MINUTES, 1858.

Chicago, May 20th 1858.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, at the city of Chicago, on Thursday, the 20th day of May, A. D. 1858, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Second Presbyterian church, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from Acts 9 : 31 : "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judæa, and Galilee, and Samaria, and were edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."

After the sermon, the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 20th, 3 *o'clock P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Permanent Clerk presented the report of the Committee on Commissions; and the following persons were thereupon enrolled as duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly: [570]

I. SYNOD OF ALBANY.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Champlain*,	Stephen H. Williams,	Hascal D. Savage,
	Cyrenius Ransom,	Asa D. Moore.
2. *Troy*,	Andrew J. Fennel (2),	Lyman Wilder (2).
3. *Albany*,	Stephen Bush,	William Burton.
4. *Columbia*.		
5. *Catskill*,	Alexander Trotter.	

II. SYNOD OF UTICA.

1. *St. Lawrence*,	Baruch B. Beckwith,	Ira Chandler.
2. *Watertown*,	Peter Snyder,	Albert P. Brayton.
3. *Oswego*,		John E. Dutton (4).
4. *Utica*,	Eliot H. Payson,	Calvin Bishop,
	Theodore Spencer (5),	Noah White.

III. SYNOD OF GENEVA.

1. *Geneva*,	Samuel H. Gridley, D. D.,	Ebenezer B. Jones,
	Alvah Lilly,	Benjamin Young (2).
2. *Bath*,	William R. Downs (2),	Abraham Waugh (2).
3. *Chemung*,	Benjamin Russell,	Tyler H. Abbey.
4. *Ithaca*,	Augustus Pomeroy.	
5. *Pennsylvania*,	Samuel J. McCullough,	Jesse Shepherd.
6. *Lyons*,	George R. H. Shumway,	Hiram Foster.

IV. SYNOD OF ONONDAGA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Onondaga,*	Sherman B. Canfield, D. D.,	Zebulon Ostrom,
	George S. Boardman,	John Hartshorn.
2. *Cayuga,*	Timothy M. Hopkins,	Sylvester Willard, M. D.,
	Edwin Hall, D. D.,	Hon. John Porter.
3. *Cortland,*	Samuel N. Robinson,	Charles A. Cook.
4. *Tioga,*	Samuel H. Hall,	Alvan Wheeler, M. D.

V. SYNOD OF SUSQUEHANNA.

1. *Otsego,*	William Baldwin.	
2. *Chenango,*	Hiram W. Gilbert,	E. Percival Willcox (5).
3. *Delaware,*	Isaac D. Cornwell.	[571]

VI. SYNOD OF GENESEE.

1. *Genesee,*	Daniel Russell,	Elias Foot.
2. *Ontario,*	Edwin G. Moore,	Abraham H. Williams.
3. *Rochester,*	Ebenezer M. Toof,	Josiah Pierson,
	Job Pierson, Jr.,	Harley N. Bushnell.
4. *Niagara,*	O. Holmes Barnard.	Charles H. West.
5. *Buffalo,*	Timothy Stillman, D. D.,	Thomas Farnham,
	Grosv. W. Heacock, D. D.,	Charles Taintor.
	M. L. P. Thompson, D. D.,	
6. *Angelica.*		

VII. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

1. *Hudson,*	Obadiah M. Johnson,	Hon. Robert Denniston.
2. *North River,*	William N. Sayre (3),	Joseph Bartlett (2).
3. *Long Island,*	James Sinclair.	
4. *New York, 3d,*	George C. Lucas,	George Betts,
	T. Ralston Smith,	George D. Cragin,
	R. D. Hitchcock, D. D. (3),	James W. Bishop.
5. *New York, 4th,*	Charles E. Lindsley,	Henry D. Ranney, M. D.,
	Henry B. Smith, D. D. (2),	Samuel M. Blatchford.
6. *Brooklyn,*	William S. Karr,	Jarvis Carman.
7. *Newark,*	J. Few Smith, D. D.,	Asa H. Holden,
	Henry A. Rowland, D. D.,	Ira Taylor.
8. *Rockaway,*	Henry F. Wadsworth,	Albert R. Riggs.
9. *Montrose,*	Willard Richardson,	Joab Tyler,
	Adam Miller,	James Deans.

VIII. SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Wilmington,*	George F. Wiswell,	Edward T. Taylor.
2. *Philadelphia, 3d,*	Beriah B. Hotchkin,	Hon. A. Naudain, M. D.
	John W. Dulles,	
3. *Philadelphia, 4th,*	Elias J. Richards,	Benedict D. Stewart (2),
	Cornelius Earle, Jr.,	J. Marshall Paul, M.D. (3).
4. *Harrisburgh,*	Thomas H. Robinson,	Elisha Covert.

IX. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Erie,*	Eli W. Beebe,	David S. Clark.
2. *Meadville,*	George W. Hampson.	
3. *Pittsburgh,*	James Cochran,	Lauriston R. Livingston.

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X. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Detroit*,	Samuel N. Hill,	Samuel Zug.
2. *Monroe*,	Addison K. Strong,	Hon. Charles Noble.
3. *Marshall*,	Chester S. Armstrong,	Shubael R. Greene.
4. *Washtenaw*,	Benjamin Franklin,	Daniel B. Greene.
5. *Kalamazoo*,	Milton Bradley,	Albert Arms.
6. *Cold Water*,	Reuben S. Goodman,	John Chandler.
7. *Saginaw*,	James McLaurin,	Benjamin Bangs.
8. *Gr. River Valley*,	Robert W. Landis,	Sarell Wood.
9. *Lake Superior*,	William A. McCorkle.	

XI. SYNOD OF WESTERN RESERVE.

1. *Grand River*,	Alvan Nash (2).	
2. *Portage*,	Joseph H. Scott.	
3. *Huron*,	John H. Walter,	John Seymour.
4. *Trumbull*,	Augustus Cone,	Martin Allen.
5. *Cleveland*,	James Eells,	Jeremiah Holt.
6. *Elyria*,	Francis A. Wilber,	Elijah Dewitt (5).
7. *Maumee*,	William C. Turner,	Horatio Conant, M. D.

XII. SYNOD OF OHIO.

1. *Athens*,	Israel S. Twombly,	James Patterson.
2. *Pataskala*,	Jacob Little, D. D.	
3. *Franklin*,	Oren H. Newton,	Gilbert Green.
4. *Scioto*,	Joseph Chester (3),	Benjamin Newton.

XIII. SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

1. *Cincinnati*,	James J. Blaisdell,	Joseph Guild.
2. *Dayton*,	William M. Cheever,	George L. Massey.
3. *Hamilton*,	Benjamin Graves,	Elias Kumler.

XIV. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

1. *Salem*,	Philip Bevan (2),	John S. B. Kelso, M. D.
2. *Madison*,	Ninian S. Dickey,	Thomas L. Paine.
3. *Indianapolis*,	George P. Tindall,	Robert Hamill.
4. *Green Castle*,	Ransom Hawley.	

XV. SYNOD OF WABASH.

1. *Crawfordsville*,	Caleb Mills, LL.D.,	Thomas W. Fry, M. D. (2).
2. *St. Joseph*,	Lewis Hamilton,	Amos Davis.
3. *Logansport*,	Francis S. McCabe,	David H. Crouse.
4. *Fort Wayne*,	Eleroy Curtis,	Daniel S. Beaver. [573]

XVI. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

1. *Illinois*,	William G. Gallaher,	Thomas Moffitt.
2. *Schuyler*,	George F. Davis,	Charles Ballou.
3. *Wabash*,	Charles H. Palmer,	William M. Allison.
4. *Alton*,	Augustus T. Norton,	Russell Tuthill,
	Robert Stewart (2),	Lawson A. Parks (2).

XVII. SYNOD OF PEORIA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Ottawa*,	Nahum Gould,	Chester B. Rushmore.
2. *Knox*,	George W. Gale, D. D. (2),	William L. Lee (2).
3. *Galena*,	John N. Powell (2).	
4. *Chicago*,	J. Ambrose Wight,	Henry E. Seelye.
5. *Belvidere*,	Henry B. Holmes.	
6. *Minnesota*,	Joseph W. Hancock,	Henry M. Knox.
7. *Bloomington*,	John M. Brown,	Lumen W. Capen.
8. *Blue Earth*,	Daniel Ames.	

XVIII. SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.

1. *Milwaukee*,	William A. Niles,	Samuel C. West (2).
2. *Fox River*,	Silas H. Ashmun,	Lyman Dayton.
3. *Columbus*,	John G. Kanouse,	Milton Jennings.

XIX. SYNOD OF IOWA.

1. *Des Moines*,	Thompson Bird,	John G. Weeks, M. D.
2. *Iowa City*,	Daniel Clark.	
3. *Keokuk*,	Glen Wood,	William Coleman.
4. *Dubuque*,	George E. Delevan,	William Bothwell (4).
5. *Cedar Valley*,	Williston Jones (3).	

XX. SYNOD OF ALTA CALIFORNIA.

1. *San Francisco.*
2. *Sierra Nevada.*
3. *San José.*

XXI. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

1. *St. Louis.*
2. *Northern Missouri.*
3. *Lexington.*
4. *Osage.*

XXII. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

1. *Winchester.*
2. *District of Columbia.*
3. *Hanover.*

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XXIII. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

1. *Harmony.*
2. *Providence.*
3. *Green River.*

XXIV. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.

1. *Union.*
2. *Holston.*
3. *Kingston.*
4. *New River.*

XXV. SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

1. *West Tennessee.*
2. *Shiloh.*
3. *Richland.*

XXVI. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Clinton.*		
2. *Lexington, South.*		
3. *Newton.*		
4. *Texas.*		

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Massachusetts.	
General Association of Connecticut,	Rev. Joseph R. Page.
General Association of New Hampshire.	
General Conference of Maine.	
General Convention of Vermont,	Rev. Silas McKeen.
Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin,	Rev. Jeremiah Porter.
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 in North America,	Rev. Hugh McMillan, D. D.
General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.	
Union of the Evangelical Churches of France.	

The Committee on Commissions reported the attendance of Elias Foote, an Elder from the Presbytery of Genesee, with an irregular Commission. His case was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Edwin Hall, D. D., Rev. James Eells, and Hon. Arnold Naudain, M. D. [575]

The Committee presently reported, that the name of Mr. Foote be enrolled as a member of this General Assembly; and the report was adopted.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator. Whereupon the Rev. M. L. P. Thompson, D. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, was chosen Moderator, and inducted into office in the usual form.

Rev. George F. Wiswell, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, and Rev. Charles E. Lindsley, of the Presbytery of New York, 4th, 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 docket of business was presented, and read by the Stated Clerk.

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

Communications were received from the Presbytery of Harmony. They were read, and referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Hon. Robert Denniston, and Mr. Samuel M. Blatchford.

Resolved, That the Assembly hold its daily sessions from 9 o'clock A. M. to 12 o'clock M.; and from 2½ o'clock P. M. to 5½ P. M.; that the evening sessions, when held, commence at 7¾ o'clock; and that the first half hour of the morning session be appropriated to devotional exercises, under the direction of the Moderator.

A communication was received from the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad Company, tendering to the Assembly an excursion on Saturday to Lake Forest, the site of the Lind University. The invitation was accepted.

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.

In connection with the reception of the Narratives, it was voted that the Presbyteries, through their Commissioners, be called upon to make such statements as they may desire in regard to the state of religion within their bounds.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

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: [576]

Elder Samuel C. West,	of the Presbytery of	Milwaukee.
Rev. Andrew J. Fennel,	"	Troy.
Elder Benjamin Young,	"	Geneva.
" Thomas W. Fry, M. D.,	"	Crawfordsville.
" Abraham Waugh,	"	Bath.
Rev. William R. Downs,	"	Bath.
Elder Lawson A. Parks,	"	Alton.
Rev. Robert Stewart,	"	Alton.
" Henry B. Smith, D. D.,	"	New York, 4th.
" Alvan Nash,	"	Grand River.
Elder Benedict D. Stewart,	"	Philadelphia, 4th.
Rev. John N. Powell,	"	Galena.
Elder William L. Lee,	"	Knox.
" Lyman Wilder,	"	Troy.
" Joseph Bartlett,	"	North River.
Rev. George W. Gale, D. D.,	"	Knox.
" Philip Bevan,	"	Salem.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *Judicial Committee. Ministers*—Henry A. Rowland, D. D., Andrew J. Fennel, Robert W. Landis, George R. H. Shumway. *Elders*—Hon. John Porter, Samuel M. Blatchford, John S. B. Kelso, M. D.

2. *Bills and Overtures. Ministers*—Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Beriah B. Hotchkin, Timothy M. Hopkins, Ransom Hawley. *Elders*—Hon. Robert Denniston, Thomas Moffitt, John G. Weeks, M. D.

3. *Polity of the Church. Ministers*—George S. Boardman, Samuel H. Hall, Peter Snyder, Obadiah M. Johnson. *Elders*—Albert P. Brayton, David H. Crouse, Samuel C. West.

4. *Church Extension. Ministers*—Edwin Hall, D. D., Augustus T. Norton, George F. Wiswell, Addison K. Strong. *Elders*—Sylvester Willard, M. D., Henry D. Ranney, M. D., Henry E. Seelye.

5. *Education. Ministers*—Caleb Mills, LL.D., J. Few Smith, D.D., James Eells, Thomas H. Robinson. *Elders*—Hon. Charles Noble, Hon. Arnold Naudain, M. D., Albert R. Riggs. [577]

6. *Publication.* *Ministers*—Henry B. Smith, D. D., Sherman B. Canfield, D. D., Elias J. Richards, Grosvenor W. Heacock, D. D. *Elders*—Edward T. Taylor, Thomas Farnham, Jeremiah Holt.

7. *Devotional Exercises.* *Ministers*—J. Ambrose Wight, Eliot H. Payson, William M. Cheever, T. Ralston Smith. *Elders*—Sarell Wood, James W. Bishop, Charles Taintor.

8. *Narrative.* *Ministers*—George C. Lucas, Jacob Little, D. D., Cornelius Earle, Jr., John G. Kanouse. *Elders*—Ebenezer B. Jones, Daniel B. Greene, George L. Massey.

9. *Leave of Absence.* *Ministers*—Timothy Stillman, D. D., Baruch B. Beckwith, George E. Delevan, Benjamin Graves. *Elders*—Albert Arms, Henry M. Knox, Benjamin Bangs.

10. *Mileage.* *Elders*—David S. Clark, Benedict D. Stewart, George D. Cragin.

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

1. *Albany.* *Ministers*—Samuel N. Robinson, Augustus Pomeroy. *Elder*—Hiram Foster.

2. *Utica.* *Ministers*—Stephen H. Williams, Alvah Lilly. *Elder*—Asa D. Moore.

