MINUTES, 1857.

Cleveland, May 21st, 1857.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, at the city of Cleveland, Ohio, on Thursday, the 21st day of May, A. D. 1857, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Second Presbyterian church—the place designated by the Committee of Arrangements—and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Laurens P. Hickok, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from Exodus 17: 11, 12, 13: "And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and, when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy: and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon: and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side: and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people, with the edge of the sword."

Immediately after the sermon, the Assembly adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [370]

Thursday, May 21st, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk presented the report of the Committee on Commissions; and the following persons were thereupon enrolled as duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly.

I. SYNOD OF ALBANY.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Champlain*,	Selden Haines,	R. Oscar Barber,
	Edw'd B. Chamberlin,	Timothy Beaman (2).
2. *Troy*,	Chauncey H. Hubbard,	Philip Baker,
	Alfred B. Swift,	Simeon Gilbert.
3. *Albany*,	Samuel T. Seelye,	Frederick H. Hastings.
4. *Columbia*,	Samuel R. Dimock,	Jeremiah Carpenter.
5. *Catskill*,	Joseph P. Lestrade,	George Robertson.

II. SYNOD OF UTICA.

1. *St. Lawrence*,	John Waugh,	Asa Conkey.
2. *Watertown*,	Samuel L. Merrell,	Reuben E. Bacon.
3. *Oswego*,	Thomas A. Weed.	
4. *Utica*,	Moses C. Searle,	Nicoll H. Dering, M. D.,
	Charles Machin (2),	Alvan Bradley.

III. SYNOD OF GENEVA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Geneva*,	Benj. M. Goldsmith,	Spencer Booth,
	William W. Taylor,	Squier B. Whitaker.
2. *Bath*,	George Spaulding.	
3. *Chemung*,	B. Foster Pratt,	Benjamin Stevens,
	Charles C. Carr,	Plyna Cobb.
4. *Ithaca*,	Peleg R. Kinne,	Herman Camp.
5. *Pennsylvania*,	Isaac F. Adams,	Wm. R. Shepherd (2).
6. *Lyons*,	Franklin S. Howe,	Zenas Wheeler.

IV. SYNOD OF ONONDAGA.

1. *Onondaga*,	Horace P. Bogue,	Elijah T. Hayden,
	Joseph Myers,	John Hobbie.
2. *Cayuga*,	Jon. B. Condit, D. D.,	Harmon Woodruff,
	John Tompkins,	Luther E. Davis.
3. *Cortland*,	James C. Smith,	Simeon Lucas.
4. *Tioga*,	William H. Goodrich,	Elias Hawley. [371]

V. SYNOD OF SUSQUEHANNA.

1. *Otsego*,	Stephen S. Goodman,	Aborn T. Bigelow, M. D.
2. *Chenango*,	George T. Everest,	John F. Smith.
3. *Delaware*,	Warren Mayo.	

VI. SYNOD OF GENESEE.

1. *Genesee*,	George P. Folsom,	Eli Ellinwood.
2. *Ontario*,	Henry Kendall,	Jacob Bergen.
3. *Rochester*,	Jonathan Copeland,	Orlando Hastings.
	William A. Fox,	
4. *Niagara*,	Hiram Gregg,	Hon. Thos. T. Flagler (5).
5. *Buffalo*,	Albert T. Chester, D. D.,	Joseph H. Plumb,
	Asher Wright (2),	Eben R. Thompson (3).
6. *Angelica*.		

VII. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

1. *Hudson*,	Nathaniel E. Pierson,	George M. Newman.
2. *North River*,	O. H. Perry Deyo,	Benj. Vankeuren (3).
3. *Long Island*,	Epher Whitaker,	James Sell Skidmore.
4. *New York*, 3*d*,	Ed. F. Hatfield, D. D.,	Roe Lockwood,
	Sam. D. Burchard, D. D.,	John C. Hines,
	D. D. T. McLaughlin,	William C. Foote.
5. *New York*, 4*th*,	J. Parsons Hovey,	Henry Ivison.
	Frederick G. Clark.	
6. *Brooklyn*,	William Hogarth (2),	J. Milton Smith.
7. *Newark*,	Samuel L. Tuttle,	
	Robert Aikman.	
8. *Rockaway*,	Josiah Fisher (2),	John Dunning (2).
9. *Montrose*,	Henry A. Riley,	George Chapman.
	Elias O. Ward,	
10. *San Francisco*,	Eli Corwin.	

VIII. SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Wilmington*,	Cornelius H. Mustard,	William D. Clark (2).
2. *Philadelphia 3d*,	Benjamin J. Wallace,	George W. Fobes,
	J. Glentworth Butler,	Hon. Joseph Allison (3).
3. *Philadelphia 4th*,	George Duffield, Jr.,	Saml. H. Perkins (2),
	Thomas J. Shepherd,	Alexander Whilldin (3).
4. *Harrisburgh*,	Wm. R. Dewitt, D. D. (3).	

IX. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Erie*,	George W. Cleaveland,	Harmon Ensign.
2. *Meadville*,	George W. Hampson,	William W. Davidson.
3. *Pittsburgh*,	James Dickson,	Wm. C. Aughenbaugh.

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X. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

1. *Detroit*,	Henry N. Bissell,	Hovey K. Clarke.
2. *Monroe*,	Erasmus J. Boyd (3),	Albert M. Baker (2).
3. *Marshall*,	S. Dwight Pitkin (2),	Edwin H. Johnson.
4. *Washtenaw*,	Gustavus L. Foster (2),	William M. Gregory.
5. *Kalamazoo*,	Joseph A. Ranney,	Elihu G. Hackley.
6. *Coldwater*,	Calvin Clark,	Chauncey N. Root.
7. *Saginaw*,	David M. Cooper,	Isaac N. Robinson.

XI. SYNOD OF WESTERN RESERVE.

1. *Grand River*,	Horace W. Palmer,	Ichabod Curtis.
2. *Portage*,	Levi B. Wilson,	George Stanley.
3. *Huron*,	Alfred Newton,	William Watson (2).
4. *Trumbull*,	Henry B. Eldred,	Henry Manning, M. D.
5. *Cleveland*,	Samuel C. Aiken, D. D.,	Hon. Hiram Griswold,
	James Shaw,	Elisha Taylor.
6. *Elyria*,	Ansel R. Clark,	John S. Case.
7. *Maumee*,	William W. Williams,	Mavor Brigham.

XII. SYNOD OF OHIO.

1. *Athens*,	Charles C. Hart,	Hon. Wm. P. Cutler.
2. *Pataskala*,	Charles M. Putnam,	Austin A. Guthrie.
3. *Franklin*,	Abner D. Chapman.	
4. *Scioto*,	James E. Vance,	Joseph Riggs.

XIII. SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

1. *Cincinnati*,	D. Howe Allen, D. D.,	George L. Weed, M. D.,
	Samuel W. Fisher, D. D.,	Franklin King.
2. *Dayton*,	Franklin Putnam,	Robert W. Steele.
3. *Hamilton*,	Allen A. Jimeson,	Joseph Lewis.

XIV. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

1. *Salem*,	Charles Hutchinson.	
2. *Madison*,	Franklin E. Sheldon,	James R. Fisher.
3. *Indianapolis*,	George M. Maxwell,	Robert M. Todd.
4. *Greencastle*,	Joseph M. Sadd,	Elias Daggy.

XV. SYNOD OF WABASH.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Crawfordsville,*	Isaac De Lamater,	Alex. Thompson (2).
2. *St. Joseph,*	Norman Kellogg,	Henry H. Coolege (2).
3. *Logansport.*		
4. *Fort Wayne,*	Andrew Loose,	John L. Knight (2). [373]

XVI. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

1. *Illinois,*	Cyrus L. Watson.	
2. *Schuyler,*	George D. Young (2),	Clark B. Church.
3. *Wabash,*	Joseph Wilson,	Patrick Nicholson.
4. *Alton,*	Joseph Gordon,	John N. Adams.

XVII. SYNOD OF PEORIA.

1. *Ottawa,*	Newton Barrett.	
2. *Peoria and Knox,*	Joseph Fowler,	Ralph Ware.
3. *Galena,*	Harvey H. Hays, D. D.	
4. *Chicago,*	Lewis H. Loss,	Townsend Seeley, M. D.,
	Robert W. Patterson,	Reuben D. Jones.
5. *Belvidere,*	Morrison Huggins,	Joel B. Potter.
6. *Minnesota,*	Henry M. Nichols (4).	
7. *Milwaukee,*	George W. Elliott,	Anthony Green.
8. *Fox River,*	Lorrain Rood (3).	
9. *Columbus,*	Sidney H. Barteau.	

XVIII. SYNOD OF IOWA.

1. *Des Moines,*		James Boyd (2).
2. *Iowa City,*	S. Storrs Howe,	William Stewart.
3. *Keokuk.*	Samuel K. Sneed,	Samuel Starkweather (2).
4. *Dubuque,*	James H. Trowbridge,	Richard Edwards.

XIX. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

1. *St. Louis,*	Timothy Hill,	Russell Scarritt.
2. *North Missouri,*	Thomas H. Tatlow.	
3. *Lexington,*	Elijah A. Carson,	Andrew J. Modie.
4. *Osage,*	Joseph V. Barks.	

XX. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

1. *Winchester,*	Henry Mathews (2).	
2. *Dis. of Columbia,*	Jas. G. Hamner, D. D.,	Geo. W. Hutchins (2).
3. *Hanover,*	Isaac W. K. Handy,	Peachy R. Grattan.

XXI. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

1. *Harmony,*	Fincelius R. Gray,	John W. Cleland.
2. *Providence,*	Thomas H. Cleland,	Michael M. Shuck, M. D.
3. *Green River,*	Archer C. Dickerson.	[374]

XXII. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.

1. *Union,*	Gideon S. White.	
2. *Holston,*	John B. Logan,	Robert P. Rhea.
3. *Kingston,*	William E. Caldwell.	
4. *New River,*	George Painter.	

XXIII. SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *West Tennessee*,		Wm. O. N. Perkins (2).
2. *Shiloh.*		
3. *Richland*,	Frederick A. Ross, D. D.	

XXIV. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

1. *Clinton*,	Chas. M. Atkinson (2).	
2. *Lexington, South*,	Robert M. Morrison,	Ephm. R. McLean, M. D.
3. *Newton*,	Robert McLain (2),	Hon. J. F. Chester (2).
4. *Texas.*		

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Massachusetts.	
General Association of Connecticut,	Rev. George J. Tillotson.
General Association of New Hampshire,	Rev. Samuel Lee.
General Association of New York.	
General Conference of Maine.	
General Convention of Vermont.	
General Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.	
Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin,	Rev. Nathaniel D. Graves.
General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.	
Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.	
General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.	
General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church,	Rev. Andrew W. Black, D. D.
Union of the Evangelical Churches of France.	

The Stated Clerk also reported that Elder John Dunning had presented an irregular Commission from the Presbytery of Rockaway; which was referred to a *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Horace P. Bogue and Rev. Henry Kendall. [375]

The Committee reported that the name of Mr. Dunning be added to the Roll.

The report was adopted.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator.

Whereupon Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, D. D., of Presbytery of Cincinnati, was chosen Moderator, and inducted into office in the usual form.

Rev. George Duffield, Jr., of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, 4th, and Rev. Fincelius R. Gray, of the Presbytery of Harmony, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Assembly hold its daily sessions from 9 o'clock A. M.

until 12½ o'clock P. M.; and from 3 o'clock P. M. to 5½ P. M.; and that the first half hour of the morning session be appropriated to devotional exercises under the direction of the Moderator.

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

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow, to receive the Synodical Records, the Narratives and the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries, Overtures, memorials, appeals, and complaints.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

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:

Rev.	Charles M. Atkinson,	of the Presbytery of	Clinton.
"	Josiah Fisher,	"	Rockaway.
"	Robert McLain,	"	Newton.
"	Henry Mathews,	"	Winchester.
"	Asher Wright,	"	Buffalo.
"	S. Dwight Pitkin,	"	Marshall.
"	Gustavus L. Foster,	"	Washtenaw.
"	Charles Machin,	"	Utica.
Elder	William D. Clark,	"	Wilmington.
"	George W. Hutchins,	"	Dist. of Columbia.
"	Samuel H. Perkins,	"	Philadelphia, 4th. [376]
"	Albert M. Baker,	"	Monroe.
"	Hon. John F. Chester,	"	Newton.
"	Alexander Thompson,	"	Crawfordsville.
"	William R. Shepherd,	"	Pennsylvania.
"	Samuel Starkweather,	"	Keokuk.
"	Timothy Beaman,	"	Champlain.
"	James Boyd,	"	Des Moines.
"	Henry H. Coolege,	"	St. Joseph.
"	John L. Knight,	"	Fort Wayne.
"	William Watson,	"	Huron.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *Judicial Committee. Ministers*—James G. Hamner, D. D., J. Parsons Hovey, Lewis H. Loss, Cyrus L. Watson. *Elders*—Geo. W. Fobes, Frederick H. Hastings, Austin A. Guthrie.

2. *Bills and Overtures. Ministers*—D. Howe Allen, D. D., Benjamin J. Wallace, S. D. Burchard, D. D., Thomas H. Cleland. *Elders*—Hon. Hiram Griswold, Orlando Hastings, Richard Edwards.

3. *Polity of the Church. Ministers*—Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., George Duffield, Jr., George M. Maxwell, Timothy Hill. *Elders*—Nicoll H. Dering, M. D., Townsend Seeley, M. D., J. Milton Smith.

4. *Church Extension. Ministers.*—Robert W. Patterson, Archer C. Dickerson, Alfred Newton, Henry Kendall. *Elders*—Samuel H. Perkins, Roe Lockwood, Hon. William P. Cutler.

5. *Education. Ministers*—Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., Frederick G. Clark,

Gideon S. White, Ansel R. Clark. *Elders*—Robert W. Steele, William C. Foote, Robert P. Rhea.

6. *Publication. Ministers*—Albert T. Chester, D. D., Frederick A. Ross, D. D., J. Glentworth Butler, Samuel L. Tuttle. *Elders*—Henry Ivison, Aborn T. Bigelow, M. D., Reuben E. Jones.

7. *Devotional Exercises. Ministers*—Samuel C. Aiken, D. D., Henry A. Riley, William W. Taylor, D. D. T. McLaughlin. *Elders*—Elisha Taylor, Russell Scarritt, Harmon Woodruff. [377]

8. *Narrative. Ministers*—Thomas J. Shepherd, Robert Aikman, James H. Trowbridge, Charles M. Atkinson. *Elders*—Elijah T. Hayden, Joseph H. Plumb, George M. Newman.

9. *Leave of Absence. Ministers*—Selden Haines, William H. Goodrich, Charles Machin, Isaac W. K. Handy. *Elders*—Philip Baker, George W. Hutchins, Henry Manning, M. D.

10. *Mileage. Elders*—Hovey K. Clarke, John C. Hines, George L. Weed, M. D.

