MINUTES, 1861.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 16th, 1861.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian church of the city of Syracuse, N. Y., on Thursday, the 16th of May, 1861, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon, by the Rev. Thornton A. Mills, the Moderator of the last Assembly, from 1 Tim. 3: 14, 15: "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; but, if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

After the sermon, the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [434]

Thursday, May 16th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened 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:

I. SYNOD OF ALBANY.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Champlain*,	Joseph T. Willett.	
2. *Troy*,	A. Bordman Lambert, D. D.,	Jacob Ackart,
	Andrew J. Fennell,	William Hannas.
3. *Albany*,	Philander Barbour,	Smith Griffith.
4. *Columbia*,	Charles S. Sylvester.	
5. *Catskill*,	Lyman Gilbert, D. D.,	Zina Whittlesey.

II. SYNOD OF UTICA.

1. *St. Lawrence*,	John Waugh,	Sylvanus Cone.
2. *Watertown*,	Abraham T. Young,	Hon. Jas. A. Bell (3).
3. *Oswego*,	Ralph Robinson.	
4. *Utica*,	Nicholas W. Goertner, D. D.,	Hon. Spencer Kellogg,
	Elijah H. Bonney,	Ingham Townsend.

III. SYNOD OF GENEVA.

1. *Geneva*,	Blackleach B. Gray,	Ammi Pease,
	Thomas Lounsbury, D. D.,	Henry W. Jones.
2. *Bath*,	Mills B. Gelston,	Levi Hotchkiss (4).
3. *Chemung*,	John Gray,	John Ross.
4. *Ithaca*,	David Torrey,	Joseph A. Tyler.
5. *Pennsylvania*,	James Blakeslee,	John C. Robb.
6. *Lyons*,	Horace Eaton,	Franklin Williams.

IV. SYNOD OF ONONDAGA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Onondaga*,	Medad Pomeroy,	Hon. Israel S. Spencer.
2. *Cayuga*,	Jonathan B. Condit, D. D.,	Israel F. Terrill,
	Henry Fowler (4),	William Webster.
3. *Cortland*,	Albert Bigelow,	Samuel N. Kinney.
4. *Tioga*,	George N. Boardman.	

V. SYNOD OF SUSQUEHANNA.

1. *Otsego*,	Lemuel Clark,	David Cushman.
2. *Chenango*,	John McLeish,	Daniel Beebee.
3. *Delaware*,	Charles S. Marvin,	James G. Redfield. [435]

VI. SYNOD OF GENESEE.

1. *Buffalo*,	Grosv. W. Heacock, D. D.,	Aaron Rumsey.
	Claudius B. Lord,	
2. *Ontario*,	Luther Conklin,	Jay E. Lee.
3. *Rochester*,	George Freeman,	George W. Allen,
	Linus W. Billington,	Frederick Starr.
4. *Genesee*,	Samuel H. Cox, D. D., LL.D.,	Hon. Augustus P. Hascall.
5. *Niagara*,	William C. Wisner, D. D. (3).	
6. *Genesee Valley*,	John N. Hubbard,	John P. Osborne.

VII. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

1. *Hudson*,	Daniel Higbie,	Walter H. Conklin.
2. *North River*,	A. Cogswell Frissell.	
3. *Long Island*,	James T. Hamlin.	
4. *New York*, 3*d*,	Asa D. Smith, D. D.,	William H. Christie,
	J. Geddes Craighead,	John G. Parker.
5. *New York*, 4*th*,	J. Parsons Hovey,	Saml. M. Blatchford,
	Gurdon W. Noyes,	Albert N. Brown (5).
6. *Brooklyn*,	Theodore L. Cuyler,	J. Milton Smith.
7. *Newark*,	James Hoyt,	James R. Sayre,
	Theodore S. Brown,	Jacob Johnson.
8. *Rockaway*,	Joel Campbell.	
9. *Montrose*,	Henry A. Riley,	Richard L Seeley.
	Henry Van Houten,	

VIII. SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Wilmington*,	D. Hopkins Emerson,	Jesse T. Ash.
2. *Philadelphia*, 3*d*,	John Jenkins, D. D.,	Hon. Joseph Allison.
	Robert Adair,	Adam C. Eckfeldt.
3. *Philadelphia*, 4*th*,	Douglas K. Turner,	John Clouds.
	Daniel G. Mallery,	
4. *Harrisburgh*,	John W. Davis,	Joseph D. Halbert.
5. *Dist. of Columbia.*		

IX. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Erie*,	Alexander Porter,	Jacob Fritts.
2. *Meadville*,	Oliver N. Chapin,	Eli D. Catlin.
3. *Pittsburgh*,	Henry Kendall, D. D.,	Lauriston R. Livingston.

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X. SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Detroit*,	William P. Wastell.	
2. *Monroe*,	Addison K. Strong,	Hon. Daniel S. Bacon.
3. *Marshall*,	Hosea Kittredge,	Joseph Mills.
4. *Washtenaw*,	Gustavus L. Foster,	Samuel A. Mapes.
5. *Kalamazoo*,	Elisha B. Sherwood,	Martin Heydenburk.
6. *Cold Water*,	James Knox,	Alexander H. Hicks.
7. *Saginaw*,	William C. Smith,	Miron C. Kenney, M. D.
8. *Gr. River Valley*,	Lucius I. Root.	
9. *Lake Superior*,	Cicero B. Stevens (3).	

XI. SYNOD OF WESTERN RESERVE.

1. *Grand River*,	Justus L. Janes.	
2. *Portage*.		
3. *Huron*,	John B. Fowler,	Timothy Lawrence.
4. *Trumbull*,	William F. Millikan,	John Gibson.
5. *Cleveland*,	Joseph B. Bittinger.	
6. *Elyria*,	Erastus Cole.	
7. *Maumee*,	Charles Richards.	

XII. SYNOD OF OHIO.

1. *Athens*,	Charles Merwin.	
2. *Pataskala*,	Ebenezer Buckingham.	
3. *Franklin*,	Henry Calhoun,	John T. Rowland.
4. *Scioto*,	Thomas Towler.	

XIII. SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

1. *Cincinnati*,	Henry Smith, D. D., George M. Maxwell,	Ebenezer S. Padgett.
2. *Dayton*,	Hiram Gregg.	
3. *Hamilton*,	Benjamin Graves,	Thomas Archer.

XIV. SYNOD OF INDIANA.

1. *Salem*,	John M. Bishop,	James M. Hains.
2. *Madison*,	Edwin Black.	
3. *Indianapolis*,	Asahel L. Brooks.	
4. *Green Castle*,	John A. Tiffany,	Reuben S. Ragan.

XV. SYNOD OF WABASH.

1. *Crawfordsville*,	James H. Johnston,	James Park.
2. *St. Joseph*,	George C. Noyes,	Andrew M. Wing.
3. *Logansport*,	Daniel Rice,	
4. *Fort Wayne*,	Samuel Sawyer,	George W. Rhodes. [437]

XVI. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

1. *Illinois*,	George C. Wood.	
2. *Schuyler*,	Samuel E. Wishard,	Reece H. Griffith.
3. *Wabash*,	William R. Palmer,	D. Dennis Cadwell.
4. *Alton*,	Augustus T. Norton, George W. Goodale.	

XVII. SYNOD OF PEORIA.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
1. *Ottawa*,	Nahum Gould,	Milo Tuttle.
2. *Knox*,	Charles E. Stebbins,	Cephas Arms (3).
3. *Galena*,	William J. Johnston.	
4. *Chicago*,	Yates Hickey,	Charles H. Quinlan,
	Zephaniah M. Humphrey,	Hon. Benjamin W. Raymond.
5. *Belvidere*,	Hutchins Taylor,	John J. Buckley.
6. *Bloomington*,	Isaac P. Stryker,	Hon. Harry D. Cook.

XVIII. SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.

1. *Milwaukee*,	George W. Elliott,	Jonathan Ford (6).
2. *Fox River*,	Silas H. Ashmun,	Charles T. Wilkinson,
3. *Columbus*,	Benjamin G. Riley,	Elijah D. Kanouse.

XIX. SYNOD OF IOWA.

1. *Des Moines*,	Asa Johnson,	Jacob I. Denman, M. D.
2. *Iowa City*,	Isaac W. Atherton.	
3. *Keokuk*,	Glen Wood,	Prof. Edwin Pierce.
4. *Dubuque*,	James H. Trowbridge,	James R. Stillman.
5. *Iowa Valley*.	Williston Jones.	
6. *Chariton*.		

XX. SYNOD OF MINNESOTA.

1. *Dakota*,	Moses N. Adams,	William P. McMaster.
2. *Minnesota*,	Marcus Hicks.	
3. *Winona*,	Edmund D. Holt,	Chauncey G. B. Jones.

XXI. SYNOD OF ALTA CALIFORNIA.

1. *San Francisco*.		
2. *Sierra Nevada*,	Walter Frear.	
3. *San José*.		

XXII. SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

1. *St. Louis*,	Henry A. Nelson, D. D.,	Frederick E. Robinson.
2. *Northern Missouri*,	John L. Jones,	Harvey J. Mann.
3. *Lexington*.		
4. *Kansas*,	Isaac C. Beach.	[438]

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

1. *General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.*	
2. *General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America*,	Rev. Andrew G. Wylie.
3. *General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.*	
4. *Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States.*	
5. *General Association of Massachusetts*,	Rev. Samuel J. Spalding.

6. *General Association of Connecticut*, Rev. Charles W. Clapp.
7. *General Association of New Hampshire.*
8. *General Conference of Maine.*
9. *General Convention of Vermont*, Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D.
10. *Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.*
11. *Union of the Evangelical Churches of France*, Rev. George Fisch.

The Committee also reported the attendance of Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, from the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Lucius I. Root, from the Presbytery of Grand River Valley; Rev. A. Cogswell Frissell, from the Presbytery of North River; Rev. Silas H. Ashmun, from the Presbytery of Fox River; Rev. John A. Tiffany, from the Presbytery of Green Castle; Rev. Horace Eaton, from the Presbytery of Lyons; Rev. John B. Fowler, from the Presbytery of Huron; Elder James Park, from the Presbytery of Crawfordsville; and Elder Reece H. Griffith, from the Presbytery of Schuyler, without Commissions. Their cases were referred to a *Committee on Elections*, consisting of Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., Rev. Marcus Hicks, and Elder Frederick Starr.

The Committee presently reported, that they had obtained satisfactory information of the regular appointment of these Commissioners, and, on their recommendation, their names were added to the Roll.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator. Whereupon the Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., of the Presbytery of Cayuga, was chosen Moderator, and inducted into office in the usual form.

Rev. Ebenezer Buckingham, of the Presbytery of Pataskala, and Rev. Addison K. Strong, of the Presbytery of Monroe, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The docket of business was read by the Stated Clerk. [439]

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

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

The Second Presbyterian church of Cincinnati, Ohio, was chosen as the place for the meeting of the next Assembly. A *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Henry Smith, D. D., Rev. George M. Maxwell, and Elder Ebenezer Padgett, were appointed to nominate a Committee of Arrangements.

Resolved, That a Special *Committee* of five be appointed for the purpose of recommending to the Assembly, and reporting as early as practicable, what action, by resolution or otherwise, it is meet for the Assembly to take, in view of the *present condition of the country.*

Resolved, That the Assembly hold its daily sessions from 9 o'clock A. M. to 12 M.; and from 3 o'clock P. M. to 5½ P. M.; and that the first half hour of the morning session be appropriated to devotional exercises, under the direction of the Moderator.

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

The Assembly voted to unite with the congregation of this church in a meeting for prayer this evening with reference to the state of our country. Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., was appointed to preside.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 17th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

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

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

Rev. Andrew J. Fennell,	of the Presbytery of	Troy.
" Charles S. Sylvester,	"	Columbia.
" Samuel E. Wishard,	"	Schuyler.
Mr. J. Milton Smith, Elder,	"	Brooklyn.
" Milo Tuttle, "	"	Ottawa.
" Charles T. Wilkinson, Elder,	"	Fox River.
" Zina Whittlesey, "	"	Catskill.
" John C. Robb, "	"	Pennsylvania.
" Joseph A. Tyler, "	"	Ithaca.

Rev. George Fisch, from the Union of the Evangelical Churches of France. [440]

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *Judicial Committee. Ministers*—Asa D. Smith, D. D., A. Bordman Lambert, D. D., George N. Boardman, Luther Conklin. *Elders*—Hon. Israel S. Spencer, Samuel M. Blatchford, Hon. Henry D. Cook.

2. *Bills and Overtures. Ministers*—Henry Kendall, D. D., Thomas Lounsbury, D. D., James H. Johnston, Horace Eaton. *Elders*—Thomas Archer, Hon. Daniel S. Bacon, Lauriston R. Livingston.

3. *Polity of the Church. Ministers*—Grosvenor W. Heacock, D. D., Lyman Gilbert, D. D., George Freeman, Joel Campbell. *Elders*—Hon. Benj. W. Raymond, Jacob J. Denman M. D., Franklin Williams.

4. *Foreign Missions. Ministers*—John Jenkins, D. D., Gurdon W. Noyes, Daniel Rice, Alexander Porter. *Elders*—Israel F. Terrill, Frederick Starr, Samuel N. Kinney.

5. *Church Extension. Ministers*—Henry A. Nelson, D. D., J. Geddes Craighead, Augustus T. Norton, John M. Bishop. *Elders*—John G. Parker, Hon. Augustus P. Hascall, Jacob Johnson.

6. *Education. Ministers*—Henry Smith, D. D., Joseph B. Bittinger, Nicholas W. Goertner, D. D., J. Parsons Hovey. *Elders*—William H. Christie, Ebenezer S. Padgett, James R. Sayre.

7. *Publication. Ministers*—Samuel H. Cox, D. D., Theodore L. Cuyler, George M. Maxwell, Marcus Hicks. *Elders*—Prof. Edwin Pierce, Myron C. Kenny, M. D., William P. McMasters.

8. *Narrative. Ministers*—Zephaniah M. Humphrey, James Hoyt, David Torrey, Asahel L. Brooks. *Elders*—Aaron Rumsey, Richard L. Seeley, Ingham Townsend.

9. *Leave of Absence. Ministers*—Henry A. Riley, Asa Johnson, Elisha B. Sherwood, William P. Wastell. *Elders*—James M. Hains, John J. Buckley, Elijah D. Kanouse. [441]

10. *Devotional Exercises. Ministers*—Robert Adair, Hiram Gregg, John W. Davis, Abraham T. Young. *Elders*—Hon. Israel S. Spencer, George W. Allen, William Webster.

11. *Mileage.* Hon. Spencer Kellogg, Ammi Pease, Jacob Ackart.

Special Committee on the State of the Country. Ministers—Henry Kendall, D. D., Asa D. Smith, D. D., John Jenkins, D. D. *Elders*—Samuel M. Blatchford, J. Milton Smith.

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

1. *Albany.* *Ministers*—Albert Bigelow, William Jones. *Elder*—Sylvanus Cone.

2. *Utica.* *Ministers*—James H. Trowbridge, Philander Barbour. *Elder*—Chauncey G. B. Jones.

3. *Geneva.* *Ministers*—Medad Pomeroy, James T. Hamlin. *Elder*—Harvey J. Mann.

4. *Onondaga.* *Ministers*—Charles Merwin, Justus L. Janes. *Elder*—Joseph Mills.