3. *Geneva.* *Ministers*—Daniel Russell, Edwin G. Moore. *Elder*—George Betts.

4. *Onondaga.* *Ministers*—William S. Karr, Henry F. Wadsworth. *Elder*—Jarvis Carman.

5. *Susquehanna.* *Ministers*—James Sinclair, Ebenezer M. Toof. *Elder*—Josiah Pierson.

6. *Genesee.* *Ministers*—John W. Dulles, George W. Hampson. *Elder*—Elisha Covert.

7. *New York and New Jersey.* *Ministers*—James J. Blaisdell, Eli W. Beebe. *Elder*—Robert Hamill.

8. *Pennsylvania.* *Ministers*—Job Pierson, Jr., John H. Walter. *Elder*—Gilbert Green.

9. *West Pennsylvania.* *Ministers*—William A. McCorkle, Samuel J. McCullough. *Elder*—Jesse Shepherd.

10. *Michigan.* *Ministers*—Lewis Hamilton, William C. Turner. *Elder*—Horatio Conant, M. D.

11. *Western Reserve.* *Ministers*—George P. Tindall, Israel C. Twombly. *Elder*—Joseph Guild. [578]

12. *Ohio.* *Ministers*—Franis S. McCabe, Ninian S. Dickey. *Elder*—Thomas L. Paine.

13. *Cincinnati.* *Ministers*—Eleroy Curtis, William G. Gallaher. *Elder*—William M. Allison.

14. *Wabash.* *Ministers*—Oren H. Newton, Joseph H. Scott. *Elder*—Elias Kumler.

15. *Indiana.* *Ministers*—Milton Bradley, Reuben S. Goodman. *Elder*—Samuel Zug.

16. *Illinois.* *Ministers*—Nahum Gould, Thompson Bird. *Elder*—Lyman Dayton.

17. *Peoria.* *Ministers*—Glen Wood, Silas H. Ashmun. *Elder*—Milton Jennings.

18. *Wisconsin.* *Ministers*—Daniel Clark, Charles H. Palmer. *Elder*—William Coleman.

19. *Iowa.* *Ministers*—William A. Niles, Joseph W. Hancock. *Elder*—Russell Tuthill.

20. *Alta California.* *Ministers*—Stephen Bush, Alexander Trotter. *Elder*—William Burton.

21. *Virginia.* *Ministers*—James Cochran, James McLaurin. *Elder*—Shubael R. Greene.

22. *Kentucky.* *Ministers*—William Baldwin, Samuel N. Hill. *Elder*—Lauriston R. Livingston.

23. *Missouri.* *Ministers*—Hiram W. Gilbert, Isaac D. Cornwell. *Elder*—Ira Taylor.

24. *Tennessee.* *Ministers*—Cyrenius Ransom, Chester S. Armstrong. *Elder*—Daniel S. Beaver.

25. *West Tennessee.* *Ministers*—Augustus Cone, O. Holmes Barnard. *Elder*—John Seymour.

26. *Mississippi.* *Ministers*—George F. Davis, Francis A. Wilber. *Elder*—Lumen W. Capen.

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

The Assembly proceeded to receive the Narratives and the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries, and to hear such verbal statements as the Commissioners desired to make.

Before the completion of the business, the Assembly adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 21st, 2½ 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:

Elder J. Marshall Paul, M. D., of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, 4th. [579]

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

The Assembly received an invitation from Mr. William H. Brown to a social interview at his residence on Tuesday evening next. The invitation was accepted.

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

The Permanent Committee on Church Extension presented their annual report, which was accepted.

It was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock, to receive the report of the Permanent Committee on Publication.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed, and continued until the time of adjournment.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 24th, 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. Williston Jones, of the Presbytery of Cedar Valley.

Rev. William N. Sayre, of the Presbytery of North River.
" Joseph Chester, " Scioto.
" Roswell D. Hitchcock, D. D., " New York, 3d.
" Hugh McMillan, D. D., Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America.

Rev. Silas McKeen, Delegate from the General Convention of Vermont.

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

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 communication was received, and read, from Rev. A. H. H. Boyd, D. D., in behalf of the "United Synod of the Presbyterian Church." It was referred to the special Committee already appointed upon the communications from the Presbytery of Harmony, which, by order of the Assembly, was increased by the addition of Rev. George W. Gale, D. D., Rev. Elias J. Richards, Rev. James Eells, and Hon. John Porter. [580]

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 10½ o'clock, to receive the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Gospel Ministry.

The Judicial Committee reported that a paper had been put into their hands, purporting to be a request from Mr. C. H. Baldwin, to the Moderator of the Assembly, that his appeal from a decision of the Synod of Genesee be continued to the next General Assembly, and offering reasons for his failure to appear and prosecute it. It appears from the Form of Discipline, Chapter VII., sec. 3, article 11, that his case is regularly before us for reference to the next General Assembly if his excuse for now failing to appear shall be deemed sufficient.

The Committee recommend that the Assembly, in view of the reasons offered, and out of a desire to grant the appellant every reasonable indulgence, continue his case agreeably to his request; it being understood, that the sentence of the Presbytery remain in full force against him till the case be finally issued, in accordance with the provisions of our Form of Discipline, Chap. VII., sec. 3, article 15.

The report was adopted.

The Judicial Committee also reported, in relation to an appeal of the Rev. George Sheldon, from a decision of the Synod of Western Reserve. The report was accepted, and made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Judicial Committee reported, as being in order, a complaint of the Rev. Thompson Bird, in behalf of the Presbytery of Des Moines, against a decision of the Synod of Iowa, in the case of Rev. James H. Shields, who had been deposed by the Presbytery, for marriage with a woman divorced, as alleged, for insufficient grounds, and whom the Synod had restored. They recommend that it be taken up, and issued; and that in doing this the following order be observed:

1. That the action of the Synod complained of be read.
2. The reasons of the complaint.
3. The action of the Synod in the case.
4. The doings of the Presbytery, including all the testimony on which the action of the Synod was based.
5. That the original parties then be heard; first, the complainant, and then the Synod.

6. That any of the members of the inferior judicatory be heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision, or dissent from it.

The report was adopted, and it was made the first order of the day for Wednesday morning, to consider the complaint.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon, at 3½ o'clock, to hear the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension, previously read and accepted by the Assembly, was referred to the Standing Committee on Church Extension.

Adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [581]

Monday, May 24th, 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly took up and concluded the unfinished business, viz., the reception, from the different Presbyteries, of Narratives, Statistical Reports, and other papers.

The Treasurer's annual report was received, and referred to an *Auditing Committee*, consisting of Messrs. Samuel M. Blatchford and Benedict D. Stewart.

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of the Assembly, that the secretary of any of the Permanent Committees shall be entitled to the same privilege as the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies, while the business intrusted to that Committee is under consideration in the house.

The Assembly voted that the same privilege be extended to the Stated and Permanent Clerks, in reference to matters pertaining to their official duties.

The secretary of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Education for the Gospel Ministry presented written reports, from the Auburn Theological Seminary, from the Blackburn Theological Seminary, and from the Lane Theological Seminary. A verbal statement was also made, with regard to the Union Theological Seminary, by Rev. Roswell D. Hitchcock, D. D.

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

The Assembly proceeded to hear the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies in such communications as they desired to present; when the Rev. Hugh McMillan, D. D., from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; Rev. Silas McKeen, from the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. Joseph R. Page, from the General Association of Connecticut; and Rev. Jeremiah Porter, from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, severally addressed the Assembly.

The Rev. Hugh McMillan, D. D., being about to leave the Assembly, the Moderator responded to his address.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, that the discourse of Rev. Sherman B. Canfield, D. D., on "The Reunion of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia, or the Healing of the Great Schism in 1758," be delivered on Wednesday evening at 7½ o'clock; and the sermon on Home Missions at 2½ o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

They also reported, that the Lord's Supper be administered in the First Presbyterian church at 7½ o'clock on Thursday evening; and the sermon on Publication by Rev. Henry B. Smith, D. D., be delivered in the Second church at 7½ o'clock on Friday evening.

The report was adopted.

The Assembly proceeded to determine the place for the meeting of the next Assembly, and made choice of the city of Wilmington, Del[582]aware. Rev. John W. Dulles, Rev. Cornelius Earle, Jr., and J. Marshall Paul, M. D., were appointed to designate the particular church, and to nominate the *Committee of Arrangements.*

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

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, 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 the remainder of the sessions.

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

Elder William Bothwell, from the Presbytery of Dubuque.

" John E. Dutton, " " Oswego.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions presented their annual report. In connection with its consideration, a memorial upon the same subject was read, and resolutions were proposed. The whole subject was referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. George P. Tindall, Rev. Jacob Little, D. D., and J. Marshall Paul, M. D.

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.

Its consideration was made the first order of the day for Thursday morning.

The Assembly entered upon the consideration of the report of the Judicial Committee in relation to the appeal of the Rev. George Sheldon, which was continued until the time of adjournment.

Adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 25th, 2½ 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 report of the Judicial Committee on the appeal of the Rev. George Sheldon. After discussion, the Assembly adopted so much of the report as declares the appeal to be in order; and made the consideration of the appeal the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to whom was referred the annual report of the Publication Committee, and the annual report [583] of the Trustees of the Presbyterian House, presented their report. The report was accepted, and, after several amendments, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Publication would present to the General Assembly the following report and recommendations upon the documents referred to them:

Upon a memorial from the Presbyterian church of Brighton, Ill., asking that the Psalms of Dr. Watts, "mainly as he wrote them," be restored to the "Church Psalmist," they recommend that it is not expedient to take any action.

They further recommend the adoption, by the Assembly, of the fourth annual report of the Trustees of the Presbyterian House, and the re-election, as Trustees of this House, of Messrs. John A. Brown and Matthew W. Baldwin, Rev. Thos. Brainerd, D. D., and Rev. George Chandler, whose term of

office expires during the present sessions of the Assembly; also the election of Mr. Samuel H. Perkins in place of the Hon. William Darling.

The sixth annual report of the Publication Committee presents to the Assembly matters of grave interest. This Committee is now in such a position, that it must either be vigorously sustained, or virtually abandoned. During the past year it has received, from churches outside of the bounds of the Philadelphia Presbyteries, only $\$622\frac{61}{100}$, while the Third and Fourth Presbyteries of Philadelphia contributed $\$7566\frac{94}{100}$. The balance remaining in the Treasury, $\$1115\frac{90}{100}$, is more than covered by outstanding claims. Upon the first of July next, these claims, beyond the foreseen available resources, will amount to the sum of $3000. The Permanent Committee assure us, that the sum absolutely needed for the next year is $10,000; and that $6000 more are required for the publication of the Tune Book, the Digest of the Assembly's Acts, the Chant Book, and a few minor works. They ask, and justly, that the Assembly should take some action that will relieve the Committee of their too onerous responsibility; individual members of the Committee having given their own notes to meet outstanding obligations.

In this state of the facts, your Committee have given to this subject their earnest consideration. The present seems to be a turning-point in respect to our whole publication interest, whether it shall live or die. Our whole Church is under the deepest obligations to our brethren in Philadelphia, for the zeal and self-sacrificing spirit with which they have carried out the injunctions of the Assembly, so far as they were able, in the midst of the serious financial embarrassments of the past year, and so slightly cheered by apparent sympathy from other quarters. And these brethren now ask of us, as a matter of common justice, some definite action and practicable plan.

Your Committee have considered the various projects and divers objections which have been suggested in respect to the whole subject. One plan proposed was, that the Permanent Committee should cease to publish, and simply recommend to one or more book-selling establishments such works and tracts as might be needed. This would [584] avoid the necessity of raising the capital for publication; but it would, at the same time, give the larger part of the profits to the booksellers; and the Assembly would also become involved, to some extent, in the vicissitudes of the publishing house, with which their contracts might be made. Another plan proposed has been, that the Committee should publish as far as their means allow, and make a contract with some publishing house for such other works as might be needed. If it should be found wholly impracticable to raise the required capital, and if the publication of the works is demanded, some such temporary arrangement might be made; though your Committee do not formally recommend it.

We are unanimously agreed, that the good faith of our Church is pledged to the Permanent Committee on Publication, not only for the carrying forward of the works already in hand, but also for the means of continued progress; though, for the next year, this must be to a limited extent. No new work of any magnitude can be begun before the present projects are safely completed. The payments pledged for this year upon the "Church Psalmist" must be met, or we are involved in a total loss of $3000, and also in the prospective loss of $1000 to $2000 annual revenue. The apparently large amount ($10,000) given for this work is justified, on the ground of its permanent value as a fund. Any desired alterations can be made, whenever the Assembly shall so order. The Digest of the Assembly's Acts, now ready for the press, will be a welcome, as it is a needed, work in our churches. The publication of the Tune and Chant Books, not being so urgent, may well be left to the discretion of the Committee and the state of the fund.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolves:

1. That the sum of $16,000 be raised for the use of the Publication Committee, for the ensuing year; and that the sum be apportioned among our Synods in the same ratio as was the Church Erection Fund.

2. That the collection for this cause be made in all our churches on the third Sabbath in June; and that, if the sum of $16,000 be not realized by this collection, the Committee be authorized to employ agents for this purpose.

3. That, inasmuch as the time, appointed for this collection in behalf of the cause of Publication, occurs before the stated meetings of the several Synods, the Committee be directed to communicate to the pastors this action of the Assembly, with such information as will aid them in presenting the subject to their churches.

4. That the annual sermon on Publication be preached before the General Assembly of 1859, by the Rev. Albert Barnes, principal, and Rev. S. M. Hopkins, D. D., alternate.

5. That the appointment upon the Committee of Rev. William E. Moore, in place of Rev. A. H. H. Boyd, D. D., and Mr. Benjamin T. Tredick, in place of Mr. Samuel H. Perkins, and Mr. John C. Farr, in place of Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, be confirmed; and that Rev. Albert Barnes, Rev. N. S. S. Beman, D. D., Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., [585] Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., and Rev. George F. Wiswell, whose term of service expires, be re-elected as members of the Committee.

6. That the supplement to the hymns now in the course of preparation by Rev. N. S. S. Beman, D. D., Rev. Albert Barnes, and Samuel W. Fisher, D. D., be communicated to the Committee instead of the Assembly; and that the Committee be authorized to revise and publish the same.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Book of Tunes adapted to the "Church Psalmist," presented the following report:

The Committee on the Preparation of a Book of Tunes respectfully report to the General Assembly, that the work intrusted to them is in progress and will shortly be completed. It was not until near the close of the last year that they received notice of their appointment by the Publication Committee. Shortly after, they addressed a circular letter to the ministers in connection with the Assembly, requesting them to confer with the leader of music in their respective congregations, and forward such information and suggestions on the whole subject as occurred to them. Numerous responses have been received, some of them of great value, and the most of them giving assurance of hearty co-operation in the work. From every part of the Church, almost without exception, the call has been made for congregational singing. "Give us the good old tunes that our fathers sung, the tunes that our children love, the tunes that all can use, in the worship of God." Such is the demand; and the Committee will endeavor to comply with it, fully persuaded as they themselves are that it is both Scriptural and reasonable. The work will be carefully prepared under the supervision of a competent professor of sacred music.

