MINUTES, 1854.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 18th, 1854.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the 18th day of May, A. D., 1854, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from 1 Cor. 2 : 2: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

After the sermon, the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

In consequence of the death, since the meeting of the last General Assembly, of Rev. Eliphalet W. Gilbert, D. D., for more than fifteen years the Permanent Clerk of the Assembly, Rev. John N. Lewis, the last Temporary Clerk present, was called to perform the duties of the office, *pro tempore*. [476]

The Stated Clerk then presented the report of the Committee of Commissions, 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*,	David Dobie,	Samuel Churchill.
	Nathan Leighton,	
2. *Troy*,	Nat. S. S. Beman, D. D.,	Peter B. Ackart,
	Edward Taylor,	Marvin Freeman.
3. *Albany*,	Lumas H. Pease,	Otis Allen.
4. *Columbia*,	Theodore S. Brown,	Alexander Abbott, M. D.
5. *Catskill*,	George A. Howard,	Henry Osborn.

II. SYNOD OF UTICA.

1. *St. Lawrence*,	Baruch B. Beckwith,	Sm'n L. Parmelee, M. D.
2. *Watertown*,	Peter Snyder,	Samuel Bond.
3. *Oswego.*		
4. *Utica*,	Theodore Spencer,	Jared E. Warner,
	R. Ransom Kirk,	Milton Brayton.

III. SYNOD OF GENEVA.

1. *Onondaga*,	Lewis H. Reid,	Benjamin J. Cowles,
	George S. Boardman,	Timothy R. Porter.
2. *Cayuga*,	George W. Warner,	Nehemiah Hoyt,
	Levi Griswold,	Hon. Wm. I. Cornwell.
3. *Geneva*,	William Hogarth,	Newell Taft,
	Eliphaz A. Platt,	Hiram H. Seelye.
4. *Cortland*,	William G. Hubbard,	John L. Boyd.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
5. *Tioga*,	Philip C. Hay, D. D.,	Oliver Ely.
6. *Bath*,	Horatio Pattengill,	John Emerson.
7. *Chemung*,	George Hood,	Orrin Robinson.
	Morrison Huggins,	
8. *Ithaca*,	William N. McHarg,	Joshua Jennings.
9. *Pennsylvania*,	Joseph L. Riggs.	

IV. SYNOD OF SUSQUEHANNA.

1. *Otsego*,	E. Vine Wales,	Ezra R. Brewer.
2. *Chenango*,	Henry Callahan.	
3. *Delaware*,	David Torrey,	Geo. W. Reynolds (2).*

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V. SYNOD OF GENESEE.

1. *Genesee*,	John M. Ballou,	Augustus Cowdin.
2. *Ontario*,	Joseph R. Page,	
3. *Rochester*,	James B. Shaw, D. D.,	Hon. Orlando Hastings.
	Calvin Waterbury,	
4. *Niagara*,	Bela Fancher.	Orin Scovill.
5. *Buffalo*,	William Waith,	Sextus H. Hungerford,
	Grosvenor W. Heacock,	John Otto (2).
6. *Angelica*,	Samuel A. Rawson.	

VI. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

1. *Hudson*,	Gideon N. Judd, D. D.,	Geo. M. Newman (4).
2. *North River*,	John Gray,	Phil'r Steward, M. D. (3).
3. *Long Island*,	James Sinclair,	Barnabas Corwin.
4. *New York, 3d*,	Thos. H. Skinner, D. D.,	Francis Duncan,
	George Thacher,	John C. Hines.
5. *New York, 4th*,	Joel Parker, D. D.,	John H. Bulen.
	A. Augustus Wood,	
6. *Brooklyn*,	Sam'l T. Spear, D. D.,	Walter S. Griffith.
7. *Newark*,	William C. White,	Daniel Beach.
	J. Manning Sherwood (3),	Horace J. Poinier.
8. *Rockaway*,	George I. King,	Joel C. Homan.
9. *Montrose*,	Henry A. Riley.	
10. *San Francisco*,	Isaac H. Brayton,	Franklin Knox, M. D. (5).

VII. SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Wilmington*,	Abraham D. Pollock,	James T. McCullough.
2. *Philadelphia, 3d*,	William E. Moore,	James C. Fisher, M. D.,
	John Patton,	Hon. Wm. Darling (2).
3. *Philadelphia, 4th*,	Albert Barnes,	Samuel H. Perkins,
	Thomas Brainerd, D. D.,	Hon. A. Naudain, M. D.
4. *Harrisburgh*,	Daniel H. Emerson,	James W. Weir (4).

VIII. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Erie*,	Joseph Vance.
2. *Meadville*,	George H. Hammer.
3. *Pittsburgh*,	David H. Riddle, D. D.

* The figures show the day of the Commissioners' enrollment.

IX. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Detroit*,	Henry H. Northrop.	
2. *St. Joseph*,	Lucius C. Rouse.	
3. *Monroe*,	Louis P. Ledoux.	
4. *Marshall*,	William C. Smith,	Charles T. Gorham (3).
5. *Washtenaw*,	William S. Curtis,	Mather Marvin, M. D.
6. *Kalamazoo*,	Zerah T. Hoyt,	Martin Heydenburk. [478]

X. SYNOD OF WESTERN RESERVE.

1. *Grand River*,	J. Mills Gillett.	
2. *Portage*,	Franklin Maginnis,	Milton J. Snow.
	William D. Sanders,	
3. *Huron*,	Charles W. Clapp,	William Watson.
4. *Trumbull*,	William C. Clark,	Elnathan Galpin.
5. *Cleveland*,	Raymond H. Leonard,	Elisha Taylor,
	Abram Blakely,	Levi Benedict.
6. *Medina*.		
7. *Elyria*,	Eldad Barber.	
8. *Maumee*,	E. Richard Tucker,	Hugh Hudson.

XI. SYNOD OF OHIO.

1. *Athens*,	Reed Wilkinson,	Hon. John C. Bestow.
2. *Pataskala*,	Edmund Garland,	Wait Wright.
3. *Franklin*,	Henry Bushnell,	Raymond Burr.
4. *Scioto*,	Joseph Chester,	Charles Kingsbury.

XII. SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

1. *Cincinnati*,	D. Howe Allen, D. D.,	Johnston Tremper,
	John M. Boal,	Eliab F. Tucker.
2. *Dayton*,	N. Cogswell Coffin,	Peter Odlin.
3. *Hamilton*,	Benjamin W. Chidlaw.	Joseph Lewis.

XIII. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

1. *Salem*,	John A. Tiffany,	James M. Hains.
2. *Madison*,	Henry Little.	Matthias Haines, M. D.
3. *Indianapolis*,	Thornton A. Mills,	Hon. Fabius M. Finch.
4. *Greencastle*,	William M. Cheever.	

XIV. SYNOD OF WABASH.

1. *Crawfordsville*,	Amos Jones,	Elias Fullenwider.
2. *Logansport*,	Chas. H. Marshall (2).	
3. *Fort Wayne*,	Andrew Loose.	
4. *Elkhart*,	Jacob E. Conrad.	

XV. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

1. *Illinois*,	Alvin M. Dixon (3),	John Kirkpatrick.
2. *Schuyler*,	James J. Marks.	
3. *Wabash*,	Enoch Kingsbury,	William M. Allison.
4. *Alton*,	George C. Wood.	[479]

XVI. SYNOD OF PEORIA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Ottawa*,	Alvah Day,	Henry B. Howell (2).
2. *Peoria and Knox*,	John W. Bailey,	Allen N. Ford.
3. *Galena*,	Enoch R. Martin,	Jeremiah Wood.
4. *Chicago*,	Robert W. Patterson,	Thomas B. Carter (2).
5. *Belvidere*,	Alfred Eddy,	Olney Nichols.
6. *Minnesota*,	Gideon H. Pond.	
7. *Milwaukee*,	Charles R. French.	
8. *Fox River*,	William A. Niles.	

XVII. SYNOD OF IOWA.

1. *Des Moines.*		
2. *Iowa City*,	John Summers.	
3. *Keokuk*,	Edmund D. Holt (2).	

XVIII. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

1. *St. Louis*,	Timothy Hill,	Guilford T. Chamberlain.
2. *North Missouri*,	John Leighton.	
3. *Lexington*,	Charles D. Simpson,	John Rice.
4. *Osage*,	Joseph V. Barks.	

XIX. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

1. *Winchester*,	Thomas D. Bell,	John Quigley, M. D.
2. *Dist. of Columbia*,	Mason Noble,	Jacob Gideon.
3. *Hanover*,	J. Duché Mitchell.	

XX. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

1. *Harmony*,	Eli B. Smith.	
2. *Providence*,	Thomas Cleland, D. D.,	Josiah Wilson.
3. *Green River*,	Archer C. Dickerson.	

XXI. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.

1. *Union*,	Andrew Blackburn.
2. *Holston*,	William A. Taylor.
3. *Kingston*,	Benjamin Wallace.
4. *New River*,	George Painter.

XXII. SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

1. *West Tennessee.*		
2. *Shiloh*,	William Eagleton, D. D.,	John Q. Davidson.
3. *Richland*,	William L. Tarbet (5).	[480]

XXIII. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

1. *Clinton*,	Alex. Newton, D. D.,	Hon. George W. Shelton.
2. *Lexington, South*,	Robert M. Morrison.	
3. *Newton.*		

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Massachusetts,	Rev. Chas. J. Hinsdale.
General Association of Connecticut.	
General Association of New Hampshire.	
General Association of New York.	
General Conference of Maine,	Rev. Caleb Hobart.
General Convention of Vermont.	
General Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island,	Rev. Joel Mann.
Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin,	Rev. John Lewis.
General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States,	Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D.
Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.	
General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.	

The Stated Clerk also reported the following persons as appearing without Commissions, and that their appointment is sustained by the testimony of Commissioners present:

Rev. George Painter,	of the Presbytery of	New River.
Elder Milton J. Snow,	"	Portage.
Rev. Reed Wilkinson,	"	Athens.
Elder John C. Bestow,	"	"
Rev. James B. Shaw, D. D.,	"	Rochester.
Elder Orlando Hastings,	"	"
Elder Marvin Freeman,	"	Troy.
Elder Peter B. Ackart,	"	"
Rev. George A. Howard,	"	Catskill.
Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D.,	"	Philadelphia, 4th.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the above names be inserted in the Roll as Commissioners.

The Assembly then adjourned, to meet in this place at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Concluded with prayer. [481]

Thursday, May 18th, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following new Commissioners were reported, and their names were entered upon the Roll:

Elder James Tremper,	from the Presbytery of	Cincinnati.
Elder John Rice,	"	Lexington.
Rev. William S. Curtis,	"	Washtenaw.
Elder Timothy R. Porter,	"	Onondaga.
Elder Elias Fullenwider,	"	Crawfordsville.
Elder John Kirkpatrick,	"	Illinois.
Rev. George C. Wood,	"	Alton.
Rev. Edward Taylor,	"	Troy.
Rev. Calvin Waterbury,	"	Rochester.

Rev. Henry Little,	from the Presbytery of	Madison.
Rev. Wm. N. McHarg,	"	Ithaca.
Rev. Eldad Barber,	"	Elyria.
Rev. Gideon N. Judd, D. D.,	"	Hudson.
Elder Eliab F. Tucker,	"	Cincinnati.
Rev. Lucius C. Rouse,	"	St. Joseph.
Rev. Theodore S. Brown,	"	Columbia.
Rev. Wm. G. Hubbard,	"	Cortland.
Rev. E. Richard Tucker,	"	Maumee.
Rev. Charles D. Simpson,	"	Lexington.
Elder Jeremiah Wood,	"	Galena.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator. Whereupon Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York 3d, was unanimously chosen Moderator, and inducted into office in the usual form.

Rev. Robert W. Patterson, of the Presbytery of Chicago, was chosen Temporary Clerk.

Rev. Henry Darling, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia 4th, was chosen Permanent Clerk.

The General Rules for Judicatories, contained in the Appendix to the Constitution, with the exception of Rules 17 and 18, relating to the previous question, were adopted as the Rules of this Assembly.

Resolved, That the Assembly hold its daily sessions from 9 o'clock A. M. to 1 P. M.; and from 3½ o'clock to 6 P. M.; and that the first half hour of the morning session be appropriated to devotional exercises, under the direction of the Moderator.

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

The docket of business was presented and read by the Stated Clerk.

Ordered, That the usual number of copies of the Roll be printed under the direction of the Stated Clerk. [482]

The credentials of Rev. Henry A. Pohlman, D. D., a Delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, were presented.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M., to receive Synodical Records, Narratives, Statistical Reports, Educational reports, reports on Church Extension, Overtures, memorials, appeals, and complaints.

Ordered, That, in the absence of the Treasurer, all moneys intended for the Commissioners' Fund be paid, on the rising of the Assembly to-morrow morning, to the Committee on Mileage; and all moneys for the Contingent Fund, be paid into the hands of the Stated Clerk.

Rev. N. S. S. Beman, D. D., Rev. D. H. Allen, D. D., and Rev. Mason Noble, were appointed a *Committee to nominate a preacher* on Home Missions for the next Assembly.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 3½ o'clock P. M., to hear reports from Theological Seminaries.

It was made the order of the day for Tuesday next at 3½ o'clock P. M., to hear reports from the Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, to be followed by the reception of communications from Corresponding Bodies.

The nomination of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies was made the order of the day for Wednesday morning next, immediately after the devotional exercises; and the election was made the order for Thursday at the same hour.

The Assembly recommended the observance of the second Monday in January as a day of fasting and prayer, for the Conversion of the World; and also the last Thursday in February, as a day of prayer for Colleges.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, to hear the report of the Church Erection Committee.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 19th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

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

The following new Commissioners were reported, and their names were entered upon the Roll:

Elder Henry B. Howell, from the Presbytery of		Ottawa.
Elder Thomas B. Carter,	"	Chicago.
Elder John Otto,	"	Buffalo.
Elder George W. Reynolds,	"	Delaware.
Rev. Edmund D. Holt,	"	Keokuk.
Rev. Charles H. Marshall,	"	Logansport. [483]

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees, namely:

1. *Bills and Overtures. Ministers*—Albert Barnes, Samuel T. Spear, D. D., Alexander Newton, D. D., and Henry Little. *Elders*—Otis Allen, Hon. Arnold Naudain, M. D., and Hon. Orlando Hastings.

