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PREFACE.

This volume of the *Minutes* of the General Assembly is published under the following authorization:

The General Assembly (*Minutes*, 1884, p. 121) appointed "The Stated and Permanent Clerks a Committee to report to the next General Assembly upon the advisability of reprinting any or all of the Minutes of the General Assembly between the years 1836 and 1869, said Committee to serve without expense to the Assembly."

The Committee reported progress (*Minutes*, 1885, p. 684), recommending, *inter alia*, "that the expense of this republication be borne by the Board of Publication, and that the number of copies to be issued be left to the judgment of the Committee to be appointed to take charge of the matter."

The report was adopted, and the Assembly directed that the Stated and Permanent Clerks be the Committee to have charge of the printing of said Minutes. The Committee was continued by the several Assemblies from 1886 to 1893.

The plan of publication adopted is the following: The Minutes for 1836 and 1837 have been added to the volume already published, covering the period from 1821 to 1835, thus making complete the Minutes of the supreme judicatories of the Church from 1705 to 1837, the year preceding the division; the Minutes of the Old School General Assembly from 1838 to 1869 have been published in four volumes, and the Minutes of the New School General Assembly, for the same period, in two volumes, thus completing the republication of the Minutes from 1705 to 1869.

This is the second volume of the New School Minutes.

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Wm. H. Roberts,
Wm. E. Moore.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1859.

Wilmington, Del., May 19th, 1859.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, at the city of Wilmington, Del., on Thursday, the 19th day of May, 1859, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Central Presbyterian church, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. M. L. P. Thompson, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from 1 Tim. 3 : 1 : "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."

After the sermon, the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

The report of the Committee on Commissions was presented, and the following persons were thereupon enrolled as duly appointed Commissioners of this General Assembly: [4]

I. SYNOD OF ALBANY.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Champlain*,	John Bradshaw, John R. Herrick.	
2. *Troy*,	Peter Gordon,	William P. Bliss.
3. *Albany*,	Eber M. Rollo,	Hon. John O. Cole (2).
4. *Columbia.*		
5. *Catskill*,	Edward Stratton,	Lawrence Winne.

II. SYNOD OF UTICA.

1. *St. Lawrence*,	R. Richard Kirk.	
2. *Watertown*,	Calvin Yale,	Roswell T. Lee.
3. *Oswego*,	Edward Lord (2),	Hon. M. Lindley Lee, M. D. (2).
4. *Utica*,	William E. Knox, Phil. H. Fowler, D. D.,	Charles McLean, Gilbert M. Gifford (2).

III. SYNOD OF GENEVA.

1. *Geneva*,	Fred. E. Cannon, D. D., Sam. H. Gridley, D. D.,	Daniel D. Johnson.
2. *Bath*,	Stephen Vorhis,	Nathaniel C. Taylor (2).
3. *Chemung*,	David Murdock, D. D.,	Charles J. Chatfield.
4. *Ithaca*,	Allen Traver,	Joseph Esty.
5. *Pennsylvania*,	A. Henry Barnes.	
6. *Lyons*,	Robert E. Willson,	Jesse Smith.

IV. SYNOD OF ONONDAGA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Onondaga*,	William W. Newell,	Philip Flint, Luther Baker.
2. *Cayuga*,	William S. Franklin, Henry N. Millerd,	Lake J. Tefft, M. D., Samuel Stringham.
3. *Cortland*,	William G. Hubbard,	Hon. Perrin H. McGraw.
4. *Tioga*,	Peter Lockwood (6),	Elias Hawley (2).

V. SYNOD OF SUSQUEHANNA.

1. *Otsego*,	Chas. Wadsworth (2),	Charles H. Metcalf.
2. *Chenango*,	Henry Callahan.	
3. *Delaware*,	Samuel J. White.	

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VI. SYNOD OF GENESEE.

1. *Buffalo*,	Edwin S. Wright, Charles Jerome,	George W. Tew, Byron Cochran.
2. *Ontario*,	Anson H. Parmelee.	
3. *Rochester*,	James Fenner, Frederick Starr, Jr.,	Albert Simonds.
4. *Genesee*,	D. C. Houghton, D. D.,	Hon. Aug. P. Hascall.
5. *Niagara*,	J. Jerome Ward.	
6. *Genesee Valley*,	Henry E. Niles.	

VII. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

1. *Hudson*,	George Pierson,	George W. Seward.
2. *North River*,	Benjamin F. Wile.	
3. *Long Island*,	John Reid,	David Williamson, Jr.
4. *New York*, 3*d*,	Charles Hoover (2), Robert R. Booth, James C. Egbert,	John C. Hines, Charles H. Rusher, Francis Duncan.
5. *New York*, 4*th*,	Thomas S. Hastings, Amasa S. Freeman,	John H. Bulen, Lewis E. Jackson.
6. *Brooklyn*,	Peter J. H. Myers,	Walter S. Griffith.
7. *Newark*,	Jona. F. Stearns, D. D., Daniel W. Poor, D. D.,	Hon. Wm. Pennington, Samuel O. Harrison.
8. *Rockaway*,	Joseph F. Tuttle (2),	John Hill.
9. *Montrose*,	Samuel Whaley, Thos. R. Townsend,	Abner C. Hinman, James Leighton.

VIII. SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Wilmington*,	James Morton,	Robert C. Hall.
2. *Philadelphia*, 3*d*,	John Jenkins, Walter S. Drysdale,	George Fleming, Thomas Potter.
3. *Philadelphia*, 4*th*,	Jacob Helfenstein, Charles F. Diver.	Alexander Whilldin, Joseph Francis.
4. *Harrisburgh*,	Charles J. Hutchins,	James Loudon (2).

IX. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Erie*,	George A. Lyon, D. D.,	James M. Moorhead (2).
2. *Meadville*,	Rich. Craighead (5),	Ninian Irwin.
3. *Pittsburgh*,	Henry Kendall, D. D.,	Hon. Hen. W. Williams

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X. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Detroit*,	William Hogarth.	
2. *Monroe*,	George C. Curtis (5),	Alfred L. Millerd.
3. *Marshall*,	Bela Fancher.	
4. *Washtenaw*,	Lucius D. Chapin,	Thomas Wood.
5. *Kalamazoo*,	Alfred Bryant.	
6. *Cold Water*,	James Knox.	
7. *Saginaw*,	Henry H. Northrop,	Ebenezer B. Dewey.
8. *Gr. River Valley*,	William M. Ferry,	Henry Griffin.
9. *Lake Superior.*		

XI. SYNOD OF WESTERN RESERVE.

1. *Grand River*,	Eben. B. Chamberlain.	
2. *Portage*,	Samuel Lee.	
3. *Huron*,	Robin. S. Lockwood,	Elijah Bemis.
4. *Trumbull*,	Benjamin Walker,	Andrew Jackson.
5. *Cleveland*,	Franklin Maginnis,	Truman P. Handy,
	James Eells,	Elisha Taylor.
6. *Elyria*,	Hubbard Lawrence.	
7. *Maumee*,	George A. Adams,	Sylvanus Hatch.

XII. SYNOD OF OHIO.

1. *Athens*,	Charles Merwin.	
2. *Pataskala*,	Edwards A. Beach,	Matthew Newkirk (2).
3. *Franklin*,	Warren Jenkins,	Edgar G. Barnum.
4. *Scioto*,	E. Perkins Pratt, D. D.,	Joseph Riggs.

XIII. SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

1. *Cincinnati*,	B. P. Aydelotte, D. D.,	Thomas C. Butler (2).
2. *Dayton*,	Jerem. P. E. Kumler,	William A. Ewing (2).
3. *Hamilton*,	William H. Rogers,	Amos Cleavenger.

XIV. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

1. *Salem*,	William H. McCarer.	
2. *Madison*,	Wm. W. Atterbury,	Robert G. Yonge.
3. *Indianapolis*,	Philip S. Cleland,	Philander H. Roots.
4. *Green Castle*,	Thomas S. Milligan,	George S. Rich.

XV. SYNOD OF WABASH.

1. *Crawfordsville*,	John Hawks,	William T. Scott.
2. *St. Joseph*,	John Sailor.	
3. *Logansport*,	James A. Veale.	
4. *Fort Wayne*,	Sanford R. Bissell,	Hon. John L. Knight. [7]

XVI. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

1. *Illinois*,	John G. Rankin,	Clint. Armstrong, M. D.
2. *Schuyler*,	George I. King,	Frederick Collins.
3. *Wabash*,	Friend A. Deming.	
4. *Alton*,	Augustus T. Norton,	John N. McCord.

XVII. SYNOD OF PEORIA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Ottawa*,	Levi P. Crawford,	George Guy (2).
2. *Knox*,	John W. Bailey.	
3. *Galena*,	James R. Smith.	
4. *Chicago*,	R. W. Patterson, D. D.,	William H. Brown,
	William H. Spencer,	Peter Stewart.
5. *Belvidere*,	Charles P. Bush,	Hon. Charles Williams.
6. *Bloomington*,	James R. Dunn,	Lumen W. Capen.

XVIII. SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.

1. *Milwaukee*,	S. Granby Spees,	Anthony Green.
2. *Fox River*,	Sidney H. Barteau (3).	
3. *Columbus*,	Hiram Gregg,	Chauncey Hall.

XIX. SYNOD OF IOWA.

1. *Des Moines*,	Thompson Bird (3),	William D. Moore.
2. *Iowa City*,	Peter S. Van Nest.	
3. *Keokuk*,	William H. Williams,	John H. Day.
4. *Dubuque*,	Jas. H. Trowbridge,	Aaron M. Loomis (3).
5. *Cedar Valley.*		

XX. SYNOD OF MINNESOTA.

1. *Dakota*,	James Thompson.
2. *Minnesota*,	Edward D. Neill (2).
3. *Winona*,	Charles S. Le Duc.

XXI. SYNOD OF ALTA CALIFORNIA.

1. *San Francisco*,	Edward S. Lacy (2).
2. *Sierra Nevada.*	
3. *San José.*	

XXII. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

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

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XXIII. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

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

XXIV. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

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

XXV. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.

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

XXVI. SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *West Tennessee.*		
2. *Shiloh.*		
3. *Richland.*		

XXVII. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

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

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

1. *General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.*	
2. *General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.*	
3. *General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America,*	Rev. Wm. Wilson, D. D.
4. *General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.*	
5. *Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States,*	Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D.
6. *General Association of Massachusetts,*	Rev. Ariel E. P. Perkins.
7. *General Association of Connecticut.*	
8. *General Association of New Hampshire.*	
9. *General Conference of Maine,*	Rev. Steph. Thurston, D. D.
10. *General Convention of Vermont.*	
11. *Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.*	
12. *Union of the Evangelical Churches of France.*	

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The Committee on Commissions reported the attendance of Rev. James Eells, from the Presbytery of Cleveland, Rev. William H. McCarer, from the Presbytery of Salem, and Rev. James R. Dunn, from the Presbytery of Bloomington, without Commissions. Their cases were referred to a *Committee on Elections*, consisting of Rev. Daniel W. Poor, D. D., and Rev. Peter S. Van Nest. The Committee presently reported, that they had obtained satisfactory information of the regular appointment of these Commissioners, and recommend that their names be added to the Roll; and their report was adopted.

The Assembly adjourned until 3½ o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 19th, 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The following Commissioners were reported, and their names were entered on the Roll, viz.:

Rev. Henry Callahan,	Minister,	of the Presbytery of	Chenango.
" Eber M. Rollo,	"	"	Albany.
" John R. Herrick,	"	"	Champlain.
" William Hogarth,	"	"	Detroit.
" Samuel J. White,	"	"	Delaware.

Mr. Lake J. Tefft, M. D., Elder, of the Presbytery of Cayuga.
" William T. Scott, " " Crawfordsville.
" Joseph Riggs, " " Scioto.
Hon. Aug. P. Hascall, " " Genesee.

Rev. Ariel E. P. Perkins, Delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator; whereupon the Rev. Robert W. Patterson, D. D., of the Presbytery of Chicago, was chosen Moderator, and inducted into office in the usual form.

Rev. Henry Darling, the Permanent Clerk, being absent on account of ill-health, Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, was chosen Permanent Clerk, *pro tem.* Rev. Charles P. Bush, of the Presbytery of Belvidere, and Rev. Henry E. Niles, of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

Resolved, That the Assembly hold its daily sessions from 8½ o'clock A. M. to 12½ M.; and from 3 o'clock P. M. to 5½ P. M.; that the evening sessions, when held, commence at 8 o'clock; and that the first hour of the morning session be appropriated to devotional exercises, under the direction of the Moderator.

The docket of business was read by the Stated Clerk. [10]

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

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

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

It was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning, to receive the annual reports of the Permanent Committees, except such as by standing rule are assigned to a particular time.

The annual report of the Treasurer of the General Assembly was received, and referred to an *Auditing Committee*, consisting of Hon. Augustus P. Hascall and Hon. Henry W. Williams.

The Third Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh, Pa., was chosen as the place for the meeting of the next Assembly. And Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., Rev. Samuel M. Sparks, Rev. James F. Read, D. D., and the elders of the Third Presbyterian church, were appointed a *Committee of Arrangements.*

A communication was received from the Wilmington Institute, tendering to the members of the Assembly, while in the city, the privilege of their rooms and the use of their library. The invitation was accepted, with thanks.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 20th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

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

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

Rev. Edw. S. Lacy, Minister, of the Presbytery of San Francisco.
" Joseph F. Tuttle, " " Rockaway.
" Charles Wadsworth, " " Otsego.
" Edward D. Neill, " " Minnesota.

Mr. Nathaniel C. Taylor, Elder, of the Presbytery of Bath.
" Elias Hawley, " " Tioga.
" James M. Moorhead, " " Erie.
Hon. John C. Cole, " " Albany.
Mr. James Loudon, " " Harrisburgh.
Hon. M. Lindley Lee, M. D., " " Oswego.
Mr. George Grey, " " Ottawa.
" Matthew Newkirk, " " Pataskala.
" Gilbert M. Gifford, " " Utica. [11]

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *Judicial Committee.* *Ministers*—Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., David Murdock, D. D., Calvin Yale, James Thompson. *Elders*—Hon. William Pennington, Hon. Henry W. Williams, Hon. Perrin H. McGraw.

2. *Bills and Overtures.* *Ministers*—George A. Lyon, D. D., Benjamin P. Aydelotte, D. D., John W. Bailey, George Pierson. *Elders*—Elisha Taylor, Anthony Green, John C. Hines.

3. *Polity of the Church.* *Ministers*—Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Daniel C. Houghton, D. D., Joseph F. Tuttle, William H. Spencer. *Elders*—Clinton Armstrong, M. D., Ebenezer B. Dewey, Joseph Riggs.

4. *Church Extension.* *Ministers*—Philemon H. Fowler, D. D., E. Perkins Pratt, D. D., S. Granby Spees, William H. Williams. *Elders*—Hon. Augustus P. Hascall, Walter S. Griffith, Truman P. Handy.

5. *Foreign Missions.* *Ministers*—John Jenkins, Daniel W. Poor, D. D., Frederick E. Cannon, D. D., George I. King. *Elders*—George W. Seward, Charles McLean, John N. McCord.