If the Assembly desire, as some have suggested, a Hymn Book with tunes incorporated, after the manner of the "Temple Melodies," it will be necessary for them to give the Committee specific instructions to that effect.

The report was adopted.

The Standing 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, to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, in reporting upon the same, would simply present the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That while we regard the whole course of the Trustees, during the past year, as worthy of our approval, we especially approve, in their disbursement of the Church Erection Fund, their rigid adherence to that portion of the Assembly's plan which restricts the Board from loaning or donating any portion of the Fund to any congregation, unless such congregation own in fee simple and free from incumbrance the lot on which their house of worship is already, or is to be, erected. And we would recommend a rigid adherence to [586] this feature of the plan, for the future, regarding such a course as especially adapted to secure an increasing confidence in the Assembly's plan, and increasing donations from its friends.

Resolved, 2. That the following words be added to the first paragraph in section three of the Fourteenth article of the plan, namely, "And in case any church or congregation receiving a loan shall afterwards withdraw from the General Assembly, the whole amount unpaid shall at once become due."

Resolved, 3. That Messrs. Oliver H. Lee, William E. Dodge, and Walter S. Griffith, Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, whose term of office has expired, be nominated for re-election, to hold their office till June, 1861.

The same Committee presented a report, in relation to the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension.

The report was accepted.

The special Committee, to whom was referred the communications from the Presbytery of Harmony, and of the Commissioner from the "United Synod of the Presbyterian Church," presented their report. It was accepted and placed upon the docket.

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.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

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

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

Rev. Theodore Spencer, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Rev. Roswell D. Hitchcock, D. D., Rev. Henry B. Holmes, and Elder Ebenezer B. Jones, were appointed a *Committee to nominate Delegates* to Corresponding Bodies.

It was made the order of the day for Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, to receive the reports of the Committees on Synodical Records.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz., the consideration of the complaint of the Rev. Thompson Bird in behalf of the Presbytery of Des Moines, against the Synod of Iowa, on account of their decision in the case of the Rev. James H. Shields.

The Moderator read the 39th Rule, reminding the Assembly of the solemn judicial business on which they were about to enter. [587]

All the documents having been read, the Assembly heard the original parties in the case.

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

1. The Moderator to preside.
2. Prayer and reading of the Scriptures, by the Rev. Jeremiah Porter.
3. Address and administration of the Bread, by the Rev. J. Few Smith, D. D.
4. Prayer and administration of the Cup, by the Rev. Robert W. Landis.
5. Address, by the Rev. Elias J. Richards.
6. Hymn and Benediction, by the Moderator.

Also, that the distribution of the elements be committed to the following elders: Sylvester Willard, M. D., Hon. Charles Noble, Chester B. Rushmore, Calvin Bishop, J. Marshall Paul, M. D., Thomas Farnham, James W. Bishop, John S. B. Kelso, M. D., Lyman Wilder, Jeremiah Holt, John G. Weeks, and George L. Massey.

The standing rule on Mileage, limiting the time for the presentation of bills of expenses to the fourth day of the sessions of the Assembly, was, for the present Assembly, altered so as to extend it to the sixth day.

It was made the first order of the day for this afternoon, to consider the report of the special Committee on the communications of the Presbytery of Harmony, and of the Commissioner from the "United Synod of the Presbyterian Church."

Adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, May 26th, 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following additional Commissioners presented their credentials, and their names were added to the Roll:

Elder Elijah Dewitt, from the Presbytery of Elyria.
" E. Percival Wilcox, " " Chenango.

A special *Committee*, consisting of Rev. J. Few Smith, D. D., Rev. Samuel H. Hall, Rev. George P. Tindall, Thomas W. Fry, M. D., and Albert P. Brayton, was appointed, to consider the whole question *of Mileage* in connection with the present Assembly.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly cordially approve of the resolution adopted at the late special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, which was in these words: [588]

"*Resolved*, That, in the judgment of this Board, the churches, connected with the denominations which co-operate in this Society, can render no more effectual service to the cause of Christian learning at the West, than to furnish the means for the speedy completion of the final effort in behalf of colleges in States east of the Mississippi."

Resolved, 2. That it be earnestly recommended to the churches connected with this body, to do their just share of what is necessary for the completion of this work.

Resolved, 3. That a regard to their own highest interest, and to the evangelization of the West, requires also, on the part of these churches, a prompt and generous response to the appeals of the Society in behalf of younger institutions west of the Mississippi.

The Assembly proceeded to the consideration of the report of the special

Committee on the Communications of the Presbytery of Harmony; and of the Commissioner from the "United Synod of the Presbyterian Church."

The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom were referred the communications from the Presbytery of Harmony, and from the "United Synod of the Presbyterian Church," beg leave to recommend the following resolutions as the action of the Assembly, in relation to these communications:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly recognize and reciprocate the friendly greetings and fraternal spirit evinced in these communications, as well as in the Christian bearing and courtesy of the Rev. A. H. H. Boyd, D. D., the accredited representative of the United Synod.

Resolved, 2. That this Assembly regret the unnatural separation which these bodies have felt themselves constrained to create, by the action which they have taken, both because of our family affinities and sympathies, and because it weakens our ability, and diminishes our opportunities, for mutual aid and encouragement, in the great work for which the Church exists. We had hoped, that, by perpetuating our relations, by kind interchange of views, and mutual prayers, and by that light which time and patient inquiry secure, we should ultimately be of one mind touching the subject of Slavery, as we now are in relation to other moral questions.

Resolved, 3. That the consideration and adjustment of the claims to the funds of the Assembly preferred by the Presbytery of Harmony and the United Synod, be postponed to the next General Assembly for the following reasons: (1.) That suitable time may be given for a full examination of questions bearing on the equitable character, and of the legal consequences, of granting the claims preferred. (2.) That the Assembly may be able to ascertain what and how many churches under the care of the Presbyteries and Synods, which have withdrawn or may withdraw from our connection, may desire to retain their relations to the Assembly, and whose claim to a share in the distribution of the Church Erection Fund will consequently remain undisputed. (3.) That the final adjustment of these [589] claims, made as the result of due deliberation, mutual conference of the parties, and prayer to Him who giveth wisdom to his servants, may be satisfactory, if possible, to all concerned.

Resolved, 4. That the whole subject of these claims be referred to the Board of Trustees of the Church Erection Fund to consider and report thereon to the next General Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the complaint of the Rev. Thompson Bird, in behalf of the Presbytery of Des Moines, against the Synod of Iowa, on account of their decision in the case of the Rev. James H. Shields, and all the parties in the case were heard.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

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

The Illinois Central Railroad Company tendered to the Assembly an invitation to an excursion upon their road, as far as Onarga. The invitation was accepted for Saturday.

In the case of the complaint of the Rev. Thompson Bird, in behalf of Des Moines Presbytery, against the Synod of Iowa, on account of their decision in the case of the Rev. James H. Shields, the members of the inferior judica-

tory having retired, the Roll was called and an opportunity given for every member to express his opinion.

Before the business was concluded, the Assembly adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 27th, 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The annual sermon on Home Missions was preached, agreeably to previous appointment, by the Rev. Jacob Little, D. D., of the Presbytery of Pataskala.

After which, the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1, relating to the preparation of a summary of Christian doctrine to be used in receiving members into the Church.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: That, in view of the want of uniformity in the formulas used by the churches, under the care of the General Assembly, in the reception of members, this Assembly propose and recommend a sum[590]mary of the doctrines taught in our Confession of Faith; together with a form of covenant, and send the same down to the several Presbyteries, with directions to them to send their answers to the next General Assembly.

That a Committee consisting of three ministers and two elders, be appointed to draft such summary of doctrine and form of covenant, and report to this Assembly as soon as convenient.

The report was adopted. Rev. Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Rev. Jacob Little, D. D., Rev. Peter Snyder, and Elders J. Marshall Paul, M. D., and Jeremiah Holt, were appointed the *Committee.*

The special Committee on the subject of Mileage presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The special Committee on Mileage beg leave to report,

That the arrangement of the matter referred to them is embarrassed by the facts, that so large a number of Presbyteries (43) have paid nothing to the Fund; and that, of those who have paid, some fall short of the amount assessed, and others, having first paid the expenses of their Commissioners, give but a small amount to this Fund.

The Committee can discover no method of relieving the present difficulty, that will not appear to press unequally on the Presbyteries who have contributed in whole or in part to this Fund. But they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, as adjusting the affair as equitably as possible:

1. Those Presbyteries which have paid in part shall have the privilege of paying their assessments in full until one o'clock to-morrow.

2. Those Presbyteries which do not pay in full may withdraw from the Mileage Committee the sums which they have paid, less 60 cents for each minister in the Presbytery, which shall be retained by the Committee for the contingent expenses.

3. The amount in the hands of the Mileage Committee, received from the Presbyteries which have paid in full, after the deduction of a proper proportion to meet the contingent expenses, shall be divided *pro rata* among the Presbyteries which have contributed it.

4. Those Presbyteries which have paid nothing are required to pay now 60 cents per minister, for the contingent expenses, or to give to the Stated Clerk assurance that the amount shall be paid at a fixed time.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz., the consideration of the

complaint against the Synod of Iowa, was resumed, and continued to the time of adjournment.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 27th, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, agreeably to previous arrangement, in the First Presbyterian church, for the celebration of the Lord's Supper; [591] and in union with a large number of Christians, who accepted the invitation to participate with them, united in the celebration of this ordinance.

Friday, 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 two sessions were read and approved.

The Committee, appointed to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, presented their report, which was accepted and placed upon the docket.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported Overture No. 3, a memorial on the subject of Slavery, from the Presbytery of Franklin.

In reply, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Assembly, while extending to the memorialists assurances of Christian consideration and regard, can answer their prayer only by referring them to the acts of past Assemblies, as being, in our judgment, all that the General Assembly can properly do on the subject of the memorial.

The report was adopted.

The Committee also reported, that a memorial from the Presbytery of Blue Earth has been placed in their hands, praying that a new Synod may be created, to consist of the Presbyteries of Blue Earth, Minnesota, and Dacotah, which last Presbytery is not now in connection with any higher ecclesiastical body. There has also been placed in the hands of the Committee a certified copy of a resolution by the Presbytery of Minnesota, concurring with said memorial from the Presbytery of Blue Earth. They have further received verbal information, from the Commissioner of the Presbytery of Minnesota, that it is believed that the members of the Presbytery of Dacotah are favorable towards the arrangement, though no definite communication has been received from the Presbytery itself.

The said Presbytery of Dacotah not being now under the jurisdiction of the Assembly, it is not competent for this body absolutely to create the proposed Synod according to the prayer of the memorialists. But inasmuch as it is urged upon the Committee that a strong necessity exists for the immediate construction of such a Synod, they recommend to the Assembly the following action:

Resolved, 1. That the Presbyteries of Blue Earth and Minnesota be directed to meet at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the First Presbyterian church, on the second Wednesday of September, 1858, at 7 o'clock P. M., with the view of uniting, if the way be prepared, with the Presbytery of Dacotah, in the organization of a Synod.

Resolved, 2. That the Stated Clerk of the Assembly address a [592] letter to the Presbytery of Dacotah, inviting them to meet with the Presbyteries of Blue Earth and Minnesota, at the above time and place, and, if the way be prepared, to become incorporated with them in a Synod under the care of this General Assembly.

Resolved, 3. That, in the event of compliance with this invitation by the

Presbytery of Dacotah, the Presbyteries of Blue Earth, Minnesota, and Dacotah shall then and there become a Synod under the name of the Synod of Minnesota; and that the Rev. Thomas S. Williams, or in case of his absence, the oldest minister present, shall preach a sermon, and preside until a new Moderator be chosen.

The report was adopted.

The following new apportionment of the Church Erection Fund was thereupon voted by the Assembly:

Resolved, That the apportionment of the Church Erection Fund be as follows for the next year, namely:

Albany,	2.5 per cent.	Ohio,	3 per cent.
Alta California,	6 "	Onondaga,	2.5 "
Cincinnati,	3 "	Pennsylvania,	3 "
Genesee,	2 "	Peoria,	5 "
Geneva,	2 "	Susquehanna,	3 "
Illinois,	6 "	Tennessee,	3 "
Indiana,	4 "	Utica,	2 "
Iowa,	7 "	Virginia,	3.5 "
Kentucky,	2 "	Wabash,	3 "
Michigan,	8 "	Western Reserve,	4 "
Minnesota,	6 "	W. Pennsylvania,	3 "
Mississippi,	2.5 "	West Tennessee,	3 "
Missouri,	2 "	Wisconsin,	6 "
N. Y. and N. J.,	3 "		

The above apportionment takes one per cent. from the Synod of Alta California, one from Peoria, one from Tennessee, one from Wabash, one from Iowa, and one from Western Reserve, and thus gives six per cent. to the new Synod of Minnesota.

The Committee appointed to designate the church and to nominate a Committee of Arrangements, for the next General Assembly, recommended that the sessions be held in the Central Presbyterian church of Wilmington, Del., and that the *Committee of Arrangements* consist of Rev. George F. Wiswell, Rev. William Aikman, and Elders L. P. Bush, E. T. Taylor, I. W. Day, Hon. William Hall, Thos. C. Alrich, and John B. Porter.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz., the complaint against the Synod of Iowa, and continued its consideration to the time of adjournment.

Adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [593]

Friday, May 28th, 2½ 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. Edwin Hall, D. D., Rev. James Cochrane, and Rev. James McLaurin. Also to Messrs. Jarvis Carman, David Crouse, Daniel S. Bearer, Elias Kumler, Benjamin Bangs, Daniel B. Green, Henry D. Ranney, M. D., and Albert P. Brayton; and to Rev. E. J. Richards, Rev. William S. Karr, Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, D. D., Rev. J. Few Smith, D. D., and Rev. Daniel Russell; also to Messrs. H. N. Bushnell and B. D. Stewart.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning, viz., the complaint against the Synod of Iowa. Every member having had an opportunity to express his opinion in the case, the Roll was

called, and the complaint of the Presbytery of Des Moines against the Synod of Iowa, in the case of Rev. James H. Shields, was sustained by a vote of 106 to 52. Excused from voting, 1.