5. *Susquehanna.* *Ministers*—James Blakeslee, Isaac W. Atherton. *Elder*—Walter H. Conklin.

6. *Genesee.* *Ministers*—Isaac C. Beach, Daniel Higbie. *Elder*—Asa E. Andrews.

7. *New York and New Jersey.* *Ministers*—D. Hopkins Emerson, James Knox. *Elder*—Eli D. Catlin.

8. *Pennsylvania.* *Ministers*—George C. Wood, Charles E. Stebbins. *Elder*—John T. Rowland.

9. *West Pennsylvania.* *Ministers*—Linus W. Billington, Gustavus L. Foster. *Elder*—Alexander H. Hicks.

10. *Michigan.* *Ministers*—Ralph Robinson, Henry Van Houten. *Elder*—John P. Osborne.

11. *Western Reserve.* *Ministers*—Henry Calhoun, Moses N. Adams. *Elder*—Frederick E. Robinson.

12. *Ohio.* *Ministers*—Charles Richards, William C. Smith. *Elder*—Jacob Fritts.

13. *Cincinnati.* *Ministers*—Edmund D. Holt, Samuel Sawyer. *Elder*—David Cushman.

14. *Indiana.* *Ministers*—Hosea Kittredge, Silas H. Ashmun. *Elder*—Jay A. Lee.

15. *Wabash.* *Ministers*—Elijah H. Bonney, Walter Frear. *Elder*—John Clouds. [442]

16. *Illinois.* *Ministers*—John N. Hubbard, Hutchins Taylor. *Elder*—John Ross.

17. *Peoria.* *Ministers*—Blackleach B. Gray, Lucius I. Root. *Elder*—Timothy Lawrence.

18. *Wisconsin.* *Ministers*—Erastus Cole, Lemuel Clark. *Elder*—Reece H. Griffith.

19. *Iowa.* *Ministers*—Isaac P. Stryker, A. Cogswell Frissell. *Elder*—Andrew M. Wing.

20. *Minnesota.* *Ministers*—Thomas Towler, Charles S. Marvin. *Elder*—Samuel A. Mapes.

21. *Alta California.* *Ministers*—Claudius B. Lord, Edwin Black. *Elder*—William Hannas.

22. *Missouri.* *Ministers*—John Gray, John B. Fowler. *Elder*—Smith Griffith.

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, Statistical Reports, and other papers of the Presbyteries.

The annual report of the Treasurer of the General Assembly was received, and referred to an *Auditing Committee*, consisting of Messrs. Ebenezer Padgett and Zina Whittlesey.

Reports were received from the Delegates, appointed by the last Assembly,

to Corresponding Bodies: from Rev. William H. McCarer, the Delegate to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., the Delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Henry Little, the Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire; Rev. George A. Howard, the Delegate to the General Conference of Maine; Rev. Thornton A. Mills, the Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut; Rev. Royal A. Avery, the Delegate to the General Convention of Vermont; and Rev. John Spaulding, the Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America.

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

The Special Committee on Home Missions, appointed by the last General Assembly, presented their report, which was accepted. The plan and resolutions contained in the report were ordered to be printed; and their consideration was made the first order of the day for Monday next, in the afternoon.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 17th, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved. [443]

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

Rev. Daniel G. Mallery, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, 4th.
Hon. Joseph Allison, Elder, " " " 3d.
Mr. Reuben S. Ragan, " " " of Green Castle.

It was made the order of the day for Monday, at 10 o'clock A. M., to hear the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

A *Committee to nominate Delegates* to Corresponding Bodies was appointed, consisting of Rev. James Knox, Rev. Mills B. Gelston, Rev. Joseph T. Willet, Rev. Theodore S. Brown, and Rev. Benjamin Graves.

Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, Rev. Andrew J. Fennell, and Rev. Oliver N. Chapin, were appointed a *Committee to nominate a preacher* on Home Missions for the next Assembly.

The Committee appointed by the last Assembly to take measures to secure more accuracy and completeness in the reports of our Presbyteries, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred an Overture from the Presbytery of Chicago, asking "the General Assembly to take measures to secure more accuracy and completeness in the reports of our Presbyteries to the Assembly, especially in the matter of benevolent contributions;" beg leave to report:

1. That the most minute directions are annually published, in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly, for the use of the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries; a careful observance of which will secure the ends of the Overture; and to these directions they would call the special attention of the several Clerks.

2. That it is desirable, that every Presbytery furnish themselves with proper blank reports, after the model of the reports required by the Assembly; that every session have a copy sent to them at least a week previous to the meeting of the Presbytery, at which the report is to be presented; and that the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery be charged with this service.

3. That the Publication Committee are ready at all times to furnish the

Presbyteries with blanks of this description; so prepared, that the various contributions to benevolent objects may be accurately grouped under the respective headings that are prefixed to the Assembly's reports; and that it would secure far more accuracy and completeness in these reports, if the several Presbyteries should supply themselves from this source.

No reason appears for the delinquency of a single church in our connection, if these suggestions be regarded, and the Stated Clerks charge themselves with the duty of procuring from every church a seasonable and accurate annual report of its statistics for the closing year. [444]

The first Monday of January, 1862, 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.

Rev. George Fisch, Delegate from the Union of the Evangelical Churches of France, addressed the Assembly. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That we have heard, with sentiments of cordial Christian communion and sympathy, the statements of our honored brother from France, touching the cause there of our common Master, as connected with the efforts of pastor and flock of the Taitbout chapel, in Paris; that we appreciate the interests and the history of that mighty empire, and pray for his prospered usefulness in its famous capital; commending his mission to the favor of all American Christians; praying also, that all Europe may be so spiritually Christianized speedily, as to become every way evangelical, knowing and loving the truth of the glorious gospel of the blessed God, as the supreme good and glory of human kind.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, during the sessions of this Assembly, to elect Trustees of the General Assembly, and Directors of the Theological Seminaries.

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

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

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

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 18th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

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

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

Rev. Cicero B. Stevens, of the Presbytery of Lake Superior.
Mr. Cephas Arms, Elder, " " Knox.
" James A. Bell, " " " Watertown.

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

The Committee also reported, recommending that the sermon on Home Missions be preached on Monday next, at 7½ P. M.; the sermon on Publication, on Wednesday, at 7½ P. M.; and that the Lord's Sup[445]per be celebrated in this house, on Thursday, at 3 o'clock P. M., agreeably to the following order: The Moderator to preside; the Rev. John Jenkins, D. D., to administer the elements; and the following elders to distribute them: Hon.

Israel S. Spencer, Hon. Spencer Kellogg, Hon. Daniel S. Bacon, Hon. Joseph Allison, Hon. Benjamin W. Raymond, Richard L. Seeley, Smith Ostrom, Samuel M. Blatchford, Hon. Augustus P. Hascall, Lauriston R. Livingston, Elijah D. Kanouse, and Ebenezer S. Padgett.

The Committee on Elections reported the attendance of Rev. William C. Wisner, D. D., of the Presbytery of Niagara, without a Commission, and that, having obtained satisfactory information of his regular appointment, they recommend that his name be added to the Roll; and it was so ordered.

Rev. John Marsh, D. D., secretary of the American Temperance Union, obtained leave, and addressed the Assembly on the subject of Temperance; whereupon the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, in the providence of God, our beloved country is brought into a state of very unusual excitement and conflict, in which there is danger of a great increase of intemperance;

Resolved, That the circumstance demands the special attention of the ministry and churches; and, while we render thanks for the preparation which has been made for these days of conflict, by the great Temperance reformation, we do earnestly ask for extraordinary prayer and labor, that our noble young men who go, in the spirit of Lexington and Bunker Hill, to the defense of the Constitution and laws, may be kept from the temptations of the camp and the field, and that we may come out of this war with far greater ability, than we have ever possessed, to wage successful combat with intemperance and every other moral evil which hinders the advent of the kingdom of Christ.

On the recommendation of the Committee appointed for the purpose, Rev. M. L. P. Thompson, D. D., and Rev. George M. Maxwell, with Messrs. Ebenezer Padgett, Philip Hinkle, and E. P. Starr, were appointed a *Committee of Arrangements* for the next General Assembly.

The Board of Trustees of the Church Erection Fund presented their annual report, which was read, accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Church Extension.

The annual report of the Permanent Committee on Publication was presented, and, having been read, was accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

The Special Committee on the State of the Country presented their report, which was read and recommitted.

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

Concluded with prayer. [446]

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

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

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

Rev. Henry Fowler, of the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Mr. Levi Hotchkiss, Elder, " Bath.

Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, the Delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts, addressed the Assembly.

Communications were read from Rev. Egbert C. Smyth, the Delegate from the General Conference of Maine, and Rev. Charles W. Camp, the Delegate from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

The Rev. George Duffield, Jr., the Delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, reported that the meeting of that Synod had been indefinitely postponed.

The Special Committee on the State of the Country again presented their report.

Pending the discussion of a motion to adopt it, the Assembly adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday, 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.

An invitation to visit the New York Asylum for Idiots was received through Dr. H. B. Wilbur.

The Assembly accepted the invitation, and directed an expression of thanks to be returned to Dr. Wilbur.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on the State of the Country. The report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Whereas, A portion of the people of the United States of America have risen up against the rightful authority of the Government; have instituted what they call the "Confederate States of America;" in the name and defense of which they have made war against the United States; have seized the property of the Federal Government; have assailed and overpowered its troops engaged in the discharge of their duty; and are now in armed rebellion against it; the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America cannot forbear to express their amazement at the wickedness of such proceedings, and at the bold advocacy and defense thereof, not [447] only in those States in which ordinances of "secession" have been passed, but in several others; and

Whereas, the General Assembly,—in the language of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, on the occasion of the Revolutionary War,—"being met, at a time, when public affairs wear so threatening an aspect, and when (unless God in his sovereign providence speedily prevent it) all the horrors of civil war are to be apprehended, are of opinion, that they cannot discharge their duty to the numerous congregations under their care, without addressing them at this important crisis; and, as a firm belief and habitual recollection of the power and presence of the living God, ought, at all times, to possess the minds of real Christians, so in seasons of public calamity, when the Lord is known by the judgments which he executeth, it would be an ignorance or indifference highly criminal not to look up to Him with reverence, to implore his mercy by humble and fervent prayer, and, if possible, to prevent his vengeance by unfeigned repentance;" therefore,

Resolved, 1. That, inasmuch as the Presbyterian Church, in her past history, has frequently lifted up her voice against oppression, and has shown herself a champion of constitutional liberty, as against both despotism and anarchy, throughout the civilized world, we should be recreant to our high trust were we to withhold our earnest protest against all such unlawful and treasonable acts.

Resolved, 2. That this Assembly, and the churches which it represents, cherish an undiminished attachment to the great principles of civil and religious freedom, on which our National Government is based; under the influence of which our fathers prayed and fought and bled; which issued in the establishment of our independence, and by the preservation of which,

we believe that the common interests of evangelical religion and civil liberty will be most effectively sustained.

Resolved, 3. That, inasmuch as we believe, according to our Form of Government, that "God, the Supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates to be under him over the people for his own glory and the public good, and to this end hath armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evil-doers;" there is, in the judgment of the Assembly, no blood or treasure too precious to be devoted to the defense and perpetuity of the Government in all its constitutional authority.

Resolved, 4. That all those, who are endeavoring to uphold the Constitution, and maintain the Government, of these United States in the exercise of its lawful prerogatives, are entitled to the sympathy and support of all Christian and law-abiding citizens.

Resolved, 5. That it be recommended to all our pastors and churches, to be instant and fervent in prayer for the President of the United States, and all in authority under him; that wisdom and strength may be given them in the discharge of their arduous duties; for the Congress of the United States; for the Lieutenant-General commanding the army-in-chief, and all our soldiers; that God may [448] shield them from danger in the hour of peril, and, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the army and navy, renew and sanctify them, so that, whether living or dying, they may be the servants of the Most High.

Resolved, 6. That, in the countenance which many ministers of the Gospel and other professing Christians are now giving to treason and rebellion against the Government, we have great occasion to mourn for the injury thus done to the kingdom of the Redeemer; and that, though we have nothing to add to our former significant and explicit testimonials on the subject of slavery, we yet recommend our people to pray, more fervently than ever, for the removal of this evil, and all others, both social and political, which lie at the foundation of our present national difficulties.

Resolved, 7. That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the officers of the General Assembly, be forwarded to His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States.

Immediately upon the adoption of this report, the Assembly united in fervent prayer for the country and its rulers.

The Committee to nominate a preacher on Home Missions reported the names of Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, 3d, principal; and Rev. Zephaniah M. Humphrey, of the Presbytery of Chicago, alternate; and their report was adopted.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The further calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved. The following additional Commissioner and Delegate were reported, and their names were entered on the Roll: Rev. Charles W. Clapp, Delegate from the General Association of Connecticut; Mr. Albert N. Brown, Elder, of the Presbytery of New York, 4th.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported, that they had granted leave of absence to Mr. John H. Ross, of the Presbytery of Chemung, and to Mr. Jesse T. Ash, of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

The Committee, appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer of the General Assembly, reported, that they had found the accounts correct, and recommended that the report be approved. Their report was adopted.

Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D., addressed the Assembly with reference to Ingham University.

A *Committee*, consisting of Rev. David Torrey, Rev. Claudius B. Lord, and Hon. James A. Bell, were appointed to prepare a suitable minute with reference to this institution. [449]

The Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry presented their annual report. The report was accepted, and referred, with instructions, to the Standing Committee on Education.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 3, "with regard to a fund to be raised for the purpose of rendering aid to disabled ministers and their families." They recommended its reference to a Special *Committee*.

The report was adopted, and it was referred to Hon. Joseph Allison, Richard L. Seeley, and Frederick Starr.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions presented their annual report. It was read, accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 21st, 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 Commissions reported the attendance of Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., the Delegate from the General Convention of Vermont, and his name was added to the Roll.

The Assembly entered upon the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Home Missions.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following new Commissioner was reported, and his name was entered upon the Roll:

Mr. Jonathan Lord, Elder, of the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

Rev. Charles W. Clapp, the Delegate from the General Association of Connecticut, and Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., the Delegate from the General Convention of Vermont, addressed the Assembly.

The Moderator responded in a brief address.

It was unanimously *Resolved*, That the Assembly has heard with great pleasure the remarks, reports, and appeals of these beloved brethren, in reference to the affectionate and fraternal feelings of [450] them and their constituents toward us and our Church; that our brethren of this body reciprocate as heartily all that they have so nobly addressed to us; that we all desire the perpetuity and increase, in Christ our glorious and common Lord, of our mutual confidence and correspondence; that the Assembly salutes our brethren, thus represented, in the Lord, praying his grace, mercy, and peace to be multiplied to them and us for ever, to his own glory.

The Standing Committee on Church Extension presented their report. It was accepted, and put upon the docket.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, May 22d, 3 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

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

The connection of the Presbyterian Church with the past history of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions furnishes cause to this General Assembly for satisfaction and joy. The foreign missionary work as conducted by the Board, being an integral part of our own benevolent operations, the Assembly cannot but rejoice, in view of the successes with which the Head of the Church has crowned its labors. The joy of the Board in this respect is the joy of the General Assembly, and of our whole Church.