2. *Judicial Committee. Ministers*—Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Joel Parker, D. D., Philip C. Hay, D. D., and Thomas Cleland, D. D. *Elders*—Samuel H. Perkins, Augustus Cowdin, and Hon. William I. Cornwell.

3. *Polity of the Church. Ministers*—D. Howe Allen, D. D., Gideon N. Judd, D. D., James B. Shaw, D. D., and George S. Boardman. *Elders*—Levi Benedict, Hon. Peter Odlin, and Hon. George W. Shelton.

4. *Church Extension. Ministers*—David H. Riddle, D. D., William Eagleton, D. D., Thornton A. Mills, and George C. Wood. *Elders*—Elisha Taylor, Francis Duncan, and Benjamin J. Cowles.

5. *Devotional Exercises. Ministers*—John Patton, Abraham D. Pollock, Mason Noble, and Daniel H. Emerson. *Elders*—John H. Bulen, Horace J. Poinier, and James C. Fisher, M. D.

6. *Narrative. Ministers*—William S. Curtis, Grosvenor W. Heacock, George Thacher, and J. Duché Mitchell. *Elders*—Jeremiah Wood, Alexander Abbott, M. D., and Guilford T. Chamberlain.

7. *Leave of Absence. Ministers*—Theodore Spencer, William D. Sanders, Joseph R. Page, and Wm. M. Cheever. *Elders*—John C. Hines, John Quigley, M. D., and John L. Boyd.

8. *Mileage. Elders*—James M. Hains, Jacob Gideon, and Samuel Churchill.

The Moderator also announced the following Committees on Synodical Records: namely, on the Records of the Synod of

1. *Albany. Ministers*—John Leighton and John M. Boal. *Elder*—Allen N. Ford.

2. *Utica. Ministers*—A. Augustus Wood and Zerah T. Hoyt. *Elder*—Milton J. Snow.

3. *Geneva. Ministers*—James J. Marks and Eldad Barber. *Elder*—Olney Nichols. [484]

4. *Susquehanna. Ministers*—Joseph Chester and Benjamin Wallace. *Elder*—Raymond Burr.

5. *Genesee. Ministers*—Andrew Blackburn and R. Ransom Kirk. *Elder*—Mather Marvin, M. D.

6. *New York and New Jersey. Ministers*—John Patton and Baruch B. Beckwith. *Elder*—Orin Scovill.

7. *Pennsylvania. Ministers*—William C. White and George Hood. *Elder*—Hiram H. Seelye.

8. *West Pennsylvania. Ministers*—William Hogarth and William E. Moore. *Elder*—Marvin Freeman.

9. *Michigan. Ministers*—John A. Tiffany and John Gray. *Elder*—Timothy R. Porter.

10. *Western Reserve. Ministers*—David Dobie and Henry H. Northrop. *Elder*—Simeon L. Parmelee, M. D.

11. *Ohio. Ministers*—George A. Howard and David Torrey. *Elder*—Orrin Robinson.

12. *Cincinnati. Ministers*—Reed Wilkinson and Peter Snyder. *Elder*—Joel C. Homan.

13. *Indiana. Ministers*—William N. McHarg and Samuel A. Rawson. *Elder*—Martin Heydenburk.

14. *Wabash. Ministers*—George I. King and Joseph L. Riggs. *Elder*—John Kirkpatrick.

15. *Illinois. Ministers*—Joseph Vance and Enoch R. Martin. *Elder*—Daniel Beach.

16. *Peoria. Ministers*—Henry A. Riley and Isaac H. Brayton. *Elder*—Oliver Ely.

17. *Iowa. Ministers*—Alvah Day and William G. Hubbard. *Elder*—William Watson.

18. *Missouri. Ministers*—Alfred Eddy and Calvin Waterbury. *Elder*—Ezra R. Brewer.

19. *Virginia. Ministers*—Eliphaz A. Platt and Franklin Maginnis. *Elder* Elnathan Galpin.

20. *Kentucky. Ministers*—Horatio Pattengill and Benjamin W. Chidlaw. *Elder*—Hon. John C. Bestow.

21. *Tennessee. Ministers*—E. Vine Wales and Henry Callahan. *Elder*—Newell Taft.

22. *West Tennessee. Ministers*—Archer C. Dickerson and Raymond H. Leonard. *Elder*—Nehemiah Hoyt.

23. *Mississippi. Ministers*—Thomas D. Bell and William A. Niles. *Elder*—Matthias Haines, M. D.

The Records of the Synods were called for, and put into the hands of the Committees appointed to examine them.

The Narratives, with the Statistical, Educational, and Church Extension reports were received and put into the hands of the Stated Clerk to be appropriately referred.

The Treasurer's report was received and referred to an *Auditing Committee* consisting of Mr. John C. Hines, Mr. Walter S. Griffith, and Hon. William I. Cornwell.

The report of the Committee of the last Assembly on the subject of [485] printing the sermons of the Moderators of the Assembly, was called for, but no report being made, the Stated Clerk was instructed to correspond with the Committee.

It was made the order of the day for Monday next, at 12 o'clock, to hear the report of the Standing Committee on the publication of Doctrinal Tracts.

The Committee to secure the translation and publication, in the German language, of the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church, and of some book of psalmody, reported that, from providential circumstances, it had been impracticable, and were discharged. The subject was subsequently intrusted to the Standing Committee on the publication of Doctrinal Tracts, to be aided by the Stated and Permanent Clerks.

The Stated Clerk reported, that he had corresponded, as directed by the last Assembly, with the Presbytery of San Francisco.

It was resolved to hear Rev. Isaac H. Brayton, one of the Commissioners from the Presbytery of San Francisco, in relation to the inquiries of the last Assembly, immediately after the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

The Committee on Church Erection, through their corresponding secretary, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, presented their report, which was accepted.

Adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 19th, 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following additional Commissioners and Delegates presented their credentials, and their names were placed on the Roll, viz.: Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale, from the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Joel Mann, from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, and Elder Hon. William Darling, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, 3d.

The Assembly heard reports and statements concerning our Theological Seminaries; from Lane Seminary, through Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D.; and from the Union Theological Seminary, through the Moderator.

A written report was received from the Galena Theological Seminary, after which

A *Committee*, consisting of Rev. N. S. S. Beman, D. D., Rev. David Dobie, and Rev. Mason Noble, was appointed to prepare and report a suitable minute upon this subject.

The report of the Church-Erection Committee was referred to a special Committee of nine, to act in connection with the Church-Erection Committee; and it was made the second order of the day for Wednesday morning next, to hear their report. [486]

The Committee on the legacy of Mr. William Brown, late of Greenville, Tenn., reported a letter from Rev. Francis A. McCorkle, of the Presbytery of Holston, informing the General Assembly of the division of the legacy, according to the agreement of a previous Assembly; that the portion due to the Treasury of the Assembly was about $700; and requesting, for reasons specified, that $250 of the amount be given to the Church at Greenville, Tenn., towards the erection of their house of worship. The request of Mr. McCorkle was granted, and, at the request of the Presbytery of Holston, it was ordered, that the balance of this legacy be paid to the Presbytery of Holston to be used in aid of feeble churches for the erection of houses of worship within its bounds.

The responses from Southern Presbyteries to the inquiries of the last Assembly were called for, and ordered to be placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Assembly proceeded to determine the place for the meeting of the next General Assembly, and made choice of the city of St. Louis, Mo.

It was thereupon *Resolved*, That the next General Assembly meet in the First Presbyterian church, in the city of St. Louis, on the third Thursday of

May, 1855, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that Rev. Artemas Bullard, D. D., Rev. William Homes, Rev. Edmund Wright, and the Elders Edward Hale and James H. Bacon, be a *Committee of Arrangements* for the meeting.

The whole subject of the printing of the Minutes of this Assembly was intrusted to the Stated Clerk.

The Committee to nominate a preacher on Home Missions for the next year recommended Rev. Samuel T. Spear, D. D., of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, principal, and Rev. Robert W. Patterson, of the Presbytery of Chicago, alternate. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported supplies for the various pulpits in the city and vicinity, on the ensuing Sabbath.

The Judicial Committee reported, that not a single case of appeal or complaint had been brought to their notice, and the constitutional time for the presentation of such papers having expired, they asked to be discharged. Their request was granted.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 20th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. Half an hour was occupied with devotional exercises. The Roll being 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.: [487]

Elder Philander Stewart, M. D.,	from the	Presbytery of North River.
Rev. Alvin M. Dixon,	"	Illinois.
Rev. James M. Sherwood,	"	Newark.
Elder Charles T. Gorham,	"	Marshall.

The Moderator announced the Special *Committee on the Report of the Church Erection Committee*, as follows, viz., Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Rev. Theodore Spencer, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Rev. Alexander Newton, D. D., Rev. William Sanders, Hon William Darling, Hon. Orlando Hastings, Hon. Arnold Naudain, M. D., and Mr. Otis Allen.

The Presbyterial Reports on the Education of Young Men for the Ministry were referred to the Standing Committee on Church Extension.

A *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Joel Parker, D. D., Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., and Rev. Albert Barnes, was appointed *to prepare a suitable minute* in reference to the decease of Rev. E. W. Gilbert, D. D., the late Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. After the usual devotional exercises, the calling of the Roll was dispensed with for the remaining sessions.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee, to whom was referred the framing of a minute on the Theological Seminaries, reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, 1. That, in view of the statements made relative to Union Seminary in New York City, and Lane Seminary in Cincinnati, we feel called upon to render thanks to God, and to congratulate the Church and the friends of a sound Christian education, because of the prosperity attend-

ing these schools of the prophets; and so much the more, seeing that prosperity embraces both the confidence of the Church and the means of permanent support; and above all the gracious influences of the Divine Spirit.

"*Resolved*, 2. That we receive with satisfaction the report of the incipient organization of the Seminary at Galena, and sincerely hope that it may speedily rise to a vigorous permanency and usefulness in the broad fields of the Great West.

"*Resolved*, 3. That the existence and prosperity of these seminaries ought to be a matter of joy to our whole denomination, and a conclusive proof, both to ourselves and the world, that the Presbyterian Church, in these United States, has had a noble mission to fulfill, in respect to education and sound doctrine; and that she is nobly and [488] promptly fulfilling it, under the gracious guidance and blessing of Him who is her glorious and sovereign Head."

The Committee of the last Assembly on Romish Baptism made a report, which was accepted.

The minority of the same Committee, through the Moderator, also made a report, which was accepted.

Pending the discussion upon this subject, the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported several Overtures as follows:

No. 1.—On Education and Presbyterial Missionaries, which they recommended the Assembly to answer as follows: that, inasmuch as these subjects were referred to special Committees by the last Assembly, who are to report to this Assembly, they see no occasion for any recommendation thereon.

No. 2.—On a Presbyterian Publication House. The Committee recommended the acceptance of the Overture, and its reference to a special Committee to report to this Assembly.

No. 3.—On the Law Suit. The Committee reported, that, as the subject was referred by the last Assembly to a special Committee, who, it is understood, will report at its present sessions, no recommendation thereon is needed. The report on these Overtures was adopted.

The discussion on the report of the Committee on Romish Baptism was resumed, and continued until the hour for the order of the day, when the Assembly heard the annual report of the Standing Committee appointed to superintend the publication of Doctrinal Tracts. The report was accepted.

The Assembly voted to hear statements from John A. Brown, Esq., of this city, in reference to the Presbyterian Publication House, when the thanks of the Assembly were tendered to Mr. Brown for the information imparted.

Adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 22d, 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following new Commissioners presented their credentials, and their names were placed on the Roll, namely, Elder George M. Newman, of the Presbytery of Hudson; and Elder James W. Weir, of the Presbytery of Harrisburgh.

It was made the first order of the afternoon session of Thursday next, to hear the report of the Committees on Synodical Records.

The unfinished business of the morning—the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on the Publication of Doctrinal Tracts—was resumed; when the following resolution was passed: [489]

Resolved, That the report just read be referred to a select Committee of nine, with directions to consider the whole subject of the publication of Books and Tracts, by authority of the General Assembly, and also Overture No. 2, upon the Presbyterian Publication House; and report such changes in the organization and arrangements of the Standing Committee, as shall appear desirable to give it the greatest efficiency.

The Moderator announced the *Committee*, as follows: Rev. D. H. Riddle, D. D., Rev. A. Blackburn, Rev. W. Hogarth, Rev. R. W. Patterson, Rev. George I. King, Mr. Otis Allen, Hon. G. W. Shelton, Mr. Walter S. Griffith, and Mr. Elisha Taylor.

The discussion of the report of the Committee on Romish Baptism was resumed, and continued until near the close of the session, when it was suspended; and the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 4, on the distribution of the Church Erection Fund, which they recommended should be referred to the Committee on Church Erection.

It was so referred.

The Committee also reported the absence, through domestic affliction, of one of their number, Hon. Orlando Hastings, and asked that his place should be supplied. The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. James W. Weir, of the Presbytery of Harrisburgh.

Mr. John C. Hines was appointed to take the place of Mr. Hastings, in the Committee on the Report of the Church Erection Committee.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, reported that they had examined said accounts, with the accompanying vouchers, and found them correct.

The report was adopted.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 23d, 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 preceding session were read and approved.

Franklin Knox, M. D., of the Presbytery of San Francisco, presented his credentials, and his name was placed upon the Roll of the Assembly.

The Assemby heard the report of the Committee appointed by the last Assembly to consider and digest a plan for the education of young men for the Gospel ministry. The report was accepted and put upon the docket.

The Assembly heard the report of the Committee of the last Assembly, appointed to confer with the Executive Committees of the American Home Missionary Society, and of the Philadelphia Home Missionary Society. The report was accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Church Extension. [490]

The Assembly then resumed the discussion of the report of the Committee on Romish Baptism, which was continued until the hour for adjournment.

Adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 23d, 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Rev. Wm. L. Tarbet, of the Presbytery of Richland, presented an irregu-

lar Commission, which was referred to Rev. D. H. Allen, D. D., William Eagleton, D. D., and Elder Milton Brayton, as a *Committee on Elections.*

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day. Reports were received from the Delegates appointed by the last Assembly to Corresponding Bodies, viz.:—from Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., Delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church; from Rev. William Adams, D. D., Delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts; from Rev. W. C. Wisner, D. D., Delegate to the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin; from Rev. John N. Lewis, Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut; from Rev. Baruch B. Beckwith, Delegate to the General Conference of Maine; from Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., Delegate to the General Association of New York; from Rev. N. E. Pierson, Delegate to the General Convention of Vermont; and from Rev. A. J. Fennel, Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire; all of which were accepted.

Ordered, that the foregoing reports be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

A communication from Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., D. D., Delegate from the General Association of New York to this Assembly, apologizing for his unavoidable absence, was received and read.

The Assembly proceeded to hear the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies, in such communications as they desired to present; when Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale, from the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Caleb Hobart, from the General Conference of Maine; Rev. John Lewis, from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin; and Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, made interesting statements in reference to the state of religion within their respective bounds.

A fraternal communication from the Union of the Evangelical Churches of France was received, and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. Manning Sherwood, Rev. Theodore Spencer, and Rev. George Thacher.

The Assembly then, agreeably to previous order, heard Rev. Isaac H. Brayton, Commissioner from the Presbytery of San Francisco.

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

Concluded with prayer. [491]

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committe on Elections reported, recommending that the name of Rev. William L. Tarbet, of the Presbytery of Richland, who had appeared with an irregular commission, be added to the Roll.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported,

Overture No. 1, being a request of the Synod of Peoria, that a new Synod be formed, to include the Presbyteries of Milwaukee, Fox River, and Minnesota, and that the name of the Synod of Peoria be changed.

In respect to this overture, the Committee recommend the following resolution, viz., Evidence having come before the Committee of a change of sentiment on this subject on the part of those interested in the Overture since the meeting of the Synod, therefore the Assembly take no action in the matter. The report was adopted.

Nominations were made of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

The Committee on the Report of the Church Erection Committee made their report, which was accepted.

The consideration of the report was entered upon, and continued until the hour of the adjournment.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 5 o'clock, to hear the report of the Committee on the Legal Powers, Claims, and Liabilities of the General Assembly.

An invitation was received from Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., of this city, to visit the monumental statuary in St. Stephen's church. The invitation was accepted for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock P. M., with the thanks of the Assembly.

Adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, May 24th, 3½ 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 Mileage presented their report, stating that there have been paid into the hands of the Committee, from 49 Presbyteries, the sum of $1381.33; and that an apportionment has been made on 58,845 miles of travel, in coming to the Assembly, at the rate of $2.35 for every one hundred miles, and in favor of 79 members, the whole number who have applied for a portion of the fund.

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

Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale, Delegate from the General Association [492] of Massachusetts, after a short address, to which the Moderator responded, respectfully took his leave.

The unfinished business of the morning—the consideration of the report of the Church Erection Committee—was resumed, and continued until the hour for the special order of the day; when the Assembly heard the report of the Committee of the last Assembly on the Legal Powers, Claims, and Liabilities of the General Assembly.

The report was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The Assembly then resumed the consideration of the Committee's report on Church Erection, and the discussion was continued until the hour of adjournment.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

Half an hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that leave had been given to Mr. Timothy R. Porter, of the Presbytery of Onondaga; Mr. Martin Heydenburk, of the Presbytery of Kalamazoo, and Rev. Eliphaz A. Platt, of the Presbytery of Geneva.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be tendered to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for furnishing those of its members, who had traveled over the road, with return tickets gratuitously.

The Assembly proceeded to the first order of the day, viz., the election of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, which was referred to a Canvassing Committee.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending, that the

Assembly celebrate the Lord's Supper in this house on the ensuing Sabbath, at 4 o'clock P. M.; that the services be conducted by Rev. T. H. Skinner, D. D., the Moderator of the Assembly; that Rev. G. N. Judd, D. D., administer the Bread, assisted by Rev. A. Newton, D. D.; that Rev. P. C. Hay, D. D., administer the Cup, assisted by Rev. R. W. Patterson; and that the closing hymn be read and benediction pronounced by Rev. William Eagleton, D. D.

And further, that the distribution of the elements be committed to the following elders: Samuel H. Perkins, Jacob Gideon, Franklin Knox, M. D., Otis Allen, Josiah Wilson, John Rice, Mather Marvin, M. D., Oliver Ely, Hon. G. W. Shelton, Matthias Haines, M. D., Johnston Tremper, and John Q. Davidson. The report was adopted.

The Rev. Joel Mann, Delegate from the General Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, after a short address, to which the Moderator responded, respectfully took his leave.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Church Erection, which, after amendment, was adopted, and is as follows: [493]

CHURCH ERECTION PLAN.

The Church Erection Committee, appointed by the General Assembly of 1853, after a full consideration of the trust committed to them, beg leave to report the following Plan for the proper control and management of the Church Erection Fund.

Preamble.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, now holding its sessions in the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, having, through the liberality of the congregations connected with this body, established a Fund for the purpose of aiding feeble congregations in erecting houses of worship, do hereby adopt the following Plan, under which this Fund shall be held, administered, and used:

Article I.

This Fund having been committed to the General Assembly as a special trust, no part of it as now established, nor any additions which may hereafter be made to it, shall ever be used for any other purpose, than that of aiding feeble congregations in connection with the General Assembly in erecting houses of worship; except so much as may be absolutely necessary to defray the expenses incident to the administration of this Plan.

Article II.

The custody, care, and management of this Fund, and of all securities of every kind belonging to it, or growing out of it, together with all claims, dues, and property, that may at any time pertain to it, and all additions that may hereafter be made to it by donations, bequests, or otherwise, shall be committed to a Board of Trustees, to be called "The Trustees of the Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America." The Board shall consist of nine members, four of them being ministers and five of them elders, in connection with some Presbytery or church under the care of the General Assembly, who shall reside in the city of New York, or its immediate vicinity, and whom the General Assembly shall elect by ballot, on a nomination to be made at least one day before such election. The Trustees shall continue in office until the election and induction of their successors. The certificate of the Stated Clerk

of the General Assembly shall be necessary, to entitle a Trustee to take his seat as a member of the Board, which certificate it shall be his duty to furnish as soon as practicable after the election.

The Trustees first elected shall arrange themselves into three equal classes. The term of office of the first class shall expire in one year from their election; that of the second class in two years; and that of the third class in three years. After the first election, the General Assembly shall annually elect three Trustees, to supply the place of the class whose term is about to expire, to hold their office for three years, the same persons always being re-eligible; and each General [494] Assembly shall also by election supply any vacancy in the Board, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise. If any Trustee shall, during the term for which he is elected, cease to be connected with a Presbytery or church under the care of the General Assembly, he shall thereby cease to be a member of the Board; and the vacancy shall be reported to the next General Assembly.

Article III.

The first meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday of June next in the city of New York, at such place and hour as the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly may appoint, who shall preside until the Board is organized by the choice of its President.

Article IV.

The Board shall make their own By-Laws. They shall annually, at their first meeting after the adjournment of the General Assembly, elect one of their number President of the Board; and shall appoint a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall give security to the Board for the faithful performance of his duties. They shall keep complete books of record and account, in which shall be recorded all their proceedings, and the true state at all times of all matters relating to this Fund; which records and accounts, or any part of them, shall at all times be open to the inspection of any committee appointed by the General Assembly for this purpose. They shall also keep full and correct copies and files of all the correspondence which may be conducted or received by them, or in their name; and shall annually present to the General Assembly, not later than the third day of its sessions, a full written report of their proceedings and of the state of the Fund, together with any suggestions or recommendations which they may deem necessary or suitable. The General Assembly shall annually appoint a committee of three of its members, to audit the accounts and to examine the securities of the Board, and report at the next General Assembly.

Article V.

The Board are hereby directed, either by procuring a special act of the Legislature of the State of New York, or in accordance with the existing statutes of said State, to incorporate themselves, and their successors in office, always to be elected as aforesaid, into a body corporate and politic, invested with all such legal powers, as may be necessary to enable them to hold and administer this Fund, in conformity with the provisions of this Plan.

Article VI.

The Board are directed, as far as practicable, to keep at interest, on sufficient security, payable on call or short notice, any portion of the Fund that

may not be appropriated by the General Assembly; or, if appropriated, may not be in use in the Synods. [495]

Article VII.

The Board shall prepare blank forms of all such legal and other papers as may be required in the proper distribution and management of the Fund; and they shall furnish a sufficient quantity of such forms to the Committee on Church Extension of each Synod; the forms so prepared and furnished, and none others, shall be used in all matters and transactions relating to the Fund, to which they may be applicable. They shall designate such legal advisers within the bounds of each Synod, as by a correspondence with the Church Extension Committees of the Synods may be found desirable, to examine all certificates of title, and all conveyances and other documents connected with the loan or donation of any part of this Fund, including a careful investigation in regard to the legal incorporation of the boards of trustees of the congregations concerned; and they shall further have power to appoint an agent in each Synod, and to require that all payments of money that may become due to this Fund shall be made to such agent.

Article VIII.

The Fund thus established is, in the first instance, hereby appropriated to be used within the bounds of the respective Synods, in the following proportions:

Synod of	Albany,	2.5 per cent.	Synod of	Pennsylvania,	3 per cent.
"	Cincinnati,	3 "	"	Peoria,	7 "
"	Genesee,	3 "	"	Susquehanna,	3 "
"	Geneva,	3 "	"	Tennessee,	4 "
"	Illinois,	6 "	"	Utica,	2.5 "
"	Indiana,	5 "	"	Virginia,	3.5 "
"	Iowa,	5 "	"	Wabash,	5 "
"	Kentucky,	2.5 "	"	Western Reserve,	5 "
"	Michigan,	8 "	"	West Pennsylvania,	3 "
"	Mississippi,	2.5 "	"	West Tennessee,	3 "
"	Missouri,	2.5 "			
"	New York and New Jersey,	15 "			
"	Ohio,	3 "			

Article IX.

Each General Assembly shall determine the proportion to be appropriated within the bounds of the respective Synods, of any part of the Fund that the Board may have received since the meeting of the preceding General Assembly, by the payment of loans, gifts, legacies, or otherwise; and every such appropriation, without reference to any previous one, shall be made by the General Assembly in view of the relative wants and necessities of the Synods at the time.

Article X.

If any Synod shall deem it inexpedient to aid their feeble churches in accordance with the provisions of this plan; or shall fail to elect a [496] Committee on Church Extension, to act in conjunction with the Board, as

herein provided; or shall notify the Board that any portion of the amount hereby appropriated to be used within their bounds, or of any amount that may be hereafter so appropriated, is not needed; then, in each of these cases, the General Assembly may, at their discretion, appropriate the portion of the Fund, or any surplus amount, assigned to such Synod, to other Synods in the same manner as is provided for in the preceding article.

Article XI.

In order to be entitled to the use of any portion of the Fund, each Synod connected with the General Assembly shall annually elect a Committee on Church Extension, consisting of at least five members. The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall, immediately after the election of said Committee, transmit to the President or Secretary of the Board his certificate of such election, giving the name and residence of each member.

Article XII.

All applications for aid from the Fund shall be made, in the first instance, to the Committee on Church Extension of the Synod to which the applicants belong, or within whose bounds they are situated. Every such application shall be in writing, and shall particularly state: The location of the house or site for its erection; the number of families or persons attached to the congregation, or that propose to unite in building a house of worship; the description of the house which they propose to build, with its estimated and probable cost, or the description and cost of the house and lot owned by the congregation; the amount of reliable subscriptions which have been obtained, and how much has been paid thereon; the amount of available means possessed by the congregation, if any; whether the congregation is in debt, and if so, to what amount, and when the same becomes due; and also any other facts which may aid the Committee of the Synod in judging of the application. This application shall be accompanied by the certificate of one of the legal advisers of the Board, that the title to the lot on which the house is built or to be built is vested in said congregation, and is free from all legal encumbrance and liability.

Article XIII.

If the Committee of the Synod, to whom application for aid has been made as above provided, shall, after a careful examination into the condition and prospects of the congregation so applying, be satisfied that such congregation have done all that should reasonably be expected of them, and that, with the aid which can be afforded from this Fund, they can build or possess a house of worship adapted to their wants, and be free from other indebtedness than that to this Fund; then the Committee shall sign a certificate addressed to the Board, stating the application, and that they have examined and approved of it; and also stating the amount which it is proper to loan or donate to the congregation. This certificate, together with a copy of the application made to the Committee of the Synod, shall be transmitted to the Board. [497] On the receipt of this certificate and application, the Board shall, as soon as practicable, if the application is in due form, forward the necessary papers, to be executed by the trustees of the congregation, and to be approved by their legal adviser, or some other attorney proposed by the congregation and accepted by the Board. When the papers, so executed, approved, and properly recorded, are returned to the Board, they shall authorize the treasurer of the trustees of the congregation, or any

other person duly appointed by them for this purpose, to draw on the Treasurer of the Board for the amount thus provided for and secured.

Article XIV.

The Board shall not in any case loan or donate any portion of the Fund to any congregation, unless such congregation own, in fee simple and free from all legal incumbrance, the lot on which their house of worship is situated, or on which they propose to build; nor shall any loan or donation be made for the payment of any debt, except that which may have been contracted within one year previous in erecting a house of worship.

The amount loaned to any congregation shall never be more than one-third of the amount contributed for the house and lot, nor exceed the sum of five hundred dollars; nor shall the amount given to any congregation as a donation be in any case more than two hundred dollars, or exceed one-fourth of the amount contributed for their house and lot; nor shall a loan and a donation be made to the same congregation. The donations within the boundaries of any Synod shall never be more than one-fourth of the amount appropriated to that Synod.

All loans shall be made on the following conditions:

1. The principal shall be paid in four equal annual instalments, the first instalment becoming due in three years from the date of the loan.

2. If all the instalments are punctually paid, no interest will be required on any part of the loan.

3. In default of the payment of any instalment, interest shall be required on the whole loan unpaid, from the time of such default, until such instalment, with all the interest that may thus accrue, shall be paid.