6. *Education.* *Ministers*—Henry Kendall, D. D., Robert E. Willson, Eber M. Rollo, Lucius D. Chapin. *Elders*—Frederick Collins, William H. Brown, Alexander Whilldin.

7. *Publication.* *Ministers*—Augustus T. Norton, William Hogarth, William E. Knox, William H. McCarer. *Elders*—Hon. Charles Williams, George Fleming, Lewis E. Jackson.

8. *Narrative.* *Ministers*—James Eells, William W. Newell, Thomas S. Hastings, James H. Trowbridge. *Elders*—William P. Bliss, Charles J. Chatfield, Andrew Jackson. [12]

9. *Devotional Exercises.* *Ministers*—Jacob Helfenstein, Benjamin F. Wile, R. Richard Kirk, Ebenezer B. Chamberlain. *Elders*—Hon. John L. Knight, John H. Bulen, Robert C. Hall.

10. *Leave of Absence.* *Ministers*—Alfred Bryant, Warren Jenkins, Frederick Starr, Jr., A. Henry Barnes. *Elders*—Francis Duncan, William T. Scott, Elijah Bemis.

11. *Mileage.* *Elders*—Thomas Potter, Charles H. Rusher, Philander H. Roots.

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

1. *Albany.* *Ministers*—W. Wallace Atterbury, James C. Egbert. *Elder*—Thomas Wood.

2. *Utica.* *Ministers*—Henry H. Northrop, John Bradshaw. *Elder*—George S. Rich.

3. *Geneva.* *Ministers*—Peter S. Van Nest, William G. Hubbard. *Elder*—Roswell T. Lee.

4. *Onondaga.* *Ministers*—James R. Smith, Peter Gordon. *Elder*—Joseph Esty.

5. *Susquehanna.* *Ministers*—Henry N. Millerd, John Hawks. *Elder*—David Williamson, Jr.

6. *Genesee. Ministers*—Samuel J. White, Charles F. Diver. *Elder*—Alfred L. Millerd.

7. *New York and New Jersey. Ministers*—J. Jerome Ward, Levi P. Crawford. *Elder*—Joseph Francis.

8. *Pennsylvania. Ministers*—Peter J. H. Myers, Charles S. Le Duc. *Elder*—Ninian Irwin.

9. *West Pennsylvania. Ministers*—James Morton, Samuel Lee. *Elder*—Henry Griffin.

10. *Michigan. Ministers*—William S. Franklin, Peter Gordon. *Elder*—Peter Stewart.

11. *Western Reserve. Ministers*—Stephen Vorhis, William H. Rogers. *Elder*—Philip Flint.

12. *Ohio. Ministers*—Amasa S. Freeman, Jeremiah P. E. Kumler. *Elder*—Robert G. Yonge.

13. *Cincinnati. Ministers*—Philip S. Cleland, Allen Traver. *Elder*—Samuel Stringham.

14. *Indiana. Ministers*—Franklin Maginnis, James Fenner. *Elder*—Samuel G. Harrison.

15. *Wabash. Ministers*—Henry Callahan, Edwards A. Beach. *Elder*—William D. Moore.

16. *Illinois. Ministers*—Thomas S. Milligan, Edwin S. Wright. *Elder*—Amos Cleavenger. [13]

17. *Peoria. Ministers*—Charles Jerome, James Knox. *Elder*—Albert Simonds.

18. *Wisconsin. Ministers*—Robinson S. Lockwood, William M. Ferry. *Elder*—Edgar G. Barnum.

19. *Iowa. Ministers*—John R. Herrick, Anson H. Parmelee. *Elder*—George S. Rich.

20. *Minnesota. Ministers*—Bela Fancher, Hiram Gregg. *Elder*—Lawrence Winne.

21. *Alta California. Ministers*—Edward Stratton, John Reid. *Elder*—Byron Cochran.

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.

The annual report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was presented, and, having been accepted, was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

The annual report of the Permanent Committee of Publication was presented, and, having been accepted, was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject; and the Treasurer's report, accompanying it, was referred to an *Auditing Committee*, consisting of Hon. William Pennington and Mr. William H. Brown.

It was made the first order of the day, for Monday next, to receive the reports of the Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, appointed by the last Assembly, and to receive the communications of the Delegates from these bodies.

A communication was received from Mr. John R. Latimer and lady, of this city, inviting the members of the Assembly to a social entertainment, at their residence, to-morrow, at 3 o'clock P. M. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, 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 following Commissioners were reported, and their names were entered on the Roll:

Rev. Edwd. Lord, Minister, of the Presbytery of Oswego,
Rev. Chas. Hoover, " " " New York, 3d.
Thomas C. Butler, Elder, " " Cincinnati.
William A. Ewing, " " " Dayton. [14]

The annual report of the Permanent Committee on Education was presented, accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

Reports were also received from the Theological Seminaries within the bounds of the Assembly.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow, to hear the Delegate from the General Conference of Maine.

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

The report of the Committee on a Summary of doctrine and form of covenant was made the second order of the day for to-morrow.

A Committee, consisting of Rev. Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle, and Rev. Robert R. Booth, were appointed to nominate a preacher on Home Missions, for the next Assembly.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, reported that they had found the account correct, and their report was adopted.

The Moderator informed the Assembly, that an Overture from the Synod of the Free Presbyterian church, had been put into his hands, which was read and referred to a *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Henry Kendall, D. D., Rev. James Eells, Hon. Augustus P. Hascall, and Messrs. Walter S. Griffith and Robert C. Hall.

A communication was received from the Synod of Mississippi, announcing their withdrawal from the Assembly, which was referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The adjustment of the Roll of Synods and Presbyteries was referred to the same Committee.

The Standing Committee on Publication were instructed to inquire into the propriety of publishing the reports of the Permanent Committees for general circulation, and report to this Assembly.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 21st, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

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

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

Rev. Sidney H. Barteau, Minister, of the Presbytery of Fox River.
Rev. Thompson Bird, " " " Des Moines.
Aaron M. Loomis, Elder, " " Dubuque. [15]

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Delegate of the General Conference of Maine addressed the Assembly.

The annual report of the Permanent Committee on Home Missions was made the order of the day immediately after the report of the Permanent Committee on Church Erection, this morning.

The Committee appointed by the last Assembly, to prepare a Summary of doctrine and form of covenant, for admission of members to the Church, presented their report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The annual report of the Permanent Committee on Church Erection, together with two special reports on matters referred to them by the last Assembly, were presented, accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Church Extension.

The annual report of the Permanent Committee on Home Missions was presented, accepted, and referred to the same Committee.

A Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, was appointed, consisting of Rev. Charles Hoover, Rev. Robert E. Willson, and Mr. Truman P. Handy.

A communication from the Chancellor of the "Ingham University" was received, and was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Assembly were informed by the Stated Clerk, that a legacy had been devised by the late Mr. Anson G. Phelps, in favor of the Assembly; whereupon the Treasurer and the Stated Clerk were appointed to take the matter in charge.

Adjourned until Monday next, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 23d, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

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

Reports were received from the Delegates appointed by the last Assembly to Corresponding Bodies: from the Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., the Delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Robert R. Booth, the Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut; Rev. Baruch B. Beckwith, the Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire; Rev. Charles P. Bush, the Delegate to the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin; Rev. Joseph Wilson, the Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America; Rev. George Duffield, D. D., the Delegate to the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America; and Rev. John Spaulding, the Delegate to the [16] Union of the Evangelical Churches of France: all which were accepted, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

The Delegate of the General Association of Massachusetts was heard. Communications were also read from the Delegates of the General Association of New Hampshire, and the Congregational Convention of Vermont. Also a communication from the Union of the Evangelical Churches of France.

A communication from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, Canada, was received, and referred, with accompanying documents, to a *Committee* consisting of Rev. John Jenkins, Rev. Frederick E. Cannon, D. D., and Alfred L. Millerd.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported in part, and their report was accepted.

The annual report of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension was presented, accepted, and referred, with the Treasurer's report, to the Standing Committee on Church Extension.

It was made the order of the day, for 4 o'clock this P. M., to hear the Rev. Justin Perkins, D. D., of Oroomiah, Persia.

Rev. William Wilson, D. D., presented his testimonials as the Delegate of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, and his name was entered on the Roll.

The Committee, appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer of the Publication Committee, reported that they had examined the accounts, and found them correct; and the report was adopted.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 23d, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Chanting of Psalms presented a report, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The first Monday of January, 1860, was recommended as a day of fasting and prayer for the Conversion of the World; and the last Thursday of February, as a concert of prayer for Colleges and other institutions of learning.

The daily calling of the Roll, during the remaining sessions of the Assembly, was dispensed with.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overtures,

No. 1. A memorial from the Presbytery of Dakota; which was referred to the Standing Committee on Church Extension.

No. 2. A memorial of the Rev. Benjamin Mills, of the Synod of Cincinnati; which was referred to the same Committee.

No. 3. From the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Fourth, on Lay Agency; which was referred to a *Committee*, consisting of Rev. [17] Daniel W. Poor, D. D., Rev. David Murdock, D. D., Rev. Benjamin P. Aydelotte, D. D., Mr. George W. Tew, and Mr. Frederick Collins.

The remainder of the report was postponed until to-morrow morning, to give place to the order of the day. The Rev. Justin Perkins, D. D., then addressed the Assembly on missions in Persia. Rev. Edward S. Lacy and Rev. Thomas S. Hastings were appointed to bring in a minute, expressive of the sense of the Assembly on the subject.

The Committee, appointed to nominate a preacher on Home Missions, reported the names of Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., of the Presbytery of Newark, principal, and Rev. Henry Smith, D. D., of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, alternate; and their report was adopted.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 24th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Rev. Richard Craighead, of the Presbytery of Meadville, was reported, and his name entered on the Roll.

Rev. Ariel E. P. Perkins, the Delegate of the General Association of Massachusetts, took leave of the Assembly, and the Moderator responded in a brief address.

Rev. William Wilson, D. D., the Delegate of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, addressed the Assembly.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported paper

No. 1. From the Presbytery of Kansas, asking to be recognized and attached to the Synod of Indiana. The Committee recommend that their request be granted, substituting the Synod of Iowa for that of Indiana; which was adopted.

No. 2. From the Presbytery of Cincinnati, touching the condition of certain churches in Kentucky, seeking connection with us. The Committee recommend that, for the present, such churches be allowed to connect themselves with the Presbyteries contiguous, most to their convenience; and the report was adopted.

No. 3. Asking what shall be done with certain church members, against whose moral character no charges can be made, but who wish to be released from their church obligations. The Committee recommend, that such cases be referred to the sound discretion of the sessions, to which such persons may be answerable; reminding the sessions, that it is a fundamental law of the Church, that no persons can be suspended from the communion of the Church, or have any other penalty inflicted, without regular citation and trial, according to the forms prescribed in our Book of Discipline. [18]

It was moved, and, after considerable discussion, under a call for the previous question, it was resolved, to recommit this part of the report, with instructions to report, that no new order be taken in the case.

No. 4. Inquiring as to the right of minors to vote in the election of elders and deacons. The Committee recommend to return for answer,

That it is not in accordance with the principles and usages of the Presbyterian Church to distinguish between members of the church as to their ages in voting for officers of the church.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported paper No. 1, an Overture from the Presbytery of Milwaukee, touching the case of a minister supposed to have been irregularly received, and asking for a new rule in the case. The Committee recommend, as the action of the Assembly in this case, that no new rule appears necessary. Pending a motion to adopt the recommendation, the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 24th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business was resumed. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee also reported paper No. 2. An Overture from the Presbytery of Keokuk, asking if they have jurisdiction over the case of James H. Shields, deposed by the Presbytery of Des Moines.

The Committee recommend to the Assembly, that the question submitted by the Presbytery of Keokuk be answered in the negative; and the recommendation was adopted.

No. 3. A memorial from Rev. Benjamin Mills and others, of the Synod of Kentucky, with respect to himself and others, formerly members of the Synod of Kentucky, expressive of their attachment to us, and their desire to return to our connection, if, with their views on the subject of Slavery, the way may be open to receive them. The Committee recommend, that these ministers and churches, and others similarly situated, be referred to the Presbytery of Cincinnati, or any other border Presbytery; and that such Presbyteries be authorized, so to extend their jurisdiction, as to receive any such ministers

and churches, situated near their borders, whose principles and practice are found to harmonize with the position of the Church, as expressed and published to the world by former Assemblies. [19]

The following minute was recommended by the Committee appointed for the purpose yesterday:

Having heard, with the deepest interest, the address of the Rev. Justin Perkins, D. D., of the Nestorian Mission, upon the great work for the kingdom of Christ in that land; and feeling that the subject commands our fullest sympathy and most earnest co-operation; therefore,

Resolved, That our thanks be given to this brother for his words of godly counsel and encouragement; and that we pledge him our prayers and continued exertions, for the great cause in which he and his co-laborers are engaged.

The minute was adopted.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions presented their report, which was accepted, placed on the docket, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Rev. George C. Curtis, of the Presbytery of Monroe, appeared as a Commissioner, and his name was entered on the Roll.

A special report on missions to Central and South America was presented by the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, which was accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

The Standing Committee on Church Extension presented a report on the subject of Church Erection. The report was accepted; and, pending the question on its adoption, the Assembly

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, May 25th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Rev. Peter Lockwood, of the Presbytery of Tioga, appeared as a Commissioner, and his name was entered on the Roll.

The thanks of the Assembly were returned to Mr. George H. Stuart of Philadelphia, for 250 copies of a pamphlet entitled "Pentecost."

The unfinished business of the last session, being the adoption of the report of the Church Extension Committee on the subject of Church Erection, was resumed. Pending the discussion, the order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, was taken up.

The Committee had leave to report, still further, on the subject of Missions to Mexico and Central and South America, which was accepted as a part of the report under consideration. [20]

Rev. Selah B. Treat, one of the corresponding secretaries of the A. B. C. F. Missions, on invitation, addressed the Assembly.

The discussion was resumed, and continued until near the hour of adjournment, when Rev. William Wilson, D. D., the Delegate of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, took leave of the Assembly; and the Moderator responded in a brief address.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, immediately after the devotional exercises, to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Publication.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, May 25th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented a report, which was adopted, recommending the celebration of the Lord's Supper to-morrow evening, in the Hanover street church, agreeably to the following order:

1. The Moderator to preside and read the opening hymn.
2. Prayer and reading the Scriptures, by the Rev. S. Granby Spees.
3. Address and administration of the Bread, by the Rev. James Knox.
4. Prayer and administration of the Cup, by the Rev. Philemon H. Fowler, D. D.
5. Address, by the Rev. Richard Craighead.
6. Hymn and Benediction, by the Moderator.

The following elders to distribute the elements: Hon. William Pennington, Samuel Stringham, Philip Flint, Charles H. Rusher, Alexander Whilldin, and Clinton Armstrong.

The unfinished business of the morning was then resumed.

Pending the discussion, the hour for adjournment arrived.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 26th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Mr. George S. Frost, Elder, of the Presbytery of Detroit, appeared, and his name was entered on the Roll.

The Standing Committee on Publication, agreeably to the order [21] of the day, presented their report, which was accepted, and placed on the docket.

