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## MINUTES, \&c.

BALTIMORE, MAY 18, 1848.
The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Baltimore, on Thursday the eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1848, at eleven o'clock, A. M. and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. James H. Thornwell, D. D., Moderator of the last Assembly, from Acts xvii. 32: "And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, we will hear thee again of this matter."

After the sermon, the Moderator took the chair, and opened the sessions with prayer.

The Permanent Clerk, from the Standing Committee on Commissions, reported that the following persons present* had been duly appointed, and are hereby enrolled as Commissioners to this General Assembly; and their commissions were laid on the table accordingly, viz.
I. OF THE SYNOD OF ALBANY.


[^0]IV. OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

X. OF THE SYNOD OF INDIANA.

| PRESETTERIES. | ministieg. | motine midzex. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Salem, | Daniel Stewart, | J. Orchard.(3) |
| Vincennes, | J. F. Smith. |  |
| Madimon, | S. Scovel, D. D. |  |
| Crawofordsville, | Dugald McIntyre. |  |
| Indianapolis, | David M. Stewart, | Wm. H. Martin, M. D.(4) |
| XI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA. |  |  |
| Logarsport, | Edward W. Wright. |  |
| Michigan, | J. A. Clayton. |  |
| Lake, | Benjamia Ogden. |  |
| Fort Wayne, | A. D. White. |  |
| XIL OF THE SYNOD OF IL.LINOIS. |  |  |
| Kaskaskia, | Thomas W. Hynes. |  |
| Sangamome . |  |  |
| Schuyler. |  |  |
| Palestine, | Isaac Bennet, E. H. Alliron. |  |
| Peoria, | Wm. J, Fraser. |  |
| Fowa, | L. G. Bell. |  |
| Rock River, | Thomas M. Welleer. |  |
| Wisconsin, | J. M. Buchanan. |  |
| XIII. OF THE SYNOD OF, MISSOURI. |  |  |
| Missomi, | R. S. Symington. |  |
| St. Lowis, | Joseph F. Fenton, | David Keith. |
| Palmyra. <br> Polosi. |  |  |
| Upper Missowri, | Robert Scott. |  |

XIV. OF THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

| Louisville, | E. P. Humphrey, D. D. | Oscar Brown, M. D. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Muhlenbwrg,  <br> Transylvania, John Montgomery, | W. H. Sasseon. |  |
| West Lexington, | C. A. Campbell, | John R. Fond. |
| Ebenezer, | J. C. Bayless. |  |

Greenbrier,
Lexingtom,
Wiachester, Weat Hanover,

East Hanover, Kontgomery,

Isaac Bennet,
Wm. J, Freser.
Thomas M. Weller.
J. M. Buchanan.
XIII. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

Missouri,
E. Lowis,

Potosi.
Upper Missowri,
Robert Scott.

## XV. OF THE SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

John McIlhenny, D. D.
B. M. 8mith,
J. M. P. Atkinson, Samuel W. Blain, Michael Oshorne, R. C. Galbraith, John D. Ewing.(7)

Douglase Grey-(2)
John K. White.(7)
C. 8. Carrington.
J. A. Lancaster.(2)
C. Braxton, M. D.
XVI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Orange,
Fayeteville,
Concord,
N. H. Harding, D. D.
D. Stratton,

Angus C. McNeil, Wm. N. Peacock,
D. A. Penick,

Jesee Brown.
J. J. Speed.
P. Marphy.
D. Murchison.(8)
C. W. Harriss, M. D.
XVII. OF THE SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE.

Holston.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Weat Tennessee, } & \text { J. Harrison, D. D. } \\ \text { Nashville, } & \text { J. T. Hendrick, }\end{array} \quad$ Charles R. Cooper, M. D.(4)
Knoxville.
XVIII. OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

## PREEBTERIRS.

South Carolina, Bethel, Harmony, Charleston,

MINISTERE。
E. F. Hyde, William Banke, M. D. Fraser,

James H. Thornwell, D. D.

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James H. Baskin. W. B. Dunlap. W. E. Jamea Gilbert T. Bnowden.
XIX. OF THE SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

Georgia, Hoperoell, Flint River, Florida, Cherokee,

South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, East Alabama,

John B. Ross.
Richard Hooker.
James C. Patterson.
Eli Graves, Alexander Cromartia
Richard Milner,
James Lemon.
XX. OF THE SYNOD OF ALABAMA.
8. R. Wright, John Barron.

Robert B. White, John B. Read, M. D.
R. C. Smith.
XXI. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.

Joseph B. Stratton.(4)
F. 8. Ernst, F. A. Kent.(2)

Kiscissippi,
Louisiana, Clinton.
Tombeckbee,
Brazos.
E. Andermon.
XXII. OF THE SYNOD OF MEMPHIS.

Westerm District, Chickasaw, Arkansas.
Indian,
E. 8. Campbell.
W. A. Gray,

James P. Means
Alfred Wright.
XXIII. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIA.

In connexion with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.
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Fwrrukhabad, Henry R. Wileon.
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## DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of ?
Connecticut.
Evangelical Consocia- 2 tion of Rhode Island. $\}$
General Ansociation of $?$ Massachusette.
General Convention of $\}$ Vermont.
General Conference of $\}$ New Hampshire.
General Conference of $\boldsymbol{Z R e v}$. 8. Tenney. Maine. $\quad$ Dea. Samuel Dutton.
General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D. D. Dutch Church.
General Synod of the German Reformed Church.

Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.
\} Rev. Elias Heiner.

The Committee further reported the following persons present without commissions, viz. Rev. H. L. Doolittle, of the Presbytery of Wyoming; and the Rev. Thomas Finney, and E. Janes, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Coshocton.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had received official information of the organization of the Synod of Memphis, agreeably to the direction of the last Assembly, composed of the Presbyteries of Western District, Arkansas, Chickasaw, and Indian, from the last two of which, Commissioners are present. Also, that the Synod of Kentucky had dissolved the Presbytery of Bowling Green, and restored the churches and ministers composing it to their original Presbyteries.

On motion, Resolved, That the Synod of Memphis be recognized, and the Commissioners from the Presbyteries composing it be enrolled and admitted to seats in this body.

The Moderator appointed the following persons as a Committee on Elections, viz. John M. Krebs, D. D., M. D. Frazer, J. W. Grier, D. V. McLean, W. E. James, and J. S. Berryman, to whom were referred the cases of the Commissioners present without commissions.

On motion, the Assembly adjourned till half past four o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY Afternoon, $4 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes of the morning session were read.
The Committee reported as additional Commissioners, W. 0. Stratton, Minister, and R. H; Walker, M. D., Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of New Lisbon; 'Samuel Hepburn, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Carlisle; Silas Holmes, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of New York; Daniel Oakley, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Long Island; also, Rev. Bernard Wolff, D. D., and Rev. Elias Heiner, delegates from the General Synod of the German Reformed Church : and Rev. S. Tenney, delegate from the General Conference of Maine.

The Committee on Elections reported, recommending that H. L. Doolittle, Minister, of the Presbytery of Wyoming, and T. M. Finney, Minister, and E. Janes, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Coshocton, be enrolled and admitted to seats in this body; and the report was adopted.

The Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Daniel V. McLean, Temporary Clerk.

On motion, The reading of the rules was dispensed with.
Ordered, That five hundred copies of the roll be printed for the use of the Assembly.

On motion, Resolved, That this Assembly hold its morning sessions at nine o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at one o'clock, P. M.; and hold its afternoon sessions at four o'clock, P. M., and adjourn at six o'clock, P. M.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY Morning, May 19, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Commissions reported as additional Commissioners, Edward W. Wright, Minister, of the Presbytery of Logansport; William Aikin, Minister, of the Presbytery of Hocking; David Keith, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of St. Louis; Thomas M. Walker, Minister, of the Presbytery of Rock River; Douglass Grey, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Lexington; John J. Carrel, Minister, of the Presbytery of Newton; David Harrower, Minister, of the Presbytery of Steuben; Eli Graves, Minister, of the Presbytery of Florida; John B. Chipman, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Troy; Michael Osborne, Minister of the Presbytery of West Hanover; Robert Scott, Minister, of the Presbytery of Upper Missouri; Walter Amos, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Columbus.

The Permanent Clerk laid on the table several copies of the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, for 1847, presented by the Synod for the use of this Assembly.

A communication from Rev. Dr. Morris, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, tendering the use of his pulpit to the General Assembly, during their sessions, was read and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz.

On Bills and Overtures.-Ministers, James H. Thornwell, D. D., Sylvester Scovel, D. D., John Mcllbenny, D. D., James Lillie, Jephtha Harrison, D. D., John Trumbull Backus, D. D., J. A. Brownson, Jacob Kirkpatrick, D. D., John B. Ross. Elders, J. S. Berryman, C. Braxton, M. D., James Schoonmaker, Samuel M. Leiper, Wm. S. Martien, Robert H. Walker, M. D., Oscar Brown, Samson Mason.

Judicial Committee.-Ministers, John C. Lord, D. D., John McCluskey, D. D., Isaac W. Platt, Septimus Tustin, Wm. J. Fraser, N. H. Harding, D. D., C. C. Cuyler, D. D., John M. Krebs, D. D., Richard Hooker. Elders, Samuel Hepburn, Ephraim Banks, Wm. Wilson, John Terhune, John B. Reed, M. D., C. A. B. Kemper, Gilbert T. Snowden, John R. Ford.

On Foreign Correspondence.-Ministers, John M. Krebs, D. D., E. P. Humphrey, D. D., Benjamin M. Smith, John Montgomery, Rufus Taylor. Elders, M. M. Sloan, A. Clarkson, Daniel Oakley. On the Narrative.-Ministers, Samuel McFarren, D. D., Williap Smith, D. D., Launcelot G. Bell, M. W. Jacobus. Elders, S. Millspaugh, Alexander Cromartie, C. S. Carrington.

On Mileage.-Ministers, J. N. Boyd, A. Gardner. Elders, Joseph Vaneman, D. J. Murphy, George Davidson, Joseph Paul.

On Leave of Absence.-Ministers, J. T. Hendrick, David Sterrett, J. M. P. Atkinson, David Lyon. Elders, R. H. Allison, Russell Barnum, John B. Hinman, George Wiggan, Amos Fassett.

On Devotional Exercises.-Ministers, C. C. Cayler, D. D.; Henry R. Wilson, Samuel D. Alexander, E. E. Rankin. Elders, John Rodgers, Matthew Clarke, Amzi C. McLean, L. V. Hoagland.

On Finance.-Minizters, Watson Hughes, R. C. Galbraith, C. A. Campbell, Lewis Bond. Elders, Silas Holmes, Gilbert T. Snowden, Samael Hepburn, L. Hitchcock.

The following committees were appointed on Synodical Records, viz.

Albany.-Messrs. A. D. White, J. A. Clayton, Alfred Wright, J. A. Nelson.

Buffalo.-Messrs. J. F. Smith, Dugald McIntyre, William A. Grey, Samson Mason.

New York.-Messrs. Daniel Stewart, David M. Stewart, E. Anderson, Thomas Whiteside.

New Jersey.-Messrs. John P. Vandyke, Noah Bishop, R. C. Smith, Isaac Paxton.

Philadelphia.-Messrs. Lemuel F. Leake, Henry Webber, Robert B. White, John Nesbit.

Pittsburgh.-Messrs. James Black, James W. Stewart, James McClure, John Barrow.

Wheeling:-Messrs. John W. Grier, S. H. Smith, Richard Milner, Silas Yerkes.

Ohio.-Messrs. Francis D. Ladd, Richard Webster, William Wirson, James Lemon.

Cincinnati.-Messrs. G. D. Purviance, T. W. Simpson, James C. Patterson, Joseph Bound.

Indiana.-Mesrs. W. W. Colmery, Alexander Cunningham, John Marshall, William E. James.

Northern Indiana.-Messrs. Timothy Stearns, John B. Blaney, W. Banks, Daniel Potter.

Illinois.-Messrs. D. Robinson, John Andrews, William Ewing, William B. Dunlap.

Missouri.-Messrs. Samuel Mahaffy, P. H. Galliday, Andrew C. McNeill, David Riddle.

Kentucky.-Messrs. J. K. Cunningham, D. Stratton, Thomas W. Hynes, W. H. Sasseen.

Virginia.-Messrs. Isaac Bennet, J. M. Buchanan, P. Murphy, J. J. Speed.

North Carolina.-Messrs. John Gile, William Reed, Samuel W. Blain, John Haymaker. West Tennessee.-Messrs. William O. Stratton, E. F. Hyde, James A. Baskin, Jesse Brown. South Carolina.-Messrs. William Patterson, J. C. Bayless, F. F. Williams, A Sherwood.

Georgia.-Messrs. E. M. Kellogg, E. E. Seelye, Joseph F. Fenton, Daniel Mack.

Alabama.-Messrs. G. Manwaring, John H. Townley, R. .C. Caskey, James Guthrie.

Mississippi.-Messrs. William N. Peacock, John Smalley, John Ustick, Joseph Feay.

Northern Indiana.-Messrs. F. S. Ernst, S. R. Wright, R. S. Symington, James P. Means.

Memphis.-Messrs. Edward W. Wright, Charles D. Cummings, Robert Scott, Walter Amos.

On motion, Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, just laid before the Assembly in a printed form, be referred to the following committee, Drs. Cuyler, Harding, and Smith, and Messrs. Brown and Kemper; and be made the order of the day for Tuesday next at 10 o'clock A. M.

That the Report of the Board of Missions be made the order of the day for Wednesday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

That the Report of the Board of Education be made the order of the day for Thursday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

That the Report of the Board of Publication be made the order of the day for Friday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following papers were reported, and referred to the Judicial Compittee, viz.

A Memorial and Complaint of Maria Stebbins, against the Synod of New York; an Appeal of John Cathey from a decision of the Synod of North Carolina, in relation to his marriage with his deceased wife's sister; a Complaint of A. G. McCandless, against the Synod of Wheeling; a Complaint of a minority of the Presbytery of Albany, against a decision of said Presbytery, and of the Synod of Albany.

The following Overtures were reported and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, viz.

An Overture of the Synod of Ohio on congregational representation; an Overture from the Board of Foreign Missions on new Presbyteries in foreign lands; an Overture from the Presbytery of Montgomery on withdrawal of church members; a Memorial of the Synod of Indiana on their Eastern boundary; an Overture from the Presbytery of Luzerne on examination of ministers upon reception.

A letter and pamphlet from the Rev. P. Macindoe, D. D., on behalf of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland, were reported, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Presbyterial Narratives on the State of Religion, were next called for, and referred to the Committee on that subject.

Reports were read from Rev. T. L. Janeway, delegate to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church; Rev. Thomas B. Bradford, delegate to the General Conference of Maine; Rer. R. Davidson, D.D., delegate to the General Association of Connecticut; Rev. Sayrs Gazlay, delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island; Rev. David Elliott, D. D., delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church; Rev. D. X. Junkin, delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. R. Steel, D. D., delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire; Rev. B. M. Smith, delegate to the General Convention of Vermont. These reports were accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The following persons were appointed a committee to nominate delegates this year to foreign bodies; viz. Messrs. Tustin, McCluokey, Jacobus, Banks, and Schoonmaker.

A letter from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland was received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; and on motion, all similar papers are to be referred to the same committee.

The Report of the Committee on the Financial Affairs of the Boards of the Church, appointed by the last Assembly, was presented and read by their Chairman, Rev. Dr. Plamer, and referred to a select committee, consisting of Hon. Samuel Hepburn, Hon. Samson Mason, Rev. Dr. Humphrey, Rev. Alexander Cunningham, and Ruling Elder Gilbert T. Snowden.

The Report of the Directors of Princeton Theological Seminary was read, and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. J. T. Backus, D. D., J. N. Boyd, John I. Carrell, George Davidson, and Silas Holmes.

The Report of the Direotors of the Western Theological Seminary was read, and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. J. I. Brownson, D. Robinson, David Sterrett, Joseph Paul, J. S. Berryman.

A communication was read from the Rev. J. L. Brown, tendering the use of the palpits of the Baltimore City Station, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the General Assembly, and referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

On motion, The call for Synodical Records was made the order of the day for nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion, The selection of a place for the next meeting was made the order of the day for this afternoon at four o'clock.

The time for hearing the Sermon on Popery was referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Mr. William S. Martien was appointed Receiver of monies for the Commissioners' Fund, in the absence of the Treasurer.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

## FRIDAY Afternoon, 4 o'cleok.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Commissions reported as additional commissioners, John A. Lancaster, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of West Hanover; Charles P. Cummings, Minister, of the Presbytery of Clarion; also, Rev. Benjamin Ogden, of Lake Presbytery, present without a commission. Mr. Ogden's case was referred to the Committee on Elections.

A communieation was received from Messrs. France and Reid, tendering the use of the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal church in Columbia street, to this Assembly.

The order of the day was taken up, when a majority of votes was given in favour of the First Presbyterian Charch in Pittsburgh, as the place of meeting of the next General Assembly.

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The Committee on Elections reported, recommending that Benja$\min$ Ogden, Minister, of the Presbytery of Lake, and F. A. Kent, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Louisiana, be enrolled and admitted to seats in this Assembly; and the report was adopted.

The Stated Clerk announced the result of the answers of the Presbyteries, to whom was sent down the proposition to amend the Constitution, by adding to the 15th chapter of the Form of Government two sections providing for the demission of ministers. It appeared that twenty-six Presbyteries had answered in the affirmative; sixtyone in the negative;* and thirty-five had sent no report. So the proposed alteration was negatived.

The Committee on Christian Union, appointed by the last Assembly, reported through their Secretary, as follows, viz.
"The Committee on Christian Union, appointed by the last General Assembly, beg leave to report, That they have not been unmindful of the duty assigned them, and have proceeded as far as, in their judgment, the circumstances of the case would permit. The object of their appointment was, to communicate with the Synods of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian, the Reformed Presbyterian, the Associate Presbyterian, the Reformed Dutch, and the German Reformed Churches; and to confer with any committees which might be appointed by them respecting a suitable Plan of Intercourse.
"It was too late, after the rising of the Assembly, to confer with most of these bodies at their meetings last year. In anticipation of their annual sessions this year, the Committee have sent to the presiding officers of each, a copy of the Report and Resolutions of the Assembly on Christian Union, and have invited such committees as they may see fit to appoint, to a conference to be held at the Mission House in the city of New York, on the first Monday of October next.
"All which is respectfully submitted.
W. D. Snodgrass, Sec. of the Com.
"New York, May 15, 1848."
The report was approved, and the committee continued.
A report was reccived from the committee appointed by the last Assembly on certain proposed alterations in the Book of Discipline, (see Minutes of 1847, p. 401-2, Overtures Nos. 11, 15,) signed by their chairman, Rev. J. M. Cunningham. The report was accepted, and made the order of the day for Thursday next, at four o'clock, P. M.

The Permanent Clerk reported the following papers, which were referred to the Judicial Committee; viz.

1. The Appeal and Complaint of the Rev. John Skinner, D. D., against a decision of the Presbytery of Lexington, declaring him guilty of certain charges of libel and defamation, \&c., and against a sentence of suspension from ministerial functions professing to be founded thercon.
2. Complaint of Rev. William Calhoun and others in the minority

[^1]of the Presbytery of Lexington, against the aforesaid decision of the Presbytery in the case of Dr. Skinner.
3. The Complaint and Petition of the Rev. John Skinner, D. D., against a decision of the Synod of Virginia for referring to the General Assembly his complaint against the Presbytery of Lexington for dissolving his pastoral relation to the Presbyterian church in Lexington; and praying the Assembly to remand the case to the Synod, and require that body to try the case as on the original complaint.
4. Appeal of the Rev. John Skinner, D.D., against the decision of the Synod of Virginia, that his appeal to that body could not lie, on the ground that the case appealed was not judicial, and for dismissing the appeal on that ground.

The Rev. Mr. Bridel, of Paris, being present, was invited to address the Assembly on the religious prospects of France, to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

The Rev. Alexander King, of Dublin, was invited to address the Assembly on the religious prospects of Ireland, at the same time, after Mr. Bridel.

The Judicial Committee reported cases, No. 1 and No. 2. Case No. 1 was, with the consent of the Committee, recommitted.

The report of the Committee on Case No. 2, was read, adopted, and is as follows, viz.
"The Judicial Committee report to the Assembly that the complaint of Dr. A. G. McCandless against the decision of the Synod of Wheeling, has been carefully examined by them, with all the documents in the case. They find the said complaint in order and regularly before the Assembly. Your Committee have unanimously agree to recommend the following disposition of the case, viz., that the whole matter be referred back to the Session of the Church of Frankfort, to give the accused an opportunity of offering exculpatory testimony $n$ relation to the charge, on the ground of which he stands suspended from the ordinances of the church. Your Committee, in recommending this disposition of the case, do not intend to imply any censure upon the lower courts."

At this juncture the Rev. Dr. Cuyler rose, and announced the receipt of a letter communicating the decease of the venerable Dr. Ashbrl Green, at six o'clock this morning, and after some remarks upon his life and labours, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a suitable minute in regard to the death of the venerable Dr. Green, whose decease this morning has just been announced to this Assembly.

Resolved further, That upon the appointment of said committee, the Assembly do immediately adjourn.

The Moderator announced as that committee, Dr. Cuyler, Dr. Krebs, Rev. James W. Stewart, and Messrs. Hepburn and Banks.

And the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

## SATURDAY Morning, May 20, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Commissions reported as additional Commissioners, William B. Ewing, M. D., Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of West Jersey; E. S. Campbell, Minister, of the Presbytery of Western District; John Orchard, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Salem; Duncan Murchison, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville; D. A. Penick, Minister, and Charles W. Harris, M. D., Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Concord.

The Moderator, at the request of Rev. Watson Hughes, substituted Hon. Samuel Hepburn in his place as Chairman of the Finance Committee; and added Amzi C. McLean, Ruling Elder, to the Judicial Committee.

