	2,886	18	34	51 44	15 30	Samuel W. Brace.
III. Synod of Geneva	1812	10	209	27	9	191	1,006	630	20,958	293	420	316 51	5 52	Henry A. Nelson.
1. Onondaga	1810	...	38	1	1	26	72	87	3,068	25	50	68 50	.....	Seth P. M. Hastings.
2. Cayuga	1810	...	34	21	...	23	80	63	2,565	35	44	60 25	.....	Henry A. Nelson.
3. Geneva	1805	...	43	1	...	28	375	93	4,544	89	119	10 20	.....	William Hogarth.
4. Cortland	1825	...	10	...	3	16	74	66	1,802	25	37	47 00	2 00	Hercules R. Dunham.
5. Chenango	1826	...	12	1	3	17	113	39	1,773	34	35	29 00	.....	Amos C. Tuttle.
6. Tioga	1829	...	16	...	...	14	47	60	1,817	11	37	13 80	3 52	Peter Lockwood.
7. Bath	1817	...	11	1	...	17	64	43	1,431	23	41	25 00	.....	B. Coleman Smith.
8. Chemung	1836	...	20	1	1	21	33	75	1,619	6	19	14 76	.....	Charles C. Carr.
9. Ithaca	1839	...	15	1	1	15	93	87	1,884	23	11	34 00	.....	William N. McHarg.
10. Pennsylvania	1845	...	10	...	...	14	55	17	455	22	27	14 00	.....	Elijah D. Wells.
IV. Synod of Genesee	1821	6	125	6	1	129	587	423	14,917	161	324	210 19	10 37	Timothy Stillman.
1. Genesee	1819	...	13	1	...	18	61	49	1,684	20	10	8 00	.....	Charles N. Mattoon.

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

2. Ontario	1817	...	16	...	...	16	*52	...	1,684	7	23	22 95	.....	John Barnard, Jr.
3. Rochester	1819	...	29	2	1	22	166	112	3,430	55	62	.....	.....	John B. Richardson.
4. Niagara	1817	...	16	...	...	15	70	57	2,193	20	41	48 41	.....	Charles E. Furman.
5. Buffalo	1823	...	40	3	...	39	231	194	4,185	58	187	126 13	10 00	Timothy Stillman.
6. Angelica*	1828	...	11	...	...	19	7	11	1,741	1	1	4 70	37	Joel Wakeman.
V. Synod of N. Y. and N. J.	1788	10	192	34	16	137	711	775	22,244	191	578	308 74	191 11	John N. Lewis.
1. Hudson	1797	...	16	...	1	13	72	64	1,812	33	50	58 12	.....	Obadiah M. Johnson.
2. North River	1819	...	14	2	1	15	36	39	1,645	9	27	8 50	6 50	Sumner Mandeville.
3. Long Island	1791	...	8	...	...	6	7	8	621	6	3	20 50	2 00	Henry Clark.
4. New York, Third	1831	...	37	17	9	18	123	251	5,068	21	184	87 95	67 95	Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D.
5. New York, Fourth	1845	...	25	12	4	9	76	94	2,506	16	67	37 43	37 43	Thomas H. Skinner, Jr.
6. Brooklyn	1838	...	16	1	1	8	93	107	2,135	18	79	27 14	27 14	Samuel H. Cox, D. D.
7. Newark	1824	...	31	2	...	17	92	102	3,473	14	71	42 10	27 09	Ebenezer Seymour.
8. Rockaway	1839	...	18	...	...	18	96	34	2,580	47	36	27 00	13 00	Joel Campbell.
9. Montrose	1832	...	20	...	...	29	116	76	2,317	27	61	.....	10 00	Adam Miller.
10. San Francisco *	1849	...	7	...	...	4	...	...	87	...	...	.....	.....	Samuel H. Willey.
VI. Synod of Pennsylvania.	1838	4	73	8	3	65	490	276	10,259	105	457	177 85	112 45	John McKnight.
1. Wilmington	1833	...	15	2	...	19	19	40	1,324	1	50	5 23	25 92	Horatic S. Howell.
2. Philadelphia, Third	1832	...	25	1	...	18	142	67	2,901	35	167	34 05	11 40	John McKnight.
3. Philadelphia, Fourth	1845	...	24	5	3	19	273	146	4,927	55	169	92 57	72 57	Charles Brown.
4. Harrisburgh	1839	...	9	...	...	9	56	23	1,107	14	71	46 00	2 56	Conway P. Wing.
VII. Synod of W. Penn'vania.	1843	3	21	1	...	34	133	80	2,626	34	148	78 46	5 50	George A. Lyon, D. D.
1. Erie	1801	...	9	1	...	15	43	40	1,115	15	42	40 46	1 25	Joseph Vance.
2. Meadville	1842	...	7	...	...	14	43	14	87	15	53	26 00	2 25	Richard Craighead.
3. Pittsburgh	1839	...	5	...	...	5	47	26	63	4	53	12 00	2 00	Benjamin J. Wallace.
VIII. Synod of Michigan	1834	6	91	3	4	113	242	248	7,394	58	187	124 59	7 50	George Duffield, D. D.
1. Detroit	1826	...	20	2	1	29	69	53	2,024	11	58	39 82	.....	Robert R. Kellogg.
2. St. Joseph	1833	...	12	...	1	26	54	46	1,214	16	45	32 50	2 50	Norman Kellogg.
3. Monroe	1833	...	14	...	...	15	35	34	1,114	5	27	14 00	.....	John Monteith.
4. Marshall	1838	...	19	...	...	19	38	69	1,320	10	36	22 70	5 00	Samuel H. Hall.
5. Washtenaw	1838	...	15	1	2	13	46	46	1,061	16	21	15 57	.....	William S. Curtis.
6. Kalamazoo *	1838	...	11	...	...	11	...	...	661	...	...	.....	.....	Ova P. Hoyt.