Neither can this Assembly contemplate, without deep concern, the present financial embarrassments of the Board as lately presented to our churches in the statement of its Prudential Committee, and as repeated to this Assembly during its present sessions, in the report of our Permanent Committee; as well as in the address before this body of the Rev. George W. Wood, D. D., one of the General Secretaries of the Board. The cares and embarrassments of the Board, no less than its joys, are those of the Presbyterian Church.

Convinced that to send out the light of the Gospel to heathen nations is a work of paramount obligation for the Christian Church; that the successes already secured in the mission field can only be sustained by continued and even augmented labors; and that the late dealings of Providence with the nations call upon Christians to devote themselves to the cultivation of this noble work with a greater energy, a broader liberality, a larger spirit of enterprise, and a higher consecration; convinced, also, that a considerable portion of our branch of the Church has neglected, or at least overlooked, this grave responsibility; therefore— [451]

Resolved, 1. That the duty of sending the Gospel to the heathen is incumbent upon all Christians, and that to disregard this work is, in the judgment of this General Assembly, to break the law of Christ as set forth in the New Testament: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

2. That the General Assembly observes, with deep regret and even shame, that 852 of our churches, embracing a membership of 43,720, are reported in our Minutes as contributing nothing whatever to the cause of Foreign Missions; and would hereby urge upon these churches, (though it be at first only by small contributions,) to remove from our venerable Church the stain thus inflicted upon its evangelical character.

3. That, in view of the present embarrassments of the Board—induced by the political and financial crisis which is now upon our country—the Assembly earnestly exhorts all the members of our churches and congregations, without exception, to "come up to the help of the Lord," in this work of Christianizing the nations, with a loyalty to Christ, not less earnest and devoted, than that which has been so happily manifested in sustaining our Government during the present national crisis; and, even in this time of adversity, to devise liberal things, meeting the emergency of the Board in the spirit of

sacrifice, as the only mode by which we may avoid further retrenchments of foreign missionary labor, and consequent damage to the kingdom of the Redeemer.

The term of office of the following members of the Committee expires at the present time: Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., and Rev. John McLeod. The Committee recommend that they be re-elected to serve for three years; and that the vacancy occasioned by the decease of the Hon. John L. Mason be filled, for the unexpired term of one year, by the election of Mr. Thos. Bond of New York.

It was made the first order for to-morrow, to hear the Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, D. D., president of Hamilton College, with reference to that institution.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, viz., the report of the Special Committee on Home Missions; which was continued until the hour of adjournment.

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

Concluded with prayer. [452]

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Resolved, That the Assembly learn, with sincere gratification, of the recent action of the American Bible Society for the supply of every soldier of our army with a copy of the Word of God; and of the timely and liberal appropriation of ten thousand dollars by the American Tract Society, at its recent anniversary, for furnishing our army and navy with religious publications, suited to meet the temptations, trials, and exposures of camp-life, and cordially commend these objects to the favorable consideration and co-operation of the churches, and especially of the ministry that serve them.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave to Hon. James A. Bell, of the Presbytery of Watertown, Mr. Reuben S. Ragan, of the Presbytery of Green Castle, and Mr. John C. Robb, of the Presbytery of Pennsylvania.

The Assembly took from the docket the report of the Standing Committee upon Church Extension, on the annual report of the Trustees of the Church Erection Fund. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Church Extension, having examined the documents referred to them, and considered the subjects to which they relate, respectfully report on the Church Erection Fund.

The report of the Trustees appears to your Committee to furnish gratifying evidence, that that sacred Fund is faithfully administered, according to the principles on which it was originally constituted, and which have been sanctioned by successive Assemblies until this time.

Two memorials have been referred to this Committee; one from the Presbytery of Iowa City, asking for relief to their churches from the obligation to pay interest on their indebtedness to this fund; and one from the Presbyterian church in Omaha City, asking for a larger appropriation than the established rules allow; also a letter from Rev. D. Howe Allen, D. D., asking for indulgence to the German Presbyterian church in Cincinnati, in respect to interest on their debt.

The Committee deeply sympathize with the memorialists, but cannot recommend to the Assembly any alteration of the plan, which has been so

decidedly approved by successive Assemblies; which seems to us to secure, in as great a degree as is attainable, the purposes of the Fund; and the stability of which is essential to that confidence of the benevolent, which will secure the permanence and increase of the Fund. We recommend that the Trustees extend to the [453] churches, whose necessitous circumstances are represented by the memorialists, all the indulgence which is consistent with the rules, and we earnestly commend the church in Omaha City to the favorable consideration of our churches, as a special instance, in which timely assistance in erecting a house of worship may be of incalculable service to the cause of Christ.

We further recommend, that the Trustees shall cause a circular letter to be prepared and sent to the churches, explaining the reasons why the changes which have been asked for cannot safely, or justly, be made. The Committee are confident, from their own experience in listening to explanations from the Trustees, that explanations alone are needed to give satisfaction to the churches.

The Committee recommend the following apportionment to the several Synods, for the ensuing year:

Albany,	2	per cent.	Ohio,	5	per cent.
Alta California,	3	"	Onondaga,	3	"
Cincinnati,	3	"	Pennsylvania,	5	"
Genesee,	3	"	Peoria,	7	"
Geneva,	3	"	Susquehanna,	2	"
Illinois,	10	"	Tennessee,	.5	"
Indiana,	5	"	Utica,	3	"
Iowa,	12	"	Virginia,	1	"
Michigan,	9	"	Wabash,	4	"
Minnesota,	5	"	W. Pennsylvania,	3	"
Mississippi,	.5	"	W. Reserve,	4	"
Missouri,	5	"	W. Tennessee,	1	"
N. Y. and N. J.,	3	"	Wisconsin,	6	"

The term of office of the following Trustees expires at this time: Messrs. Anthony P. Halsey, William E. Dodge, and Walter S. Griffith.

The providential circumstances of Mr. Halsey rendering it inconvenient for him to continue the valuable service which he has heretofore rendered, we recommend, that Jesse W. Benedict, Esq., be elected in his place, and that Messrs. William E. Dodge and Walter S. Griffith be re-elected for the term of three years.

We recommend that Messrs. Christopher R. Robert and James B. Pinneo, and Hon. Augustus P. Hascall, be the *Auditing Committee* for the ensuing year.

We recommend that the annual report of the Trustees be approved, and that extracts from it as usual be printed in the Minutes of the General Assembly; also, that the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to the Trustees for their laborious services.

Rev. Samuel W. Fisher, D. D., addressed the Assembly with reference to Hamilton College. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the subject of the address be referred to the Standing Committee on Education, with instructions to report a minute [454] with respect to those Colleges and Theological Seminaries in which our Church is specially interested.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the annual

report of the Permanent Committee on the same subject, presented their report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., the Delegate from the General Convention of Vermont, took leave of the Assembly, and the Moderator responded.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to Corresponding Bodies presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

1. *The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church*—Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., principal; and Rev. George C. Noyes, alternate.

2. *The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America*—Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D., principal; and Rev. M. L. P. Thompson, D. D., alternate.

3. *The Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States*—Rev. Henry Darling, D. D., principal; and Rev. D. Hopkins Emerson, alternate.

4. *The General Association of Massachusetts*—Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., principal; and Rev. Christopher M. Nickels, D. D., alternate.

5. *The General Association of Connecticut*—Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, principal; and Rev. William S. Leavitt, alternate.

6. *The General Association of New Hampshire*—Rev. Horace Eaton, principal; and Rev. Eber M. Rollo, alternate.

7. *The General Conference of Maine*—Rev. Benjamin Graves, principal; and Rev. James Hoyt, alternate.

8. *The General Convention of Vermont*—Rev. Andrew J. Fennell, principal; and Rev. J. Parsons Hovey, alternate.

9. *The Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin*—Rev. Gustavus L. Foster, principal; and Rev. Calvin Clark, alternate.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church presented their report, which was accepted and put upon the docket.

The Judicial Committee reported that no papers had been put into their hands, and requested to be discharged. The report was accepted and the request granted.

Rev. David Murdock, D. D., the Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, for the year 1860, presented his report. It was accepted, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [455]

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

The Assembly met, agreeably to previous arrangement, for the celebration of the Lord's Supper; and in union with a number of Christians, who accepted the invitation to participate with them, united in the celebration of the ordinance. After which, Rev. George W. Wood, D. D., was recognized as a Delegate from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and addressed the Assembly.

The Committee appointed by the last Assembly, with reference to a Presbyterial Quorum, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The General Assembly of 1860, in reviewing the Records of the Synod of Ohio, reserved its judgment "of the action on pages 226–7, relative to a Presbyterial Quorum and similar matters," but referred the whole subject to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. John J. Atterbury, Rev. Conway P. Wing, and Mr. Edward Wells, to report to the next General Assembly. (See the Minutes of 1860, page 239.*)

*Reprint, p. 66.

The Committee to whom such reference was made respectfully submit the following report:

At the close of the last Assembly, the Clerk put into their hands a paper, which was supposed to contain all the materials necessary for their consideration of the subject. But, on inspecting it subsequently, with a view to a report, it was found to furnish merely an Overture, marked, "Overture No. 4, on page 226 of the Records of the Synod of Ohio;" being the occasion and the basis of the action of the Synod submitted to the Committee; but it did not furnish "the action" itself. The Committee, by their Chairman, addressed the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Ohio by mail, requesting him to furnish them a transcript of so much of the Records as would show their action on the Overture. To this application they have received no reply; nor have they been able otherwise to obtain the desired information.

The Committee, however, supposing that the material thing for them was to prepare a proper answer to the Overture itself, have carefully considered the several important constitutional questions involved, without any reference to "the action" had thereon by the Synod of Ohio.

The Overture is presented in three several branches, and is in the following words, namely:

"1st. Has any number of members of a Presbytery less than a quorum for the transaction of business, as mentioned in the 'Form of Government,' Chap. X., sec. 7, authority to transact any business, except to adjourn? Have they authority to receive members into the Presbytery, to send Delegates to the General Assembly, etc.?

"2d. And where members, received into the Presbytery by a number less than a quorum, take up charges on 'common fame' against a minister of the Gospel belonging to such Presbytery, is a trial, [456] founded on charges so taken up, authorized by our 'Book of Discipline'?

"3d. Is a Presbytery duly organized, when the Moderator and Temporary Clerk are ministers, who have not been admitted into the Presbytery by a quorum for the transaction of business? And is any business transacted by a Presbytery so organized constitutional, especially the trial of a minister of the Gospel"?

The Committee are unanimous and unhesitating in the following views, presented under the several branches of the Overture in their order:

As to the First Branch of the Overture:

The law of a quorum is not a mere rule of procedure, a provision of order, but a matter respecting the very being of the judicatory. Any number of members less than the constitutional quorum do not make a judicatory, and are not competent to any organic act. Nor can they, by associating others with themselves, under the pretense or form of receiving them as members of the judicatory, make a constitutional quorum. Their acts are simply null and void. *Ex nihilo nihil fit.* This statement applies to every judicatory in the series from the church session to the General Assembly.

Any number of persons less than "three ministers and as many elders as may be present belonging to the Presbytery," do not constitute a Presbytery, and are not competent to do a presbyterial act. Of course they have not "authority to receive members into the Presbytery," nor "to send delegates to the General Assembly." Ministers received by them do not thereby become members of the Presbytery. and, if they assume to act as such, they are simply aliens and intruders. Commissioners sent by them to the General Assembly should not be allowed to sit, when the facts of their appointment are understood.

The doings of such a meeting should not have a place on the Records.

But if the Stated Clerk records them, the Presbytery itself, when constitutionally organized, should take action to adopt or disaffirm them; and, in failure of this, the Synod, under its power of review and control, should, on inspection of the Records, notice the unconstitutional proceedings, and require the Presbytery to make the necessary correction.

Were it necessary to confirm these positions, it would be sufficient to refer to the decision of the General Assembly (Digest, p. 105) in regard to a Quorum of Sessions, to the effect, that what is "necessary to constitute a quorum," is "necessary to form a session;" and to the deliverance of the Assembly of 1860, (see Minutes, pp. 260, 261,)* on an Overture respecting certain disorderly proceedings of a church, in which the principle is involved and affirmed, that an "unconstitutional act" is "utterly null and void;" and that, "being void," it "works no effect."

As to the Second Branch of the Overture:

"Taking up charges" is equivalent to "entering process," or "com-[457] mencing process." (Cf. "Book of Discipline," Chap. III., sec. 5, with Chap. V., secs. 2 and 5.) It is the beginning, or first formal step, of a judicial proceeding; and is of course the act of the judicatory. Now, all the provisions of the "Book of Discipline," in relation to the trial of persons subject to the jurisdiction of a judicatory, presuppose and assume, that "the charges have been taken up," as well as that every subsequent step of the proceedings has been had by the judicatory itself. Hence the "Book of Discipline" does not "authorize" the trial of a minister of the Gospel by his Presbytery, "on charges taken up" by individuals usurping its prerogatives, but only on charges taken up by itself.

The "Book of Discipline," however, prescribes (Chap. VII., secs. 1 and 4) that "no judicial decision of a judicatory shall be reversed, unless it be regularly brought up by appeal or complaint."

The trial of a minister, under the circumstances proposed in the Overture, must be regarded as any other trial, where there has been informality or irregularity in the citation, or other preliminary stages of the process. The trial, with the judgment based upon it, must be respected, until the Synod, as the superior judicatory, shall judge how far the irregularity vitiates the proceedings, and defeats the ends of justice, and shall annul or confirm the same.

As to the Third Branch of the Overture:

The Moderator and Clerk are ministerial officers of the judicatory. In respect of their office, they are servants merely, and not members of the body.

Of the Clerk, this would seem to be unquestionably true. The Constitution knows nothing of the Temporary Clerk as distinguished from the Stated Clerk. As far as any provision of the "Book" is involved, it is plain that a judicatory may select any convenient person, though not a member, to record its transactions, and discharge all other duties pertaining to a clerk. For the part of those duties usually devolved upon the Temporory Clerk, we believe, it is no unfrequent thing for a Presbytery to employ a licentiate, or other person not a member of the body.

Nor does the Constitution explicitly, at least, require the Moderator to be chosen from the members of the judicatory. It does indeed prescribe (Chap. XIX., sec. 2) that, in a certain contingency, "he shall possess the casting vote." And as voting is the act of a member, the implication seems to offer itself, that the Moderator himself must be a member. But against this implication some other facts of the Constitution may be cited. Thus, ("Form of Government," Chap. IX., sec. 3,) there is the provision for inviting, in

*Reprint, p. 83.

certain contingencies, a minister to moderate the church session, who is not the pastor of the church, and of course not a member of the session; while the general law of "Moderators" (Chap. XIX.) gives him the casting vote. Then, again, the "Form of Government" (Chap. XII., sec. 7) prescribes, concerning the General Assembly, that "the Moderator of the last Assembly, if present, or, in case of his absence, some other minister, shall preside, until a new Moderator be chosen." Under this [458] provision, it is not necessary that the minister called to preside in the Assembly, should himself be in commission. (Digest, p. 173.) It may be said, that this is merely for organization. True. But the whole principle seems to be involved. For the time being, one, not a member of the Assembly, is its Moderator, and as such has a casting vote on the numberless issues that may be raised between the formation of the roll and the choice of a new Moderator. And in the former case, pertaining to church sessions, no such limitation for mere organization exists. Hence these two points are clearly recognized: 1st. That it is not essential to the idea of a Moderator that he be a member; 2d. That the privilege of a casting vote does not necessarily imply membership.