The Synodical Records were called for, agreeably to the order of the day.

The Treasurer of the General Assembly, Matthew Newkirk, Esq., presented his report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Permanent Clerk reported a complaint against the Synod of North Carolina and Presbytery of Fayetteville, by Rev. Colin McIver, which was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Judicial Committee reported,
Case No. 1. A Memorial and Complaint of Maria Stebbins from a decision of the Synod of New York. 1. That there is no evidence or suggestion of any nature of this complaint served upon. the Synod of New York, agreeably to the requisitions of the Book of Discipline. 2. That the said complaint is not in a form in which it would be possible to take it up and issue it. The Committee therefore recommend that the Assembly give the said complainant leave to withdraw her papers. The report was adopted.

Case No. 3. 1. The Appeal and Complaint of the Rev. John Skinner, D. D., against a decision of the Presbytery of Lexington, declaring him guilty of certain charges of libel, and defamation, \&c., and a sentence of suspension from ministerial functions, professing to be founded thereon, which the committee report as in order, and recommend that it be taken and issued agreeably to the provisions of the Book of Discipline. 2. Also the complaint of the Rev. William Calhoun and others, in the minority of the Presbytery of Lexington, against the aforesaid decision of the Presbytery, in the case of Dr . Skinner; which the Committee find in order, and recommend that it be taken up and issued, as above; but in consideration of the fact that it relates to the same questions embraced in Dr. Skinner's appeal and complaint, it is recommended that the two cases be considered together.

The report was accepted and adopted, and the case made the order of the day for Monday next, at $10{ }^{\circ}$ 'clock, A. M.'

Case No. 4. Appeal of Dr. John Skinner from a decision of the

Synod of Virginia. The report was accepted and adopted, and the case put on the docket.

Case No. 6. Appeal of John Cathey from a decision of the Synod of North Carolina, sustaining the action of the Presbytery of Concord, and of the Session of Paw Creek church, by which he was suspended from the charch for marrying his deceased wife's sister. The Committee report the case in order, and recommend it to be taken ap, and issued agreeably to the Book of Discipline. The report was adopted, and the case put on the docket.

Case No. 7. Complaint of Daniel Lyon and others against the Synod of Albany, concerning their decision to the effect that when a pastor asks leave to resign his charge, and insists on his request, the congregation must be cited whether the reasons on which the pastor proceeds are, or are not, satisfactory to the Presbytery. The Committee recommended that it be taken up and issued; and the report was adopted, and the case put on the docket.

A Memorial from Dr. John Skinner was presented, and referred to the Judicial Committee.

The order of the day having arrived, Rev. Mr. Bridel, of Paris, was heard on the religious state and prospects of France, Dr. Baird acting as interpreter.

On motion, Messrs. Lowrie, Backus, and Yerkes, were appointed a committee to receive contributions on the spot for the evangelization of France, and $\$ 247.83$ were reported as collected for the purpose.

Rev. Alexander King, of Dublin, was heard on the religious condition and prospects of Ireland. Whereupon it was,

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is, earnestly recommended to all our churches in their contributions to the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, to have a special respect to the evangelisation of France and Ireland.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that they had provided supplies for the churches, requesting them to do so on the next Sabbath.

The Committee further reported, "That they deem it expedient that the General Assembly should celebrate the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and therefore offer the following resolutions, riz.

1. Resolved, That this Assembly will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sabbath week in the afternoon at half-past four o'clock, in the Franklin Street charch; that the Rev. Dr. Cuyler preside on the occasion, and distribute the bread; the Rev. Dr. Mcllhenny distribute the cup; and the Rev. Mr. Tenny close the services by singing and benediction.
2. Resolved, That the members of our churches in this city be affectionately invited to unite with the Assembly in this celebration.
3. Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Thornwell preach the preparatory sermon in the Third church, (Dr. Musgrave's) on Saturday evening previous."

The Committee further reported, recommending that a publie meeting in behalf of Foreign Missions be held in the Franklin street
church, on Wednesday next, at eight o'clock, P. M., and that the exercises be under the direction of Hon. Walter Lowrie, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

They also recommended, that the Assembly hold a prayer meeting on Friday evening at eight o'clock, in the Second Presbyterian Church: invocation, first hymn, and reading of Scripture, by Dr. Backus; prayer, by Dr. Krebs; address, by Dr. Thornwall; prayer, by Mr. Jacobus; address, by Walter Lowrie; prayer and benediction by Dr. Cuyler.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows, viz.
Overture No. 1. The following inquiry from members of the Presbytery of Nashville, "When ministers and other officers are ordained in the Presbyterian Church, and give an affirmative answer to the question, Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of this Church as containing the system of doctrines taught in the Holy Scriptures? are such ministers and officers to be understood as embracing and assenting to the doctrines, principles, precepts, and statements contained in the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, in the same unqualified sense in which they are understood to embrace and assent to the doctrines, principles, precepts, and statements contained in other parts of the Confession of Faith?"

The Committce recommended that the question be answered in the affirmative; and the recommendation was adopted.

Overture No. 2. A request from the Presbytery of Luzerne, that the General Assembly would so modify the rule prescribed in 1837, making it imperative on Presbyteries to examine all who make application for admission into their bodies, as to leave the matter to the discretion of Presbyteries, except in cases in which any member may request that such examination be instituted.

The Committee recommended that no modification be made, but that the rule should stand precisely as it is; and the recommendation was adopted.

Overture No. 3. A resolution submitted to the Synod of Philadelphia, that it should memorialize the General Assembly to appoint a committee to take into consideration the subject of church music, with special reference to the preparation of a book of tunes adapted to our present psalmody.

The Committee recommended that a committee be appointed to report to the next General Assembly upon the general subject of congregational singing, suggesting such scriptural measures as may seem calculated to improve it, and such remedies of existing evils as the case may seem to require. The recommendation was adopted.

Overture No.4. A Memorial from the Board of Foreign Missions, praying for the formation of new Presbyteries in the foreign field, and suggesting the principles on which it should be done. The Committee recommended that the document be submitted to the house. It was accordingly put on the docket.

Overture No. 5. An inquiry from the Presbytery of Montgomery. "Have church sessions the power, under the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, to permit members to withdraw therefrom,
who, though guilty of no immoral conduct, nor intending to unite with any other church, yet, for other causes, ask leave to withdraw? The Committee recommended an answer in the affirmative, and the paper was put on the docket.

Overture No. 6. A request from the Synod of West Tennéssee that the question be submitted to the Presbyteries, of the expediency of striking out the latter part of the fourth section of the 24th chapter of the Confession of Faith, which says, "the man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the woman of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than of her own."

The Committee recommended that no change be made, and the paper was put on the docket.

Overture No. 7. A Memorial from the Synod of Pittsbargh on the subject of incestuous marriages. The Committee submitted a resolution, and the whole was put on the docket.

Overture No. 8. A request from the Presbytery of Peoria to give licentiates the power to solemnize marriages. The Committee submitted a resolution, and the whole was placed on the docket.

Overture No. 9. A printed expostulation with the Christians and Christian Churches in the United States of America, that are implicated in the sin of slave-holding, by a Committee of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland. The Committee recommended that it be deposited among the papers of the Assembly in the office of the Stated Clerk; and the recommendation was adopted.

An invitation was politely tendered the Assembly to examine Hudson's paintings of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers this afternoon. The invitation was accepted, with acknowledgments to Mr. Hudson for his courtesy.

A number of copies of the Minutes of the General Association of Massachusetts were laid on the table for the use of the members.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY Morning, May 22, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Commissions reported as additional Commissioners, Joseph B. Stratton, Minister, of the Presbytery of Mississippi; William H. Martin, M. D., Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Indianapolis ; E. S. Campbell, Minister, of the Presbytery of Western District; William Lynn, Ruling Elder, of the Presbytery of Sidney.

A Memorial from the Presbytery of Chilicothe, on giving pablicity to the Assembly's former deliverance against Slavery; an overture from the Presbytery of Long Island, on the restoration of the word "Bishop" in the minutes; and an overture from the Synod of Mis-
sissippi, on Pastoral calls ; were reported, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

On motion, It was made the order of the day to hear the delegates from foreign corresponding bodies at 8 o'clock this evening.

Overture No. 4, was then taken up, amended, and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

## AN OVERTURE FROM THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MSSIONS.

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\text { Nent York, May 9th, } 1848 .
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It is respectfully overtured to the General Assembly, to erect new Presbyteries in the foreign field, in terms following, viz.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. M. S. Culbertson, of the Presbytery of Carlisle, A. W. Loomis, of the Presbytery of Albany, R. Q. Way, of the Presbytery of Charleston, and J. W. Quarterman, of the Presbytery of Georgia, be, and they hereby are, detached from their respective Presbyteries, and constituted a Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Ningpo.

That the Rev. A.P. Happer and William Speer, of the Presbytery of Ohio, and the Rev. John B. French of the Presbytery of Baltimore, be, and they hereby are, detached from their respective Presbyteries, and constituted a Presbytery, to be called by such name as those brethren may choose.

And that the Rev. John Lloyd, of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and Hugh S. Brown, of the Presbytery of Logansport, so soon as a third minister of our church shall be associated with them, be authorized to form themselves into a Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Amoy; and shall ipso facto be detached from the respective Presbyteries with which until then they shall be connected.

Resolved, That the foregoing new Presbyteries shall meet for the purpose of being organized, at such times and places as the members thereof shall respectively agree on, and that the eldest minister of each who may be present shall preside until a moderator be chosen.

Resolved, That the aforesaid Presbyteries be rated for the present, as component parts of the Synod of New York; but that as soon as the Presbytery of Amoy shall be organized, the three Presbyteries in China shall be authorized to form themselves into a Synod, to be called the Synod of China; that they meet for the purpose of being organized at such time and place as they shall mutually agree upon, and that the eldest minister, who may be present, shall preside until a moderator be chosen.

Resolved, That the Rev. James M. Connelly, of the Presbytery of West Tennessee, James M. Priest of the Presbytery of New York, and the Rev. H. W. Ellis, of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, be, and they hereby are, detached from their respective Presbyteries, and constituted a Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Western Africa; that they shall meet for the purpose of being organized at such time and place as they shall mutually agree upon, and that the
eldest minister present shall preside until a moderator be chosen. And further, that the Presbytery of Western Africa shall be attached for the present to the Synod of Alabama.

Resolved, That the Kev. R. M. Loughridge of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, H. Ballentine of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and D. W. Eakins of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, be, and they hereby are detached from their respective Presbyteries, and constitated a Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of the Creek Nation; that they shall meet for the purpose of being organized, at such time and place as they shall mutually agree upon, and that the eldest minister present shall preside until a moderator be chosen. And further, that the Presbytery of the Creek Nation be attached for the present to the Synod of Mississippi.

It is further overtured, that the Assembly, agreeably to the provisions of the action of the Assemblies of A.D. 1838 (Minutes, page 42,) and A. D. 1841 (Minutes, page 425,) with a view of providing in one act for the various emergencies that may arise in the foreign field, shall enact, in terms following, viz.

Resolved, Agreeably to the provisions established and hereby recognized in the acts of the General Assembly of 1838 and 1841, respecting the formation of Presbyteries by the act of the missionaries in foreign fields, that, in all cases, where there is no synod that can take action, the missionaries, whether they belong to the same or to different Presbyteries and Synods in this country, whensoeven they shall find themselves together in sufficient numbers, may form themselves into Presbyteries, under the care of the General Assembly; provided that in the judgment of the respective missions, such a procedure shall be deemed expedient; that such Presbyteries shall be attached, in the first instance, to any Synod of this Church which may be most convenient, at the discretion of the Presbyteries concerned, and shall be enrolled accordingly: and further

Resolved, That whensoever there shall be a sufficient number of such Presbyteries in any one district, they shall be authorized to organize themselves into a Synod, under the care of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted to the General Assembly, on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.


The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported
Overture No. 10. A Memorial from the Synod of Indiana, pray.ing that the State line may be made the dividing line between the Synods of Indiana and Cincinnati.

Overture No.11. A Petition from members of the Church of Providence in Dearborn county, Indiana, praying that the request of the preceding memorial be not granted.

The Committee have learned, from written documents and from the
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verbal statements of members of the Assembly familiar with the facts, that all the ministers in the territory which will be transferred to the Synod of Indiana, by granting the prayer of the memorial, are desirous of the change; that ten churches have consented to the arrangement; that only one has protested against it, the one whose petition is submitted as Overture No. 11, and that one has not been heard from. The Synod of Cincinnati, it is understood, will be opposed to the measure. Upon a careful consideration of the whole case, your Committee, for reasons set forth in the memorial, recommend that the prayer of the Synod of Indiana be granted, and that the State line between Ohio and Indiana be the dividing line between the Synods of Cincinnati and Indiana.

The report was accepted, and put on the docket.
Overture No. 12. A request from the Presbytery of Hadson, that this General Assembly rescind the resolution of the General Assembly of 1839, which is in these words:
"Resolved, That in all cases where members of any of our churches apply for dismission to unite with a church of another denomination, that the proper course is to give a certificate of Christian character only."

Your Committee are of opinion, that the Presbytery of Hudson has misapprehended the spirit and scope of the resolution in question. It is neither a censure on the individuals nor the churches to which they seek to be dismissed, but sets forth the only fact which it is important that those churches should know. The Committee recommend that the resolution be not rescinded.

The recommendation was adopted.
Overture No. 13. An application from the Presbytery of Philadelphia for advice and direction in reference to the case of Rev. James T. Irvine. The facts of the case are these: In the year $1825, \mathrm{Mr}$. Irvine was received as a foreign licentiate on probation by the Presbytery of Philadelphia; after the term of probation had expired, he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and by that Presbytery ordained and installed in one of their churches. In the year 1834, he returned to Ireland, where he became the pastor of a church, and remained until the present year. The question to which the Presbytery wish an answer from the General Assembly is, Does Mr. Irvine come under the denomination of a foreign minister, and is he subject to the rules in such cases provided? and, if he be liable to the usual probation, may his probation be considered as commencing from the time in which he has made this present application to Presbytery, viz. from the 4th of April, 1848?

The Committee recommend that both questions be answered in the affirmative. The recommendation was adopted.

On motion, the order of the day was postponed for the present.
The committee appointed to draw up a minute on the death of Dr . Green, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The decease of the Rev. Ashbel Green, D.D. L.L.D., at Philadelphia, at 6 o'clock, on Friday morning, the 19th of May, having been announced to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
in the United States of America, it was ordered, that the following record be entered on their minutes, as expressive of their high esteem for his character, and of their gratitude to God for his long-continued and eminently useful life, the greater part of which has been spent to the glory of God, in the service of our beloved Church.

Dr. Green was born at Hanover, in the State of New Jersey, on the 6th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1762; so that, he died far advanced in his eighty-sixth year. He was the son of the Rev. Jacob Green, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of that place. Of the events of his early life, we know little. He probably received the rudiments of his education from his father; and while it was in progress, he was, for a short time, actively engaged in the war of the American Revolution.. He completed his literary course at Princeton College, N. J., during the presidency of the late Dr. Witherspoon. Not long afterwards, he became successively a tutor and professor in the same institution. From this field of usefulness, he was called, in the winter of 1787, to the pastoral office in the Second Presbyterian Church, in Philadelphia, as a colleague to the late Rev. James Sproat, D. D., whom he succeeded, as sole pastor, apon his demise in the fall of 1793. His ordination took place in the month of May, 1787. In this relation he continued till he was called to the Presidency of the same College, in the autumn of the year 1812. This call he accepted, and he continued to discharge the important duties of that office till he resigned it in the year 1822. He then returned to Philadelphia, where he resided till the time of his death.

While the Congress of the United States held its sessions in Philadelphia, Dr. Green and the late Bishop White, of Pennsylvania, officiated as its chaplains.

Dr. Green was for many years before his death, the only surviving member of the Convention which framed the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Ardently attached to the doctrine and order of this Church, he not only firmly maintained her canse in trying times-and always in the spirit of the Master-but had the happiness of assisting until his death, and of witnessing the successful operation of the institations of this Church, in whose inception he so largely participated, and the strength of her Constitution to conduct and sustain her efficiently and triumphantly through the various important crisis which have distinguished her career. He was, also, one of the Trustees of the General Assembly, having been for many years before his death the only surviving member of the Board named in the charter, and continuing to fulfil the office until his death.

His time, after returning to reside in Philadelphia, was principally occupied in editing the Christian Advocate, which was, for several years, the leading exponent of the faith and practice of the Presbyterian Church. Among its contents we find the first imprint of his Lectures on the Shorter Catechism, since published in two duodecimo volumes, by the Presbyterian Board of Publication-a Fork by which he may be fairly judged as à practical writer and an
accomplished theologian. After he discontinued the publication of the Christian Advocate, he occupied himself for some time, very laboriously in preparing the works of Dr. Witherspoon for the press, together with an extended memoir of his life and review of his works, neither of which have yet been published. He has, also, spent much time in revising his diary. These literary labours will constitute a valuable legacy to the Church he loved and served so well.

After his return to Philadelphia, he never had a pastoral charge, although he frequently preached, and at one time statedly, in the First African Church, Philadelphia, for a year or two.

He was, to a very late period of his life, a diligent and successful student. He also read much for his own edification. Among other devotional reading, he was wont to read a chapter in the Greek Testament in connexion with Scott's practical remarks, every day. His habits were eminently devotional. He spent hours daily in secret prayer and communion with God, in which he delighted, and to be deprived of the opportunity of which, evidently gave him pain.

His decline was very gradual, and he suffered but little pain of body. Generally speaking, he enjoyed a calm and comfortable frame of spirit, although he was not permitted to pass away without enduring some of the fiery darts of the adversary. Generally, however, he could appropriate the Divine promises, and enjoy the grace they contain, and find delight in prayer and praise. Being asked a few days before his departure, how the prospect before him appeared, "Glorious," was his prompt reply. Thus has he lived, honoured and and useful, and died in Christian comfort, sleeping in Jesus. May his death be blessed to the Church which he loved.

Resolved, That the General Assembly affectionately sympathize with his bereaved family, and that the Stated Clerk transmit an attested copy of this minute to them.

Overture No. 2, was taken up, and disposed of as follows; viz. A request from the Presbytery of Luzerne that the General Assembly would so modify the rule prescribed in 1837, making it imperative on Presbyteries to examine all who make application for admission into their bodies, as to leave the matter to the discretion of Presbyteries, except in cases in which any member may request that such examination be instituted. The Committee recommended that no modification should be made, but that the rule should stand precisely as it is.

The recommendation was adopted.
Overture No. 5, was taken up, and disposed of as follows; viz. An inquiry from the Presbytery of Montgomery, whether members of churches may voluntarily withdraw? The Committee recommended that the question be answered in the affirmative. After debate, the previous question was demanded and put, and the recommendation was not adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported, recommending that the order of the day for 40 'clock this afternoon, be postponed in order to take mp Case No. 3; and the recommendation was adopted.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

## MONDAY Apternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Commissions reported as an additional Commissioner, Charles R. Cooper, M. D., Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Nashville. .
The Permanent Clerk presented the Annual Report of the Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Report of the Directors of said Seminary.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, presented the following report, which was adopted, and the accompanying papers ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, report,

That the papers placed in their hands were, 1st. The Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, showing the whole amount of monies received from May 1st 1847 to May 1st $1848, \$ 26,434.30$, which with the balance in his hands of $\$ 1,134.71$, on 1st May 1847, makes $\$ 27,569.01$. The expenditures during the year amounted to $\$ 25,274.90$, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of the fiscal year of $\$ 2,294.11$.

2d. Cash balance, as above stated, with the items of which it is made.

3d. The income derived from each of the stocks owned by the Assembly during the last fiscal year, amounting to $\$ 6,863.24$, and the additional income of $\$ 696.84$, from the bequest of the Rev. Joseph Eastbarn specifically appropriated by the testator.

4th. Balance sheet of his ledger, exhibiting the same sum in his hands at the end of the fiscal year, which has been stated above.

5th. Tabular statement of investments, with the par value of each share of stock, \&c., their value during the past year, present year, and per share. The par value $\$ 117,820.80$. Their present estimated value $\$ 60,660.85$.

The accounts of the Treasurer with their accompanying vouchers were audited by a Committee in Philadelphia, and your Committee have not, therefore, done more than examine the papers submitted to them, and compare them with the books of the Treasurer, which were also placed before us. They have all been found correct, and are herewith retarned marked as before indicated.

The income of the General Assembly from its several investments, on comparison with last year will be found to have fallen off $\$ 134.84$.

Your Committee are unanimously of opinion that the Board of Trustees should change the investments from stocks to that of real securities, at as early a period as at all consistent with the interests they represent; and reiterate the recommendation of the Assembly of 1841, that "The Trustees are hereby directed to invest these fonds in bonds and mortgages on real estate, as soon as that can be
done with advantage and safety, (unless prevented by the terms on which the funds have been given, ) and all additions hereafter made to the permanent funds be invested in bond and mortgage." All of which is respectfully submitted.

Samull Hepbirn, Chairman.

The order of the day was taken up, viz. Judiciad Case, No. 3. The Appeal and Complaint of Rev. John Skinner, D. D., against a decision of the Presbytery of Lexington, declaring him guilty of libel and defamation, and a sentence of suspension from ministerial functions founded thereon.

The decision of the Presbytery appealed from was read; next, the reasons assigned by the appellant for his Appeal and Complaint; then, the Complaint of Rev. William Calhoun and others against the aforesaid decision of the Presbytery of Lexington. An explanatory letter from the Rev. William Calhoun, reported by the Judicial Committee, was also read.

And then the Assembly adjourned till this evening at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY Evening, 8 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The hearing of Delegates from corresponding bodies being the order of the day, and none of the Delegates being present, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the time for hearing the Delegates from corresponding bodies be referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Overture No. 8, was taken up and disposed of as follows, viz. A request from the Presbytery of Peoria to the General Assembly to give to licentiates the power to solemnize marriages. The Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That where the laws of the State allow it, there is nothing in the constitution of the Church, or in the nature of the marriage contract, to prevent licentiates from exercising the power in question.