The Rev. Messrs. Theodore Spencer, James Eells, and John W. Dulles, with Hon. Arnold Naudain, M. D., and Thomas W. Fry, M. D., were appointed a Committee to prepare a minute on this case.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported a petition of the church of Superior, to be transferred from the Presbytery of Minnesota to the Presbytery of Lake Superior, recommending that the request be granted. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, that they had received a memorial from several individuals, members of different Presbyteries, under the care of the General Assembly, praying the Assembly to provide, that, in exceptional cases, churches and congregations may receive aid in building houses of worship, beyond the limited amount now offered by the Church Erection Fund; and also an Overture from the Presbytery of Iowa on the same subject. The Committee recommend, that the papers be referred to the Board of Trustees of the Church Erection Fund. The report was adopted.

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

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

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 31st, 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 Assembly proceeded to hear the reports of the Committees on the Synodical Records; and, on the recommendation of the respective [594] Committees, the Records of the following Synods were approved as far as written: Albany, Utica, Geneva, Onondaga, Genesee, New York and New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Michigan, Western Reserve, Ohio, Cincinnati, Indiana, Wabash, Peoria, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

It was made the first order of the day for this afternoon to elect Trustees of the Presbyterian House, and of the Church Erection Fund.

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly be returned to the Illinois Central Railroad Company and its managers, for the pleasant excursion afforded us on the line of their road on Saturday last; and also to the residents at Onarga and elsewhere, whose efforts and generous hospitalities contributed so fully to render the excursion pleasant.

Resolved, That we are highly gratified to learn of the enlightened efforts of this company for the promotion of good morals, and the diffusion of a religious influence, wherever their operations extend—by the employment of a chaplain or missionary, whose office it is to secure the distribution of a pure and healthful literature, and the repression of one which is vicious, in and about their cars; and by generous endeavors to secure the establishment of Sunday-schools and churches in the different towns along their route; evincing that this company is governed by the conviction, that religion is the basis of true prosperity in communities and in States; and that distinct efforts to secure its establishment are not without the scope of companies whose first ends are of a secular character.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that they had given leave to the Rev. Messrs T. M. Hopkins, Milton Bradley, Israel S. Twombly, Ben-

jamin Russell, and Augustus Pomeroy; and to the Elders Ebenezer B. Jones, Abraham Waugh, Ira Taylor, and Asa H. Holden.

Reports were received from the Delegates appointed by the last Assembly to Corresponding Bodies, viz., from the Rev. John Tompkins, the Delegate to the General Conference of Maine; Rev. A. Bordman Lambert, D. D., the Delegate to the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. Albert T. Chester. D. D., the Delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Daniel C. Houghton, the Delegate to the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin; and Rev. William N. Parks, the Delegate to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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

A communication was received and read from the Union of the Evangelical Churches of France.

The report of the Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, previously accepted, was taken from the docket, adopted, and is as follows:

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., principal; and Rev. Eber M. Rollo, alternate. [595]

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Robert R. Booth, principal; and Rev. Daniel T. Wood, alternate.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. Baruch B. Beckwith, principal; and Rev. Edward Lord, alternate.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., principal; and Rev. Samuel T. Seelye, alternate.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Andrew J. Fennell, principal; and Rev. Beriah B. Hotchkin, alternate.

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin—Rev. Charles P. Bush, principal; and Rev. John N. Powell, alternate.

General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church—Rev. Jacob Little, D. D., principal; and Rev. James J. Blaisdell, alternate.

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church—Rev. George F. Wiswell, principal; and Rev. George C. Curtis, alternate.

General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church—Rev. John W. Bailey, principal; and Rev. Livingston M. Glover, alternate.

General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church—Rev. Henry Darling, principal; and Rev. Daniel W. Poor, D. D., alternate.

Synod of the German Reformed Church—Rev. William M. Cheever, principal; and Rev. Henry Kendall, alternate.

Union of the Evangelical Churches of France—Rev. John Spaulding, principal; and Rev. William W. Newell, alternate.

The special Committee on Foreign Missions presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, together with a resolution and memorial on the same subject, recommend the following:

1. That the report of the Permanent Committee be approved. And we are grateful to God for the efficiency and harmony with which we have been enabled to prosecute the great work of Foreign Missions through the medium of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

2. That, in addition to the duties already devolved upon this Committee, it be made their further duty to ascertain, as far as possible, to what extent the churches in connection with the General Assembly are engaged in the work of Foreign Missions, and report the same to the next General Assem-

bly. And that these missionary operations in which our churches are engaged, be made the subject of an annual report to the Assembly by this Committee.

In which reports, they shall spread before the Assembly such information as is calculated to excite and deepen an interest in this subject, and foster and develop the spirit of missions; giving the number of foreign missionaries of our Church who are in the field, the number of candidates for this work, the amount of annual contributions, so far as practicable, and the degree of interest which is manifested in this cause throughout our churches; together with the measure of success that has attended missionary effort; and communicate any information [596] which they can gain, that may stimulate and develop foreign missionary enterprise.

3. That the Presbyteries, through their Stated Clerks, or a committee appointed for that purpose, furnish to the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions all the information on this subject that may be sought or they be able to furnish. And further, that the Presbyteries and Synods give special attention to this subject, adopting such measures as may rouse the spirit of missions among the churches.

And at this time, in view of the depressed state of the treasury of the American Board, we would exhort our people to increased liberality towards this great cause which is one arm of the Church of God on earth.

4. That the memorial on Mexico and Central and South America, as a field for missionary labors, be referred to the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions to report to the next General Assembly.

5. That a Standing Committee on Foreign Missions be annually appointed, who shall have charge of this general subject in the sessions of the Assembly.

6. That Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. John McLeod, Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., and Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., be elected to fill the places of those whose terms of office regularly expire at this time. And that the Stated Clerk be directed to inform the members of this Committee of the present action of the Assembly, that they may organize at as early a day as possible to carry out the object herein set forth.

A communication was received from a member of the Committee of Conference with the American Home Missionary Society. In connection with it a series of resolutions was proposed. Both of the papers were referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. Henry B. Smith, D. D., Rev. George W. Gale, D. D., and Rev. Daniel Clark, to report to-day at 3 o'clock P. M.

It was also *Resolved*, that the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension be considered in connection with the above report.

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry, presented their report.

It was accepted; and pending the question of its adoption, the Assembly adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 31st, 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

A communication was received from the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, in relation to correspondence [597] with the Assembly. The Delegate already appointed was instructed to present himself to the Synod of "the United Presbyterian Church," recently formed by the union of the Associate, and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that they had given leave

to Rev. Silas H. Ashmun, Rev. Caleb Mills, LL.D., Rev. Eli W. Beebe, Rev. Eleroy Curtis, Rev. James Sinclair, Rev. Philip Bevan, Rev. William C. Turner; and the Elders, William L. Lee, Zebulon Ostrom, James Deans, Lyman Dayton, and William Bothwell.

The Committee, appointed to prepare an arrangement of the Book of Psalms for chanting, reported in part, and were continued.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in the case of Rev. James H. Shields, presented a report. After discussion, the whole subject was, with instructions, referred to a new Committee consisting of Rev. Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Rev. G. R. H. Shumway, Rev. Lewis Hamilton, Hon John Porter, and Mr. Charles Taintor.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, viz., the report of the Standing Committee on Education. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee, to whom was referred the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Education, report the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly find, in the practical workings of the plan for Ministerial Education inaugurated by the last Assembly, reason to regard it with increasing confidence, and consider it eminently wise and admirably adapted to develop the zeal and activity of the whole Church in this department of her duty.

Resolved, 2. That, in laying the foundation for this work in a living Christianity, and devolving the execution of it on individual churches and Presbyteries, the Assembly has proposed the most evangelical and effective method of accomplishing this enterprise.

Resolved, 3. That, while the responsibility of performing this part of her mission rests on the Christian parents and the individual members and elders of the Church, it also presses, with peculiar weight, on our ministers; and, from a becoming spirit and example in their daily labor, and a faithful and frequent presentation, to Christian parents and youth, of their obligations of covenanted consecration, the happiest results may be reasonably expected.

Resolved, 4. That it is deeply to be lamented, that the Saviour's command, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest," has so extensively passed from the minds and hearts of his people; and this Assembly admonish all its ministers and churches of this neglect, earnestly exhorting them to give appropriate attention to it in their private, domestic, social, and public devotions; and especially to remember it at the monthly concert, as well as at the annual concert of prayer for educational institutions, on the last Thursday of February.

Resolved, 5. That, inasmuch as a large number of Presbyteries [598] have disregarded the urgent recommendation of the last Assembly, (Minutes, page 389,) to forward full reports of their action in reference to Ministerial Education, this Assembly re-adopts that recommendation, considering a faithful compliance with it, essential to a successful enlistment of the whole Church in this important enterprise.

Resolved, 6. That it is highly desirable, that the subject of the increase of the ministry should be annually presented to the churches, on the Sabbath preceding or succeeding the annual concert of prayer for our educational institutions; that contributions be made on one of the Sabbaths above named, when it will not interfere with, or disturb, systematic arrangements already adopted; and that it is the high privilege and imperative duty of every church, however small or feeble, to contribute to this cause.

Resolved, 7. That it is the conviction of this Assembly, that a large and

useful increase of the ministry cannot be secured without constant vigilance, on the part of the Presbyteries, in the introduction of men into the sacred office, in arrangements to direct their labors and facilitate their settlement, and in holding them to a just responsibility in the discharge of their work; and also without a disposition, on the part of the churches, to furnish it with an adequate and equitable support.

Resolved, 8. That this Assembly approve of the act of incorporation, obtained by the Permanent Committee of Education, from the Legislature of New York, and of its acceptance by that Committee; and that said Committee, thus incorporated, is hereby cordially and confidently recommended to such persons as may be disposed to devote property to ministerial education, as a safe and responsible agency for its investment and disbursement.

Resolved, 9. That the Assembly recommend, as a general principle, that candidates for the ministry, especially those who are connected with churches under the care of our newer and smaller Presbyteries, retain their church and presbyterial relations unchanged during the progress of their studies.

Resolved, 10. That the Permanent Committee be directed to publish their annual report, or such portions of it as they may deem desirable.

The Committee also nominate William E. Dodge, Jr., as a suitable person to fill the place of Mr. Anson G. Phelps, recently deceased, and the following as suitable persons to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of office in the Permanent Committee, viz.:

William A. Booth, Rev. John Jenkins, Rev. James P. Wilson, D. D., Rev. A. E. Campbell, D. D,, and Mr. P. H. Porter.

The Standing Committee on Education, in relation to the reports from the Union, Auburn, Lane, and Blackburn Theological Seminaries, would further recommend the adoption of the following minute:

That this Assembly rejoices to hear of the continued prosperity of these schools of the prophets, in the increased number of their students, [599] and the gracious visitation of the Spirit so richly experienced by those who are soon to assume the responsibilities of the sacred office; and most cordially commend these Seminaries to the sympathies of the Church, and the generous aid of those whom God has blessed with the means of placing them on a pecuniary basis, that will enlarge their usefulness and secure their permanence.

The Committee would also suggest the propriety of the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Assembly expresses its deep conviction of the wisdom and necessity of placing our Colleges on such a pecuniary foundation, as to accomplish most effectually the purpose of their establishment; and, inasmuch as they are an essential part of our educational system, it earnestly recommends, to the churches and Presbyteries, the exercise of a wise discretion in the location of such institutions, and that they gather around those already established by pioneer faith and zeal, with a cordial sympathy and corresponding liberality.

The Committee on the case of the Rev. James H. Shields, presented a minute, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute on the complaint against the Synod of Iowa in the case of the Rev. James H. Shields, report as follows:

In the year 1853, Maria C. Cowles presented a petition under oath to the District Court of Wayne County, Iowa, praying for a divorce from her husband, William A. Cowles, in which it was stated substantially, that she had

been lawfully married to said Cowles in January, 1839, in the State of Massachusetts; that they had lived together there until August, 1851, when she separated herself from him, and proceeded to Iowa, where she has since resided. That, previous to her departing from him in 1851, her husband was in the habit of becoming intoxicated, and when so intoxicated, was ill-natured and abusive—so much so, that her situation as his wife became intolerable; and she had been under the necessity of leaving his house and of making her own living since that time, the defendant having neglected to make provision for her support since the period of her separation from him. No pertinent proof of the truth of these allegations was made; but the court, notwithstanding, granted her a divorce *a vinculo matrimonii;* when James A. Shields, then a member of the Presbytery of Des Moines, being cognizant of all the facts in the case, was married to the said Maria C. Cowles, and has continued to cohabit with her as his wife. In April, 1856, the Presbytery instituted proceedings against him for adultery, and finally convicted him of that offence, and deposed him from the ministry and excommunicated him from the church. Thereupon the said Shields appealed to the Synod of Iowa, who reversed the decision of the Presbytery. The case is before this General Assembly on a complaint of the Rev. Thompson Bird, on behalf of the Presbytery, against the action of Synod.

In view of all the testimony brought before the Assembly, the complaint is sustained.

It has not been made to appear, that the said Maria C. Cowles [600] attempted to establish the fact of adultery against her husband, William A. Cowles. Neither has there been proved "such willful desertion" on his part, "as can no way be remedied by the Church or civil magistrate," as is recognized in the Confession of Faith (Chap. XXIV., sec. 6) as "cause sufficient of dissolving the bond of marriage."

The General Assembly do, therefore, consider that the said James H. Shields was properly convicted of adultery; and the decision of the Synod of Iowa in this case is hereby reversed, and the judgment of the Presbytery of Des Moines therein confirmed.

The Assembly, whilst rendering this decision, takes occasion to call the attention of the churches under its care to a tendency, manifest in some portions of our country, to relax the sacredness of the marriage tie. Lying, as the institution of marriage does, at the very foundation of order, purity, and prosperity in the State and in the Church, the Assembly cannot view without abhorrence any attempt to diminish its sanctity or to extend beyond the warrant of the Holy Scriptures the grounds of divorce.

Mr. John A. Brown, Mr. Matthew W. Baldwin, Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Rev. George Chandler, and Mr. Samuel H. Perkins, were elected as Trustees of the Presbyterian House.

Messrs. Oliver H. Lee, William E. Dodge, and Walter S. Griffith, were elected Trustees of the Church Erection Fund.

Messrs. Christopher R. Robert, Samuel M. Blatchford, and George D. Cragin, were appointed the *Committee to audit* the accounts of the Treasurer of the Church Erection Fund.

Messrs. William E. Dodge, Jr., and William A. Booth, Rev. John Jenkins, Rev. A. E. Campbell, D. D., and Mr. P. H. Porter, were elected members of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Gospel Ministry.

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

Rev. George R. H. Shumway, Rev. Peter Snyder, and Mr. Joab Tyler

were appointed a *Committee to nominate a preacher* on Home Missions for the next Assembly.