In the United States Senate we have an instance of the Moderator being foreign to the body over which he presides. By the Constitution of the United States, the Senate "shall be composed of two Senators from each State," etc. The Senators make the whole body; and yet, by the same instrument, "the Vice-President of the United States shall be President of the Senate," with a casting vote. In the State of New York (as perhaps in other States) the Speaker of the Assembly may have two votes, one as a member of the body, and the casting vote besides; a fact which rebuts the supposition that the casting vote is an incident of membership.

All this is urged, without respect to the immemorial usage of our church courts, but solely in view of what is essential by the provisions of the written Constitution and the nature of the subject.

If these suggestions are sound, then a Presbytery in the position proposed by the Overture is "duly organized," and every business done by it is constitutional—*quoad hoc.*

2. But, if it be not admitted that the Constitution allows a Presbytery to choose for its Moderator one foreign to its body, it may still be said, the selection of officers is a matter relating not to the *being* of the judicatory, (like the presence of a quorum,) but to its *form* and order merely. An irregularity here does not nullify the body. It is still a judicatory, with all the essential elements, and competent for business. Its business may be constitutional, though done in an unconstitutional way, and liable to correction by a superior judicatory.

3. Besides, though the persons chosen officers "are ministers who have not been admitted into the Presbytery by a quorum," or (which is its meaning) have been received by a number less than a quorum, and are not thereby constitutionally members, it would still be open to the inference, that the Presbytery, (with a constitutional quorum,) in choosing such persons to office, thereby virtually affirmed and adopted the previous unconstitutional act, by which they were received into the body, made it their own, and made it good.

Hence, in every view, the Committee are clearly of the opinion that, in the case proposed in the third branch of the Overture, the answer should be, that the Presbytery is "duly (that is, validly) organized," and competent to any business, including the trial of a minister of the Gospel.

Still, it is obvious, that the presence in the Presbytery of persons [459] received as members by any number less than a quorum, and in virtue

thereof claiming to exercise the privilege of members, (whether chosen to office or not,) may work great wrong and vexation, by overruling the voice of the majority of the lawful members of the judicatory. And every member has the constitutional right, in some appropriate way, to carry any grievance from this source to the notice of the Synod for correction. We would, therefore, qualify the above answer to this branch of the Overture, by adding that, however the acts of a Presbytery so organized may be irregular, they are not necessarily void and null, (as where there is the want of a quorum,) but voidable only in the judgment of the superior judicatory, when brought before it in a constitutional way.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave to Messrs. Jacob Johnson, Smith Griffith, Joseph Mills, Adam C. Eckfeldt, Daniel Beebe, Timothy Lawrence, and J. Milton Smith.

The Assembly resumed, and continued until the time of adjournment, the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Home Missions.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, 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 Mileage Committee reported as follows:

The Committee on Mileage respectfully beg leave to report the following statements and recommendations:

1st. That 55 Presbyteries have complied with the regulations of the Assembly, and have paid the full amount of their assessments toward the expenses of the Assembly, at the rate of five cents for each communicant in their respective Presbyteries, viz.: [460]

Catskill, Pennsylvania, Cayuga, Hudson, Long Island, New York, 3d, New York, 4th, Newark, Philadelphia, 3d, Harrisburgh, Erie, Pittsburgh, Cold Water, Saginaw, Grand River Valley, Lake Superior, Trumbull, Maumee, Athens, Scioto, Cincinnati, Dayton, Hamilton, Salem, Madison, Indianapolis, Green Castle, Crawfordsville, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne, Illinois, Schuyler, Wabash, Alton, Ottawa, Knox, Galena, Chicago, Belvidere, Bloomington, Milwaukee, Fox River, Columbus, Des Moines, Iowa City, Keokuk, Dubuque, Iowa Valley, Dakota, Minnesota, Winona, Sierra Nevada, St. Louis, Northern Missouri, and Kansas.

2d. That 35 Presbyteries have contributed to the Contingent Fund, at the rate of sixty cents or more for each of their ministers, viz.:

Troy, Albany, Columbia, Watertown, Utica, Geneva, Bath, Chemung, Ithaca, Lyons, Onondaga, Tioga, Otsego, Chenango, Delaware, Buffalo, Ontario, Rochester, Genesee, Niagara, North River, Brooklyn, Rockaway, Montrose, Philadelphia, 4th, Meadville, Detroit, Monroe, Washtenaw, Kalamazoo, Huron, Cleveland, Pataskala, Franklin, and Logansport.

3d. That 14 Presbyteries have not contributed anything towards the expenses of the General Assembly, viz.:

Champlain, St. Lawrence, Oswego, Cortland, Genesee Valley, Wilmington,

District of Columbia, Marshall, Grand River, Portage, Elyria, Chariton, San Francisco, and San José.

4th. The amount of money received by your Committee from the various Presbyteries is..... $4126.25

5th. The amount of bills presented and audited by your Committee for mileage and expenses is..... 3783.25

Leaving a balance, after paying all the bills presented and audited for mileage and expenses, of..... 343.00

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the bills for mileage and necessary expenses, as audited, be paid in full; and the balance of three hundred and forty-three dollars ($343) be paid to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, to be applied to the Contingent Fund.

6th. Your Committee would recommend that those Presbyteries which have not contributed to the funds of the Assembly, be required to pay to the Stated Clerk sixty cents for each of the ministers in their respective Presbyteries.

7th. While many of the Presbyteries respond cheerfully to the call of the General Assembly for funds to meet the necessary expenses, it is a matter of deep regret, that so many of our able Presbyteries omit, or neglect, to furnish the amount requisite to meet the highly satisfactory plan adopted by the Assembly.

8th. Your Committee recommend that the Stated Clerk be instructed, to prepare suitable and convenient printed blanks for the bills of expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly, and for their receipts, to be furnished to the Mileage Committee, in order to systematize and facilitate their labors.

The report was adopted.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the [461] Special Committee on Home Missions. The report was again referred to a Special *Committee* of three, consisting of Rev. A. Bordman Lambert, D. D., Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., and Rev. William C. Wisner, D. D.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave to the Rev. Messrs. John Jenkins, D. D., Claudius B. Lord, Theodore L. Cuyler, George Freeman, John L. Jones, George C. Noyes, and George N. Boardman. And to Messrs. Walter H. Conklin, Sylvanus Cone, Jacob Fritts, Aaron Rumsey, David Cushman, Henry W. Jones, Benjamin W. Raymond, Frederick Starr, Albert N. Brown, James R. Stillman, and Martin Heydenburk.

Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, addressed the Assembly with reference to that institution.

Rev. Russell S. Cook addressed the Assembly with reference to the New York Sabbath Committee, and Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. Theodore S. Brown, and Mr. John Clouds, were appointed a *Committee to prepare a minute* on this subject.

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

The Special Committee on the report of the Committee of the last Assembly on Home Missions, presented their report. Pending its discussion, the time of adjournment arrived.

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

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, 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 reports of the Committees on the Records of the Synods of Missouri, Geneva, Utica, Onondaga, New York and New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Michigan, Western Reserve, Ohio, Peoria, Iowa, Albany, Susquehanna, and Indiana, were presented, recommending that they be approved as far as written.

The reports were severally adopted. [462]

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Wabash reported, that the Records be approved, with the following exception: "They have not been presented to the Assembly since 1859."

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Minnesota reported, that they be approved, with the following exception, viz.: "That the Narrative on the State of Religion is not recorded."

The report was adopted.

The Assembly took from the docket the report of the Standing Committee on Publication. The report, after amendment, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Publication respectfully report to the Assembly as follows:

The procurement of a religious literature, suited to the times, to the wants of the Church, to the condition of the country, to our denomination; at once various and useful, doctrinal and practical, polemical, and hortatory; sometimes philosophical, sometimes hermeneutical; sometimes adapted to babes, as at other times to men and scholars; illustrating truth, establishing faith, auxiliary to the ministry, the system of Sabbath-school instruction, and all the varieties of human condition; a literature authentic, homogeneous, reliable, as it attracts the confidence of all our people, as it receives the sanction, direct or indirect, of our highest judicatory, and coincides with the character of our ecclesiastical ministrations; such a literature is palpably a grand desideratum to the kingdom, for which we pray and labor that it may come in all our nation and in all the earth. The press is a mighty arm of influence; and we must use and sanctify it in the cause of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We are, however, only beginning to do and to act in this comparatively modern and very excellent way.

Our Presbyterian Publication Committee give evidence that they have been assiduous, and, we trust, faithful and fruitful, in our last presbyterial year. Reports and other documents, which will be found in the Appendix to our Minutes for 1861, will illustrate the assertion; and we hope they will be read by us all.

The term of service of Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Rev. Albert Barnes, Rev. George F. Wiswell, Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., and Mr. F. L. Bodine, expiring at this time, their re-election is recommended; also the re-election of five Trustees of the Presbyterian House, namely, Mr. John C. Farr, Charles

S. Wurts, M. D., Rev. John Jenkins, D. D., Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd, and Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace, D. D.

The Committee also recommend the approval of the action of the Trustees of the Presbyterian House, in relation to the donation of Peter Douglas, Esq., and the legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Bartlette.

We also commend to the ministers and the churches of our communion, to correspond with this Committee, and assist their efforts, in the spirit of unity, confidence, and mutual benefit; in the ways suggested so properly in its report in the Appendix; as resulting good, in more than full compensation through all our bounds, is [463] alone anticipated as the natural fruit. Your Committee, from perusing the documents subjected to their revisionary care, are happy to record more than mere approbation, both of the principles and the achievements of this organ of publication. Not here to attempt a review in detail of what has been done the past year deserving laudation, there is one publication that ought to be specified—"The New Digest of the Acts and the Deliverances of the General Assembly"—as the highest judicatory of our Church since its beginning, now verging high toward the terminus of its second century in this world of the West; though our Assembly, as fully organized, beginning the same year with the national Constitution and the administration of Washington, as President of the United States of America, is now, in progress, exactly seventy-three years old.

That Digest we consider as a treasure of value incomparable. Any Presbyterian, reading and digesting its contents, may well glory in its noble, scriptural, apostolic character, from the beginning; a thesaurus of the authentic pandects of the kingdom; a mass of practical and judicial wisdom, not more useful to their sons than honorary to our sires; in all, favoring nobly the ends of unity, order, law, duty, right, truth, grace, loyalty, impartiality, and constitutional yet universal freedom, in church and in nation! For the rest, we say, read it, own it, and, "dying, mention it within your wills, bequeathing it as a rich legacy to your issue." Every judicatory ought to procure a copy; every minister should own one; every respectable library should possess one, placed near the dictionary of our language and the peerless volume of our faith.

In conclusion, we say, let all the parts of our now mature, homogeneous, love-pervaded commonwealth of Israel, cohere, combine; honoring all the members, and especially those nearest our own places and spheres of accountable action, in the Presbyterian Church of our cordial and our worthy preference. Let us be national, co-operative, principled, in all we do; and hope in our God to do greater and greater things than these. The time has come when our excellent system, in all its parts one magnificent whole—*e pluribus unum*—must evince its unity, its strength, its vocation, in doing good. Our Sabbath-school literature, our entire and excellent Psalmody, and other excellent books, tracts, and documents, can there be best obtained, and thence diffused with eminent advantage in every part of our grounds. And it is hoped, and recommended to our Publication Committee, to establish depositories, or, in conjunction with our Presbyteries, to authorize and assist others to establish them, in every more distant section of our Church; so making them easily accessible to all, as they are eminently cheap and practical, and giving to all our people what, we trust, they will soon learn to appreciate and love. Our common obligations to the self-denying, able, generous, and enterprising efforts for the common good of our nation and our denomination, which have distinguished our brethren in Philadelphia, claim our grateful recognition and our cordial thanks; especially, *ab uno disce omnes*, for that noble structure, the Presbyterian House, with [464]

its furniture, its fitness, its large grounds, its beautiful site, and its promise of permanent usefulness.

After due consideration, we have agreed to designate for preacher on this subject, at the Assembly of 1862, the Rev. Charles Hawley, of Auburn, N. Y., and as his alternate, the Rev. John W. Hall, D. D., of Oxford, Ohio.

In view of the turbulence and the menace of our times, the drear inauguration of civil war, and the prospect of its ravages of physical and moral desolation in our country,

Resolved, 1. That we acknowledge the agency and the just judgments of our God in all this, and would humble ourselves before him, with the prayer,—O Lord! in wrath remember mercy; spare thy people, and restore peace in all our borders.

Resolved, 2. That Friday, June 28th, be appointed, in these national and solemn relations, as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer before God, to confess our sins, to supplicate his mercy and gracious return to us, almighty to save; and especially that he would prepare the members of both houses of Congress, so soon to convene, in this crisis of our affairs for all their duties, with wisdom, piety, and patriotic sincerity of devotion to the good of our one great nation; and that he would bless our President and his Cabinet, our army and our navy, and order all the operations of this new and dreadful war, for his own glory, the prosperity of his own Zion, and the ultimate good of our country for this and all coming ages.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute respecting Ingham University, presented the following report:

The Assembly regards with lively interest the establishment and maintenance of Seminaries for young ladies, in which they may attain a liberal and elegant intellectual culture, combined with careful religious instruction, and under positive Christian influences.

The Assembly recognizes, in respect to this Seminary at Le Roy, N. Y., this peculiarity;—that it is the only Seminary for young ladies, the property of which is distinctly and inalienably the property of our Church;—and expresses its grateful appreciation of the wisdom and liberality of the Christian ladies who have given this institution to the entire and permanent control of thoroughly Christian men; as also of the earnest and generous purpose of its Chancellor and Council to make increasingly liberal provisions for the education of the daughters of ministers of the Gospel, who are unable to pay the customary expenses of unendowed female Seminaries.

The Assembly also expresses the earnest hope, that benevolent Christian men of the churches will so appreciate the importance of securing the unembarrassed success of this excellent institution, as to do themselves the honor, and Christ the service, of providing for the speedy liquidation of the debt which now impedes and cripples it, and thus, not only place this valuable property unencumbered in the hands of the Church, as a beautiful and fully-released possession of the Church's Lord, but also open before the institution [465] an endless career of usefulness in behalf of the daughters of the household of faith, and the interests of the kingdom of Christ.

Messrs. William E. Dodge, Walter S. Griffith, and Jesse W. Benedict, were elected Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, to serve for three years.

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

Concluded with prayer.

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The first half hour was occupied with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly was invited by Mrs. Judge Spencer to a reception at her house this evening. The invitation was unanimously accepted, and the thanks of the Assembly ordered to be returned to Mrs. Spencer.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported an Overture on the subject of Systematic Benevolence, with the following answer:

Resolved, 1. That Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., Rev. M. L. P. Thompson, D. D., Rev. Henry Darling, D. D., Rev. Samuel T. Spear, D. D., and Rev. Charles Hawley, be a *Committee* to consider the whole subject of *Systematic Benevolence*, and report to the next General Assembly a plan to be recommended to the churches in carrying on their benevolent operations; and that Presbyteries, or individuals, desiring to lay any propositions on that subject before the General Assembly, be directed to communicate them to said Committee.