On motion, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.
And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY Morning, May 23, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Commissions reported the Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D. D., as a delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

An Overture from J. L. Claxton, on the duty of Presbytery in conducting process against a minister in a certain case, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on the records of the Synod of Memphis read a report, recommending their approval; and the report was adopted.

The Committee on the records of the Synod of Virginia read a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

The Committee on the records of the Synod of Northern India, reported that the records had not been, and were not likely to be, put in their hands; and were accordingly discharged.

The unfinished business of yesterday was taken up, viz. Judicial Cases Nos. 3 and 4. The Moderator solemnly announced that the body was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial; and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character, as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are abont to act. The Presbyterial records in the case were read, until arrested by the order of the day, the Report of the Committee on the Annaal Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, which was read and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

1. Resolved, That in the Report of the Board, the General Aso sembly see much cause for thanksgiving and gratitude to God, for the wide fields of usefulness opened to the Church, and for the encouraging state of the different missions among the heathen, as seen in the increase of church members, in the healthful state of the mission schools, in the efficiency of the printing presses, and in the facilities afforded of thus preaching the everlasting gospel publicly, and from house to house. And they would take encouragement, that in the enlargement and advance of the missionary work, the increase of the receipts has sustained the increased expenditures of the year.
2. Resolved, That in the midst of so much that is encouraging, there is cause of deep hamiliation in the sight of God, that so many of our members and ministers manifest so little interest in the state of the benighted heathen; the General Assembly, whilst they reprove such indifference to this great duty, most affectionately exhort the churches, and every individual member, to unite as one man in sending to the destitute the knowledge of the Saviour's name.
3. Resolved, That in the early death, by the hands of violent men, of one of their highly esteemed and useful missionaries, in a field comprehending one-third of the inhabitants of the globe, while engaged in his Master's work, the General Assembly would view the hand of God; and whilst they would humbly submit to this mysterious and distressing providence, they would hear the voice of God speaking to the Church in rebuke for past unfaithfulness in the great work of sending the gospel to the perishing heathen.
4. Resolved, That the General Assembly would ever recognize the insufficiency of all human agency, apart from the blessing of the Holy Ghost, and they would affectionately exhort the whole Church to be much engaged in prayer to God for his blessing on the labours of all his servants at home and abroad, and that all his professing people may have much of the Spirit that was in Christ.
5. Resolved, That all our churches be most earnestly exhorted to attend to the Monthly Concert of Prayer, and collection; and that, if practicable, the collection be taken on the Sabbath.
6. Resolved, That the report of the Board be approved, and referred to the Executive Committee for publication.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:
Whereas, in the divine Providence a wide and effectual door for the propagation of the gospel in France, is now opened by the recent revolution in that great State, while the monetary embarrassments resulting from the political convulsions in Europe have seriously crippled the resources and the efforts of the Evangelical Societies which are engaged in the work of circulating the Scriptures, and disseminating the gospel in that country, therefore

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the congregations in our connexion, to take up a collection on the 3d Sabbath in June next, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, to be paid over to the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, for the purpose of aiding in the great work of evangelizing France.

On motion, The election of Directors to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and nominations were made accordingly.

And the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.
TUESDAY Afternoon, 4 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
A paper was read, bearing on Dr. Skinner's case, signed by two of the subscribers to a certain protest, Messrs. Love and Paine, retracting their protest.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the reading of the records of the Presbytery of Lexington was continued, pending which, the hour of adjournment arrived.

On motion, it was
Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Norton, Agent of the American Protestant Society, have leave to address the Assembly on Thursday evening, after the sermon on Popery.

And then the Assembly adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY Evening, 8 o'clock.
The Asssembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The reading of the minutes was, on motion, dispensed with.
The Committee on Mileage presented the following report, which

- was adopted, viz: The Committee on Mileage report, That there has been paid to the Treasurer, on account of the Commissioners' Fund, the sum of $\$ 836.88$. That there have been 21,716 miles travelled by the Commissioners who claim mileage in coming to the present Assembly, which, at $3 \frac{3}{6}$ cents per mile, will make $\$ 832.44$, leaving a balance in the Commissioners' Fund of $\$ 4.49$. They therefore, recommend that the Trustees of the General Assembly be directed to draw an order on their Treasurer for $\$ 832.44$; and that he be directed to pay the same to the several persons named in the list accompanying this report, in the proportion therein stated.

Certain resolutions on the subject of Colonization were offered, and put on the docket.

The unfinished business was resumed.
Pending which the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY Morning, May 24, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes of the last two meetings were read.
The Committee on the Records of the Synods of South Carolina, Pittsburgh, Northern Indiana, New York, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, reported, recommending that said records be approved; and the recommendations were adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported as an appendix to Jadicial Cases, Nos. 3 and 4, a Memorial of Dr. John Skinner, praying for a decision of his case by the General Assembly; which was put on the docket.

Case No. 8. A Complaint and Memorial of Rev. Colin McIver against the Synod of North Carolina and Presbytery of Fayetteville, was put on the docket.

The Committee on Dr. Plumer's Report on the Financial Affairs of the Boards of the Church, presented a report, which was made the order of the day for Monday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported
Overture No. 14. An Overture from the Synod of Ohio, to review former decisions on congregational representation, (see Minutes of 1847, p. 377) which was put on the docket.

Overture No. 15. An Overture from the Synod of Mississippi on the same subject, was disposed of in the same manner.

Overture No. 16. An inquiry from Zion Church, Pontotoc county, Mississippi, "Has a Presbytery the constitutional right to divide a Church where a majority of the members of said Church are opposed to its division?" The Committee recommended the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That where the minority request it, and the Presbytery has reason to believe that the interests of religion will be promoted by it, the Presbytery has the right to form the minority into a new congregation.

Overture No. 17. A request from the Presbytery of Long Island for the restoration of the word "Bishop" in the minutes. The Committee recommended that the word "Minister" be retained instead of the word "Bishop;" and the recommendation was adopted.

The decease of the Rev. Dr. Matthews, Professor in the Theological Seminary at New Albany, Indiana, was announced, and Messrs. Daniel Stewart, Scovel, Humphrey, Oscar Brown, and Berryman, were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable minute.

On motion, the House proceeded to the election of fifteen ministers and fifteen laymen, to fill the place of an equal number whose term of office, as Directors of the Board of Foreign Missions, now expires, and one minister and one layman, to fill vacancies that Vol. XII.-5
have occurred during the year. Messrs. Lowrie and Wilson were appointed a committee to receive and count over the votes.
The Judicial Committee reported
Case No. 5. The Complaint of the Rer. John Skinner, D. D., against a decision of the Synod of Virginia, referring to the General Assembly his Complaint against the Presbytery of Lexington, for dissolving his pastoral relation to the Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Virginia, together with a petition of the complainant, that the Assembly would remand the case to the Synod, and require that body to try the case, as on the original Complaint: which being covered by the appeal already on the docket of the Assembly, any further action upon this Complaint, is deemed unnecessary. The report was adopted.

A letter from the New York City Temperance Society was read, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The order of the day was taken up, and the report of the Board of Missions was read by the Secretary, Dr. William A. McDowell.

On motion, the report was committed to Messrs. Mcllhenny, Aikin, White, Cooper, and Lynn, to report thereon.

The unfinished business was resumed.
The following resolution was offered:
Resolved, That in reading the minutes of Lexington Presbytery, the names of the voters in calling the yeas and nays be omitted unless called for by one or other of the parties litigant; and that the proceedings of Presbytery in reference to other matters foreign to the issue before us be also omitted, unless called for specially by one of the parties.

The resolution was indefinitely postponed.
The election of Directors to fill vacancies in the Board of Missions, fifteen ministers and nine laymen, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, nine o'clock; and nominations were made accordingly.

The following was announced as the result of the balloting this morning for Directors of the Board of Foreign Missions, viz.

## For Four Years.

ministers.
J. J. Janeway, D. D.
G. W. Janvier,

John Johnston,
Joseph H. Jones, D. D.
J. M. Krebs, D. D.
J. McElroy, D. D.
W. W. Phillips, D. D.

John Goldsmith,
N. Murray, D.D.
J. Greenleaf,
T. L. Janeway, J. McDowell, D.D.
M. W. Jacobus, Robert McCartee, D.D. Alexander T. McGill, D.D.

LATMEN. William McIlvaine, Benjamin McDowell, Thomas McKeen, George Morris, M. Newkirk, Joseph Patterson, J. M. Sherrod, J. P. Means, J. T. Soutter, G. B. Lemar, Jesse Brown, C. S. Carrington, William S. Martien, C. A. B. Kemper, Samuel Hepburn.

For the vacancy of Ashbel Green, D. D. deceased, J. C. Lowrie. For the vacancy of Alexander Henry, deceased, Samuel M. Leiper. And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY Afternoon, 4 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
A communication was read from the complainant in Judicial Case No. 1, complaining of the disposition of said case as recommended by the Judicial Committee. The whole subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Judge Hepburn, and Drs. Kirkpatrick and Scovel.

The unfinished business was resumed, pending which the hour of adjournment arrived.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of New Jersey reported, recommending their approval; and the report was adopted.

And then the Assembly adjourned till eight o'clock this evening. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY Evening, 8 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The unfinished business was resumed.
After some progress made, the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY Morning, May 25, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
On motion, the election of Directors of the Board of Missions was postponed till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.
The Committees on the Records of Indiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Alabama, reported, recommending their approval; and the recommendations were adopted.
The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Illinois reported, that the records are not in the Assembly, nor have been for the last three years. In view of this delinquency upon the part of that Sy nod, your Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod of Illinois be required to send up their Records to the next Assembly at Pittsburgh.
The resolution was adopted.
The Records of the Synod of West Tennessee were called for, agreeably to an order of the last Assembly, and were presented.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Alexander Cromartie, Ruling Elder.

On motion, Overtures Nos. 10 and 11, respecting the boundary line between the Synods of Cincinnati and Indiana, were made the order of the day for Saturday morning, nine o'clock.

The Resolutions on Colonization were taken up, and being amended, were adopted, and are as follows, viz.

1. Resolved, That the enterprise of the Colonization Society, so successfully prosecuted amid so much obloquy, opposition, and misunderstanding, has our highest confidence, as wise, peaceful, humane, and philanthropic.
2. Resolved, That as it has been in past years repeatedly commended to the patronage of the churches in our connexion, as preeminently combining the noblest benefits to Africa and America, to the emigrant colonists, and to the heathen tribes around them, we would again offer it to their patronage, and most earnestly recommend to all pastors and churches an annual collection for its support, to be made early in July.
3. Resolved, That we have heard with the highest pleasure of the complete destruction of the slave factories near Liberia, and most earnestly hope for the day when a traffic so odious and cruel shall be swept from the ocean.

The Board of Education presented their Report through their Secretary, Rev. C. Van Rensselaer, D. D., which was accepted and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. McCluskey, R. C. Smith, Hyde, Ewing, Amos.

The Rev. Mr. Heiner, delegate from the Synod of the German Reformed Church, presented several copies of the Minutes of said Synod, and made a brief statement, assuring the Assembly of the continued friendly regards of the Synod.

A memorial from Mrs. Susan V. Bradford, of Burlington, N. J., in relation to the residuary legacy of Hon. Elias Boudinot, was read, and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Hepburn, Mason, Banks, Orchard, A. C. McLean, and Terhune.

The unfinished business was resumed, until arrested by the arrival of the hour of adjournment.

And the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.
THURSDAY Afternoon, 4 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Commissions reported as additional Commissioners, John D. Ewing, Minister of the Presbytery of Montgomery, and John K. White, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Winchester.

The Committee on the case of the complainant in Judicial Case No. 1, reported, that they believed the complainant to be of unsound mind, and that there was no reason for altering the report of the Judicial Committee in the case; and their report was approved, and the Committee were discharged.

And then the Assembly adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening, to hear at that hour the sermon on Popery by the Moderator. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY Evenina, 8 o'clock.
The Assembly met according to adjournment; when the Annual Scrmon on Popory was preached by Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D.D.,

Moderator of the Assembly; after which Rev. H. Norton, Secretary of the American Protestant Society, was heard on the same subject. And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY Morning, May 26, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
Drs. Scovel and Cuyler were appointed a Committee to receive and count the votes for Directors of the Board of Missions, agreeably to the order of the day.

The Committee to nominate delegates to Corresponding Bodies presented the following report, which was adopted, viz.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. S. I. Prime, principal; and Rev. Simeon Brown, alternate.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. James S. Woods, principal; and Rev. Wm. P. Alrich, alternate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, Rev. James W. Stewart, principal; and Rev. William D. Snodgrass, D. D., alternate.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. John McCluskey, D. D., principal ; and Rev. William J. Bell, alternate.

To the General Consociation of Vermont, Rev. Dr. Harding, principal; and Rev. George Morris, alternate.

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. Septimus Tustin, principal; and Rev. James McDonald, alternate.

To the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, Rev. Dr. Studdiford, principal; and Rev. T. B. Balch, alternate.

To the General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Rufus Taylor, principal; and Rev. Robert B. White, alternate.

On motion, Resolved, That the Stated Clerk, in disbursing the Contingent Fund, pay in the first place for the expenses of the General Assembly in Baltimore, and for printing the Minutes; and the balance in his hands, shall be divided pro rata, among the Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

On motion, Resolved, 1. That the thanks of the Assembly be, and they hereby are, tendered to the Rev. Dr. McGill, for his Sermon on Popery, delivered before them last night, and a copy be requested for publication.
2. Resolved, That said sermon be committed to the Board of Publication, with the request that they send a copy to every minister in our connexion, and to every Session destitute of the stated means of grace.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported
Overtare No. 18. A communication from the New York City Temperance Society, with a suitable minute. The whole was put on the docket.

Overture No. 19. A Memorial from the Presbytery of Chilicothe on the subject of Slavery, complaining that our testimony in regard
to it is not sufficiently definite, and praying that whatever testimony we have borne against it, may be published by the Board of Publication, under the order of the Assembly, with such additions and explanations as may render it more effective. The Committee recommended the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That no additional publicity in regard to the action of this Assembly on the subject of Slavery is necessary.

Overture No. 20. A question submitted by John Warnock, of Alabama, "Does deposition from the ministry exclude from church privileges?" The Committee recommended the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That though the causes which provoke deposition are almost always such as to involve the propriety of exclusion from the sacraments, yet the two sentences are not essentially the same; the one having reference to office, and the other to the rights of membership: and, therefore, Presbyteries should be explicit in stating both when they mean both. When, however, a Presbytery interpret deposition to involve suspension from the sacraments, and pronounce the censure in that sense, the sentence obviously includes both.

Overture No. 21. An inquiry from J. A. Clayton-"Whereas our Book of Discipline, Chap. V. Sect. 2, says, 'the same general method, substituting Presbytery for the Session,' is to be observed in investigating charges against a minister as are prescribed in the case of private members, Does this authorize the Presbytery to apply the principle contained in Chap. IV. Sect. 18, to ministers, against whom charges exist that cannot be seasonably tried, so far as to suspend them from the functions of the gospel ministry until they can be tried? P.S.-If the above will not apply; what should a Presbytery do in the case?"

The Committee recommended the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That when charges are tabled against a minister, and it is impracticable at once to issue the case, the Presbytery has the right, if the interests of religion seem to demand the measure, to suspend him from the exercise of his ministerial functions until the case shall have been issued.

Overture No. 22. A request from the Commissioners to the present Assembly, representing the Presbyteries of Greenbrier, and Washington, that the boundary lines between the Synods of Virginia, Wheeling, and Pittsburgh, be so defined as to make the northern boundary of the Presbytery of Greenbrier coincide with the northern boundaries of the counties of Randolph, Lewis, Gilmer, and Wood, in the state of Virginia. The Committee recommended that the request be granted, and the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Missions reported, and their report was accepted, and placed on the docket.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending the substitution of the following minute, instead of that before adopted, in regard to the meeting for devotional exercises in the Second Church this evening.

1. Invocation, hymn, and statement of object of meeting by the Moderator.
2. Reading the Scriptures, Dr. Backus.
3. Address, by Rev. Mr. Tenney, Delegate from Maine.
4. Prayer, by Dr. McFarren.
5. Address, by Dr. Hutton, Delegate from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.
6. Prayer, singing, and benediction by Dr. McCluskey.

The Committee to whom was referred the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, presented the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, 1. That the said Report be approved, and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

Resolved, 2. That the General Assembly learn with great plea-sure, that the labours of the distinguished and faithful Professors of this Institution continue to be crowned with success, and that students, highly respectable not only in number, but also in piety, talents, and attainments, avail themselves of those valuable labours.

Resolved, 3. That with unmingled satisfaction, the Assembly are informed that this Seminary has lately passed (in safety) through a threatening crisis in its affairs, and that now no reasonable doubt can exist, as to the speedy completion of the plan of endowment, which, for several years, has so worthily engaged the efforts of the charches in the region of its location.

Resolved, 4. That the General Assembly have no hesitation in recommending the endowment and support of this Seminary, as objects worthy of the liberal pecuniary contributions, not simply of the Synods which have heretofore nobly borne the burden, but also of all other portions of the Presbyterian Church, which appreciate sound and thorough theological training, as well as the cultivation of ministerial and missionary zeal.

The report was adopted. Nominations were received to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, and the election was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion,
Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to report, in a note, in the published Minutes of the Assembly, the answers or the subject of the demission of the ministerial office, received from certain Presbyteries since the action of the Assembly.

The order of the day was now taken up, viz. the Report of the Board of Publication, through their Secretary, Rev. Joseph H. Jones, D. D.; which was accepted, and referred to the following committee-Messrs. Hughes, Purviance, Jacobus, Lynn, and Keith.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of West Tennessee reported, recommending approval; and the report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Ohio reported, recommending approval; and the report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Missouri reported that the records were not here, and were believed to be lost; and the Committee were discharged.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of North Carolina reported; and their report, being amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the Records of the Synod of North Carolina be approved, with the exception of the postponement of the regular meeting of Synod by the Moderator, which this Assembly consider irregular.

The unfinished business was resumed, until the arrival of the hour of adjournment.

A resolution was offered in reference to the American Protestant Society, which was put on the docket.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.
FRIDAY Afternoon, 4 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
A Communication was read from Mr. S. Bonhomme, Agent of the American Society for Meliorating the Condition of the Jews, presenting 200 pamphlets, containing letters on the future prospects of the Jews, and requesting permission to address the body.

On motion, permission was given to address the body at the meeting this evening.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported supplies for different pulpits of the city on the next Sabbath.

The unfinished business was resumed.
On motion, the further reading of documentary testimony, with the consent of parties, was arrested.

The reading of the records being ended, the original parties were next heard, till arrested by the arrival of the hour of adjournment.

The Committee appointed to receive and count the votes for Directors of the Board of Missions, reported the following persons chosen, viz:

## For Four Years.

MINISTERS.
A. Alexander, D.D.
G. Spring, D.D.

- W. W. Phillips, D.D.

Willis Lord, D.D.
W. D. Snodgrass, D.D. G. W. Musgrave, D.D. J. C. Lord, D.D.
A. Tudehope,

Alex. T. McGill, D.D.
J. T. Hendrick,
P. D. Gurley,
A. Todd,
Z. Butler,
J. L. Yantis, W. T. Hamilton, D. D.

LAYMEN.
F. Bailey,
M. Allen,
J. Patterson,
G. T. Snowden,
A. Symington,

Samson Mason,
J. S. Berryman,
H. Denny,

David Keith.
Wm. Plumer,
In place of C. Woodruff, deceased.

And then the Assembly adjourned, to meet in the Second Presbyterian church, at 8 o'clock this evening, for devotional exercises.

Concluded with prayer.
FRIDAY Evening, 8 o'clock.
The Assembly met, according to adjournment, in the Second Presbyterian church, when devotional exercises were conducted as before agreed to; and addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Tenney, Rev. Dr. Hutton, and Rev. Mr. Bonhomme. And then the Assembly adjourned, to meet in the First Presbyterian church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Morning, May 27, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The order of the day was taken up, viz. Overtures Nos. 10 and 11. A Memorial from the Synod of Indiana, praying that the State line may be made the dividing line between the Synods of Indiana and Cincinnati; and a Petition from members of the church of Providence in Dearborn county, Indiana, praying that the request of the preceding memorial be not granted.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported as followeth, viz.
The Committee have learned, from written documents and from the verbal statements of ministers of the Assembly familiar with the facts, that all the ministers in the territory which will be transferred to the Synod of Indiana, by granting the prayer of the memorial, are desirous of the change; that ten churches have consented to the arrangement; that only one has protested against it, the one whose
 heard from. The Synod of Cincinnati, it is understood, will be opposed to the measure. Upon a careful consideration of the whole case, your Committee, for reasons set forth in the memorial, recommend that the prayer of the Synod of Indiana be granted, and that the State line between Ohio and Indiana, be the dividing line between the Synods of Cincinnati and Indiana.

The report of the Committee was adopted, and the prayer of the Synod of Indiana granted.
The second order of the day was taken up, the election to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, and Messrs. Daniel Stewart, and McFarren, were appointed a committee to receive and count the votes.

The Committee on Mrs. Bradford's communication reported as follows, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Mrs. Susan V. Bradford in reference to the General Assembly's relinquishing at her decease, in favour of her cousin, Elias E. Boudinot, their right to the property located in the city of Burlington devised to the Assembly in trust for the purposes mentioned in Vol. XII.-6
her father's will, report that they have examined the papers submitted, but have not had sufficient evidence before us, to justify a conclusion upon the subject. The question submitted by Mrs. Bradford is an important one, to her cousin, as well as the cestui que trusts under the will of her father, as it involves, as we have been informed, a large amount of property; and in the absence of an accurate knowledge of the real state of the case, your Committee do not feel at liberty to make any other recommendation, than that her communication, with the whole subject to which it relates, be referred to the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, with directions to examine into and report all the facts and circumstances pertaining to it, to the next Assembly.