The unfinished business of the last session was then taken up, being the consideration of the report on Foreign Missions; which, having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee having taken into consideration the report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, and the Overtures, synodical and presbyterial, bearing upon this part of our ecclesiastical work, which have been referred to your Committee, respectfully submit the following report, and recommend its adoption by the General Assembly:

1. The Assembly owe it to the Permanent Committee, to record their thanks for the lucid and deeply interesting narrative which they have furnished, in the report now submitted, of the past and present connection of our Church with the great Christian work of Foreign Missions.

2. It is highly desirable, that said report be printed, and widely circulated among the members of our churches; and also that our pastors present to their congregations, at the monthly concert of prayer for Foreign Missions, the facts contained therein, as eminently calculated to induce thankfulness for that part, which, in the providence of God, we have been permitted to take in this work in the past, as well as to incite us to more earnest zeal and labor as to the share which we may be hereafter called to assume in carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

3. It is desirable, also, that said report be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly, so that there may exist, in an official form, a permanent record of the interesting facts which have been thus brought under the notice of this body.

The following Overtures or memorials on the subject of Foreign Missions have been forwarded to this Assembly:

First. From the Synod of Minnesota, praying the Assembly to decide such measures as, in their wisdom, may seem fit, for the purpose of securing a closer ecclesiastical relation of our foreign missionaries with the General Assembly, and of securing also direct reports, from these brethren, to our Assemblies, Synods, and Presbyteries; as tending, in the estimation of the memorialists, to a larger development of the missionary spirit in our beloved Church.

Second. From the Presbytery of Newark, expressing their unanimous conviction of the expediency of instructing the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, to concert measures with the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M., for the formation of Presbyteries on its foreign field, whenever such a step may be deemed practicable.

Third. From the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Third, stating, that one of their members, a missionary in the foreign field, having been recommended by his Presbytery to propose, to his Presbyterian brethren in the same mission, that they should form them[22]selves into a Presbytery, declined, with his brethren, to do so, upon the understanding, that it was the business of the Prudential Committee of the Board to arrange the ecclesiastical organizations of missionaries and mission churches in foreign lands; thereupon praying the Assembly to consider this subject; and expressing the conviction, that our churches are deficient in missionary spirit; that our young men are not coming forward to offer themselves as missionaries; and that, though actuated by no sectarian feeling, they are convinced, that a proper missionary spirit can not be created, or kept alive, without our having, in some way, a closer relation to our missionaries, and without, in some way, bringing home to our churches the feeling that this is our own work.

This Overture further reminds the General Assembly, that, after contributing millions of money, we have not a solitary mission church, or but one, in the entire foreign field; and respectfully suggests, without venturing to dictate, that a portion of the foreign field be set apart, to be occupied exclusively by missionaries of our Church, that every difficulty in the way of a homogeneous ecclesiastical organization may be removed.

Fourth. From the Presbytery of Greencastle, recommending to the General Assembly, to secure to our churches the direct control of our ministers laboring in foreign lands, as to their ecclesiastical relations.

The Assembly, having considered these Overtures and memorials, further resolve:

1. That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States have reason to rejoice in God, that they have been permitted to share, with their brethren of other denominations, the high privilege of bringing into efficiency the noblest of all the missionary institutions of our country; and that, in both funds and men, our churches have supplied so considerable a proportion of the expenditure, which has been incurred in founding and sustaining, in the Turkish Empire, in Hindostan, in Ceylon, and elsewhere, missions and labors which have reflected so bright an honor upon American Christianity.

2. That we rejoice in the successes, which the Great Head of the Church continues to vouchsafe to the operations of the American Board, in the varied and difficult fields, which, in the providence of God, it is called to occupy; and fervently desire, that its future career may be "as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

3. That we deeply sympathize with the Board in its present pecuniary

embarrassments, and commend the cause of missions, as conducted by it, to enlarged self-denying liberalities on the part of our churches.

4. That the time has now come, when, in order to a more thorough development of that missionary spirit, which should pervade every portion of the Christian Church, the prayers of the memorialists, now enumerated, demand not only consideration, but [23] action. These prayers ask not, in any instance, for a cessation from the co-operative principle in conducting this work, but simply for a closer connection with it, by means of the formation of Presbyteries in foreign lands, wherever numbers and circumstances will allow of such a course. In the judgment of this body, this request consists, not only with the highest reason, but with the broadest charity; for the Assembly cannot forget the fact, that, after long years of connection with the Foreign Missionary department of evangelistic labor, we have at this time but one Presbyterian church of our connection in the foreign field.

The Presbyterian Church have had too great a share in laying the foundations of the American Board, and in building up its noble superstructure, to be willing, except for the most imperative reasons, to sever the tie which binds them, the one to the other. If they can do so with fidelity to their brethren abroad, and to their churches at home, the Assembly will joyfully perpetuate their co-operation with brethren, with whom it has been so long, so honorably, and so successfully associated, in advancing throughout the world the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. They will sacrifice everything for this, but the salvation of souls, and the edification and general prosperity of that portion of the Church over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers. But the General Assembly record it, as their deliberate judgment, that it is due to the interests of our Church, and to its vital connection with our foreign work,

1. That it should be distinctly understood, here and abroad, that the Board, its Prudential Committee, and officers, interpose no obstacles in the way of the formation of foreign Presbyteries.

2. That the appointments of missionaries should be so disposed, wherever it is wise and practicable, as to facilitate the formation of such Presbyteries.

3. That there should be a free correspondence of our missionaries with the Permanent Committee of the General Assembly.

4. That less than this the Assembly cannot declare; because less than this would not lead our churches to identify themselves with the operations and successes of the Board, and to manifest that interest and zeal in its welfare and prosperity, which are requisite for the perpetuity among ourselves of the true missionary spirit.

5. That, in recording this their judgment, the General Assembly feel encouraged by the fact, that the Prudential Committee of the American Board have frequently professed their desire and purpose, not to interfere with the ecclesiastical bias of the missionaries, or with the attempt of any one or more of them to form Presbyteries and Presbyterian churches on their fields of labor. Accepting these professions in good faith, the Assembly desire such an understanding with the Board as shall lead to the realization of all which is sought for, by the before-mentioned Synod and Presbyteries, and demanded by the convictions of our whole Church.

6. That this General Assembly are further encouraged, by in[24]formation which has reached them from reliable sources, that our missionary brethren, in some portions of the work, are directing their thoughts and aims towards the perpetuation, in foreign countries, of our excellent Presbyterian polity.

7. That it is regarded, by the General Assembly, as both desirable and important, that our brethren, who are laboring in the foreign field, correspond

with the Permanent Committee on the subject of their labors; and that said Committee be requested to prepare, from year to year, such a report of our foreign work as shall be calculated to quicken the zeal of our people, in prayers and labors for the conversion of the whole world to Christ; such report to be submitted to the General Assembly.

8. The General Assembly hereby appoint Rev. Albert Barnes, Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. John Jenkins, Mr. Matthew W. Baldwin, and Hon. William Strong, a Special *Committee* to attend the next meeting of the A. B. C. F. M., to be held in Philadelphia, on the first Tuesday of October next, for the purpose of conveying, to the Board, the Assembly's views as herein expressed, and of conferring with it, or with any Committee which it may appoint, as to the best mode by which these results may be most wisely and prudently secured; as well as to confer, in regard to the localities where our missionaries can be most conveniently and speedily concentrated.

9. That this report be printed in circular form, and transmitted to each of our foreign missionaries, with the recommendation to such missionaries, that they proceed to form themselves into Presbyteries, whenever and wherever, in their judgment, it is practicable and expedient.

10. That the candidates for the missionary work, going out from our body, be recommended to give their attention to those fields, where Presbyteries are or may be formed.

11. The General Assembly hereby empower the Synod of New York and New Jersey to form and receive foreign Presbyteries, whenever constitutionally requested so to do by our foreign missionaries.

The Committee have also had under consideration the report of the General Assembly's Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions, respecting a certain memorial referred to them by the last General Assembly, signed by Rev. George Duffield, D. D., and others, on the desirableness of our instituting missionary operations in Mexico, and in Central and Southern America; also a second memorial, forwarded to this General Assembly by the same parties, on the same subject; in respect to which,

The Committee respectfully submit the following report, and recommend its adoption by the General Assembly:

1. That the Assembly regard the proposal of the memorialists as entitled to both consideration and respect.

2. That in the present attitude of our work abroad, it is inexpedient for this General Assembly to initiate any new and independent foreign missionary undertaking: [25]

Because it is due to our missionary brethren in fields already occupied, that all our available men be commissioned to those parts of the world, in which it is deemed important to facilitate the formation of Presbyteries, and thus to increase the efficiency of particular missions.

3. That it is yet due to the memorialists, and to the important subject which they thus bring to the notice of the Assembly, that it be held over for advisement for another year; and, for this purpose, the report of the Permanent Committee is referred back, together with the present memorial, to said Committee; who are hereby requested to reconsider their report, to make further inquiries respecting the field indicated, and to report to the next General Assembly.

In relation to the vacancies that occur in the Permanent Committee, it is respectfully recommended,

That the Rev. Daniel W. Poor, D. D., be appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the withdrawal of the Rev. J. Duché Mitchell, D. D., and

That Messrs. Wm. E. Dodge, Walter S. Griffith, Hon. John L. Mason, Hon. Edward A. Lambert, and Mr. Joseph N. Tuttle, be appointed to serve for the next three years, in place of those whose term of service has now expired.

The unfinished business, viz., the consideration of the report of the Church Extension Committee, on the subject of Church Erection, was then taken up, and was under discussion when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 26th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The presentation of the reports of the Committees on the Synodical Records was made the first order for to-morrow.

The unfinished business was then resumed.

The report of the Committee was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Church Extension beg leave to report, on such of the subjects referred to them, as relate to the Church Erection Fund.

The annual report of the Trustees of this Fund contains additional evidence of the wisdom and usefulness of the scheme intrusted to their management and care, and of the faithfulness with which their trust has been discharged. Notwithstanding the recent financial revulsions, which have scattered the property of so many incorporations and private individuals, no portion of the money placed in their hands has been lost; and, by the accumula[26]tion of interest from skilful investments, where it is constantly at command, it has increased $7684.99.

During the three years that the Fund has been in use, grants have been made to 119 congregations, to the amount of $42,218, which have secured to the Church wholly unencumbered property of the value of more than $300,000.

The term of office, as Trustees, of Rev. Samuel T. Spear, D. D., Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., and Stephen H. Thayer, Esq., expires at this time; and the Committee recommend their re-appointment for the coming three years.

The Trustees of the Church Erection Fund have presented two special reports, on subjects referred to them by the last General Assembly, the adoption of both of which is recommended by this Committee.

The first of these special reports relates to three papers: one from the Presbytery of Harmony, discussing the action of the General Assembly of 1857, on Slavery, and assigning the reasons for the withdrawal of that body from our ecclesiastical connection; a second paper from the same Presbytery, asking for a payment, to it and to the Synod of Kentucky, of what it calls its "proportional share" of the Church Erection Fund; and a third paper, signed by A. H. H. Boyd, in behalf of a body styled "The United Synod of the Presbyterian Church," and represented as consisting of the Synods of Virginia, Tennessee, West Tennessee, and Mississippi, which it is stated have withdrawn from our connection; asking for the payment, to that body, of the sums allotted to those Synods in the first apportionment of the Church Erection Fund.

The Trustees of the Church Erection Fund justly remark, in their special report, that the first paper calls for no action on our part; and the charter, by which they are incorporated, explicitly defines "feeble congregations in

connection with" the "General Assembly" as the only bodies to which their grants can be made, and these Trustees as the only persons by whom the Fund, or any portion of it, can be held.

The second special report of the Trustees relates to a proposal, that the Trustees should appoint agents for the collection of money to assist churches, in certain cases, beyond the amount allowed by the existing regulations of the Fund; and also to a proposal, that these regulations should be so altered, as to permit appropriations to communities, in special circumstances, where no church had been organized. The terms of the charter forbid a compliance with the last; and the repeated and widely-published statements, while the Church Erection Fund was in the process of collection, that the scheme was to check, if not arrest, appeals for help in building houses of worship, dissuade us from acceding to the first.

Various Overtures have been referred to this Committee. The Presbytery of Iowa City prays, that the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund may appoint agents for the collection of funds in the cases described in the second special report; and the Presby[27]teries of Iowa City, Keokuk, and Knox pray, that a day may be appointed for a general collection, to assist churches beyond the amount allowed by the existing regulations of the Church Erection Fund. The Committee recommend the answer given to these petitions, in form or substance, in the second special report of the Trustees.

The Presbytery of Iowa City renews the prayer, that grants may be allowed, in some extraordinary cases, where no church has been yet constituted; to which the Committee recommend the reply in the second special report of the Trustees.

The Presbyteries of Winona, Iowa City, and Knox pray, that the portions of the Church Erection Fund, allotted to the different Synods, may be paid over to the Synodical Committees for distribution at their discretion; and the Presbytery of Kansas prays, that $3000 may be paid over to it, to be distributed at its discretion; or, if this be declined, that the money be remitted to the Synod, to which that Presbytery may be attached, for distribution at the discretion of the Synodical Committee.

The charter constitutes the Trustees the sole custodians and managers of the Church Erection Fund; and the Committee recommend this as the answer to these petitions of the Presbyteries.

The Synod of Iowa pray, that the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund may be clothed with discretionary power to grant, to congregations in cities and large towns, loans as large, if necessary, as $1000; and donations as large, if necessary, as $400.

While it has seemed, to a majority of the Committee, desirable in itself considered, that appropriations of the amount now named should be allowable in certain extraordinary cases, there are too many considerations presenting the proposed alteration as of questionable expediency, and too many brethren whose experience and observation of the workings of the scheme entitle their judgment to respect, clear and decided in their convictions against it, to justify our venturing upon it at the present time; and the Committee cordially agree in recommending that the existing rates of grants be adhered to, until a further trial shall make it more obvious, whether they should be retained or changed, and secure greater unanimity in regard to them.

The Trustees of the Synod of Iowa pray, that $100, with interest from 1855, transmitted, as they state, by mistake, to the Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly, should be returned to them. It appears, however, from the records of the Synod of Iowa, that that body sanctioned the act of

the Chairman of its Church Erection Committee in transmitting the said $100 to the Trustees of the Assembly's Fund, in payment of the assessment made upon its churches for the purposes of this Fund; and the Committee, therefore, recommend that the Trustees of the Synod of Iowa be referred to the Synod of Iowa, and to the churches under its care, for the sum they ask of the Assembly.

The Committee recommend the following apportionment of the [28] Church Erection Fund for the current year, among the respective Synods:

Albany,	2	per cent.	Ohio,	3	per cent.
Alta California,	3	"	Onondaga,	2.5	"
Cincinnati,	2.5	"	Pennsylvania,	3	"
Genesee,	3	"	Peoria,	8	"
Geneva,	1	"	Susquehanna,	3	"
Illinois,	10	"	Tennessee,	1.5	"
Indiana,	4	"	Utica,	2	"
Iowa,	12	"	Virginia,	2	"
Kentucky,	1	"	Wabash,	3	"
Michigan,	8	"	West. Reserve,	4	"
Minnesota,	7.5	"	W. Pennsylvania,	3	"
Mississippi,	1	"	West Tennessee,	2	"
Missouri,	2	"	Wisconsin,	8	"
N. Y. and N. J.,	3	"			

The Standing Committee on Church Extension presented their report on Church Extension, which was accepted, and under discussion, when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned to meet in the Hanover street church, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 26th, 8 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met in the Hanover street church, pursuant to adjournment, for the celebration of the Lord's Supper; and the services were conducted according to previous appointment.