Resolved. 2. That, for the coming year, each church connected with the Assembly be urgently requested, to make a contribution to the very important causes of Education for the Ministry, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Publication, as they are conducted by the Assembly; such collection, small or large; and that they make report of the respective amounts to their Presbytery at the stated meeting next preceding that of the General Assembly.

The report was adopted.

Communications were received from our Theological Seminaries: from Lane Seminary, through the General Secretary of the Assembly's Committee on Education; from Auburn Theological Seminary, through Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D. D.; and from the Theological Department of Lind University, through Rev. Yates Hickey.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, namely, the report of the Special Committee on Home Missions, and the Constitution contained in the report was adopted.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer. [466]

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

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute with reference to the New York Sabbath Committee, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly have heard, with deep interest, the statements of the Rev. Russell S. Cook, the secretary of the New York Sabbath Committee, in regard to its plans and operations; and that they rejoice in the favor of Divine Providence, which has so evidently attended its well-devised and energetic movements.

Resolved, 2. That we commend anew the cause of the Sabbath to the churches under our care, as at all times worthy of a most hearty and earnest support, and as calling, in the present circumstances of the country, for special vigilance and fidelity. We would particularly urge it upon them, that fervent prayer be offered, and all possible care be taken, that, even in troublous times, the precious day of the Lord be duly honored.

Resolved, 3. That it be recommended to our churches to co-operate with the New York Sabbath Committee, in their praiseworthy designs, by any such expressions of sympathy or forms of effort as, in their several localities, may seem to them appropriate.

The Assembly adopted, with some amendments, the resolutions contained in the report of the Special Committee on Home Missions.

The Constitution and resolutions are as follows:

CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS.

I. The General Assembly, in accordance with the obvious indications of Divine Providence, and agreeably to the Constitution of the Church, (Form of Gov., Chap. XVIII.,) assumes the responsibility of conducting the work of Home Missions within its bounds.

II. To this end, the Assembly hereby institutes a Permanent Committee, to be known as the "Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions," to be located in the city of New York; to consist of fifteen members; of whom not more than eight shall be ministers of the Gospel; to be arranged in the first instance into three classes, to serve one, two, and three years respectively, and their successors to serve for three years; to be appointed by the Assembly; five of them to be a quorum for ordinary business, and a majority for the election of officers and the determination of their salaries.

III. The Committee shall elect, annually, a General Secretary or Secretaries, a Treasurer, and such other officers and agents as may be requisite for the successful prosecution of the work. They shall have power to fill, until the meeting of the next Assembly, their own vacancies; to appoint their own meetings; to determine the specific duties of their officers; and make their own by-laws, subject to the revision of the Assembly.

IV. They shall undertake the work of aiding such congregations as [467] are unable to support, in whole or in part, the stated preaching of the Gospel; and of sending itinerating or resident missionaries to the destitute in our own land. And, as it is the design of the General Assembly, not to supersede the different ecclesiastical bodies connected with it, but to encourage and give unity and efficiency to their action, so as to bring out the full adaptation and force of the Presbyterian system in Home Missions, the Presbyteries are recommended to appoint Standing Committees on Home Missions;—to explore their destitutions; to select, and, if they think expedient, to nominate missionaries for their own field; to recommend the amount of their compensation; to secure an annual contribution to the cause from each of their churches; to be a medium of communication between the Presbytery and the Assembly's Committee; and to furnish annually to this Committee, on or before the 15th of April, a detailed statement of the Home Missionary work within their bounds.

V. The Committee shall appoint and commission the missionaries, taking care to appoint no one unacceptable to the Presbytery within whose bounds he is to labor; they shall give them all needful instructions as to the place and character of their labors, securing as far as practicable and regarding the advice and indorsement of the Presbytery, as to the selection and location of laborers and their remuneration; they shall make the necessary appropriations to agents, exploring and itinerating missionaries, and congregations; it being understood, that no appropriation shall be made to any congregation, whose application is not endorsed by the Presbytery with which such congregation stands connected, or by the Committee of Presbytery; and shall take measures to secure the effective co-operation of the Synods, Presbyteries, and churches, in the work of exploration, in securing missionaries, and in obtaining funds for the common treasury.

They shall keep a faithful record of their proceedings, and make an annual report of all their doings to the General Assembly.

VI. The Treasurer shall take charge of the moneys contributed to the cause; shall disburse them only upon the duly certified order of the Committee; to whom he shall make report of the state of the treasury at such times as they shall direct; and give bonds annually for the faithful discharge of his trusts, to such an amount as the Committee may determine.

Resolutions on the Home Missionary Work.

Resolved, 1. That the condition of the Home Missionary work throughout the Church, at the present time, calls for a reconsideration and re-adjustment of many of its arrangements, so as to give it, in its new relations, the greatest stability and efficiency.

Resolved, 2. That the Presbyteries should carefully weigh the relative claims of old organizations and of new enterprises, that one may not be sacrificed for the other; that, as to the former, they should ascertain if any ought to be discontinued; if several may not be united under one missionary; what may be done to stimulate them to greater efforts for self-support; and if appropriations to decidedly unpromising ones should not be curtailed; and, as to the latter, [468] they should only be undertaken where the providential indications point out their necessity, and never to establish denominational interests where there is really no call nor room for them; the general principle being, that we should hold only that which is worth holding, and advance no farther than can be done effectively.

Resolved, 3. That applications from the Presbyteries should state all the facts which the Committee should know, in order to form a correct judgment in the case; such as—the location of the Church; its positive and relative, its present and prospective importance; its age, numbers, pecuniary ability, necessities; length of time during which it has been receiving assistance; the prospect of its ceasing to need assistance, etc., etc. And that no church should be recommended for an appropriation, which does not make all reasonable exertions to sustain the preaching of the Gospel; make an annual contribution to the general treasury; and satisfy the Presbytery that it has complied with its engagements to its minister.

Resolved, 4. That appropriations should be made with reference to the necessities and prospects of congregations, rather than in view of the wants of missionaries; the support of the ministry being regarded chiefly as a means of building up the Church.

Resolved, 5. That, as the funds of the Church must be limited, in comparison with the very extensive field to be supplied, a careful economy should be regarded in all appropriations, and strenuous efforts should be made to increase the contributions to the general treasury from year to year.

Resolved, 6. That, in planting new churches, the unity of the body of Christ should be so recognized, that where another denomination, of like general faith and order, is in possession of a field, and is doing all that may be fairly needed to supply it with the Gospel, presently or prospectively, missionaries should not be sent to that field, but to more destitute regions.

Resolved, 7. That itinerating missionary labor should be employed, wherever the wants of any particular region may demand it, and the funds at the disposal of the Committee will allow; and that great care should be taken to gather up and perpetuate the results of such itinerancies, so that the energies and means of the Church may not be wasted in fruitless experiments.

Resolved, 8. That the Committee on Church Extension, established in 1855, having satisfactorily fulfilled its course, as a supplementary arrange-

ment, and its separate continuance being rendered unnecessary by the establishment of the "Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions," it shall be merged into that Committee, which is declared to be the legal successor to all its responsibilities, rights, and claims; and that, when the "Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions" becomes organized, the funds, records, claims, and responsibilities of said Church Extension Committee shall be transferred to that Committee.

Resolved, 9. That the Permanent Committee on Home Missions, established in 1858, be discontinued.

Resolved, 10. That the General Assembly regards it as of the utmost [469] importance, that a uniform Presbyterian system should be adopted as soon and as far as practicable; and it earnestly recommends all its ecclesiastical bodies, acting in connection with other organizations, as soon as it can be done without sacrifice to existing interests, to conform themselves to the Assembly's plan.

Resolved, 11. That the "Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions" be directed to apply to the Legislature of the State of New York for an act of incorporation.

Resolved, 12. That the "Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions" be directed to hold its first meeting in the city of New York, on the 18th day of June next, and the Stated Clerk of the Assembly notify, in due season, the members, of the time and place of meeting.

Resolved, 13. That the Committee appoint a General Secretary, to be located in the city of New York; and that they be instructed to appoint an Associate Secretary, to reside in Philadelphia; and other Secretaries in such other places as they may find necessary.

Resolved, 14. That ten of the members of the Committee be located in and about New York, and five in and about Philadelphia.

The attendance of the Rev. Andrew Giffert Wylie, the Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, was reported by the Committee on Commissions, and his name was added to the Roll.

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

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 28th, 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave to the Rev. Messrs. Charles Richards, Asa D. Smith, D. D., John B. Fowler, Cicero B. Stevens, Grosvenor W. Heacock, D. D., William J. Johnson, Asa Johnson, Lemuel Clark, Medad Pomeroy, Charles Merwin, Albert Bigelow, Joseph Willet, and Benjamin G. Riley; and to Messrs. John P. Osborne, Andrew M. Wing, Thomas Archer, George W. Allen, Jonathan Ford, Alexander H. Hicks, Edwin Pierce, Eli D. Catlin, Augustus P. Hascall, Charles H. Quinlan, Harvey J. Mann, John Clouds, James G. Redfield, James M. Hains, and James R. Sayre.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported an Overture on the subject of a week of special religious services, with the following answer:

Whereas, Protracted religious services have often been greatly blessed in deepening the work of grace in the hearts of Christians, and in awakening sinners and leading them to Christ; and

Whereas, A good impression created on a congregation in the [470] autumn often remains with it through the succeeding winter months; and

Whereas, God is pleased to regard union and concert in prayer; therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our pastors and churches, as far as practicable, to observe the first week in December as a season of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our congregations, and in special religious services calculated to edify the saints, and lead sinners to Christ.

Resolved, 2. That the Stated Clerk be instructed to give notice in the religious newspapers circulating in the Church, of the above recommendation of the Assembly.

The following were elected Trustees of the Presbyterian House:

Mr. John C. Farr, Charles S. Wurts, M. D., Rev. John Jenkins, D. D., Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd, and Rev Benjamin J. Wallace, D. D.

The Assembly took from the docket the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension upon the annual report of the Permanent Committee on the same subject. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

On the subject of Church Extension, the Committee report, that Overtures have been presented from the Presbyteries of Scioto, Troy, Schuyler, Dayton, Catskill, and Iowa City, and from the Synod of Peoria.

These Overtures illustrate the unanimity of our church judicatories in favor of having the General Assembly assume the responsibility of conducting our own Home Missionary work, as the Assembly has already resolved to do; and also in favor of giving the Assembly's Committee a name expressive of its functions, as having charge of our entire Home Missionary work. This Committee had agreed to recommend the name, "Presbyterian Home Mission Committee," as the form most conveniently written; but we cheerfully acquiesce in that which has been adopted, on the recommendation of another Committee.

Three Overtures express the desire that the Committee on Home Missions may be located in some prominent commercial city; and two of them designate the city of New York. One of them requests that there may be two General Secretaries, one to reside in New York and the other in Chicago.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Church Extension exhibits labors and results which, in the existing circumstances, merit the emphatic commendation and grateful acknowledgment of the General Assembly.

The steady increase of donations to an agency, so much questioned and assailed, shows the intelligent and firm purpose of our people to do efficiently whatever work the providence of God at any time gives them; and now, when so manifestly Divine Providence calls us, as a Church, to undertake the Home Missionary work more broadly, and in a mode suited to our church organization and adapted to develop and apply all the energy of our Church, we may confide in the liberality of our people to furnish the needful resources. [471]

The Assembly having instituted "The Presbyterian Committee on Home Missions," it seems obvious that there will be no further need of a Church Extension Committee as a supplementary agency; and we concur in the recommendation of the Special Committee that it be discontinued. In doing so, we recommend that the General Assembly put on record their emphatic commendation of the fidelity, wisdom, and energy with which the Church Extension Committee have conducted this difficult and important church enterprise during the six years of its continuance.

The Treasurer's report being duly audited, and having been presented to the Assembly, we recommend its acceptance and approval.

Rev. Andrew G. Wylie, the Delegate of the General Synod of the Re-

formed Presbyterian Church in North America, addressed the Assembly, and the Moderator responded.

Rev. A. Bordman Lambert, D. D., Rev. J. Geddes Craighead, Rev. Robert Adair, Rev. Augustus T. Norton, and Rev. Henry Smith, D. D., were appointed to nominate the Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions, and to fill the blank in the 12th resolution.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 28th, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Assembly took from the docket the report of the Committee on the Polity of the Church.

The Committee report Overture No. 1, asking the General Assembly so to change the form of Statistical Reports, that churches will be required to report their membership actually resident, as resident members; and their absent membership as absent or non-resident members.

It also asks that the "capitation tax," levied to defray the expenses of Commissioners and the General Assembly, be assessed upon resident members only.

Believing that each church should be held responsible for the good character of its members, and also for their General Assembly tax, the Committee recommend that the request of the Overture be not granted.

The report was adopted.

The Committee report Overture No. 2: "Is a member of Presbytery, desirous of withdrawing connection with our Church to a foreign body at a distance, entitled to a letter of dismission and recommendation on demand, while occupying the position as pastor of one of our churches?"

The Committee report, that he is not thus entitled.

The report was adopted. [472]

The Committee report Overture No. 3: "Is it in accordance with the usages and principles of the Presbyterian Church to administer the rite of baptism to infants whose parents, once having connection with some evangelical church, now hold no such connection in their present place of residence?"

The Overture was referred to a Special *Committee*, consisting of Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D., Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., and Rev. J. Parsons Hovey, with instructions to report to the next General Assembly.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported also Overture No. 4, on the subject of Statistics, with the statement, that they see no reason why there should be any change in the form now used for making the statistical reports of benevolent contributions of the churches.

The report was adopted.

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

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the subject of Literary and Theological Institutions, presented the following minute for the approval of the Assembly:

Whereas, The Presbyterian Church has always taken high ground with reference to an educated clergy, resisting the temptation to introduce into her pulpits unskillful men, even when there was great destitution of preaching; and *whereas*, from the first establishing of the Church in this country, she made and sustained successful educational efforts, both literary and the-

ological, thus vindicating her descent from the "preaching" Protestants of the Reformation; and *whereas*, our religion is the religion of a book inspired and authorized by God; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we have listened with gratification to the reports, oral and written, from Hamilton College, from Union, Auburn, Lane, and Blackburn Theological Seminaries, and from Lind University; and that, in view of the intimate relation of these institutions to the Presbyterian Church, and of the value of their reports to this body, we recommend that written reports be hereafter annually presented to the Assembly, and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Resolved, 2. That, believing the connection between religion and sound learning to be vital, and regarding academies, colleges, and theological seminaries as conserving and promoting such learning, we enjoin upon all our churches to foster the spirit of education among their members, in such a way as to secure the increase of students in our higher institutions of learning, and also a more liberal endowment of said institutions.

Resolved, 3. That it be recommended to the Presbyteries and Synods of the Church, to encourage pious and promising young men, within their bounds, by the pledge of liberal aid, to enter upon a course of literary study with the Gospel ministry in view, holding up prominently the duty and dignity of the sacred office. [473]

Resolved, 4. That, inasmuch as, in the nature of things, the preachers of the Gospel come not largely from the wealthier classes, it be laid upon the conscience of the Church to give the more liberally and freely of their means to raise up a thoroughly educated clergy.

Resolved, 5. That, so far as it can be done, without infringing upon the chartered rights of Colleges, the study of the Word of God, both in the vernacular and the original languages, be recommended as a part of their curriculum.