The Moderator also announced the Committees on the Synodical Records, as follows:

1. *Albany. Ministers*—Charles C. Carr, John Waugh. *Elder*—Spencer Booth.

2. *Utica. Ministers*—Jonathan Copeland, Samuel R. Dimock. *Elder*—John Hobbie.

3. *Geneva. Ministers*—James Shaw, Samuel L. Merrell. *Elder*—Reuben E. Bacon.

4. *Onondaga. Ministers*—Franklin S. Howe, Isaac F. Adams. *Elder*—Hon. John F. Chester.

5. *Susquehanna. Ministers*—Norman Kellogg, James C. Smith. *Elder*—Squier B. Whitaker.

6. *Genesee. Ministers*—Henry N. Bissell, John Tompkins. *Elder*—Benjamin Stevens.

7. *New York and New Jersey. Ministers*—Alfred B. Swift, Peleg R. Kinne. *Elder*—Alvan Bradley.

8. *Pennsylvania. Ministers*—Horace P. Bogue, Warren Mayo. *Elder*—Luther E. Davis.

9. *West Pennsylvania. Ministers*—Moses C. Searle, Chauncey H. Hubbard. *Elder*—Plyna Cobb.

10. *Michigan. Ministers*—B. Foster Pratt, Edward B. Chamberlin. *Elder*—Simeon Lucas.

11. *Western Reserve. Ministers*—Benjamin M. Goldsmith, George T. Everest. *Elder*—Elias Hawley.

12. *Ohio. Ministers*—Samuel K. Sneed, Eli Corwin. *Elder*—William D. Clark.

13. *Cincinnati. Ministers*—Nathaniel E. Pierson, Hiram Gregg. *Elder*—George Stanley.

14. *Indiana. Ministers*—George P. Folsom, Elias O. Ward. *Elder*—Harmon Ensign.

15. *Wabash. Ministers*—Charles Hutchinson, George W. Cleaveland. *Elder*—John S. Case.

16. *Illinois. Ministers*—Epher Whitaker, Joseph A. Ranney. *Elder*—Mavor Brigham. [378]

17. *Peoria. Ministers*—Joseph Wilson, Charles C. Hart. *Elder*—Jacob Bergen.

18. *Iowa. Ministers*—O. H. Perry Deyo, Allen A. Jimeson. *Elder*—Eli Ellinwood.

19. *Virginia.* *Ministers*—Henry B. Eldred, Joseph M. Sadd. *Elder*—Joseph Riggs.

20. *Missouri.* *Ministers*—S. Dwight Pitkin, Asher Wright. *Elder*—Albert M. Baker.

21. *Kentucky.* *Ministers*—Franklin Putnam, James Dickson. *Elder*—Ralph Ware.

22. *Tennessee.* *Ministers*—Charles M. Putnam, George W. Elliott. *Elder*—Clark B. Church.

23. *West Tennessee.* *Ministers*—Harvey H. Hays, D. D., Calvin Clark. *Elder*—William Stewart.

24. *Mississippi.* *Ministers*—Newton Barrett, Thomas H. Tatlow. *Elder*—Asa Conkey.

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

The Narratives and the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries, with several Overtures and memorials, were received, and put into the hands of the Stated Clerk, to be appropriately referred.

The whole subject of Mileage, after discussion, was referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to hear the annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Church Erection Fund.

Also the first order of the day for to-morrow morning, to hear the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Gospel Ministry.

The Assembly proceeded to determine the place for the meeting of the next Assembly, and made choice of the city of Chicago, Illinois. Rev. Lewis H. Loss, George M. Maxwell, and S. Dwight Pitkin, were appointed a Committee to designate the particular church, and to nominate the Committee of Arrangements.

It was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning, to receive the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension.

The Treasurer's annual report was received, and referred to an *Auditing Committee*, consisting of Messrs. Samuel H. Perkins, Roe Lockwood, and Elisha Taylor.

The Trustees of the Presbyterian House presented their annual report, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Committee appointed to designate the church, and to nominate the Committee of Arrangements, for the meeting of the next Assembly, reported, recommending that the sessions be held in the Second Presbyterian church, or in such other place in Chicago, Illinois, as the Committee may designate; and that the Rev. Messrs. Robert W. Patterson, Harvey Curtis, Asahel L. Brooks, and Ambrose A. [379] Wight, and the Elders W. H. Brown, H. E. Seelye, and Sylvester Lind, be the *Committee of Arrangements*, with power to increase their number.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported supplies for the various pulpits in the city and vicinity, on the ensuing Sabbath; and also public services for the ensuing week.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 22d, 3 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:

Rev. George D. Young, from the Presbytery of Schuyler.
" William Hogarth, " " Brooklyn.
Elder Wm. O. N. Perkins, " " West Tennessee.

Reports were received from the Delegates appointed by the last Assembly to Corresponding Bodies, viz., from the Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., the Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut; Rev. Daniel W. Poor, the Delegate to the Evangelical Association of Rhode Island; Rev. George W. Warner, the Delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church; Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D., the Delegate to the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin; Rev. Elias R. Fairchild, the Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire; Rev. Henry A. Rowland, D. D., the Delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States; Rev. Eber M. Rollo, the Delegate to the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. William R. Dewitt, D. D., the Delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. William C. Wisner, D. D., the Delegate to the General Association of New York; and from Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., the Delegate to the General Conference of Maine.

The reports were accepted, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day. The Board of Trustees of the Church Erection Fund presented their annual report. The report was accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Church Extension.

A memorial from the Presbyterian Historical Society was presented, and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace, James G. Hamner, D. D., Albert T. Chester, D. D., Robert W. Steele, and Orlando Hastings.

It was made the first order of the day for next Tuesday morning, to hear the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies; to be followed [380] by the reception of written communications from Corresponding Bodies.

It was made the first order of the day, for Monday morning, to hear the report of the special Committee, appointed, by a previous Assembly, to prepare a Digest; and also the first order of the day for Wednesday morning, to receive the report of the special Committee of the last Assembly, on Psalmody.

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

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported that fifty Presbyteries had taken action upon the Overture on the subject of Mileage; 31 answering in the affirmative, and 19 in the negative; and, as a majority of all the Presbyteries had taken no action upon the subject, that the Overture was not adopted. The whole subject was again referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

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

The following additional Commissioners and Delegates presented their credentials, and their names were entered upon the Roll:

Rev. Lorrain Rood,	of the Presbytery of	Fox River.
Rev. William R. Dewitt, D. D.,	"	Harrisburgh.
Rev. Erasmus J. Boyd,	"	Monroe.
Elder Benjamin Van Keuren,	"	North River.
" Hon. Joseph Allison,	"	Phila., 3d.
" Alexander Whilldin,	"	Phila., 4th.
" Ebenezer R. Thompson,	"	Buffalo.

Rev. Nathaniel D. Graves, Delegate from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day.

The Permanent Committee on Education for the Gospel Ministry presented their annual report. The report was accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Education, with instructions to print the plan and the resolutions, recommended by the Permanent Committee.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following order of services for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, on Thursday evening: [381]

1. The Moderator to preside.
2. Prayer and reading of the Scriptures, by the Rev. Alfred Newton.
3. Address and administration of the Bread, by the Rev. James G. Hamner, D. D.
4. Prayer and administration of the Cup, by the Rev. William R. Dewitt, D. D.
5. Address, by the Rev. William Hogarth.
6. Hymn and benediction, by the Moderator.

Also, that the distribution of the elements be committed to the following elders: Elisha Taylor, Hon. Hiram Griswold, William D. Clark, Samuel H. Perkins, Henry Ivison, and Russell Scarritt.

The Permanent Committee on Church Extension presented their annual report, which was accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Church Extension.

The Assembly heard reports and statements concerning our Theological Seminaries: from the Auburn Theological Seminary, through Rev. Jonathan W. Condit, D. D.; from the Lane Theological Seminary, through Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D.; from the Maryville Theological Seminary, through Rev. Gideon S. White; and from the Union Theological Seminary, through Rev. James W. McLane, D. D.

The reports were accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

It was made the first order of the day for next Thursday morning, to receive the reports on Synodical Records.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the General Assembly, reported that they had examined them, with the accompanying vouchers, and found them correct. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church, made a report on the mileage and expenses of the present Assembly: pending its discussion the Assembly adjourned until Monday at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 25th, 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 this morning.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Digest presented their report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

It was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning, to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Education.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, viz., the report of the Committee on the Polity of the Church on the subject of Mileage. [382]

After discussion, the following plan for the mileage and expenses of the present Assembly was adopted as a substitute:

All sums, intended for the Contingent Fund, or the Commissioners' Fund, to be paid to the Mileage Committee, on or before the fifth day of the sessions of the Assembly.

Of this amount, seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750) to be paid to the Stated Clerk for the contingent expenses of the Assembly.

The Commissioners to present to the Mileage Committee, on or before the sixth day of the sessions, an account of their actual expenses, and the number of miles traveled in coming to the Assembly, together with an estimate of their necessary expenses on their return.

The Commissioners, whose Presbyteries have contributed a sum sufficient to pay their necessary traveling expenses, and the proportion due from the said Presbyteries respectively to the Contingent Fund, to be paid their expenses in full; the proportion to be estimated according to the number of communicants in each Presbytery.

The Commissioners whose Presbyteries have contributed, but not enough to pay their expenses, after deducting their proportion of the Contingent Fund, to be paid in the ratio of their contributions to the Fund applicable to the payment of mileage.

Rev. Messrs. Alfred Newton, Henry Mathews, and Benjamin W. Goldsmith, were appointed a *Committee to nominate a preacher* on Home Missions for the next Assembly.

A *Committee*, consisting of Rev. William R. Dewitt, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Archer C. Dickerson and Henry A. Riley, and Elders Nicoll H. Dering, M. D., and Hon. Joseph Allison, was appointed to *nominate Delegates* to Corresponding Bodies.

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

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 25th, 3 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 Commissioner presented his credentials, and his name was entered upon the Roll:

Rev. Henry M. Nichols, from the Presbytery of Minnesota.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report in answer to various memorials upon the subject of Slavery. The report was accepted, ordered to be printed, and its consideration made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon. [383]

Nominations for Trustees of the Presbyterian House were received, and the election was made the third order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported Overture No. 1, being a request from the Synod of Peoria for the erection of a new Synod.

The Committee recommend that the request be granted, and that the Presbyteries of Milwaukee, Fox River, and Columbus, now attached to the Synod of Peoria, be erected into a new Synod, to be called "The Synod of Wisconsin;" and that they hold their first meeting in Columbus, Wisconsin, on the third Thursday of October, 1857, at 7 o'clock P. M.; the oldest minister present to preach the sermon, and to preside until a Moderator be chosen.

The report was adopted.

Also, Overture No. 2, being a request from the Presbytery of San Francisco, for the division of that Presbytery, and the erection of a new Synod.

The Committee recommend that the request be granted: that the Rev. Messrs. Silas S. Harmon, Laurentine Hamilton, Walter Frear, and Edward B. Walsworth, together with the churches of Columbia, Sonora, Placerville, and Marysville, be constituted into a new Presbytery, to be called "The Presbytery of Sierra Nevada," to hold their first meeting at Sacramento, California, on Tuesday, October 6th, 1857, at 3 o'clock P. M.; and to be opened with a sermon by the oldest minister present, who is to preside until a Moderator be chosen.

That the Rev. Messrs. Samuel B. Bell, James Pierpont, William W. Brier, Eli Corwin, and Albert F. White, together with the churches of Oakland, Alameda, and Eden, be constituted into a new Presbytery, to be called "The Presbytery of San José," to hold their first meeting at Sacramento, California, on Tuesday, October 6th, 1857, at 3 o'clock P. M.; and to be opened with a sermon by the oldest minister present, who is to preside until a Moderator be chosen.

That the Presbyteries of San Francisco, Sierra Nevada, and San José, be erected into a new Synod, to be called "The Synod of Alta California;" to hold their first meeting at Sacramento, California, on Tuesday, October 6th, 1857, at 7½ o'clock P. M.; and to be opened with a sermon by the oldest minister present, who is to preside until a Moderator be chosen.

The report was adopted.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual devotional exercises, the calling of the Roll was dispensed with for the remainder of the session. [384]

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly received an invitation, which was accepted with thanks, to visit the rooms of the Cleveland Library Association.

Communications were received from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, and from the General Association of New Hampshire; also from the Delegate of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Assembly proceeded to hear the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies in such communications as they desired to present; when the Rev. Samuel Lee, from the General Association of New Hampshire, and the Rev. Nathaniel D. Graves, from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, severally addressed the Assembly.

Resolved, That the communications from Corresponding Bodies, together with the reports of our Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, be referred to a *Special Committee*, consisting of Rev. William R. Dewitt, D. D., Rev. Henry Kendall, Rev. Timothy Hill, Hon. Joseph Allison, and Herman Camp, to report to this Assembly *on the terms of Correspondence* with other bodies.

Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace, Rev. John Patton, Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd, John C. Farr, and Charles S. Wurts, were elected Trustees of the Presbyterian House.

The Standing Committee on Education presented a report in relation to the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Education.

The report was accepted: pending its consideration, the Assembly adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 26th, 3 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 Delegate presented his credentials, and his name was entered upon the Roll:

Rev. George J. Tillotson, from the General Association of Connecticut.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the subject of Slavery. The discussion was continued until the time of the adjournment.

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

Concluded with prayer.

The annual sermon on Home Missions was preached, agreeably to previous appointment, before the Assembly, on Tuesday evening, in the Second Presbyterian church, by the Rev. Grosvenor W. Heacock, D. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo. [385]

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half 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 the subject of the Parish Psalmody, which was referred to the Committee on Publication. Also, a memorial on the Ashmun Institute, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that leave had been given to Elder Jeremiah Carpenter.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz., the report of the Committee on Psalmody, which, with the memorial of the Committee of Detroit on the same subject, was referred to the Committee on Publication.

The following additional Commissioner presented his credentials, and his name was entered on the Roll:

Elder Hon. Thomas T. Flagler, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been brought before them, and made request to be discharged, which was granted.

The Assembly proceeded to hear the Delegate from the General Association of Connecticut, who presented resolutions from said Association, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of Tuesday morning, viz., the report of the Committee on Education, which was considered until the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, May 27th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly proceeded to the unfinished business of the morning, viz., the report of the Committee on Education, which was discussed until the hour of adjournment.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. [386]

The Rev. Andrew W. Black, D. D., presented his credentials as a Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America; his name was entered on the Roll, and the Assembly proceeded to hear his statements, and the terms of correspondence proposed by the General Synod; which were referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The same Committee were directed to inquire into the expediency of entering into correspondence with the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on Church Extension presented a report in reference to the annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Church Extension, having examined the report of the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, recommend the adoption of the following report:

We see, in the statements which are given by the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, abundant evidence that this Fund, according to the present plan of distribution, must prove a means of incalculable good to our missionary churches. We find, thus far, no reason to doubt that the most sanguine hopes of the contributors to this Fund will be fully realized.