The Assembly entered upon the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension, already accepted, which was continued until the time of adjournment.

The special Committee on Home Missions, to whom was referred the documents on this subject presented this morning, reported. The report was accepted and placed upon the docket.

It was made the first order of the evening session, to hear the Narrative on the State of Religion.

Adjourned until 7½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 31st, 7½ P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved. [601]

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, and 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.

The Committee, appointed to nominate a preacher on Home Missions, reported, recommending that the Rev. Philemon H. Fowler, D. D., preach the sermon, and the Rev. James Eells be his alternate; and their report was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported a memorial from several individuals of the Synods of Illinois and Peoria, asking that the bounds of these two Synods may be defined. The Committee recommend, that the request of the memorialists be granted; and that the boundary lines of these two Synods be such as are specified in the memorial, as follows: The south line of the counties of Henderson, McDonough, Fulton, Mason, Tazewell, and Dewitt, the first township line south of Urbana in Champaign Co., and the first township line north of Danville in Vermillion Co., Illinois.

The Committee to whom was referred the preparation of a Summary of Doctrine, presented a request for an extension of time, and to be permitted to report to the next Assembly; which was granted.

The Assembly proceeded to the unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the report of the special Committee on the communication from a member of the Committee of Conference with the American Home Missionary Society. It was moved to amend the report by making the Committee of Conference with the Home Missionary Society a permanent Committee.

Pending this discussion, the Assembly adjourned, to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, 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 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 of February as a day of prayer for Colleges.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz., the consideration of the motion to amend the report of the Committee on the subject of Conference with the American Home Missionary Society, by making the Committee of Conference permanent.

The speakers were limited during the remaining sessions, except on judicial cases, to ten minutes.

The amendment was adopted.

The consideration of the report of the Judicial Committee, in the [602] case of the Rev. George Sheldon, was made the order of the day for this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Adjourned, to meet this afternoon at 2½ o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, June 1st, 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Church Extension, having examined the report of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension, respectfully report,

That we observe with pleasure, that, notwithstanding the financial embarrassments of the year, the receipts of the Committee, including receipts for the same purpose by the Synod of Illinois and by the Presbytery of Monroe, have been nearly 100 per cent. in advance of the receipts of the previous year; but we observe with pain, that the Committee have not only been obliged to refuse or postpone important applications for aid, but that they are indebted to missionaries for sums promised them, and which, in the language of the Permanent Committee, these missionaries, "really and distressingly need." We cannot but approve the extraordinary efforts used by the Permanent Committee to meet these necessities, and only lament that they were not entirely successful.

Two memorials have been referred to us, one from an individual of long experience in the West, urging upon the General Assembly the management of our own Home Missionary work through our own ecclesiastical organizations, so admirably adapted to the purpose, and having such work among their legitimate and necessary functions; another from the Synod of Wisconsin, asking the General Assembly "to inquire into the Constitution of the American Home Missionary Society," and "also, whether the time has not come to adopt the rotating and more truly representative principle in the appointment of the secretaries and general agents of the American Home Missionary Society."

But, manifestly, these last matters, how deeply soever they may affect the interests of our churches, are matters in which the General Assembly has no power of interference. Important as are the interests at stake, our connection with all voluntary societies is not in General Assembly, but only that of individual churches and ministers acting voluntarily, so far and so long as they please, and on their own individual responsibility, with others of other denominations, who also act individually, and without responsibility to us. The General Assembly has no power to regulate the organization or action of such [603] voluntary societies, nor can it attempt such interference with any propriety, or hope of advantage.

With regard to the matter of the first memorial, the Committee would represent, that our Constitution (Chap. XVIII.) expressly recognizes the duty of the General Assembly to see, that necessary aid is furnished to its feeble churches, and to send missionaries to the destitute. These rights and duties are fully acknowledged. The General Assembly can never divest itself of these, nor wholly or finally devolve them upon organizations beyond its control, and, to the General Assembly, wholly irresponsible. It may,

however, for the time being, judge for itself through what instrumentalities it can best accomplish the work. While we love our own Church, it has ever been our glory to love also all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, and to seek to co-operate with those who have a common faith with us, in all methods in which it seems possible best to subserve the interests of our common Lord. We have loved to co-operate with others, of a common faith though of different ecclesiastical preferences, in extending together, as far as possible, the Church of our Lord and Saviour among the new settlements; when, if each denomination had acted separately, people of a common faith must have been arrayed, in every village and hamlet, into different churches, each too feeble to sustain the institutions of the Gospel, and tempted by their very necessities to be mutually antagonistic and destructive. For these reasons, the General Assembly has loved, and still loves, to co-operate, so far as it can in consistency with duty to our own churches, with others in the great work of extending the institutions of the Gospel over the widely-spreading new settlements of our vast country.

It was, however, found by experience, that an important part of our duty could not be reached by an agency in common with others. Rules, necessary to that common agency, forbade relief in many cases where it was clearly our duty to furnish it; and, with no violation of the rights of others, with no unfaithfulness to any principle or engagement implied in our co-operation with others, but with the desire and purpose still to co-operate, so far and so long as that shall appear best for the cause of our Lord and Saviour, and consistent with our duty to our churches, the General Assembly organized the Church Extension Committee.

That Committee, in their report for the present year, say, that, "The longer they are engaged in the work, the deeper is their impression of its importance." In such impression this Standing Committee fully shares. Many facts have come to our knowledge, while we have been investigating the matter, which show, more and more clearly, the necessity of such a Permanent Committee on Church Extension, and the necessity that its efficiency should be greatly increased.

We therefore recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution, viz.,

Resolved, That, having good assurance that the past action of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension has been in accordance with the views expressed above, and believing that they will continue, as they have already done, to furnish aid in worthy cases which cannot [604] be reached by any agency in which we act in common with others, we commend their cause to the increased liberality of our churches, and earnestly desire that the efficiency of the action of the Committee may be greatly augmented.

The Committee also report, that the term of office of the following members of the Permanent Committee of Church Extension now expires, viz., Rev. George L. Prentiss, D. D., Rev. John C. Smith, D. D., Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd, Mr. Matthew W. Baldwin, and Mr. Edward A. Lambert.

The Committee recommend that the name of Rev. William Adams, D. D., be substituted for that of Rev. G. L. Prentiss, D. D., who is to be absent from the country, and that the other persons be re-elected.

The unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the report of the Committee of Conference with the American Home Missionary Society, was resumed. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The special Committee on the documents relating to the Committee of Conference with the American Home Missionary Society recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Committee of Conference with the American Home Missionary Society be continued, and consist of the following members, 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, D. D., Rev. A. Augustus Wood, D. D., (in the place of Rev. George L. Prentiss, D. D., resigned,) Rev. Thompson Bird, Mr. Cyrus P. Smith, and Mr. Norman White, and that four of their number constitute a quorum.

2. That this Committee report to the next General Assembly upon our general relations with the American Home Missionary Society; upon its appointment of agents and missionaries; upon the number of our churches and ministers aided by it; upon the amount contributed by our churches to its funds; and upon any other points of interest connected with our Home Missionary work; that we may come to a more full comprehension of our duties, and be aroused to greater zeal and liberality.

3. That this Committee, as far as is practicable, procure from our Presbyteries information as to home evangelization; and that our Presbyteries give diligent heed to this work, as far as is practicable, raising money to be expended within their own bounds, and seeing to it that annual collections for Home Missions be made in all their churches.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that they have given leave to the following persons: Rev. Messrs. J. W. Dulles, Thos. H. Robinson, Wm. N. Sayre, Stephen H. Williams, Cyrenius H. Ransom, and J. G. Kanouse; Elders, H. D. Savage, Asa D. Moore, F. M. Fry, M. D., John Hartshorn, B. Hammil, Hiram Foster, E. P. Wilcox, and J. Porter. [605]

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

The Committee on Mileage respectfully report as follows:

Thirty-five (35) Presbyteries have contributed the full amount assessed to them under the rule of the last Assembly, viz.:

St. Lawrence,	Philadelphia, 4th,	Knox,
Pennsylvania,	Erie,	Galena,
Onondaga,	Marshall,	Chicago,
Cayuga,	Portage,	Belvidere,
Buffalo,	Maumee,	Minnesota,
Hudson,	Scioto,	Fox River,
Long Island,	Madison,	Columbus,
New York, 3d,	Indianapolis,	Des Moines,
New York, 4th,	Fort Wayne,	Iowa City,
Brooklyn,	Schuyler,	Keokuk,
Montrose,	Wabash,	Dubuque,
Philadelphia, 3d,	Ottawa,	Cedar Valley.

Thirty-two (32) Presbyteries have contributed in part, viz.:

Troy,	Genesee,	Coldwater,
Albany,	Niagara,	Grand River,
Catskill,	North River,	Trumbull,
Watertown,	Newark,	Cincinnati,
Utica,	Rockaway,	Dayton,
Chemung,	Wilmington,	Hamilton,
Ithaca,	Detroit,	Green Castle,
Cortland,	Monroe,	St. Joseph,
Tioga,	Washtenaw,	Illinois,
Otsego,	Alton,	Lyons.
Milwaukee,	Harrisburgh,	

The Synods of Alta California, Missouri, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Tennessee, and Mississippi, have made no contribution.

The whole amount paid in is $2809.35.

The thirty-five (35) Presbyteries, that contributed to the Assembly the full amount assessed to them, have presented accounts for their traveling expenses, amounting in the aggregate to $2059.35, all of which have been paid.

The balance, amounting to seven hundred and fifty dollars, ($750,) has been paid over to the Stated Clerk for the Contingent Fund of the Assembly.

They further recommend, that the sum of five cents, for each communicant, be raised by the Presbyteries, to defray the necessary traveling expenses of Commissioners, and the contingent expenses of the next Assembly.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the consideration of the report of the Judicial Committee on the appeal of the Rev. George Sheldon. [606]

The Moderator reminded the Assembly, that they were about to engage in judicial business, and of the necessity of recognizing their high responsibilities as a court of Jesus Christ. After which, the documents in the case were read, and the parties heard in part.

Adjourned to meet at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, June 1st, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Assembly be presented to the numerous railroad companies who have forwarded and returned the members of the 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 Chicago, for the generous hospitality extended to the Commissioners and others in attendance, which has rendered their stay in "the Garden 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, to the Trustees of the Second Presbyterian church, for the accommodations extended to the Assembly during its present sessions.

Also, to the editors of the daily papers of the city, for their full and minute reports of the proceedings of the Assembly.

Resolved, further, That the thanks of the Assembly be presented to the Rev. M. L. P. Thompson, 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 sessions of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the Assembly, with the usual Appendix, and the reports of the Treasurers of the Permanent Committees, be printed under the direction of the Stated Clerk.

The janitor's bill, the bills for printing and stationery, the traveling expenses of the Delegates to Maine, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, and the Cumberland General Assembly, with the salaries and traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks, were ordered to be paid.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the afternoon, viz., the hearing of the appeal of Mr. Sheldon.

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

Concluded with prayer. [607]

Wednesday, June 2d, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

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

In the absence of the Temporary Clerk, Rev. G. R. H. Shumway was chosen Clerk *pro tem.*

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the appeal of the Rev. George Sheldon.

The original parties having been fully heard, the Roll was called, and opportunity was given to the members of the Assembly to express their opinions on the case.

After which, the final vote was taken, and the appeal was not sustained, nineteen voting in the affirmative, and fifty-four in the negative.

Hon. Arnold Naudain, M. D., and Thos. Farnham, were excused from voting.

Rev. H. A. Rowland, D. D., in behalf of himself and others, gave notice of a protest against the above action.

Adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, June 2d, 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be specially tendered to the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad Company, for their courtesy in the pleasant excursion afforded us to Lake Forest on Saturday, the 22d ult.

Resolved, further, That this Assembly highly appreciate the very delicate and generous invitation of the Rock Island Railroad Company, through Henry Farnum, Esq., to visit the Mississippi River, over their road, at our convenience; and that we return our thanks for their kindness.

The following protest was ordered to be entered upon the Minutes:

We, the undersigned members of the General Assembly, feel constrained to protest against the decision of the General Assembly, in not sustaining the appeal of Mr. George Sheldon, for the following reasons, viz.:

1. It is shown by the records in the case, that Mr. Sheldon failed to appear on the second citation, and that the Presbytery, instead of immediately suspending him for contumacy according to the rule of our Discipline, Chapter V., section 11, merely passed a vote of censure, and proceeded, not only to take testimony, but to issue the whole case upon its merits in the absence of the accused. In allowing a judicatory to take testimony in the absence of the accused, our Book of Discipline does not authorize them to try and issue a case, but only to take [608] the testimony in order to preserve it on record, in case the man should repent of his contumacy on a third citation, and submit himself to trial.

The course of the Presbytery should have been, to suspend Mr. Sheldon for contumacy on the second citation, and then, when he appeared on a third citation, the Presbytery could have removed the sentence of suspension for contumacy, and given him a fair trial.

But, instead of this course, the Presbytery tried the case during Mr. Sheldon's absence, and found him guilty of the charge on merely *ex parte* testimony. And then, when Mr. Sheldon appeared, prepared with testimony in his defense, it was not admitted, nor put on record. He was not, therefore, tried according to our Form of Government; and any evidence adduced by him, touching his guilt or innocence, was entirely excluded from the record.

All of which is contrary to the principles of our Form of Government, and

to the past decisions of the General Assembly, especially in the case of the Rev. Dr. Craighead, of Kentucky, A. D. 1806.

2. In the evidence on record before the Presbytery, when parts of several letters of Mr. Sheldon were given and allowed in evidence, the Presbytery should have required the whole documents in the case; and also when part of the record of the court was admitted, the testimony, on the ground of which the divorce was sought to be obtained, was ruled out. And the Presbytery proceeded upon these partial extracts to form a decision, when the whole document, if allowed in court, or produced there, might have given an entirely different construction to the parts read.

All of which is contrary to the established legal principle, that the best evidence to be had should be demanded in every case; and that, when parts of a document touching any subject are introduced in evidence, the whole document must be admitted.

3. So many and great were the irregularities in this assumed trial, as to enable the General Assembly to form no proper judgment of the real merits of the case. And, on account of these irregularities, the case should have been remanded for a new trial.

On these grounds we protest against the action of the General Assembly, virtually confirming the act of deposition pronounced against Mr. Sheldon, as being contrary to the former decisions of the General Assembly, contrary to the established practice of our judicatory, contrary to the personal rights of Mr. Sheldon, and derogatory to the honor of Jesus Christ as represented by his Church in the highest judicatory. And, because we are unwilling to be thought consenting to such action, we here respectfully enter our solemn protest, and pray that it may be admitted upon the Minutes of the Assembly.