The report of the Committee was adopted.
The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Albany reported, and the report was, on motion, recommitted.

The Committees on the Records of the Synods of Wheeling and Georgia reported, recommending approval, and the reports were adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. A. C. McLean, Terhune, Ewing, Leiper, Marshall, Galliday, Bayless, and Wiggan.

The Committee to receive and count the votes for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, reported that the following persons had been duly elected, viz.

MINISTERS.
F. Herron, D. D., E. P. Swift, D. D., M. Brown, D. D., William McIlvaine, John Stockton, D. D., John Kerr, James Alexander.
The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a suppletory report on supplies, which was approved.

The unfinished business was resumed; when the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Assembly adjourned, to meet at 4 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer,

SATURDAY Afternoon, 4 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer. The' minutes were read.
The Committee on Commissions reported Deacon Samuel Dutton, s Delegate from the General Conference of Maine.

A Communication was read from the members of the Church of Harmony, Oxford Presbytery, unanimously requesting, that in the event of the dividing line being changed between the Synods of Cincinnati and Indiana, their relation to the Presbytery of Oxford might remain unchanged. On motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The unfinished business was resumed, until the arrival of the hour of adjournment.

And then the Assembly adjourned: Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY Mornina, May 29, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on the Report of the Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary reported, recommending that it be approved and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Directors of the above mentioned Seminary, presented a report; which was accepted and placed on the docket.

The Committee on the Narrative reported a draft of a Narrative, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

On motion, the order of the day was postponed till to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

The unfinished business was then resumed, until the arrival of the hour of adjournment; when the Assembly adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

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\text { MONDAY Afternoon, } 4 \text { o'clock. }
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The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The unfinished business was resumed, until the hour of adjournment.
And then the Assembly adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.
Concluded with prayer.
MONDAY Evenina, 8 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The unfinished business was resumed, and the hearing of the original parties brought to a close.
And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY Morning, May 30, 9 o'cloak.
The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.
The minates were read.
The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication presented a report, which was put on the docket.

The election of Directors of the Board of Publication was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, and nominations were made accordingly.

A paper on Voluntary Associations was offered and placed on the docket.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. D. Grey, William Patterson, Grier, Martin, W. O. Stratton, and Mason.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported an Answer to the Letter from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, both of which were read; and the Answer was adopted. Several members gave notice of their intention to protest.

The order of the day, the report on Dr. Plumer's report, was, on motion, postponed till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

The unfinished business was resumed.
The Moderator having decided that the rule requiring the parties to withdraw should be understood in the obvious and literal sense, an appeal was taken from his decision, and the decision was sustained by a large majority. The parties accordingly withdrew. The roll was then called, that every member might have an opportunity of expressing his opinion in the case. The call was arrested by the arrival of the hour of adjournment.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

## TUESDAY Afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The unfinished business was resumed, and the calling of the roll continued till arrested by the hour of adjournment.

Dr. Hutton took leave of the Assembly, with expressions of friendship on the part of the denomination which he represented.

And then the Assembly adjourned till eight o'clock this evening. Concluded with prayer.

## TUESDAY Evening, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The unfinished business was resumed, and the calling of the roll continued.

On motion, the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.


WEDNESDAY Mornina, May 31, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Bennett, and R. C. Smith.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors of the Board of Publication; and Messrs. Clayton and Manwaring were appointed a Committee to receive and count the votes, and report at their convenience.

The order of the day was postponed till 4 o'clock this afternoon.
The unfinished business was resumed, and the calling of the roll completed.

Dr. Mcllhenny, Rev. Samuel D. Ȧlexander, and J. P. Means, Ruling Elder, were excused from voting.

The question was then taken on Judicial Case, No. 3. viz., the Appeal and Complaint of John Skinner, D. D, against the Presbytery of Lexington, and the complaint of Rev. Mr. Calhoun against the same Presbytery; and the result was as follows, viz. To sustain the appeal, 40 ; to sustain in part, 58 ; not to sustain; 66 .

To sustain the Appeal-Ministers: Seelye, Lyon, Backus, Krebs, Platt, Ladd, Webster, James W. Stewart, Grier, Lillie, Smalley, Leake, Webber, McCuskey, Robinson, Andrews, Finney, Aikin, Vandyke, Black, Ustick, Daniel Stewart, Scovel, McIntyre, David M. Stewart, Wm. J. Frazer, Buchanan, Fenton, Montgomery, Osborne, J. D. Ewing, E. S. Campbell, W. A. Gray. Elders: Chipman, E. Banks, Bound, Nisbit, Janes, Harris, Snowden. Total, 40.

To sustain in part.-Ministers: Kellogg, Gardner, Doolittle, Lord, Boyd, Williams, Jacnbus, Bond, D. V. McLean, Taylor, Manwaring, Carrell, Kirkpatrick, Cuyler, S. H. Smith, Simpson, Purviance, Tustin, Brownson, Wm. Smith, D. D., Cummings, J. K. Cunningham, William Reed, Colmery, J. F. Smith, E. W. Wright, Clayton, A. D. White, Symington, Humphrey, Harrison, Hyde, Robert B. White, Ernst, Anderson. Elders: Mack, Hitchcock, Sherwood, Barnum, Hoagland, William Wilson, Martien, Rodgers, Hepburn, Haymaker, Paul, William Ewing, Sloan, Whiteside, Kemper, Nelson, Lynn, Orchard, Lancaster, Speed, Murchison, John B. Read, M. D., Kent. Total, 58.

Not то sustain-Ministers: Harrower, Gile, Rankin, Townley, Sterrett, McFarren, Hughes, Alexander Cunningham, Mahaffey, Stearns, Blayney, Bishop, Ogden, Hynes, Bell, Scott, C. A. Campbell, Atkinson, Blain, Galbraith, Harding, D. Stratton, McNeil, Peacock, Penick, Hendrick, William Banks, M. D., Fraser, Thornwell, Ross, Houker, J. C. Patterson, Graves, S. R. Wright, R. C. Smith, Joseph B. Stratton, Alfred Wright. Elders: G. Davidson, Fassett, Millspaugh, Oakley, Lowrie, Holmes, Caskey, Hinman, Yerkes, Murphey, McClure, Feay, Guthrie, Schoonmaker, Vaneman, Riddle, Potter, Amos, Paxton, Keith, Oscar Brown, M. D., Sasseen, Berryman, Carrington, Braxton, Jesse Brown, Baskin, Dunlap, James, Barron. Total, 67.

So the Appeal was sustained, and the decision of the Presbytery reversed.

On motion, the following persons were appointed a committee of seven, to bring in a suitable minute expressive of the views of the House upon the whole case, viz. Rev. E. P. Humphrey, D. D., Rev. J. T. Backus, D.D., Rev. Lemuel F. Leake, Rev. Samuel McFarren, D. D., Rev. C. A. Campbell, Rev. Benjamin Ogden, Hon. Walter Lowrie.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.
WEDNESDAY Afternoon, 4 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute on the decease of Dr. Matthews, presented the following, which was read, approved, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes, viz.

The decease of the Rev. Dr. John Matthews, Professor of Theology in the New Albany Theological Seminary, in the 77th year of his age, which occurred on the evening of the 18th instant, having been announced to the General Assembly, a committee was appointed to bring in a suitable minute. In accordance with this action the following minute is respectfully submitted.

The peculiar circumstances of Dr. Matthews' early history, give a deep interest to the distinction to which he afterwards attained as a
preacher of the everlasting Gospel, and an expounder and teacher of the doctrines of the Church. He was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in the fall of 1771, where he devoted himself, until advanced to manhood, to a secular occupation, the evidences of which are yet to be seen. The pulpit of the old church in Orange county, where his mind was first turned to the subject of religion, is still pointed out as the handy work of Dr. Matthews.

His academical and theological studies were prosecuted under the direction of the well known Dr. Caldwell of Guilford, North Carolina, and his license given him by the Presbytery of Orange in the month of March, 1801, at the age of twenty-nine years. Until 1803 he travelled in Tennessee as a Missionary, enduring many privations, when he was called to become the pastor of Nutbush and Grassy Creek churches, Granville county, North Carolina. In this relation he continued until 1806, when he removed to Martinsburgh, Virginia, and thence to Shepherdstown, on the removal of Dr. Hogue to Hampden Sydney College.

In this field of labour Dr. Matthews earned a most enviable reputation from the abundance and quality of his ministerial services. His preaching at the commencement of his career as a minister, was of a fervent, awakening description. This he afterwards exchanged for a more composed and didactic mode, characterized by great perspicuity and logical arrangement. There is reason to believe that his labours about this time were much blessed to the conviction and conversion of sinners.

From this field of labour and usefulness, where he is yet had in grateful remembrance, he was called to fill the chair of Didactic Theology in the Theological Seminary, then located at South Hanover, Indiana, now at New Albany. In responding favourably to this call there is evidence to believe that he was actuated by a disinterestedness which shrunk not from the prospect of future trials-"I am called by God," said he to a near friend who was expostulating with him against the acceptance of the invitation, "to an unpleasant mission like Jonah, and if I do not go I shall expect Jonah's punishment." He left an affectionate people, whose affection he fully reciprocated, for a position in which he was called to endure privations.until the close of his days. In the spirit of a true disciple he went forth, counting nothing dear to him so that he might finish the work that was given him to do. Happy for the Church if all her ministers were of like spirit.
The same perspicuity which marked his preaching, the intellectual vigour which characterized his work on the Divine Purpose, which has so often been studied with profit by the inquiring soul, were manifested in his duties as Professor, and though advanced to the age of seventy-seven, he continued with great vigour of mind, though in great feebleness of body, to attend on all the exercises of the lectureroom. He continued to discharge all his duties as Professor until one week before his decease ; when he who had so long and so implicitly listened to his Master's voice as to his earthly abode, was summoned
to his mansion of rest on high. He rests from his labours, and his works do follow him.
In connexion with this minate, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family of the deceased, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to furnish them a copy of this action.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the Report on the Report of the Committee appointed by the last Assembly on the Financial affairs of the Boards of the Church : pending discussion on which, the Assembly adjourned till eight o'clock this evening.

Concluded with prayer.
WEDNESDAY Evening, 8 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The election of Directors of Princeton Seminary was made the order of the day for four o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and nominations were received accordingly. The election of Directors of the Board of Education was made the second order of the day for the same hour, and nominations were received accordingly.

A Protest on the subject of the letter to Ireland was read, and admitted to record, and is as follows, viz.

PROTEST.
The undersigned, having been prevented by the call for the previous question, from giving their reasons for not adopting the whole of the answer to the letter from the General Assembly of the Church of Ireland, reported by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave respectfully to enter their protest against the action of this General Assembly on that part of the Irish letter which refers to the subject of slavery.

1. Becanse the decision, not to answer the General Assembly of the Irish church, on this question, seems to treat that venerable body with disrespect. We have virtually invited discussion on the subject of slavery, in writing to that Assembly, in a former letter, that there was no disposition on our part, "to repel the counsel of brethren abroad, or leave responsibility and discussion at home on this momentous question." It appears to us that the action of this Assembly is repelling the counsel of those brethren now. The Irish Church have not taken advantage of this proffered freedom of discussion, (which they have always till lately enjoyed,) to speak in language of dictation and abuse. We believe their reasoning to be courteous, Christian, dignified, and true. It is the uniform custom of corresponding bodies, to speak to each other frankly, and kindly, upon all matters of interest, and duty. Thus, this Assembly has arged upon the Irish Church, the duty of extending its religious efforts to the Roman Catholics of Ireland-the Irish Church has urged upon the American, the duty of acting on the subject of slavery. The Irish Cbristians have thanked us in their present communication, for our
reproof, with regard to the Roman Catholics-we have said to them in ours, that we will hold no discussion with them on the subject of slavery. If there is reason for remonstrance and reproof, in the one case, so we believe is there in the other. We feel therefore that this decision treats the General Assembly of the Church of Ireland with disrespect.
2. Because full and free discussion on this subject, with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, would, we believe, elicit truth, and lead to happy consequences. Men placed in different circumstances, and accustomed to different modes of thinking, will, if they are honest, inevitably in discussion throw light upon each other's path of duty. The Irish Church has no connexion with slavery; within our Church, held by members of our denomination, are about 77,000 slaves. They can look at this subject, uninfluenced by interest and free from the prejudices of educa-tion-we in looking at it, may be influenced in a slight measure at least, by the interests and prejudices which have gathered around two hundred years of its existence among us. But suppose that we are entirely right in the position we have assumed as an Assembly, in reference to the nature of this institution, and our duty respecting it-suppose our brethren in Ireland are in error; would it not be ,Christian to show them their error, and lead them by sound argument to better conclusions? The leading men in the Irish Church are noted as well for their honesty and piety, as for their orthodoxy and learning. We cannot but believe that discussion with such men on this subject would lead to the most beneficial results.
3. We beg leave to protest in the third place, because the refusal on the part of this Assembly, to discuss this subject with the Church of Ireland, seems to us to manifest too little interest on the part of the Assembly, in one of the most important and momentous subjects connected with the interests of religion in the Church.

To show the light in which this Assembly viewed the subject in past years, the important bearings it was thought to have on the interests of religion, we make one or two quotations. In 1818, the Assembly, (after having spoken in the plainest, and most positive manner of the sin of voluntarily enslaving one part of the human family,) says: "From this view of the consequences resulting from the practice into which Christian people have most inconsistently fallen, of enslaving a portion of their brethren, of mankind-for, "God hath made of one blood" \&c.- it is manifestly the duty of all Christians, who enjoy the light of the present day, when the inconsistency of slavery, both with the dictates of humanity and religion, has been demonstrated, and is generally seen and acknowledged, to use their honest, earnest, and unwearied endeavours to correct the errors of former times, and as speedily as possible, to efface this blot on our holy religion, and to obtain the complete abolition of slavery throughout christendom, and if possible, throughout the world." (Ass. Dig. pages 342 and 343.) Now, we refuse to hold intercourse on this subject, with those of our Christian brethren of the Church of Ireland, who have been instrumental already in abolishing slavery
in one region of the world, (the West Indies,) the great desideratum spoken of by the Assembly of 1848, and who are striving now in a spirit which we dare not call unchristian, to influence its abolition in another. We should not refuse their assistance, in accomplishing a great work in which the Assembly of 1818, assures us all Christians should assist. In 1834, this Assembly, in writing to the Secession Church of Scotland on the subject of slavery, says: "We are verily guilty in this matter, and until this stumbling block of our iniquity be taken away, we cannot expect the gospel of our Saviour to exhibit all its power in the conversion, and sanctification of men." This Assembly refuses to receive and answer the fraternal advice of, or in any way to discuss the subject with, the twin sister of this Church of Scotland. We believe that our forefathers were right when they described the nature, and tendency of slavery-its great influence on the Church of God; and held it up to the Christian world, as one of the great "stumbling blocks of iniquity" in the way of the "conversion and sanctification of men." The action of this Assembly seems to us to manifest too little interest in this subject.
4. We remonstrate lastly, against this action of the Assembly on the ground of what we believe will be its evil tendency. We fear the Christian world will say, when they shall read the Irish letter, and the reply of this Assembly, that this Assembly was either too much irritated with the letter of the Church of Ireland to give it a liberal answer, or that it wished to treat its remarks on the subject of slavery with contempt, or that it was unable to answer its arguments. We believe there are honest Christians in our own church, who are anxiously looking to the course this Assembly will take on -this momentous subject, and trembling for fear they will be obliged, in following their conscientious convictions of duty, to adopt a course that will sunder their connexion with a Church whose doctrines and discipline they love. We believe there are Presbyteries in connexion with our Church that are strongly opposed to slavery, as it exists in our body, and country, that will regard this action in a suspicious light; and that the Christian world will say, that this Assembly should have discussed this subject, in a full, free and Christian manner with the brethren of Ireland.

> T. M. Finney.
> E. Janes.
> John P. Vandike.

On motion, it was
Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a Digest of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly, since 1820 , accompanied by a full and copious index; and that they make an arrangement with the Board of Publication to publish such an edition as they may think proper, including in the same volume the present Digest.

The unfinished business was then taken up, viz., the Report of the Select Committee on Dr. Plumer's Report on the Financial Affairs of the Boards of the Church. The vote 'was taken on the first recommendation of the Committee, viz., the consolidation of the

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offices of Editor and Publishing Agent, in the Board of Publication, into one office, to be filled by one person at such salary as will compensate him for his services, not exceeding \$-; and the recommendation was not adopted.

The remaining portions of the Report were then, on motion, laid on the table, with a view to take up the following substitute, viz.

Resolved, That after a full investigation of the affairs of our Boards, and especially of their financial arrangements, this Assembly express the highest confidence in their respective managements, and in the faithful and economical service of their respective officers; and we do hereby earnestly recommend the Boards and their officers to the confidence and patronage of the churches.

Pending discussion on which, the Assembly adjourned.
Concluded with prayer.

## THURSDAY Morning, June 1, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. McIlhenny, Leake, C. A. Campbell, S. H. Smith, Symington, Hooker, Graves, W. Wright, A. Wright, Finney, Ustick, Harrower, McClure, Schoonmaker, Janes, Potter, and Ford.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Education presented a report, which was accepted and put on the docket.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Albany presented a report, which was accepted and put on the docket.

The unfinished business was resumed. The vote being taken on the substitute proposed on Wednesday evening, expressing confidence in the Boards of the Church, it was adopted.

On motion, it was
Resolved, That the Report made by the Rev. Dr. Plumer, in relation to the expenses of the different Boards of the Church, be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes, and the expense be paid pro rata by the Boards respectively.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Missions, presented the following Report, which was read and adopted seriatim, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, report, that they have examined the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. That this Report be adopted, and published under the direction of the Board, and that the Board furnish the Stated Clerk of the Assembly with an abstract, to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.
2. That in view of the unusual prosperity of the Board during the present year, the General Assembly do express their gratitude to the great Head of the Church, for his blessing on a cause so precious, and so deeply interesting to his people.
3. That in view of the magnitude of the work, the immense field to be occupied, and the vast importance of the cause, advancing with the rapid increase of the population of our country, we earnestly exhort the churches under our care to make this cause the subject of special prayer.
4. That it be earnestly recommended to the churches to make annual collections for the Board of Domestic Missions, and that the Synods and Presbyteries do adopt such means as in their judgment may best secure this object.
5. That it be recommended to all the churches under the care of this Assembly, to aid in the work of church extension, and that annual collections be made for this object, distinct from that of Domestic Missions. Whilst we rejoice that this work is advancing, we express our regret that so many of our churches have failed to co-operate in it.
6. That in the present state of the work of the religious instruction of the coloured population, in the southern States, and its prospects, there is mach that is gratifying and encouraging; and the Assembly expresses the conviction that this important work calls for increased attention and a more enlarged effort.
7. That in view of the vast importance of Domestic Missions, a sermon be delivered on this subject during the sessions of each Assembly, by some one previously appointed by this body.

The following resolution was offered, and, on motion, indefinitely postponed, viz:
Resolved, That the Board in Philadelphia and the Agency in Louisville, be transferred to Pittsburgh, and that hereafter that city be the location for the operations of this Board.

The following resolution was offered, and ordered to be referred to the Board, viz:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be advised, if a suitable individual can be found, to appoint an Agent from the West to labour to increase the funds of the Church Extension Committee.

A paper was offered, proposing to send down to the Presbyteries for their decision the erasure of the 4th Section of the 24th Chapter of the Confession of Faith, which was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The Moderator, with the consent of the Assembly, added Rev. William Smith, D.D., and Rev. Septimus Tustin, to the committee appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the sense of the House in Dr. Skinner's case.

It was moved to amend the record of yesterday, expressive of the result in the above-mentioned case. The motion was laid on the table.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.
THURSDAY Aeternoon, 4 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The order of the day, the election of Directors for the Seminary
at Princeton, and for the Board of Education, were taken up; and Messrs. Montgomery and Taylor were appointed a committee to receive and count the votes for the first, and Messrs. W. J. Frazer and Ladd, for the second.
The Committee appointed to receive and count the votes for Directors to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication reported the following persons as duly elected, viz:

## MINISTERS.

William Chester, D. D. William M. Engles, D. D. David Elliott, D.D. James Hoge, D. D. John Gray, D.D.
J. H. Jones, D. D.
J. M. Krebs, D.D. Gardiner Spring, D.D.
A. Tudehope,
J. W. Yeomans, D.D.
J. T. Edgar, D.D.
R. Morrison, D.D.
C. Van Rensselaer, D.D., in place of Dr. A. Green, deceased.

LAYMEN.
J. Henderson, Ebenezer Platt, James Johnson, Victor King, James Lenox, H. H. Leavitt, Thomas McKeen, A. W. Mitchell, M.D. J. B. Mitchell, William Walker, A. McIntyre, Archibald Robertson. W. E. Du Bois, in place of Alex. Henry, deceased.

The Report of the Trustees of the Western Theological Seminary was read, approved, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to print the usual papers in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Albany reported, recommending approval, with exceptions; and the report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Records of the Synod of Albany, report that they recommend their approval to page 263, with the following exceptions, viz:

1. They are not in all cases written with sufficient care.
2. The minutes on page 263 are not inserted in their proper place in the Records, but after the adjournment of Synod is recorded, they are inserted as addenda.
3. On page 257 we read of "a Complaint of the Minority of the Presbytery of Albany" to the Synod; but there is no intimation what they complained of; and when Synod took up the business, there is no evidence on record that the Moderator gave notice that they were about to proceed to judicial business, as the Constitution requires.
4. The Synod claim and exercise the right of disregarding the exceptions to their Records by the General Assembly of 1847, which we consider disrespectful and disorderly.

The Special Committee in the case of Rev. John Skinner, D. D., presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Appeal and Complaint of the Rev. John Skinner, D. D., against the Presbytery of Lexington, is sustained pro forma; the sentence of the Presbytery is revoked, and the appellant restored to all the functions of the ministry of the gospel.