The conditions of all donations from this Fund shall be, that, in case the church or congregation shall cease to be connected with the General Assembly, or their corporate existence shall cease, or their house of worship be alienated except for the building or purchase of a better house of worship, they shall refund to the Board the amount which they have so received, with interest from the time of receiving it; and further, that every congregation receiving a donation shall annually make a collection in aid of the Fund, transmitting the same to the Treasurer, until the amount so collected and paid over shall equal the sum received as a donation.

The fulfillment of the above conditions, in respect to both loans and donations, shall in all cases be secured by the bond of the trustees of the congregation, and a mortgage on their house and lot, made in favor [498] of the Board; which bond and mortgage, duly executed and recorded, shall always be placed in the possession of the Board, before any money is paid over to the congregation.

Article XV.

The Board shall not make a loan or donation to any congregation, until the full sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall have been actually paid to the Treasurer of the General Assembly. When this amount has been received, the Treasurer of the General Assembly is hereby directed to pay over the whole amount to the Treasurer of this Fund, upon the written order of the Board, signed by its President and Secretary.

Article XVI.

In accepting this trust and adopting this Plan, the General Assembly hereby declares, that the first article shall admit of no alteration or amend-

ment, and that no change shall be made in any other part of the Plan by any future General Assembly, except by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members, whose names have been entered upon the Roll.

The following resolutions were also adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly express its full approbation of the action of the last Assembly, for raising the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, as a permanent Fund for Church Erection.

Resolved, 2. That efficient measures should now be taken to make up the deficiency of this Fund, in the shortest time practicable,—say, by the first day of October next.

Resolved, 3. That the Trustees, who are to be appointed to take charge of this whole business, be instructed to make an early and earnest appeal to those churches—more than one-half of our whole number—who have contributed nothing to this Fund, asking their co-operation in this labor of love; that they solicit additional assistance from those who have afforded but slender aid; and that they state our remaining wants to those whose liberality has already abounded.

Ordered that a special Committee be appointed to nominate "The Trustees of the Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly," and the Auditing Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, that Overtures and memorials have been before them from the following Presbyteries, viz., Hamilton, Long Island, Pennsylvania, Montrose, Watertown, Union, Cortland, Dayton, Indianapolis, Crawfordsville, Madison, Elkhart, Keokuk, Peoria and Knox, Salem, Wabash, and Athens; and from members of the church of Fremont, Indiana: relating to the subject of Slavery.

In reference to these memorials and Overtures, the Committee recommend, that, inasmuch as we believe that, in the present aspects of Divine Providence, the consideration of the subject in this General Assembly is undesirable and inexpedient; and inasmuch as the memorials do not ask for any modification or renewal of the testimony borne [499] by previous Assemblies in regard to the system and practice of Slavery, as existing in this country, or for any expression of opinion as to the proper course to be pursued by future Assemblies, therefore this Assembly take no action on the subject.

The report was adopted.

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 Massachusetts—Rev. P. H. Fowler, D. D., principal; and Rev. J. W. McLane, D. D., alternate.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. George Thacher, principal; and Rev. R. Ransom Kirk, alternate.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., principal: and Rev. Edward Taylor, alternate.

General Association of New York—Rev. A. E. Campbell, D. D., principal; and Rev. S. W. Fisher, D. D., alternate.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. James B. Shaw, D. D., principal; and Rev. David Torrey, alternate.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Bela Fancher, principal; and Rev. Wm. N. McHarg, alternate.

General Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. S. T. Spear, D.D., principal; and Rev. W. C. White, alternate.

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin—Rev. Samuel D. Burchard, D. D., principal; and Rev. Wm. B. Sanders, alternate.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States—Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D., alternate, in place of Rev. S. Washburn, deceased.

Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States—Rev. Albert Barnes, principal; and Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., alternate.

General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church—Rev. Raymond H. Leonard, principal; and Rev. Archer C. Dickerson, alternate.

The following preamble and resolution, proposed by Elder Walter S. Griffith, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It is highly important to our churches, that they be served by competent ministers, who shall be free from worldly cares and avocations; *Whereas*, the law of Christ expressly declares, "that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel," and that he "that is taught in the word" should "communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things," thus making it the solemn duty, as it is clearly the interest, of Christian churches to provide for their ministers a competent and liberal support; *Whereas*, the cost of the necessities of life has advanced so greatly, as to render the salaries heretofore paid to many of our ministers entirely inadequate, causing to them and to their families great anxiety and distress; *And whereas*, this subject demands at this time, and should not fail to attract, the special attention of every Christian; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Assembly earnestly exhort all the [500] churches under their care to consider this question in the spirit of Christian fidelity and liberality, and to make ample provision for those who minister to them in word and doctrine; stipulating so to increase their compensation, when necessary, as to make their salaries fully adequate to their comfortable support, in view of the enhanced expenses of living; and paying the amount agreed upon with honorable and Christian promptitude.

An additional resolution upon this subject was also proposed by Hon. Wm. Darling, pending the consideration of which the Assembly adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 25th, 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning, to consider the report of the Committee on the Education of Young Men for the Ministry.

The Assembly, agreeably to previous order, proceeded to hear the reports of the Committees on the Synodical Records; and, on the recommendation of the respective Committees, the Records of the following Synods were approved, as far as written: Albany, Utica, Geneva, Susquehanna, Genesee, New York and New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Michigan, Western Reserve, Ohio, Cincinnati, Indiana, Peoria, Iowa, West Tennessee, Virginia, and Missouri.

The Records of the Synod of Wabash were approved, with the following exceptions:

(1.) On pages 51 and 52, the Synod met and proceeded to business without reading the Minutes of the previous day's session.

(2.) On page 59, the Synod closed its annual sessions and adjourned, without reading or approving the Minutes of the Clerk.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Illinois reported, and recommended their approval, as far as written, except in the case of the action of that body, as recorded on page 415, sustaining the act of the Moderator of the Synod in changing the time of its annual meeting. The report was adopted.

The Records of the Synod of Tennessee were approved with the following exceptions:

(1.) On page 34, it appears from the Record, that the Synod adjourned at the close of the day, without prayer.

(2.) On page 36, it is recorded that the Synod was *constituted* with prayer, it being the second day of the sessions of the Synod.

(3.) The Records are not attested by the Stated Clerk.

The Records of the Synod of Mississippi were approved, with the following exception: that the book has not been presented for review since 1846.

The Records of the Synod of Kentucky were approved, with the following exceptions: [501]

(1.) Verbal errors on page 169.

(2.) No record of prayer in page 176.

(3.) Records not approved by the Synod, and some not attested by the Stated Clerk.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz., the consideration of the resolution upon ministerial support, was resumed, when its postponement was moved, with a view to the introduction of a remonstrance against the Nebraska and Kansas bill now pending in the Congress of the United States.

The Moderator decided that the motion was not in order.

From this decision an appeal was taken and sustained.

The motion for postponement was lost.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 26th, 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 preceding session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that leave had been given to Rev. Messrs. J. B. Shaw, D. D., Eli B. Smith, and F. Maginnis; and to the Elders Allen N. Ford, Levi Benedict, T. B. Carter, A. Cowdin, John Quigley, M. D., O. Scovill, C. T. Gorham, E. Fullenwider, and P. B. Ackart.

The Moderator announced the *Committee to nominate* the *Trustees* of the Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly, and the Auditing Committee, as follows: Mr. Elisha Taylor, Rev. J. Manning Sherwood, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Hon. William Darling, and Franklin Knox, M. D.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to a previous order, to consider the report of the Committee appointed by the last Assembly, to digest a plan for the education of young men for the Gospel ministry. After considerable discussion, the further consideration of the subject was postponed, and the Assembly heard Rev. John N. Lewis, in reference to the "Central American Education Society;" and Rev. Theron Baldwin in reference to the "Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West."

Adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 26th, 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rev. E. R. Fairchild, D. D., addressed the Assembly in behalf of the American and Foreign Christian Union, after which the following resolutions were adopted: [502]

Resolved, 1. That the remarkable state of things in the papal world, especially in France, the kingdom of Sardinia, Belgium, Ireland, Canada, Brazil, New Granada, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Hayti, invites and imperatively demands prompt, wisely-devised, and effectively prosecuted measures, on the part of all evangelical Christians in our country and Protestant lands, to introduce and to diffuse in them all the blessings of the glorious Gospel.

Resolved, 2. That in the success, which has attended the labors of the American and Foreign Christian Union to enlighten and save the millions of Romanists, who have already found a home in our happy country, as well as to evangelize the papal nations abroad, this Assembly finds a strong argument for confidence and co-operation on the part of all evangelical Christians, patriots, and friends of our country generally; and they cordially commend it again to the sympathies and liberal patronage especially of the congregations under their care.

In view of the statements made in the morning by Rev. Theron Baldwin, in reference to the "Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West," the following resolutions were also adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the permanent establishment of institutions of learning of the highest order, and under Christian influence, at the West, is a work essential to the adequate supply of that land with a thoroughly educated and evangelical ministry, and therefore essential to the completeness and full efficiency of our system of evangelism in those new and rising States.

Resolved, 2. That the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, through whose instrumentality some institutions have been saved from extinction, and others raised from a state of great depression to one of efficiency and hope, and whose helping hand is extended to similar educational institutions, as they are demanded on our rapidly enlarging Home Missionary field, deserves the continued confidence, the sympathy, and the liberal aid of our churches, that it may carry to a successful completion its benevolent mission.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church, to whom was referred the report on the subject of the Legal Powers, Claims, and Liabilities of the General Assembly, submitted the following report:

1. *Whereas* we regard the rights of this body as complete under the charter of 1799, therefore no action is required in respect to a new charter.

2. It is recommended that the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund endeavor to have inserted in the act of incorporation, which they are instructed to obtain from the Legislature of the State of New York, a general provision authorizing them to hold in trust for this Assembly any property committed to them by donations, bequests or otherwise.

3. It is recommended, that, provided this General Assembly appoint a Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Publication House, or for any other specific purpose, in the city of Philadelphia, that that Board [503] obtain a special act of incorporation under the laws of this State; and that a Committee of three members of the legal profession be appointed, to whom the subject shall be committed, with instruction to examine and determine the question, whether a general provision in said charter or act of incorporation, like that provided for in the preceding article, will, in respect to all the interests of the Church, be safe and expedient; and, if they so judge, to secure its insertion. The report was adopted, and Messrs. Samuel H. Perkins, Henry J. Williams, and Hon. William Darling were appointed the Committee.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Education of Young Men for the Ministry.

Pending the discussion upon this subject, the Assembly took a recess of half an hour.

The Assembly met, after the recess, and resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, which was afterwards postponed, and

Rev. Joseph C. Stiles, D. D., addressed the Assembly in reference to the Southern Aid Society.

The Committee appointed to nominate the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, and the Auditing Committee, made a report and presented a list of candidates for these offices.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning, to hear the Narrative of the State of Religion.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

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

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that leave had been given to Rev. Messrs. George C. Wood, W. D. Sanders, Enoch Kingsbury, J. J. Marks, and R. R. Kirk; and to the Elders, John Emerson, Wm. Watson, H. H. Seelye, Hon. F. M. Finch, B. J. Cowles, and C. Kingsbury.

The following resolution upon the subject of Temperance was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the General Assembly continue to view, with deep interest, the progress of the Temperance Reformation, most intimately connected with the vital interests of men for time and eternity; and they do especially hail its new phase through the action of several State Legislatures, by which the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage is entirely prohibited. They commend this new system of legislation to the attention and support of all ministers and churches connected with this body, for its blessed results, already experienced; and as able, if universally adopted, to do much to seal up the great fountains of drunkenness, pauperism, and crime, and relieve humanity of one of its most demoralizing and distressing evils.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion made their [504] report, which was adopted. The Narrative was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes, and it was recommended that it be read to each of our congregations on the Sabbath.

The Committee on the Report of the Doctrinal Tract Committee and Presbyterian Publication House made their report, which was accepted and ordered to be placed upon the docket.

The Assembly then took up the unfinished business of yesterday, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Education of Young Men for the Ministry. Before the question upon its adoption was taken, the Assembly adjourned until Monday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

The Assembly met, agreeably to previous arrangements, on the Sabbath, 28th, at 4 o'clock P. M., in the First Presbyterian church, 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.

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

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

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported a memorial on Presbyterial Education, on which they recommended that no action be taken. The report was adopted.

Also, an Overture respecting a new Digest; and recommended that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare and publish such a Digest, if it can be done without expense to the Assembly. The report was adopted.

Also, a memorial in relation to infirm ministers, recommending that it be read, and referred to a special Committee of three to report to the next Assembly. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Church Extension made their report, which was accepted and ordered to be placed upon the docket.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that leave had been given to Rev. Messrs. G. S. Boardman, E. R. Tucker, Zerah T. Hoyt, R. Wilkinson, Alvah Day, and A. Jones; and to the Elders, John Otto, Samuel Bond, H. Hudson, and Peter Odlin.

The following protest against the action of the Assembly upon the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures upon the memorials and Overtures of several Presbyteries relative to the subject of Slavery; signed by twenty-eight of its members, was presented and ordered to be entered upon the Minutes. [505]

"The undersigned respectfully protest against the action of the General Assembly upon the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures upon the memorials and Overtures of several Presbyteries relative to the subject of Slavery; because that action, under the circumstances, is virtually saying to the Presbyteries in the slaveholding States, that the action of the last preceding General Assembly, in requesting "distinct and full statements touching" the three points then specified, is not approved by this General Assembly; and that the present Assembly is satisfied with the neglect and refusal to answer those inquiries, and does not deem them even of sufficient importance to the peace or the purity of the Church to repeat the request for an answer at the next General Assembly; also, because it will and must be construed into a willingness to cease all direct effort to disconnect itself from the sin of Slavery; and, in this particular, is a receding from the high and laudable position heretofore assumed; and for the further reason, that it places this branch of the Christian Church in the apparent position of diminishing its efforts to eradicate a great and growing evil, at the very period when the efforts for its extension and perpetuity are strongest and most reprehensible as well as unscrupulous; and when there is also the best prospect for the labors of the Church to be successful; and has the appearance of being willing to abandon the field, rather than stem the flood of iniquity rolling in upon the Church and the country.