In consequence of important changes in the relations of our Synods, since the first apportionment of the Fund was made, it is found expedient to vary the apportionment, at least for the ensuing year, so as to allow

To the Synod of Utica, 2 per cent. of the Fund.
" " Geneva, 2 per cent.
" " Genesee, 2 per cent.
" " Onondaga, 2½ per cent.
" " New York and New Jersey, 3 per cent.
" " Indiana, 4 per cent.
" " Wabash, 4 per cent.
" " Peoria, 6 per cent.
" " Wisconsin, 6 per cent.
" " Iowa, 8 per cent.
" " Missouri, 2 per cent.
" " Kentucky, 2 per cent.
" " Alta California, 7 per cent.

To render the security for loans in all cases satisfactory, the Trustees are hereby authorized, to require that the churches on which they take mortgages shall be kept insured, whenever they may deem this precaution necessary.

The following Trustees, whose term of office expires at the present time, are hereby nominated to serve for the term of three years: Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., and Norman White.

The report was adopted.

The Assembly, agreeably to previous order, proceeded to hear the reports

of the Committees on the Synodical Records; and, on the [387] recommendation of the respective Committees, the Records of the following Synods were approved as far as written: Albany, Utica, Geneva, Onondaga, Susquehanna, New York and New Jersey, West Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Cincinnati, Peoria, Iowa, Virginia, and Tennessee.

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

1. Page 76: The Synod made two clerical members of Presbytery a quorum for transacting business.

2. Page 80: On entering upon judicial business, it does not appear that the Moderator enjoined upon the members, to regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ.

3. Page 89: The report of a committee is not recorded.

The Records of the Synod of Pennsylvania also were approved, with one exception, viz., "that it does not appear from the book, that the Records have ever been approved by the Synod."

The Records of the Synod of Indiana were also approved, with one exception, viz., that, on page 342, the Records of Greencastle Presbytery are reported as approved, with exceptions, while these exceptions are not spread upon the Minutes of the Synod, as required in Form of Government, Chap. VII., sec. 1, art. 3.

The Records of the Synod of Illinois were also approved, with four exceptions:

1. They contain no record of approval by the General Assembly since 1854.

2. They do not contain the Narrative on the State of Religion which was presented by the Committee on that subject at the sessions of the Synod in 1854: p. 434.

3. They do not contain the report of the Committee on Religious Exercises, mentioned on page 435.

4. They do not state the ecclesiastical connection of the Rev. Amasa Lord, who was invited to sit as a corresponding member: p. 440.

The Records of the Synod of Kentucky were also approved, with two exceptions, viz.:

1. That the Records have not been before the Assembly since 1854.

2. At a meeting in Midway, October, 1854, it was ascertained after a sermon, that there was not a quorum. The Record reads, that the Committee, the members present, adjourned, from time to time, until a quorum. Rule 2d reads: "If a quorum be not assembled, any two members may adjourn." This phrascology is preferable to that of a committee; as committees are only known as such when constituted officially.

The Records of the Synod of West Tennessee not being present, the Committee were discharged.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Mississippi made a report, and, pending a motion to postpone the adoption of the report, the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer. [388]

Thursday, May 28th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Records of the Synod of Mississippi, was resumed.

After some discussion, the previous question was moved and sustained; and the further consideration of the report on the Records of the Synod of Mississippi was postponed.

The Assembly proceeded to the unfinished business of Wednesday, viz., the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry, respectfully report, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. The General Assembly recognizes, with gratitude to God, the organization of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry, and the appointment of a General Secretary, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, D. D., who has entered on the duties of his office; also, the fact that the report of the Committee presents and enforces the foundation principles of this work, especially in its relation to churches and Presbyteries.

Resolved, 2. The Assembly, deeply impressed with the importance of a plan of action, which shall develop the resources of the whole Church, and bring each section of the Church to the work of training its own ministry, adopts the arrangement recommended in the report of the Permanent Committee, with some additions and alterations, in the following form:

1. It is the duty of the Church, in obedience to the Saviour's last command to preach the Gospel to every creature, to give constant and becoming attention to the increase of the ministry.

2. The Presbyterian Church, in its congregations, sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assembly, possesses a superior system of means for conducting this work in a most successful manner.

3. It is particularly desirable, that each Presbytery should make the subject of the ministry a topic of serious consideration in its stated meetings, at least once every year; and adopt arrangements, to have presented to the churches, through their own ministers as far as possible, the wants of our Church, our country, and the world, in this respect; to press on young men their duty to give themselves to this work; on parents their obligation to dedicate their children to it, and train them for it; and on individual churches their privilege and duty, to see that all their sons, who give promise of suitable qualifications for the ministry, are sought out and encouraged to enter it; to make adequate provision for the education of all such, as are in circumstances to need their aid, and who show by their characters and improvement that they are worthy of it; and to see that in each church an annual collection is made in behalf of this cause.

4. It is important, that the claims of the Christian ministry on pious [389] young men, in a course of education, should be publicly presented once every year in all the colleges within our bounds; and it is recommended that the General Secretary, in connection with the officers in these institutions, secure the performance of this service.

5. While the General Assembly does not design to interfere with the action of separate churches and Presbyteries, or the combined action of a number of them in their synodical capacity, it decidedly recommends its Permanent Committee as the bond of union and medium of co-operation in this work; and it is hereby urged upon each Presbytery and Synod, whether co-operating or not with that Committee, to forward, through its Stated Clerk, to said Permanent Committee, at some time in the month of April in each year, a full report of its doings, in reply to such questions as may be proposed to it; and the information so given shall be embodied in the annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

6. Each Presbytery, designing to co-operate with the Permanent Committee, shall appoint annually a Standing Committee on Education for the Ministry, whose duty it shall be, to examine and recommend, in the vacation of the Presbytery, such young men as require assistance from the funds at the disposal of the Permanent Committee; and to exercise over them such pastoral supervision as may be possible, while they are prosecuting their studies. And all such Committees are hereby enjoined, to give strict attention to the rules prescribed by the Permanent Committee, in any recommendation which they may make, so as to avert dishonor from this enterprise of the Church, and avoid the waste and misapplication of its funds.

7. Every Presbytery, co-operating with the Permanent Committee by presenting the subject to its churches annually, and taking collections to be paid to the general treasury, shall be entitled, as far as the means placed at the disposal of that Committee will allow, to receive aid for all candidates for the ministry under its care, however much the appropriations to them may exceed the contributions of such Presbytery.

8. It is recommended to all the churches so to arrange their contributions to benevolent operations, that the uniform time for that in behalf of education for the ministry shall be the Sabbath preceding, or succeeding, the last Thursday in February of each year, the day of the annual concert of prayer for colleges.

9. As it is desirable that this cause should assume a prominent and permanent place in the contributions of the churches, it is recommended, to those whom Providence has favored with means, to endow temporary scholarships, by the contribution of the requisite sum each year to assist a student through his theological course; or the contribution of such a sum each year to assist one through his literary and theological course; or by the establishment of permanent scholarships by donations or legacies, under the management of the Permanent Committee; and, to afford facility and security in doing this, the Permanent Committee are hereby directed, to apply to the Legislature of the State of New York for a suitable act of incorporation. And, until such act is obtained, individuals designing permanent gifts or [390] legacies, are requested to place them in the legal charge of the Trustees of the Presbyterian House in Philadelphia, for the use of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry.

10. The General Assembly would not claim any authority over the institutions where our ministry are educated; but it is hereby requested of the faculties of the Union and Auburn Theological Seminaries in New York, of Lane Seminary near Cincinnati, and Maryville Seminary in Tennessee, and of any other similar institutions hereafter established, to furnish the General Assembly each year, through its Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry, with a written statement of their condition, advantages, and prospects, the names of their professors, the ordinary yearly expenses, and any other matters of general interest to the Church, to be read to the Assembly, and published as an appendix to the annual report of the said Committee; and the General Secretary is hereby charged with the duty of presenting this request annually to said faculties, in time to receive their written reports before the meeting of the General Assembly.

Resolved, 3. This General Assembly approves the rules, adopted by the Permanent Committee, for aiding young men in their preparatory studies for the ministry, with some alterations, as fitted to prevent the introduction of incompetent and unworthy men to this office, and at the same time to afford suitable encouragement to those whose piety and talents give promise of

usefulness. When any alterations are made in these rules the Permanent Committee are requested to report the same to the General Assembly.

Plan for Aiding Beneficiaries.

1. Each applicant for assistance shall present a certificate of recommendation from a Presbytery, (or its Standing Committee on Education,) stating, that he has been in the communion of the church at least one year, and that he has been carefully examined as to his experimental piety, his motives for desiring the sacred office, his attachment to the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, his general habits, his prudence, his talents, his studies, his gifts for public speaking, his need of assistance, his disposition to do all in his power to sustain himself, and his willingness to observe the rules of the Committee. Such certificate must also state, whether the candidate is in his academic, collegiate, or theological course, and the amount requisite to carry him through the first year.

2. While it is highly desirable, that all who receive assistance should be under the supervision of the Presbyteries to which they would naturally belong, and should be recommended by them, yet if, owing to the present position of the Education cause, or other important reasons, a Presbyterial certificate cannot be obtained, it may, at the option of the Permanent Committee, be substituted by a certificate of the same import, from any examining committee, appointed by them for such purposes, at any educational institution where the student is pursuing his course.

3. The amount granted to any applicant shall not, unless in very [391] peculiar circumstances, exceed one hundred dollars for the academic, one hundred and twenty dollars for the collegiate, and one hundred and forty for the theological course per annum, to be paid in quarterly instalments upon the return of schedules to be filled up by the student, and his instructors, and the approbation of the same by the Permanent Committee.

4. Each applicant shall give a receipt or acknowledgment to the Treasurer, for the amount which from time to time he may receive, promising to repay the same with interest, if he fail to enter upon the work of the ministry within a reasonable time, or turn aside to any secular pursuit; unless the Presbytery to which he belongs shall certify, that there are good reasons for his relinquishing the active duties of the office, and recommend the cancelling of the obligation.

5. Individuals receiving aid shall be under the pastoral supervision of the Presbyteries recommending them, and also of the General Secretary of the Permanent Committee; and will be expected to undergo renewed examinations on passing from one grade of their general course to another.

6. No payment shall be made in advance.

7. As the appropriations of the Committee are made on the principle of helping those who help themselves, and are insufficient for the entire support of a student, it is expected, that the student and his friends will make all proper exertions to assist in defraying the expenses of his education.

8. Each student aided is required to pursue a thorough course of study preparatory to a three years' course of theological studies, unless the Permanent Committee, and the Presbytery under whose care he is, in the exercise of a wise discretion, shall decide that his circumstances require that his studies shall be abbreviated.

9. When any student shall find it necessary to relinquish study for a time, to teach, or otherwise increase his means of support, he shall first obtain

the consent of the Permanent Committee; and, if he shall not be absent from study more than three months, his appropriations will be continued; but if longer, they will be discontinued, or continued in part, according to circumstances.

10. When a student has ceased, for a period longer than a year, to receive assistance from the Committee, he shall be required to produce new testimonials before his name can be restored to the roll.

11. When the official relation between a student and the Committee ceases, or is about to cease, he is required to notify the General Secretary of the fact, stating the reason.

12. The reception of an appropriation, by a student, shall be considered as expressing a promise, to comply with all the rules and regulations of the Committee.

13. If at any time there be discovered in any student such defect in capacity, diligence, prudence, and especially in piety, as would render his introduction into the ministry a doubtful measure, it shall be considered the sacred duty of the Committee to withdraw their appropriations. Students shall also cease to receive assistance, when their health shall become such as to unfit them for study, and for the [392] work of the ministry; when they are manifestly improvident, and contract debts without reasonable prospects of payment; when they marry; when they receive the assistance of any other Educational Committee; when they fail to make the regular returns; or cease, by change of circumstances, to need aid.

14. As all intellectual acquisitions are comparatively of little value without the cultivation of piety, it is expected and required of every candidate, to pay special attention to the practical duties of religion; such as reading the Scriptures, secret prayer and meditation; to attend upon religious meetings on the Sabbath, and during the week; to endeavor to promote the salvation of others; and to exhibit at all times a pious and consistent example.

Resolved, 4. While the Assembly feels the importance of a thorough organization of the Church, for the accomplishment of the work of Ministerial Education, it is at the same time deeply convinced that success will not attend the enterprise, unless the earnest efforts of its friends are united with prayer to God, that, by the abundant outpouring of the Spirit, the life of the Church may be made more vigorous, and large numbers of the youth of our land be converted to Christ.

Resolved, 5. The General Assembly recommends the observance of the last Thursday in February as a day of prayer for the blessing of God on our various institutions of learning.

Resolved, 6. That the election to fill the vacancies in the Permanent Committee be the first order of the day for Friday morning, and that the election be by ballot.

Resolved, 7. That the report of the Permanent Committee be published under their direction, and circulated through all the churches.

The same Committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the memorial of the Presbytery of Iowa City, on the subject of Christian Education, asking the General Assembly, through its Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry, to aid in erecting academies and collegiate institutions, be referred to that Committee, with instructions to consider and extend aid at their discretion during the year; and to report to the next General Assembly.

The same Committee also reported the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

Communications have been laid before the Standing Committee on Education, in relation to Ashmun Institute, in Pennsylvania, asking an expression of opinion by this Assembly in favor of its design. It is a seminary for the education of colored young men. It embraces a classical and theological training, especially fitting those trained to labor in Africa.

Testimonials are furnished, in reference to the excellent character of the Principal, and the success attending the first quarter of instruction. It is the judgment of the Committee, that the object is good, and this Assembly may express an opinion favorable to the general object. [393]

They recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this General Assembly regard with favor the Ashmun Institute, recently established in Pennsylvania, which is designed to give a thorough classical and theological education to colored young men of piety, and thus fit them, as teachers and preachers of the Gospel, to promote the highest good of the African race.

The resolution was adopted.

The same Committee also reported the following minute in reference to Theological Seminaries.

The General Assembly has heard with interest the reports from the Auburn, Lane, and Union Theological Seminaries, and from the Literary and Theological Seminary at Maryville, Tenn. It appears that these institutions are enjoying a good degree of prosperity. Considerable progress has been made in improving their external condition; seminary buildings have been renovated and refurnished; liberal subscriptions have been made towards the endowment of professorships, as well as the establishment of scholarships for the aid of needy students. The faculties of these institutions are completely organized with able and devoted professors; a good degree of the missionary spirit prevails among the students; a kind and liberal sentiment is manifest towards these institutions in their several vicinities; and the Assembly has reason to believe, that the further necessities of these Seminaries will be as liberally regarded by the whole Church, as their claim is just and imperative.

The Assembly would record with deep regret the decease of the Rev. Isaac Anderson, D. D., late president of the institution at Maryville.

The minute was adopted.