Henry A. Rowland,	Robert W. Landis,
B. B. Beckwith,	Geo. E. Delavan,
Samuel M. Blatchford,	B. Graves,
G. W. Heacock,	T. Ralston Smith,
Geo. C. Lucas,	E. Covert,
Geo. Betts,	Timothy Stillman,
Daniel Clark,	Chester S. Armstrong. [609]

Rev. H. B. Smith, D. D., Rev. G. S. Boardman, and Elder Lyman Wilder, were appointed a *Committee to answer the* above *protest.*

A communication was received from the Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D., in behalf of the Ingham University, over which he presides, commending that institution to the favorable regard of this body; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That this General Assembly hear with pleasure of the present prosperous condition and high promise of the aforesaid University, and cordially commend it to the patronage of our churches.

The Committee appointed to answer the protest of Rev. H. A. Rowland, D. D., and others, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

In answer to the protest against the decision of the Assembly in the case of George Sheldon, the Assembly make the following statement:

1. The action of the Presbytery in the case was irregular, only technically, and not in such a sense as to vitiate the substantial justice of the result. The case had been on trial during a period of some three years, and ample opportunity had been given in this period for the accused to defend himself.

2. Although it is asserted, that only extracts from Mr. Sheldon's letters were admitted in evidence, yet it appears that one letter, and the most important one, is given in full; that the extracts from the other letters are undisputed, and that these fairly and clearly present the truth in the case.

3. As to the alleged new evidence, it appears that it was before the Judicial Committee of the Presbytery, and read in full before the Synod, and was unanimously decided by these judicatories to be no ground for re-opening the case; and it also appears, that this testimony is wholly irreconcilable with statements made by Mr. Sheldon in the letters above referred to.

4. Inasmuch as the Assembly, after a full hearing of the case, by a vote of more than two-thirds, decided that there have been no material deviations from the rules of the Book of Discipline for conducting judicial cases, it is deemed unnecessary, at this late hour of their sessions, to reply further to the allegations of the protestants.

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 Central Presbyterian church, in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, on the third Thursday of May, 1859, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HENRY DARLING, *Permanent Clerk.*

Chicago, June 2d, 1858.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE

Of the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, May, 1858.

The closing sentiment in the Narrative of the last year, was the desire, expressed by several of our Presbyteries, for the revival of God's work. The cheering intelligence which now reaches us from every part of the land, is the realization of this desire. The almost prophetic aspiration of the past, "We trust, that the period is not distant, when this state of actual, general, glorious revival shall be ours," is the fact of the present. We trace a most manifest connection between the intense longing breathed throughout the whole Church a year ago, and the marvelous work of grace that we are now enjoying. It has truthfully been said that, "Next to a state of actual revival is the sense of its need, and the struggle to attain to it, at any sacrifice of treasure, toil, or time."

GREAT AWAKENING.

The meeting of the present Assembly occurs in the midst of what has been very properly styled "The great awakening." In this remarkable work of grace, our own Church has shared, and is sharing, largely; so that, with gratitude and rejoicing, we mention it as the chief feature of the Narrative. The members of the Assembly have come from scenes of revival, to mingle in a revival progressing in the place of meeting. This wave of blessing is rolling over the land. Already it has reached every Presbytery within our bounds; and there is scarcely a church that has not felt, in some degree, its cheering influence. One of our largest Presbyteries says: "The reports which reach us from our churches are such, that our emotions find most appropriate utterance in the words of the Psalmist: 'When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then said they

among the heathen, the Lord hath done great things for them, the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' There is not, within our bounds, a single church in which the tokens of the divine presence have not been distinctly seen; although in several there has been no general awakening and turning to God. In many, the work has been one of unwonted power."

ORIGIN OF THE WORK.

This Pentecostal season manifested itself at an early period of the present year, in a remarkable degree, in the city of New York. This great heart of the country now became the fountain of religious life, sending out its currents to the extremities. Its influence spread most rapidly. Individuals from the East and the West, from the North and the South, came to this business centre, and, like the men of old who visited Jerusalem, they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and returned home to kindle the sacred flame at their own altars, and in the places where they dwelt, until the holy fire was lighted in almost every city and village of the land, where it is still burning more or less brightly.

We do not attribute this revival to any one human instrumentality. It is most manifestly the work of God. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." One of the most carefully prepared Presbyterial Narratives says: "No cause of sufficient power for the production of such results was visible. No Edwards of resistless force in argument; no Whitefield of commanding eloquence; no Summerfield or McCheyne of impassioned feeling, was raised up to be the herald of the Lord. The more we study this work, the more deeply is the truth impressed upon our minds, This is the work of God. God works in secret and mysteriously, when he awakes from its deathlike slumbers the kingdom of nature, and renews the face of the earth; and when he quickens into holy life those who were dead in trespasses and sins.

"In the financial revulsion which preceded this awakening, this truth is equally illustrated. Men were forced to the acknowledgment, This is the hand of God. The perplexities, the reverses, and the losses, which attended it, demonstrating so clearly the instability and the insufficiency of earthly good, exerted, we doubt not, a most salutary influence on thousands, preparing the way for the operations of the Divine Spirit. They were the wind, the earthquake, and the fire, after which came the still small voice."

CHARACTERISTICS.

We find, in the Narratives, a marked uniformity, as to the main features of this revival. A Presbytery in the East says: "The general characteristics of this great work of grace have been singularly uniform, in nearly all our churches. There has been less than usual of overpowering excitement, both in the experience of Christians and in the exercises of the awakened; but much clear conviction of sin and ruin, calm submission to the will of God, and simple faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ."

A Presbytery in the West gives the following as characteristic features of the work:

"1. There is a larger proportion of males and adults among the converts, than in former revivals.

"2. There appears to be a universal readiness among the new members, to take part in the exercises of the prayer and conference meetings.

"3. The fact that so many conversions seem to be in answer to special prayer, is another noticeable characteristic.

"4. Another feature of the work among us, is the increased amount of *lay labor* which has been called forth. A new lesson of love and obedience has been learned by many. They now feel that they have not been called into the Church merely to enjoy themselves, but to serve Christ. They do not so much regard the Church as a ship in which they are to be carried safely and pleasantly to heaven, as a vineyard in which they are to labor.

"Some members of long standing in the Church have recently ceased to consider themselves as passengers, and have become workers; and the new converts are generally asking, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?' rather than saying, 'I pray thee have me excused.'"

INSTRUMENTALITIES.

One of the instrumentalities, employed with much success, has been systematic visitation. This prepared the way for this wonderful display of divine power, and it has proved to be also a most efficient agent in carrying it forward. One of the Presbyteries says: "In the important work of districting the city, and of systematic visitation, for the ingathering of attendants to the sanctuaries and Sabbath-schools, our churches have engaged in connection with others with good success." Another says: "That a Young Men's Christian Association has explored the district in which the church to which it is attached is located, with reference to its thorough evangelization, visiting 20,000 persons, and reducing the results of their investigations to tabular forms; thus making them of permanent value."

The Presbyteries bear united testimony to the happy influence exerted by union prayer meetings, in quickening believers, in awakening sinners, and in leading them to Christ. "The prayer meeting," says one, "always so important, has occupied an extraordinary place in the instrumentalities employed. The prominence given to the prayer meeting has indeed, with us, as throughout the country, been one of the unusual features of this work of grace; and, in connection with it, there has been a development of the piety and ability of the members of the Church, which will, no doubt, be one of the most blessed and permanent influences of the revival. So abundant and so remarkable have been the answers to prayer, that skepticism itself has been silenced, if not convicted; while faith has learned how to say to the mountain, 'Be thou removed,' and to find 'nothing impossible.'"

"God has honored the ordinary means of grace. There has been no demand for new agencies, such as evangelists and revival preachers, technically so styled; and but little demand for pulpit ministrations beyond the strength of the pastors. The work in our churches has thus been directly under pastoral supervision. To no one class of truths has special prominence been given in preaching. The claims of the law of God, with its solemn sanctions; the pollution, the guilt, and the ruin of man; the atoning work of Christ; the sanctifying work of the Spirit; the fullness and the freeness of the Gospel offer, have each been exhibited in turn, with great simplicity and earnestness; and, in view of the results of this preaching, we can say with the apostle, 'I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.'"

PROGRESS.

The Narratives indicate, with scarcely an exception, that this blessed work is still going on. "In its progress, we have been forcibly reminded of the words of our Lord: 'The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of

God is within you.' In impressive grandeur, and in the richness of its blessings, it burst upon us, as in a moment. The Lord whom we sought came suddenly to his temple, revealing himself as 'mighty to save.' The awakening spread so rapidly from point to point, that it seemed to be in these various centres almost simultaneous." A Presbytery at the East says: "The work has not ceased; its power is now displayed less in conversion, more in edification." In another Presbytery, "This work is represented as still going on; in some cases it is deepening in interest." Another, situated at the southern limits of our Church, says: "The Presbytery has shared and is sharing richly in the work of the Holy Spirit." In one of the most carefully prepared Narratives from the West, we have the following language: "The work of grace is not reported in any instance to have abated; new cases of interest are daily occurring." A Presbytery, occupying a central position, says: "In some of our churches the work is manifestly progressing; and in others, while there may be less to arrest the eye, we rejoice to know that there is a strong under-current of religious feeling and action, from which we may look for important results hereafter."

RESULTS.

The time has not yet arrived for giving the statistical results of this general outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is now harvest time; the work of ingathering has been commenced, but not completed. Many sheaves have already been garnered; a larger number yet remain to be gathered in. The Narratives give the results of this glorious work in such statements as the following: "Some churches have been kept from extinction;" "others have doubled their numbers." There is perhaps scarcely a church within the bounds of the Assembly that has not, in some degree, been strengthened.

After a somewhat careful examination of the reports placed in our hands, we think that it may safely be said, that three fourths, if not four fifths, of our churches have been actually revived, and have already added or will soon add to their number of members; and, in many instances, a large increase is indicated. Says one: "In fruits already gathered, there has been an advance of nearly twenty per cent.; and yet it is supposed that, when the already ripened sheaves shall be garnered, there will be an increase of forty per cent. to the membership reported last year." Another Presbytery says: "That, in consequence of the revival, several of its churches have received, or will receive, an addition to their membership, varying from five to fifteen per centum; while upon Shelter Island, probably one half of the entire population may now be numbered among the disciples of Jesus." The result is thus described in another section: "The Presbytery has added during the year, and mostly during the last three months, one fourth to its entire membership. Some of our churches have doubled their numbers, and considerably more than doubled their strength." Another Presbytery reports, "over three hundred added to its churches during the winter, on profession." A Presbytery in a different section of the country says: "Large additions have been made to the churches by profession; and they will yet increase more and more." In the eight churches in the bounds of another Presbytery, an aggregate of over two hundred accessions to the Church of Christ is reported. Another Narrative states that, "This revival has gradually extended throughout the bounds of our Presbytery, until almost none of our churches have been left unblest by its holy influences." "While mere statistics can never be the measure of such divine harvests; yet it ought to be made known, to the praise of God, and to inspire the gratitude of his people, that, during the past year, and almost wholly as the result of the

present awakening, over seven hundred souls have been hopefully added to the number of the Lord's redeemed, and enrolled on the records of the churches of this Presbytery."

INFLUENCES.

It is impossible to measure the influence that this great revival has exerted, is now exerting, and is yet to exert, upon the Church and the world.

1. On the Church.

Its mighty tide-wave is rolling on, widening and deepening in its course, until it shall break upon the shores of eternity.

It is not to be expected, that its outward manifestations will continue; but its power, its internal life, will remain in the Church. The great awakening, that occurred in connection with the labors of Whitefield and his coadjutors, left its impress upon the Church; its influence has come down to us, and we feel its power. The Church was then lifted into a higher position, and clothed with new energy. The influence of the present awakening, we believe, will be still more salutary and permanent upon the Church. Never, in the same space of time, has the Church advanced so much in living energy and abiding power. She has taken another step upward. The moral grandeur of her position, and the majestic force which, under God, she has been enabled to wield, have given her a deeper hold upon the hearts and consciences of all classes, than perhaps she ever had before.

The piety of her members, and of those who have recently joined her ranks, has put on a higher and more active type. Instead of manifesting itself in mere expressions of emotion, it has been energetic in leading sinners to Christ. So that we may confidently hope, that in this "quickening of the Church," in the development of the working and praying power of the laity, in the increased spirit of consecration, and in the awakening and conversion of sinners, the present interest is but the inauguration of a perpetual and grand Revival Era. We receive these mercy-drops as but the herald of the coming shower; and we cry to our people: "Verily, there is a sound of abundance of rain!" We hail this awakening as but the voice of John the Baptist, crying: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!" The power of the Church has been augmented, to cheer us when we were ready to be discouraged in relation to the moral condition of our country. We shall yet witness the confirmation of our hopes; and, from this land, light, liberty, and salvation shall go out in every direction.

Seamen as well as landsmen have been the subjects of this blessed work. Noon-day prayer-meetings have been held on board of our large ships while crossing the ocean; the song of praise, and the voice of prayer, have gone up from the forecastle, and these weather-beaten sailors have carried the glad tidings to other nations. So that we can almost say, in the language of Cowper,

> "The dwellers in the vales and on the rocks
> Shout to each other; and the mountain-tops
> From distant mountains catch the flying joy,
> Till, nation after nation taught the strain,
> Earth rolls the rapturous Hosanna round."

2. On Ministerial Supply.

The Church of Christ has suffered for years, because the supply of ministers was not equal to the increased, and constantly increasing, demand. God

has now taken this matter into his own hands. This general Baptism of the Holy Ghost, this wonderful turning to God on the part of the young men throughout the country, will multiply the number of candidates for the ministry, and give those who enter it a more entire consecration to the service of their divine Master.

It is reported that a large number of the students at Yale and Amherst Colleges have already been converted; and that at Beloit College seventy are hoping in Christ, thirty-six of whom are studying for the ministry. Other institutions of learning have also shared largely in this work of grace.

3. On a Christian Literature.

The influence of this revival will be seen in its effects upon a Christian literature. It has already called into existence religious papers, periodicals, and volumes, that breathe its spirit, and that will preserve the records of its wonderful power. The secular press has, with scarcely an exception, whether in sympathy with it or not, been compelled to speak of it with respect, and to chronicle its mighty achievements. It will purify, elevate, and give a more decided religious character to the reading of the age.

4. On Christian Doctrine.

It will vitalize Christian doctrine. The forms of orthodoxy will breathe with a new life. Truth will be viewed less in the abstract, more in the concrete. Religion will be regarded not merely as a belief in creeds, but as a life; the Bible, as a book not merely designed to teach systematic theology, but as containing great truths adapted to meet the wants of the soul. The aim of the ministry, more than ever, will be to present the doctrines of grace, in the living logic of a mind inspired with their deep philosophy to meet the world's reason, in the living rectitude of a mind inspired with their goodness, to meet the world's conscience, in the love of a mind inspired with Christ, to meet the wants of the world's soul.