"William I. Cornwell, Andrew Loose, B. W. Chidlaw, David Dobie, Joseph Lewis, Jacob E. Conrad, Enoch Kingsbury, Alvah Day, R. Wilkinson, W. M. Allison, Zerah T. Hoyt, A. Blakely, John C. Bestow, John A. Tiffany, Nehemiah Hoyt, George W. Warner, Olney Nichols, Levi Griswold, Elnathan Galpin, John Summers, Raymond Burr, Lucius C. Rouse, Amos Jones, Joseph L. Riggs, Henry Bushnell, Milton J. Snow, Samuel A. Rawson, George W. Reynolds, Eldad Barber."

It was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures to draw up an

answer to the above protest, who subsequently reported the following, which was adopted:

In answer to the protest against the resolution adopted in respect to the subject of Slavery, the Assembly deem it sufficient to say, that the reasons assigned for the resolution are the only ones for which they are justly responsible; and further, that constructions are placed upon the resolution, by the protestants, which are not authorized by the act of the Assembly.

The Moderator announced the following Committees: *On the Memorial with Reference to Infirm Ministers*, Mr. Samuel H. Perkins, Hon. Arnold Naudain, M. D., and Hon. William Darling; *On the Publication of a New Digest*, Rev. Messrs. George Duffield, Jr., Henry Darling, and William E. Moore.

The Stated Clerk was added to this Committee.

The election of the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, and the Auditing Committee, was made the first order of the day for this afternoon.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the Com- [506] mittee on the Education of Young Men for the Ministry; and, having been amended, the report was adopted, and is as follows:

In view of the alarming deficiency of ministers of the Gospel, compared with the demand, and for the purpose of giving unity and efficiency to the efforts of the Church to furnish a more adequate supply, by means of necessary pecuniary aid to candidates for the ministry,

Resolved, 1. A Committee of nine shall be appointed by each General Assembly, to be styled "The Standing Committee on Education for the Ministry." A majority of this Committee shall reside in or near the city of Philadelphia, and five of them shall constitute a quorum.

Resolved, 2. A General Secretary of Education shall be elected annually by the Assembly, if a suitable person can be found; and, if no election is made by the Assembly, the office may be filled by the Standing Committee.

Resolved, 3. The "Central American Education Society," at New York, and the "Philadelphia Education Society," of Philadelphia shall be, and they are hereby, constituted co-ordinate agencies of the Assembly, for the purposes for which those Societies are organized; provided the Directors of those Societies respectively will consent to act in such a capacity, and will make an annual report to the Standing Committee, as early as the 1st of May, of all that they have done in connection with the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, 4. The Synods are all requested to take action on this subject, at their next meeting, and to determine whether they will co-operate directly, or through their respective Presbyteries, with either of the above-named agencies, and, if so, with which; and report their action to the Standing Committee of the Assembly. Or, if they so elect, they are desired to act by means of a Standing Committee of their own; or by agencies constituted by the joint action of neighboring Synods; which committees or agencies shall report directly to the Assembly's Committee.

Resolved, 5. The Presbyteries also are desired to determine their plan of action, and to co-operate through one or the other of the above-named agencies; or through the Synodical Committee; or directly by correspondence with the Assembly's Committee.

Resolved, 6. The duties of the Assembly's Committee shall be, to superintend the whole cause in behalf of the Assembly; to direct the movements of the Secretary; to nominate to the Assembly, from year to year, a suitable person to fill that office; and, if none be elected by the Assembly, or if the office for any other cause become vacant, to fill it until the meeting of the next Assembly; and to determine, by conference with the Philadelphia and New York agencies, concerning the mode in which his salary and the

expenses of the office shall be procured—whether by subscriptions obtained for that specific purpose, or by collections made by himself, or by the agencies jointly.

The Committee shall also recommend to the Assembly, from year to year, any modifications of the plan of operations which experience may show to be needful; and, so far as they can obtain the facts, they shall make a full report of all that has been done throughout the [507] Church, in behalf of education for the ministry; which report shall supersede the Educational report, provided for by the action of the Assembly of 1852.

Resolved, 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Education, to visit, as far as may be, the Synods and Presbyteries throughout our bounds, for the purpose of awakening the interest, and concentrating the energies, of the whole Church; to visit the colleges and seminaries where young men aided by the Church are pursuing their studies, for the purpose of counsel and encouragement, and for the purpose of presenting to young men the claims of the ministry upon them; and to present the cause to the churches, as he may have opportunity, and collect funds as directed by the Assembly's Committee.

Resolved, 8. It is recommended to the agencies and committees, to endeavor to have the young men aided by the Church, especially in their theological studies, placed under the care of Presbyteries, and that in all ordinary cases they be licensed by those Presbyters where they naturally belong. [See Form of Government, Chap. XIV., sec. 2.]

A *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. H. Emerson, G. S. Boardman, Mason Noble, G. I. King, and George Thacher, were appointed *to nominate* the members of the Standing Committee on Education for the Ministry.

The Moderator appointed Rev. B. B. Beckwith, and Rev. L. H. Pease as a *Canvassing Committee* on the election of the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund and the Auditing Committee.

The Assembly entered upon the consideration of the report of the Committee on Doctrinal Tracts and the Presbyterian Publication House.

Pending its discussion, the Assembly adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 29th, 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Resolved, That when the Assembly adjourn, this afternoon, they adjourn to meet this evening at 7¾ o'clock.

The thanks of the Assembly were tendered to Rev. Robert Baird, D. D., for valuable documents presented to its members.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning; and the report of the Committee on Doctrinal Tracts and the Presbyterian Publication House, having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the report on Doctrinal Tracts, and also the Overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Fourth, on the subject of a Presbyterian Publication House, report, that [508] they concur cordially in the expressions of the report on the subject of the Press, and its great importance as an organ of usefulness; also, on the desirableness of a religious literature suitable to the wants of our denomination; and congratulate the Assembly on the prospect that this want will be supplied by the future efficiency of this Committee.

Your Committee, moreover, fully concur in the views of the report, as to

the inexpediency of ourselves entering upon the business of printing, and the superior advantages of doing the work by the agency of existing printing establishments.

Your Committee recommend that extracts from the report, to be made by the Committee, be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

Your Committee further recommend, that the Publication Committee be enlarged to the number of fifteen, nine of whom shall reside in the city of Philadelphia, or vicinity; that, of this number, five shall constitute a quorum for ordinary business, whose sittings shall be in the city of Philadelphia; but nothing shall be authorized for publication, issued, or endorsed, by said Committee, except by a majority of its members. All publications to issue simultaneously in the two cities of New York and Philadelphia, with the *imprimatur* of the Committee.

The Committee finally recommend, that the Assembly take its possession of the house in Philadelphia, referred to in the Overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Fourth, as a House of Publication, on the terms and conditions, as to the price and payments, following, viz.:

The General Assembly will authorize the conditional acceptance of the property, so soon as $12,500 shall have been pledged by responsible persons, connected with the churches of Philadelphia; and, when this pledge has thus been made, suitable measures shall be authorized to raise a like sum of $12,500; and the balance—say $20,000—shall be left on mortgage, to be liquidated by a sinking fund arising from the annual proceeds of the house. When the measures to complete the purchase have been perfected, the Assembly will take the property unconditionally; and, to the end that the legal measures may be taken to perfect the title prior to the next meeting of the Assembly, five trustees of the House of Publication shall be elected, who shall be authorized to obtain an act of incorporation.

The members of the Publication Committee, whose term of office expires at this time, are Rev. Thos. H. Skinner and Geo. Duffield, Jr. In addition to these, the Committee recommend the appointment of thirteen others; and that this Committee arrange themselves, at their first meeting, into three classes, five going out of office yearly.

A *Committee* of three, consisting of Rev. S. T. Spear, D. D., Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., and Rev. Wm. N. McHarg, were appointed *to nominate* the members of the Doctrinal Tract Committee, and Trustees for the Presbyterian Publication House.

The Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for Trustees of the Church Erection Fund and the Auditing Committee, reported that the following persons had been unanimously elected: [509]

Trustees of the Church Erection Fund—Rev. Samuel T. Spear, D. D., Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., and Messrs. Walter S. Griffith, William E. Dodge, Norman White, Oliver H. Lee, and Stephen H. Thayer.

Auditing Committee—Mr. Otis Allen, Hon. William Darling, and Mr. John C. Hines.

Adjourned until 7¾ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 29th, 7¾ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Committee of the last Assembly on Forms of Worship made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider the memorial of Wm. Stephenson, on the subject of "Church Music," and "Forms of Worship," and also an overture submitted to the last Assembly on the same subject, beg leave to report:

That they unanimously coincide in the opinion, that no action which the Assembly can take would be likely to accomplish the result sought to be secured, viz.: uniformity of posture during prayer and singing; a standard collection of church tunes; and congregational singing. A greater measure of uniformity, in respect to these and some other particulars in our worship, is undoubtedly desirable. It is well, that we have a sound theology and a Scriptural worship. It were well, that that worship should be conducted in the best possible way, so as to be most effectual for edification. But, inasmuch as the Bible does not enjoin precisely the tunes to be used, the posture to be adopted, or who shall join in the songs of the sanctuary; leaving these, and many other particulars in the conduct of public worship, to be determined by the churches in the exercise of their Christian liberty, guarded by a sound discretion; and, inasmuch as different customs have prevailed in different parts of the country, indicating a diversity of judgment and of taste in respect to these matters; this diversity of judgment and of taste, and the somewhat diverse practices resulting therefrom being more likely to be overcome by Christian intercourse, and friendly discussion, and interchange of sentiment, than by legislation; therefore the Committee would recommend no action in the case, and ask to be released from the further consideration of the subject.

The traveling expenses of the Delegates to Corresponding Bodies in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and Wisconsin, and to the Synod of the German Reformed Church; the janitor's bill; the bills for printing and stationery; with the salary and mileage of the Clerks, were ordered to be paid.

The expenses incurred by Rev. A. D. Eddy, D. D., in the perform[510]ance of duties connected with a Committee of the Assembly; and of Rev. Henry Little, a Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut in the year 1849, were allowed and ordered to be paid.

The subject of printing the Moderator's sermons was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee to nominate members of the Doctrinal Tract Committee, and Trustees for the Presbyterian Publication House, made the following report, which was adopted:

Publication Committee—Rev. A. Barnes, Rev. N. S. S. Beman, D. D., LL.D., Rev. William Eagleton, D. D., Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. S. H. Gridley, Rev. A. H. H. Boyd, D. D., Rev. S. T. Spear, D. D., Rev. George Duffield, Jr., Rev. H. Darling, Rev. J. Jenkins, and Messrs. S. H. Perkins, S. T. Bodine, C. S. Wurts, and E. S. Wheelan.

Trustees of the Presbyterian Publication House—Messrs. J. A. Brown, S. H. Perkins, C. S. Wurts, M. M. Baldwin, and J. C. Farr.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church, and the Committee on Devotional Exercises, severally reported that no business was before them, and asked to be discharged. Their request was granted.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the "Union of the Evangelical Churches of France," presented a report, recommending the draft of a reply to their letter, and several resolutions, which were adopted, and are as follows:

Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly do hereby cordially assent to the request of the brethren of the Union of the Evangelical Churches of France, to enter into correspondence with them.

Resolved, 2. That Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., of the Presbytery of Newark, be, and hereby is, delegated by this Assembly, to the Synod of said Union, which is to meet at Mazamet, Department du Tarn, on the fourth Thursday of August next, and that he be requested to convey to them the expression of our fraternal regard and Christian sentiments.

Resolved, 3. That the Stated Clerk be directed to forward to Rev. J. F. Stearns, D. D., the accompanying letter, together with a certificate of his appointment.

It was also *Resolved*, That the communication from France, and the response of the Assembly, be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on the decease of Rev. E. W. Gilbert, D. D., presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased God, since the last General Assembly, to remove to his heavenly rest Rev. Eliphalet W. Gilbert, D. D., the late Permanent Clerk of this body; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we record on our Minutes our testimony to his great worth, his sound piety, and his unselfish regard for the interests of the whole Church, as well as fidelity in discharging the duties of his office; and that, while we deplore his loss, we desire that this unexpected bereavement may be felt by us all as a solemn admonition to be ever prepared for the coming of our Lord.

Resolved, 2. That the Stated Clerk be directed to send to the family of Dr. Gilbert a copy of these resolutions. [511]

The following report was presented from the Committee of the last Assembly on Foreign Presbyteries:

The correspondence with ministers in connection with our Church on foreign missionary ground, laboring under the direction of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, has been carried out according to the instructions of the General Assembly.

More than twenty responses have been received, in answer to the Committee's circular. These communications are characterized by a thoughtful discrimination, a spirit of sincere regard for our Church, and a desire to secure harmonious and successful action in the prosecution of the missionary work.

From a careful review of this correspondence, and a consideration of the whole subject, your Committee would recommend,

1. That this Assembly regard it as inexpedient to take any measures, at present, for organizing Presbyteries or churches on foreign missionary ground.

2. That an annual correspondence be recommended to be kept up between our foreign missionaries and the Presbyteries to which they respectively belong.

3. That, inasmuch as it has hitherto been found to be impracticable to form distinctive Presbyterian organizations among the converted heathen, and inasmuch as the obstacles which have hitherto existed may possibly be removed by further conference with our foreign missionaries and with the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M., a Standing Committee of five ministers shall be appointed, who shall take charge of this whole subject, correspond further with our missionaries and the Prudential Committee above referred to, and report to the Assembly from year to year.

The report was adopted; and Rev. Joel Parker, D. D., Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., Rev. David O. Allen, D. D., Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., and Rev. Henry Darling, were appointed the *Standing Committee* provided for in this report.