A series of resolutions in reference to the inadequate support of the Gospel ministry, were read and placed on the docket.

The Assembly proceeded to the unfinished business of yesterday, viz., the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on Slavery.

Pending its consideration, the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 28th, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, agreeably to previous arrangements, in the Second 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. [394]

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last two sessions were read and approved.

The special Committee on the terms of correspondence with other bodies made a report, which was accepted, and placed upon the docket. The Rev.

Henry Kendall presented a minority report, which was also put on the docket.

The Committee on Mileage announced sufficient funds in their hands for all accounts that had thus far been presented by the Commissioners, which were ordered paid.

Rev. Conway P. Wing, the Delegate to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, made a report, which was accepted, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church, to whom was referred the terms of correspondence with the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, shall each appoint a minister with an alternate, to sit in the highest judicatories respectively, with the privilege of deliberating on all subjects coming before them, and of making suggestions on matters affecting the interests of both bodies mutually, or pertaining to the several interests of religion, but not of voting.

The ministers, members, and judicatories of these churches, treating each other with Christian respect, shall always recognize the validity of each other's acts and ordinances consonant to the word of God; it being understood, that any ecclesiastical judicatory belonging to either body may examine persons, or review cases of discipline, on points at present peculiar or distinctive to themselves respectively.

The same Committee also recommended that a correspondence on the same terms be opened with the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States, and that a Delegate and alternate be appointed to attend their next meeting.

Their report was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Elders John L. Knight, of the Presbytery of Fort Wayne, and Alexander Whilldin, of the Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The Assembly proceeded to the first order of the day, viz., the election of five members of the Permanent Committee on Education, when, after nominations had been made, the following persons were chosen by ballot: Rev. John J. Owen, D. D., Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., Rev. William Hogarth, Hon. William Jessup, LL.D., and Jesse W. Benedict.

The second order of the day, viz., the election of three Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, was then taken up, and Rev. Asa D. [395] Smith, D. D., Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., and Norman White, were elected by ballot.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday afternoon, viz., the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on Slavery, which was discussed until the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 29th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz., the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on Slavery, was resumed, and continued until near the time of adjournment.

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

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported Overture No. 3, being a request from the church of Niles, attached to the Presbytery of St. Joseph, and another from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo, for a transfer of churches.

The Committee recommend that the request be granted; that the State line be henceforward the boundary line between the Synods of Michigan and Wabash; and that, in accordance with this arrangement, the Rev. Alfred Bryant and the Rev. Elisha B. Sherwood, together with the churches of Niles, Edwardsburgh, Cassopolis, and Buchanan, be, and they hereby are, transferred from the Presbytery of St. Joseph to the Presbytery of Kalamazoo; and that the Rev. William Fuller, together with the churches of White Pigeon and Sturgis, be, and they hereby are, transferred from the Presbytery of St. Joseph to the Presbytery of Coldwater.

The report was adopted.

The Committee to nominate a preacher on Home Missions for the next year recommended the Rev. Jacob Little, D. D., of the Presbytery of Pataskala, principal; and the Rev. Henry A. Nelson, of the Presbytery of St. Louis, alternate.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Memorial from the Presbyterian Historical Society made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Memorial from the Presbyterian Historical Society respectfully report:

That the Society is composed of members of the following branches of the Presbyterian Church, viz.: Those represented by the two General Assemblies; the Associate Church; the Associate Reformed Church, and the two branches of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Society at its last annual meeting agreed to memorialize the two General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, on the subject [396] of commemorating, in some appropriate manner, the reunion of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia, which occurred in 1758. "Next year," the memorial observes, "would furnish a centennial celebration, whose good influence might be felt far and wide."

The reasons assigned for this union celebration in the memorial are, 1, That it would be a means of historical knowledge. 2, That it would be the expression of gratitude to God for the good resulting from the Union. 3, That "special moral lessons are suggested by the circumstances that led to the division of 1741, and the reunion of 1758;" and, finally, that it would afford an opportunity for cultivating a spirit of fraternal union.

It is proper to observe that the proposition for this union celebration came entirely from our brethren of the other branch of our Church, though cordially met, in the same spirit in which the proposition was made, by those members of our Church who belong to the Society. In view of which case the Committee recommend the following action, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly are pleased to see, that the ministry and members of the churches under their care are cultivating a spirit of fraternal kindness towards the other branches of the Presbyterian Church.

2. That a centennial celebration of so signal an event in the history of our Church, as its happy reunion after seventeen years of separation, commends itself to us as interesting and useful.

3. That a Committee of five be appointed to make such arrangements in connection with the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Historical

Society, for this commemoration, as may be appropriate, in case that the Assembly of the other branch of the Presbyterian Church take similar action.

The Moderator announced the Committee to be, Rev. Benj. J. Wallace, Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Rev. George Duffield, Jr., Henry J. Williams, and Samuel J. Perkins.

Adjourned until 7¾ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 29th, 7¾ o'clock P. M.

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

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business of the afternoon, viz., the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on Slavery, was resumed and discussed until the hour of adjournment.

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

Concluded with prayer. [397]

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that leave had been given to Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., Rev. William Hogarth, Rev. Hiram Gregg, Harmon Woodruff, Henry H. Coolege, Isaac M. Robinson, and Rev. Charles Hutchinson.

The Permanent Committee of the General Assembly on Foreign Missions presented their annual report, which was adopted.

It was made the first order of the day for Monday, to receive the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Publication; the second order, to receive the report of the Committee on the Narrative; the third order, to elect members of the Permanent Committees; and the fourth, to receive the report of the Committee on Nominating Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

Rev. Nathaniel D. Graves, the Delegate from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, after a short address, to which the Moderator responded, respectfully took his leave.

The Committee of Arrangements invited the Assembly to make an excursion this afternoon to the environs of the city. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on Slavery, was resumed and continued until the hour of adjournment.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Permanent Committee on Publication presented their annual report, which was accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion made their

report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Rev. David O. Allen, D. D., Rev. Albert Barnes, Jesse W. Benedict, John A. Brown, and Rev. J. Duché Mitchell, were elected members of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions; also, Mr. Lowell Holbrook, in place of the Rev. Henry Darling, resigned.

Rev. John Jenkins, Rev. J. Glentworth Butler, Samuel H. Perkins, Samuel T. Bodine, and Charles S. Wurts, were elected members of the Publication Committee.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies [398] made a report, which was accepted, and pending its consideration, the Assembly adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, June 1st, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Nominating Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, was resumed, and the report adopted, as follows:

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Albert T. Chester, D. D., principal; and Rev. Henry Darling, alternate.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. William Adams, D. D., principal; and Rev. Gideon N. Judd, D. D., alternate.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. J. Parsons Hovey, principal; and Rev. Baruch B. Beckwith, alternate.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. J. Glentworth Butler, principal; and Rev. John Tompkins, alternate.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. A. Bordman Lambert, D. D., principal; and Rev. Alfred B. Swift, alternate.

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin—Rev. Daniel C. Houghton, principal; and Rev. George I. King, alternate.

General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church—Rev Archer C. Dickerson, principal; and Rev. James M. Phillips, alternate.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church—Rev. James G. Hamner, D. D., principal; and Rev. George F. Wiswell, alternate.

General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church—Rev. Joseph Wilson, principal; and Rev. Albert Hale, alternate.

General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church—Rev. George Duffield, D. D., principal; and Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, alternate.

Union of the Evangelical Churches of France—Rev. Henry Smith, D. D., principal; and Rev. James M. Sherwood, alternate.

Synod of the German Reformed Church—Rev. Elias J. Richards, principal; and Rev. Charles J. Hutchins, alternate.

The Standing Committee on Church Extension presented their report, in relation to the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension. The report was accepted, and placed upon the docket.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on Slavery, and continued its discussion until the time of adjournment.

Adjourned until 7¾ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [399]

Monday, June 1st, 7¾ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on Slavery, was resumed, and, pending its discussion, the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, June 2d, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that leave had been given to Rev. Thomas H. Tatlow and Elders John W. Cleland, Robert M. Todd, and Philip Baker.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented a report, which was accepted, and placed upon the docket.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church presented the following report:

The Committee on the Polity of the Church, to whom was referred the consideration of a permanent system of Mileage, present the following report:

The Constitution affirms that, "in order, as far as possible, to procure a respectable and full delegation to all our judicatories, it is proper that the expenses of ministers and elders, in their attendance on these judicatories, be defrayed by the bodies which they respectively represent."

The following recommendations are therefore submitted:

That each Presbytery be earnestly requested to contribute annually their full proportion towards the expenses of our General Assemblies.

That this proportion be determined by the number of communicants connected with the Presbytery.

That the rate, *per capita*, for the next Assembly, be five (5) cents for each communicant.

That each Presbytery be at liberty to apportion their quota among their churches as they shall deem best.

That the Standing Committee on Mileage, annually appointed, estimate and report the probable amount that will be needed to defray the necessary traveling expenses of the Commissioners, and the contingent expenses of the next succeeding Assembly, together with the rate that will be adequate. [400]

That, on or before the fourth day of the sessions of each Assembly, the amount thus contributed be paid to the Committee on Mileage, and a bill be presented by each Commissioner, of his necessary traveling expenses and mileage.

That these bills, having been duly audited by the Mileage Committee, be paid as fully as the funds will permit, after appropriating an amount sufficient to defray the contingent expenses of the Assembly.

That each minister and vacant church connected with those Presbyteries who have contributed their full quota to this fund, be entitled to a copy of the annual Minutes.

That, in order to avail themselves of the privileges of this plan, the Presbyteries must contribute and forward to the Assembly their full proportion of this fund as thus determined.

The report was adopted.

The Assembly resumed, and continued until the hour of adjournment, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on Slavery.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, June 2d, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the Digest, recommended that the course pursued by the special Committee in the preparation of the Digest thus far, be approved by the Assembly.

That they be instructed to complete the work, according to the plan heretofore followed, and to use their discretion in relation to the questions proposed in their report.

That, when completed, it be submitted to the Permanent Publication Committee, and, if approved by them, be published under their direction.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church, to whom was referred the question, "Whether any three ministers of a Presbytery are a quorum to transact business?" reported an answer.

The report was accepted, and placed upon the docket.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning, viz., the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on Slavery. Its further consideration was postponed, and a substitute was introduced.

Pending its consideration, the Assembly adjourned until 7¾ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [401]

Tuesday, June 2d, 7¾ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the substitute to the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the subject of Slavery.

On the motion to postpone, the previous question was ordered, and the further consideration of the substitute was postponed.

Another paper upon the same subject was then introduced, and, pending its discussion, the Assembly adjourned until to-morrow at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, June 3d, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The traveling expenses of the Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, (to Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New York, Wisconsin, German Reformed Church, Reformed Presbyterian Church and Lutheran Church,) and of the last Moderator; the bills for printing and stationery; the janitor's bill; with the salary and traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks, were ordered to be paid.

Resolved, That the Minutes of this Assembly, with the usual Appendix, be printed under the direction of the Stated Clerk.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the paper upon the subject of Slavery, introduced last evening.

After amendment, the paper was adopted, and is as follows:

The General Assembly, in view of the memorials before them and of the present relations of the Church to the subject of Slavery, feel called upon to make the following exposition of principle and duty.

The Presbyterian Church in these United States has, from the beginning, maintained an attitude of decided opposition to the institution of Slavery.

The Synod of New York and Philadelphia, in 1787, two years before the organization of the General Assembly, declared that they did "highly approve of the general principles in favor of universal liberty that prevail in America, and the interest which many of the States have taken in promoting the abolition of Slavery;" and did "recommend it to all their people, to use the most prudent measures, consistent with the interest and state of civil society in the parts where they live, to procure eventually the final abolition of Slavery in America." [402]

In 1793, while the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church was in process of formation and publication, the action of the Synod, just referred to, was approved by the General Assembly and republished by its order.

The Assembly of 1815 declared, "that, although in some sections of our country, under certain circumstances, the transfer of slaves may be unavoidable, yet they consider the buying and selling of slaves by way of traffic, and all undue severity in the management of them, as inconsistent with the spirit of the Gospel. And they recommend it to the Presbyteries and sessions under their care, to make use of all prudent measures to prevent such shameful and unrighteous conduct."

The Assembly of 1815 "expressed their regret, that the slavery of the Africans and of their descendants still continues in so many places, and even among those within the pale of the Church;" and called particular attention to the action of 1795, with respect to the buying and selling of slaves.

In 1818, the Assembly unanimously adopted a report on this subject, prepared by Dr. Green of Philadelphia, Dr. Baxter of Virginia, and Mr. Burgess of Ohio, of which the following is a part:

"We consider the voluntary enslaving of one part of the human race by another as a gross violation of the most precious and sacred rights of human nature; as utterly inconsistent with the law of God, which requires us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and as totally irreconcilable with the spirit and principles of the Gospel of Christ, which enjoin, that 'all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.' Slavery creates a paradox in the moral system; it exhibits rational, accountable, and immortal beings in such circumstances as scarcely to leave them the power of moral action. It exhibits them as dependent on the will of others, whether they shall receive religious instruction; whether they shall know and worship the true God; whether they shall enjoy the ordinances of the Gospel; whether they shall perform the duties and cherish the endearments of husbands and wives, parents and children, neighbors and friends; whether they shall preserve their chastity and purity, or regard the dictates of justice and humanity. Such are some of the consequences of Slavery—consequences not imaginary, but which connect themselves with its very existence. The evils to which the slave is always exposed often take place in fact, and in their very worst degree and form; and where all of them do not take place, as we rejoice to say that in many instances, through the influence of the principles of humanity and religion on the minds of masters, they do not—still the slave is deprived of his natural right, degraded as a human being, and exposed to the danger of passing into the hands of a master, who

may inflict upon him all the hardships and injuries which inhumanity and avarice may suggest.

"From this view of the consequences resulting from the practice, into which Christian people have most inconsistently fallen, of enslaving a portion of their brethren of mankind—for God hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth—it [403] is manifestly the duty of all Christians who enjoy the light of the present day, when the inconsistency of Slavery, both with the dictates of humanity and religion, has been demonstrated and is generally seen and acknowledged, to use their honest, earnest, and unwearied endeavors to correct the errors of former times, and as speedily as possible to efface this blot on our holy religion, and to obtain the complete abolition of Slavery throughout Christendom, and if possible throughout the world."

The Assembly also recommended "to all the members of our religious denomination, not only to permit but to facilitate and encourage the instruction of their slaves in the principles and duties of the Christian religion;" and added: "We enjoin it on all church sessions and Presbyteries, under the care of this Assembly, to discountenance, and, as far as possible, to prevent, all cruelty of whatever kind in the treatment of slaves; especially the cruelty of separating husband and wife, parents and children, and that which consists in selling slaves, to those who will either themselves deprive these unhappy people of the blessings of the Gospel, or who will transport them to places where the Gospel is not proclaimed, or where it is forbidden to slaves to attend upon its institutions."