The report was adopted.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Overture of the Presbytery of Columbus, on the subject of raising a fund to be applied to the aid of disabled ministers and their families, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

They have taken the subject into careful consideration, and have been unable to devise a plan which they can, with any reasonable or proper confidence, recommend for adoption by the Assembly. Several religious bodies have tried the experiment of raising a fund for this purpose; among whom may be named the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Old School Presbyterian Church of this country, and the English Wesleyans of Great Britain. The proper sources of information, touching the several plans which have been adopted by these bodies, the relative success of each of them, and the details of the several systems which have for some years been under trial, your Committee have been unable to reach; and have, therefore, thought it best to recommend the appointment, by this General Assembly, of a Committee to consist of three persons, to report a plan of operations, to be laid before the next General Assembly, with a view to secure the end contemplated in the Overture, which your Committee regard as of great importance, and therefore worthy of the most careful and mature consideration.

Hon. Joseph Allison, Matthew W. Baldwin, Joseph H. Dulles, and Samuel C. Perkins, were appointed as this *Committee*.

The Assembly took from the docket the report of the Standing Committee on Education upon the annual report of the Permanent Committee on the same subject.

The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on that subject, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

The Assembly is aware that the chief subject which was designed to occupy the attention of the Standing Committee is the revised plan of Education, drawn up in December last, and submitted to the Presbyteries for their approval. To this subject the Committee have given the most patient consideration. They have carefully examined the answers of the various Presbyteries, so far as received; and they have listened to oral statements, from members of the Permanent Committee, and from representatives of existing local organizations at present prosecuting this work. [474]

The Committee have found the subject environed with peculiar and with somewhat formidable difficulties. From the facts presented to them, they have no reason to suppose that any plan which could be devised would command the instant approval of all sections of the Church. Yet the evidence before them compels the conclusion, that a large majority of Presbyteries will cordially accept the Plan, especially as modified by this Committee, in accordance with suggestions contained in the communications of several of the Presbyteries. The Committee, therefore, recommend to the General Assembly to pass the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Plan of Education herewith communicated be adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; and that the Presbyteries be requested, as far as circumstances will permit, to conform their action to its provisions.

Plan of Education.

Whereas, The General Assembly has heretofore established the Permanent Committee on Education, by the adoption, on the 27th day of May, 1856, of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, 1. That a Committee of fifteen ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church, of whom five shall be laymen, shall be appointed by the General Assembly, to be called the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry; seven at least of whom shall reside in or near the city of New York, which shall be the seat of its operations. Five members of this Committee shall constitute a quorum, but, for the election of a Secretary of Education, or for action upon his salary, a majority shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

"*Resolved*, 2. This Committee, as thus constituted, shall divide itself into three equal classes, the first, second, and third, whose terms of office shall expire respectively in one, two, and three years. The General Assembly shall annually elect, after its first organization, five members of this Committee for three years, to fill such vacancies. It shall also fill any vacancy which may have occurred in the other classes. The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring in the interval between the sessions of two Assemblies for such an interval."

And, *whereas*, it has also secured, from the Legislature of the State of New York, an act of incorporation, which is as follows:

"An Act to Incorporate the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

"The people of the State of New York, as represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

"SECTION 1.—John J. Owen, Asa D. Smith, George L. Prentiss, William A. Booth, Joseph B. Sheffield, Jesse W. Benedict, Walter S. Griffith, Anson G. Phelps, William Hogarth, Jonathan F. Stearns, Henry Smith, Harvey Curtis, John Jenkins, William Darling, and [475] William Jessup, (designated for the purpose by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which met in Cleveland, Ohio, in May, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven,) and their successors in office, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of 'The Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,' whose duty it shall be to superintend the whole cause of Education in behalf of the said General Assembly, as said General Assembly may from time to time direct; also to receive, take charge of, and disburse any property or funds, which, at any time, and from time to time, may be intrusted to said General Assembly, or said Permanent Committee, for Educational purposes.

"SECTION 2.—The said corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the provisions contained in title three of chapter eighteen of the first part of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same are applicable and have not been repealed or modified.

"SECTION 3.—The management and disposition of the affairs and funds of said corporation shall be vested in the individuals named in the first section of this act, and their successors in office, who shall remain in office for such period, and be displaced and succeeded by others, to be elected at such time and in such manner as the said General Assembly shall direct and appoint.

"SECTION 4.—The said corporation shall in law be capable of taking, receiving, and holding any real or personal estate which has been or may hereafter be given, devised, or bequeathed to it, or to the said General Assembly, for the purposes aforesaid, or which may accrue from the use of the same; but the said corporation shall not take and hold real and personal estate above the sum of two hundred thousand dollars.

"SECTION 5.—This act shall take effect immediately.—*Passed April* 17, 1858."

Now, therefore, in order that the objects for which the said Committee was established and incorporated may be fully accomplished, the General Assembly hereby adopts the following rules for the guidance hereafter of the said Committee, and the churches, Presbyteries, and Synods under the care of the Assembly; and repeals all former acts of the Assembly establishing a Plan of Education.

I.

The Permanent Committee, on behalf of the Assembly, shall superintend the whole work of Education for the Ministry; shall do whatever may be proper and necessary to carry out the provisions of this Plan, so as to develop an educational spirit and activity throughout the churches, Presbyteries, and Synods in connection with the General Assembly; and shall make to the Assembly a full annual report, as far as can be ascertained, of all that has been done throughout the Church in behalf of Education for the Ministry. [476]

II.

As soon as convenient, after the meeting of each General Assembly, the Permanent Committee shall elect a General Secretary, who shall retain his office until his successor is elected. The Committee may also employ, at

their discretion, any additional agency which may be necessary for the prosecution of the work.

III.

The General Secretary shall be the executive officer of the Permanent Committee. It shall be his duty, as far as he can, to visit the Synods, Presbyteries, and churches, for the purpose of awakening their interest and concentrating their energies in this matter; to visit the students aided by the Permanent Committee, and to exercise, as far as possible, a pastoral supervision over them; to present this cause to the churches; to urge upon young men the claims of the ministry; to collect funds as opportunity may be afforded him; to discharge such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Permanent Committee, in furtherance of the general object of Education for the Ministry; and to make a quarterly report, in writing, of his doings, to the Permanent Committee.

IV.

The Permanent Committee shall also annually elect a Treasurer, who shall receive all funds intrusted to them, and disburse the same under their direction. At their discretion, this officer may receive a reasonable compensation, and be required to give adequate bonds.

V.

Appropriations to students for the ministry shall be made, by the Permanent Committee, according to the rules heretofore approved by the General Assembly, (Minutes 1857, p. 390,) or such as shall hereafter be approved. Although it is recommended to churches and to donors not to give a specific direction to their contributions, yet, in individual cases, and for sufficient reasons, any designation may be given to contributions not inconsistent with the rules of the General Assembly, provided, nevertheless, that all funds passing through the treasury shall bear a due proportion of the expenses of the Committee.

VI.

Each church connected with the General Assembly will be expected to make an annual contribution for Ministerial Education, to be paid into the treasury of the Permanent Committee.

VII.

It is earnestly recommended that each Presbytery promote the success of this work within its own bounds by giving attention to the following particulars:

1. Making the subject of the increase of candidates for the ministry a topic of serious consideration in its meetings, at least once in each year; and appointing a Standing Committee to act for the [477] Presbytery in all matters pertaining to the cause, when it is not in session.

2. Seeing that the subject is properly presented in all its churches annually, and that a contribution is made in each one, and paid into the treasury of the Permanent Committee.

3. Seeking out, selecting, examining, and recommending to the Permanent Committee, such young men in its churches as should receive assistance from the general treasury; and, as far as possible, supervising and directing them during their studies.

4. Making an annual report of the doings of the Presbytery on the whole

subject, to the Permanent Committee, previous to the meeting of each General Assembly.

5. Doing such other things as may be calculated to give this work its true place among the agencies for evangelization.

VIII.

Each Presbytery, whose churches contribute to the treasury of the Permanent Committee without giving a specific direction to their contributions, shall be entitled, so far as the means placed at the disposal of the Permanent Committee will allow, to receive aid for all candidates for the ministry recommended by it to that Committee, however much the appropriations to them may exceed the contributions of the churches of the said Presbytery.

IX.

It shall be the duty of the Synods to call up this subject annually, and to inquire what the Presbyteries and churches under their care are doing in relation to it; and to adopt such measures as may promote, in accordance with this Plan, this great and important cause of Christian benevolence.

The Permanent Committee having submitted for the approval of the Assembly an addition to the first rule for aiding young men, the Standing Committee recommend the insertion of the following clause after the words, "at least one year" in that rule, namely: "That he has been recommended by the pastor and elders of the church to which he belongs, as a suitable person to be aided in preparing for the ministry."

The following was substituted for the third rule:

3. All funds contributed for Educational purposes, and disbursed by the Committee, shall be denominated "Scholarship Funds;" and the annual payment to students shall not, unless in very peculiar circumstances, exceed eighty dollars for the academic, one hundred dollars for the collegiate, and one hundred and twenty for the theological course *per annum*, to be paid in quarterly installments upon the return of the schedules to be filled up by the student and his instructors, and the approbation of the same by the Permanent Committee.

The term of office of one class of the members of the Permanent Committee having expired, the following persons are hereby nomi[478]nated to fill the vacancy: Rev. James P. Wilson, D. D., of Newark, N. J.; Rev. John Jenkins, D. D., of Philadelphia; Rev. Robert R. Booth, of New York; Rev. Charles S. Robinson, of Brooklyn, and Mr. Preserved H. Porter, of Newark, N. J.

The Committee to nominate the *Presbyterian Committee of Home Missions* presented their report, recommending the appointment of Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., Rev. Charles S. Robinson, Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, Rev. Henry Darling, D. D., Rev. Albert Barnes, Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace, D. D., Mr. Oliver E. Wood, Mr. Joseph F. Joy, Hon. Edward A. Lambert, Mr. J. Milton Smith, Mr. James B. Pinneo, Mr. John A. Brown, and Hon. Joseph Allison;

And that Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace, D. D., Mr. John A. Brown, and Mr. J. Milton Smith, be assigned to the first class, to serve for one year;

That Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., Rev. Charles S. Robinson, Rev. Henry Darling, D. D., Hon. Joseph Allison, and Mr. Oliver E. Wood, be assigned to the second class, and serve for two years;

And that Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. Albert Barnes, Mr. Joseph

F. Joy, Hon. Edward A. Lambert, and Mr. James B. Pinneo, be assigned to the third class, and serve for three years.

They further recommend that the place for the first meeting of the Committee be the city of New York; the time be the third Tuesday of June; and that the Stated Clerk be charged with the duty of making the arrangements for this meeting.

The report was adopted.

At the request of Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Rev. J. Parsons Hovey was appointed in his place on the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on the Polity of the Church reported Overture N. 5:

"Where one portion of a church connected with, and under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, denies the jurisdiction and authority of the Presbytery and every other body, and all right to review its proceedings, and the right of appeal to the Presbytery, and declare their determination so to continue; and the other portion of such church declare to the Presbytery their wish to continue their connection with the Presbytery as heretofore, instead of setting up as an independent church: What is the duty of the Presbytery toward that portion who remain faithful to such jurisdiction?"

And recommended the following answer: That, in the judgment of the Assembly, the report on the subject last year (see Minutes, pp. 260, 261)* implies, that the church sustains the same relation to the Presbytery as before the denial of its jurisdiction; and that the Delegate of the church is entitled to a seat in the Presbytery, as in years previous to the act aforesaid. [479]

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

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

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave to Rev. Messrs. Horace Eaton, Gurdon W. Noyes, Blackleach B. Gray, Oliver N. Chapin, Alexander Porter, Marcus Hicks, and Samuel Sawyer; and to Messrs. George W. Rhodes, John G. Parker, Harry D. Cook, Joseph D. Halbert, and John T. Rowland.

The following resolutions of thanks were, on recommendation of the Committee appointed for the purpose, unanimously adopted:

1. To the citizens of Syracuse, whose hospitalities we have proved so copiously, so pleasantly, so constantly, for their generous and exemplary kindness to us; shown in matter, in manner, and in motive, we doubt not, to the members of the Assembly, and to others attending its sessions: with the prayer, that their young and stately city, with its beautiful sceneries and its magnificent surroundings, especially their numerous and intelligent population, may be the covenanted care of our Heavenly Father, present and future; that our God may enrich them with his own unspent bounty, crowning them with his salvation, by grace, and with glory, in Jesus Christ, our adorable Lord, who is our hope, our strength, our glory, as the true God and eternal life; that our Redeemer may be also their own.

* Reprint, p. 83.

2. To the Committee of Arrangements, for their prompt, devoted, provident care of us and ours; as more especially we name its worthy Chairman, the Hon. Israel S. Spencer, so useful, so beneficent, so distinguished, in the cause, as our gratitude loves to acknowledge as well as remember.

3. To the Trustees of the First Presbyterian church, its beloved pastor, and its noble congregation, its excellent choir, with their music, both vocal and instrumental, of such admirable character, assisting so artistically, so patriotically, so gratefully, our public devotions.

4. To the Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D. D., our honored Moderator, for the dignity, kindness, assiduity, ability, and impartial order, mingled so well with forbearance and Christian urbanity; all which he has so genially exemplified in all his personal and official bearing toward us, his affectionate and fraternal constituents.

5. Also, to very many others, Christian gentlemen and elect ladies, on various occasions not here enumerated, in relations secular and sacred, official and social; touching all which our memories and our hearts will not soon cease to cherish our happy impressions of the [480] city of Syracuse, and our delightful visit here, in the season of Nature's blooms and beauties, in the month of May, 1861, and in connection with this meeting of our General Assembly.

The Roll was called, and the following persons were found to be absent without excuse:

Rev. Charles S. Sylvester, Mr. William Hannas, Rev. John Waugh, Rev. Abraham T. Young, Mr. Ingham Townsend, Rev. Mills B. Gelston, Mr. Levi Hotchkiss, Rev. Henry Fowler, Mr. Samuel N. Kinney, Rev. John McLeish, Mr. Jay E. Lee, Rev. A. Cogswell Frissell, Rev. Daniel Rice, Rev. George W. Elliott, Rev. Silas H. Ashmun, Rev. James H. Trowbridge, and Mr. Charles T. Wilkinson.

The Minutes of the last 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 Second Presbyterian church of the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the third Thursday of May, 1862, at 11 o'clock A. M.

HENRY DARLING, *Permanent Clerk.*

Syracuse, N. Y., May 28th, 1861.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE

Of the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, May, 1861.

A Narrative of the State of Religion in an ecclesiastical body must have reference to both the internal life and the external manifestations of that life. This idea will give shape to our report. The spiritual forces of our Church have this year been recruited by many revivals, and by the diligent use of the ordinary means of grace. The number of revivals reported in the Narratives placed in the hands of the Committee is sixty-six. Had every special quickening enjoyed by our churches been noticed, this number would doubtless have been greatly increased. What is styled a revival by one is deemed by another scarcely worthy the name. One minister is like the woman who

called in the neighbors to rejoice with her, when one piece of silver was found; while another holds no jubilee over many converts, but rather mourns that they are so few. The revivals reported were neither so many nor so powerful, as those which have taken place in some former years; but they have brought gladness to many hearts on earth and in heaven. The spiritual life of the Church appears to have been greatly promoted by the "week of prayer," observed very extensively by various denominations in our country during the first days of this year, at the call of British Christians and missionaries. We notice with pleasure, that there is an increasing disposition to use our excellent Shorter Catechism in the instruction of the young, and to introduce the expository method of preaching into our pulpits. The evidences are abundant, also, that our Church is becoming more and more pervaded by a spirit of Christian denominationalism; not a sectarian spirit, which should be our abhorrence; not an exclusive, unfraternal spirit, which is inconsistent with the generous liberty promoted by our institutions; but a spirit of love for our cherished symbols and modes of government, which contributes to make both better Christians and more loyal Presbyterians.