The Complaint of the Rev. Wm. Calhoun and others, against the same Presbytery is dismissed.

While the Assembly do fully restore the appellant to the functions of the ministry, and take pleasure in recording that for about seven years he exhibited talents and zeal well adapted to edify the Church of God, and while they trust that he will hereafter show the same ability and fidelity in the Master's cause, they are constrained to express their deep concern at the uncharitable temper and litigiousness exhibited by him before the inferior judicatory, and their disapprobation of his course in printing and circulating his Lexington speech, pending his complaint to the Synod of Virginia.

Wherefore, he is hereby solemnly admonished in relation to these matters, and warned carefully to avoid them in future.

The Assembly regret, moreover, that they find no evidence that any of the parties have, at any stage of this unhappy controversy, resorted to the more private and fraternal methods of making peace among brethren, which are suggested in the word of God.

And the Assembly do now affectionately and solemnly enjoin on all concerned to cultivate a spirit of charity and forgiveness, to study the things that make for peace, and to seek by importunate prayer the influences of the Holy Spirit, that the wounds inflicted in the progress of this painful case may be healed, and the kingdom and glory of Christ may prevail in the region where these brethren are called to labour.

The Ayes and Nays were called for, and were recorded, and are as follows, viz.

Aris_Ministers: Kellogg, Seelye, Lyon, Backus, Doolittle, Lord, Boyd, Williams, Krebs, Jacobus, Bond, Rankin, D. V. McLean, Taylor, Manwaring, Townley, Carrell, Kirkpatrick, Ladd, Cuyler, J. W. Stewart, Purviance, Tustin, Lillie, Sterrett, McFarren, Hughes, Brownson, W. Smith, D. D., Webber, Cummings, W. McCluskey, Robinson, J. K. Cunningham, Stearns, Reed, Andrews, Aikin, Vandyke, Black, Daniel Stewart, Scovel, McIntyre, David M. Stewart, Ogden, A. D. White, William J. Frazer, Buchaman, Fenton, Scott, Hamphrey, C. A. Campbell, Osborne, Galbraith, J. D. Ewing, D. Stratton, Harrison, Hyde, Ernst, Anderson, E. S. Camphell, W. A. Gray. Elders: Mack, Chipman, Sherwood, Barnum, Lowrie, Hoagland, Martien, Yerkes, Rodgers, Clarke, Hepburn, Feay, E. Banke, Guthrie, Paul, William Ewing, Paxton, Whiteside, Kemper, Nelson, Lynn, Orchard, Harriss, Bnowden, Kent. Total Ayes, 87.

Nırs.-Ministers: Alexander Cunningham, Mahaffey, Bishop, Hynes, Bell, Blain, Penick, Wm. Banks, M. D. Fraser, Ross, J. C. Patterson, S. R. Wright. Elders: Fassett, Holmes, Hinman, Sloan, Amos, Keith, Oscar Brown, M. D., Sasseen, Berryman, Lancaster, Brexton, Jesse Brown, Baskin, Dunlap, James, Barron, J. B. Read, M. D. Total Nays, 29.

Excussd frox votina-Ministers: S. D. Alexander, Harding, McNeil, Atkinson, Joseph B. Stratton. Elders: J. J. Speed, William Wilson, Carrington, D. J. Murphey. Total, 9.

Nor Liquit-W. N. Peacock-l.
Rev. Mr. Webster gave notice of his intention to enter his dissent from the above minute.

The Committee appointed to receive and count the votes for Directors of the Board of Education, reported the following persons as duly elected, viz:

MINISTERS.
J. McCluskey, D.D.
S. K. Talmage, D.D.
S. Ramsay Wilson,

Jos. McElroy, D.D.
W. L. Breckinridge, D.D.

Phineas D. Gurley,
John S. Galloway,
S. D. Alexander.

LAYMEN.
Alex. Osbourn, Henry Potter, Samuel Hepburn, Thos. Henderson, Alex. Symington, Mark Hardin, Gilbert T. Snowden, Col. W. Walton, Grisby E. Thomas.

Archibald Robertson, for the unexpired term of Alexander Henry, deceased.

The Committee appointed to receive and count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, reported the following persons as duly elected, viz:

MINISTERS.
C. C. Cuyler, D.D.

Wm. M. Engles, D.D.
J. N. Campbell, D.D.

Geo. Potts, D. D.
John Johnston, D. V. McLean, John McDowell, D.D. John M. Krebs, D.D., to fill a vacancy of last year.
C. Van Rensselaer, D.D., in place of Dr. A. Green.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication, made a report, which was amended, adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Publication, having examined the same, together with an exhibition of the Plans and Operations of the Board, would recommend for the adoption of the General Assembly the following resolutions, viz.

Resolved, 1. That the object of this Board-to furnish for the churches under our care, in cheap and substantial form, well selected books, sound in theology and rich in practical and devotional matter, is one so important, that it cannot be neglected without loss to the Church and the world.
2. That while we recommend that special care be taken to accommodate the distant and more feeble parts of the Church, the cautious manner in which the funds of the Board have been managed meets the cordial approbation of the Assembly.
3. That it be recommended to the Board to publish translations of other works of a doctrinal and devotional character in the German language.
4. That it be earnestly recommended to the Synods and Presbyteries that have not already acted in this matter, speedily to establish
depositories, and by an efficient system of colportage under their own direction, to aid the Board in securing a wide circulation for their books.
5. That every friend of truth and godliness be entreated to aid the Board in establishing a fund for agency and colportage-a fund for supplying the West with books-for aiding Foreign Missions in this department-for supplying needy ministers, churches, and Sabbath schools with libraries-and also a fund for reducing the price of particular books, by stereotyping or otherwise.

The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Directors of Princeton Theological Seminary, was taken up; pending discussion on which, the Assembly adjourned till eight o'clock this evening.

## THURSDAY Evening, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The unfinished business was resumed, and the Report of the Committee on the Report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary in Princeton was amended, adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee appointed to examine the Report of the Directors of Princeton Seminary, beg leave to say that this document appears to have been prepared after the manner of previous reports. The whole report covers less than five small letter sheet pages, openly written, of which nearly three are mere lists of names. It is impossible from the report to form any idea concerning the presence or absence of missionary spirit amongst the students, of the general spirit of piety during the last year in the Seminary; or, indeed, to form any correct opinion whether the students now in the Seminary promise usefulness in the pastoral office, or the contrary. It is currently reported and believed that regular instruction is given in the Hebrew language, in the Seminary, by one person, upon whose character and qualifications the Assembly has not passed; yet no allusion is made in the report to this important fact. The Assembly considers such an omission as improper, and such action in reference to the appointment of a Hebrew teacher without the knowledge of this body, as inconsistent with the laws of the Institution, and with the relations in which it stands to the General Assembly.

From the number of young men reported to be members of the Seminary, and from the proficiency accredited to the stadents by the Examining Committee, we infer that this important school of the prophets maintains its high position, and was never in a more prosperons state.

It is, however, to be regretted that the Directors have not favoured the Assembly with more of that information in regard to the Seminary which ought to be expected and received. We are constrained to regard it as an exceedingly grave defect, when a report from such a source and upon such a subject, leaves the Assembly so much in the dark with regard to the vital matters of the trust; nor does it seem to us to be expedient that the Church should be left, as in this
instance, to general rumour for its knowledge of what is officially done by the Directors of the Seminary.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Education made a report, which was amended, adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Education beg leave to submit the following resolutions, viz.

1. Resolved, That this General Assembly, believing that the children of the Church are a trust committed to the Church by the Lord Jesus Christ, and having confidence in the power of Christian education, to train them, with the Divine blessing, "in the way they should go," do cordially recommend their congregations to establish primary and other schools, as far as may be practicable, on the plan sanctioned by last Assembly, of teaching the truths and duties of our holy religion in connexion with the usual branches of secular learning.
2. Resolved, That this Assembly heartily approve of the plan of establishing academies, or schools, male and female, under the supervision of the Presbyteries, for the purpose of securing a thorough education, religious and secular, to those of their youths who may desire to pursue branches of knowledge, not taught in the sessional Bchools.
3. Resolved, That colleges, as an integral part, and in their wide spread relations to the best interests of society, a vitally important part of a complete system of Christian education, demand the fostering care of the Church; and that the Board of Education be, and hereby is, authorized to assist in the promotion of the cause of collegiate education, by means of any funds that may be given for that purpose.
4. Resolved, That inasmuch as one (or more) of the theological seminaries of the churches, during the temporary interval of its endowment, is in a condition that needs assistance, the Board of Education be, and hereby is, authorized to apply such funds as may be appropriated by the donors to advance the interests of theological education.
5. Resolved, That in view of the decrease in the number of candidates for the ministry, which has occurred during the year, according to the statistics furnished to the Assembly, the Church is called upon to continue zealously the use of all proper means, that are adapted to awaken the attention of her whole communion to the duty enjoined by the Saviour, of preaching the gospel to every creature; and especially, that prayer to the Lord of the harvest, to send forth labourers into his harvest, should ascend with more fidelity and constancy from the closet, the family altar, and the sanctuary.
6. Resolved, That for the purpose of invoking, in a special manner, the blessing of God upon the measures for the Christian education of the rising generation which are in progress throughout our Church, under the recent action of the Assembly, and also for the purpose of uniting our common supplications in behalf of an increase of faithful labourers in the field of the world, it be recommended to our churches to observe the first Sabbath of November next, as a day of special
prayer; and it is further recommended that our ministers preach on that day, on some topic connected with the consecration and religious education of the children of the Church.
7. Resolved, That it le enjoined upon the Presbyteries to use great vigilance in the examination of all who present themselves as candidates for the ministry, especially in cases where there has been a deficiency of early Christian education; and that the Presbyteries are solemnly urged to continue a strict and affectionate supervision over their candidates during the entire course of their preparatory stadies for the ministry.
8. Resolved, That it be enjoined upon each Synod to appoint a Synodical Agent in behalf of the cause of Education, whose duty it shall be to confer with similar Presbyterial agents and co-operate with the Board in having this important cause more fully presented to all our churches.
9. Resolved, That the Annual Report be committed to the Board for publication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

FRIDAY Morning, June 2, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Platt, Harrison, Hendrick, Sasseen, Lowrie, Murchison, Whiteside, Nisbet, Nelson, Carrell.
The Moderator announced as the Committee of Five, to prepare a Digest-Rev. Daniel V. McLean, Rev. Giles Manwaring, Rev. John McDowell, D. D., Rev. William M. Engles, D.D., Rev. Willis Lord, D. D.

The Rev. Nicholas Murray, D. D. was then elected to preach the next Annual Sermon on Popery, and Rev. James Hoge, D.D. his alternate.

The Rev. Sylvester Scovel, D.D. was elected to preach the Sermon on Domestic Missions before the next Assembly, and Rev. D.V. McLean his alternate.

Judicial Case No. 4, was, on motion, taken up, viz: the Appeal of Dr. John Skinner against the Synod of Virginia for deciding that his appeal from the Presbytery of Lexington could not lie; and praying that it may be remanded to said Synod for trial.

The Moderator gave the usual charge; and the case was considered in its several stages. The parties then withdrew, and the roll was called for expression of opinions. The final vote was then taken, and resulted as follows, viz:

[^2]'Thornwell, S. R. Wright, R. B. White, J. B. Stratton, F.S. Ernst, E. S. Camphell, W. A. (iray. Elders: Chipinan, Sherwood, Hoagland, Hepburn, Feay, E. Banks, Haymaker, Lynn, Orchard, Cooper, Gilbert T. Snowden, Kent.-Total Ayes, 44.

Nays.-Ministers: Kellogg, Lyon, Gardner, Lord, Gile, Jacobus, Townley, Kirkpatrick. Cuyler, Hughes, Brownson, Cummings, Mahaffey, J. K. Cunningham, Stearns, Bishop, D. Stewart, Scovel, McIntyre, David M. Stewart, Clayton, Hynes, Bell, Scott, Humphrey, Harding, D. Stratton, McNeil, Peacock, Penick, Wm. Banks, M. D. Frazer, Ross, J. C. Patterion. Elders: Mack, Davidson, Fassett, Hitchcock, Millspaugh, Barnum, Holmes, Wilson, Martien, Yerkes, Guthric, Paul, Vaneman, Wm. Ewing, Sloan, Amos, Kemper, Oscar Brown, M. D., Berryman, Jesse Brown, Speed, Baskin, Dunlap, James, Barron.Total Nays, 59.

So the Appeal was not sustained.
And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

## FRIDAY Afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Report of the Committee on the Records of the Synod of Virginia was taken up. The Committee recommended that said records be approved; and the recommendation was adopted.

A reference from the Synod of Virginia of a Complaint of Rev. John Skinner, D.D., against a decision of the Presbytery of Lexington, dissolving his pastoral relation, was taken up.

The Moderator gave the usual charge. The reference was read, together with a Memorial of the complainant to the General Assembly, praying them to pronounce a final judgment in the case. The Complaint of Dr. Skinner, the decision of the Presbytery of Lexington, and the records in the case, were then read; and the Assembly proceeded to hear the parties; pending which the hour of adjournment arrived.

The Permanent Clerk read a letter from the Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, D.D., Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, taking leave of this Assembly, with expressions of regard and friendship.

And then the Assembly adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening. Concluded with prayer.

## FRIDAY Evenina, 8 o'clock.

The Asssembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave to Messrs. Ross, Lynn, Paul, Casky, J. W. Stewart, Vaneman, Lord, Feay, D. J. Murphey, Tustin, Townley, Gardner, Hitchcock, Kirkpatrick, William Reed, Sloan, Sterrett, E. Banks, Cuyler, Boyd, McCluskey, Bell, J. R. Wright, Alexander, D. Stewart, and Jacobus; and the report was approved.

The unfinished business was resumed, viz. the Complaint of Dr. John Skinner against the Presbytery of Lexington, for dissolving his pastoral relation to the Church of Lexington, referred to this Assembly by the Synod of Virginia; and the parties were fully .
heard. Whereupon, on motion, the following minute was then adopted, viz:

Resolved, That, had the Presbytery of Lexington been requested, simpliciter, to visit the Church of Lexington, in the preliminary stages of this business, for the purpose of investigating the state of things which, according to the allegation of Dr. Skinner, induced him to ask leave to resign his pastoral charge-or had the Presbytery, in view of that allegation, proceeded of their own motion to make such investigation, those things which seem to have produced the great excitement which manifestly existed in this case, might not have oceurred; nevertheless, in view of the actual state of the case, as it appeared to the Presbytery, in the last stages of it, the Presbytery could do no otherwise than to agree to the dissolution of the pastoral relation, and that their final decision in the premises be, and it hereby is, sustained.

The ayes and nays were demanded, and are as follows, viz:

[^3]Notices were given of intentions to enter dissents and protests against the above resolution.

And then the Assembly adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY Morning, June 3, 9 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Moderator announced the Committee on Church Music, as follows:-Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D., Rev. James W. Alexander, D. D., Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., Rev. George Potts, D. D., Rev. Daniel V. McLean, Rev. Willis Lord, D. D., Rev. John McNair, Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., Rev, Daniel McKinley, Rev. William Jeffery, Rev. Watson Hughes, Rev. John Stockton, D. D., Rev. C. C. Beatty, D. D.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the papers in the case of Rev. Dr. Skinner be returned to the respective bodies to which they belong.

A communication was received from Dr. Skinner, entitled, A Representation of the Rev. Dr. Skinner, to the General Assembly, expressive of the sense in which he understands the Expository

Minute, adopted in his Case, No. 3; which was read, and on motion, unanimously directed to be returned to him.

Rev. Mr. Webster presented a dissent with reasons, from the decision of the Assembly, in Judicial Case No. 3, which was read, and ordered to be placed on file. Mr. Webster then offered the following protest, which was admitted to record; viz.

I enter my protest against the decision by which my dissent, which is couched in respectful terms, was refused a record on the minutes.

I concur in the above. Richard Webster. W. J. Fraser.

Rev. Mr. Lillie offered the following protest for himself and others, which was admitted to record, viz.
The undersigned beg leave respectfully to record their solemn protest against the decision of this venerable Assembly, in the complaint of the Rev. John Skinner, D. D., against the Presbytery of Lexington, for the following among other reasons, viz.

First-Dr. Skinner did not resign his pastoral charge.
Second-Dr. Skinner did positively and in the most solemn manner protest against being regarded as having resigned.

Third-Dr. Skinner's separation, therefore, from the Lexington Church, was an ejection from his charge. And

Fourth-Consequently a very severe sentence was carried into effect against a minister of the highest reputation, unaccused, untried, and uncondemned.

| James Lillife, | Joseph F. Fenton, |
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| G. T. Snowden, | James Black, |
| C. C. Cuyler, | John P. Vandye, |
| R. Taylor, | Wa. A. Gray. |

The following dissent was offered, and admitted to record, viz.
We the undersigned, beg leave to record our dissent from the minute adopted in the case of Dr. Skinner's complaint against the Presbytery of Lexington. We believe that the conduct of the Presbytery complained of was constitutional and wise, and that the Presbytery adopted the only course which could be adopted to promote the interests of that congregation. The language of the minute seems to us to evade the main point in dispute.

| David Sterrett, | I. S. Berriman, |
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| M. D. Frafer, | Benamin Ogiden, |
| Dayiel Mack, | Henry L. Doolittle, |
| G. Manwarina, | John H. Townlet, |
| Geo. Davidson, | J. A. Lancaster, Jr. |
| J. H. Thornwell, | Samuel Mahafy. |

On motion, the following changes were made in the Delegates to Corresponding Bodies, viz., Dr. Harding to the General Conference of Maine; Dr. Studdiford to the General Consociation of Vermont; and Mr. Tustin to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church.'

On motion, Judicial Case No. 6 was taken up, viz. The Appeal
of John Cathey from a decision of the Synod of North Carolina, sastaining the action of the Presbytery of Concord, and of the Session of the Paw Creek Church, by which he was suspended from the Church for marrying his deceased wife's sister.

The Moderator gave the usual charge, the papers were read, and the parties heard. The Rev. Dr. Krebs was appointed to act in behalf of the Appellant in his absence. The roll was called for expression of opinions. The final vote was then taken, by ayes and nays, as followeth, viz.

Ares-Miristers: Kellogg, Lyon, Backus, Rankin, Manwaring, Ladd, Webster, Webber, Cummings, Atkin, Clayton, A. D. White, Hynes, W. J. Fraser, Fenton, Humphrey, Ernst, E. S. Campbell. Elders: Chipman, Sherwood, Wilson, Hepburn, E. Banks, Oscar Brown, M. D., Barron, Kent. Total, 26.

Nars.-Ministers: Williams, Doolittle, McLeañ, Taylor, Cuyler, Purviance, William Smith, D. D., Alexander Canningham, Mahaffey, Stearns, Andrews, Vandyke, Black, Scovel, McIntyre, David M. Stewart, Ogden, Scott, Montgomery, B. M. Smith, Atkinson, Blain, Osborne, Galbraith, Hyde, William Banks, M. D. Frazer, Thornwell, J. C. Patterson, R. B. White, J. B. Stratton, Anderson, W. A. Gray. Elders : Davidson, Fassett, Barnum, Hinman, Martien, Rodgers, Clarke, Haymaker, Amos, Kemper, Orchard, Keith, Berryman, Carrington, Lancaster, Murphy, Baskin, Dunlap, James, Snowden, J. B. Read, M. D., Means. Total, 65.

Non Liquet.-Ministers: Seelye, Bond. Elder : Mack. Total, 3.
So the Appeal was not sustained.
Judicial Case No. 8 was then taken up, viz. Memorial and Complaint of the Rev. Colin McIver, against the Synod of North Carolina and the Presbytery of Fayetteville, in the case of Archibald McQueen, which was before the General Assembly of 1847, and anew offered for special reasons to the General Assembly of 1848. The Judicial Committee were of opinion that the action of the last General Assembly concluded this particular case, and therefore recommended to the Assembly to dismiss the same. The recommendation was adopted.

Overture No. 6 was taken ap, viz. A Request from the Synod of West Tennessee, that the question be submitted to the Presbyteries, of the expediency of striking out the latter part of the 4th section of the 24th Chapter of the Confession of Faith, which says "the man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the woman of her husband's kindred than of her own. The Committee were of opinion that the change contemplated is not desirable, and that the question should not be sabmitted to the Presbyteries. The report was adopted.

Overtare No. 7 was taken ap, viz. A Memorial from the Synod of Pittsburgh on the subject of Incestuous Marriages. The Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolation, viz.

Resolved, That all sessions of Presbyteries in connexion with this General Assembly, are solemnly bound to inflict the censures of the Church upon all siabject to their discipline, who contract these marriages.

On motion, the resolation was indefinitely postponed.
The following resolution was then offered, and on motion, indefinitely postponed, viz.

Whereas a conscientions difference of opinion manifestly exists in
our Church upon what is styled "the marriage question," (as set forth in Chapter 24, Article 4, and last clause, Confession of Faith,) in consequence of which difference of opinion, past General Assemblies have felt constrained to leave to the inferior courts to say how cases arising upon that rule shall be treated; and inasmuch as it becomes the General Assembly frankly to admit and provide for such differences of opinion and practice;

Therefore, be it declared that in accordance with the usage of this court, the question whether and to what extent there shall be discipline in such cases, is, and must be always determined by the conscientious convictions of the inferior judicatories.

Overture No. 18 was taken up, and adopted unanimously, and is as follows, viz.

A preamble and resolution submitted by the Executive Committee of the American Temperance Union to the General Assembly for its adoption, to which may be added an Address of the New York City Temperance Society, organized on Christian principles, transmitted to the Assembly by a committee of the Society.

Your Committee would recommend, in reference to this whole subject of Temperance Societies, and all other secular institutions for moral ends, the adoption of the following minute.