The foregoing testimonials, on the subject of Slavery, were universally acquiesced in by the Presbyterian Church up to the time of the division in 1838.

In the year 1846, the General Assembly made a declaration on this subject, of which the following is the introductory paragraph:

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

In 1849 the Assembly explicitly re-affirmed the sentiments expressed by the Assemblies of 1815, 1818, and 1846. In the year 1850 the General Assembly made the following declaration: "We exceedingly deplore the working of the whole system of Slavery as it exists in our country, and is interwoven with the political institutions of the slaveholding States, as fraught with many and great evils to the civil, political, and moral interests of those regions where it exists."

"The holding of our fellow-men in the condition of Slavery except in those cases where it is unavoidable, by the laws of the State, the obligations of guardianship, or the demands of humanity, is an offence in the proper import of that term, as used in the Book of Discipline, Chap. I., sec. 3, and should be regarded and treated in the same manner as other offences."

Occupying the position in relation to this subject, which the framers of our Constitution held at the first, and which our Church has always held, it is with deep grief that we now discover, that a portion of the Church at the South has so far departed from the established doctrine of the Church in relation to Slavery, as to maintain that "it is an ordi[404]nance of God," and that the system of Slavery existing in these United States is Scriptural and right. Against this new doctrine we feel constrained to bear our solemn testimony. It is at war with the whole spirit and tenor of the Gospel of

love and good will, as well as abhorrent to the conscience of the Christian world. We can have no sympathy or fellowship with it; and we exhort all our people to eschew it as serious and pernicious error.

We are especially pained by the fact, that the Presbytery of Lexington, South, have given official notice to us, that a number of ministers and ruling elders, as well as many church members, in their connection, hold slaves "from principle" and "of choice," "believing it to be according to the Bible right," and have, without any qualifying explanation, assumed the responsibility of sustaining such ministers, elders, and church members, in their position. We deem it our duty, in the exercise of our constitutional authority "to bear testimony against error in doctrine, or immorality in practice, in any Church, Presbytery, or Synod," to disapprove and earnestly condemn the position, which has been thus assumed by the Presbytery of Lexington, South, as one which is opposed to the established convictions of the Presbyterian Church, and must operate to mar its peace and seriously hinder its prosperity, as well as bring reproach on our holy religion; and we do hereby call on that Presbytery to review and rectify their position. Such doctrines and practice cannot be permanently tolerated in the Presbyterian Church. May they speedily melt away under the illuminating and mellowing influence of the Gospel and grace of God our Saviour.

We do not, indeed, pronounce a sentence of indiscriminate condemnation upon all our brethren who are unfortunately connected with the system of Slavery. We tenderly sympathize with all those who deplore the evil, and are honestly doing all in their power for the present well-being of their slaves, and for their complete emancipation. We would aid and not embarrass such brethren. And yet, in the language of the General Assembly of 1818, we would "earnestly warn them against unduly extending the plea of necessity; against making it a cover for the love and practice of Slavery, or a pretence for not using efforts that are lawful and practicable to extinguish this evil."

In conclusion, the Assembly call the attention of the Publication Committee to this subject, and recommend the publication, in a convenient form, of the testimony of the Presbyterian Church touching this subject, at the earliest practicable period.

The vote upon its adoption was by Yeas and Nays, and was as follows:

Yeas.—Selden Haines, Edward B. Chamberlin, R. Oscar Barber, Timothy Beaman, Chauncey H. Hubbard, Alfred B. Swift, Simeon Gilbert, Samuel T. Seelye, Frederick H. Hastings, Samuel R. Dimock, Joseph P. Lestrade, George Robertson, John Waugh, Asa Conkey, Samuel L. Merrell, Reuben E. Bacon, Thomas A. Weed, Moses C. Searle, Nicoll H. Dering, M. D., Alvan Bradley, Charles Machin, [405] Benjamin M. Goldsmith, Spencer Booth, William W. Taylor, Squier B. Whitaker, George Spaulding, B. Foster Pratt, Benjamin Stevens, Charles C. Carr, Plyna Cobb, Peleg R. Kinne, Herman Camp, Isaac F. Adams, William R. Shepherd, Franklin S. Howe, Zenas Wheeler, Horace P. Bogue, Elizah T. Hayden, Joseph Myers, John Hobbie, John Tompkins, Luther E. Davis, James C. Smith, Simeon Lucas, William H. Goodrich, Elias Hawley, Stephen S. Goodman, Aborn T. Bigelow, M. D., George T. Everest, John F. Smith, Warren Mayo, George P. Folsom, Eli Ellinwood, Henry Kendall, Jacob Bergen, Orlando Hastings, William A. Fox, T. T. Flagler, Albert T. Chester, D. D., Joseph H. Plumb, Asher Wright, Ebenezer R. Thompson, George M. Newman, O. H. Perry Deyo, Epher Whitaker, James Sell Skidmore, Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Samuel D. Burchard, D. D., D. D. Tompkins McLaughlin, Roe Lockwood, John C. Hines, William C. Foote, J. Parsons Hovey, Henry Ivison, Frederick G.

Clark, J. Milton Smith, Samuel L. Tuttle, Robert Aikman, Josiah Fisher, John Dunning, Henry A. Riley, Elias O. Ward, George Chapman, Eli Corwin, Benjamin J. Wallace, George W. Fobes, J. Glentworth Butler, Hon. Joseph Allison, George Duffield, Jr., Samuel H. Perkins, William R. Dewitt, D. D., George W. Cleaveland, Harmon Ensign, George W. Hampson, William W. Davidson, William C. Aughenbaugh, Henry N. Bissell, Hovey K. Clarke, S. Dwight Pitkin, Edwin H. Johnson, Gustavus L. Foster, William M. Gregory, Joseph A. Ranney, Elihu G. Hackley, Calvin Clark, Chauncey N. Root, David M. Cooper, Horace W. Palmer, Ichabod Curtis, Levi B. Wilson, George Stanley, Alfred Newton, William Watson, Henry B. Eldred, Henry Manning, M. D., Samuel C. Aiken, D. D., James Shaw, Elisha Taylor, Hon. Hiram Griswold, Ansel R. Clark, John S. Case, William W. Williams, Mavor Brigham, Charles C. Hart, Charles M. Putnam, Abner D. Chapman, James E. Vance, Austin A. Guthrie, Joseph Riggs, D. Howe Allen, D. D., George L. Weed, M. D., Franklin King, Franklin Putnam, Robert W. Steele, Allen A. Jimeson, Joseph Lewis, Franklin E. Sheldon, George M. Maxwell, Joseph M. Sadd, Elias Daggy, Isaac DeLamater, Alexander Thompson, Norman Kellogg, Andrew Loose, Cyrus L. Watson, Clark B. Church, George D. Young, Joseph Wilson, Patrick Nicholson, Joseph Gordon, John N. Adams, Newton Barrett, Joseph Fowler, Ralph Ware, Harvey H. Hays, D. D., Lewis H. Loss, Robert W. Patterson, Townsend Seeley, M. D., Reuben D. Jones, Morrison Huggins, Joel B. Potter, George W. Elliott, Sidney H. Barteau, James Boyd, William Stewart, Samuel K. Sneed, James H. Trowbridge, Richard Edwards, and Timothy Hill.—169.

Nays.—Cornelius H. Mustard, William D. Clark, Hon. William P. Cutler, Samuel Starkweather, Elijah A. Carson, Andrew J. Modie, Joseph V. Barks, Henry Mathews, James G. Hamner, D. D., George W. Hutchins, Isaac W. K. Handy, Peachy R. Grattan, Fincelius R. Gray, Thomas H. Cleland, Michael S. Shuck, M. D., Archer C. Dickerson, Gideon S. White, John B. Logan, Robert P. Rhea, William E. Caldwell, George Painter, Frederick A. Ross, D. D., Charles M. [406] Atkinson, Robert M. Morrison, Robert McLain, and Hon. John F. Chester.—26.

Non Liquet.—Thomas J. Shepherd and S. Storrs Howe.—2.

A resolution upon the same subject was introduced. After discussion, its further consideration was, for the present, postponed.

Rev. James G. Hamner, D. D., presented, for himself and others, a protest, which, having been read, was ordered to be placed upon the Minutes, and is as follows:

We, the undersigned Southern ministers and ruling elders, protest against the present decision of the General Assembly.

We protest—Because, while past General Assemblies have asserted, that the system of Slavery is wrong, they have heretofore affirmed, that the slaveholder was so controlled by State laws, obligations of guardianship, and humanity, that he was, as thus situated, without censure or odium as the master. This averment in the testimony of past Assemblies has so far satisfied the South, as to make it unnecessary to do more than protest against the mere anti-slavery part of such testimony.

We protest then, now, That the present act of the Assembly is such an assertion of the sin of Slavery, as degrades the whole Southern Church—an assertion without authority from the word of God, or the organic law of the Presbyterian body.

We protest, that such action is, under present conditions, the virtual exscinding of the South, whatever be the motives of those who vote the deed.

We protest, that such indirect excision is unrighteous, oppressive, uncalled

for—the exercise of usurped power—destructive of the unity of our branch of the Church—hurtful to the North and the South—and adding to the peril of the union of these United States.

Fred. A. Ross,	Robt. P. Rhea,
Jas. G. Hamner,	F. R. Gray,
Isaac W. K. Handy,	M. S. Shuck,
Gideon S. White,	W. E. Caldwell,
George W. Hutchins,	E. A. Carson,
George Painter,	R. M. Morrison,
Henry Mathews,	Robert McLain,
John F. Chester,	A. J. Modie,
J. V. Barks,	Peachy R. Grattan,
J. B. Logan,	Thomas H. Cleland,
C. M. Atkinson,	Archer C. Dickerson.

A *Committee*, consisting of Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D., Rev. Robert W. Patterson, Rev. Henry Kendall, Hon. Joseph Allison and Orlando Hastings, were appointed *to answer the* above *protest.*

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [407]

Wednesday, June 3d, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that leave had been given to Rev. Messrs. Robert M. Morrison, Asher Wright, J. H. Trowbridge, W. W. Taylor, C. C. Carr, B. Foster Pratt, H. N. Bissell, S. R. Dimock, A. D. Chapman, J. B. Logan, M. Huggins, M. C. Searle, C. Machin, S. L. Merrell, Joseph Gordon, F. S. Howe, G. D. Young, C. M. Atkinson, E. O. Ward, S. S. Goodman, and George Painter; with the Elders, W. R. Shepherd, Simeon Gilbert, William Stewart, Plyna Cobb, B. Stevens, William P. Cutler, R. D. Jones, R. P. Rhea, M. Brigham, Patrick Nicholson, George Robertson, John N. Adams, J. F. Smith, J. H. Plumb, E. R. Thompson, J. S. Skidmore, E. Daggy, W. D. Clark, A. Thompson, Aborn T. Bigelow, M. D., and A. A. Guthrie.

The Mileage Committee presented their report, as follows:

The Committee on Mileage respectfully report:

That eighty-three (83) Presbyteries have contributed to the funds of the Assembly, at its present session, the sum of $3363.23.

That twenty-eight (28) Presbyteries have made no contribution, namely: the Presbyteries of Troy, Columbia, Oswego, Cortland, Otsego, Chenango, Angelica, Montrose, San Francisco, Saginaw,* Grand River, Portage, Elyria, Franklin, Hamilton, Crawfordsville, Logansport, Fort Wayne, Schuyler, Providence, Green River, Union, West Tennessee, Shiloh, Richland, Clinton, Lexington, South, and Texas, ($134.75).

That forty of the Presbyteries, having contributed to the funds of the Assembly, have presented accounts for their traveling expenses, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $2294.33, all of which have been paid.

That four Presbyteries which have contributed to the funds, and are included in the 83 Presbyteries above mentioned, are delinquent in paying the amount assessed to them under the rule of the Assembly for their proportion of the Contingent Fund, namely: Ithaca, $2.20; Genesee, $2.35; Winchester, $1.60; and New River, 90c.

* Though nothing has been paid by the Saginaw Presbytery, nothing is in fact due, its members having been reckoned in and assessed as of the Detroit Presbytery.

The whole amount paid in is	$3363.23
The whole amount paid Commissioners	2294.53
	$1068.70

Leaving, subject to the order of the Assembly, in the hands of the Mileage Committee, one thousand and sixty-eight dollars and seventy cents.

Schedule A, herewith reported, exhibits the amount of the Contingent Fund assessed to each Presbytery, the amount paid by each, and the amount paid to the Commissioners of each. [408]

Schedule B, herewith reported, exhibits the amounts receipted by each Commissioner to whom payments were made.

The report was adopted, and the balance in their hands was ordered to be paid to the Stated Clerk for the Contingent Funds of the Assembly.

The Assembly took from the docket the report of the Committee on the terms of correspondence with other bodies, and, after discussion, the minority report was adopted and is as follows:

Whereas, Several of the associations, in correspondence with this body, have requested the views of this Assembly on the terms of correspondence, especially in regard to the right of reproof and rebuke, therefore,

Resolved, That the General Assembly have never intended to refuse to corresponding bodies any rights or privileges which are compatible with true delicacy, courtesy, and Christian charity; in the light of which, this body respectfully requests all corresponding bodies to interpret all past acts of the Assembly.

The report of the Committee on the Records of the Synod of Mississippi, recommending their approval, as far as written, was adopted.

The Committee appointed to prepare an answer to the protest of Rev. James G. Hamner, D. D., and others, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Answer to the Protest.

In reply to the protest against the action taken by the Assembly on the subject of Slavery, the Assembly make the following remarks:

1. The present action of the Assembly on this subject is in perfect harmony with the testimonies of former Assemblies, and consists chiefly in a re-affirmation of those testimonies. The General Assembly has never "affirmed that the slaveholder was so controlled by State laws, obligations of guardianship and humanity, that he was, as thus situated, without censure or odium as the master." It has only conceded, that certain exceptional cases may exist, such as are defined in the resolutions of the Assembly of 1850, and approved by this Assembly.

2. We see nothing in the present action which is unconstitutional, or which "degrades," or even reflects upon, any portion of the Southern Church, which still abides by the old doctrine of the Presbyterian Church in relation to this subject.

3. With respect to the complaint, "that such action is, under present conditions, the virtual exscinding of the South," the Assembly observe, that no such excision is intended, and we cannot perceive that it is in any wise involved even by remote implication. We have simply re-affirmed the established views of the Presbyterian Church on the subject of Slavery, and distinctly condemned the new and counter doctrines which have been declared and defended by some within our bounds.

4. With regard to the allegation, that our action in this case is "unrighteous, oppressive, uncalled for," usurpatory and destructive of [409] great

interests, we need only say, that it rests on the groundless assumption, that this action is an "indirect excision" of the South. If our Southern brethren shall break the unity of the Church, because we stand by our former position, as in duty bound, the responsibility for the consequences will not rest on the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded to consider the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension, in relation to the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension.