The interior life of the Church, thus fostered and developed, has revealed itself during the past year, in a continuous and healthy growth. Many causes have combined to check this growth. Financial embarrassment has prevented a hoped-for expansion in some of the wealthier communities. In States, where emigration has introduced the nomadic element into society, our infant enterprises have been greatly retarded; while, in Kansas, famine and political troubles have conspired to defeat the hopes of all denominations. There are nevertheless some substantial evidences of growth. Several new churches are reported as brought into our connection during the year, and several new houses of worship as erected within our bounds. The number of communicants, also, is largely increased.

The activities of our churches have revealed themselves, firstly, in a careful ordering of each individual "household of the faith." The Sabbath-schools are almost invariably represented as in a flourishing condition. In three cases at least, libraries for the use of the pastor have been founded.

The activities of the churches have developed themselves, secondly, in a ready contribution to the great benevolent institutions of the day. Many of our churches responded nobly to the appeal, made by the A. B. C. F. M., to relieve it of debt before its last anniversary, the jubilee of its history. But we regret, that our contributions have greatly failed, since the opening of the political troubles by which our country is at present unhappily disturbed. The cause of Education has received some new impulses. Our new Theological Seminary at Chicago is just about to go into operation; and our other Seminaries and Colleges have been attended by an unusual number of students. There is, however, too much apathy as yet in regard to the education of candidates for the ministry.

Presbyterial missions have received an unusual degree of attention. In some places they have been prosecuted with a marked success; while, in all our newer Presbyteries, the necessity of such labor has become almost painfully evident.

The activity of our churches in mission-school enterprises should not pass unnoticed. In New York, in Brooklyn, in Philadelphia, in Chicago, in Wilmington, and in other cities, special efforts have been made to reach, by evangelical influences, the children, and through them the adults, in the "streets and lanes." The results of these efforts are surprising. Commodious chapels have sprung up in the midst of wretched dwellings. Hundreds have

been taken from the slippery walks and filthy gutters, and taught at once the lessons of self-respect and of Christianity. The "swearer's prayer" has been turned into that of the penitent, and the song of Zion has taken the place of the obscene ballad. New churches have been formed at the centres established by the opening of these schools, and older churches have been replenished by them. Romanism has suffered not a little by these agencies; and the spiritual graces of a multitude of teachers have been greatly developed by their self-denying labors.

An unusual degree of success has attended the missionary efforts of the past year among the Dakota Indians. There have also been some substantial advances made among our foreign population, especially among the Germans in the Presbytery of Newark.

The cause of Temperance has declined. The failure of the friends of prohibitory legislation to secure its adoption, or its thorough administration, has discouraged them. Upon this they had thrown themselves, and burnt their ships. All other measures they had deliberately abandoned; so that, when this failed, they could neither go forward nor retrace their steps. So at least they have appeared to feel, and many of them have done nothing. Some of the former friends of Temperance have retreated so far from prohibitory legislation, as to maintain, that the true theory is, to adopt the use of light wines and fermented liquors, and thus substitute a comparatively harmless stimulant for the poisoned compounds which have been so generally used; thus again we find the once grass-grown road of moderate drinking trodden by Christian feet. In some places, however, unusual efforts have been made to secure pledges to total abstinence as well from the dangerous wines of the currant and blackberry, as from those of the rich clusters of the vine. In some instances whole companies of soldiers, enlisting in our armies, have signed the temperance pledge before entering the camp.

The cause of Sabbath Observance has received special attention in some of our cities, especially in New York, with the happiest results.

This year is not without its mortuary record. More names than usual of honored brethren in the ministry are to be found in the list of those who have exchanged their earthly service for their heavenly rest. This list is as follows, viz.:

William F. Curry,	of the Presbytery of		Geneva.
John Smith,	"	"	Bath.
Henry G. Miles,	"	"	"
William Waith,	"	"	Buffalo.
Daniel C. Houghton, D. D.,		"	Genesee.
Daniel Crane,	"	"	Hudson.
John Gray,	"	"	North River.
William Bradford,	"	"	New York, 3d.
Elymas P. Rogers,	"	"	Newark.
Amos Bingham,	"	"	Philadelphia, 3d.
Robert McBride,	"	"	Washtenaw.
Paul Shepherd,	"	"	Monroe.
Chester Birge,	"	"	Portage.
Charles A. Boardman,	"	"	Trumbull.
Alfred H. Betts,	"	"	Elyria.
James Wilson,	"	"	"
Israel S. Twombly,	"	"	Athens.
Lewis Godden,	"	"	Madison.
William H. Spencer,	"	"	Chicago.

Cyrus E. Rosenkrans,	of the	Presbytery of	Columbus.
Abraham Van Stavoren,	"	"	Keokuk.
George E. Delevan,	"	"	Dubuque.
David Davies,	"	"	Dakota.

One element which has largely entered into the recent religious history of our Church is the spirit of Christian patriotism. The wave of patriotic feeling, which has poured over the North, has indeed lifted all upon its breast, or overwhelmed those whom it has not lifted, as a tidal wave at the same moment buries the treacherous rocks and floats the gallant ships. Large numbers of the members of our churches have enlisted to fight their country's battles, feeling that the time has come, when those of the followers of the Prince of Peace who have no swords should sell their garments and buy them. Our stalwart men have taken up arms to conquer a peace, which was impossible without war. Many of them have gone into the field with a thoroughly religious spirit. In some instances, they have marched almost literally with a sacred song upon their lips, following that banner, which the Lord hath given them to be displayed because of the truth. They have carried religious influences with them into the camp, establishing prayer meetings, and distributing Bibles and tracts at every opportunity. Many instances of hopeful conversion in the camp or the garrison are reported. More than one has learned to make himself a living sacrifice to God, by first laying himself upon the altar of his country. Providentially our Church is free from those unhappy divisions which separate brethren of many denominations in this trying hour. Whatever the issue of the coming conflicts, we shall share alike in its triumphs or its humiliations. Whatever the feelings with which some may enter the field of strife, we are glad to know that from our churches have gone so many, who will ever keep the cross above the flag; whose courage will get its nerve from prayer rather than from passion; and who, if sent to the judgment-seat by the hand of violence, will have no account to render for shedding a brother's blood in an unholy wrath.

By order of the General Assembly.

JONATHAN B. CONDIT, *Moderator.*

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk.*

SUMMARY OF THE SCHEDULES.

I. Of the Synods and their Presbyteries.

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.	Date.	Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Added on Exam.	Added on Certif.	Communicants.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	General Assembly.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	STATED CLERKS.
I. Synod of Albany	1803	5	84	4	6	72	153	156	8,617	51	116	$254 89	$3,316 00	$4,884 40	$1,682 47	$1,663 89	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
1. Champlain	1814	...	23	1	2	23	45	35	2,623	15	28	58 90	517 90	1,200 54	239 84	219 36	Stephen H. Williams.
2. Troy	1820	...	26	3	...	18	37	41	2,296	12	16	50 11	892 66	1,520 74	508 55	338 93	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
3. Albany	1791	...	14	...	1	12	31	39	1,804	15	36	50 13	666 98	645 69	559 31	133 03	Eber M. Rollo.
4. Columbia	1802	...	6	...	2	6	12	17	749	3	23	38 90	276 00	748 00	118 00	189 00	William S. Leavitt.
5. Catskill	1851	...	15	...	1	13	28	24	1,145	6	13	56 85	962 46	759 43	256 77	783 57	Alvin Cooper.
II. Synod of Utica	1829	4	88	4	8	72	200	155	6,845	95	99	196 95	2,105 57	3,920 60	2,815 06	1,906 08	William E. Knox.
1. St. Lawrence	1818	...	10	...	...	6	35	20	609	15	6	25 00	92 00	373 00	.....	91 00	Baruch B. Beckwith.
2. Watertown	1822	...	16	1	...	20	94	29	1,976	63	39	72 00	533 63	851 54	293 60	508 46	Isaac Brayton, D. D.
3. Oswego	1823	...	12	...	...	15	6	18	1,500	3	19	3 50	425 25	1,085 34	320 00	674 16	Thomas A. Weed.
4. Utica	1842	...	50	3	8	31	65	88	2,760	14	35	96 45	1,354 69	1,610 72	2,201 46	632 46	Timothy Dwight Hunt.
III. Synod of Geneva	1812	6	105	8	8	93	226	270	9,102	104	160	361 10	2,957 18	2,404 49	2,893 59	2,412 08	Benjamin M. Goldsmith.
1. Geneva	1805	...	37	4	3	18	67	104	2,562	23	59	128 01	1,291 45	851 60	2,002 17	1,061 62	Benjamin M. Goldsmith.
2. Bath	1817	...	14	...	...	16	42	22	1,203	15	21	42 93	151 50	139 00	13 00	26 60	Stephen Vorhis.
3. Chemung	1836	...	21	1	...	21	59	66	1,841	31	33	46 71	446 00	435 00	152 50	379 69	Charles C. Carr.
4. Ithaca	1839	...	9	...	1	8	10	25	1,181	5	10	45 65	325 44	288 68	201 14	171 36	Lewis Kellogg.
5. Pennsylvania	1845	...	10	...	...	15	17	6	594	15	12	30 00	75 86	65 25	51 98	28 37	Samuel J. McCullough.
6. Lyons	1856	...	14	3	4	15	31	47	1,721	15	25	67 80	666 93	624 96	472 80	745 04	William N. Mellarg.
IV. Synod of Onondaga	1855	4	79	16	25	71	354	189	7,800	168	113	263 45	2,826 47	3,775 98	16,122 21	2,540 44	Lewis H. Reid.
1. Onondaga	1810	...	23	1	4	23	139	70	2,423	49	60	113 98	695 56	764 51	543 49	616 75	Horace P. Bogue.
2. Cayuga	1810	...	31	15	10	21	81	49	2,376	38	30	111 53	1,317 75	1,549 41	15,147 03	1,111 29	Charles Hawley.
3. Cortland	1825	...	12	...	7	17	112	33	1,637	71	28	15 50	313 97	478 46	77 40	284 87	Ova H. Seymour.
4. Tioga	1829	...	13	...	4	10	22	37	1,364	10	25	22 44	499 19	983 60	354 29	521 53	Samuel H. Hall.

V. Synod of Susquehanna...	1853	3	44	...	5	46	90	64	3,967	42	62	95 00	1,103 87	1,661 30	215 72	367 01	William T. Doubleday.
1. Otsego	1820	...	16	...	...	16	41	29	1,437	19	18	57 50	505 85	937 80	55 00	240 01	Samuel W. Bush.
2. Chenango	1826	...	16	...	2	17	36	18	1,618	18	10	7 00	221 48	574 21	127 12	127 00	Willard M. Hoyt.
3. Delaware	1831	...	12	...	3	13	13	17	912	5	34	30 50	376 54	149 29	33 60	.....	Julius S. Pattengill.
VI. Synod of Genesee	1821	6	125	8	11	105	357	264	12,463	136	207	462 76	4,188 32	4,123 70	5,816 10	7,185 86	Timothy Stillman, D. D.
1. Buffalo	1817	...	40	1	10	31	59	59	3,566	19	103	190 00	1,084 30	1,458 39	1,216 58	737 06	Timothy Stillman, D. D.
2. Ontario	1817	...	17	...	...	13	30	39	1,369	12	32	45 25	569 05	697 52	303 57	392 00	John Barnard, D. D.
3. Rochester	1819	...	26	5	1	16	204	87	2,793	77	35	112 30	933 03	728 93	3,802 31	5,449 92	Charles E. Furman.
4. Genesee	1819	...	15	2	...	16	36	25	1,402	18	29	35 51	778 85	608 83	265 03	554 88	Elizur N. Manley.
5. Niagara	1823	...	17	...	...	18	13	35	2,333	2	36	52 00	591 71	476 15	74 75	14 00	Joshua Cooke.
6. Genesee Valley	1828	...	10	...	...	11	15	19	1,000	8	22	27 70	231 38	153 88	153 86	38 00	Isaac G. Ogden.
VII. Synod of N. Y. and N. J.	1788	9	241	51	75	158	929	940	26,217	259	669	1096 70	33,362 38	29,177 72	16,724 83	10,933 98	Obadiah M. Johnson.
1. Hudson	1797	...	12	...	1	13	74	36	1,646	56	28	79 50	360 04	634 45	163 00	487 75	Obadiah M. Johnson.
2. North River	1819	...	18	2	1	19	18	36	1,850	7	35	94 00	144 86	328 35	288 43	2,464 04	Sumner Mandeville.
3. Long Island	1791	...	8	...	2	6	6	12	696	...	16	34 55	106 54	244 50	166 05	75 65	Epher Whitaker.
4. New York, 3d	1831	...	59	20	40	24	231	237	6,312	37	205	313 00	13,240 96	9,523 61	6,241 23	1,929 02	Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D.
5. New York, 4th	1845	...	36	21	14	12	141	102	3,052	27	113	157 60	9,945 85	10,682 33	6,655 26	2,435 06	J. Parsons Hovey, D.D.
6. Brooklyn	1838	...	20	1	4	10	67	214	2,341	23	74	112 00	3,364 37	2,830 52	1,019 01	1,832 59	William S. Karr.
7. Newark	1821	...	41	3	8	23	125	168	5,461	31	99	137 50	4,964 05	2,920 04	1,239 95	791 63	Joseph Few Smith, D.D.
8. Rockaway	1839	...	22	1	1	20	116	71	2,334	57	44	85 55	442 00	1,150 00	526 00	875 00	Burtis C. Megie.
9. Montrose	1832	...	25	3	4	31	51	64	2,525	21	55	83 00	793 71	863 92	425 90	43 24	Adam Miller.
VIII. Synod of Penna	1838	5	105	7	53	83	535	381	13,366	115	426	560 98	26,706 33	6,731 53	6,616 48	4,810 03	William E. Moore.
1. Wilmington	1833	...	11	2	4	15	25	22	1,383	10	36	44 48	3,007 29	766 29	527 45	453 50	John W. Mears.
2. Philadelphia, 3d	1832	...	30	...	16	21	269	220	3,515	41	151	178 00	18,496 00	3,114 00	3,494 00	2,952 00	J. Glentworth Butler.
3. Philadelphia, 4th	1845	...	34	4	25	27	202	117	6,207	54	183	254 50	3,674 29	2,067 58	1,783 04	895 76	Thomas J. Shepherd.
4. Harrisburgh	1839	...	16	...	8	10	39	22	1,134	10	56	84 00	1,528 75	783 66	811 99	508 77	Conway P. Wing, D. D.
5. Dist. of Columbia*	1831	...	14	1	...	10	...	...	1,127	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	William McLain, D. D.
IX. Synod of W. Penna	1843	3	23	3	6	35	81	49	3,072	22	94	140 70	3,886 62	1,080 91	1,647 17	835 00	George A. Lyon, D. D.
1. Erie	1801	...	11	1	5	13	23	18	1,351	10	25	67 25	321 86	299 52	64 17	530 00	Joseph Vance.
2. Meadville	1842	...	6	1	...	16	35	9	942	7	31	35 00	97 00	40 00	140 00	37 00	Richard Craighead.
3. Pittsburgh	1839	...	6	1	1	6	23	22	779	5	38	38 45	3,467 76	741 39	1,443 00	268 00	Henry Kendall, D. D.