The Church of Jesus Christ is a spiritual body to which have been given the ministry, oracles and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints in this life, to the end of the world. It is the great instrumentality of the Saviour, through which, by his eternal Spirit, he dispenses salvation to the objects of his love. Its ends are holiness and life, to the manifestation of the riches and glory of Divine grace, and not simply morality, decency and good order, which may to some extent be secured without faith in the Redeemer, or the transforming efficacy of the Holy Spirit. The laws of the Church are the authoritative injunctions of Christ, and not the covenants, however benevolent in their origin and aim, which men have instituted of their own will; and the ground of obligation which the church, as such, inculcates, is the authority of God speaking in his word, and not pledges of honour which create, measure, and define the peculiar duties of all voluntary associations. In this kingdom of God the Holy Scriptures are the only rule of faith and manners, and no church judiciary ought to pretend to make laws which shall bind the conscience, or to issue recommendations which shall regulate manners, without the warrant, explicit or implied, of the revealed will of God. It is hence beside the province of the Church to render its courts, which God ordained for spiritual purposes, subsidiary to the schemes of any association founded in the human will and liable to all its changes and caprices. No court of Christ can exact of his people to unite with the Temperance, Moral Reform, Colonization, or any other society which may seek their aid. Connexion with such institutions is a matter of Christian liberty. Their objects may be, in every respect, worthy of the countenance and support of all good men, but in so far as they are moral and essentially obligatory, the Church promotes them among its own
members, and to none others does its jurisdiction extend, by the means which God has ordained for the edification of his children. Still, in the exercise of their Christian liberty, as good citizens, as patriotic subjects of the State, from motives of philanthropy, and from love to God, Christian people may choose to adopt this par-ticular mode of attempting to achieve the good at which all moral societies profess to aim, they have a right to do so, and the Church, as long as they endorse no false principles and countenance no wrong practices, cannot interfere with them. Recognizing these propositions as the truths of the word of God, this General Assembly, as a court of Jesus Christ, cannot league itself with any voluntary society, cannot exact of those who are subject to its discipline to do so; but must leave the whole matter, where the Scriptures leave it, to the prudence, philanthropy, and good sense of God's children; each man having a right to do as to him shall seem good.
These societies must appeal not to church courts, but to church members. When they proclain principles that are scriptural and sound, it is not denied that the church has a right, and under certain circumstances, may be bound to bear testimony in their favour; and when, on the other hand, they inculcate doctrines which are infidel, heretical and dangerous, the Church has a right to condemn them. In conformity with these statements the General Assembly has no hesitation in cordially approving of abstinence from intoxicating drinks as a matter of Christian expediency, according to the words of the Apostle in Romans xiv. 21, "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak," and in expressing its affectionate interest in the cause of temperance-and would recommend to its ministers and elders who have become connected with temperance societies, to use every effort to prevent the introduction of any other principle as the ground of their pledge, and to throw around these institutions those safeguards which shall be the means of rescuing them from the excesses to which they are liable from influences opposed to or aside from the Gospel of Christ.

Judicial Case No. 7. A Complaint of the Minority of Albany Presbytery against a decision of the Synod of Albany respecting the stage at which the congregation shall be cited, when a pastor asks leave to resign his charge, was taken up, and dismissed for defectiveness of the record.

On motion, it was
Resolved, That a copy of the minute adopted in regard to Overture No. 18, be sent to the Society requesting it.

Overtures Nos. 14, 15, on Congregational Representation, was taken up. Pending discussion on which the Assembly adjourned.
Concluded with prayer.
SATURDAY Afternoon, 4 o'clock.
The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.
The minutes were read.
The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had
granted leave to Messrs. Anderson, Doolittle, Barron, Ladd, Hepburn, Cummings, O. Brown, Humphrey, Ogden, D. Stratton, J. B. Stratton, and Braxton. The report was approved.

The unfinished business was resumed, viz.

- Overture No. 14, a request from the Synod of Ohio, and

Overture No. 15, an inquiry from the Synod of Mississippi on the same subject; and on motion, the whole subject was referred to the next General Assembly.

The Report of Rev. William M. Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee appointed by the last Assembly, to report to this, on certain amendments in the Book of Discipline, was taken up, and read, and the accompanying resolutions adopted, as follows:

1. Resolved, That Synod has power to order a Presbytery to meet, and to transact such business as, in the judgment of Synod, is intimately connected with the good order and well-being of the Church.
2. Resolved, That as such meetings are of the nature of "prore nata" meetings, the rules that are laid down in our Book for the regulation of such called meetings ought to regulate and govern in all cases these meetings ordered by Synod; except when ordered to meet during the sessions of Synod on business immediately connected with the proceedings of that body. In such cases, the Presbytery may be required to meet at once by order of the Synod.
3. Resolved, That whilst it would be inexpedient and wrong for the Synod to order a Presbytery to meet beyond its own bounds, without the express consent of its members, we see no constitutional or valid objection against a Presbytery agreeing to meet without its own geographical limits.

The following resolutions were offered, and, on motion, indefinitely postponed, viz:

1. Resolved, By this General Assembly, that Christian masters are ordinarily bound to have their servants, who are "born in their house or bought with their money," baptized and instructed in the Scriptures and Catechisms of the Church.
2. Resolved, That the Presbyteries (as far as they are concerned) take order on the subject, and require the Sessions of their churches to report annually to them, of their diligence in the discharge of their duty in this respect; and that the Presbyteries themselves report to the General Assembly, from year to year, how far their elders and members are fulfilling their religious obligations to their slave population.

The Trustees of the General Assembly were directed to pay to the Stated Clerk the bills for incidental expenses during the sessions of the Assembly.

On motion,

1. Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly be given to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, for the arrangements they have made for the accommodation of the Assembly, and to the inhabitants of the city of Baltimore for their hospitality to the members during these sessions.
2. Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly be returned to the pastors and officers of those churches in the city, of other denominations, who kindly tendered the use of their respective pulpits and asked supplies on the Sabbaths during the sessions of Assembly.
3. Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the daily papers of this city.

On motion,
Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be tendered to the Moderator for the faithful, kind, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.
The roll was then called, and the following persons were found to be absent without leave: Messrs. Williams, Gile, Simpson, Smalley, Brownson, Robinson, J. K. Cunningham, Blayney, Colmery, Bishop, Millspaugh, Sherwood, Oakley, Yerkes, Clarkson, Clarke, Bound, Guthrie, W. Ewing, R. H. Walker, Paxton, Janes, F. M. Walker, Buchanan, J. D. Ewing, McNeil, Peacock, Allison, J. K. White, P. Murphy, Milner, A. Wright, Cromartie, Lemon, Kent.

The minutes were read and approved.
The Assembly having completed their business, it was
Resolved, That this General Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Pittsburgh, on the third Thursday of May, A.D. 1849, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Accordingly, the Moderator dissolved the Assembly, according to the prescribed form, with singing, prayer, and the apostolical benediction.

robert davidson, Permanent Clerk.

Baltimore, June 3, 1848.
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a GEnERal view of synods, drawn from reports to the general assembly of 1848.

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| Albany. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Londonderry, Troy, Albany, } \\ \text { Columbia. 4. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | 88 | 52 | 7882 |  |  | Reuben Smith. |
| Buffalo. | $\|$Ogdensburg, Steuben, Wyo- <br> ming, Buffalo City. 4. | 39 | 35 | 2846 | Rochester, N. Y. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { August 16, } 1848, \\ 2 \text { o'clock, P. M. } \end{array}\right\|$ | John C. Lord, D. D. |
| New York. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Hudson, North River, Bedford, } \\ \text { Long Island, New York, } \\ \text { New York 2d. 6. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | 116 | 91 | 12275 | New York, N. Y. | October 16, 1848, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M. | John M. Krebs, D. D. |
| New Jersey. | $\|$Elizabethtown, New Bruns- <br> wick, West Jersey, Newton, <br> Raritan, Susquehanna, Lu- <br> zerne. 7. | 158 | 138 | 18313 | Wilksbarre, Pa. | October 18, 1848, 7 o'clock, P. M. | Ravaud K. Rodgers. |
| Philadelphia. | Philadelphia, Philadelphia 2d, New Castle, Donegal, Baltimore, Carlisle, Huntingdon, Northumberland. 8. | 179 | 225 | 26597 | Lancaster, Pa. | October 18, 1848 , 3 o'clock, P. M. | H. R. Wilson, D. D. |
| Pittsburgh. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Blairsville, Redstone, Ohio, Al- } \\ & \text { legheny, Beaver, Erie, Cla- } \\ & \text { rion. 7. } \end{aligned}\right.$ | 132 | 200 | 20289 | Pittsburgh, Pa. | September 20, 1848, 3 o'clock, P. M. | William Jeffery. |
| Wheeling. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c}\text { Washington, Steubenville, St. } \\ \text { Clairsville, New Lisbon. 4. }\end{array}\right\|$ | 65 | 108 | 10192 |  |  | C. C. Beatty, D. D. |
| Ohio. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Columbus, Marion, Zanesville, } \\ & \text { Richland, Wooster, Coshoc- } \\ & \text { ton, Hocking. 7. }\end{aligned}\right.$ | 85 | 147 | 10787 |  |  | Simeon Brown. |
| Cincinnali. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Chilicothe, Miami, Cincinnati, } \\ \text { Oxford, Sidney, Maumee. 6. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | 91 | 137 | 9383 | Bloomingburgh,Oh | October 19, 1848, 11 o'clock, A. M. | Samuel. Steel. |



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| Oliver A. Taylor, P. C. |  |  |
| John Pike, P. C. |  |  |
| Edward Harris, W. C. |  | Manchester, Mass. |
| Moses Welch, W. C. |  |  |
| Rufus W. Clark, P. C. |  |  |
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| Troy, 2d St. church, V. |  |  |
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| Isaac O. Fillmore, P. Cambridge, P. Cambridge, N. Y. |  |  |
| Edward E. Seelye, P. Stillwater, P. Stillwater |  |  |
| Joseph B. Eastman, S. S. 1st ch. Kingsbury, S. S. Sandy Hill, N |  |  |
| E. W. Goodman, S. S. | Bolton, S. S. | Bolton, N. Y. |
| Samuel Dunton, S. S. Dunning St. ch. S. S. Malta, N. Y. |  |  |
| Edw. W. Andrews, W. C. Waterford, V. V South Cornwall |  |  |
| John Sessions, W. C. | Troy, 3d church, V. | Sandlake, N. Y. |
| E. H. Newton, W. C. Hebron, V.-11. Cambridge, N. Y. |  |  |
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\hline Leland R. McAboy, P. \& Cross Roads \& Plain, P. \& Wexford, Pa. \& 21 \& 5 \& 251 \& 1 \& 30 \& \& 7 \& \& \& 12 \& 5 \& 100
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## ADOPTED BT THE OENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCR, JA THE UNITED

 states of ayerica, at baltimore, 1848.The General Assembly, at its present sessions, has received, from nearly ninety of the Presbyteries under its care, reports on the state of religion, from which the following statoment has been compiled for the information of the churches.

It gives us great pleasure to be able to say, that the outward condition of our churches seems, at the present time, to be highly prosperous-as much so, perhaps, as at any former period of our history. With scarcely an exception, the Preshyteries tell us, that peace and harmony prevail in the midst of them. In many of the Presbyteries a number of new churches have been organized during the year, in others, old churches are receiving a larger amount of ministerial labour than formorly, and in all, the attendance on the ordinances of the gospel, if it has not increased, is at least as good as at any former period. Not a few of the Presbyteries expressly assure us that the attendance and attention of their people have been unusually good. It appears also, from the reports before us, that the past year has been signalized by the erection of an unusually large number of houses of worship, especially in the West and South. We rejoice greatly in the evidence thus furnished, that the number of persons to whom the bread of life is broken by our ministers, is steadily increasing.

The instruction of the young seems to engage the attention of all our Presbyteries. They all speak of their Sabbath schools and Bible classes, and some of these are represented as being in a flourishing condition. We are gratified to learn, that in some places where the Shorter Catechism had fallen in some measure into disuse, it is likely to be restored to that place to which its great excellence, as a compend of Christian doctrine, entitles it. Some of the Presbyteries complain, that family instruction, and family religion are neglected by many who profess to belong to the household of faith. "Brethren, these things ought not so to be." We take take this occasion to warn parents and heads of families against such neglect. Valuable as Sabbath schools and Bible classes are, as aids in the training of children, they can never supply the place of parental training, or release the parent from the obligation to instruct his own houschold. Nor can any punctuality in attending on public worship and prayer meetings supply the place of daily family prayer. "This ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." The interests of the rising generation, and the interests of the Church in coming time, are deeply involved in the faithfulness of heads of families in maintaining a church in the house.

The interest manifested in the instruction of the coloured population of our country, which former Assemblies have noticed, seems not to have declined, but rather increased. With scarcely an exception, the Presbyteries covering that portion of our country where this class of our population are found in the greatest numbers, speak of the interest felt in this subject as gaining strength.

Some of the reports before us represent the temperance reformation as advancing; and some of them speak of an improvement in the observance of the Sabbath. From others, however, there are complaints of the prevalence of intemperance, Sabbath breaking, profaneness, and worldliness. We not only warn you, beloved brethren, to beware of these and other vices, but we exhort you to co-operate zealously with our brethren of other denominations in all well-directed scriptural efforts for the suppression of these evils. Especially do we urge you to give the influence of your example in favour of the temperance reformation. Have nothing to do with the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and diecountenance in every proper way the drinking usages of society.

The Presbyteries generally report, that they have done, at least as much as formerly, to suatain our several Boards, and Theological Seminaries. A few of them complain, that there has been, in this respect, a falling off. We fear that there are few amongst us who do not come short of the standard of duty, in reference to this subject. Even of those who give, and give, as they and perhaps others, believe, liberally, how few have a correct view of the obligation which rests upon them to " lay by them in store, as God hath prospered them!" How few regard it as a religious duty-one of the ordinances of Christ's house! And yet all must admit that this is the light in which it is represented, in those standards which we all profess to regard as exhibiting faithfully the leading doctrines of the Bible. (See Form of

Government, chapter VII.) Let us never forget, that the Church was intended to be a missionary society-that we are called into the ${ }^{\circ}$ kingdom of God to be employed in active efforts to propagate that kingdom-and that the Presbyterian Church, as a component part of that kingdom, is furnished, in her Boards of Edacation, and Publication, in her Theological Seminaries, and her Boards of Missions, with every facility for being an efficient helper in the great work of making known, Christ and his salvation. In this connexion, we cannot forbear to mention, as an incentive and encouragement to labour for the diffusion of the gospel, that one of the Presbyterial reports, now before us, is from the Presbytery of Lodiana, in the centre of Asia; and was written, as the Stated Clerk certifies, by a native minister, who was a blinded Hindu only eight or ten years ago. This man was converted by the instrumentality of our missionaries, and by them educated, and ordained to the work of the ministry. We may state further on this subject, that in addition to three Presbyteries in India, organized several years ago, one of which is referred to above, and is represented in this Assembly, we have, at our present sessions, taken measures for the organization of four Presbyteries on heathon ground.

Let us now turn from the external, to inquire respecting the internal, or spiritual state of the Church. What evidence have we that the Lord in in the midst of her? Does the life and power of religion provail? This, after all, is the true giory of the Charch; and to rest satisfied with a state of outward prosperity without the life-giving and soul-anctifying prosence of the God of all grace, is to mistake the shadow for the subatance, the means for the end, the sign for the thing signified.

The reports before us farnish mournful evidence that the internal state of our beloved Zion is by no means co prosperons as the extornal. The complaint is very general, that notwithstanding the multitudes that throng our places of worahip; notwithstanding the apparent attention with which thoy listen to the words of eternal life, apiritual languor and formality characterize, in a lamentable degree, the members of our churches; and thoee who "know not God, and obey not the goespel of our Lord Jesus Christ," are hardening in sin. The prevalasce of this state of things ought to alarm us, and lead ns to persevering and importunate prayer for a mighty and general effision of the Holy Spirit. Let those who are the Lord's remembrancers, "give him no reat until he establish, and make Jerusalem a praise in all the earth."

But we rejoice, that we are permitted to apeak of better things, and to inform our brethren, that this deadness is not universal. The Lord has not left himself without witness, or our Zion without encouragement in the year that has now clowed. It is believed that no General Aseembly for several years past has been cheered with reports of so many revivala, or with so much evidence of divine power accompanying the ordinances of the gospel. In meny of our churches gentle refreshings, and in eome, powerful revivale have been enjoyed within the paet year. Nearly sixty congregations are named as having shared in these refreehings; and in other isstances the Presbyteries simply report that many of their congregations have been refreshed. . These congregations are not embraced in any one section of our country, nor does the revival seem to have become general in any one Presbytery. On the contrary, these mercy drope have fallen here und there throughout our whole ecclesiastical bounds. Let ns hope and pray that they may be as the scattered drops that sometimes precede the great shower.

In these revivala, it is an encouraging fact, that seminaries of learning have been graciously visited, and many young men collected to receive education have been taught to know Him, whom to know is life eternal. Lafayette College, at Easton, Penneylvania, and an Academy in the city of St. Louis, are specially noticed as having been thus gracioasly visited.

These things ought not only to inspire us with devout gratitude, but to encourage our hope in God, and lead us to expect and ask great things of him. We live in a day when changes of the most extraordinary kind are oecurring on every hand. Who could have anticipated the changes that have taken place in the old world within the last few months, and who can tell what is to be the result of those changes on the state of society, and the progress of the gospel? May we not hope that He , under whose controlling Providence these astounding eventahave occurred, and by whose grace, seasons of refreshing have heen enjoyed, during the same period, by a few of the churches in this land, is about to remove obetacles that have hitherto stood in the way of the progress of the gospel, and take to himself his great power, and reign King of nations, as he now reigns King of saints. Let us pray that he would hasten it in his time, and employ us in advancing this great work.

We are again reminded by the reports before us, that "the time is short." Not a few of our ministers have been removed by death during the past year. And since we assem-
bled in this place, two of the fathers, eminent alike for their talents, and the important and responsible stations which they have occupied in the Church-one of them an active and efficient minister at the time when our present Constitution was adopted-have been called to their final reward. Let these things admonish us to work while it is called to-day, as knowing that the night of death is coming, in which no man can work.
A. T. McGill, Moderator.

## REPORTS OF DELEGATES.

## REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

To the Moderator of the General Aspembly.
Rev. and Drar Sir,-As the delegate from the General Assembly, I attended the meeting of the General Conference of Maine, held in the city of Portland, on the 22d of June last. I was cordially welcomed by the brethren, and was greatly rejoiced in spirit to behold their zeal for God, their diligent prosecution of all those schemes of benevolence which characterize the evangelical Christian churches in our country, and their earnest endeavours to raise up from among themselves, through the 'Theological Seminary at Bangor, ministerial supplies for the vast destitutions of their extensive territory.

In my statement of the spiritual condition of the churches among us, and of our efforts by means of ecclesiastical organizations to carry forward the causes of missions, education, and publication, I embraced the opportunity to present facts connected with the attention paid to the evangelization of the slave population in our Southern country, and the attempt to establish, throughout our whole Church, parochial achools; as also the system of colportage employed for the circulation of the valuable doctrinal and practical books of our Board of Publication.

The statements were regarded with interest; and I am happy to say that the General Conference of Maine felt no desire, and took no action, to burden or obstruct their correa pondence with the General Aseembly, by reprehensory or intermeddling resolutions or epistles.

Your delegate was highly gratified and edified by his association with the brethren of Maine, and took occasion to express to them the fratornal salutation of the venerable body he represented, together with the desire that the correspondence might be continued.

The Conference appointed a delegate to attend the meeting of the General Asembly, to be held in Bultimore during the present month. Their next meeting is to be held at Bangor, on the fourth Tuesday of June, proximo.

Affectionately in Chriat Jesus,
Germantown, Pu., May 8, 1848.
Thoxas B. Beadyomd.

## REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.
Rev. and Dear Sia,-Having been appointed by the General Assembly of 1847, a delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire, I would respectfully report-That I attended the meeting of that body on the fourth Tuesday of August last.

Your delegate was received with kindness and treated with courtesy and attention.
The meeting was harmonious and truly refreshing, and the brethren manifested the utmost cordiality towards the Assembly.

The next meeting is appointed for the fourth Tuesday in August, at Manchester, New Hampshire, and a delegate was appointed to attend the Assembly of 1848.
R. Steel.

Abington, May 15:h, 1848.

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# REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TÓ THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT. 

To the Moderator of the General Acsembly.
Rev. and Drar Sir,-The Assembly having honoured the undersigned with an appointment to attend the meeting of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers in Vermont, he performed the duties assigned him to the best of his ability. This Convention met in Springfield, Vt., June 15th, 1847, and continued its sessions two days, on all which, except a concluding portion, your delegate attended. Owing to arrangements for travelling, which he could not control, he was compelled to forego the privilege of uniting with the Christian brethren of this Convention, in commemorating the Lord's Supper in closing their exercises.
As is well known to the Assembly, the exercises of the "Convention," mainly consist in hearing reports from the aseociations, and other religious bodies represented in it, on the state of religion and the progress of schemes of benevolence. In connexion with these, public meetings, promotive, in their effect, of the various charitable institutions of the Church, are held, and addresses are delivered. Devotional exercises are mixed in all these proceedings. The meetings of the Convention are thus characterized by many extremely interesting featurea.

So far as your delegate could learn, there exists in the two hundred churches of Vermont, a great degree of harmony and peace. There has been some considerable advance in the work of missions. Increased attention is given to the work of catechetical instruction, and many decided evidences of a retarn to the customs of their Puritan ancestry in this respect, were presented.

Your delegate received every attention he had a right to expect, and his statements of the affairs of our own Church, were received with marked attention and interest. The subject of slavery was not brought forward in any offensive form, and the reports of your delegate on the work of our Church, in the religious instruction of slaves, were heard with marks of decided satisfaction.

The general impression of the importance of this interchange of Christian courtesies, was deepened on the mind of your delegate, and the members of the Convention, so far as he could learn, cordially coincided in the feeling. A delegate was appointed to attend the present meeting of our Assembly, from whom more minute details of the state of the Convention may be expected.