The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Church Extension, having examined the report of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension, only deem it necessary to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That while this General Assembly would make no change in the general basis of our operations in the department of Church Extension, yet in view of the fact that, as experience shows, great and perplexing delays are found to result, in many cases, from a literal and rigid adherence to the restrictions under which the Committee on Church Extension have acted hitherto, they are hereby authorized to exercise their discretion, in relation to such applications for aid, as may seem to require prompt and immediate action.

Resolved, 2. In view of the rapid growth of the population in the newer sections of our country, and the consequent demand for explorations, and the establishment and support of churches, that a large increase in the funds of the Committee is imperatively needed for the prosecution of their work during the coming year; and that it is hereby recommended, to all the churches in our connection, to make this one of their regular objects of annual contribution.

Resolved, 3. That a Committee of nine be appointed at this time to confer with the Executive Committee of the American Home Missionary Society, in reference to our relations with that Society.

The following persons are hereby nominated for appointment in the place of those members of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension whose term of office expires at the present time, viz.: Joseph B. Sheffield, Thomas P. Sparhawk, Hon. Joseph Allison, Benjamin J. Wallace, S. W. Fisher, D. D.

The above nomination was confirmed by the Assembly.

Messrs. Roe Lockwood, William A. Booth, and J. Milton Smith, were appointed the Committee to audit the accounts of the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 4, relating to the recent action of the American Home Missionary Society, in respect to churches having slaveholding members. The Committee recommend that the subject be referred to the Committee of Conference with the American Home Missionary Society.

The report was adopted.

The Assembly took from the docket the report of the Standing Publication Committee, in relation to the annual report of the Per[410]manent Committee on Publication. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Publication, to whom was referred the fifth annual report of the Presbyterian Publication Committee, the third annual report of the Trustees of the Presbyterian House, and several other papers, report to the Assembly, as the result of the examination which they have had an opportunity of giving to these documents, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly express their gratitude to the great Head of the Church, for the prosperity of the publication cause, now relieved from its embarrassments, and placed upon a permanent foundation.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly notice with pleasure the manifestation of promptness and liberality in the President of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian House, John A. Brown, Esq., of Philadelphia, who, by a munificent donation, has secured to the Trustees the legal title of the Presbyterian House.

3. *Resolved*, That the power of the press, in promoting true piety and a wide-spread intelligence among our population, is an instrumentality appointed of God, and now put into our hands, to be employed for the advancement of the general interests of religion, and for the prosperity of our own denomination.

4. *Resolved*, That the Publication Committee be encouraged to publish not only such works as may present the peculiarities of our branch of the Christian Church in doctrine and practice, but, from time to time, such works of an evangelical character as may be profitable to the Church at large.

5. *Resolved*, By the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, that "The Trustees of the Presbyterian House" be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to act in their corporate capacity as Trustees of the Permanent Committee of this Assembly, called "The Presbyterian Publication Committee," as fully and in the same manner, as if "The Presbyterian Publication Committee" were themselves constituted a corporation by the same authority which incorporated "The Trustees of the Presbyterian House."

6. *Resolved*, That we recognize, with gratitude to God, the completion of the labors of the Publication Committee, by which the Assembly is furnished with a book of psalmody which they can call their own, the profits of which will materially aid the funds of the Church in the Publication cause; and the Assembly hereby recommend, to the pastors and the churches, that they use all reasonable diligence in promoting uniformity, by the introduction of this book.

7. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Publication Committee, to prepare a book of tunes adapted to the "Church Psalmist," and that this Committee be instructed to consult and correspond with pastors and leaders of choirs in the churches, as to the particular tunes most in use and most popular in the congregations; and that this Committee report to the next General Assembly. [411]

8. *Resolved*, That the preparation of an appendix to the "Church Psalmist," of such hymns as may be necessary to make the work complete, be committed to N. S. S. Beman, D. D., Rev. Albert Barnes, and S. W. Fisher, D. D., and that this Committee report to the next General Assembly.

9. *Resolved*, That the Committee appointed by the last General Assembly to prepare an arrangement of the Book of Psalms for chanting, a specimen of which is presented with their report, be directed, in the completion of their work, for the sake of bringing the book into as small compass as possible, to leave out the titles of the psalms, and all comments upon the text, and only arrange the words to the music; and in publishing the work, the copy of an English print, accompanying the report, is commended as a model.

10. *Resolved*, That as the publisher of the "Parish Psalmody," in a memorial made to the Assembly, seems to suppose that he has some pecuniary

claim upon the Assembly, though the Permanent Committee of Publication, to whom this subject has been referred, have decided that there is no just claim, yet, as a Christian method of answering the memorial and settling the question in dispute, the whole subject be referred to a Committee, to report to the next General Assembly in respect to this claim; of which Committee one shall be appointed by said publisher, one by the Permanent Committee of Publication, and the third by these two.

11. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer's accounts of the Publication Committee, and of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian House, which have been presented duly audited, be approved.

12. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon all our churches to make an annual collection for the Publication cause, in the month of October.

13. *Resolved*, That an annual sermon be preached before the General Assembly, on the subject of Publication, and that for the next year Rev. Albert Barnes be the preacher, and Rev. Henry B. Smith, D. D., be the alternate.

The Moderator and Stated Clerk were directed to sign, on behalf of the Assembly, "An address from American Christians to the Evangelical Conference which is to be held in Berlin, in the month of September, 1857," a copy of which was presented to the Assembly; and the Rev. Henry Smith, D. D., was requested to represent the Assembly in that conference.

The report of the Committee on the Polity of the Church, to whom was referred the consideration of the question, "Whether any three ministers of a Presbytery are a quorum to transact business?" was postponed.

Hon. Joseph Allison and Rev. Henry A. Riley presented a protest against the appointment, by the Assembly, of a Delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church; which was ordered to be placed upon the Minutes, and is as follows:

The undersigned protest against the action of the Assembly, in appointing delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church:

Because they believe the said Church has departed from sound or- [412] thodoxy in many particulars, especially upon the baptismal and sacramental questions.

Because the German Reformed Church in this country has become in many respects Romanizing in its policy and doctrine.

Because the Synod of said Church, at a late session, adopted a report of a Committee of their own body, which in effect denied the special influences of the Holy Spirit.

Jos. Allison.
Henry A. Riley.

The Delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church was directed to make inquiries of the Synod upon the subjects contained in this protest.

Adjourned until 7¾ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, June 3d, 7¾ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly proceeded to the consideration of a series of resolutions, previously presented, in reference to the inadequate support of the Gospel ministry. After discussion, they were indefinitely postponed.

The following resolution, introduced in the morning, was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of ten be appointed, four of whom shall be members of Presbyteries where Slavery exists, whose duty it shall be, to meet and confer together in reference to the means which may be safely and properly employed to remove slaveholding from our churches; and that the Committee report, to the next General Assembly, whether any, and what means can, in their judgment, be effectually employed for this purpose, with the concurrence and co-operation of our Southern brethren; and if, in their judgment, no such means can be employed, that the Committee recommend such measures as they deem best calculated to secure the permanent peace and prosperity of all our churches.

Rev. Albert Barnes, Rev. Robert W. Patterson, Rev. Archer C. Dickerson, Rev. A. H. H. Boyd, D. D., Rev. James G. Hamner, D. D., Rev. Isaac W. K. Handy, Rev. James P. Wilson, D. D., Rev. M. L. R. P. Thompson, D. D., Hon. Joseph Allison, and Hon. Wm. Jessup, LL.D., were appointed the above *Committee*.

The Rev. George L. Prentiss, D. D., Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Rev. William C. Wisner, D. D., Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D., Rev. Harvey Curtis, Rev. Timothy Hill, Samuel H. Perkins, and Cyrus P. Smith, were appointed the *Committee of Conference with the Home Missionary Society*.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be presented to the [413] Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, D. D., for the very dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided during the deliberations of this body; and for the courteous and Christian bearing, which, in his official capacity, he has constantly maintained during the exciting debates of the present sessions.

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Assembly be presented to the numerous railroad companies who have forwarded and returned the members of this Assembly, at a reduced price, on their way to and from this city.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be tendered to the citizens of Cleveland, for the generous hospitality extended to the Commissioners, and others in attendance, which has rendered their stay in the Forest City so peculiarly pleasant; with the assurance of our fervent prayer, that the blessing of the God of peace may rest upon them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be returned to the Committee of Arrangements, for their promptness and activity in providing for our comfort.

Also, that the thanks of this Assembly be returned to the Trustees of the Second Presbyterian church, for the accommodations extended to the Assembly during its present sessions.

Also, to the Press, for its full and minute report of the proceedings of the Assembly during its sessions.

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 Second Presbyterian church, or some other church designated by the Committee of Arrangements, in the city of Chicago, Illinois, on the third Thursday of May, 1858, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HENRY DARLING, *Permanent Clerk.*

Cleveland, June 3d, 1857.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE

Of the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, May, 1857.

Of the one hundred and eleven Presbyteries constituting the General Assembly, seventy-five have furnished Narratives of their religious state.

It is impossible to read these Narratives without emotion. They come from every section of our land. They reflect the sentiments of earnest men in widely differing circumstances. They show the most affecting contrasts in outward condition and gracious life. They image with singular distinctness the varying fortunes of Christ's army. They seem to bring one into close, sacred contact with Christ's body. They make one feel, almost without figure, the throbbings of Christ's heart.

In reading these Narratives and grouping their vast mass of facts together, we note, with high satisfaction, and grateful recognition of Jehovah's covenant faithfulness, that, despite all oppositions and discouragements, despite the worldliness of many who profess Christ's name, the enmity of unregenerate hearts to holiness and truth, the ignorance, delusion, infidelity, depraved appetite, and especially the agitations of our times, the Church, the past year, has made decided progress. We cannot give, in full, the proof of what we thus affirm. We simply state some few undoubted illustrations of augmenting power.

Advance in Contributions.

First, then, among the evidences of an increasing vigor and efficiency in our denomination, we specify a large advance in contributions to church purposes and the common objects of benevolence. Scarcely a Presbytery has omitted to record the erection or repairment of church edifices, in many instances at great cost. Some Presbyteries speak cheeringly of recent liquidations of church debts. Some tell of houses built or building to supply their ministers with homes. Some specify such church-extension enterprises as involve considerable expenditures, which yet are freely met by a generous, liberal-minded membership. And all, without exception, witness to a growing interest, as shown the past year by money gifts, in the numerous agencies for evangelizing our country and the world. These varied contributions are frequently referred to in the Narratives, without the slightest data for an estimate of their aggregate amount. It is confidently believed, that in no one year has their sum been as great as in the year just closed. It is much to be regretted that our published statistics of benevolent contributions are so imperfect, as to be almost worthless for an annual comparison.

Greater Activity in Christian Labors.

A second evidence of an increasing vigor and efficiency in our denomination is an activity, greater than before reported, in labors for Christ. These labors are of different kinds; some long recognized and stamped with the emphatic sanction of experience; some recently begun, yet proving fully their adaptedness to the peculiar aspects of our work.

Among these labors, those connected with the religious training of the young, hold a place of special prominence. The Presbyterial Narratives reveal the fact, that the past year has witnessed unprecedented numbers of the young collected into Sunday-schools and Bible-classes. From some

statistics embodied in these Narratives, we estimate, that not less than one hundred and fifty thousand youth, each Sabbath day, are brought under the direct influence of the Scriptures and the sanctuary. Nor is evidence wanting, that this influence is attended by the special power of the Holy Ghost. "In one church," we are told, "where, as the fruit of a recent revival, some forty persons are indulging hope of having passed from death to life, almost every one of the forty is either a Bible-class or Sabbath-school scholar, and the average age of the converts is only sixteen years."

Not only in the Sunday-schools and Bible-classes long established is this activity in Christian labors shown, but the past year has witnessed an unusual enterprise and zeal, among the churches in cities and large towns, to seek out the children of the poor and wretched, and collect them into mission schools. This effort is connected with another of great promise. A systematic visitation of the families neglecting the sanctuary has been begun, in many places, with the happiest results. The uniform testimony of the Presbyteries, reporting facts in this connection, is that the effort has furnished professed Christians an important means of grace, whilst it has added very largely to the attendance in the schools and in the churches. It has had, moreover, the seal of God's approval. Not a few of the wanderers out of the way have been reclaimed, and brought to blessed fellowship with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.

This increased activity, which over all the Church is beginning to display itself, finds an additional illustration in those Presbyteries which are brought into contact with slaves. The heart of Christian love is evidently yearning over those who are in bonds. One Presbytery testifies: "Within the bounds of our churches, the Gospel is regularly and with effect dispensed by our ministers to the slave population." Another Presbytery reports: "The pastors and elders of the churches hold repeated meetings for the colored people, wherever they seem to be called for, while these people are always welcome in all our congregations." And still another Presbytery says: "There is considerable preaching to the colored people." These are but specimens of similar statements. We record them with great pleasure, as evidencing that, amid the conflicts of opinion and the strifes of parties, the claims of a dependent people to share with others the blessings of the Gospel, are not overlooked.

Another illustration of increased activity in labors for Christ is found, in the inauguration by many Presbyteries of such missionary arrangements, as promise to supply the destitutions in their respective fields. The feeling is becoming stronger year by year, that every Presbytery must occupy the wastes that lie around it; that, whilst the field is the world, there is a special obligation to begin at Jerusalem. The past year has brought out this feeling in new forms. We regard the fact as foreshadowing the true policy of such a Church as ours, and as the precursor of good things to come. We know nothing more touching than the simple story, in some of the Narratives, of enterprises undertaken, sacrifices made, toils encountered, burdens borne, in order that an empire, the grandest that the sun looks down upon, may be won for Christ.

Growing Permanency in the Pastoral Relation.

A third evidence of an increasing vigor and efficiency in our denomination is the growing permanency in the pastoral relation. We have been especially struck with the indications of this fact embodied in the Narratives. Presbyteries in every section of the country speak of "a growing sentiment in the

churches," that the ministry is entitled to better pecuniary support than heretofore afforded. They tell us that quite a number of the churches have, the past year, added liberally to salaries; because it is beginning to be seen and felt, that one grand cause of sundered pastorates is the cruel poverty, to which too many pastors have been thoughtlessly doomed. They tell us, that the conviction is becoming general in some quarters, that, if the churches would secure God's blessing, they must first be just to God's laborious servants. They give, in this connection, emphatic testimony to the greater efficiency of those churches where the pastors are well supported. They express, in numerous instances, their satisfaction, that the pastoral relation exists between so many of their ministers and churches, and their purpose to discourage mere supplies. They declare, that the tendency to change is giving way to sentiments, conditioning the best church growth upon the permanent co-operative toils of pastors and their flocks.

We hail this utterance of the Presbyteries with unfeigned joy. We account it full of precious blessing. We believe that nothing would so enlarge, establish, and bless our Zion as to settle faithful pastors in all our churches, and to make the relation permanent by generous support and cordial co-operation.

Growth of Healthy Denominational Feeling.