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

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X. Synod of Michigan	1834	9	93	4	6	106	277	390	3,664	90	239	$352 19	$3,524 00	$2,585 11	$1,408 95	$1,953 64	William S. Huggins.
1. Detroit	1826	...	18	...	1	17	41	84	1,497	9	25	52 95	1,653 78	535 73	546 26	132 71	E. P. Hastings, Esq.
2. Monroe	1833	...	9	...	...	15	14	37	1,174	4	45	37 50	500 10	502 85	36 50	243 29	Addison K. Strong.
3. Marshall	1838	...	15	1	...	15	59	57	1,372	16	19	44 60	248 53	187 34	181 00	296 15	Chester S. Armstrong.
4. Washtenaw	1838	...	12	3	...	9	18	34	1,310	9	34	51 00	235 19	302 79	274 68	176 53	Benjamin Franklin.
5. Kalamazoo	1838	...	11	...	...	13	51	78	1,155	25	29	40 75	311 97	445 50	73 86	752 62	Milton Bradley.
6. Cold Water	1856	...	9	...	...	12	40	62	933	14	43	46 85	314 16	345 01	178 38	200 87	Joseph A. Ranney.
7. Saginaw	1856	...	10	...	5	14	23	13	790	9	24	57 44	183 23	212 70	60 00	83 00	Henry H. Northrop.
8. Grand River Valley	1857	...	6	...	...	5	20	15	339	4	15	16 95	43 00	53 19	58 27	49 62	David M. Cooper.
9. Lake Superior	1857	...	3	...	...	6	11	10	94	...	5	4 15	34 09	.....	.....	18 85	Cicero B. Stevens.
XI. Synod of W. Reserve	1825	7	100	6	32	83	137	154	6,431	55	161	219 33	2,434 55	2,820 21	1,565 32	1,612 48	Xenophon Betts.
1. Grand River	1814	...	7	...	...	6	8	3	516	1	8	.....	25 10	50 00	.....	.....	Dexter Witter.
2. Portage	1818	...	16	3	12	8	4	13	665	...	19	3 00	194 01	453 40	172 50	254 45	Samuel Lee.
3. Huron	1823	...	15	...	3	15	29	25	1,146	14	16	61 68	504 40	600 98	427 95	206 90	Alfred Newton.
4. Trumbull	1827	...	13	...	...	13	19	30	1,176	11	45	57 90	563 36	368 95	147 13	361 20	Xenophon Betts.
5. Cleveland	1830	...	28	3	10	14	33	41	1,367	13	41	60 45	589 95	935 32	389 83	380 77	James Shaw.
6. Elyria	1842	...	13	...	2	14	11	13	805	4	13	.....	340 65	326 56	70 41	184 30	Ansel R. Clark.
7. Maumee	1842	...	8	...	5	13	33	29	756	12	19	36 30	217 08	85 00	357 50	224 86	Perry C. Baldwin.
XII. Synod of Ohio	1814	4	52	8	14	71	313	166	5,002	81	148	130 55	1,350 65	1,453 03	902 40	478 90	Addison Kingsbury, D.D.
1. Athens	1822	...	12	4	7	17	71	19	876	25	41	41 10	117 80	79 60	88 00	61 00	Charles C. Hart.
2. Pataskala	1809	...	18	3	...	25	84	78	1,828	15	31	21 95	709 18	679 00	366 31	58 50	Timothy W. Howe.
3. Franklin	1835	...	17	1	6	18	55	33	1,470	11	27	26 00	197 92	343 13	199 34	8 40	Henry Shedd.
4. Scioto	1845	...	5	...	1	11	103	36	828	30	49	41 50	325 75	351 30	248 75	351 00	Tapping S. Reeve.
XIII. Synod of Cincinnati	1829	3	48	13	6	42	229	241	2,975	51	111	167 35	2,895 68	1,670 27	3,722 77	4,456 74	William M. Cheever.
1. Cincinnati	1828	...	27	7	6	19	142	187	1,574	31	72	93 00	1,916 89	1,106 27	2,823 97	4,033 85	George M. Maxwell.
2. Dayton	1838	...	12	3	...	12	69	35	935	15	30	46 85	725 67	347 00	724 00	313 00	E. Roger Johnson.
3. Hamilton	1846	...	9	3	...	11	18	19	466	5	9	27 50	253 12	217 00	174 80	109 89	John Hussey.

XIV. Synod of Indiana.....	1826	4	37	2	17	63	192	111	3,360	59	143	177 71	1,468 16	1,601 71	8,852 65	697 10	John M. Bishop.
1. Salem.....	1823	...	9	...	2	16	88	36	959	19	38	47 55	767 01	681 70	6,864 70	193 70	John M. Bishop.
2. Madison.....	1825	...	9	2	6	14	26	17	954	8	46	47 71	303 41	297 16	919 40	240 75	W. Wallace Atterbury.
3. Indianapolis.....	1830	...	11	...	5	18	61	41	930	27	47	50 00	258 65	411 60	1,000 30	185 00	Philip S. Cleland.
4. Green Castle.....	1850	...	8	...	4	15	17	17	517	5	12	32 45	139 09	211 25	68 25	77 65	Thomas S. Milligan.
XV. Synod of Wabash.....	1851	4	37	...	5	58	119	89	2,702	37	76	125 90	882 34	346 53	425 00	110 25	Francis S. McCabe.
1. Crawfordsville.....	1825	...	13	...	...	12	24	15	503	8	22	29 30	480 20	147 16	25 00	25 00	William N. Steele.
2. St. Joseph.....	1833	...	11	...	...	16	38	25	822	13	13	41 40	149 86	29 37	255 00	17 00	Bethuel Farrand.
3. Logansport.....	1835	...	7	...	...	18	43	31	950	13	26	33 80	197 28	165 00	145 00	68 25	Francis S. McCabe.
4. Fort Wayne.....	1845	...	6	...	5	12	14	18	427	3	15	21 40	55 00	5 00	.....	.....	John Fairchild.
XVI. Synod of Illinois.....	1831	4	70	2	2	87	83	107	4,175	30	94	172 85	2,017 43	462 57	683 11	562 95	Edward B. Olmsted.
1. Illinois.....	1828	...	19	1	...	21	6	7	1,168	4	11	58 55	344 00	205 75	.....	73 00	Cyrus L. Watson.
2. Schuyler.....	1833	...	16	...	1	21	30	32	1,120	12	28	55 75	243 00	113 97	226 10	192 40	George I. King.
3. Wabash.....	1833	...	8	...	...	9	14	24	355	6	5	17 45	34 00	28 50	25 26	53 50	Enoch Kingsbury.
4. Alton.....	1836	...	27	1	1	36	33	44	1,532	8	50	41 10	1,396 43	114 35	431 75	244 05	Cornelius H. Taylor.
XVII. Synod of Peoria.....	1843	6	88	...	2	75	168	261	4,581	87	165	245 70	3,422 35	2,591 08	2,562 68	1,208 21	Zephan. M. Humphrey.
1. Ottawa.....	1834	...	15	...	...	12	14	16	415	1	19	19 40	8 00	101 75	12 00	40 00	Newton Barrett.
2. Knox.....	1836	...	13	...	1	7	17	26	541	3	13	29 30	271 80	163 50	2,024 55	307 00	John W. Bailey.
3. Galena.....	1842	...	10	...	...	14	18	15	538	11	12	29 85	195 90	55 00	.....	12 00	William J. Johnston.
4. Chicago.....	1847	...	29	...	...	19	57	146	1,823	44	93	94 05	2,803 00	2,058 06	411 13	725 21	Lewis H. Loss.
5. Belvidere.....	1847	...	12	...	...	8	24	32	746	11	10	40 00	104 15	185 77	110 00	80 00	Henry B. Holmes.
6. Bloomington.....	1857	...	9	...	1	15	38	26	518	17	18	33 10	39 50	27 00	5 00	44 00	James R. Dunn.
XVIII. Synod of Wisconsin.	1857	3	25	...	1	35	71	50	1,412	15	55	76 20	131 87	69 82	981 00	10 00	Sidney H. Bartcau.
1. Milwaukee.....	1851	...	11	...	1	9	22	15	589	2	24	34 70	50 75	.....	100 00	.....	George W. Elliott.
2. Fox River.....	1851	...	8	...	...	10	12	9	351	...	5	19 80	34 93	19 75	77 00	.....	John B. Preston.
3. Columbus.....	1856	...	6	...	...	16	37	26	472	13	26	21 70	46 19	50 07	104 00	10 00	Benjamin G. Riley.
XIX. Synod of Iowa.....	1853	6	54	...	4	67	162	126	2,098	44	60	89 40	248 65	160 14	147 40	45 28	Peter S. Van Nest.
1. Des Moines.....	1845	...	6	...	...	10	6	34	230	1	...	11 80	25 50	27 00	.....	8 00	Thompson Bird.
2. Iowa City.....	1852	...	21	...	...	26	60	58	810	18	27	37 80	99 75	61 44	119 50	26 98	Isaac W. Atherton.
3. Kookuk.....	1852	...	9	...	4	7	43	12	375	8	11	19 10	35 45	.....	.....	.....	Gamaliel C. Beaman.
4. Dubuque.....	1855	...	6	...	...	3	14	8	181	7	6	9 10	76 25	71 70	.....	10 30	James H. Trowbridge.

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5. Iowa Valley	1857	...	5	...	...	11	28	10	189	10	12	$11 60	$3 40	.....	$27 00	.....	Williston Jones.
6. Chariton	1860	...	7	...	...	10	11	4	313	...	4	.....	8 30	.....	.....	.....	Asa Martin.
XX. Synod of Minnesota	1858	3	21	...	...	21	32	35	551	10	30	26 90	251 00	$251 80	12 00	$111 15	Edward D. Neill.
1. Dakota	1846	...	10	...	...	8	12	14	169	4	17	7 80	182 00	195 17	5 00	32 15	Moses N. Adams.
2. Minnesota	1850	...	7	...	...	9	7	7	237	...	9	11 85	12 00	42 40	.....	.....	John Mattocks.
3. Winona	1857	...	4	...	...	4	13	14	145	6	4	7 25	57 00	14 23	7 00	79 00	Edmund D. Holt.
XXI. Synod of Missouri	1832	4	19	2	2	19	53	80	928	20	35	45 60	743 90	551 70	305 50	175 37	Henry A. Nelson, D. D.
1. St. Louis	1831	...	7	...	2	3	18	52	515	5	22	29 40	733 90	548 70	297 50	175 37	Edmund Wright.
2. Northern Missouri	1845	...	6	...	...	5	22	12	261	12	8	11 25	10 00	3 00	8 00	.....	William W. Whipple.
3. Lexington *	1845	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Timothy Morgan.
4. Kansas	1859	...	6	2	...	11	13	16	152	3	5	4 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	Judson Aspinwall.
XXII. S. of A. California	1857	3	20	...	...	16	39	39	432	6	33	7 70	66 00	43 00	.....	20 00	Edward B. Walsworth.
1. San Francisco	1849	...	7	...	...	4	6	19	138	...	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Samuel H. Willey.
2. Sierra Nevada	1857	...	5	...	...	4	3	5	156	1	8	7 70	60 00	43 00	.....	20 00	Walter Frear.
3. San José	1857	...	8	...	...	8	30	15	138	5	13	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	Wm. Wallace Brier.

To the list of *Deaths*, page 483 [Reprint, p. 140], is to be added the name of the Rev. Philip C. Hay, D. D., of the Presbytery of Newark. Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D., of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, 4th, Rev. David Murdock, D. D., of the Presbytery of Chemung, and Rev. William Hanford, of the Presbytery of Portage, have died since the meeting of the Assembly.

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1. Albany	1803	5	84	4	6	72	153	156	8,617	51	116	$254.89	$3,316.00	$4,884.40	$1,682.47	$1,663.89
2. Utica	1829	4	88	4	8	72	200	155	6,845	95	99	196.95	2,405.57	3,920.60	2,815.06	1,906.08
3. Geneva	1812	6	105	8	8	93	226	270	9,102	104	160	361.10	2,957.18	2,404.49	2,893.59	2,412.08
4. Onondaga	1855	4	79	16	25	71	354	189	7,800	168	143	263.45	2,826.47	3,775.98	16,122.21	2,540.44
5. Susquehanna	1853	3	44	...	5	46	90	64	3,967	42	62	95.00	1,103.87	1,661.30	215.72	367.01
6. Genesee	1821	6	125	8	11	105	357	264	12,463	136	207	462.76	4,188.32	4,123.70	5,816.10	7,185.86
7. New York and New Jersey	1788	9	241	51	75	158	929	940	26,217	259	669	1096.70	33,362.38	29,177.72	16,724.83	10,933.98
8. Pennsylvania	1838	5	105	7	53	83	535	381	13,366	115	426	560.98	26,706.33	6,731.53	6,616.48	4,810.03
9. West Pennsylvania	1843	3	23	3	6	35	81	49	3,072	22	94	140.70	3,886.62	1,080.91	1,647.17	835.00
10. Michigan	1834	9	93	4	6	106	277	390	8,664	90	239	352.19	3,524.05	2,585.11	1,408.95	1,953.64
11. Western Reserve	1825	7	100	6	32	83	137	154	6,431	55	161	219.33	2,434.55	2,820.21	1,565.32	1,612.48
12. Ohio	1814	4	52	8	14	71	313	166	5,002	81	148	130.55	1,350.65	1,453.03	902.40	478.90
13. Cincinnati	1829	3	48	13	6	42	229	241	2,975	51	111	167.35	2,895.68	1,670.27	3,722.77	4,456.74
14. Indiana	1826	4	37	2	17	63	192	111	3,360	59	143	177.71	1,468.16	1,601.71	8,852.65	697.10
15. Wabash	1851	4	37	...	5	58	119	89	2,702	37	76	125.90	882.34	346.53	425.00	110.25
16. Illinois	1831	4	70	2	2	87	83	107	4,175	30	94	172.85	2,017.43	462.57	683.11	562.95
17. Peoria	1843	6	88	...	2	75	168	261	4,581	87	165	245.70	3,422.35	2,591.08	2,562.68	1,208.21
18. Wisconsin	1857	3	25	...	1	35	71	50	1,412	15	55	76.20	131.87	69.82	981.00	10.00
19. Iowa	1853	6	54	...	4	67	162	126	2,098	44	60	89.40	248.65	160.14	147.40	45.28
20. Minnesota	1858	3	21	...	...	21	32	35	551	10	30	26.90	251.00	251.80	12.00	111.15
21. Missouri	1832	4	19	2	2	19	53	80	928	20	35	45.60	743.90	551.70	305.50	175.37
22. Alta California	1857	3	20	...	...	16	39	39	432	6	33	7.70	66.00	43.00	.....	20.00
		105	1558	138	288	1478	4800	4317	134,760	1577	3326	$5269.91	$100,189.37	$72,367.60	$76,102.41	$44,096.44