Adjourned to meet in the Central church, to-morrow, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 27th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met in the Central church, and was opened with prayer.

The first hour was occupied with devotional services.

The Minutes of the last two sessions were read and approved.

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

The reports of the Committees on the Records of the Synods of Albany, Utica, Onondaga, Genesee, New York and New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Western Reserve, Ohio, Cincinnati, Wabash, Peoria, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois, were presented, recommending that they be approved as far as written, and the reports were severally adopted. [29]

The Committees on the Records of the Synods of Michigan, Susquehanna, Indiana, and Alta California, reported that the records are not in the house, and the Committees were discharged.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Geneva presented their report, which was accepted, and referred, together with a protest from the Presbytery of Ithaca against certain proceedings of the Synod, to the Committee on Church Polity.

The Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., the Delegate of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, appeared, and his name was entered on the Roll, after which he addressed the Assembly.

The unfinished business, being the consideration of the report of the Church Extension Committee, was postponed to hear the report of the Committee on Mileage. Their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Mileage Committee report the following statements and recommendations:

1. That forty-eight Presbyteries have complied with the regulations of the Assembly in respect to the Commissioners' Fund, and have paid their full proportion towards the expenses of the Assembly, at the rate of five cents for each of their communicants, viz.:

Catskill, St. Lawrence, Ithaca, Cayuga, Hudson, Long Island, New York Third, New York Fourth, Philadelphia Third, Harrisburgh, Erie, Pittsburgh, Marshall, Washtenaw, Saginaw, Grand River Valley, Portage, Grand River, Maumee, Scioto, Cincinnati, Dayton, Hamilton, Salem, Madison, Indianapolis, Green Castle, Crawfordsville, Fort Wayne, Illinois, Schuyler, Wabash, Ottawa, Knox, Galena, Chicago, Belvidere, Bloomington, Milwaukee, Fox River, Columbus, Des Moines, Iowa City, Keokuk, Dubuque, Dakota, Winona, and Minnesota: amounting to the sum of $2348.31.

2. That fourteen Presbyteries have contributed to the Contingent Fund, at the rate of sixty cents or more for each of their ministers, according to the regulation of the last Assembly, viz.:

Troy, Utica, Pennsylvania, Ontario, Niagara, Newark, Brooklyn, Wilmington, Philadelphia Fourth, Monroe, Cold Water, St. Joseph, Logansport, and Alton: amounting to $586.34. Making the whole sum, received by the Committee, $2934.65.

3. That $651.65 be paid to the Stated Clerk to defray the contingent expenses, in part, of this Assembly.

4. That, in order to meet the remaining part of the contingent expenses, it be enjoined on the remaining thirty-seven Presbyteries to pay to the Stated Clerk at least sixty cents for each of their ministers.

5. That, after deducting the sum to be appropriated to the Contingent Fund, the balance in the hands of the Committee, $2283, is sufficient to pay seventy-five per cent. of the necessary traveling expenses of the Commissioners of those Presbyteries which have paid in full, according to the bills as audited by the Committee. [30]

6. That the rate for the next Assembly be five cents for each communicant; and that it be earnestly enjoined on all the Presbyteries to contribute their full share, as thus determined, of the amount needed to defray the expenses of the next Assembly.

Resolved, That the Mileage Committee be instructed to receive and distribute at their discretion any moneys which may be placed in their hands for the relief of cases which may seem to require it.

An invitation was received from a committee of the citizens of Wilmington, to participate in a steamboat excursion on the Delaware River and Bay, next Monday afternoon. The invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the Assembly.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that the following persons have been excused from attending the further sessions of the Assembly, viz.:

Rev. Eben. B. Chamberlain,	of the Presbytery of	Grand River.
Hon. William Pennington,	"	Newark.
Rev. Charles Jerome,	"	Buffalo.

Elder Elias Hawley,	of the Presbytery of	Tioga.
" Andrew Jackson,	"	Trumbull.
Hon. Augustus P. Hascall,	"	Genesee.
Elder William T. Scott,	"	Crawfordsville.
" John N. McCord,	"	Alton.
" George S. Rich,	"	Green Castle.
" William H. Brown,	"	Chicago.
Rev. Samuel J. White,	"	Delaware.
Elder James Loudon,	"	Harrisburgh.
" Edgar G. Barnum,	"	Franklin.
Hon. M. Lindley Lee, M. D.,	"	Oswego.
Elder Nathaniel C. Taylor,	"	Bath.
Rev. Stephen Vorhis,	"	Bath.
Hon. John L. Knight,	"	Fort Wayne.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Rev. Samuel T. Spear, D. D., Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., and Stephen H. Thayer, Esq., were elected Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, to serve for three years.

The following were elected Trustees of the Presbyterian House: John C. Farr, Charles S. Wurts, Rev. John Jenkins, Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd, and Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace. [31]

The unfinished business, being the consideration of the report of the Committee on Church Extension, was taken up, and discussed until the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 28th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business having been postponed, Messrs. James B. Pinneo, Fisher Howe, and Samuel H. Perkins were elected auditors of the Church Erection Fund.

The Standing Committee on Education presented their report, which was accepted, and its consideration was made the order of the day for Monday next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The unfinished business was then resumed; and the report was recommitted, with instructions to report as early as practicable next Monday.

Adjourned, to meet in the lecture-room, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met in the lecture-room, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. John Jenkins, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Third, principal, and the Rev. John McLeod, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Fourth, alternate, were appointed Delegates to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and to the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada,

to propose a correspondence with these bodies, and, if agreeable to them, to arrange the terms on which it shall be conducted.

The report of the Standing Committee on Publication was taken up, and discussed until the hour for adjournment. The Committee on Leave of Absence, the adjournment having been postponed, reported that the following members have been excused from attendance on the further sessions of the Assembly:

Elder	George Fleming,	of the Presbytery of	Philadelphia, Third.
"	Amos Cleavenger,	"	Hamilton.
Rev.	Benjamin F. Wile,	"	North River.
"	William W. Newell,	"	Onondaga. [32]
"	John R. Herrick,	"	Champlain.
Elder	David Williamson, Jr.,	"	Long Island.
"	Anthony Green,	"	Milwaukee.
"	Albert Simonds,	"	Rochester.
Rev.	Henry Callahan,	"	Chenango.
"	Joseph F. Tuttle,	"	Rockaway.
"	Charles Hoover,	"	New York, Third.
"	John Bradshaw,	"	Champlain.
Hon.	Charles Williams,	"	Belvidere.
Elder	John Hill,	"	Rockaway.
"	Henry Griffin,	"	Grand River Val.
"	Frederick Collins,	"	Schuyler.
"	Peter Stewart,	"	Chicago.
"	Lumen W. Capen,	"	Bloomington.

Adjourned to meet in the church, on Monday next, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 30th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

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

The first hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Overture from the Synod of the Free Presbyterian church, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred a memorial from the Synod of the Free Presbyterian church, proposing a correspondence with us "on the subject of an organic union" between us and them, having read and considered the document and heard the statements of the Synod's Delegate, Rev. A. B. Bradford, respectfully recommend, as the action of this body, the following, viz.:

We cordially reciprocate the expressions of fraternal kindness in the memorial of our brethren. Our position on the subject of Slavery has been already, as we think, explicitly and fully declared. The past action of the Assembly is before the world in our published Minutes, and to that we must refer for a full understanding of our views, and the ground on which as a body we stand. We are happy to receive into our connection any churches of the same faith and order with ourselves, who cordially approve our declared views, and can be harmonious and happy with us as co-laborers in the great work in which we are engaged.

The Committee also recommend that a *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Samuel C. Aiken, D. D., Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., and the Rev. James Eells, be appointed, to hold such further correspond[33]ence and conference with the brethren of the Synod, as shall be deemed desirable, and report to the next General Assembly.

The unfinished business, being the consideration of the report of the Committee on Publication, was taken up, and was under discussion until the time for the order of the day.

The Assembly proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Education, which was under discussion when the hour for adjournment arrived.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 30th, 8 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business was resumed, and each speaker, during the remainder of the sessions, was limited to five minutes.

The report of the Committee, after amendment, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry, and various other papers bearing on the same subject, beg leave respectfully to report:

That they are happy to note the evidences of increased interest in the subject of Education in our Church.

The Theological Seminaries have an unusually large number of students; they are all securing enlarged endowments for the accommodation and more thorough instruction of a still greater number; and there is a prospect that a new Seminary at the West will be opened, for the instruction of candidates for the ministry, during the ensuing year.

The Colleges, which are accustomed to furnish our Seminaries with students, are also in a prosperous condition; containing a larger number of young men looking forward to the ministry than usual; and some of them are also increasing their endowments, which is always a sign of growth.

And we congratulate our Church, that, though three of our pulpits, in growing and prosperous cities at the West, have recently been made vacant by the election of their incumbents to the presidency of Colleges, namely: Rev. Henry L. Hitchcock, D. D., Rev. Harvey Curtis, D. D., and Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, D. D., and two of them since the last meeting of the General Assembly, the institutions themselves, under their auspices, have entered upon a new career of usefulness, and promise much good in our Church.

The number of candidates for the ministry has manifestly increased during the existence of the Assembly's Permanent Committee; and the difficulty in meeting their expenses is not because [34] more money is not raised than heretofore, but because the number of applicants fully keeps pace with the increase of contributions.

But your Committee would call attention to the fact, that this increase in candidates and contributions falls far short of the necessities of the Church. The vital, the primary want of our Church—that which underlies and cripples all our efforts to extend the Church into regions where multitudes are perishing for lack of the Gospel, is, ministers of the Gospel. Promising fields of labor are left wholly unoccupied; and others, equally promising and once occupied, are abandoned to destitution and decay, for want of men to cultivate them. Our present rate of increase will barely keep up the supply of our own Church; but is entirely inadequate to the growth of the country.

We must not forget, however, that our duties extend to "all the world." In a sense, more emphatic than ever before, it may now be said, that the

world is open, and waiting to receive the Gospel. All our missionaries are calling for assistance; and hundreds of millions are now accessible, who, but a little while since, were wholly beyond the reach of the Gospel. The Church of Christ is essentially a missionary Church. Our life and strength depend on our efforts to give the Gospel to "all the world."

The Committee would respectfully ask the Assembly, if the late widespread work of grace, in which so many of our churches have shared, should not be expected to give a new impetus to the work of ministerial education. Large numbers of young men have been converted, and a deeper interest is awakened in the welfare of the world. Shall we not fail of the blessing that God intended for us, if we do not secure enlarged contributions, and an increasing number of candidates for the ministry?

In addition to the annual report of the Permanent Committee, your Committee have had a prolonged conference with the representatives of the various local societies in our bounds, in order to secure, if possible, an adjustment of their operations with the operations of the Permanent Committee; and, though the subject is still attended with difficulties, all parties have been made more fraternal, harmonious, and hopeful.

The Committee, therefore, recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Assembly has undiminished confidence in the plan for promoting the increase of the ministry, adopted by the Assembly of 1857; the more it is examined, and the better it is understood, the more worthy of confidence does it appear.

2. That, though the Permanent Committee and their Secretary have encountered many embarrassments, in the incipiency of their enterprise, yet, in the judgment of the Assembly, they are doing a great work; and we heartily concur with the two Assemblies last past, in commending them to the favor of the churches.

3. That the ultimate result, towards which we should aim, is the universal adoption of this plan as soon as practicable; and that it be commended to the favorable notice of all our Presbyteries; [35] and further, that all local societies within our bounds, whose existence seems necessary for the time being, be requested, as far as possible, to adjust themselves to it.

4. That, in the judgment of this Assembly, no student ought to receive from educational funds, a larger appropriation than is contemplated in the plan of the General Assembly; and that ministers, and professors in Colleges and Seminaries, be requested to discountenance all partiality, and scrupulously adhere to the Assembly's plan in this regard.

5. That, for this purpose, all Presbyteries and Colleges and Theological Seminaries, be requested to send to the Permanent Committee, the names of all students under their care who receive aid, with the amount apportioned by them.

6. That, in order to facilitate the connection of the Permanent Committee with every part of the Church, every Synod be requested to appoint a corresponding member, as a medium of communication between the Committee and the Presbyteries, pastors and churches; and that, until such appointments be made, the following persons be requested to serve in their respective Synods in that capacity, viz.:

Rev. Eber M. Rollo, of the Synod of Albany,
" William S. Curtis, D. D., " Utica,
" Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., " Onondaga,
" William N. McHarg, " Geneva,
" Julius S. Pattengill, " Susquehanna,

Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood,	of the Synod of	Genesee,	
" Asa D. Smith, D. D.,	"	New York and New Jersey,	
" George A. Lyon, D. D.,	"	West Pennsylvania,	
" George Duffield, Jr.,	"	Pennsylvania,	
" Lucius D. Chapin,	"	Michigan,	
" Henry L. Hitchcock, D. D.,	"	Western Reserve,	
" Addison Kingsbury, D. D.,	"	Ohio,	
" D. Howe Allen, D. D.,	"	Cincinnati,	
" John G. Atterbury,	"	Indiana,	
" Caleb Mills, LL.D.,	"	Wabash,	
" William D. Sanders,	"	Illinois,	
" J. Ambrose Wight,	"	Peoria,	
" S. Granby Spees,	"	Wisconsin,	
" Erastus J. Gillett, D. D.,	"	Iowa,	
" Edward D. Neill,	"	Minnesota,	
" Samuel H. Willey,	"	Alta California.	

7. That the common mode of raising funds for this cause is, at present, a necessity; but that the perfection of the work, in the judgment of the Assembly, is the endowment of scholarships, held in trust by the Assembly's Committee under its charter; and that any thing short of this is liable to affect injuriously the churches and the young men who receive their benefactions.

8. That we cannot disguise the fact, that no plans or rules can [36] compensate for the want of a livelier interest on this subject in all our churches —which interest would obviate all our difficulties, and silence all complaints in all parts of the Church.

9. That the Permanent Committee be requested to appeal to the churches, to make immediate and special efforts to replenish the general treasury for Education; and that they be urged to contribute both for present exigencies and wants, and, also, for a permanent endowment, that the support of applicants may not depend on the scanty and uncertain contributions of the Church.

10. That it is the opinion of this Assembly, that $35,000, which is but little more than twenty-five cents for each member of our churches, is the very least amount that our Church, or its members, ought to be content to raise for this cause during the coming year; and we recommend that this Assembly—all our ministers, elders, and private members—give their hands to this cause with new energy, and more fervent supplications that the Lord would "send forth" more "laborers into his harvest;" for "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

11. To this end, we recommend to the Permanent Committee, that they secure, if possible, from time to time, the publication, in our religious newspapers, of such statistics and statements on the subject, as shall keep it before the churches; and, also, if the way be open, secure, through the Publication Committee, the publication of some appropriate work, to be put into the hands of pious parents and pious young men.