Messrs. Samuel H. Perkins, John A. Brown, and Thomas Fleming were appointed a *Committee for the* purpose of securing the $12,500 necessary to secure the *purchase of the Presbyterian Publication House.* It was also

Resolved, That one member of every Synod be appointed to take measures, each within the bounds of his own Synod, to obtain the remaining $12,500.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 30th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual time spent in devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved. [512]

The following individuals were appointed as the *Synodical Committees* in accordance with the resolution of the last session:

For the Synod of	Albany,	Rev. E. M. Rollo.
" "	Utica,	" B. B. Beckwith.
" "	Geneva,	" Henry A. Nelson.
" "	Susquehanna,	" Henry Callahan.
" "	Genesee,	" Wm. C. Wisner, D. D.
" "	N. Y. and N. J.,	Mr. Anson G. Phelps, Jr.
" "	Pennsylvania,	Hon. William Darling.
" "	West "	Rev. D. H. Riddle, D. D.
" "	Michigan,	" G. C. Curtis.
" "	West'n Reserve,	" Raymond H. Leonard.
" "	Ohio,	" H. L. Hitchcock.
" "	Cincinnati,	" S. W. Fisher. D. D.
" "	Indiana,	" John M. Bishop.
" "	Wabash,	" James H. Johnston.
" "	Illinois,	" John Blatchford, D. D.
" "	Peoria,	" Harvey Curtis.
" "	Iowa,	Mr. L. D. Parsons.
" "	Missouri,	Rev. Timothy Hill.
" "	Virginia,	Mr. Samuel Reeve.
" "	Kentucky,	Rev. Archer C. Dickerson.
" "	Tennessee,	" Samuel Sawyer.
" "	West "	Mr. James M. Bright.
" "	Mississippi,	Rev. Charles M. Atkinson.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Rev. Messrs. L. H. Reid, Wm. Warth, P. C. Hay, D. D., A. M. Dixon, Peter Snyder, W. G. Hubbard, M. Huggins, H. Pattengill, C. Waterbury, G. I. King, Levi Griswold, A. Eddy, E. Vine Wales, and Bela Fancher; and to the Elders, O. Robinson, Newell Taft, A. Abbott, M. D., O. Ely, Peter Odlin, G. W. Reynolds, J. Kirkpatrick, Otis Allen, B. Corwin, S. H. Hungerford, H. Osborne, E. Galpin, P. Stewart, M. D., and J. C. Homan.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report on Romish Baptism, and the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The following preamble and resolution upon the subject of the Church Erection Fund were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, The Church Erection Fund of $100,000 must be complete before any part of it can be used;

Whereas, The amount thus far pledged to the Fund, appears to be less than $80,000, about $50,000 of which has been placed in the Treasury, and

nearly $20,000 is held by the churches or individuals pledging the same, to be paid to the Treasurer as soon as they are notified that the $100,000 is secured;

And *whereas*, It is of the highest importance to our feeble churches, that they soon obtain the aid which they have anticipated from the Fund, and for which they have waited in the hope and expectation of prompt relief after the sitting of this Assembly.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the General Assembly hereby direct the [513] Board of Trustees of the Church Erection Fund to take measures immediately to lay the subject before our churches, and especially those of them who have not yet contributed to the Fund; and they earnestly exhort their brethren to come forward to the discharge of their duty towards this object, with promptness and liberality; so that this great enterprise may be speedily complete.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for the Assembly to proceed to the election of Trustees of the General Assembly and of Directors of the Theological Seminaries for the present year.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business was before them, and asked to be discharged; their request was granted.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was taken from the docket, and having been amended, was adopted and is as follows:

The General Assembly of 1852, in adopting a plan for the extension of the Church, required each Presbytery to render an annual report on that subject, designed to indicate the condition and progress of the churches in external affairs, much in the same way that their spiritual state is presented in the Narratives of the State of Religion. These reports were to be condensed and presented to the Assembly by the Committee on Church Extension, with any additional suggestions calculated to promote the enlargement of the Church.

This Committee regret to state, that not more than one-fourth of the Presbyteries have complied with the requirements of the Assembly; and many of these reports are too indefinite to be of any use for the purposes designed. Enough however has been reported to show, in no inconsiderable degree, the outward prosperity of our churches. Many Presbyteries are seeking enlargement, and are hindered only by the want of ministers, and of suitable places of worship. We cannot avoid the expression of the conviction, that the fact, that about half of the ministry engaged in pastoral labor are stated supplies and not pastors, has a most injurious influence upon the prosperity of the churches. Where no permanent and regular connection exists, and frequent changes are made, no permanent and satisfactory results can be secured.

The facts communicated in these reports are so miscellaneous, that the Committee must excuse themselves from the service of classifying them. The result would be too imperfect to afford any information to the Assembly.

The reports on Education for the Ministry, from the same Presbyteries, show that but partial attention has been given to the subject in a few of the churches. The general interest felt concerning it is very far below what it should be, for it is second to no other. We believe it will never receive the consideration becoming its importance, until our churches shall cease to rely upon any organizations, either ecclesiastical or voluntary, to discharge their duties, and shall make it a matter of daily and prayerful concern among themselves.

The Committee think it highly desirable, that the information sought

through these reports should, from year to year, be communicated to [514] the Assembly; but they believe, from the experience of the past two years, that it will not readily be done through these separate reports. They therefore propose a change in the manner of communicating it to the Assembly, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Presbyteries be directed to forward yearly to the General Assembly, in connection with the Narratives of the State of Religion, a statement of such facts indicating their outward progress, as were called for in the reports required by the Assembly of 1852; and that the Committee on the preparation of the General Assembly's Narrative shall hereafter incorporate them into the Narrative, as far as they may be of special interest to the churches.

In reference to the report of the Committee of Conference with the American Home Missionary Society and the Philadelphia Home Missionary Society, your Committee would recommend as follows: That the Assembly design and desire that the Presbyteries should continue to co-operate with the American Home Missionary Society and the Philadelphia Home Missionary Society; that, the difficulties apprehended being all happily adjusted, they see no occasion to create any other instrumentality.

The Committee on Church Extension, having completed their business, were discharged.

The resolution on ministerial support, offered on Thursday last, was, by permission of the Assembly, withdrawn.

A member of the Committee appointed by the last Assembly, to report on the Rights of Conscience, reported that they had not been called together, and the Committee were discharged.

The Committee to nominate members of the *Standing Committee on Education* for the Gospel Ministry, presented the following nomination, which was adopted: Rev. Albert Barnes, Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Rev. J. J. Owen, D. D., Rev. A. A. Wood, Rev. George Duffield, Jr., Hon. William Darling, Mr. Thomas Fleming, Mr. William Purves, and Mr. J. B. Pinneo.

The choice of a Secretary of Education was referred, in accordance with the Plan, to the Standing Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be tendered to the Committee on Church Erection, for the faithful, efficient, and able manner in which they have performed the duties assigned them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be tendered to the citizens of Philadelphia, who have extended their hospitality to the Commissioners and others in attendance, and have contributed to make their stay in this city so peculiarly pleasant; with the assurance of our fervent prayer that the blessing of God in connection with this Assembly may rest upon them.

Also, that the thanks of this Assembly be tendered to the Committee of Arrangements, for their promptness and activity in providing for our comfort.

Also, that the thanks of this Assembly be tendered to the Trustees of the first Presbyterian church of this city, for the accommodations extended to the Assembly during their present sessions. [515]

Also, that the thanks of this Assembly be tendered to the Waverly Ice Company, for supplying us with ice.

Thanks were also tendered to the Moderator, Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., for his dignified, kind, and impartial discharge of the duties of his office.

The Minutes of the session were read and approved.

The calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

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 first Presbyterian church in the city of St. Louis, on the third Thursday of May, 1855, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HENRY DARLING, *Permanent Clerk.*

Philadelphia, May 30th, 1854.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE

Of the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, May, 1854.

From somewhat more than half only of the entire number of Presbyteries in connection with the General Assembly, have Narratives of the State of Religion been received. The information furnished, however, may be regarded as descriptive of the state of religion generally within our bounds. The moral landscape spread out before us, though containing barren spots to mar its beauty, presents, nevertheless, a wide extent of fertility and spiritual fruitage. Our hearts are made to rejoice, and the deepest feelings of gratitude to our heavenly Father are excited within us. With equal admiration as expressed by the Psalmist, and adopting his language, though in a spiritual and not a physical sense, we exclaim, "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion."

Temporal Prosperity.

The temporal condition of the churches is highly gratifying. The unparalleled prosperity of the country, which attends all branches of business, reacts favorably upon the pecuniary interests of the Church. As a consequence, many churches have been relieved of debt, more than forty new edifices are reported as having been erected during the year past, quite a large number are now in the process of being built, and many old ones have been repaired, or entirely remodelled and beautified.

The churches generally meet their pecuniary obligations to their pastors. Some have set the example, worthy to be imitated, of increasing ministerial support, as the materials of living have advanced in value. Much still remains to be done in this direction, before it can be said in its true sense, "They that serve at the altar shall live of the altar."

The subject of Temperance has engaged a large share of public attention during the year past, especially in the shape of a prohibitory law against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks. The people of God, almost without exception, are in favor of such a measure. And it is hoped, that the time is not far distant, when such a law shall be universally adopted and enforced.

Convictions of duty, as to the reforms of the day, have become settled; so that causes which, in years past, affected more or less the tranquillity of the Church, are now but slightly felt. The pastoral relation is more permanent, and never were our churches in a more united and peaceful state.

Benevolence.

The various objects of benevolence have been met, during the year, with increased liberality on the part of Christians. It was feared by some, that the attempt to raise one hundred thousand dollars for the purposes of Church Erection would materially diminish the amount contributed to other objects. We are happy to state, that such has not been the result. On the contrary, while this enterprise has been in progress, the churches have actually increased their contributions in other directions. We regret that so large a number of churches have contributed nothing to this fund, and that the full amount has not yet been raised; but hope that the remainder will speedily be made up.

Spiritual Condition.

In regard to the special spiritual condition of our beloved Zion we find much to gratify and encourage our hearts. The ordinances of Christ's house, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, are generally observed. Attendance on the preached word is good; Christians are edified; the deepest solemnity often sits upon the countenances of multitudes of perishing men, and many of them are converted to God. Sabbath-schools generally are in a prosperous condition, and it is manifest that the blessing of God attends the institution. Many new Bible-classes have been organized. But what is peculiarly gratifying in this connection is the extent to which catechetical instruction is given. In several instances, pastors have revived the old custom of meeting the children at stated seasons, and questioning them as to their knowledge of doctrinal truth, thus guarding them against the errors of the day, and embedding, in their minds and hearts and consciences, truth that shall live, when corrupted Christianity and every false theory on the subject of religion shall have passed away.

Churches and Presbyteries also are bringing forward a number of young men for the Gospel ministry. It is thought, that this subject is assuming a new importance in the minds of Christians, and that we are to have an increased interest respecting it that shall be universally felt.

In regard to revivals of religion, though we may not be able to record as great outpourings of the Holy Spirit as in some other years, yet many churches have been refreshed. Some have enjoyed deep and powerful works of grace. Nearly one hundred revivals of religion have been reported, besides many cases of decided spiritual interest not called revivals. Many precious souls have been gathered into the fold of Christ, showing us that the Lord is with us, and that we have only to sow the seed and water it with our prayers and tears, and He will give the increase.

But while we thus rejoice in our temporal prosperity, in the increased liberality to benevolent objects, and in the number of revivals of religion, we would not disguise it from our minds that there are things to detract from this cheering picture.

Trials and Discouragements.

There are trials and discouragements. We do not notice, however, any that are peculiar or uncommon to the work in which we are engaged. It is a subject of painful regret that the exhortation, "Be not conformed to this world," is so extensively disregarded. The power of consistent Christian example is lost in numerous cases, and the world may rightly ask, "What do ye more than others?" The ordinance of infant baptism is neglected by some. This subject, we think, pastors should more frequently present to their people; and urge upon them the duty and the benefit of recognizing

the Abrahamic covenant. Few young men, compared with the wants of the country and the world, have the Gospel ministry in view. This we regard as one of the most discouraging signs of the times in the midst of us.

Outside of the Church is Romanism, infidelity, philosophic error, profanity, Sabbath-breaking, and intemperance; but over all these, the Gospel is able to triumph in the hands of a faithful ministry and a praying Church.

Decease of Ministers.

In conclusion, we are reminded that the time is short. During the year a number of our most useful and beloved brethren in the ministry have been called away by death. Some of them have been called from the very heights of Zion. Their deeds live after them, and the fragrance of their memory will long remain in the Church. Since the meeting of the last General Assembly the following twenty-four ministers have been called to their reward on high, viz.:

Rev.	Solomon Williams,	of the Presbytery of	Champlain.
"	Silas Churchill,	"	Columbia.
"	Samuel N. Steele,	"	"
"	Seth Burt,	"	Utica.
"	Richard F. Cleveland,	"	"
"	William Clark,	"	Chemung.
"	Roderick L. Hurlbut,	"	Ontario.
"	Francis Danforth,	"	Buffalo.
"	Charles Hall, D. D.,	"	New York, Third.
"	Walter S. F. Graham,	"	Wilmington.
"	Eliphalet W. Gilbert, D. D.,	"	Philadelphia, Fourth.
"	Charles Sharman,	"	Erie.
"	Henry Eastman,	"	Marshall.
"	Henry N. Peck,	"	Kalamazoo.
"	Alanson Saunders,	"	Grand River.
"	Jonathan Bigelow,	"	Cleveland.
"	William A. McCampbell,	"	Indianapolis.
"	Thomas Anderson,	"	Fort Wayne.
"	James Gallaher,	"	St. Louis.
"	David Weir,	"	Osage.
"	Samuel Washburn,	"	District of Columbia.
"	Charles Coffin, D. D.,	"	Holston.
"	George Moore,	"	Clinton.
"	Thomas Magruder,	"	"

By order of the General Assembly.