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IX. Synod of W. Reserve...	1825	8	140	14	...	119	143	202	7,578	52	33	$75 32	$7 20	William Hanford.
1. Grand River	1814	...	17	1	...	15	1	16	1,055	1	4	.....	.....	Ebenezer Bushnell.
2. Portage	1818	...	31	9	...	16	46	37	1,320	6	47	5 00	.....	William Hanford.
3. Huron.	1823	...	20	...	...	19	41	45	1,202	5	18	27 65	2 50	Alfred Newton.
4. Trumbull	1827	...	14	1	...	15	34	24	1,173	30	3	2 00	.....	Xenophon Betts.
5. Cleveland	1830	...	25	1	...	14	15	47	1,273	7	35	27 02	3 50	James Shaw.
6. Medina*	1836	...	7	...	...	10	...	...	345	...	...	.....	.....	Sherman D. Taylor.
7. Elyria*	1842	...	16	2	...	13	...	...	719	...	...	.....	.....	Alfred H. Betts.
8. Maumee	1842	...	10	...	...	17	6	33	491	3	26	13 65	1 20	James H. Newton.
X. Synod of Ohio	1814	4	48	6	4	73	205	186	4,398	53	181	140 78	11 56	Addison Kingsbury.
1. Athens	1822	...	12	2	...	21	15	17	896	1	21	3 50	.....	James S. Walton.
2. Pataskala	1809	...	15	...	1	22	118	58	1,575	32	50	37 25	4 20	Alexander Duncan.
3. Franklin	1835	...	14	3	2	19	58	74	1,261	18	60	48 03	3 51	Henry Shedd.
4. Scioto	1845	...	7	1	1	11	14	37	666	2	50	52 00	3 85	Joseph Chester.
XI. Synod of Cincinnati	1829	3	42	7	6	40	167	98	3,042	39	71	228 45	10 00	Thornton A. Mills.
1. Cincinnati	1828	...	25	7	6	15	75	56	1,437	16	43	153 45	10 00	David D. Gregory.
2. Dayton	1838	...	8	...	...	14	48	14	930	17	20	15 00	.....	Daniel Rice.
3. Hamilton	1846	...	9	...	...	11	44	28	675	6	8	60 00	.....	Daniel Tenney.
XII. Synod of Indiana	1826	4	43	2	3	63	145	142	3,017	59	143	225 25	23 00	John M. Bishop.
1. Salem	1823	...	9	...	3	16	31	23	769	17	36	84 75	11 00	John M. Bishop.
2. Madison	1825	...	14	...	...	16	70	37	983	29	48	43 00	5 00	Hiram Wason.
3. Indianapolis	1830	...	13	1	...	20	29	68	740	11	41	70 50	5 00	Clement E. Babb.
4. Greencastle	1850	...	7	1	...	11	15	14	525	2	18	27 00	2 00	William D. Rosseter.
XIII. Synod of Wabash	1851	4	30	3	...	49	92	70	1,918	31	86	126 00	4 60	James H. Johnston.
1. Crawfordsville	1825	...	12	...	...	14	8	24	504	7	21	15 00	2 00	James H. Johnston.
2. Logansport	1835	...	6	1	...	15	63	31	879	18	34	52 50	.....	Martin M. Post.