12. The Committee recommend the election of the following persons as members of the Permanent Committee, to serve for three years:

Rev. A. Augustus Wood, D. D., Rev. Walter Clarke, D. D., Walter S. Griffith, William E. Dodge, Jr., and Alfred C. Post, M. D.; also, to serve for two years, in the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William A. Booth, Rev. Robert R. Booth; and to serve for one year, in the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. William Hogarth, Hon. Cyrus P. Smith.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 31st, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The unfinished business, being the consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Publication, was resumed. A resolution, relative to the use of the "Church Melodies" in social meetings, together with a recommendation of the Standing Com[37]mittee in reference to the preparation of a Hymn and Tune Book for such meetings, was referred to the Permanent Committee on Publication.

The report, having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Publication respectfully present to the General Assembly the following report on the several subjects referred to them.

These are: (1.) The annual report of the Trustees of the Presbyterian House. (2.) A resolution to the effect, that the annual reports of the Permanent Committees be published in yearly volumes in uniform style. (3.) A communication from Rev. George Duffield, D. D., Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Assembly of 1856 to arrange the Book of Psalms for purposes of chanting. (4.) The annual report of the Permanent Publication Committee.

The first of these consists of the reports of the Secretary, Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace; of the late Treasurer, Edward S. Whelan; and of the present Treasurer, John C. Farr, for the year ending May 1st, 1859.

The reports of the Treasurers are duly audited. The report of the Secretary states, in substance, that the title-deeds of the Presbyterian House are now in the hands of the Permanent Trustees, and that there is a balance in the Treasurer's hands of $524.47. He also states that the term of service of John C. Farr, Charles S. Wurts, Rev. John Patton, Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd, and Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace, expires with the meeting of this Assembly.

Your Committee recommend the re-appointment of these individuals for another term; that the proceedings of the Trustees, as detailed in the Secretary's report, be approved; and that the Assembly express to them their high gratification at the results achieved thus far, and their hearty thanks for the good service they are rendering our beloved Zion.

In regard to the Publication of the annual reports, we would state, that each Permanent Committee now publishes and circulates, to a considerable extent, its own report, and bears the expense; that our religious weeklies insert synopses of them free of charge; and that the only satisfactory change, at present practicable or desirable, seems to be, that the several Committees, each bearing its own expense as now, intrust the printing of their report to the Publication Committee; and that the latter print them in uniform style, with their own *imprimatur*. The reports will then be in shape, both for easy circulation, and also for binding and preservation. This change in the publication of the annual reports of our Permanent Committees we recommend.

In reference to the communication of Rev. George Duffield, D. D., the Committee find themselves embarrassed, from the fact, [38] that the report of the Committee presented in 1857 is not before them. They, therefore, beg leave to refer this matter to the discretion of the Permanent Committee on Publication.

With the proceedings of the Permanent Committee on Publication, as detailed in the report of their Secretary, Rev. John W. Dulles, this Committee feel that the Assembly have every reason to be gratified.

The trust committed to them is one of immense importance and magnitude. As a means of denominational development and growth, of home evangelization, and even of aggressive missionary movements through the world, the press is second only to the pulpit. Just in proportion to the advance of the world in intelligence, will the importance of the press, as a means of evangelization, be enhanced.

The Christian denomination which, in our day, neglects to employ this agency, is unfaithful to her trust. And the Church that employs it partially, irresolutely, with divided counsels, and half a heart, is so far forth in the same condemnation.

The Permanent Committee on Publication seem properly to appreciate their trust. Considering the small means put into their hands, they have done well and nobly.

They have materially diminished the indebtedness with which they commenced the year.

They now present us with a completed Psalm and Hymn Book, the property of this Assembly, and a work pronounced, by competent judges, to be the best extant.

The Book of Tunes, which the Assembly of 1857 directed them to prepare, will be ready next autumn. We have every reason to suppose that it will be a fit companion for the Psalm and Hymn Book.

Thus our denomination will, in a few months, possess that great desideratum—the means of uniformity in public praise. This your Committee deem only less important than a uniform Confession of Faith, or a uniform system of Church polity.

The Permanent Committee have also issued several new and valuable tracts. We would especially commend No. 5, of the first series—"Presbyterianism Explained." It is remarkably readable and clear, and, if properly circulated, will do much towards commending our polity to thinking minds. Our chief vantage ground over other evangelical denominations lies in our polity. We should set it before the world accurately, prominently, and widely.

Several practical works by an English writer, and a select Sabbath-school library of thirty volumes, are among the issues of the year.

Though last named, yet by no means least in importance, is "The American Presbyterian Almanac," which is doing our cause great service. They recommend a much larger issue for the coming year, and that no pains, or reasonable expense, be spared to make it at least equal to any kindred publication. [39]

The publication of that much-needed work, "The Digest of the Acts of the General Assembly," is delayed for want of funds.

The receipts of the Permanent Committee on Publication demand heedful attendance.

Though much more encouraging than the year previous, we are compelled to say that they bear no suitable proportion to the ability of the denomination, or the magnitude and importance of the cause.

Of the $16,000 which the last Assembly recommended to be raised, more than $7000 are yet behind. Our churches do not seem to realize that something like an endowment fund is needed, in order properly and economically to initiate this great publication enterprise; that annual collections will be needed, until this point of endowment is reached, and even after, if we would give the Committee ability to make grants of publications, and to put on foot suitable agencies for circulation. The impression, which seems to have obtained in some quarters, that the $16,000 asked for, last year, was all that

would be required, is entirely erroneous. The Permanent Committee meant to say, that that sum would enable them to meet certain pressing existing obligations, and to commence in a small way their great work. But they did not intend to intimate, that any such sum was all that the exigencies of the case would ever demand. With all our general benevolence, we are still too prone to withhold the means which are absolutely necessary to conduct and sustain our own institutions.

We, therefore, recommend: (1.) That it be urged upon those portions of our Church, which have as yet done nothing towards raising the $16,000 recommended by the last Assembly, to show their diligence in this good work during the month of June next, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

(2.) That it be enjoined upon all our churches, to make an annual collection for the Publication cause in the month of October.

(3.) That all churches making this annual collection be permitted, if they so elect, to order for their own use any publications of the Committee, to the amount of one-half their respective collections.

The adoption of these resolutions will not only put money into the Treasury of our Publication Committee, but will, also, do much to promote the circulation of our publications.

Further: we think that this Assembly should specially urge upon our pastors and elders the duty, the privilege, and the great advantage of placing our own publications in our families and Sabbath-school libraries.

In the great work of Christian education and spiritual training to which we are called, we should give the preference to our own pulpit and our own press. We should see that the two speak in unison; and that the teachings of the press confirm and fortify the utterances of the pulpit.

We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Rev. Samuel T. Spear, D. D., Rev. William E. Moore, Rev. [40] George Duffield, Jr.; and Rev. Henry Darling, whose term of service expires with this session of the Assembly.

We also recommend as the preacher for the next Assembly, Rev. Samuel M. Hopkins, D. D., principal, and Rev. J. Ambrose Wight, alternate.

The Standing Committee on Church Extension presented their amended report, which was accepted; and, pending the discussion on its adoption, the Assembly adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 31st, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Permission was granted to the Commissioner of the Presbytery of Keokuk to withdraw the papers pertaining to the case of James H. Shields.

The unfinished business was then taken up; and the report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Church Extension beg leave to report on the papers referred to them relating to Church Extension.

The annual report of the Permanent Committee impresses us, more deeply than ever, with the indispensableness and vast importance of the work with which they are charged; and contains gratifying evidence of its enlargement, and of the rapidly growing interest that is enlisted in it. The contributions to their Treasury are seventy per cent. in advance of those of the previous year, and two hundred and fifty per cent. in advance of those of the year prior to that; and, while the missionaries and exploring agents employed have been considerably multiplied, the openings and calls for the service they

perform, urgently demanding immediate attention, far exceed the means in the hands of the Committee, and earnestly appeal to our churches, to place this cause on a par with the most prominent objects of their pecuniary benevolence. Our own country is the field for which American Christians are especially responsible, and for which they should feel especially concerned, in fulfilling the command to evangelize the world; and the teaching of the Gospel, by the living pastor and preacher, is the chief instrumentality by which the duty is to be discharged. The denomination of Christians, represented by this General Assembly, has hitherto principally employed the American Home Missionary Society, as its agency for the prosecution of domestic missions. The organization, from which that Society proceeded, was formed in the bounds, and by the members, of our Church; and its origin, and the capital of various kinds which it has accumulated, make it impossible, as a matter of feeling, of in[41]terest, and of justice, that we should abandon it to those whom we have received as partners in it. We can leave it, only on the dissolution of the firm, and the setting up of its members in new establishments. But, while this is true, the number and magnitude of the cases, for which the American Home Missionary Society cannot or does not provide, make it imperative upon us, largely to swell our contributions to the Church Extension scheme, so that its operations may correspond to the demands upon it, without the incurring of a farthing of debt. The purpose of the Permanent Committee, to equalize their appropriations and receipts, deserves cordial approbation; and the Standing Committee respectfully propose that the Assembly should be understood as recognizing this principle, for the guidance of the Permanent Committee, in complying with the recommendations made in a subsequent part of this report.

So important are all the departments of labor assigned to the Permanent Committee, that it is almost impossible to give the precedence to either. The Standing Committee, however, have been particularly impressed with the necessity and value of the work of exploring new and destitute fields, and organizing churches on them. It cannot be dispensed with. To neglect or inefficiently conduct it, is unfaithfulness to our trust. Its results are immediate, as well as abundant and large. An exploring agent, for example, entered Kansas, about six months since, and during the sessions of this Assembly we have received the Presbytery of Kansas into our connection. The Committee recommend that this branch of the Church Extension work be prosecuted with quickened energy and zeal; and they would designate Nebraska, California, and Oregon, as fields for which exploring agents should be commissioned forthwith, if the requisite funds can be procured. The peculiar circumstances of Missouri commend it to us. The fast increasing portion of its people, in sympathy with the spirit of our Church, and accordant with its position on matters of controlling movement and interest, makes the summons irresistible to help her. The near approach of the settlement of titles to land in California, the dubiousness of which has thus far hindered Church Extension there, by hindering Church Erection, opens the way for our building fund, and so gives a free course for the advancement of our Church; while the geographical position and natural resources of Nebraska and Oregon, render certain the gathering of a vast population, the laying of the foundations of society there is a work in which love to God and man requires us to take part.

The Committee propose Rev. Albert Barnes, Rev. Henry Darling, Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., John A. Brown, and Hon. William Pennington, to fill vacancies occasioned by the expiration at this time of terms of office in

the membership of the Permanent Committee; and Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., to take the place of Rev. William Adams, D. D., who has resigned.

Several Overtures, also, have been placed in the hands of the Committee. [42]

The Presbytery of Dakota prays the General Assembly to send missionaries to the Southern States, to establish churches; and to instruct the missionaries not to receive slaveholders to the Church, until the sin of slaveholding shall have been renounced. The Committee recommend that the Presbytery be respectfully referred to the Permanent Committee.

The Presbyteries of Alton, Bloomington, and Chicago, complain of the action of the American Home Missionary Society, in withholding appropriations from churches connected with Presbyteries that employ exploring agents without the commission of the American Home Missionary Society; and from such as are connected with Presbyteries, the churches of which do not contribute, to the full measure of their ability, to the Treasury of the American Home Missionary Society. The following resolutions of the Executive Committee of the American Home Missionary Society have been published in a letter from the pen of one of the Secretaries:

"A communication having been received by the Presbytery of Alton, inclosing a minute adopted by that body at its late meeting, in reference to the terms of co-operation;

"*Resolved*, I. That the Presbytery be informed that the following principles govern the Society in co-operating with auxiliaries and ecclesiastical bodies, and this Committee will be happy to co-operate with the Presbytery on the same terms, viz.:

"1st. That the missionaries laboring within the bounds of an auxiliary, or ecclesiastical body, be commissioned by this Society, and be governed in their labors by its principles.

"2d. That the funds raised on the field be applied to cancel the pledges contained in the commissions, and be acknowledged by the Society as contributed to its treasury.

"3d. That the churches on the field co-operate cordially with the Society in the raising of funds, and contribute yearly to its treasury, according to the full measure of their ability.

"*Resolved*, II. That this Committee continue to regard the work of exploring and occupying new fields of labor, as one of great importance; and, by sustaining general exploring agents, and other itinerant laborers, having missionary circuits, more or less extensive, as circumstances may require, they are enabled to reach every portion of the field, and carry forward with harmony and efficiency every department of the missionary work."

The General Assembly can never approve of these resolutions, if they are to be interpreted as,

1. Denying the right of our Presbyteries, in our present relations to the American Home Missionary Society, to appoint, solely on their own authority, one or more exploring missionaries within their bounds; or as,

2. Asserting it as a sufficient reason why the Society should withhold aid from the feeble churches of a Presbytery, that other churches of such Presbytery contribute the whole, or a portion, of their Home Missionary Funds elsewhere than to the treasury of that Society. [43]

Churches, in the condition of those just referred to, ought not to be left to suffer, and perhaps to perish; and, with a view to them, and also to churches situated like those in Missouri, the powers and duties of the Church Extension Committee ought to be expanded. It has hitherto devolved upon them: 1. To employ agents for purposes of exploration; 2. To aid churches

in the chartered limits of cities and large towns; 3. To plant Presbyterian churches in places where sister denominations had not previously occupied the ground; and 4. To answer applications that require prompt and immediate replies, and that will not admit of the delay incident to requests preferred in other directions.

In view of the new classes of exceptional cases to which they have referred, the Committee recommend, that the province of the Permanent Committee be still further enlarged, so that they may be authorized to provide for churches, that can receive adequate aid from no other source. And to meet the increased draft, that must thus be made upon their treasury, it is desirable that additional force should be given to their agency for collecting funds.

The report of the Committee of Conference with the American Home Missionary Society has been referred to this Committee, and the following preamble and resolution are recommended for the adoption of the General Assembly:

Whereas, The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, represented in this General Assembly, has hitherto prosecuted the work of domestic missions, principally through the agency of the American Home Missionary Society; and *whereas* complaints have been made to the General Assembly, from year to year, and with increasing earnestness, of the mode in which that agency has been conducted, particularly in the Western and North-western States and Territories; Therefore,

Resolved, That a *Commission* of the General Assembly is hereby raised, consisting of Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., Rev. A. Augustus Wood, D. D., Rev. Philemon H. Fowler, D. D., Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Rev. Robert W. Patterson, D. D., Rev. Harvey Curtis, D. D., Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D., Jesse W. Benedict, Esq., Mr. Norman White, Mr. James B. Pinneo, and Hon. William Jessup, (any four of them at a meeting properly called to constitute a quorum;) to ascertain, by a thorough investigation, the facts in the case; and to procure such other information as may be in their power, relating to the history of our connection with the work of Home Missions, and our present relations to it; also, to learn the principles and modes of the administration of the American Home Missionary Society over the entire field of its operations; and to submit the whole, well authenticated, to the next General Assembly.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported

No. 1. A petition from the Presbyterian church of Bainbridge, Ind., asking for a transfer of relation from the Presbytery of Crawfordsville to the Presbytery of Green Castle. [44]

It has been ascertained, by the Committee, that the church of Bainbridge has failed to confer with the Presbytery with which it is connected, on the subject of this petition to the Assembly. They have also learned from a member of the Presbytery, that such a conference, together with further consideration of all the circumstances, may change the feelings which have induced this petition. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the petitioners be advised to confer with their Presbytery on the subject, and that the transfer of their ecclesiastical relation be postponed, at least, for one year.