THOMAS H. SKINNER, *Moderator.*

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*

I. SCHEDULE OF SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.	Date.	Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Added on Exam.	Added on Certif.	Communicants.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Commiss. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	STATED CLERKS.
I. Synod of Albany	1803	5	78	2	7	68	245	138	9011	47	93	$120 90	$18 00	$2141 37	$3908 69	$1294 63	$1179 33	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
1. Champlain	1814	...	26	...	...	22	53	42	2611	...	8	.....	.....	515 00	1005 00	.....	.....	David Dobie.
2. Troy	1820	...	24	2	1	17	85	38	2914	18	38	43 40	5 00	466 00	776 25	84 55	349 00	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
3. Albany	1791	...	8	...	2	11	56	21	1485	22	27	20 00	10 00	63 00	813 34	775 98	.....	Eber M. Rollo.
4. Columbia	1802	...	8	...	1	6	16	12	892	4	9	22 00	.....	251 25	302 60	185 00	215 58	Henry E. Niles.
5. Catskill	1851	...	12	...	3	12	35	25	1109	3	11	35 50	3 00	846 12	1011 50	249 10	614 75	Josiah Leonard.
II. Synod of Utica	1829	4	72	3	11	86	156	206	7951	43	137	87 50	20 63	1320 31	2360 81	661 66	1556 30	William E. Knox.
1. St. Lawrence	1818	...	7	...	1	9	7	11	783	1	12	5 00	1 00	61 38	206 46	21 00	77 00	Baruch B. Beckwith.
2. Watertown	1822	...	18	...	6	22	43	53	2372	17	55	30 00	2 13	367 49	589 40	125 00	600 15	Isaac Brayton.
3. Oswego*	1823	...	14	...	...	26	12	21	1517	3	6	.....	.....	178 91	270 00	59 00	198 00	Thomas A. Weed.
4. Utica	1842	...	33	3	7	29	94	121	3279	22	63	52 50	17 50	712 53	1294 95	459 66	681 15	Samuel W. Brace.
III. Synod of Geneva	1812	9	202	13	11	167	686	559	18,719	291	360	274 30	18 00	7393 55	5822 07	4085 91	6475 45	Henry A. Nelson.
1. Onondaga	1810	...	35	2	...	26	111	69	2819	51	33	63 50	12 00	807 15	845 44	323 11	672 60	Seth P. M. Hastings.
2. Cayuga	1810	...	34	8	4	23	72	84	2569	23	59	52 00	4 00	1681 43	845 56	1068 26	827 15	Henry A. Nelson.
3. Geneva	1805	...	48	...	...	29	88	93	4554	39	71	27 10	.....	1739 15	1794 07	1388 41	1892 82	Charles Hawley.
4. Cortland	1825	...	13	...	4	16	35	45	1754	19	35	41 00	.....	558 21	460 54	168 21	524 43	Hercules R. Dunham.
5. Tioga	1829	...	12	...	...	11	15	18	1477	...	27	.....	2 00	658 12	616 22	259 07	476 14	Peter Lockwood.
6. Bath	1817	...	13	...	1	18	57	70	1558	28	32	9 00	.....	313 96	192 28	257 81	313 37	B. Coleman Smith.
7. Chemung	1836	...	25	...	...	20	166	113	1874	72	50	25 00	.....	533 97	601 27	422 08	491 97	Charles C. Carr.
8. Ithaca	1839	...	12	3	2	11	88	53	1606	33	32	45 70	.....	952 06	394 13	198 86	1276 97	William N. McHarg.
9. Pennsylvania	1845	...	10	...	...	13	54	14	508	26	21	11 00	.....	149 50	72 56	.....	.....	Elijah D. Wells.
IV. S. of Susquehanna	1853	3	44	2	2	55	190	84	4663	73	84	60 00	3 50	1380 04	1187 90	192 88	565 21	David Torrey.
1. Otsego	1820	...	16	...	2	19	100	31	1638	43	26	23 00	3 50	1047 47	810 96	155 41	447 99	Josiah A. Priest.

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

2. Chenango	1826	...	11	1	...	18	47	33	1682	15	39	30 00	.....	152 40	.....	.....	.....	Henry Callahan.
3. Delaware	1831	...	17	1	...	18	43	20	1343	15	19	7 00	.....	180 17	376 94	37 47	117 22	Isaac D. Cornwell.
V. Synod of Genesee	1821	6	118	8	9	126	711	494	14,848	222	256	230 96	36 00	5607 94	6280 09	2420 51	5264 25	Timothy Stillman.
1. Genesee	1819	...	16	...	...	15	114	47	1662	34	25	34 00	1 00	501 50	515 00	278 00	489 00	Charles N. Mattoon.
2. Ontario	1817	...	14	1	...	15	54	47	1566	9	27	7 25	.....	201 60	134 00	144 25	78 00	John Barnard, D. D.
3. Rochester	1819	...	21	2	4	19	186	79	3237	79	19	.....	.....	1019 42	2997 79	326 00	.....	Jonathan Copeland.
4. Niagara	1817	...	14	1	...	16	107	81	2463	17	44	53 71	10 00	944 37	622 04	87 00	2712 14	Charles E. Furman.
5. Buffalo	1823	...	41	2	5	42	178	185	4387	49	99	133 00	25 00	2563 58	1974 26	1526 62	1912 00	Timothy Stillman.
6. Angelica	1828	...	12	2	...	19	72	55	1533	34	42	3 00	.....	377 47	37 00	58 64	73 11	Samuel A. Rawson.
VI. S. of N. Y. and N. J.	1788	10	212	30	43	149	827	954	22,797	200	543	360 11	234 12	42,979 10	15,226 69	57,562 34	4235 57	John N. Lewis.
1. Hudson	1797	...	16	...	4	13	47	49	1836	26	43	55 00	10 05	437 00	369 25	120 00	417 00	Obadiah M. Johnson.
2. North River	1819	...	17	...	...	15	22	30	1651	6	24	18 50	15 00	594 85	328 84	254 25	491 00	Sumner Mandeville.
3. Long Island	1791	...	11	...	...	6	8	7	555	4	13	22 25	3 59	119 18	168 36	45 00	70 69	Henry Clark.
4. New York, 3d	1831	...	39	15	24	21	209	294	5204	44	157	98 14	98 15	30,387 16	10,180 33	55,829 09	2632 01	Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D.
5. New York, 4th	1845	...	28	10	7	11	85	189	2171	10	69	51 43	10 00	3239 04	1809 54	472 50	219 87	Thomas H. Skinner, Jr.
6. Brooklyn	1838	...	17	...	...	8	65	128	2439	16	60	45 00	42 21	5635 00	.....	.....	.....	James W. McLane, D.D.
7. Newark	1824	...	33	3	1	20	148	164	3743	20	87	47 29	33 06	1202 62	1234 75	394 00	60 00	Ebenezer Seymour.
8. Rockaway	1839	...	19	1	...	18	161	29	2669	63	27	17 50	22 06	557 88	516 00	447 50	345 00	Joel Campbell.
9. Montrose	1832	...	22	...	7	30	82	64	2374	11	63	5 00	.....	806 37	619 62	.....	.....	Adam Miller.
10. San Francisco	1849	...	10	1	...	7	...	...	155	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Samuel H. Willey.
VII. S. of Pennsylvania	1838	4	80	5	14	69	374	315	10,152	92	411	294 64	115 72	10,033 19	3112 15	2480 44	1542 97	John McKnight.
1. Wilmington	1833	...	14	...	...	19	46	23	1260	9	42	4 57	1 00	765 53	427 75	344 19	75 00	Abraham D. Pollock.
2. Philadelphia, 3d	1822	...	28	1	1	20	148	69	2867	43	182	52 00	16 65	1411 06	416 90	468 00	191 25	John McKnight.
3. Philadelphia, 4th	1845	...	29	4	8	21	152	207	4919	35	151	186 07	94 41	5323 35	1642 50	1358 25	932 72	Charles Brown.
4. Harrisburgh	1839	...	9	...	5	9	28	16	1106	5	36	52 00	3 66	2533 25	625 00	310 00	344 00	Conway P. Wing.
VIII. S. of West Penna.	1843	3	20	2	2	36	158	70	2640	52	123	93 57	6 48	862 25	1078 50	153 75	973 93	George A. Lyon, D. D.
1. Erie	1801	...	9	2	1	15	71	24	1090	30	33	48 60	2 08	328 25	196 50	.....	189 43	Joseph Vance.
2. Meadville	1842	...	7	...	1	15	56	33	886	14	70	19 97	2 40	168 00	65 00	73 75	40 00	Richard Craighead.
3. Pittsburgh	1839	...	4	...	...	6	31	13	664	8	20	25 00	2 00	366 00	817 00	80 00	744 50	Samuel M. Sparks.
IX. Synod of Michigan	1834	6	87	4	6	116	236	278	7555	67	180	120 66	37 75	2111 13	2095 28	368 10	1453 19	Chauncy Osborn.
1. Detroit	1826	...	23	...	...	33	48	37	2210	5	18	1 50	13 50	250 90	374 08	83 00	75 14	Robert R. Kellogg.
2. St. Joseph	1833	...	12	1	...	25	37	51	1264	12	47	38 00	2 50	278 00	269 38	31 25	.....	Norman Kellogg.

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3. Monroe	1833	...	11	...	...	13	43	58	1179	19	32	$23 00	$6 00	$231 68	$396 97	$51 40	$332 85	John Monteith.
4. Marshall	1838	...	17	...	1	21	27	57	1407	9	34	26 00	5 00	729 52	356 24	160 85	440 03	S. Dwight Pitkin.
5. Washtenaw	1838	...	14	2	5	14	38	51	1052	7	29	25 41	7 75	351 08	362 02	41 60	271 59	William S. Curtis.
6. Kalamazoo	1838	...	10	1	...	10	43	24	443	15	20	6 75	3 00	269 95	336 59	.....	333 58	Milton Bradley.
X. S. of W. Reserve	1825	8	129	9	9	112	286	226	6886	87	175	122 78	3 61	5516 58	2827 61	225 87	2417 04	William Hanford.
1. Grand River	1814	...	14	...	3	12	41	11	881	24	9	10 00	.....	204 53	163 16	25 00	168 52	Ebenezer Bushnell.
2. Portage	1818	...	29	5	4	14	81	26	1166	21	33	15 00	.....	840 75	701 29	124 22	623 40	William Hanford.
3. Huron	1823	...	18	1	...	18	35	50	1174	11	24	28 26	.....	427 15	408 65	.....	690 12	Alfred Newton.
4. Trumbull	1827	...	13	...	1	12	42	23	1125	5	25	21 02	.....	652 63	487 83	.....	241 86	Xenophon Betts.
5. Cleveland	1830	...	25	3	1	15	14	54	1126	3	31	27 50	3 61	2768 07	642 63	.....	438 88	James Shaw.
6. Medina*	1836	...	6	...	...	9	...	...	300	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frederick H. Brown.
7. Elyria	1842	...	15	...	...	13	25	17	521	8	13	2 50	.....	108 45	234 17	42 65	.....	Alfred H. Betts.
8. Maumee	1842	...	9	...	...	19	48	45	593	15	40	18 50	.....	515 00	189 88	24 00	254 26	James H. Newton.
XI. Synod of Ohio	1814	4	56	6	3	78	338	242	4411	107	218	182 87	23 42	1955 27	1804 82	789 73	1073 44	Add. Kingsbury, D. D.
1. Athens	1822	...	10	2	...	18	21	21	645	3	28	54 00	.....	341 25	114 00	178 50	61 00	James S. Walton.
2. Pataskala	1809	...	18	1	...	26	121	66	1877	41	56	32 40	10 22	682 49	932 41	237 33	650 79	Alexander Duncan.
3. Franklin	1835	...	18	2	3	23	119	88	1195	38	65	60 47	7 20	597 98	373 10	100 00	152 85	Henry Shedd.
4. Scioto	1845	...	10	1	...	11	77	67	694	25	69	36 00	6 00	333 55	385 31	273 90	208 80	Joseph Chester.
XII. S. of Cincinnati	1829	3	47	14	3	37	178	126	2975	59	109	219 54	16 00	5237 35	4243 31	12,430 00	273 00	
1. Cincinnati	1828	...	27	12	2	14	81	66	1539	21	52	160 69	15 00	4563 50	3442 00	12,196 00	223 00	D. Howe Allen, D. D.
2. Dayton	1838	...	9	1	...	11	43	25	768	8	45	16 00	1 00	458 25	558 06	208 00	50 00	Daniel Rice.
3. Hamilton	1846	...	11	1	1	12	54	35	668	30	12	42 85	.....	215 60	243 25	26 00	.....	Daniel Tenney.
XIII. S. of Indiana	1826	4	44	1	2	66	163	199	3229	48	128	130 25	25 65	2275 00	859 26	114 00	397 60	John M. Bishop.
1. Salem	1823	...	12	...	2	19	66	96	969	25	31	86 80	10 15	574 42	320 40	.....	275 00	John M. Bishop.
2. Madison	1825	...	13	...	...	17	49	30	982	13	51	43 50	7 00	471 00	231 53	114 00	67 00	Hiram Wason.