5. On Co-operative Christianity.

It has brought those connected with different religious sects to labor and pray together, not merely as members of any one denomination, but as Christians. Its bearing has been most marked in the influence already felt, and yet to be exerted, on a co-operative Christianity. At times, perhaps, our faith has wavered, in regard to the conversion of the world; but when we see Christians laying aside their minor differences, and combining their influence and energies for the salvation of souls, we are ready to thank God, and take courage. When we see the statement, based upon a careful examination of statistics, that in our own country, within one week, during the present revival, fifty thousand have hopefully been converted to God, we need not be in doubt in regard to the way in which the world is to be converted, or have any fears about the fulfillment of the predictions referring to the future triumphs of the Church. In this wonderful display of Divine power, we see how the latter-day glory of the Church is to be ushered in. The millennium may be even now breaking upon our enraptured vision. "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God!"

LESSONS.

The instructions, growing out of this remarkable work of grace, are important to the Church and the ministry. This blessing came to encourage her members and her ministers, and to inspire them with new confidence in

the power of Christ. It has been abundantly verified, that "he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Our faith in the efficacy of the ordinary means of grace has been greatly strengthened. "God has honored his own chosen instrumentalities, the preaching of his ministers, and the prayers of his people." We have been taught anew our dependence upon the over-ruling Providence and the Spirit of God.

The words of Peter, when accounting for the first revival in the Christian Church, are eminently descriptive of the present divine work: "Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear."

Another lesson taught is, that a condition of spiritual life in the Church is one also of great external prosperity. It is a law of life to work outward, and build for itself a body, a habitation to dwell in. This vital force sets all the machinery of the Church in motion, for the Spirit of the living God is in the wheels. We should naturally expect, therefore, to find what the Narratives of the different Presbyteries within our bounds actually reveal: that new church edifices have been erected, while others have been enlarged and improved; in some cases, debts have been diminished or paid off; new churches have been organized; and in some instances, new Presbyteries have been formed. Notwithstanding the financial pressure, "the contributions to the various objects which have usually received the patronage of our churches, have fallen but little below those of the previous year," and in some instances they have been enlarged. A lively interest is manifested by the Presbyteries in the plans adopted for extending the borders, and increasing the efficiency, of the Church, that she may meet her weighty responsibilities. The following language of one may be regarded as the sentiment of the whole: "As a Presbytery, we heartily sympathize with the General Assembly in its action relative to Ministerial Education, Church Extension and Publication. We express our deep conviction of the importance of energetic, united efforts in the departments referred to, and our confidence in the wisdom of the plans of action adopted by the Assembly." There has been a great increase in the number of persons attending upon the public worship of the sanctuary, as well as in the number of those who have been willing to engage in giving instruction in the Sabbath-school. New schools have been formed, while those already existing have increased in numbers, and many of the scholars been led to Jesus. Catechetical instruction is receiving the more general attention of pastors and others, and many youth enjoy the benefit of a systematic and thorough training in this important department.

Such mercies, as we are thus permitted to record, may well call forth "thanksgiving and the voice of melody." They offer precious encouragements to prayer and faith, and spiritual labor. We would be animated by the goodness of the Lord to more cheerful self-denial; we would be won to a more complete consecration to the will of our blessed Saviour.

In the name of the Divine Master, we would exhort the churches to seek still greater mercies from Him whom giving doth not impoverish. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." How many children of the covenant are yet unregenerated! How much greater are the multitudes still unreached, than the converts over whom we give thanks! while an illimitable heathen world is still shrouded in its almost unbroken darkness. To the churches we say: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! they shall prosper that love thee!" Unto God we pray: "Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem."

Truth is eternal. The Church lives. Never before has she furnished more conclusive evidence of her power to overcome every obstacle in the way of her universal triumph. But we are reminded of the solemn truth, that her sons die. Those who have finished their earthly course say to us: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest."

The following ministers have, during the past year, ceased from their labors on the earth, and entered into rest:

Rev. John W. Beecher,	of the	Presbytery of	Utica.
" Henry Dwight,	"		Geneva.
" George L. Hall,	"		Ithaca.
" Thaddeus Pomeroy,	"		Onondaga.
" C. C. Crossfield,	"		Genesee.
" Chandler Bates,	"		Rochester.
" Joel Osborn,	"		North River.
" Hubert P. Herrick,	"		New York, 3d.
" Joseph Barlow,	"		Montrose.
" John McKnight,	"		Philadelphia, 3d.
" William Ramsey, D. D.,	"		" "
" Anson Rood,	"		" "
" Ethan Osborne,	"		" 4th.
" Holloway W. Hunt,	"		" "
" Benjamin F. Templeton,	"		" "
" Hugh S. McElroy,	"		Detroit.
" William Burton,	"		Grand River.
" Reuben Taylor,	"		Cleveland.
" Joseph Fowler,	"		Knox.
" Hercules R. Dunham,	"		Galena.
" Seymour Thompson,	"		Chicago.
" Thomas Cleland, D. D.,	"		Providence.

By order of the General Assembly.

M. L. P. THOMPSON, *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	84	3	7	70	366	145	8257	124	156	$184 01	$1,571 63	$3,045 64	$791 22	$2,290 57	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
1. Champlain	1814	...	25	...	1	21	78	52	2345	30	59	64 00	490 50	921 13	85 28	386 85	Stephen H. Williams.
2. Troy	1820	...	23	2	2	18	21	21	2291	6	28	32 00	59 50	544 36	60 00	570 50	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
3. Albany	1791	...	14	...	2	12	116	30	1664	46	22	35 01	419 51	511 12	365 69	518 78	Eber M. Rollo.
4. Columbia	1802	...	6	...	2	6	74	20	909	21	12	.....	322 00	432 00	145 00	235 00	William S. Leavitt.
5. Catskill	1851	...	16	1	...	13	77	22	1048	21	35	53 00	280 12	637 03	135 25	579 44	Leonard B. Van Dyck.
II. Synod of Utica	1829	4	65	5	9	72	219	158	7106	60	99	263 35	1,258 19	2,082 42	2,175 10	1,989 77	William E. Knox.
1. St. Lawrence	1818	...	8	...	3	6	4	4	723	1	5	36 15	116 00	140 00	80 00	39 12	Baruch B. Beckwith.
2. Watertown	1822	...	13	...	...	21	115	49	1968	35	35	85 00	337 37	670 75	241 00	778 47	Isaac Brayton.
3. Oswego	1823	...	9	1	...	15	10	33	1415	3	11	23 00	97 24	408 19	52 29	71 50	Thomas A. Weed.
4. Utica	1842	...	35	4	6	30	90	72	3000	21	48	119 20	707 58	863 48	1,801 81	1,100 68	Samuel W. Brace.
III. Synod of Geneva	1812	6	109	4	13	93	354	226	9725	145	151	200 89	2,222 01	1,980 89	1,980 64	2,398 51	Benjamin M. Goldsmith.
1. Geneva	1805	...	36	3	6	17	48	60	2406	15	46	18 00	483 83	848 64	638 36	779 98	Benjamin M. Goldsmith.
2. Bath	1817	...	14	...	...	17	51	20	1414	18	24	26 25	331 95	191 69	597 20	343 23	Stephen Vorhis.
3. Chemung	1836	...	22	...	...	20	71	59	1838	24	16	26 40	146 13	72 62	91 50	352 14	Charles C. Carr.
4. Ithaca	1839	...	11	...	3	11	34	15	1414	11	15	45 75	647 02	398 13	475 88	150 84	Lewis Kellogg.
5. Pennsylvania	1845	...	13	...	...	13	45	7	564	12	12	26 00	67 83	48 78	10 00	.....	Samuel J. McCullough.
6. Lyons	1856	...	13	1	4	15	105	65	2089	65	38	58 49	545 25	421 03	167 70	772 32	Franklin S. Howe.
IV. Synod of Onondaga	1855	4	80	16	12	70	305	203	7769	124	174	339 70	3,433 12	3,003 89	2,340 04	2,303 01	Lewis H. Reid.
1. Onondaga	1810	...	23	...	5	24	38	58	2440	14	50	84 70	1,019 77	774 67	747 38	770 29	Royal A. Avery.
2. Cayuga	1810	...	31	15	...	21	74	46	2196	39	59	110 00	1,141 05	847 48	1,213 06	825 55	Henry N. Miller.
3. Cortland	1825	...	13	...	7	16	75	40	1707	25	37	70 00	594 19	586 59	219 23	458 17	Samuel N. Robinson.
4. Tioga	1829	...	13	1	...	9	118	59	1426	46	28	75 00	678 11	795 15	160 37	249 00	Samuel H. Hall.

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V. Synod of Susquehanna...	1853	3	42	...	3	51	100	62	3989	30	59	$88 84	$860 30	$957 06	$217 16	$248 48	David Torrey.
1. Otsego	1820	...	11	...	...	17	6	5	1264	2	12	50 75	52 00	239 13	53 00	208 91	Samuel W. Bush.
2. Chenango	1826	...	15	...	3	18	77	34	1646	25	27	29 09	659 30	595 67	100 55	.....	Willard M. Hoyt.
3. Delaware	1831	...	16	...	...	16	17	23	1079	3	20	9 00	149 00	122 26	63 61	39 57	Isaac D. Cornwell.
VI. Synod of Genesee	1821	6	125	4	3	108	649	446	12,371	250	237	305 08	6,317 26	4,900 01	6,116 45	6,927 38	Timothy Stillman, D. D.
1. Buffalo	1817	...	49	...	...	39	201	190	3851	72	94	165 00	2,348 38	2,232 15	4,228 68	1,298 50	Timothy Stillman, D. D.
2. Ontario	1817	...	16	...	...	14	34	51	1488	14	13	5 50	650 02	769 31	156 70	1,118 42	John Barnard. D. D.
3. Rochester	1819	...	26	1	3	16	68	85	2607	30	57	15 00	1,795 41	891 12	480 64	2,569 64	Jonathan Copeland.
4. Genesee	1819	...	14	3	...	14	111	45	1277	45	16	44 58	942 95	338 68	650 13	329 00	Gabriel S. Corwin.
5. Niagara	1823	...	17	...	...	18	235	75	2538	89	57	75 00	580 50	668 75	600 30	1,616 82	Josiah J. Ward.
6. Angelica	1828	...	3	...	...	7	.....	...	610	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Samuel A. Rawson.
VII. Synod of N. Y. and N. J.	1788	9	226	25	73	155	2262	1067	24,905	610	795	1,265 10	26,505 06	24,281 45	10,850 30	9,415 01	John N. Lewis.
1. Hudson	1797	...	14	...	3	13	82	57	1770	39	48	65 00	131 75	625 63	399 38	597 01	Obadiah M. Johnson.
2. North River	1819	...	15	...	...	17	106	19	1718	36	33	67 50	300 00	344 00	147 00	298 00	Sumner Mandeville.
3. Long Island	1791	...	10	...	...	6	17	17	629	3	20	31 90	93 00	98 00	110 00	64 00	Epher Whitaker.
4. New York, 3d	1831	...	54	13	34	25	571	333	5922	141	236	305 00	16,649 41	13,490 12	5,715 52	3,183 29	Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D.
5. New York, 4th	1845	...	30	10	23	12	377	165	2789	90	106	250 00	4,185 00	5,837 80	1,672 27	2,128 24	A. Augustus Wood, D.D.
6. Brooklyn	1838	...	18	...	5	9	176	133	2444	27	32	132 30	213 85	181 36	177 00	.....	William S. Karr.
7. Newark	1824	...	38	...	2	21	610	236	4874	102	173	198 00	3,120 05	2,279 18	1,221 26	2,631 47	Joseph Few Smith, D.D.
8. Rockaway	1839	...	23	1	1	19	250	32	2435	147	69	98 50	667 00	647 50	1,070 00	416 00	Burtis C. Megie.
9. Montrose	1832	...	24	1	5	33	73	75	2324	25	78	116 90	1,145 00	777 86	337 87	97 00	Adam Miller.
VIII. Synod of Penna	1838	4	81	5	29	69	1201	324	11,179	419	533	564 57	19,844 34	4,839 65	4,417 07	24,971 80	William E. Moore.
1. Wilmington	1832	...	13	2	...	17	188	45	1385	75	41	35 00	412 78	421 69	303 66	483 18	John W. Mears.
2. Philadelphia, 3d	1832	...	27	1	9	18	410	114	2806	127	151	245 00	9,306 00	2,185 00	1,865 00	23,342 00	J. Glentworth Butler.
3. Philadelphia, 4th	1845	...	28	1	12	26	527	105	5965	196	292	234 57	8,150 56	988 46	1,485 41	1,081 62	Thomas J. Shepherd.
4. Harrisburgh	1839	...	13	1	8	8	76	60	1023	21	49	50 00	1,975 00	1,244 50	763 00	65 00	Conway P. Wing, D. D.