No. 2. On the adjustment of the Roll. The Committee recommend that the Synod of Mississippi, having notified the Assembly of their withdrawal from our connection, be stricken from the Roll.

The Committee further state, that they have information that the Synod of Kentucky has been dissolved; and that the Synods of East and West

Tennessee have abjured the jurisdiction of the Assembly, and formally connected themselves with another ecclesiastical body; and we would, therefore, recommend that these Synods be stricken from the Roll.

The Committee further state, that, though the Synod of Virginia has formally withdrawn, and the Synod of Missouri assumed an independent position in reference to this Assembly, still there is evidence to believe, that there are many brethren, and even Presbyteries, in the bounds of these Synods, who sympathize with us, and who desire, in due time, to resume their connection with us; we, therefore, advise that the names of these Synods be retained, until these brethren have determined upon the relation they desire to occupy.

No. 3. An Overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Third, on the demission of the ministry.

The Committee recommend the appointment of a *Committee* consisting of Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. Henry B. Smith, D. D., and Mr. Walter S. Griffith, to consider the subject, and report to the next General Assembly.

No. 4. An Overture from the Presbytery of New York, Fourth, on amending the Book of Discipline.

In the opinion of the Committee, the Book of Discipline, especially in relation to some of the points submitted in the Overture, might be improved. It is their judgment, however, that the inconvenience to the Church, arising from the imperfections contemplated, is not so great, as to render it expedient for the General Assembly to attempt any revision at the present time. The Committee are constrained to regard other questions and principles, bearing on the present peace, and the prospective influence and usefulness of our branch of the Presbyterian church, as more important; the proper adjustment of which must require the concentrated wisdom of the General Assembly. Until these are finally and permanently settled, their discussion will require too much of the time and care of subsequent Assemblies, to allow sufficient space for the due consideration of changes in our Book of Discipline. [45]

Urged, therefore, by the conviction that the object prayed for is so grave as to require consideration, which our Church is not now in the best position to give it, your Committee beg to recommend, that the appointment of a committee to submit to the General Assembly revisions of the Book of Discipline be indefinitely postponed.

No. 5. On the action of the Synod of Geneva and the Presbytery of Ithaca in the transfer of a church from one Presbytery to another, the Committee judge that the matter does not come before them in due form for any action by this body.

The report of the Committee on each of these subjects was adopted.

They also made a report on the report of the Committee on Formulas; also on the case of persons who are members of the Church and wish to renounce their covenant vows; and their report on these subjects was placed on the docket.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion presented their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported paper No. 5, a memorial on Slavery, from the Presbytery of Kansas. The Committee recommend no further action on the subject.

No. 6. A petition signed by C. Van Rensselaer, Benj. J. Wallace, and Geo. H. Stuart, asking a recommendation of a collection for the Presbyterian

Historical Society. The Committee concur in the recommendation. The report was adopted.

A communication was received from the Delegate of the General Association of Connecticut, and read to the Assembly.

The Committee, to which was referred the paper on the subject of Lay Agency, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, appointed to consider the Overture of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Fourth, inquiring as to the expediency of organizing a lay agency in the work of evangelization, beg leave, respectfully, to report:

They have taken the inquiry presented in the Overture under careful consideration, and are of the unanimous opinion, that no such organization is needed by the Church as is therein suggested. In declaring this opinion, they would not be understood as disparaging in any way the importance of lay efforts in advancing the Gospel. It is one of the cardinal doctrines of Protestants, that the proper sanctification and efficiency of the Church depends, in a large degree, on the constant exercise of all the natural talents and spiritual gifts of its members in the service of the Lord. Believing, though we do, in the divine appointment of a specially trained and ordained ministry, we do by no means confine to it the blessed work of bearing witness for Christ, by words and ex[46]ample. The divine word makes it the duty of every believer to let his light shine, and the savor of his salt be diffused; and so to contribute, according to his ability, unto the edification of the Church, and the saving of souls. This duty can never be too earnestly enforced and carried out. Its faithful observance is the very life of the Church, and the administrative skill of a minister and session is nowhere more signally shown, than in the means which they employ to bring every church member under their care to realize and carry out the obligation. But, in order to this, your Committee believe, that no new ecclesiastical provision is required. Indeed it is to be feared, that such provision would hinder rather than promote the good sought. The excellence of lay agency consists very largely in its voluntary character. It tells upon the people, because it is the free out-going of earnest and irrepressible sentiments and convictions, and because it is neither commissioned nor rewarded by man. We rob it of its peculiar power and efficiency, when we render it perfunctory. Very undesirable is it, therefore, to change its character, and convert it into a second-rate ministry, liable to assert pretentions for which it is not qualified. The history of the Church, in times past, too clearly sets forth the evils arising from the creation of such an order, for us to venture on the renewal of the measure.

Accordingly your Committee recommend that no action be taken by the Assembly in the matter proposed; excepting,

1. To declare it, as our unanimous judgment, that the liberty conceded, by our excellent polity, for the free exercise of all spiritual gifts in an orderly manner, renders the organization of any lay agencies superfluous.

2. To urge on all pastors and sessions, that they exert themselves, in all suitable ways, for the development, the employment and direction of all the lay talent existing in their churches, unto the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the glory of his name.

The Rev. Messrs. John Jenkins, Thomas J. Shepherd, and Benjamin J. Wallace, with Messrs. John C. Farr, and Charles S. Wurts, were chosen Trustees of the Presbyterian House.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly be presented to the respective railroad companies, who have kindly consented to a reduction of

their ordinary fare, in favor of the Commissioners and others, who have been in attendance on the sessions of this Assembly.

Also, to the citizens of Wilmington, whose large-hearted hospitality has been so generously extended to the Assembly, and rendered their sojourn so pleasant and so gratefully memorable, with the assurance of the fervent prayer of the Assembly, that they and theirs may be abundantly "recompensed in the resurrection of the just."

Also, to the Committee of Arrangements, for their promptness [47] and assiduity, in providing for the convenience and comfort of their numerous visitors on this occasion.

Also, to the Trustees of the Central Presbyterian church, for the use of their beautiful house of worship, and its ample accommodations.

Also, to the choirs of the two Presbyterian churches, for their appropriate and excellent services during the sessions.

Also, to the editor of the *Daily Journal and Statesman*, for his enterprise in reporting, from day to day, the proceedings of the Assembly.

Also, to the Rev. John W. Mears, for the able and correct manner in which he furnished that paper with the report of the proceedings.

Also, to the Moderator, the Rev. Robert W. Patterson, D. D., for the admirable manner in which he has presided over the Assembly; and for the Christian courtesy which he has constantly extended to the Commissioners.

Also, that the Assembly appreciate and acknowledge the courtesy of the citizens of Wilmington, as shown in the steamboat excursion of yesterday, on their beautiful river and bay.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 31st, 7 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 Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, was taken up, adopted, and is as follows: to the

1. *General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church*—Rev. E. Perkins Pratt, D. D., principal; and Rev. William H. McCarer, alternate.

2. *General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America*—Rev. James Eells, principal; and Rev. W. Wallace Atterbury, alternate.

3. *General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America*—Rev. David Murdock, D. D., principal; and Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle, alternate.

4. *Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States*—Rev. George A. Lyon, D. D., principal; and Walter S. Drysdale, alternate.

5. *General Association of Massachusetts*—Rev. Philemon H. Fowler, D. D., principal; and Rev. Samuel M. Hopkins, D. D., alternate.

6. *General Association of Connecticut*—Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., principal; and Rev. William E. Knox, alternate.

7. *General Association of New Hampshire*—Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., principal; and Rev. Henry N. Millerd, alternate.

8. *General Conference of Maine*—Rev. George F. Wiswell, principal; and Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, alternate. [48]

9. *General Convention of Vermont*—Rev. Selden Haines, principal; and Rev. R. Richard Kirk, alternate.

10. *Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin*—Rev. Henry B. Holmes, principal; and Rev. Arthur Swazy, alternate.

The report of the Committee on a Formula of Doctrine, was then taken

up; whereupon it was resolved, that the formula of doctrine, etc., be referred to the Permanent Committee on Publication; and that a sufficient number of copies be sent down to the Presbyteries with the request, that they express their views on the subject, and report to the next General Assembly.

The report of the Committee on the case of Delinquent Church Members was taken up, and it was resolved, in accordance with their recommendation, that the provisions of the Book of Discipline are all that is needed.

The Committee on Mileage offered a supplemental report, which was adopted, as follows:

The Mileage Committee report that they have attended to the supplementary duties assigned to them by the Assembly, viz.: To receive any funds that should be placed in their hands, to meet such cases of hardship as seemed to require relief; and that, in accordance with such provision, the Committee have received from the Presbyteries of Utica, Lyons, Philadelphia Fourth, Brooklyn, and Geneva, and from sundry individuals, $184.08.

And that from this fund, the Committee have met, to the satisfaction of every applicant, the demand which his case seemed to require; the amount thus disbursed is $128.50, leaving a balance in the hands of the Committee of $55.58. And they recommend that the balance ($55.58) be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, for the Contingent Fund of the General Assembly.

The Rev. George C. Curtis, the Delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, made a report, which was accepted and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches to take up a collection for the treasury of the Church Extension Committee at their earliest convenience.

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

The Permanent Committee on Home Missions were re-appointed and instructed to arrange themselves into classes for one, two, and three years.

The Standing Committee on Education presented a report in relation to the Ingham University, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Assembly take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt, from the Chancellor of the Ingham University, of an account of its continued prosperity; and commend it to the patronage of the Christian public. [49]

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that the following Commissioners had been excused from further attendance on the sessions of the Assembly:

Rev. Levi P. Crawford,	of the	Presbytery of	Ottawa.
" James R. Dunn,	"	"	Bloomington.
" Samuel Lee,	"	"	Portage.
" J. Jerome Ward,	"	"	Niagara.
Hon. John O. Cole,	"	"	Albany.
Elder Elijah Bemis,	"	"	Huron.
Rev. Alfred Bryant,	"	"	Kalamazoo.
" James C. Egbert,	"	"	New York, Third.
" Edwin S. Wright,	"	"	Buffalo.
" Sanford R. Bissell,	"	"	Fort Wayne.
" Franklin Maginnis,	"	"	Cleveland.
" Thomas S. Milligan,	"	"	Green Castle.
Elder William D. Moore,	"	"	Des Moines.

Elder Walter S. Griffith, of the Presbytery of Brooklyn.
Rev. Eber M. Rollo, " " Albany.
" Philip S. Cleland, " " Indianapolis.
Elder Philander H. Roots, " " "
Rev. Edwards A. Beach, " " Pataskala.
Elder Matthew Newkirk, " " "
Rev. John Jenkins, " " Philadelphia, Third.

The Standing Committees severally reported, that they had no further business in hand, and were discharged.

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 New Hampshire, Wisconsin, the Lutheran Synod, and the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, with the salaries and traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks, and the traveling expenses of the Moderator of the last Assembly, were ordered to be paid.

A claim for traveling expenses, in attendance on one of the committees of the Assembly, was referred to the Stated Clerk, with instructions to be governed by the usage in such cases.

The Rev. M. L. P. Thompson, D. D., was appointed a Delegate, on his own charges, to the next General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

The Roll was called, and the following Commissioners were found absent without leave:

Ministers—R. Richard Kirk, Edward Lord, Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., Charles Wadsworth, Daniel C. Houghton, D. D., Robert R. Booth, Bela Fancher, Lucius D. Chapin, Henry H. Northrop, William M. Ferry, James Eells, George A. Adams, Benjamin P. Aydelotte, D. D., Jeremiah P. E. Kumler, and Peter S. Van Nest.

Elders—Charles H. Metcalf, Thomas Potter, Alexander Whilldin, Joseph Francis, James M. Moorhead, Ninian Irwin, Thomas [50] Wood, Ebenezer B. Dewey, Truman P. Handy, Sylvanus Hatch, Joseph Riggs, and Robert G. Yonge.

The Minutes of the session were read and approved.

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 Third Presbyterian church, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., on the third Thursday of May, 1860, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HENRY KENDALL, *Permanent Clerk, pro tem.*

Wilmington, Del., May 31st, 1859.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE

Of the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, May, 1859.

Assuming that a Narrative should be a condensed and brief statement of facts, rather than a rhetorical dissertation, your Committee have endeavored

to arrange, in as simple a manner as possible, the principal items contained in the accounts of those Presbyteries which have made any report: these are only sixty-five in number, or about two-thirds of the Presbyteries now in our connection—a fact to be noted at the beginning, as indicating a lamentable want of interest in one very important department of duty.

That which is most prominent in all the reports, as might be expected, is the history of the more abiding results of the great revival, an account of which formed the burden of the Narrative last year—a history most cheering and hopeful. Yet another fact, scarcely less generally mentioned, is, that the blessing, which last year descended especially upon our cities and large towns, has this year visited, to a very considerable degree, our country churches, manifesting the same peculiarities which were so marked in its previous influence. Taking the two years together, therefore, we may record, with profound gratitude to God, the display of his grace with unprecedented power over our whole Church; in which city and country alike rejoice, and the full effects of which will be known only when time shall end.

With these general statements we will proceed to speak of some things which should be more particularly noticed.

I. Items which Excite Gratitude and Hope.

1. There has been an elevated level of piety in our churches.

This might have been anticipated from the character of the work of grace which we have experienced. There was little of that excitement that must have reaction; but the new feeling seems rather like the lifting to the surface of an island, which had been long forming beneath the waters and has a rock foundation to the very bottom. This higher level appears, in the continued interest of a much larger number in the social meetings of the Church; in the increased, and, in many cases, new efforts put forth for the salvation of souls, especially in personal visitation, mission prayer-meetings, and Sunday-schools; and in the frequently expressed longing of Christians for a more full experience of the love of Christ. The natural fruit of this more earnest piety is declared, in the fact, expressed in almost all the reports of the Presbyteries, that there have been conversions in small numbers, where there have not been extensive revivals; and, in the majority of churches, some have been added at every communion; and that fruit is also to be seen, in the more faithful and beautiful illustration of our holy religion, in the daily lives of its professors.

2. There has been more general attention to the religious instruction of the young.

Hardly a Presbytery fails to report, that its Sunday-schools are flourishing, and that many more youth are gathered into Bible-classes than ever before; and many speak of a new interest in respect to catechetical instruction among parents and teachers, than which few things are more important to the future prosperity of our Church. From the statements made and the number of mission-schools mentioned, there can be no doubt that thousands more of children and youth are under regular religious culture in our churches than at any former period.