3. Fort Wayne	1845	...	8	2	...	14	7	2	328	2	14	48 50	1 60	James Thompson.
4. Elkhart	1852	...	4	...	...	6	14	13	207	4	17	10 00	1 00	Nathan L. Lord.
XIV. Synod of Illinois	1831	5	65	2	3	88	356	313	4,376	97	164	131 44	8 90	George C. Wood.
1. Illinois	1828	...	17	...	...	15	94	85	1,002	28	47	32 19	3 20	Livingston M. Glover.
2. Schuyler	1833	...	10	...	2	15	41	27	994	6	12	62 50	.....	Henry C. Abernethy.
3. Wabash	1833	...	6	...	...	7	12	14	223	3	13	.....	.....	Enoch Kingsbury.
4. Alton	1836	...	22	2	...	33	136	97	1,482	38	66	24 25	2 50	Augustus T. Norton.
5. Des Moines	1845	...	10	...	1	18	73	90	675	22	26	12 50	3 20	S. Storrs Howe.
XV. Synod of Peoria	1843	8	73	...	...	55	150	217	3,250	47	123	89 25	11 40	Robert W. Patterson.
1. Ottawa	1834	...	15	...	...	12	21	14	249	10	3	5 00	.....	Nahum Gould.
2. Peoria and Knox	1836	...	13	...	...	7	44	25	757	16	25	17 00	.....	Joseph Fowler.
3. Galena	1842	...	9	...	...	15	14	34	747	2	25	5 00	1 20	John C. Downer.
4. Chicago	1847	...	12	...	...	6	50	43	689	12	29	22 00	6 00	Lewis H. Loss.
5. Belvidere	1847	...	9	...	...	5	3	38	404	2	14	14 75	.....	Ichabod A. Hart.
6. Minnesota	1850	...	3	...	...	3	6	14	59	3	7	10 00	1 20	Edward D. Neill.
7. Milwaukee	1851	...	8	...	...	5	12	49	285	2	20	10 50	3 00	William H. Spencer.
8. Fox River	1851	...	4	...	...	2	...	...	60	...	...	5 00	.....	John B. Preston.
XVI. Synod of Missouri	1832	4	41	...	4	57	146	133	2,132	29	110	35 40	6 40	John Leighton.
1. Saint Louis	1831	...	11	...	4	13	107	94	904	21	53	.....	4 00	Edmund Wright.
2. Northern Missouri	1845	...	10	...	...	12	29	21	580	5	47	7 25	.....	John Leighton.
3. Lexington *	1845	...	11	...	...	14	...	...	323	...	...	5 00	.....	Topping S. Reeve.
4. Osage	1845	...	9	...	...	18	10	18	325	3	10	23 15	2 40	Joseph V. Barks.
XVII. Synod of Virginia	1788	3	40	9	5	45	229	92	3,993	64	150	41 00	41 33	John C. Smith.
1. Winchester	1794	...	12	4	3	18	72	18	1,035	34	29	33 00	1 92	Patterson Fletcher.
2. District of Columbia	1831	...	12	3	...	11	99	54	1,576	8	104	.....	29 41	Thomas J. Shepherd.
3. Hanover	1838	...	16	2	2	16	58	20	1,382	22	17	8 00	10 00	Henry Osborn.
XVIII. Synod of Kentucky	1802	3	14	2	3	24	78	46	1,186	15	52	154 50	5 70	Archer C. Dickerson.
1. Harmony	1842	...	6	...	3	9	17	20	451	3	27	59 50	5 00	Fincelius R. Gray.
2. Providence	1842	...	4	1	...	6	36	24	482	12	25	90 00	70	Thomas H. Cleland.
3. Green River	1842	...	4	1	...	9	25	2	253	...	...	5 00	.....	Archer C. Dickerson.

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XIX. Synod of Tennessee....	1817	4	47	...	3	76	325	49	4,829	119	137	$38 26	$8 37	John J. Robinson.
1. Union.....	1797	...	22	...	2	27	197	17	1,958	79	71	10 00	2 57	Gideon S. White.
2. Holston.....	1826	...	11	...	...	16	25	6	1,472	2	23	8 26	.....	Rufus P. Wells.
3. Kingston.....	1838	...	7	...	...	19	14	22	668	2	28	10 00	2 80	William B. Brown.
4. New River	1838	...	7	...	1	14	89	4	731	36	15	10 00	3 00	George Painter.
XX. Synod of W. Tennessee.	1826	3	24	1	3	36	109	30	2,071	39	85	206 50	8 98	William Eagleton.
1. West Tennessee.....	1810	...	7	...	1	7	31	5	544	10	15	.....	98	Robert C. Garrison.
2. Shiloh	1816	...	10	...	1	17	45	12	954	19	45	80 00	3 00	Amzi Bradshaw.
3. Richland.....	1824	...	7	1	1	12	33	13	573	10	25	126 50	5 00	Archibald M. Pickens.
XXI. Synod of Mississippi.....	1846	3	16	1	...	24	28	9	54	7	13	.....	.....	Alexander Newton, D. D.
1. Clinton.....	1832	...	5	1	...	5	12	5	263	3	7	.....	.....	George Moore.
2. Lexington, South	1845	...	8	...	...	8	16	4	403	4	6	.....	.....	James M. McLean.
3. Newton*.....	1845	...	3	...	...	11	...	...	288	...	...	.....	.....	Duncan A. Campbell.