A fourth evidence of an increasing vigor and efficiency in our denomination, is the rapid growth of a healthy denominational feeling. This growth is confined to no locality, but reveals itself in every section of the Church. A Presbytery in the extreme North-west says: "We are growingly denominational." A Presbytery in the extreme East says: "On every hand, there are the most gratifying indications, that our people are beginning to act with efficiency, from an intelligent conviction that our Church ought to do her own work." A Presbytery midway been the Hudson and the Mississippi says: "The churches present nothing indicating a want of unity and harmony, or of confidence in the principles, doctrines, and order of our branch of the Presbyterian Church. A more thorough acquaintance with its genius and mission has tended to strengthen and confirm our faith in, and to increase our attachment to, its doctrines and polity." Still another Presbytery, in a locality quite remote from those just cited, and representative of a large, important section of the Church, thus writes: "As a Presbytery we would record with gratitude our conviction, that there is among us an increasing sympathy for, and co-operation with, our beloved Zion, in her attempts to meet her weighty responsibilities."

These oft-repeated declarations of attachment to our denomination find abundant confirmation in the Narratives. It is especially encouraging to note, that many Presbyteries, in every part of our extended field, bear willing testimonies to the wisdom and necessity of those great plans of church development, which our Assemblies, the few past years, have been laboriously perfecting. The feeling evidently is, that our Church is summoned to a work which she must do, or fail in loyalty to Christ. The indications plainly are, that common sentiments and sympathies, like some vital force, are beginning to pervade our Zion, and to constrain her sons to pray: "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces."

Longing for Revivals.

Another and the last evidence, that we cite, of an increasing vigor and efficiency in our denomination is, the intense longing, breathed through all

the Narratives for a general, glorious outpouring of the Spirit. The past year has not been one which may be characterized as a year of revivals, although many churches in many Presbyteries have been greatly quickened, and some have been favored with spiritual influences of extraordinary power.

But where God has sent and has withheld these gracious showers, the feeling is alike profound, that nothing can or should content the Church but floods of light and love, which, sweeping away the Church's worldliness, shall bear on ample tide "the fullness of the Gentiles" unto Christ. One Presbytery says: "The dearth of revival influences is alarming." Another writes: "To our enlargement and highest edification, revivals are indispensable." Still another witnesses: "The Church needs a refreshing from the Lord for her growth; nay, for her very existence." And still another touchingly declares: "We would, with our brethren in other parts of our Zion, and on our bended knees, offer the prayer of Habakkuk: 'O Lord! revive thy work.'"

This longing for revivals we cannot but consider a cheering indication of the noblest life. Next to a state of actual revival is the sense of its need, and the struggle to attain it at any sacrifice of treasure, toil, or time. We trust that the period is not distant, when this state of actual, general, glorious revival shall be ours; when the Church, "seeking the Lord God by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes," shall find the annual record of her progress a blessed realization of the prophet's vision: "Thou shalt be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate; but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah."

In conclusion, whilst rejoicing that the Church lives, and furnishes the past year most cheering proofs of increasing energy, we are not to be unmindful that her sons die. We record in this, as in every annual Narrative, the decease of a number of our brethren, who, resting from their labors, say to us: "Work, while it is called to-day." The names of the deceased are as follows:

Rev. David Dobie,	of the Presbytery of	Champlain.
" Morris Barton,	"	Geneva.
" Aaron P. Allen,	"	Delaware.
" Samuel Fisher, D. D.,	"	Newark.
" Chester N. Righter,	"	"
" R. S. Storrs Dickinson,	"	Philadelphia, 3d.
" Joel Byington,	"	Marshall.
" Benjamin Marvin,	"	Washtenaw.
" William Page,	"	Kalamazoo.
" Solomon B. Gilbert,	"	Huron.
" Samuel W. Rose,	"	Pataskala.
" Stillman Tucker,	"	Franklin.
" Lorenzo Carey,	"	Hamilton.
" William L. Buffett,	"	Crawfordsville.
" Stephen Thompson,	"	St. Joseph.
" John Ballard,	"	Schuyler.
" Eli S. Hunter, D. D.,	"	Milwaukee.
" George A. M. Renshaw,	"	Osage.
" John T. Hargrave,	"	Winchester.
" John Howard,	"	"

Rev.	Isaac Anderson, D. D.,	of the Presbytery of	Union.
"	Abel Pearson, D. D.,	"	Kingston.
"	Benjamin Wallace,	"	"
"	William E. Holley,	"	Lexington, South.

By order of the General Assembly.

SAMUEL W. FISHER, *Moderator.*

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*

SUMMARY OF THE SCHEDULES.

I. Of the Synods and their Presbyteries.

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.	Date.	Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Added on Exam.	Added on Certif.	Communicants.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	General Assembly.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	STATED CLERKS.
I. Synod of Albany	1803	5	80	3	4	68	244	95	8137	67	171	$226 09	$4,423 33	$3,791 59	$1,749 88	$2,862 41	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
1. Champlain	1814	...	24	...	...	22	96	29	2170	16	40	65 00	465 69	1,198 11	170 55	342 30	Stephen H. Williams.
2. Troy	1820	...	23	2	...	16	30	20	2520	10	34	37 00	415 31	815 03	892 00	928 68	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
3. Albany	1791	...	15	1	2	12	72	19	1575	32	49	28 59	1,327 31	1,025 00	504 43	524 18	Eber M. Rollo.
4. Columbia	1802	...	6	...	2	6	6	7	851	4	7	41 50	579 00	358 00	60 00	476 00	William S. Leavitt.
5. Catskill	1851	...	12	...	...	12	40	20	1021	5	41	54 00	1,636 02	395 45	122 90	591 25	Leonard B. Van Dyck.
II. Synod of Utica	1829	4	69	3	9	73	144	118	7266	64	143	205 13	2,823 42	2,361 69	1,648 18	1,976 86	William E. Knox.
1. St. Lawrence	1818	...	7	...	3	7	75	21	830	46	16	17 00	308 16	358 81	157 08	191 09	Baruch B. Beckwith.
2. Watertown	1822	...	13	...	...	21	19	27	1874	5	30	81 00	385 03	525 84	175 25	510 33	Isaac Brayton.
3. Oswego	1823	...	13	...	...	17	5	24	1412	3	29	22 50	389 75	588 90	.....	5 65	Thomas A. Weed.
4. Utica	1842	...	36	3	6	28	45	46	3150	10	68	84 63	1,740 48	888 14	1,315 85	1,269 79	Samuel W. Brace.
III. Synod of Geneva	1812	6	108	1	8	94	309	240	9631	122	199	298 31	3,209 57	2,662 43	1,393 59	2,761 09	William N. McHarg.
1. Geneva	1805	...	33	...	1	17	40	54	2325	10	65	61 01	1,131 93	1,107 57	112 41	858 55	Benjamin M. Goldsmith.
2. Bath	1817	...	15	...	...	18	62	37	1455	21	31	34 90	365 75	110 51	102 00	62 44	Horatio Pattengill.
3. Chemung	1836	...	25	...	...	21	22	44	1886	10	29	47 00	409 00	376 00	315 00	521 00	Charles C. Carr.
4. Ithaca	1839	...	12	1	...	11	43	28	1355	9	5	46 68	527 50	336 00	128 00	339 00	William N. McHarg.
5. Pennsylvania	1845	...	11	...	...	13	63	8	534	45	5	25 00	86 17	28 00	2 00	32 00	Samuel J. McCullough.
6. Lyons	1856	...	12	...	7	14	79	69	2076	27	64	83 72	689 22	704 32	734 18	948 10	Charles Hawley.
IV. Synod of Onondaga	1855	4	81	13	20	75	244	227	8236	97	135	280 00	4,069 09	2,844 53	1,908 86	2,269 96	Lewis H. Reid.
1. Onondaga	1810	...	25	...	5	25	74	56	2733	30	34	115 00	921 00	1,033 00	878 00	635 00	William W. Newell.
2. Cayuga	1810	...	31	12	1	21	53	50	2228	19	38	103 00	1,589 90	697 27	515 93	512 92	Henry N. Millerd.
3. Cortland	1825	...	14	...	14	17	46	63	1757	21	28	31 50	765 80	398 62	342 93	573 73	Samuel N. Robinson.
4. Tioga	1829	...	11	1	...	12	71	58	1518	27	35	30 50	792 39	715 44	172 00	548 31	Peter Lockwood.

V. Synod of Susquehanna.	1853	3	45	2	7	52	106	76	4136	34	57	72	60	1,274	09	1,487	77	381	46	417	96	David Torrey.
1. Otsego	1820	...	13	...	4	17	25	16	1361	3	21	31	00	440	26	490	63	179	95	255	00	Samuel W. Bush.
2. Chenango	1826	...	17	...	3	18	26	38	1616	14	20	36	10	688	21	812	05	115	50	35	25	Willard M. Hoyt.
3. Delaware	1831	...	15	2	...	17	55	22	1159	17	16	5	50	145	62	185	09	86	01	127	71	Isaac D. Cornwell.
VI. Synod of Genesee	1821	6	123	7	13	110	535	421	12,409	180	288	361	94	7,585	89	5,333	79	5,194	20	4,746	59	Timothy Stillman, D. D.
1. Genesee	1819	...	15	2	...	14	45	59	1232	17	27	39	85	909	79	270	24	411	01	515	23	Gabriel S. Corwin.
2. Ontario	1817	...	14	...	...	14	39	15	1536	15	26	30	25	425	47	239	07	265	17	408	79	John Barnard, D. D.
3. Rochester	1819	...	25	2	3	15	206	104	2676	68	40	47	00	2,430	54	1,702	33	1,784	70	1,013	98	Jonathan Copeland.
4. Niagara	1817	...	21	1	...	18	97	84	2413	43	57	84	84	827	65	690	35	444	59	462	55	Josiah J. Ward.
5. Buffalo	1823	...	44	2	10	38	148	159	3473	37	138	160	00	2,992	44	2,431	80	2,288	73	2,346	04	Timothy Stillman, D. D.
6. Angelica*	1828	...	4	...	...	11	...	...	1079	...	...	.....		.....		.....		.....		.....		Samuel A. Rawson.
VII. S. of N. Y. and N. J.	1788	9	216	31	53	150	833	995	23,432	236	640	1,009	18	27,494	83	25,346	33	25,655	95	11,706	65	John N. Lewis.
1. Hudson	1797	...	14	...	3	13	51	40	1721	26	33	64	50	316	58	552	58	379	17	425	00	Obadiah M. Johnson.
2. North River	1819	...	15	...	...	17	79	16	1733	30	28	60	00	207	82	129	04	12	00	245	50	Sumner Mandeville.
3. Long Island	1791	...	10	...	...	6	62	7	638	34	19	20	00	166	21	185	33	10	00	240	58	Epher Whitaker.
4. New York, 3d	1831	...	52	11	28	25	332	427	5532	61	188	305	00	14,780	13	12,165	37	7,466	80	4,975	67	Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D.
5. New York, 4th	1845	...	31	12	8	11	77	146	2446	11	82	204	00	4,538	76	5,952	97	14,908	55	3,116	47	A. Augustus Wood.
6. Brooklyn	1838	...	18	1	5	8	34	58	2646	7	44	110	50	525	80	822	00	360	00	69	00	William S. Karr.
7. Newark	1824	...	33	3	...	20	89	199	3944	26	142	157	78	5,541	51	3,964	59	2,119	66	1,685	43	Joseph Few Smith, D. D.
8. Rockaway	1839	...	18	4	1	18	19	28	2434	9	48	60	00	617	00	891	00	228	00	788	00	Burtis C. Megie.
9. Montrose	1832	...	25	...	8	32	90	74	2338	32	56	27	40	801	02	683	45	171	77	161	00	Adam Miller.
VIII. S. of Pennsylvania.	1838	4	83	6	27	72	636	362	10,748	152	418	666	31	18,267	83	3,930	75	6,127	61	22,899	89	John McKnight.
1. Wilmington	1833	...	14	1	1	19	125	58	1385	30	53	75	00	376	58	147	53	133	00	478	82	John W. Mears.
2. Philadelphia, 3d	1822	...	28	1	10	19	265	139	2659	60	88	214	00	6,595	08	1,687	18	4,117	94	18,350	00	John McKnight.
3. Philadelphia, 4th	1845	...	29	4	12	26	223	140	5762	57	220	252	31	10,194	67	1,441	20	1,258	67	3,891	07	Thomas J. Shepherd.
4. Harrisburgh	1839	...	12	...	4	8	23	25	942	5	57	125	00	1,101	50	654	84	618	00	180	00	Conway P. Wing.
IX. Synod of West Penna.	1843	3	23	1	1	37	128	39	2689	29	95	116	50	434	22	652	86	226	74	452	55	George A. Lyon, D. D.
1. Erie	1801	...	12	1	...	15	29	18	1138	8	31	61	50	303	39	524	68	111	00	390	90	Joseph Vance.
2. Meadville	1842	...	7	...	1	16	72	9	915	15	35	22	00	93	83	70	18	87	37	61	65	Richard Craighead.
3. Pittsburgh	1839	...	4	...	...	6	27	12	636	6	29	33	00	37	00	58	00	28	37	.....		Samuel M. Sparks.