3. There has been a new disposition among the laymen of our churches, to engage in active labors for the conversion of men.

This has been more prominent in some localities than in others; yet it has been seen throughout the Church, and renders this a peculiar era in our history. Various opinions are expressed, as to the benefits of this lay Christian enterprise, and possibly caution may sometimes be needed; yet the results

prove, that we have in it a powerful agency for usefulness which has been too long idle; and we hail the indications, that our members are willing to make themselves more efficient in the work of the Church, not only as promising to secure the salvation of more souls, but also as certain to promote a healthy development and growth in the Church itself, ardently to be desired.

4. There has been a permanent increase in prayer.

Of this, little need be said; as all know, that it has been the wonderful feature of the whole revival. It is noticed only, that it may be left on record, to the praise of Him who has promised to hear and answer his people. In city and country, in daily meetings and weekly meetings, in the mission circle, at the family altar and in the closet, there is testimony, that there have been new interest and power in prayer.

5. There has been a better observance of the Sabbath.

One of the most fearful facts of our national history, for the past ten years, has been a growing tendency to loose views respecting the sanctity of the Sabbath. The great influx of foreigners has contributed to this; but it was also apparent that many of our own people, and even of our church members, were willing to be sadly indifferent on this subject. Most hopeful is it, therefore, that accounts very generally speak of a new interest in the observance of God's holy day; and we may hope, that an abiding check will be given to that license in respect to it, which has excited the fears of those who believe that He is a jealous God, who has commanded us to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

6. There have been a larger number of young men ready to begin a preparation for the ministry, and more interest in our plan of ministerial education.

When it is considered, that most of the converts during the past year and a half are from among the young, a most cheering future opens before us; and when, from this number, scores, if not hundreds, are turning their attention to the Gospel ministry, at this time when the world demands so many who shall be able preachers of the Word, an importance attaches to our efforts for their education, which, it is most hopeful to see, many of our Presbyteries are beginning to feel. Let us believe, that the indications of this year are but the earnest of the future.

7. There has been most commendable effort in church-erection and the removal of church-debts.

The lack of money, more pressing in many regions during the past year than during the year before, has not paralyzed our churches, as to securing for themselves houses in which they may worship God. Churches have been built; others have been repaired. The new zeal in spiritual things has opened the purses that were before thoroughly closed; rich churches in some of the cities have helped to cancel debts, which hung like mill-stones upon those which were more feeble; and the year has been memorable for this species of offerings upon God's altar. All history declares, that few churches can long prosper under the incubus of a heavy debt, especially where any alternative is presented to those whom they would attract; and one of the first and most earnest efforts of a church thus oppressed should be to become free.

8. There has been hearty support of general systems of benevolence, both voluntary and denominational.

Notwithstanding the difficulty in obtaining money, the facts show an increase, in the aggregate amount contributed by our Church, of several thousand dollars; attesting, that that most desirable point is being reached by our people, when they will sustain these means for general evangelization,

not from impulse, but upon principle, at sacrifice to themselves, and with an intelligent conviction of their worth to the Church and to the world. It is worthy of grateful remark, that we have shown that a supreme desire to work for Christ may consist with proper ecclesiastical development. Particularly in this connection should the fact be stated, that some Presbyteries have taken new interest in looking after the feeble churches of their number; a course contemplated by our excellent polity, and eminently successful in the promotion of all good results, whenever undertaken in the proper manner and with the right spirit. It is to be hoped, that all our Presbyteries and individual churches will be thus provoked "to love and good works," as to those whom Providence has placed directly within their ability to bless.

Having given these particulars, which should excite us to gratitude, and encourage us to hope and labor and pray, the Committee would allude to

II. Some Items which Require Attention, that there may be Improvement or Reform.

1. The large number of our churches that have stated supplies in their pulpits. An examination reveals that we have only a little more than 400 pastors, and a little more than 600 stated supplies, which, in a Church the success of whose system must depend largely on the permanence of its ministry, needs no comment; and our churches should be earnestly advised to remedy what is so manifest an evil.

2. The large number of vacant churches, and of ministers without charge: we have more than 300, or not quite one-fifth of our churches, that have no regular preaching of the Gospel.

A most lamentable and alarming fact! We have nearly 300 ministers without charge; of whom, after deducting all who are engaged in our Colleges and Seminaries, and all those who are disabled by age or infirmity, there must be very many who might be employed in the proper work of the holy office.

It is to be hoped, that those, who have charge of this department of our Church affairs, will make the most strenuous efforts, by uniting little churches that are contiguous, and by aiding those that should be sustained, to strengthen those interests, most important, yet in danger of being overlooked, represented in our feeble churches. New territory is so inviting, that we are constantly tempted to establish ourselves where we may have an open field, to the serious harm of those churches to which we owe fostering care, and which are ready to perish. Our most pressing duty, now, is to cheer and help our small churches in thriving and populous districts.

3. The lack of interest respecting infant baptism.

A number of Presbyteries notice this with expressions of sadness; and, with God's covenant faithfulness towards his people as a fundamental principle of our Church, it is matter for deep regret, that the consecration of children to him in baptism has been so much neglected. Still, these reports are not to be taken as proof, that there has been an increase of indifference to this duty, but as proof that the attention of pastors has lately been more seriously directed to the evil; and they are, therefore, rather hopeful than otherwise as to the future. Our history, as a Church, fully demonstrates the pre-eminent value of this ordinance of God; and parents should be anxious to avail themselves of so precious an avenue of blessings upon themselves and upon their children.

4. The increase of intemperance in many regions.

Lamentations abound upon this point; and the chief cause assigned is, the

disposition of many, even of those who have been regarded as temperance men, to drink the beverages which have recently become quite fashionable—such as lager beer and the various kinds of ale. It is with pleasure that we notice, however, a purpose to meet this evil, thus insinuating itself into our churches, with prompt opposition; and we may hope, that no proper means will be left untried for the suppression of so formidable a foe to all valuable interests.

These are the prominent items contained in the Presbyterial Reports, both as to what may encourage us, and engage our efforts to remove what works harm to the Church.

In view of them all, it is evident that praise should be our inscription upon the Ebenezer which we here erect; and a more thorough devotion to our work should be the blessing which we should seek for the year to come. Our Church has never been in a position of more hope, or possessed more elements of strength, than at present. May God give us grace to enter upon our mission afresh, with the right spirit, and in the adoption of proper means, that we may secure a brilliant record of achievements for his glory in the salvation of men!

In conclusion, we are called upon to record the ravages of death among our ministers, while we are grateful that so few have been taken from us when compared with the reports of former years.

The number of those who have died during the year is fourteen, and their names are as follows:

Rev. Leonard Johnson,	Presbytery of	Chenango.
" Thomas S. Brittan,	"	Brooklyn.
" Thomas P. Hunt,	"	Philadelphia, 4th.
" James H. Rice,	"	Erie.
" Lawrence Streit,	"	Meadville.
" Alexander B. Corning,	"	Washtenaw.
" Truman Coe,	"	Grand River.
" John Thompson,	"	Crawfordsville.
" Amos P. Brown,	"	Schuyler.
" Morrison Huggins,	"	Belvidere.
" Alexander Montgomery,	"	"
" John D. Strong,	"	Columbus.
" Adams W. Platt,	"	Iowa City.
" George M. Crawford,	"	Lexington.

By order of the General Assembly.

ROBERT W. PATTERSON, *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 Certificate.	Communicants.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	General Assembly.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	STATED CLERKS.
I. Synod of Albany	1803	5	81	4	11	70	663	162	8,639	261	156	$233 28	$3,174 36	$3,874 87	$835 06	$3,623 50	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
1. Champlain	1814	...	24	...	1	21	247	46	2,369	85	35	88 80	664 80	1,174 72	23 54	464 12	Stephen H. Williams.
2. Troy	1820		24	3	...	18	178	41	2,504	89	40	50 92	850 96	1,323 02	130 49	1,167 74	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
3. Albany	1791	...	14	1	6	12	106	44	1,714	34	43	43 06	642 94	403 96	475 03	730 47	Eber M. Rollo.
4. Columbia	1802	...	5	...	4	6	26	16	924	13	8	.....	350 00	435 00	170 00	280 00	William S. Leavitt.
5. Catskill	1851	...	14	...	...	13	106	15	1,128	40	30	50 50	665 66	538 17	36 00	981 17	Leonard B. Van Dyck.
II. Synod of Utica	1829	4	67	3	11	73	547	194	6,986	159	152	236 17	1,721 07	2,394 40	1,199 23	2,233 63	William E. Knox.
1. St. Lawrence	1818	...	8	...	2	6	41	10	607	...	16	36 15	155 75	304 16	33 00	188 56	Baruch B. Beckwith.
2. Watertown	1822	...	11	...	1	21	80	41	2,013	24	50	79 00	400 46	776 32	196 84	524 63	Isaac Brayton.
3. Oswego	1823	...	8	...	...	14	128	45	1,301	40	33	4 80	516 06	514 47	87 36	360 65	Thomas A. Weed.
4. Utica	1842	...	41	3	8	32	298	98	3,065	95	53	116 22	648 80	799 45	882 03	1,158 79	Samuel W. Brace.
III. Synod of Geneva	1812	6	107	4	33	92	848	315	9,617	335	220	266 60	2,694 76	2,249 85	1,412 59	2,169 39	Benjamin M. Goldsmith.
1. Geneva	1805	...	34	4	15	16	269	87	2,204	86	55	34 20	781 13	953 85	576 66	700 25	Benjamin M. Goldsmith.
2. Bath	1817	...	15	...	...	17	98	30	1,411	40	26	32 20	233 79	113 50	79 67	2 00	Stephen Vorhis.
3. Chemung	1836	...	20	...	6	20	154	71	2,039	64	41	45 50	401 00	364 35	207 00	530 00	Charles C. Carr.
4. Ithaca	1839	...	11	...	3	9	111	49	1,286	53	8	70 70	416 23	364 09	272 19	325 55	Lewis Kellogg.
5. Pennsylvania	1845	...	12	...	...	15	77	17	606	31	45	24 95	93 00	80 37	6 00	37 00	Samuel J. McCullough.
6. Lyons	1856	...	15	...	9	15	139	61	2,071	61	45	59 05	769 61	373 69	271 07	574 59	William N. McHarg.
IV. Synod of Onondaga	1855	4	83	22	25	69	705	221	7,823	295	200	322 75	2,862 41	3,445 72	2,765 54	2,406 80	Lewis H. Reid.
1. Onondaga	1810	...	25	...	6	23	212	57	2,480	75	47	97 75	1,154 33	915 36	817 46	598 94	Royal A. Avery.
2. Cayuga	1810	...	32	22	6	21	237	85	2,270	104	54	112 00	915 78	1,017 76	1,484 28	1,042 17	Henry N. Millerd.
3. Cortland	1825	...	14	...	7	16	134	42	1,709	62	67	42 00	486 89	615 73	242 80	460 54	Samuel N. Robinson.
4. Tioga	1829	...	12	...	6	9	122	37	1,364	54	32	71 00	305 41	896 87	221 00	305 15	Samuel H. Hall.

V. Synod of Susquehanna.	1853	3	41	1	10	51	197	72	4,001	69	59	77	85	1,139	06	1,280	85	451	83	629	07	David Torrey.
1. Otsego	1820	...	13	...	2	16	90	28	1,384	31	13	46	00	287	83	471	42	59	50	180	18	Samuel W. Bush.
2. Chenango	1826	...	15	...	1	18	69	31	1,675	30	20	22	25	387	15	416	17	147	47	226	68	Willard M. Hoyt.
3. Delaware	1831	...	13	1	7	17	38	13	942	8	26	9	60	464	08	393	26	244	86	222	21	Julius S. Pattengill.
VI. Synod of Genesee	1821	6	124	8	13	104	1002	411	13,121	408	300	392	52	5,293	80	4,249	44	2,563	86	6,455	90	Timothy Stillman, D. D.
1. Buffalo	1817	...	43	...	13	32	427	163	3,782	162	141	175	00	2,482	39	1,974	96	1,170	17	1,434	11	Timothy Stillman, D. D.
2. Ontario	1817	...	17	...	...	13	131	36	1,682	45	25	53	00	384	67	399	65	154	97	167	23	John Barnard, D. D.
3. Rochester	1819	...	26	3	...	16	209	108	2,725	83	43	19	00	663	57	811	97	344	87	2,923	95	Charles E. Furman.
4. Genesee	1819	...	14	2	...	15	99	31	1,341	54	29	34	52	653	18	372	08	422	04	306	71	Gabriel S. Corwin.
5. Niagara	1823	...	16	2	...	18	83	53	2,484	39	33	63	00	894	07	578	93	367	81	1,566	34	J. Jerome Ward.
6. Genesee Valley	1828	...	8	1	...	10	53	20	1,107	25	29	48	00	215	92	111	85	104	00	57	56	Nathan Allen.
VII. Syn. of N. Y. and N. J.	1788	9	231	41	92	156	2265	961	25,743	670	1014	1,199	00	30,146	50	29,874	32	43,720	29	9,617	66	Obadiah M. Johnson.
1. Hudson	1797	...	17	...	2	13	101	41	1,732	57	48	93	75	354	47	470	29	224	36	559	10	Obadiah M. Johnson.
2. North River	1819	...	15	1	7	17	160	41	1,536	74	39	78	00	416	00	738	64	217	16	217	55	Sumner Mandeville.
3. Long Island	1791	...	10	...	2	6	62	15	700	36	13	31	50	154	06	142	92	93	60	74	75	Epher Whitaker.
4. New York, 3d	1831	...	57	18	46	25	729	295	6,256	163	282	300	00	15,644	74	14,329	11	19,445	32	3,453	06	Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D.
5. New York, 4th	1845	...	31	19	17	11	254	131	2,782	78	87	221	85	4,642	95	5,890	40	20,215	21	2,413	89	A. Augustus Wood, D. D.
6. Brooklyn	1838	...	18	1	1	10	122	127	2,535	16	75	100	65	1,372	39	1,978	62	580	67	789	95	William S. Karr.
7. Newark	1824	...	37	1	10	21	536	182	5,378	115	372	221	70	6,182	89	4,722	95	2,182	32	1,177	98	Joseph Few Smith, D. D.
8. Rockaway	1839	...	21	...	...	20	208	57	2,485	98	34	66	52	399	00	666	00	566	00	765	00	Burtis C. Megie.
9. Montrose	1832	...	25	1	7	33	93	72	2,339	33	64	85	03	980	00	935	39	196	25	166	38	Adam Miller.
VIII. S. of Pennsylvania.	1838	4	80	6	30	68	810	277	11,161	224	492	539	11	17,243	65	4,003	12	3,621	78	3,450	53	William E. Moore.
1. Wilmington	1833	...	10	1	1	14	132	24	1,309	45	68	39	70	645	21	730	57	238	80	528	16	John W. Mears.
2. Philadelphia, 3d	1832	...	27	1	6	18	282	113	2,946	88	143	150	00	3,376	00	1,259	00	1,386	00	1,169	00	J. Glentworth Butler.
3. Philadelphia, 4th	1845	...	30	3	15	27	320	108	5,885	80	225	298	25	11,775	04	1,056	54	1,557	98	1,390	27	Thomas J. Shepard.
4. Harrisburgh	1839	...	13	1	8	9	76	32	1,021	11	56	51	16	1,447	40	957	01	439	00	363	10	Conway P. Wing, D. D.
IX. Synod of West Penn.	1843	3	20	...	6	36	283	90	2,936	66	121	129	45	2,468	24	1,368	22	646	58	872	79	George A. Lyon, D. D.
1. Erie	1801	...	9	...	3	14	128	33	1,234	33	38	60	10	335	99	352	22	72	08	454	79	Joseph Vance.
2. Meadville	1842	...	5	...	1	16	113	10	946	24	49	24	35	78	25	35	00	133	50	82	00	Richard Craighead.
3. Pittsburgh.	1839	...	6	...	2	6	42	47	755	9	34	45	00	2,054	00	981	60	441	00	336	00	Samuel M. Sparks.