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7. West Pennsylvania	1843	3	21	1	...	34	133	80	2,626	34	148	78 46	5 50	George A. Lyon, D. D.
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9. Western Reserve	1825	8	140	14	...	119	143	202	7,578	52	133	75 32	7 20	William Hanford.
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16. Missouri	1832	4	41	...	4	57	146	133	2,132	29	110	35 40	6 40	John Leighton.
17. Virginia	1788	3	40	9	5	45	229	92	3,993	64	150	41 00	41 33	John C. Smith.
18. Kentucky	1802	3	14	2	3	24	78	46	1,186	15	52	154 50	5 70	Archer C. Dickerson.
19. Tennessee	1817	4	47	...	3	76	325	49	4,829	119	137	38 26	8 37	John J. Robinson.
20. West Tennessee	1826	3	24	1	3	36	109	30	2,071	39	85	206 50	8 98	William Eagleton.
21. Mississippi	1846	3	16	1	...	24	28	9	954	7	13	.....	.....	Alexander Newton, D. D.
		106	1,527	130	75	1,602	5,816	4,440	140,652	1,617	3,931	$2,955 02	$518 26	

COMPARATIVE VIEW.

It will be seen, by the preceding tables, that Statistical Reports have been received from all the Presbyteries, with the exception of Angelica, San Francisco, Kalamazoo, Medina, Elyria, Lexington, and Newton. Several of the reports are quite imperfect, and the returns very defective. A large number of churches have not made any report to their Presbyteries, and some of them have failed to make any return for several years. It is hoped, that increasing attention will be given to this matter, and that delinquent churches will be required to report themselves annually. Statistical Reports should be returnable in March or April, so as to present an accurate view of the state of the Church at the meeting of the General Assembly in May.

No change has taken place in the number or arrangement of the Synods. Present number, twenty-one.

Three new Presbyteries have been erected during the past year; Catskill, Elkhart, and Fox River. One, Ionia, has been dissolved. Increase, two. Present number, one hundred and six.

The number of Ministers is one thousand five hundred and twenty-seven; an increase of thirty-seven. During the year twenty-one ministers have died; a decrease of ten.

The Licentiates are one hundred and thirty; a decrease of ten. Since the reports went to press, two Presbyteries have licensed sixteen more. The whole number at the present time is about one hundred and fifty.

The Candidates number seventy-five; an increase of eleven. These are nearly all in the last year of their preparatory course. A much greater number are at an earlier stage, but not under the particular care of their Presbyteries. The last Assembly has required, that in future the whole number be reported, whether under the care of the Presbyteries, or of the churches only.

The Churches are one thousand six hundred and two; an increase of twenty-three.

The Additions to the number of Communicants has been ten thousand two hundred and fifty-six; an increase of three hundred and seventy-four over the additions of the previous year. The Additions on Examination were five thousand eight hundred and sixteen: an increase of one hundred and thirty-seven. On Certificate, four thousand four hundred and forty; an increase of two hundred and thirty-seven. In no previous year since 1837 has so large a number been reported. Yet seven of the Presbyteries and a large number of churches have made no returns. The whole number of additions, therefore, must have exceeded eleven thousand.

The number of Communicants is one hundred and forty thousand six hundred and fifty-two; an increase of five hundred and seventy-six.

The Baptisms have been five thousand five hundred and forty-eight; a decrease of one hundred and eighty-five. If an equal number of Presbyteries had reported, the number would in all probability have exceeded that of the previous year. Of Adults, one thousand six hundred and seventeen, and of Infants, three thousand nine hundred and thirty-one are reported;

an increase of ten in the former, and a decrease of one hundred and ninety-five in the latter case.

The Contributions to the Funds of the Assembly have been much larger than usual. The whole sum reported is three thousand four hundred and seventy-three dollars and twenty-eight cents; an increase of seven hundred and fifty-seven dollars and forty-five cents. For the expenses of Commissioners to the Assembly, two thousand nine hundred and fifty-five dollars and two cents have been contributed; an increase of five hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ninety-six cents. Of the whole sum, only one thousand and seventy-seven dollars and eighty-eight cents were paid into the treasury of the Assembly; the remainder, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars and fourteen cents, was paid to the Commissioners by their respective Presbyteries. In a few cases no return has been made of the sum thus paid. For the Contingent Fund, five hundred and eighteen dollars and twenty-six cents have been contributed, and, with the exception of four dollars and twenty-five cents, paid into the treasury of the Assembly.

A careful review of the above particulars will show, that the Church has been at no time, since 1837, in so healthful and hopeful a condition as at present.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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