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X. Synod of Michigan	1834	7	76	1	9	91	211	336	6841	76	183	$274 20	$2,606 80	$2,530 67	$964 61	$2,570 20	Chauncy Osborn.
1. Detroit	1826	...	17	...	...	18	32	66	1367	6	48	58 20	856 99	601 76	527 04	672 37	Oliver W. Mather.
2. Monroe	1833	...	10	...	...	12	74	50	1000	32	63	50 00	414 71	457 00	.....	709 09	Henry G. Blinn.
3. Marshall	1838	...	8	...	...	15	9	62	1013	1	22	26 00	124 00	171 00	115 00	219 00	S. Dwight Pitkin.
4. Washtenaw	1838	...	12	1	5	13	21	48	1094	6	11	50 00	255 22	236 93	97 07	342 91	Charles G. Clark.
5. Kalamazoo	1838	...	13	...	...	14	62	35	1047	22	19	54 00	558 00	520 00	186 00	334 00	Milton Bradley.
6. Coldwater	1856	...	8	...	...	9	5	32	767	2	5	31 00	164 63	294 83	26 50	156 45	Reuben S. Goodman.
7. Saginaw	1856	...	8	...	4	10	8	43	553	7	15	5 00	233 25	249 15	13 00	136 38	Henry H. Northrop.
XI. Synod of W. Reserve	1825	7	116	3	10	95	245	198	6108	89	189	184 47	2,828 01	2,463 27	1,146 67	2,781 96	Xenophon Betts.
1. Grand River	1814	...	12	...	...	7	11	15	713	8	13	6 00	93 84	68 11	300 00	96 00	Dexter Witter.
2. Portage	1818	...	23	2	3	13	12	40	728	3	28	26 00	696 43	468 93	201 82	425 73	Levi B. Wilson.
3. Huron	1823	...	19	...	...	16	82	29	1121	39	42	61 00	484 11	439 07	45 60	489 26	Alfred Newton.
4. Trumbull	1827	...	11	...	7	14	40	20	1146	7	31	6 20	396 38	293 84	16 25	312 05	Xenophon Betts.
5. Cleveland	1830	...	25	1	...	15	48	40	1234	15	31	26 27	488 24	605 14	400 00	1,130 78	James Shaw.
6. Elyria	1842	...	16	...	...	16	5	6	632	3	7	.....	243 19	433 01	90 00	15 00	Alfred H. Betts.
7. Maumee	1842	...	10	...	...	14	47	48	534	14	37	59 00	425 82	155 17	93 00	313 14	Perry C. Baldwin.
XII. Synod of Ohio	1814	4	49	3	9	75	244	181	4456	60	179	87 25	1,704 21	2,004 80	1,184 18	1,321 37	Addison Kingsbury, D. D.
1. Athens	1822	...	12	2	...	19	63	18	663	12	36	28 00	232 00	106 00	120 00	48 00	James S. Walton.
2. Pataskala	1809	...	17	...	...	24	79	59	1801	19	53	15 25	895 46	977 75	521 40	632 73	Timothy W. Howe.
3. Franklin	1835	...	13	...	6	20	72	69	1227	16	45	.....	284 25	469 00	214 53	189 14	Henry Shedd.
4. Scioto	1845	...	7	1	3	12	30	35	765	13	45	44 00	292 50	452 05	328 25	451 50	Joseph Chester.
XIII. S. of Cincinnati	1829	3	46	11	6	38	159	99	2792	38	83	168 00	3,725 00	2,479 99	5,561 20	1,435 00	James J. Blaisdell.
1. Cincinnati	1828	...	25	10	6	16	56	62	1489	9	49	89 00	3,313 00	1,971 00	5,070 00	1,082 00	D. Howe Allen, D. D.
2. Dayton	1838	...	11	...	...	11	78	29	753	22	22	43 00	283 00	405 00	353 00	353 00	E. Roger Johnson.
3. Hamilton	1846	...	10	1	...	11	25	8	550	7	12	36 00	129 00	103 99	138 20	.....	Benjamin Graves.

XIV. Synod of Indiana....	1826	4	39	4	10	64	145	112	3209	29	112	186 65	1,909 65	1,371 34	813 50	673 45	John M. Bishop.
1. Salem	1823	...	8	1	1	17	61	50	967	15	55	79 30	873 45	427 24	204 35	130 60	John M. Bishop.
2. Madison	1825	...	13	1	8	17	39	21	908	4	17	43 35	537 45	239 50	334 55	181 35	W. Wallace Atterbury.
3. Indianapolis	1830	...	11	1	...	17	22	23	781	8	13	32 00	199 55	444 00	60 00	295 00	George M. Maxwell.
4. Green Castle	1850	...	7	1	1	13	23	18	553	2	27	32 00	299 20	260 60	214 60	66 50	
XV. Synod of Wabash	1851	4	33	4	3	59	105	94	2642	42	53	47 50	530 09	336 28	345 02	121 70	Francis S. McCabe.
1. Crawfordsville	1825	...	12	...	...	11	17	25	516	2	4	.....	.....	65 50	187 02	41 00	Alexander Lemon.
2. St. Joseph	1833	...	8	3	1	17	14	30	815	6	25	16 00	282 00	150 71	81 00	15 00	Norman Kellogg.
3. Logansport	1835	...	8	...	2	17	50	29	948	18	19	31 50	191 50	120 07	62 00	60 70	Francis S. McCabe.
4. Fort Wayne	1845	...	5	1	...	14	24	10	363	16	5	.....	56 59	.....	15 00	5 00	Andrew Loose.
XVI. Synod of Illinois....	1831	4	66	...	4	85	199	120	4033	73	69	155 95	1,972 75	1,033 70	432 60	1,074 75	Henry C. Abernethy.
1. Illinois	1828	...	20	...	...	16	2	3	1104	3	6	45 75	594 00	380 00	.....	.....	Livingston M. Glover.
2. Schuyler	1833	...	19	...	2	21	22	6	988	9	16	10 00	86 00	69 00	131 00	224 00	Henry C. Abernethy.
3. Wabash	1833	...	5	...	...	10	1	6	281	...	...	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Enoch Kingsbury.
4. Alton	1836	...	22	...	2	38	174	105	1660	61	47	75 20	1,292 75	584 70	301 60	850 75	Augustus T. Norton.
XVII. Synod of Peoria...	1843	6	91	1	15	71	173	446	3482	42	135	304 86	6,059 31	2,897 50	1,522 95	4,068 87	Ira M. Weed.
1. Ottawa	1834	...	17	...	...	12	9	15	282	3	12	32 80	42 95	50 75	.....	50 00	Nahum Gould.
2. Peoria and Knox	1836	...	15	...	3	9	28	29	438	7	8	30 00	692 75	98 00	75 00	336 00	John W. Bailey.
3. Galena	1842	...	12	...	3	16	31	73	626	11	53	37 00	372 41	253 55	.....	113 30	James R. Smith.
4. Chicago	1847	...	23	1	7	16	73	177	1198	15	35	100 06	4,672 23	2,015 95	1,222 95	3,309 08	Lewis H. Loss.
5. Belvidere	1847	...	14	...	2	6	19	81	639	5	13	30 00	216 97	338 25	160 00	210 49	Isaac E. Carey.
6. Minnesota	1850	...	10	...	...	12	13	71	299	1	14	75 00	62 00	141 00	65 00	50 00	Edward D. Neill.
XVIII. S. of Wisconsin....	1857	3	21	...	2	23	105	115	888	35	38	51 50	484 09	290 00	477 00	187 00	
1. Milwaukee	1851	...	10	...	1	7	94	70	456	31	27	30 00	388 00	207 00	425 00	145 00	S. Granby Spees.
2. Fox River	1851	...	5	...	...	6	8	25	195	3	4	10 00	58 44	49 00	18 00	23 00	John B. Preston.
3. Columbus	1856	...	6	...	1	10	3	20	237	1	7	11 50	37 65	34 00	34 00	19 00	Cyrus E. Rosenkrans.
XIX. Synod of Iowa	1853	4	38	...	8	54	141	298	1535	9	33	100 50	541 35	209 17	8,887 51	887 25	Edmund D. Holt.
1. Des Moines	1845	...	7	...	...	15	72	94	503	1	2	20 50	46 00	48 00	54 00	153 00	Thompson Bird.
2. Iowa City	1852	...	15	...	2	26	50	138	593	5	12	40 00	211 50	62 79	182 51	186 50	Samuel Storrs Howe.
3. Keokuk	1852	...	9	...	6	11	12	31	392	1	15	40 00	118 60	8 38	8,651 00	195 75	Gamaliel C. Beaman.
4. Dubuque	1855	...	7	...	...	2	7	35	47	2	4	.....	165 25	90 00	.....	352 00	Samuel Newbury.

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XX. S. of Alta California.	1857	3	15	...	...	9	21	36	308	5	42						
1. San Francisco	1849	...	6	...	...	2	...	13	110	...	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Samuel H. Willey.
2. Sierra Nevada	1857	...	4	...	...	4	16	21	133	4	22						
3. San José	1857	...	5	...	...	3	5	2	65	1	5						
XXI. Synod of Missouri	1832	4	39	2	4	57	70	54	2290	17	58	$136 11	$593 95	$82 00	$250 95	$336 50	John Leighton.
1. St. Louis	1831	...	11	...	1	9	9	26	611	1	11	3 00	529 65	22 00	214 95	127 00	Edmund Wright.
2. Northern Missouri	1845	...	6	...	...	9	24	10	592	5	5	38 50	25 00	60 00	.....	206 00	John Leighton.
3. Lexington	1845	...	11	2	...	21	...	...	569	...	...	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Samuel J. M. Beebe.
4. Osage	1845	...	11	...	3	18	37	18	518	11	42	54 61	39 30	.....	36 00	3 50	George W. Harlan.
XXII. Synod of Virginia.	1788	3	39	7	7	48	188	89	4173	53	160	188 00	2,933 97	958 00	1,546 82	1,663 56	Thomas D. Bell.
1. Winchester	1794	...	8	4	5	18	23	16	1085	10	29	87 75	311 30	42 00	185 22	219 75	Henry Mathews.
2. District of Columbia.	1831	...	13	2	...	13	64	35	1496	13	88	8 25	877 00	761 00	839 00	531 00	William McLain.
3. Hanover	1838	...	18	1	2	17	101	38	1592	30	43	92 00	1,745 67	155 00	522 60	912 81	Henry S. Osborn.
XXIII. S. of Kentucky	1802	3	14	...	...	21	31	7	1028	18	10	115 00	49 45	75 00	153 75	178 25	Archer C. Dickerson.
1. Harmony	1842	...	5	...	...	9	26	...	352	18	4	40 00	49 45	35 00	31 75	64 50	Fincelius R. Gray.
2. Providence	1842	...	4	...	...	6	...	...	499	...	...	60 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00	Thomas H. Cleland.
3. Green River	1842	...	5	...	...	6	5	7	177	...	6	15 00	.....	40 00	122 00	97 75	Archer C. Dickerson.
XXIV. S. of Tennessee	1817	4	46	...	15	84	240	119	5286	67	228	120 05	328 08	376 00	238 00	320 71	Joseph H. Martin.
1. Union	1797	...	18	...	7	31	73	52	1992	20	68	.....	.....	77 00	46 00	73 00	Gideon S. White.
2. Holston	1826	...	11	...	5	18	105	26	1832	36	79	67 75	117 33	232 40	50 00	235 16	Samuel Sawyer.
3. Kingston	1838	...	8	...	3	21	11	31	783	3	50	48 80	17 55	10 00	142 00	12 55	William B. Brown.
4. New River	1838	...	9	...	...	14	51	10	678	8	31	3 50	193 20	56 60	.....	.....	George Painter.

XXV. S. of W. Tennessee.	1826	3	19	...	2	38	43	34	2209	18	33	120 75	401 65	248 05	486 00	433 50	William Eagleton, D.D.
1. West Tennessee	1810	...	5	...	1	7	16	6	568	5	12	.....	161 00	206 50	.....	288 00	Frederick A. Thompson.
2. Shiloh	1816	...	4	...	...	17	15	20	916	4	12	30 00	43 75	30 00	216 00	.....	Amzi Bradshaw.
3. Richland	1824	...	10	...	1	14	12	8	725	9	9	90 75	196 90	11 55	270 00	145 50	William L. Tarbet.
XXVI. S. of Mississippi	1846	4	20	2	2	36	59	49	1151	13	47	250 00	157 50	.....	450 26	.....	Charles M. Atkinson.
1. Clinton	1822	...	7	1	2	12	11	5	358	...	27	90 00	147 50	.....	315 01	.....	Consider Parish.
2. Lexington, South	1845	...	3	1	...	9	14	4	296	2	5	60 00	10 00	.....	135 25	.....	Edgar M. Richardson.
3. Newton	1845	...	5	...	...	10	24	29	408	8	7	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	James M. Richardson.
4. Texas	1854	...	5	...	...	5	10	11	89	3	8	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Daniel C. Henderson.

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1. Albany	1803	5	80	3	4	68	244	95	8,137	67	171	$226.09	$4,423.33	$3,791.59	$1,749.88	$2,862.41
2. Utica	1829	4	69	3	9	73	144	118	7,266	64	143	205.13	2,823.42	2,361.69	1,648.18	1,976.86
3. Geneva	1812	6	108	1	8	94	309	240	9,631	122	199	298.31	3,209.57	2,662.43	1,393.59	2,761.09
4. Onondaga	1855	4	81	13	20	75	244	227	8,236	97	135	280.00	4,069.09	2,844.53	1,908.86	2,269.96
5. Susquehanna	1853	3	45	2	7	52	106	76	4,136	34	57	72.60	1,274.09	1,487.77	381.46	417.96
6. Genesee	1821	6	123	7	13	110	535	421	12,409	180	288	361.94	7,585.89	5,333.79	5,194.20	4,746.59
7. N. York and N. Jersey	1788	9	216	31	53	150	833	995	23,432	236	640	1009.18	27,494.83	25,346.33	25,655.95	11,706.65
8. Pennsylvania	1838	4	83	6	27	72	636	362	10,748	152	418	666.31	18,267.83	3,930.75	6,127.61	22,899.89
9. West Pennsylvania	1843	3	23	1	1	37	128	39	2,689	29	95	116.50	434.22	652.86	226.74	452.55
10. Michigan	1834	7	76	1	9	91	211	336	6,841	76	183	274.20	2,606.80	2,530.67	964.61	2,570.20
11. Western Reserve	1825	7	116	3	10	95	245	198	6,108	89	189	184.47	2,828.01	2,163.27	1,146.67	2,781.96
12. Ohio	1814	4	49	3	9	75	244	181	4,456	60	179	87.25	1,704.21	2,004.80	1,184.18	1,321.37
13. Cincinnati	1829	3	46	11	6	38	159	99	2,792	38	83	168.00	3,725.00	2,479.99	5,561.20	1,435.00
14. Indiana	1826	4	39	4	10	64	145	112	3,209	29	112	186.65	1,909.65	1,371.34	813.50	673.45
15. Wabash	1851	4	33	4	3	59	105	94	2,642	42	53	47.50	530.09	336 28	345.02	121.70
16. Illinois	1831	4	66	...	4	85	199	120	4,033	73	69	155.95	1,972.75	1,033.70	432.60	1,074.75
17. Peoria	1843	6	91	1	15	71	173	446	3,482	42	135	304.86	6,059.31	2,897.50	1,522.95	4,068.87
18. Wisconsin	1857	3	21	...	2	23	105	115	888	35	38	51.50	484.09	290.00	477.00	187.00
19. Iowa	1853	4	38	...	8	54	111	298	1,535	9	33	100 50	541.35	209.17	8,887.51	887.25
20. Alta California	1857	3	15	...	...	9	21	36	308	5	42					
21. Missouri	1832	4	39	2	4	57	70	54	2,290	17	58	136.11	593.95	82.00	250.95	336.50
22. Virginia	1788	3	39	7	7	48	188	89	4,173	53	160	188.00	2,933.97	958.00	1,546.82	1,663.56
23. Kentucky	1802	3	14	...	...	21	31	7	1,028	18	10	115.00	49.45	75.00	153.75	178.25
24. Tennessee	1817	4	46	...	15	84	240	119	5,286	67	228	120.05	328.08	376.00	238.00	320.91
25. West Tennessee	1826	3	19	...	2	38	43	34	2,209	18	33	120 75	401.65	248.05	486.00	433.50
26. Mississippi	1846	4	20	2	2	36	59	49	1,151	13	47	250.00	157.50	.....	450.26	
		114	1595	105	248	1679	5558	4960	139,115	1665	3798	$5726.85	$96,308.13	$65,767.51	$68,747.49	$68,148.23