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X. Synod of Michigan	1834	9	90	4	13	105	900	366	8,334	322	269	$351 56	$2,703 85	$3,165 07	$1,316 73	$1,873 40	William S. Huggins.
1. Detroit	1826	...	20	1	...	17	128	63	1,336	32	46	68 72	690 51	988 84	512 70	336 72	Eurotas P. Hastings.
2. Monroe	1833	...	11	1	3	15	108	38	1,368	56	50	52 00	579 72	447 20	246 55	307 91	Addison K. Strong.
3. Marshall	1838	..	11	...	2	15	119	66	1,170	26	16	39 83	243 35	291 71	82 11	.....	Chester S. Armstrong.
4. Washtenaw	1838	...	12	2	8	11	321	68	1,474	111	65	56 65	186 08	414 94	289 63	321 97	Benjamin Franklin.
5. Kalamazoo	1838	...	11	...	...	12	51	40	1,095	21	17	51 61	464 75	699 16	111 74	694 05	Milton Bradley.
6. Cold Water	1856	...	7	...	...	12	24	26	808	9	11	37 50	116 66	143 05	6 00	81 25	Reuben S. Goodman.
7. Saginaw	1856	...	11	...	...	14	83	46	729	41	40	31 30	240 00	180 17	68 00	131 50	Henry H. Northrop.
8. Grand River Valley	1857	...	5	...	...	4	66	19	293	26	24	13 95	182 78	.....	.....	.....	Courtney Smith.
9. Lake Superior*	1857	...	2	...	...	5	...	...	61								
XI. Synod of W. Reserve	1825	7	106	6	36	86	563	321	6,580	181	209	212 16	2,576 09	2,936 20	1,243 29	2,276 74	Xenophon Betts.
1. Grand River*	1814	...	9	...	...	6	...	...	553	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dexter Witter.
2. Portage	1818	...	20	4	15	9	49	32	685	8	12	32 60	456 00	451 00	131 00	485 00	Levi B. Wilson.
3. Huron	1823	...	15	...	1	15	93	42	1,156	46	55	50 10	316 57	454 98	112 80	205 97	Alfred Newton.
4. Trumbull	1827	...	11	...	7	14	66	37	1,189	17	27	32 31	321 14	365 80	14 75	232 20	Xenophon Betts.
5. Cleveland	1830	...	27	2	8	15	189	75	1,510	58	45	67 15	924 88	1,159 94	341 90	913 89	James Shaw.
6. Elyria	1842	...	15	...	2	14	82	74	812	34	22	.....	236 21	358 62	184 50	194 75	Ansel R. Clark.
7. Maumee	1842	...	9	...	3	13	84	61	675	18	48	30 00	321 29	195 86	458 34	244 93	Perry C. Baldwin.
XII. Synod of Ohio	1814	4	44	3	13	72	273	156	4,726	77	190	140 61	1,763 76	1,816 73	1,248 30	1,177 03	Addison Kingsbury, D. D.
1. Athens	1822	...	4	...	...	19	47	33	744	11	20	49 86	68 25	76 00	56 00	114 00	Charles C. Hart.
2. Pataskala	1809	...	17	2	6	24	79	55	1,775	21	43	25 35	724 20	596 24	278 90	8 17	Timothy W. Howe.
3. Franklin	1835	..	16	1	7	19	80	36	1,416	31	53	25 40	410 03	576 72	138 15	112 87	Henry Shedd.
4. Scioto	1845	...	7	...	...	10	67	32	791	14	74	40 00	561 28	567 77	775 25	941 99	Joseph Chester.
XIII. Synod of Cincinnati	1829	3	40	17	10	39	219	101	2,973	41	73	151 50	3,300 24	1,137 82	1,146 31	723 13	
1. Cincinnati	1828	...	24	13	9	17	104	49	1,403	2	25	71 00	2,842 00	597 00	581 00	523 00	D. Howe Allen, D. D.
2. Dayton	1838	...	9	...	1	11	66	38	901	19	35	40 00	429 00	465 00	547 00	179 00	E. Roger Johnson.
3. Hamilton	1846	...	7	4	...	11	49	14	669	20	13	40 50	29 24	75 82	18 31	21 13	Benjamin Graves.

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XIV. Synod of Indiana...	1826	4	43	...	14	62	335	127	3,432	111	175	180 45	1,713 47	1,659 93	935 51	612 60	John M. Bishop.
1. Salem.....	1823	...	8	...	3	15	70	32	971	23	50	53 05	675 85	567 45	271 40	115 05	John M. Bishop.
2. Madison	1825	...	14	...	9	16	140	34	1,012	44	47	50 70	447 70	331 93	170 70	329 65	W. Wallace Atterbury.
3. Indianapolis.....	1830	...	12	...	1	16	95	35	824	35	43	49 00	312 83	561 19	368 66	141 90	Philip S. Cleland.
4. Green Castle.....	1850	...	9	...	1	15	30	26	625	9	35	27 70	277 09	199 36	124 75	26 00	Thomas S. Milligan.
XV. Synod of Wabash.....	1851	4	40	2	2	59	143	117	2,631	41	85	109 40	698 25	309 27	393 50	77 49	Francis S. McCabe.
1. Crawfordsville.....	1825	...	15	...	...	11	37	35	514	16	21	32 00	210 75	147 82	127 35	24 50	Isaac De La Mater.
2. St. Joseph...	1833	...	9	2	...	18	11	15	824	6	15	21 00	289 60	46 45	17 00	.....	Norman Kellogg.
3. Logansport	1835	...	10	...	...	18	51	38	903	10	22	31 30	86 90	85 00	189 15	20 00	Francis S. McCabe.
4. Fort Wayne.....	1845	...	6	...	2	12	44	29	390	9	27	25 10	111 00	30 00	60 00	32 99	John Fairchild.
XVI. Synod of Illinois....	1831	4	62	1	6	84	209	168	4,111	63	100	185 35	2,779 21	699 28	711 02	911 56	Edward B. Olmsted.
1. Illinois.....	1828	...	18	...	...	17	15	23	1,113	5	8	49 35	745 90	24 25	355 00	70 00	Cyrus L. Watson.
2. Schuyler	1833	...	15	1	...	20	87	53	1,071	31	37	52 10	607 31	375 13	112 02	361 86	George I. King.
3. Wabash.....	1833	...	7	...	...	8	27	20	287	5	17	16 00	52 14	42 00	18 00	.....	Enoch Kingsbury.
4. Alton.....	1836	...	22	...	6	39	80	72	1,640	22	38	67 90	1,373 86	257 90	226 00	479 70	Augustus T. Norton.
XVII. Synod of Peoria	1843	6	94	...	21	73	360	368	4,372	126	253	205 55	8,673 05	2,917 77	1,166 46	2,294 95	Asahel L. Brooks.
1. Ottawa..	1834	...	20	...	...	12	19	21	376	4	15	20 00	102 50	89 50	.....	121 00	Nahum Gould.
2. Knox.....	1836	...	14	...	...	5	34	27	506	4	10	24 05	115 00	91 00	48 00	100 00	John W. Bailey.
3. Galena	1842	...	9	...	...	16	32	17	575	4	16	28 00	50 00	253 35	40 50	61 65	William J. Johnston.
4. Chicago.....	1847	...	31	...	9	18	153	189	1,671	72	146	72 20	8,055 10	2,138 01	872 11	1,852 69	Lewis H. Loss.
5. Belvidere.....	1847	...	11	...	10	8	76	71	778	32	46	36 90	170 64	271 61	205 85	109 61	Charles P. Bush.
6. Bloomington.....	1857	...	9	...	2	14	46	43	466	10	20	24 40	179 81	74 30	.....	50 00	Alfred Eddy.
XVIII. Syn. of Wisconsin.	1857	3	29	2	2	34	107	177	1,384	23	81	70 14	94 55	56 92	31 50	5 87	William A. Niles.
1. Milwaukee.....	1851	...	12	...	2	10	56	122	643	11	56	35 65	33 53	30 92	4 50	5 87	William A. Niles.
2. Fox River	1851	...	9	...	...	10	29	36	327	7	10	12 10	41 00	19 00	.....	.....	John B. Preston.
3. Columbus	1856	...	8	2	...	14	22	19	414	5	15	22 39	20 02	7 00	27 00	.....	Hiram Gregg.
XIX. Synod of Iowa.....	1853	6	53	2	10	74	207	151	2,003	62	97	73 55	314 20	335 64	173 30	195 17	Peter S. Van Nest.
1. Des Moines.....	1845	...	5	1	...	10	17	17	204	2	6	9 00	12 65	27 00	.....	10 67	Thompson Bird.
2. Iowa City.....	1852	...	19	...	3	25	104	81	723	34	40	32 55	111 57	33 34	95 30	43 50	Samuel Storrs Howe.
3. Keokuk.....	1852	...	13	...	7	18	43	37	719	15	29	21 00	101 88	82 30	78 00	140 00	Gamaliel C. Beaman.
4. Dubuque.....	1855	...	7	...	...	4	7	6	179	1	11	10 00	57 00	190 00	.....	.....	James H. Trowbridge.

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5. Iowa Valley	1857	...	5	1	...	10	36	10	178	10	11	.....	$31 10	$3 00	.....	$1 00	Williston Jones.
6. Kansas*	1859	...	4	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Isaac C. Beach.
XX. Synod of Minnesota	1858	3	19	...	1	15	43	46	500	9	16	$27 15	42 36	51 00	$125 00	60 00	Edward D. Neill.
1. Dakota	.....	...	7	...	...	5	15	5	112	1	5	5 60	10 00	5 00	.....	30 00	Moses N. Adams.
2. Minnesota	1850	...	8	...	...	7	21	26	268	6	8	15 55	20 00	30 00	75 00	.....	John Mattocks.
3. Winona	1857	...	4	...	1	3	7	15	120	2	3	6 00	12 36	16 00	50 00	30 00	Edmund D. Holt.
XXI. S. of A. California	1857	3	15	...	...	13	26	31	378	7	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edward B. Walsworth.
1. San Francisco	1849	...	7	...	...	4	18	23	123	6	11	.....	.....	.....	.. ...	.....	Samuel H. Willey.
2. Sierra Nevada*	1857	...	3	...	...	4	...	...	133								
3. San José	1857	...	5	...	...	5	8	8	122	1	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	W. Wallace Brier.
XXII. Synod of Missouri	1832	4	39	2	4	57	...	...	2,290	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John Leighton.
1. Saint Louis*	1831	...	10	...	1	9	...	...	611	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edmund Wright.
2. Northern Missouri*	1845	...	7	...	...	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.
XXIII. Synod of Virginia	1788	4	37	6	7	50	...	...	4,249	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas D. Bell.
1. Winchester*	1794	...	10	3	5	19	...	...	1,161	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Henry Matthews.
2. District of Columbia*	1831	...	9	1	...	13	...	...	1,496	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	William McLain.
3. Hanover*	1838	...	9	2	2	8	...	...	773	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Isaac W. K. Handy.
4. Piedmont*	1857	...	9	...	...	10	...	...	819	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bryce A. Martin.

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1. Albany	1803	5	81	4	11	70	663	162	8,639	261	156	$233.28	$3,174.36	$3,874.87	$825.06	$3,623.50
2. Utica	1829	4	67	3	11	73	547	194	6,986	159	152	236.17	1,721.07	2,394.40	1,199.23	2,233.63
3. Geneva	1812	6	107	4	33	92	848	315	9,617	335	220	266.60	2,694.76	2,249.85	1,412.59	2,169.39
4. Onondaga	1855	4	83	22	25	69	705	221	7,823	295	200	322.75	2,862.41	3,415.72	2,765.54	2,406.80
5. Susquehanna	1853	3	41	1	10	51	197	72	4,001	69	59	77.85	1,139.06	1,280.85	451.83	629.07
6. Genesee	1821	6	124	8	13	104	1,002	411	13,121	408	300	392.52	5,293.80	4,249.44	2,563.86	6,455.90
7. New York and New Jersey	1788	9	231	41	92	156	2,265	961	25,743	670	1014	1199.00	30,146.50	29,874.32	43,720.29	9,617.66
8. Pennsylvania	1838	4	80	6	30	68	810	277	11,161	224	492	539.11	17,243.65	4,003.12	3,621.78	3,450.53
9. West Pennsylvania	1843	3	20	...	6	36	283	90	2,936	66	121	129.45	2,468.24	1,368.22	646.58	872.79
10. Michigan	1834	9	90	4	13	105	900	366	8,334	322	269	351.56	2,703.85	3,165.07	1,316.73	1,873.40
11. Western Reserve	1825	7	106	6	36	86	563	321	6,580	181	209	212.16	2,576 09	2,936.20	1,243.29	2,276.74
12. Ohio	1814	4	44	3	13	72	273	156	4,726	77	190	140.61	1,763.76	1,816.73	1,248.30	1,177.03
13. Cincinnati	1829	3	40	17	10	39	219	101	2,973	41	73	151.50	3,300.24	1,137.82	1,146.31	723.13
14. Indiana	1826	4	43	...	14	62	335	127	3,432	111	175	180.45	1,713.47	1,659.93	935.51	612.60
15. Wabash	1851	4	40	2	2	59	143	117	2,631	41	85	109.40	698.25	309.27	393.50	77.49
16. Illinois	1831	4	62	1	6	84	209	168	4,111	63	100	185.35	2,779.21	699.28	711.02	911.56
17. Peoria	1843	6	94	...	21	73	360	368	4,372	126	253	205.55	8,673.05	2,917.77	1,166.46	2,294.95
18. Wisconsin	1857	3	29	2	2	34	107	177	1,384	23	81	70.14	94.55	56.92	31.50	5.87
19. Iowa	1853	6	53	2	10	74	207	151	2,003	62	97	73.55	314.20	335.64	173.30	195.17
20. Minnesota	1858	3	19	...	1	15	43	46	500	9	16	27.15	42.36	51.00	125.00	60.00
21. Alta California	1857	3	15	...	...	13	26	31	373	7	46					
22. Missouri	1832	4	39	2	4	57	...	...	2,290							
23. Virginia	1788	4	37	6	7	50	...	...	4,249							
		108	1545	134	370	1542	10,705	4832	137,990	3550	4308	$5104.15	$91,402.88	$67,796.42	$65,707.68	$41,667.21