Respectfally sabmitted,

B. M. Smiti.

## REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

To the Moderator of the General Aesembly.
The undersigned having been appointed by the last General Assembly, a delegate to the General Association of Massachusette, respectfully reports-That he performed the duty assigned him, and attended the meetings of the said Association from their beginning to their adjeurnment. The Association met in Worcester, Massachusetts, on Tuesday afternoon, June 22, and continued in session till Thursday afternoon the 24th. Your delegate was received with a cordiality and Christian courtesy at once worthy of the body of Christian ministers to which he came, and the body be represented. He found it delightful to "take sweet counsel together, and walk to the house of God in company" with these brethren. In prayer, praise, the preaching of the word, the communion of the Lord's Supper, and in the interchange of Christian sentiment and religious intelligence, the moments of his sojourn passed pleasantly. The Association listened with respect and interest to the statements which your delegate was enabled to make in regard to the condition, labours, and prospects of the large portion of Zion represented by him; and he was pleased to learn from the narratives of the several district associations, that upon the whole the interests of truth and piety were advancing amongst them. From all he saw and heard, your delegate was impressed with the belief, that a continuance of the plan of correspondence by delegates with other evangelical denominations is very desirable as a means of binding together in one, the soveral branches of the visible body of Christ, and of consoli-
dating the power, and imparting unity to the influence of the sacramental host. Reciprocating the kind and fraternal feelings of the General Assembly, the General Association of Massachusetts appointed a delegate to attend the Assembly of 1848 ; and the undersigned ventures to express the hope, that he and the other delegates from corresponding bodies, will not only receive the usual warm and fraternal welcome, but that, if possible, more time and attention than has been customary, may be bestowed in learning from them the state and prospects of the bodies they severally represent.

All of which is respectfully submitted by
Your fellow servant in the Gospel of Christ,
D. X. Junkin.

Manse of Greenwich, May 12th, 1848.

## REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE EVANGELICAL CONSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.
Ref. and Dear Sir,-Agrecably to appointment made at the last Assembly, the undersigned, on the second Tuesday of Jane, attended as delegate to the Erangelical Coneociation of Rhode Island, which held its sessions at Newport. And he has the satisfaction of reporting, that his reception and intercourse with them was as fraternal and cordial as could be desired. Several delegates from other bodies were also in attendance. Such correspondence is gratifying to the social and hospitable feelings of the Consociation, and is the more desirable from the smallness of the Consociation.

The mecting was characterized by great unanimity and Christian courtery, by which the despatch of business was so facilitated, that, although the Lord's Supper was administered with the nsual exercises, the business of missions was attended to, and secretaries of societies presented their several subjects to the attention of the Consociation, yet their sessions continued only a day and a half.

They were particularly interested with hearing what the Assembly had done to give the Bible and the missionary to the coloured population of the South, and made an appropriation to supply Bibles for the eame object.

The missionary spirit of the Consociation is vigorous and active; and success is, by the Head of the Church, added to their efforts: and their zeal to promote the sanctification of the Sabbath is truly laudable.

Correspondence with that truly evangelical body, must afford mutual satisfaction, and mutual benefit; and is in keeping with the fruitful and interesting subject of "Christian Union," which was before the last General Assembly.

The riches of Divine grace be with you, and with those over whom you preside.
Williamsburgh, Clcment Co., Ohio, October 16th, 1847.

## REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ABSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

To the Moderator of the General Aspembly.
Rev. Sin-The undersigned begs leave to report through you to the General Assembly, that be fulfilled his appointment as Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut. The Association met in Suffield on the third Tuesday of June, 1847. The churches connected with the Association were represented as being in a prosperous and healthy condition. Increasing attention appeared to be paid to the use of the Westminster Assembly's Catechism. Your delegate was received with great kindness and courtesy, and his statements in reference to parochial education and missionary operations among the coloured population of the South, were listened to with great interest. Bome sensitiveness was manifested by a few members on the latter subject, and particularly in regard to a supposed slight by the Assembly of former communications on the subject of slavery. The statements and explanations of your delegate were received with great urbanity, and the overwhelming majority showed a decided aversion to any disturbance of the harmonious relations that exist between the two bodies. The Rev. Messrs. Clark and Atwater were
appointed to attend the Assembly of 1848. The Aseociation voted to hold their meeting this year, (third Tuesday of June, 1848, ) in the city of Hartford.

Very respectfully,
New Brunswick, May 12, 1848.

## REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly.
Rev. and Dram Sir-Agreeably to the appointment of the General Assembly I attended the meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, held in the city of New York in June last. Their proceedings were marked by a fraternal spirit, and by a vigilant regard for the peace, order, and purity of the churches under their care. The action of our last General Assembly on the subject of Christian Union was presented to their attention by your delegate, and responded to by the appointment of a committee of conference, agreeably to the suggestion of the Assembly. A delegate was also appointed to attend the sessions of the General Assembly at its approaching meeting.

As a copy of their "Acts and Proceedings" will be laid before you, it is unnecessary to add any thing further than to say, that your delegate was treated with much kindness personally, and had the satisfaction to receive for the body which be represented very cordial expressions of confidence and regard. A continuance of the correspondence cannot fail to be profitable. With great reapect, David Eliiott.

Allegheny City, May 12th, 1848.

## REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GERMAN REFORMED SYNOD.

To the Moderator of the General Aseembly.
Rev. and Dear Sir-The undersigned, in obedience to the order of the last General Assembly, attended, as their delegate, the Synod of the German Reformed Church. They met at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in October last. His reception was kind and fraternal, and expressions of interest in the welfare of our Zion were received. An increased interest in behalf of missions, domestic and foreign, is apparent in their movements, although their energies seem chiefly directed to the support of their college and theological school. The undersigned called the attention of that Synod, to the resolution of the last Assembly, in printed Minutes page 393, and they appointed delegates to meet in convention. Differences of opinion, touching grave and solemn subjects, unhappily exist in that respected church, and fear may be well entertained, whether she will execute the mission, to which the Providence of God calls her, to the masses of German immigrants who pour into our land. The needfulness of preachers and teachers, understanding that language, seems to call upon that body of Christians, especially, to provide for these strangers the means of grace. Delegates were appointed to represent them at your sessions of the General Assembly, and from the minutes which they will doubtless present, the Assembly will gather a fuller statements of their movements and their doings. All which is respectfully submitted.

Thomas L. Janitat.
Philadelphiu, May 17th, 1848.

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## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBIY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHLRCH IN IRELAND TO THE GENFRAL ASSEMBI, Y OF THE PRESBYTERLAN CHCRCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Reverend and Dear Brethren-Since our last annual meeting we are in receipt of two letters from you-the former dated Philadelphia, June, 1846, the latter, Richmond, May 26, 1847-conveying to us grateful assurance of the unity and peace of your Church in doctrine and discipline, and of her steady enlargement and advance in all the various branches of your labour to promote the glory of God in the salvation of men. We rejoice in the prosperity of your efforts for maintaining the good old cause within your own bounde ries, and extending it by vigorous missionary operation; and we bless God for whatever countenance he has graciously afforded to yourselves and fathers since the standard of orthodox Presbyterianism was lifted up on the vast continent of America.

During the past year the hand of God has been heavy upon our unhappy country, in a famine of unprecedented severity, attended by a pestilence, which has numbered its victims by hundreds and by thousands; yet, while language utterly fails to exhibit the extent and bitterness of the calamity, He who bringeth good out of evil has overruled the visitation, not only for awaking purer sympathies among the different classes of society at home, but also for inspiring the people of other lands, including our American brethren, with a genorous rivalry in averting death from our poor and famishing millions. We are grateful to Almighty God, while we humbly regard it as a practical illustration of the industry and general comfort promoted by our beloved Church, that in Ulster, where our principles are most widely disseminated, the visitation has appeared in a much less aggravated form than in those provinces in which the Romish system still, unhappily, maintains its degrading and paralyzing ascendancy.

We are happy to inform you, that, though the past has heen a trying year both to our ministers and people, and especially to the missionary enterprise among us, yet, by the divine blessing, we see no grounds for discouragement. In addition to the ordinary sources from which we draw support for our home and fureign objects, the bequest of a benevolent Jady of our communion puts our Church in possession of the princely sum of about $60,000 l$. partly for the support of our missions in India and Ireland, and also for the erection and endowment of a Presbyterian College. May the announcement of this gift, as seasonable as it is munificent, provoke others, on both sides of the Atlantic, to "go and do likewise."

From your last communication, we deeply regret to find that our letter of 1846, in which we deemed it our duty to address to you, on the subject of American slavery, a remonstrance intended to be no less friendly than faithful, has given you such deep, but as we answer groundless, and certaialy unintentional offence, that you have determined, in future, to exclude the subject altogether from our fraternal correspondence. We trust the determination, which appears to us hasty, and was probably formed under feelings of considerable excitement, will not be persisted in by your venerable Assembly; but that, on reconsidering the whole case, you will admit it to be mutually your duty and ours to "hear" and to "address" the word of exhortation. We are the more confirmed in this hope, because in a former letter you frankly, and we are satisfied truly, assure us, that there was no disposition, on your part, "to repel the counsel of brethren abroad, or evade responsibility and discussion at home on this momentous question" of slavery ; and you further stated, with equal good faith, that you "are not contented to slumber amidst the evils connected with slavery, nor to shun investigation of your duty to the bottom." In the spirit of these statements we cordially acquiesce, and, indeed, the principle of reciprocal faithfulness which they appear to us to embrace by implication, seems indispensable to the maintenance of righteous and profitable intercourse between Churches; for were you and we to hold towards each other the language of unmixed panegyric, or even to abstain from expostulation when truth and conscience demanded plain dealing, our conduct, we apprehend, would be at once most injurious to one another, and most offensive to the great Head of Zion. God forbid that we should arrogate to ourselves the sole exercise of a wholesome and kindly censorship over the church with which we correspond; on the contrary, we have uniformly professed our entire willingness to receive the word of remonstrance, and, in particular, we desire to
thank our American brethren, and be humbled before God, for our culpable remissness in the work of evangelizing the Roman Catholic population of Ireland.

We have carefully reviewed our letter of last year attending particularly to those statements which might be supposed most calculated to impart to your reply a somewhat unbrotherly tone, and we must candidly confess we see no cause for modifying a single sentiment, or departing one iota from the strong testimony which we have conscientiously and unanimously borne. Slavery, root and branch, was hated with a perfect hatred, as it existed in our own West India Islands, and our opposition only ceased with the death of slavery there; nor can we view it with greater complacency, as it converts free America into a foul misnomer, and forms a dark and deadly stain, on the escutcheon of evangelical Presbyterianism. At the same time we know we are comparatively powerless to remove the evil, and, to say the truth, we unfeignedly desire that other parties may be covered with the glory of its removal. It is our fervent wish, that that proud distinction may be earned by the American people themselves, still more by the American Churches, and most of all, by our evangelical Presbyterian brethren. You tell us that slavery is an institution which your Church never did, and does not now, set itself to defend; and this declaration we hail as indicating, so far, a step in the right direction; and we respectfully submit, that the Christian world would, of necessity, regard you as shielding that obnoxious institution, if you unwisely adhere to the resolution of attempting to prevent your correspondents of other churches from expressing honestly, and in the spirit of kindness, their opinions of its hideous and inveterate enormities.

The views which we have taken the liberty of presenting to you on former occasions you have been pleased to stigmatize as "obviously erroneous;" and this grave sentence against us appears to rest mainly, if not entirely, on the assumption, that we are ignorant, while you are well informed on the subject--that we are incompetent to enter intelligently into the bearings of the question, while you thoroughly comprehend and appreciate it in all its momentous relations. Now, dear brethren, we are free to admit, that, if close contact with slavery is favourable to a right understanding of its nature, and a just appreciation of duty to the enslaved, you are fairly entitled to tax us with ignorance, in view of your own superior position and consequent attainments. If, on the other hand, in all ages, and among all nations, wherever slavery has existed, its tendency has been corrupting to the moral judgments and feelings of all within the sphere of its unholy influence, then we conceive that our sentiments (the healthy product of a clime which cannot be tainted by the breath of slavery) possess a strong claim on your most serious consideration; but, as we do not profess, in the compass of a letter, to enter fully into the merits of the question, we shall, for the present, bring our observations to a close, by soliciting your attention to what appears to be the master difference between you and us, on this painfully interesting subject. Your General Assembly, you inform us, has no power to deal with slavery as a purely civil institution; while you conceive you are with some measure of faithfulness performing your duty in relation to the moral aspects of the system. Passing over the mere technicality regarding the jurisdiction of a General Assembly, are we to be informed that the sturdy, evangelical Presbyterians of America can exert no influence in altering, or, if need be, abolishing the civil institutions of the country? Our West India slavery was a civil institution, hut, by the blessing of God on the efforts of right-hearted Cbristian men, it has breathed its last. You may labour for the amelioration of "the moral evils connected with slavery," but as these are undoubtedly, the corrupt fruit of a corrupt tree, they will never cease to be productive while that tree sends down its roots and spreads its branches in your fine and magnificent country. The sentence of justice, and we will take leave to add, the sentence of mercy upon that tree is, "Cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground?" We pray that the God of truth and mercy may preside in your councils, direct all your plans and deliberations for the advancement of his own glory, and abundantly bless you in every good work.

Signed in the name, and by the authority of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,

Willinm McClere, Moderator, Thomes M. Rein, A. M. Senior Clerk, Robert Park, A. M. Junior Clerk.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE united states of america, to the general assembly of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

Dear Brethren in our Lord-Your letter dated July 12th, 1847, has been received and read in our Assembly.

It affords us pleasure to learn from you that, notwithstanding the privations and sufferings which have fallen upon some of your ministers and people, in consequence of the recent sore afflictions of your land, you have been favoured, as a body, with a more marked exemption from the greater desolations which have ravaged some districts of your country. With you, we would recognize, in this fact, the apparent smile of Providence on your adherence to those evangelical principles which we hold in common with you. We rejoice also, over the fact that notwithstanding the embarrassments that have threatened your religious enterprises, He who is head over all things to the Church has continued to encourage your efforts for the maintenance and diffusion of the gospel, and especially by the signal token which has been given to your plans for training the rising ministry, and for missionary operations.
It would have been gratifying to us to be informed somewhat more in detail of the state and progress of these great interests among you-of the condition of your efforts to extend the gospel among the unevangelized, and particularly the Roman Catholic population of Ireland-of the aspects of the Temperance reformation-and of the bearings, (according to your judgment,) of the great political questions that are agitating Ireland, on the cause of religious liberty, and the conditions of your people, and of the influence of those rehement discussions on vital religion and the spirit of piety.

In regard to the condition of our own Church, we are happy in being enabled to testify that it is steadily on the advance. Holding, as we have ever desired to do, to its scriptural confession, its setted principlea of law and order, its consistent testimonies, and to its diffusive character, we have been cheered by the results reported to us for this past year. Our plans for extending the gospel, both at home and abroad, by building churches and sustaining the living ministry, by education, by training our future ministers, by publishing and circulating evangelical books, and otherwise, have been more and more owned both by God and man; for to Him we owe it, that these causes and interests have found favour with his people, and that the gospel has had free course and is glorified. We have access for it to every part of our land, and to all classes of men, without molestation or obstruction; we have endeavored to give it to every class among us, according to the simplicity which is in Cbrist. And through the Divine favour we are enabled to record a greater measure of that spiritual prosperity which is indicated by the possession of peace in the bosom of our churches, by the edification of our people, by their enjoyment of the comforts of the Holy Ghost, and by our multiplication, through the addition of many, as we trust, to the Lord. But for particular illustration of our condition, we refer you to the Minutes of this year, which we have directed to be sent to you.

With respect to the matter to which the greater part of your letter is devoted, we would simply observe that we have heretofore expressed to you our position; and we would refer you to our former statements on that subject. If we have declined any further discussion with you, in relation to slavery in the United States, it is not because we shrink from any discussion of the question of slavery, or as to the question of our own duty in relation to it. We trust that we are influenced neither by timidity nor by any apprehension that we cannot sustain the conclusions we have deliberately adopted. All that we mean to say is, that, as the subject in all its bearings is before our eyes, as we have anxiously examined the word of God to discover the principles which it discloses, as we have endeavoured to pursue a course, which we believed to he not only strictly conformable to the example and teaching of the Bible, but to have been approved of heaven, in the actual conditions of slavery as it has been hitherto influenced by the uniform testimonies of our Church, both in the treatment of slaves and in the progress of emancipation; and as there is nothing in the arguments you employ, whether they involve your interpretation of the Scripture or your impressions, with respect to the aspects of this institution as it exists in the Southern part of this country, or to our own relations to it, with which we have not been entirely familiar, long before you deemed it needful to call our attention to it, we do not regard it
for edification, to engage in a controversy, or to protract the discussion with your Assembly, upon this business.

With fraternal salutations, and with prayer for your prosperity, we are affectionately yours in the Gospel.

Signed in the name, and by the order of the General Assembly,
Alexander T. McGinc, Moderator, Wileis Lomd, Stated Clerk, Robert Davidson, Permanent Clerk.
Baltimore, Maryland, May, 1848.


## THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ALLEGHENY CITY, PA., TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary respectfully report to the General Assembly, that since the last Annual Report, the following seventeen students have been regularly admitted to the Seminary, viz.

| Robert Armstrong, graduate of | Madison College, | Ohio. |  |
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| John Brown, | do. | Lafayette College, Pennsylvania. |  |
| George Cairns, | do. | Jefferson College, | do. |
| Isaac N. Hays, | do. | do. | do. |
| Henry M. Painter, | do. | do. | do. |
| Mead Satterfield | do. | do. | do. |
| James H. Shaiffer, | do. | do. | do. |
| H. Hanson, | do. | Marshall College, | do. |
| O. M. Todd, | do. | Washington College, do. |  |
| Franklin Patton, | do. | Marion College, Missouri. |  |
| Hugh Reed, | do. | Franklin College, Ohio. |  |
| David W. Lyons, | do. | do. | do. |
| Benjamin C. Swan, | do. | Miami University, Ohio. |  |
| Laverty Grier, | do. | Jefferson College, Pennsylvania. |  |
| Robert Hays, under | graduate of Allegheny College, Pennsylvania. |  |  |
| Hugh Newel, do. | do. | Jefferson | do. |

The higheat number of students during the year has been forty-eight.
The students have been examined at the close of the year in the presence of a Committee of the Board, who reported that the examinations were highly satisfactory.

The following students have finished the prescribed course, and received the usual certificate, viz. James Allison, John Davis, James R. Hughes, Mirvin E. Johnston, Thomas P. Johnston, William F. Kean, James E. Marquis, Robert S. Morton, Daniel Motzer, and James Smith.

The term of office of the following nembers of the Board expires during the sessions of the Assembly, viz.
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Francis Herron, D. D.
Elisha P. Swif, D. D.
William B. Mcllvaine,
Matthew Brown, D. D.
John Stockton, D. D.
John Kerr,
James Alexander.

RULIMG ELDERS.
Luko Loomis,
Henry Hannen,
Benjamin Williams.

Rev. David Elliott, D. D., Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.
Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D. D., Prof. Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.
The department of Oriental Literature and Biblical Criticism is attended to by the other Professors.

TEI OFFICERS OF THE BOARD ARE,

Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., President.<br>Rev. Elisha P. Swift, D. D., Vice-Prcsident. Rev. William B. Mcllvaine, Sccretary.<br>TRE DIEECTORS OF THE SEMISARYARE,

## MINISTERS.

Rev. Charles C. Beatty, D. D.
Rev. Samuel McFarren, D.D,
Rev. Loyal Young,
Rev. H. G. Comingo,
Rev. Joel Stoneroad,
Rev. George Hill,
Rev. David McConoughy, D. D.
Rev. A. O. Patterson, D. D.
Rev. A. D. Camphell, D. D.
Rev. George Marshall,
Rev. R. J. Breckenridge, D. D.
Rev. Samuel Wilson,
Rev. Absalom McCready,
Rev. Francis Herron, D. D.
Rev. Elisha P. Swift, D. D.
Rev. Matthew Brown, D. D.
Rev. William B. McIlvaine,
Rev. John Stockton, D. D.
Rev. John Kerr, D. D.
Rev. James Alexander.
SCHOLARSEIPR IN THE SEMINART.
The Patterson Scholarship, founded by 'Thomas Patterson, of Allegheny county, Pa. The Smith Scholarship, founded by Robert Smith, of —_ county, Pennsylvania. The McNeely Scholarship, founded by Miss Nancy McNeely, Washington county, Pa. The O'Hara Scholarship, founded by Mrs. Mary O'Hara, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Donan Scholarship, founded by James Donan, of Washington county, Pa.

Francis Herron, President.
William B. McIlvaine, Secretary.
May 10, 1848.

## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ALLEGHENY CITY, PA.

The Trustees of the Western Theological Seminary respectfully report to the General Assembly, that while the financial year just terminated has brought with it the cares and difficulties incident to such an Institution, still the prospect of an improvement in the pocuniary concerns is somewhat brighter.

The Trustees, after carefully investigating the matter relative to the permanently endowing the Institution, unanimously adopted a resolution, at a meeting held on the 7th of March last, to employ the Rev. J. B. Pinney and R. Lee as agents, to complete the endowment project. It is fondly hoped that the efforts of those faithful and efficient advocates will be crowned with entire success, thus rendering the existence of the Seminary no longer doubtful, and relieving the friends (many of whom have contributed nobly) from the frequent and harassing calls made on them, hesides placing it within the power of the Board promptly to meet the salaries of the Professors as they fall due, which has been often a serious difficulty in years gone by.

The Treasurer, M. Allen, Esq., reports as follows: viz.


The Assistant Treasurer, J. H. Nevin, Esq., reports paid in to the Endowment Fund, and carefully invested, over $\$ 18,600$, together with several thousand dollars, subscribed in the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, bearing interest.