3. Indianapolis	1830	...	11	...	...	18	34	48	750	9	18	.....	4 50	1076 50	32 00	.....	54 60	George M. Maxwell.
4. Greencastle	1850	...	8	1	...	12	14	25	528	1	28	.....	4 00	153 08	275 33	.....	1 00	William M. Cheever.
XIV. S. of Wabash	1851	4	28	...	3	49	89	112	1949	17	50	119 80	4 00	505 57	271 10	51 00	176 50	Amzi W. Freeman.
1. Crawfordsville	1825	...	15	...	1	13	23	60	502	5	8	29 80	.....	119 00	76 00	.....	88 00	William A. McCorkle.
2. Logansport	1835	...	5	...	...	18	44	42	955	6	14	35 00	.....	206 10	133 10	.....	21 00	Francis S. McCabe.
3. Fort Wayne	1845	...	5	...	2	12	9	7	279	5	10	40 00	3 00	119 47	42 00	51 00	62 50	Philander Anderson.
4. Elkhart	1852	...	3	...	...	6	13	3	213	1	18	15 00	1 00	61 00	20 00	.....	5 00	Nathan L. Lord.
XV. Synod of Illinois	1831	4	61	3	3	75	249	192	3868	67	146	171 05	11 15	1963 40	913 70	7329 00	353 95	George C. Wood.
1. Illinois	1828	...	20	...	...	15	77	48	990	29	36	36 10	.....	397 00	508 00	7000 00	.....	Livingston M. Glover.
2. Schuyler	1833	...	13	...	...	17	77	28	1168	16	39	50 00	1 75	196 00	81 00	135 00	100 00	Henry C. Abernethy.
3. Wabash	1823	...	7	...	...	9	19	24	194	8	22	26 25	2 40	26 00	29 80	2 50	13 00	Enoch Kingsbury.
4. Alton	1836	...	21	3	3	34	76	92	1516	14	49	58 70	7 00	1344 40	294 90	191 50	240 95	Augustus T. Norton.
XVI. Synod of Peoria	1843	8	84	1	16	69	110	290	3740	26	165	132 08	19 00	2214 42	2153 01	616 65	2008 13	Robert W. Patterson.
1. Ottawa	1834	...	16	...	...	10	5	21	230	2	2	6 20	.....	41 80	23 00	.....	279 50	Nahum Gould.
2. Peoria and Knox	1836	...	14	...	3	10	18	56	819	7	29	20 33	5 00	430 30	743 25	.....	.....	Joseph Fowler.
3. Galena	1842	...	11	...	5	16	21	32	673	7	39	28 00	2 50	167 00	143 00	25 00	121 00	Shubael Spees.
4. Chicago	1847	...	14	...	8	8	25	90	867	5	51	40 50	10 00	856 42	927 77	254 25	1401 50	Lewis H. Loss.
5. Belvidere	1847	...	12	...	...	6	20	58	556	2	13	13 20	.....	144 06	268 41	166 96	120 61	Charles Fanning.
6. Minnesota*	1850	...	4	...	...	6	...	...	101	...	...	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edward D. Neill.
7. Milwaukee	1851	...	7	1	...	8	13	17	370	1	21	12 60	.....	536 14	29 41	163 44	73 35	William H. Spencer.
8. Fox River	1851	...	6	...	...	5	8	16	124	2	10	6 25	1 50	38 70	18 17	7 00	12 17	William A. Niles.
XVII. Synod of Iowa	1853	3	18	1	9	26	50	86	743	15	38	45 00	11 30	65 00	113 00	3378 00	122 00	Edmund D. Holt.
1. Des Moines	1845	...	5	...	...	8	10	23	213	3	6	.....	5 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thompson Bird.
2. Iowa City	1852	...	6	...	5	10	23	34	217	6	7	26 00	1 25	30 00	23 00	18 50	51 00	John D. Strong.
3. Keokuk	1852	...	7	1	4	8	17	29	313	6	25	19 00	4 30	35 00	90 00	3359 50	71 00	Gamaliel C. Beaman.
XVIII. S. of Missouri	1832	4	38	2	3	56	140	136	2122	27	137	87 85	23 00	1657 00	789 58	1048 25	332 00	John Leighton.
1. St. Louis	1831	...	10	...	3	12	19	32	708	2	48	12 55	16 00	1370 90	673 88	968 25	30 00	Edmund Wright.
2. Northern Missouri	1845	...	7	...	...	11	19	33	598	6	16	23 50	2 00	46 00	60 00	.....	151 00	John Leighton.
3. Lexington	1845	...	12	2	...	15	89	36	453	19	49	20 10	.....	113 80	13 80	75 00	143 00	Tapping S. Reeve.
4. Osage	1845	...	9	...	...	18	13	35	363	...	24	31 70	5 00	126 30	41 90	5 00	8 00	Joseph V. Barks.

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.	Date.	Pre-byteries.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Added on Exam.	Added on Certif.	Communicants.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Commiss. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	STATED CLERKS.
XIX. S. of Virginia.....	1788	3	43	5	8	47	209	171	3853	52	185	$204 92	$15 00	$2753 46	$1826 29	$331 34	$1752 25	Thomas D. Bell.
1. Winchester.....	1794	...	11	3	7	10	56	14	1097	24	46	48 00	5 00	403 02	119 50	180 00	233 75	Patterson Fletcher.
2. Dist. of Columbia..	1831	...	14	2	...	12	101	139	1310	12	88	46 00	.....	334 33	489 00	24 00	200 00	William McLain.
3. Hanover.....	1838	...	18	...	1	16	52	18	1446	16	51	110 92	10 00	2016 11	1217 79	127 34	1318 50	Henry S. Osborn.
XX. S. of Kentucky.....	1802	3	14	...	3	25	50	8	1090	29	29	137 00	11 60	421 50	75 00	70 00	295 00	Archer C. Dickerson.
1. Harmony.....	1842	...	7	...	3	10	17	6	436	7	11	47 00	5 00	215 00	20 00	25 00	157 00	Fineelius R. Gray.
2. Providence.....	1842	...	3	...	...	6	31	2	407	21	16	75 00	1 60	83 50	.....	.....	.....	Thomas H. Cleland.
3. Green River.....	1842	...	4	...	...	9	2	...	247	1	2	15 00	5 00	123 00	55 00	45 00	138 00	Archer C. Dickerson.
XXI. S. of Tennessee....	1817	4	47	1	26	80	147	83	4987	55	172	66 91	12 60	526 70	384 79	147 00	280 00	John J. Robinson.
1. Union	1797	...	20	...	15	30	51	51	1988	19	85	15 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gideon S. White.
2. Holston	1826	...	12	1	7	17	63	22	1599	19	77	41 91	.....	288 70	299 79	125 00	280 00	Ira Morey.
3. Kingston*.....	1838	...	7	...	2	19	...	...	699	...	...	10 00	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	William B. Brown.
4. New River.....	1838	...	8	...	2	14	33	10	701	17	10	.....	4 00	238 00	85 00	22 00	.....	George Painter.
XXII. S. of W. Tennessee	1826	3	23	1	2	36	119	43	2192	68	77	274 05	9 40	433 10	140 80	661 11	178 50	William Eagleton, D.D.
1. West Tennessee*....	1810	...	6	...	1	7	...	...	619	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Robert C. Garrison.
2. Shiloh.....	1816	...	7	1	...	14	58	21	883	39	31	110 00	4 40	193 25	96 80	429 76	178 50	Amzi Bradshaw.
3. Richland.....	1824	...	10	...	1	15	61	22	690	29	46	164 05	5 00	239 85	44 00	231 35	.....	Archibald M. Pickens.
XXIII. S. of Mississippi.	1846	3	17	1	...	33	59	43	1096	35	57	250 00	3 35	2202 75	140 00	20 00	90 00	Charles M. Atkinson.
1. Clinton	1822	...	6	1	...	10	8	7	328	9	4	160 00	.....	266 00	.....	.....	.....	Consider Parish.
2. Lexington, South...	1845	...	7	...	...	9	33	19	390	13	35	90 00	.....	910 00	140 00	20 00	90 00	Fisher A. Tyler.
3. Newton	1845	...	4	...	...	14	18	17	378	13	18	.....	3 35	1026 75	.....	.....	.....	James M. Richardson.
4. Texas	1854	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Daniel C. Henderson.

II. SCHEDULE OF SYNODS.

SYNODS.	Date.	Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Added on Exam.	Added on Certificate.	Communicants.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Commiss. Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.
1. Albany	1803	5	78	2	7	68	245	138	9,011	47	93	$120.90	$ 18.00	$2,141.37	$3,908.69	$1,294.63	$1,179.33
2. Utica	1829	4	72	3	14	86	156	206	7,951	43	137	87.50	20.63	1,320.31	2,360.81	664.66	1,556.30
3. Geneva	1812	9	202	13	11	167	686	559	18,719	291	360	274.30	18.00	7,393.55	5.822.07	4,085.91	6,475.45
4. Susquehanna	1853	3	44	2	2	55	190	84	4,663	73	84	60.00	3.50	1,380.04	1,187.90	192.88	565.21
5. Genesee	1821	6	118	8	9	126	711	494	14,848	222	256	230.96	36.00	5,607.94	6,280.09	2,420.51	5.264.25
6. N. York and N. Jersey	1788	10	212	30	43	149	827	954	22,797	200	543	360.11	234.12	42,979.10	15,226.69	57,562.34	4,235.57
7. Pennsylvania	1838	4	80	5	14	69	374	315	10,152	92	411	294.64	115.72	10,033.19	3,112.15	2,480.44	1,542.97
8. West Pennsylvania	1843	3	20	2	2	36	158	70	2,640	52	123	93.57	6.48	862.25	1,078.50	153.75	973.93
9. Michigan	1834	6	87	4	6	116	236	278	7,555	67	180	120.66	37.75	2,111.13	2,095.28	368.10	1,453.19
10. Western Reserve	1825	8	129	9	9	112	286	226	6,886	87	175	122.78	3.61	5,516.58	2.827.61	225.87	2,417.04
11. Ohio	1814	4	56	6	3	78	338	242	4,411	107	218	182.87	23.42	1,955.27	1,804.82	789.73	1,073.44
12. Cincinnati	1829	3	47	14	3	37	178	126	2,975	59	109	219.54	16.00	5,237.35	4,243.31	12,430.00	273.00
13. Indiana	1826	4	44	1	2	66	163	199	3,229	48	128	130.30	25.65	2,275.00	859.26	114.00	397.60
14. Wabash	1851	4	28	...	3	49	89	112	1,949	17	50	119.80	4.00	505.57	271.10	51.00	176.50
15. Illinois	1831	4	61	3	3	75	249	192	3,868	67	146	171.05	11.15	1,963.40	913.70	7,329.00	353.95
16. Peoria	1843	8	84	1	16	69	110	290	3,740	26	165	132.08	19.00	2,214.42	2,153.01	616.65	2,008.13
17. Iowa	1853	3	18	1	9	26	50	86	743	15	38	45.00	11.30	65.00	113.00	3,378.00	122.00
18. Missouri	1832	4	38	2	3	56	140	136	2,122	27	137	87.85	23.00	1,657.00	789.58	1,048.25	332.00
19. Virginia	1788	3	43	5	8	47	209	171	3,853	52	185	204.92	15.00	2,753.46	1,826.29	331.34	1,752.25
20. Kentucky	1802	3	14	...	3	25	50	8	1,090	29	29	137.00	11.60	421.50	75.00	70.00	295.00
21. Tennessee	1817	4	47	1	26	80	147	83	4,987	55	172	66.91	12.60	526.70	384.79	147.00	280.00
22. West Tennessee	1826	3	23	1	2	36	119	43	2,192	68	77	274.65	9.40	433.10	140.80	661.11	178.50
23. Mississippi	1846	3	17	1	...	33	59	43	1,096	35	57	250.00	3.35	2,202.75	140.00	20.00	90.00
		108	1562	114	198	1661	5770	5055	141,477	1779	3873	$3786.79	$679.28	$101,555.98	$57,614.45	$96,435.17	$32,995.61

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The preceding tables show that Statistical Reports, for the year ending in April, 1854, have been received from all but five of the Presbyteries: Oswego, Medina, Minnesota, Kingston, and West Tennessee. An imperfect report has since been received from the Presbytery of Oswego, the totals of which appear in the schedule, p. 638. The following names of ministers are to be added to the Roll of that Presbytery:—W. W. Warner, New Haven, N. Y.; Henry H. Morgan, Hannibal, N. Y.; Lewis Kellogg, Oswego, N. Y.; and Stephen D. Voorhees, Phœnix, N. Y.

In a few instances, the name of a minister is given twice, having been reported by two different Presbyteries; owing to the fact, that, in a few cases, the reports date as far back as June, 1853, and in several others are brought down not later than January or February, 1854; while the greater part, as is proper, are brought down to last April. It is much to be desired that a greater uniformity be obtained in this respect. In each of the Presbyteries of Medina, Athens, and Fort Wayne, the name of a minister appears in about one-half of the edition, which, owing to the above cause, is repeated on a subsequent page, the repetition not having been discovered until the form had gone to press.

No change has been made in the number or arrangement of the Presbyteries and Synods during the past year. The preceding page gives the following results:

Synods	23	Same as last year.	
Presbyteries	108	" " "	
Ministers	1,562	Decrease	8
Licentiates	114	Decrease	16
Candidates	198	Decrease	1
Churches	1,661	Increase	35
Additions, on Examination	5,770	Decrease	404
" " Certificate	5,055	Increase	295
Whole No. of Communicants	141,477	Increase	1,025
Baptisms of Adults	1,779	Increase	64
" " Infants	3,873	Decrease	159

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Commissioners' Fund	$3,786 79	Increase	$477 21
Contingent Fund	679 28	Decrease	1 54
Domestic Missions	101,555 98	Increase	39,497 60
Foreign Missions	57,614 45	Increase	4,471 20
Education	96,435 17	Increase	67,512 29
Publication	32,995 61	Decrease	1,539 78
Total of Contributions,	$293,067 28	Increase	$110,416 98

The report of the number of Candidates for the Ministry is quite imperfect. In many cases, only those who have been regularly received under the care

of the Presbytery have been reported. It is expected that every church will report annually to its Presbytery the number of its members who are pursuing a course of preparatory study for the ministry, in whatever stage of preparation they may be; and that every Presbytery report annually to the General Assembly, the whole number of persons connected with the churches under their care who are thus preparing for the ministry. It is probable that scarcely more than one half of this number has been reported to the Assembly for the past year.

A large number of churches, and some whole Presbyteries, have failed to report the amount of their contributions to benevolent objects. The contributions to the Church Erection Fund are classed, except in a few instances, under the head of Domestic Missions; but in many cases have been enumerated, not in the Statistical Report, but in the Church Extension Report, and therefore do not appear in this summary. As nearly $80,000 have been contributed to this Fund, and not less than $60,000, judging from the reports of last year, to Domestic Missions, the total under this head should be about $140,000. The principal contributions to the Education cause have been from the two Synods of New York and New Jersey, and of Cincinnati, for the endowment of the two Theological Seminaries within their bounds.

From 77 Presbyteries no reports have been received of their ecclesiastical acts during the year:—their Licensures; Ordinations; Installations; Dissolutions of the Pastorate, and of Churches; Depositions; Dismission of Ministers and Licentiates to, and Reception from, other Denominations; Organization, Reception from, and Dismission to, other Denominations, of Churches. It is very desirable that every Presbytery require their Stated Clerk to include these facts in their annual report to the Assembly. Owing to the failure of so many Presbyteries in this matter, no general summary of these acts can be given in this Appendix.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*

New York, July 6th, 1854.