IX. Synod of W. Penna	1843	3	21	...	2	37	244	83	2850	53	96	123 50	1,036 11	789 43	391 35	396 64	George A. Lyon, D. D.
1. Erie	1801	...	10	...	1	15	102	42	1202	32	38	59 00	419 00	280 82	97 35	331 24	Joseph Vance.
2. Meadville	1842	...	6	...	1	16	72	15	945	13	31	37 00	171 11	77 61	159 00	41 40	Richard Craighead.
3. Pittsburgh	1839	...	5	...	...	6	70	26	703	8	27	27 50	446 00	431 00	135 00	24 00	Samuel M. Sparks.
X. Synod of Michigan	1834	9	81	1	12	101	574	439	7745	164	268	248 08	2,759 93	3,358 37	895 25	1,649 37	William S. Huggins.
1. Detroit	1826	...	15	...	...	18	146	55	1430	12	50	46 85	606 28	1,140 73	269 37	207 69	Eurotas P. Hastings.
2. Monroe	1833	...	10	...	...	13	54	46	1266	25	55	49 00	442 50	626 55	94 00	621 11	Addison K. Strong.
3. Marshall	1838	...	7	...	4	14	70	48	1078	20	26	33 00	407 74	216 29	160 29	.....	Chester S. Armstrong.
4. Washtenaw	1838	...	13	1	8	11	62	71	1133	25	39	30 00	280 03	318 39	144 84	181 95	Charles K. Clark.
5. Kalamazoo	1838	...	10	...	...	12	85	62	1084	29	32	41 23	689 83	638 36	213 58	496 73	Milton Bradley.
6. Cold Water	1856	...	8	...	...	11	63	57	788	18	25	27 00	135 89	145 33	13 17	.....	Reuben S. Goodman.
7. Saginaw	1856	...	9	...	...	11	46	60	626	11	34	21 00	197 66	272 72	.....	141 89	Henry N. Northrop.
8. Grand River Valley	1857	...	5	...	...	6	46	21	279	24	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Courtney Smith.
9. Lake Superior	1857	...	4	...	...	5	2	19	61	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	William A. McCorkle.
XI. Synod of W. Reserve	1825	7	108	3	22	89	323	211	6113	113	202	236 10	2,715 51	3,529 94	1,878 65	2,163 89	Xenophon Betts.
1. Grand River	1814	...	10	...	...	6	26	34	553	10	15	17 50	85 62	129 97	14 00	.....	Dexter Witter.
2. Portage	1818	...	21	2	15	10	5	9	652	...	12	32 60	604 09	523 79	145 28	692 91	Levi B. Wilson.
3. Huron	1823	...	16	...	1	17	33	36	1197	14	40	50 92	311 99	363 65	59 38	364 51	Alfred Newton.
4. Trumbull	1827	...	12	...	5	14	32	22	1147	16	40	26 95	247 61	296 12	26 77	135 93	Xenophon Betts.
5. Cleveland	1830	...	24	1	...	15	136	54	1343	44	32	61 83	1,120 39	1,088 38	1,407 00	622 34	James Shaw.
6. Elyria	1842	...	16	...	1	14	2	9	621	...	6	.....	53 48	847 37	167 17	75 50	Alfred H. Betts.
7. Maumee	1842	...	9	...	...	13	89	47	600	29	57	46 30	292 33	280 66	59 05	272 70	Perry C. Baldwin.
XII. Synod of Ohio	1814	4	53	4	6	74	381	140	4656	105	184	125 50	1,464 69	1,404 96	1,226 37	955 30	Addison Kingsbury, D.D.
1. Athens	1822	...	13	1	...	19	66	15	708	19	52	31 00	164 50	63 40	258 02	104 00	James S. Walton.
2. Pataskala	1809	...	17	...	...	24	67	49	1796	18	46	26 00	703 42	772 68	354 62	147 93	Timothy W. Howe.
3. Franklin	1835	...	16	1	5	20	192	43	1377	53	47	28 50	184 02	130 60	82 29	73 67	Henry Shedd.
4. Scioto	1845	...	7	2	1	11	56	33	775	15	39	40 00	412 75	438 28	531 44	629 70	Joseph Chester.
XIII. Synod of Cincinnati	1829	3	41	12	1	37	229	74	2691	54	82	113 60	7,558 61	2,951 32	2,381 25	873 00	James J. Blaisdell.
1. Cincinnati	1828	...	23	11	...	16	54	37	1315	9	49	81 00	7,052 00	2,511 00	2,038 00	873 00	D. Howe Allen, D. D.
2. Dayton	1838	...	9	1	1	11	138	27	800	35	22	6 60	315 00	292 00	199 00	.....	E. Roger Johnson.
3. Hamilton	1846	...	9	...	...	10	37	10	576	10	11	26 00	191 61	148 32	144 25	.....	Benjamin Graves.

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XIV. Synod of Indiana.....	1826	4	43	1	12	62	393	212	3459	128	146	$155 70	$1,629 22	$1,177 05	$1,106 56	$456 13	John M. Bishop.
1. Salem.....	1823	...	8	...	3	17	103	54	1061	46	51	43 15	755 06	459 88	364 12	135 05	John M. Bishop.
2. Madison.....	1825	...	15	...	9	16	73	59	940	19	28	47 00	461 41	190 04	272 00	218 66	W. Wallace Atterbury.
3. Indianapolis.....	1830	...	12	...	...	16	111	68	845	27	24	42 25	270 75	335 13	453 44	102 42	George M. Maxwell.
4. Green Castle.....	1850	...	8	1	...	13	106	31	613	36	43	23 30	142 00	192 00	17 00	.....	Thomas S. Milligan.
XV. Synod of Wabash.....	1851	4	34	3	3	58	266	106	2709	94	95	60 60	579 34	293 00	185 52	99 00	Francis S. McCabe.
1. Crawfordsville.....	1825	...	11	...	...	11	49	23	481	17	26	14 00	140 00	73 00	97 00	29 50	Alexander Lemon.
2. St. Joseph.....	1833	...	7	3	1	18	81	41	885	25	29	15 50	205 89	87 00	52 00	.....	Norman Kellogg.
3. Logansport.....	1835	...	9	...	2	17	72	25	946	32	33	11 00	105 45	72 00	21 52	59 50	Francis S. McCabe.
4. Fort Wayne.....	1845	...	6	...	...	12	64	17	397	20	7	20 10	128 00	61 00	15 00	10 00	John Fairchild.
XVI. Synod of Illinois.....	1831	4	63	1	8	81	310	237	4010	87	110	162 93	1,721 46	1,624 14	15,809 30	1,207 05	Henry C. Abernethy.
1. Illinois.....	1828	...	18	...	1	14	44	10	987	11	5	35 58	437 50	852 75	12,650 00	20 00	Cyrus L. Watson.
2. Schuyler.....	1833	...	17	1	3	20	83	91	1042	28	43	49 40	416 00	281 00	2,792 00	454 00	George I. King.
3. Wabash.....	1833	...	7	...	...	7	46	17	250	12	15	14 05	70 00	44 50	.....	.....	Enoch Kingsbury.
4. Alton.....	1836	...	21	...	4	40	137	119	1731	36	47	63 90	797 96	445 89	367 30	733 05	Augustus T. Norton.
XVII. Synod of Peoria.....	1843	8	96	3	22	78	490	638	4289	148	186	162 70	5,612 81	3,865 02	1,470 13	1,792 38	Ira M. Weed.
1. Ottawa.....	1834	...	18	...	...	11	34	22	307	15	16	13 25	120 00	98 00	.....	112 00	Nahum Gould.
2. Knox.....	1836	...	11	...	...	4	24	74	361	9	14	18 05	46 00	20 00	5 00	80 00	John W. Bailey.
3. Galena*.....	1842	...	10	...	3	15	...	...	547	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John N. Powell.
4. Chicago.....	1847	...	22	3	7	16	173	233	1444	41	58	61 00	4,824 47	3,377 86	1,196 54	1,279 15	Lewis H. Loss.
5. Belvidere.....	1847	...	12	...	10	7	123	109	738	34	46	31 00	198 09	227 16	260 59	267 23	Morrison Huggins.
6. Minnesota.....	1850	...	8	...	...	9	41	60	311	15	22	15 00	35 00	32 00	.....	.....	Charles S. Le Duc.
7. Bloomington.....	1857	...	8	...	2	13	93	87	488	33	24	14 40	344 25	110 00	.....	54 00	Alfred Eddy.
8. Blue Earth.....	1857	...	7	...	...	3	2	53	93	1	6	10 00	45 00	.....	8 00	.....	Edmund D. Holt.

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XVIII. Synod of Wisconsin.	1857	3	32	1	1	25	150	236	1131	32	82	46 49	849 18	95 54	348 50	48 73	William A. Niles.
1. Milwaukee	1851	...	15	...	...	7	59	104	549	11	41	21 92	777 11	59 49	325 00	30 00	S. Granby Spees.
2. Fox River	1851	...	8	...	...	7	7	64	242	...	10	9 75	23 00	20 00	.....	.....	John B. Preston.
3. Columbus	1856	...	9	1	1	11	84	68	340	21	31	14 82	49 07	16 05	23 50	18 73	Cyrus E. Rosenkrans.
XIX. Synod of Iowa	1853	5	41	...	10	62	309	281	1974	75	105	104 85	500 45	356 92	1,071 01	406 50	Peter Van Nest.
1. Des Moines	1845	...	5	...	...	8	18	7	177	7	15	25 15	10 00	30 00	.....	17 00	Thompson Bird.
2. Iowa City	1852	...	12	...	2	19	94	122	573	35	29	28 65	114 60	56 15	158 51	129 00	Samuel Storrs Howe.
3. Keokuk	1852	...	12	...	8	22	85	68	808	14	39	30 05	175 85	88 77	849 50	260 50	Gamaliel C. Beaman.
4. Dubuque	1855	...	5	...	...	3	43	48	168	10	12	8 50	200 00	182 00	63 00	.....	Samuel Newbury.
5. Cedar Valley	1857	...	7	...	...	10	69	36	248	9	10	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	Williston Jones.
XX. S. of Alta California.	1857	3	14	...	...	10	3	25	345	...	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edward B. Walsworth.
1. San Francisco	1849	...	6	...	...	2	2	10	90	...	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Samuel H. Willey.
2. Sierra Nevada *	1857	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	133								
3. San José	1857	...	4	...	...	4	1	15	122	...	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Eli Corwin.
XXI. Synod of Missouri	1832	4	40	2	4	57	...	...	2290	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John Leighton.
1. Saint Louis *	1831	...	12	...	1	9	...	...	611	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edmund Wright.
2. Northern Missouri *	1845	...	6	...	...	9	...	...	592	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John Leighton.
3. Lexington *	1845	...	11	2	...	21	...	...	569	...	...	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	Samuel J. M. Beebe.
4. Osage *	1845	...	11	...	3	18	...	...	518	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	George W. Harlan.
XXII. Synod of Virginia	1788	4	37	7	7	49	...	...	4173	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas D. Bell.
1. Winchester *	1794	...	7	4	5	18	...	...	1085	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Henry Mathews.
2. Dist. of Columbia *	1831	...	11	2	...	13	...	...	1496	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	William McLain.
3. Hanover *	1838	...	10	1	2	8	...	...	773	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Isaac W. K. Handy.
4. Piedmont *	1857	...	9	...	...	10	...	...	819	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bryce A. Martin.
XXIII. Synod of Kentucky.	1802	3	13	...	...	21	...	...	1028	...	...	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	Archer C. Dickerson.
1. Harmony *	1842	...	5	...	...	9	...	...	352	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fincelius R. Gray.
2. Providence *	1842	...	3	...	...	6	...	...	499	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas H. Cleland.
3. Green River *	1842	...	5	...	...	6	...	...	177	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Archer C. Dickerson.

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XXIV. Synod of Tennessee..	1817	4	44	...	14	84	...	...	5286	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Joseph H. Martin.
1. Union *	1797	...	18	...	7	31	...	...	1992	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gideon S. White.
2. Holston *	1826	...	10	...	5	18	...	...	1833								
3. Kingston *	1838	...	7	...	2	21	...	...	783	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	William B. Brown.
4. New River *	1838	...	9	...	...	14	...	...	678	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	George Painter.
XXV. Synod of W. Tenn	1826	3	19	...	2	38	...	...	2209	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	William Eagleton, D. D.
1. West Tennessee *	1810	...	5	...	1	7	...	...	568	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frederick A. Thompson.
2. Shiloh *	1816	...	4	...	...	17	...	...	916	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Amzi Bradshaw.
3. Richland *	1824	...	10	...	1	14	...	...	725	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	G. E. Eagleton.
XXVI. Synod of Mississippi.	1846	4	20	2	2	36	...	...	1151	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Charles M. Atkinson.
1. Clinton *	1822	...	7	1	2	12	...	...	358	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Consider Parish.
2. Lexington, South *	1845	...	3	1	...	9	...	...	296	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edgar M. Richardson.
3. Newton *	1845	...	5	...	...	10	...	...	408	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	James M. Richardson.
4. Texas *	1854	...	5	...	...	5	...	...	89	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Daniel C. Henderson.

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1. Albany	1803	5	84	3	7	70	366	145	8,257	124	156	$184.01	$1,571.63	$3,045.64	$791.22	$2,290.57
2. Utica	1829	4	65	5	9	72	219	158	7,106	60	99	263.35	1,258.19	2,082.42	2,175.10	1,989.77
3. Geneva	1812	6	109	4	13	93	354	226	9,725	145	151	200.89	2,222.01	1,980.89	1,980.64	2,398.51
4. Onondaga	1855	4	80	16	12	70	305	203	7,769	124	174	339.78	3,433.12	3,003.89	2,340.04	2,303.01
5. Susquehanna	1853	3	42	...	3	51	100	62	3,989	30	59	88.84	860.30	957.06	217.16	248.48
6. Genesee	1821	6	125	4	3	108	649	446	12,371	250	237	305.08	6,317.26	4,900.01	6,116.45	6,927.38
7. N. York and N. Jersey	1788	9	226	25	73	155	2262	1067	24,905	610	795	1265.10	26,505.06	24,281.45	10,850.30	9,415.01
8. Pennsylvania	1838	4	81	5	29	69	1201	324	11,179	419	533	564.57	19,844.34	4,839.65	4,417.07	24,971.80
9. West Pennsylvania	1843	3	21	...	2	37	244	83	2,850	53	96	123.50	1,036.11	789.43	391.35	396.64
10. Michigan	1834	9	81	1	12	101	574	439	7,745	164	268	248.08	2,759.93	3,358.37	895.25	1,649.37
11. Western Reserve	1825	7	108	3	22	89	323	211	6,113	113	202	236.10	2,715.51	3,529.94	1,878.65	2,163.89
12. Ohio	1814	4	53	4	6	74	381	140	4,656	105	184	125.50	1,464.69	1,404.96	1,226.37	955.30
13. Cincinnati	1829	3	41	12	1	37	229	74	2,691	54	82	113.60	7,558.61	2,951.32	2,381.25	873.00
14. Indiana	1826	4	43	1	12	62	393	212	3,459	128	146	155.70	1,629.22	1,177.05	1,106.56	456.13
15. Wabash	1851	4	34	3	3	58	266	106	2.709	94	95	60.60	579.34	293.00	185.52	99.00
16. Illinois	1831	4	63	1	8	81	310	237	4,010	87	110	162.93	1,721.46	1,624.14	15,809.30	1,207.05
17. Peoria	1843	8	96	3	22	78	490	638	4,289	148	186	162.70	5,612.81	3,865.02	1,470.13	1,792.38
18. Wisconsin	1857	3	32	1	1	25	150	236	1,131	32	82	46.49	849.18	95.54	348.50	48.73
19. Iowa	1853	5	41	...	10	62	309	281	1,974	75	105	104.85	500.45	356.92	1,071.01	406.50
20. Alta California	1857	3	14	...	...	10	3	25	345	...	26					
21. Missouri	1832	4	40	2	4	57	...	...	2,290							
22. Virginia	1788	4	37	7	7	49	...	...	4,173							
23. Kentucky	1802	3	13	...	...	21	...	...	1,028							
24. Tennessee	1817	4	44	...	14	84	...	...	5,286							
25. West Tennessee	1826	3	19	...	2	38	...	...	2,209							
26. Mississippi	1846	4	20	2	2	36	...	...	1,151							
		120	1612	102	277	1687	9128	5313	143,510	2815	3786	$4751.59	$88,439.22	$64,536.70	$55,651.87	$60,592.52