Signed by order of the Board,
Pittsburgh, May 22d, 1848.
R. Weny, Secretary.

## THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PRINCETON, N. J.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, report to the General Assembly, that according to the last report, the number of students then in the Seminary was one hundred and forty-nine.
Bince the date of that report, through the year, there have been received the following fifty-two new students, viz:

| Orville Babcock, | on certificate | from the Western | Theological | Seminary. |  |  |  |
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| Samael L. Merrell, | do. | do. | Auburn | do. | do. | N. Y. |  |
| George McNeill, | do. | do. | Union | do. | do. | do. |  |
| James H. McNeill, | do | do | do. | do. | do. | do. | do. |

James C. Knapp, graduate of Amherst College, Mass.
Thomas 8. Dewing, do. Williams do. do.
Elihu Loomis, - do.
Wm. B. Cbristopher, do.
Jamea Union do. N. Y.
David King, do. do. do. do.
Isaac L. Lyon, do. do. do. do.
Lucius J. Root, do. do. do. do.
Henry R. Bmith, do. do. do. do.
David Tully, do. do. do. do.
James C. Fletcher, do. Brown University, R. I.
Henry J. Coe,
do.
Thomas S. Childs, do
Daniel S. Baker, do
William M. Baker, do
Nathaniel E. Burt, do
John M. Candor, do
Luther Littell, do
John Thomas, do
John Brittain, do
Samuel A. Gayley, do
Edward Kennedy, do.
Wm. F. P. Noble, do.
Winfield S. Parsons, do.
James Wilson, do.
Andrew Cochran, do.
James H. Orbison, do.
John B. Ripley,
James L. Rodgers, do. do. do.
Isaac N. Shannon, do. do. do.
Adam Harris, some time a student in Jefferson College, Penn.
Andrew Barr, graduate of Washington College, Penn.
Robt. C. Colmery, do.
W. H. Templeton, do.

William Simonton, do.
Charles A. Miller, do.
Lawrence G. Hay, do.
Lewis G. Barbour, do.
Wm. H. Pawling, do.
Richard Valentine, do.
Thomas R. Welch, do.
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Delaware College, Del.
Washington College, Va.
Miami University, Ohio.
Centre College, Ken.

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W. D. Dillard, graduate of Georgetown College, Kentucky. J. Doak Tadlock, do. Washington College, Tenn. S. Curran logan, do. Hanover College, Ind. William Bishop, do. Illinois College, III. Martin Allen, candidate of Presbytery of New Brunswick. Edward Blanchard, candidate of Prepsbytery of Truro, Nova Scotia.
J. H. Hall, of Kentucky.

The whole number of students who have been on the roll during the year, is one hundred and forty-seven. There remain on the roll at this time, one hundred and thirty-six.

At the close of the year, the students were examined in presence of a committee of the Board, who reported that they were highly gratified at the proficiency made by the students.

Certificates of having finished the whole course prescribed in the plan, were conferred on the following thirty-four young men, viz:-Messrs. Hamilton Ballentine, William James Blain, William J. Brugh, Stephen Bush, James W. Carroll, Thomas M. Crawford, George C. Crow, J. Kirby Davis, Robinson P. Dunn, Ebenezer Erskine, Luther S. Gibson, William Renwick Glen, William A. Graham, Caspar R. Gregory, William F. Hansell, George C. Heckman, Charles B. King, L. Hersey Lee, Elbridge G. Little, James H. McNeill, J. E. Miller, Thomas Murphy, Henry E. Niles, J. Osmond, William M. Paxton, John G. Riheldaffer, Henry M. Robertson, Joseph Rogers, Alexander P. Silliman, Peter S. Talmadge, Justus T. Umstead, Benjamin Wayne, Joseph Wight, and Henry M. Wilson.

The Board have the pleasure of informing the Assembly that Miss Elizabeth Huxam, deceased, late of Philadelphia, has left, by her will, the sum of $\$ 2,500$, to found a Scholarship in the Seminary.

The Board beg leave respectfully to call the attention of the Assembly to the fact, that only six, instead of seven, ministerial Directors are reported in the minutes of the last Assembly, as elected by that body for three years. The following is an extract from the minutes of the Board, on this subject, at their meeting in November last.
"From the official extract from the Minutes of the last General Assembly, respecting the Directors elected by that body, it appears that the Assembly recorded as elected only six ministers for three years, instead of seven, whose term of office was reported as expired ; and that these six were all members whose term of office had expired and were reelected. From all the circumstances of the case, the Board have no doubt that the Rev. Dr. John M. Krebs, who was one of the seven ministers whoee term of office had expired, was also re-electad, and that his name was inadvertently omitted, probably in the report of . the tellers. Dr. Krebs, being present, informed the Board that in the absence of official documents in proof of his election, he did not feel authorized, even if the Board should request it, to take his seat as a member."

The Board have only further to report, that the term of office of the following Directors expires during the sessions of the Aseembly: viz.

## MINISTBRE.

John McDowell, D. D. Benjamin H. Rice, D. D. William M. Engles, D. D. Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D. George Putta, D. D. John Johnston. John N. Campbell, D. D.

Signed by order of the Board.
John McDowili, Secretary.
Princcton, May 15, 1848.

ELDERS.
Lewis W. R. Phillips.
Matthew L. Bevan.
Ebenezer Platt.

## THE PROFESGORS OF THE GEMINART ARE

Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., Professor of Pastoral and Polemic Theology.
Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.
Rev. Charles Hodge, D. D., Professor of Exegetical and Didactic Theology.
Rev. Joseph Addison Alexander, D. D., Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature.

## THE DIRECTORE OF THE BEMTMART ARE

Ministers.
Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D.
William M. Engles, D. D.
John N. Campbell, D. D.
George Potts, D. D.
John Johnston.
John McDowell, D. D.
Daniel V. McLean.
Jacob J. Janeway, D. D.
Henry A. Boardman, D. D.
Nicholas Murray, D. D.
John C. Backus.
William W. Phillips, D. D.
John M. Krebs, D. D.
Cortlandt Van Renselaer, D. D.
Gardiner Spring, D. D.
William A. McDowell, D. D.
William Neill, D. D.
William D. Snodgrass, D. D.
Jeseph McElroy, D. D.
George W. Musgrave, D. D.
Samuel Beach Jones.

## Ruling Elders.

Lewis W. R. Phillips. Matthew L. Bevan. Ebenezer Platt.

James N. Dickson.
Moses Allen.
James Donaldson.

John T. Woodhull, M. D.
Hugh Auchincloss.
Alexander W. Mitchell, M. D.

## TEE OTFICERS OF THE BOARD ARE

——— President. Yice Prestrint. Bevan, 2d Vice President.
Gardifir Sprine, D. D., 1st Vice Pres. Johir McDowill, D. D., Secretary.

## THI SCHOLARSHIPS ARE

$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { 1. The Le Roy Scholarship, } \\ \text { 2. The Banyer Scholarship, }\end{array}\right\}$ both founded by Mrs. Martha Le Roy, of New York.
3. The Lenox Scholarship, founded by Robert Lenox, Esq., of New York.
4. The Whitehead Scholarship, founded by John Whitehead, Esq., of Burke County, Georgia.
5. The Charleston Female Scholurship, founded by the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Association of Charleston, S. C., for assisting in the education of pious youth for the Gospel Ministry.
6. , founded by the first class in the Seminary, in 1819.
7. The Nephew Scholarship, founded by James Nephew, Esq., of McIntosh Co. Georgia.
8. The Woodhull Scholarship, founded by Mrs. Hannah Woodhull, of Brookhaven, Long Island.
9. The Scott Scholarship, founded by Mr. William Scott, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.
10. The Van Brugh Livingston Scholarship, founded by Mrs. Susan C. Neimcewicz, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.
11. The Augusta Female Scholarship, founded by the Ladies of Augusta, Ga,
12. The Keith Scholarship, founded by Mrs. Jane Keith, of Charleston, S. C.
13. The Gosman Scholarship, founded by Robert Goaman, Esq., of Upper Red Hook, New York.
14. The Wickes Scholarship, founded by Eliphalet Wickes, Esq., of Jamaica, Long Island.
15. The Othniel Smith Scholarship, founded by Mr. Othniel Smith, of Jamaica, Long Island.
16. The H. Smith Scholarship, founded by Miss H. Smith, of Carmel, Miss.
17. The Anderson Scholarship, founded by Mr. James Anderson, of New York.
18. The Kennedy Scholarship, founded by Mr. Anthony Kennedy, of Frankford, Pennsylvania.
19. The Colt Scholarship, founded by Rosswell L. Oolt, Esq., of Baltimore.
20. The John Keith Scholarship, founded by Mr. John Keith, of Bucks County, Pa.
21. The Boudinot Scholarship, founded by the Hon. Elias Boudinot, LL. D, of Burlington, Now Jersey.
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22. The ED Scholarship, founded by Mr. Robert Hall, and his sister, Marion Hall, of Newburgh, Orange County, New York,
23. The Kirkpatrick Scholarship, founded by William Kirkpatrick, Esq., of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
24. The King Scholarship, founded by Mr. Gilbert King, of Newburgh, Orange County, New York.
25. The Ralston Scholarship, founded by Robert Ralston, Esq., of Philadelphia.
26. The Benjamin Smith Scholarship, founded by Mr. Benjamin Smith, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey.
27. The Rankin Scholarship, founded by Mr. Henry Rankin, of New York.
28. The Sweetman Scholarship, founded by the Rev. Joseph Sweetman, of Charlton, New York.
29. The Deare Scholarship, founded by Miss Mary Deare, of New Brunswick, N. J.
30. The Mary Hollond Scholarship, founded by Miss Mary Hollond, of Philadelphia.
31. The Huxam Scholarship, founded by Miss Elizabeth Huxam, of Philadelphia.

## TWENTY.THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRIESTEES OF THE THEO. LOGICAL SEMINARY AT PRINCETON, N. J.

The Trustees report to the General Assembly, that the following is the Report of their Treasurer, as audited by their Committee of Audit, Mr. Reuben Van Pelt, and the Hon. Dudley S. Gregory.

The committee on the Treasurer's accounts report that they have examined and compared them with the vouchers, and find them correct, leaving in his hands a balance on general account, of two thousand one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eightyseven cents.
The Treasurer has received since the last settlement in May, 1847, on Education Fund, $\$ 3489.53$, which added to the sum of $\$ 1058.30 \frac{1}{2}$, balance on the last settlement, makes the sum of $\$ 4547.83 \frac{1}{2}$. And he has paid out of this fund, to students, on the order of Professors, and investment, the sum of $\$ 3396.27$; leaving a balance in his hands, due this fund, of $\$ 1151.56$.

The Treasurer has received, since the last settlement, on the Expense Fund, $\mathbf{\$ 9 5 7 . 5 0}$, which added to the sum of $\$ 139.26 \frac{1}{3}$, makes the sum of $\$ 1096.76 \frac{1}{2}$. And he has paid out of this fund, for Secretary's salary, 'Treasurer's commissions, repairs to Professor Hodge's house, printing catalogue, servants' wages, and contingent expenses, $\$ 1075.90$, leaving a balance due this fund of $\$ 20.86$.

The Treasurer has received since the last settlement, on the Contingent Fund, \$10,169.42, which added to the balance on last settlement, due this fund of $\$ 1,036.51$, makes the sum of $11,205.93$. And he has paid out of the fund, to James Donaldson, Esq. for investments, and to the Professors for salaries, and for library, $\$ 10,178.46$; leaving a balance of $\$ 1027.47$.


The following Report was received from the Rev. Dr. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer, on the subject of his agency.

Since the last report, the undersigned, Agent for the Theological Seminary, has received the sum of $\$ 2970.52$, in addition to the balance of last year, which was $\$ 1005.60$, making in all the sum of $\$ 3976.12$, and has paid out the sum of $\$ 3491.89$, leaving a balance at this date of $\$ 484.23$.

Appended is a general account of all the monies received and paid out from the begin-
ing of the agency, in paper marked No. 1. The whole amount of cash received is $\$ 52,716.11$. In order, however, to show the amount of paid subscriptions, there must be deducted from this amount, the sum of $\$ 2105.71$, which appears in the accounts of different years. The present state of the agency effort is as follows, viz :

| Subscriptions, Payments on do. |  |  | - | - | - | - | - | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 70,099.36 \\ 50,610.40 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$19,488.96 |

It ought to be remarked that about one-third of the outstanding subscriptions pay interest with punctuality.

The paper, marked No. 2, contains a list of the churches in which subscriptions have been made, and the amounts subscribed, paid, and outstanding, in each church. It is probable that a considerable amount of the outstanding subscriptions, (as is usual in such cases, will not be realized.

The investments made of moneys belonging to the Agency Fund are either on bond and mortgage, or in United States sixes; and they are believed to be as well secured as property can be.

Owing to the depreciation of the Stocks of the General Assembly, it is calculated that the additional sum of $\$ 20,000$ ought to be secured to place the Seminary upon its proper foundation.

Accompanying this report are the account books, vouchers, \&cc,
May 12, 1848.
Cobtlandt Vay Rensselaye, Agent.
At the request of Dr. Van Rensselaer, a committee was appointed to examine his accounts.

This committee reported that they had performed the duty and found them correct.

The Librarian reported the following additions to the Library through the year, viz:
Purchased about 100 volumes. Presented by the Rev. R. Bigger, of Westchester, Pa., 6 volumes and several pamphlets; by Mrs. Roy, of Monmouth, N. J., 7 volumes; by Samuel Agnew, of Philadelphia, 42 volumes; by James Lenox, of New York, 7 volumes; by Rev. John C. Lowrie, of New York, 14 volumes; by Rev. D. X. Junkin, of Greenwich, N. J., 2 volumes; and by the Board of Publication, their works in continuation, published through the last year,

Signed by order of the Board,
Johx McDowell, Secretary.
Princeton, May 16, 1848.

## TRUSTEES OF THE SEMINARY.

Rev. James Carnahan, D. D. President. Lewis W. R. Phillips, Esq. Vice President. Rev. John McDowell, D. D. Secretary.

Rev. David Comfort,
" Isaac V. Brown,
" Joseph McElroy, D. D.
" William W. Phillips, D.D.
" Eli F. Cooley,
James Lenox, Esq.
John J. Bryant, Esq. Hon. Henry W. Green, Rev. Nicholas Murray, D. D.

James Nelson, Esq.
Benjamin McDowell, Esq.
Stephen Colwell, Esq,
Mr. Reuben Van Pelt,
Prof. Joseph Henry, LL. D.
William Shippen, M. D.
Mr. Robert Stuart,
Hon. Dudley S. Gregory,

Treasurer, James S. Green, Esq., Princeton.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The whole amount received by the Treasurer from May 1, 1847, to May 1, 1848, was $\$ 26,434.30$, making together with $\$ 1,134.71$, the balance in the hands of the 'I'reasurer from the last year, the sum of $\$ 27,569.01$. The expenditures during the year have amounted to $\$ 25,274.90$, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, at the cloee of the fiscal year, of twenty-two hundred and ninety-four dollars and eleven centa

The following is an ahstract of the several heads of Receipts and Expenditures:


The Expenditures are as follows:


## M. Nefxire, Treasurer.

Philadelphia, May 1st, 1848.

The Committee on Accounts have examined the stocks, bonds and mortgages in the hands of Matthew Newkirk, Treasurer, and vouchers for moneys paid by bim, and find the same to be correct, leaving a cash balance of twenty-two hundred and ninety-four dollars and eleven cents in his hands.

Jamie N. Dicmeon. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { on } \\ \text { Accounts. }\end{array}\right.$

## CASH BALANCE.

The following items make the Cash Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, May 1st, 1848.


## REPORT OF THE INCOME

As derived from each of the Stocks owned by the General Assembly, during the last fiscal year.


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# REPORT OF REF. DR. PLUSER ON THE BOARDS OF THE CHURCH. 

To the Moderator and Members of the General Assembly of the Preabyterian Church in the United Blates of America, sitting in Bulimore, io May, 1848.
Reverend and Dear Brethren:-On the Minutes of the last General Assembly, page 405, is the following record: "Whereas it is of great importance, for many reasons, that all the benevolent operations of the Church should be managed with the most thorough and careful economy, that is consistent with the highest degree of success; therefore,

Resolved, That the following persons, viz. Dr. Plumer, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Walker, be appointed to examine the pecuniary management of the Boards of the General Assembly; that they confer with the Boards respectively, and suggest such improvements as they may be able to devise; and that they report fully to the next General Assembly."

The given names, and places of residence of several persons on the Committee, not being noted, and the surnames being the same that designate various persons of respectability in our Church, it was with some difficulty that the chairman learned, who were the persons intended to be designated by the Assembly. After some time he satisfied himself that the persons intended were Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, of the Presbytery of Luzerne, Mr. John N. Brown, ruling elder in the First Church, Baltimore, Mr. James Russell, ruling elder in the North Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, and Mr. Walker, of New York. To each of these persons due notice was given, of the meeting of the Committee in Philadelphia and New York, in the month of November last. The Chairman attended, but regretted that he found no other member of the committee present at either place. His first thought was to do nothing, and return home, and report the facts to the General Assembly; but, upon further reflection, he thought that this course might injure the Boards, and through them the cause of Christ. He therefore determined to make such investigations as he supposed would meet the views of the Assembly. He must say that, owing to a sense of incompetency to the task assigned him, he felt very unusually embarrassed. In all our Boards are none but men of high character, both for moral qualities and business talents. Some of these have for a long series of years contributed very largely to the funds of the Boards, and have watched with great care every appropriation and expenditure. They justly have the confidence of the public, and of the Church, which appointed them to these solemn trusts. For one man, who has no pretensions to any minute or accurate acquaintance with business generally, to review the course of four important Boards thus constituted, would have been arrogant in the extreme, had he not supposed that he was carrying out the wishes of the Assembly. The awkwardness of his situation was, however, alnost entirely relieved by the kindness and frankness, with which he was every where received. By reading the annual reports of the several Boards, by correspondence and conversation with some leading men of our Church, and by the nature of the business intrusted to each Board, he had arranged a plan of investigation, which, it was hoped would lead to full, definite, and intelligible results. It is true, indeed, that much of the information gained may be found in the annual reports of these Boards for the last nine or ten years. But still, the collection and presentation of this information in a condensed form, and with a comparison of different periods, may be of service to the Church. The information is given as concisely as possible.

## I. THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

This is one of the younger boards of the Church. Its business is necessarily very complicated. It has transactions with a great number of persons. It is of course difficult to attain perfect accuracy, especially in distributing the details of the business into distinct periods of time. The general result is however believed to be substantially correct. The first matter of inquiry relates to the

## DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE EDITOR.

It is the duty of the Editor to examine, and report to the Committee of Publication, books deemed suitable to be sent forth by the Board; to prepare for the press those books which have been approved, and ordered for publication; to correct the proof sheets, or em-
ploy a competent person for that purpose; and as Secretary of the Committee of Publication to conduct the correspondence relating to the literary matters of the Board. For the first four years after the organization of the Board of Publication he received $\$ 500$ a year, the Board paying an assistant proof reader. For the last five years he has received $\$ 1200$ a year, out of which he has paid $\$ 400$ a year to a proof reader. This proof reader is the same person who holds the office of publishing agent.

## THR DUTIES, THE RESPONBIBILITY, AND SALARE OF THE PUBLIEHING AGENT.

The Publishing Agent is required to take charge of the book store; to keep it and the books, sheets, stereotype plates, and all other property of the Board in good order; to report at every stated meeting of the Board, the amount of sales for cash and on credit; to attend to all the business operations of the Board; make all sales and purchascs; execute all orders; collect debts; see that the books and accounts are properly kept; and make all contracts for printing, binding, stereotyping, \&c. with the advice of the Committee on Prices, and the Book Store; to lay before that Committee at each weekly meeting, all letters on business, and all orders received; to report to them what purchases and books are necessary, and what books and tracts require new editions; to hand over to the Treasurer monthly all moneys received by him; and to lay before the Committee of Accounts, at each monthly meeting, all bills and accounts against the Board.

The responsibility of the Publishing Agent is only personal, not being required to give security for the faithful execution of his trust. But he acts under the constant supervision and direction of the Committee on Prices and the Book Store, and of the Committee of Accounts.

The salary of the Publishing Agent, until the year 1845, was $\$ 1000$ a year. Since that time it has been $\$ 1250$.

## colportaer.

In the year 1840, a number of young men, chiefly students in the Seminary at Princeton, were employed during the vacation in the sale of books principally in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They received no salary, but were allowed a discount on books sold. They scarcely cleared their own expenses, and although many good books were put in circulation, the pecuniary results were of no importance to the Board. From 1840 to the beginning of 1847 no Colporteurs were employed.

During the year 1847, seven Agents, and Colporteurs were appointed, four of whom were still in the service of the Board in December last. They have labouredin the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia, and have probably performed nearly three years of service. Their salaries have amounted to $\$ 2,615$, their expenses to sométhing upwards of $\$ 300$, (one of them, whose salary was $\$ 600$ a year, paid his own expenses,) the total amount of the avails of books sold was $\$ 4,100.55$. The total expense of selling these books, compared with the returns made, is as $\$ 2,915$ to $\$ 4,100$. This pecuniary result is indeed unsatisfactory, but it is proper to state that there is as yet no head to the system of Colportage. The plan adopted by some of the Presbyteries and Synods for raising funds to purchase books and employ Colporteurs will, it is hoped, produce cheering results.

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During the first four years the expense of clerkship was only $\$ 150$ a year, the books being kept for most of the time by the clerk of the Publishing Agent, who kept the Book Btore, and connected the sale of the books of the Board with his own. In the second four years the expenses for clerkship, \&cc, was $\$ 84 \pi$ a year. During the year 1847 the bookkeeper received $\$ 600$, the salesman $\$ 500$, and a boy $\$ 130$.

## PUBLICATIONS.

During the first four years, the Board published 230,100 volumes of books, 63,000 tracts and pamphlets, and 25,500 catechisms, at a cost for stereotyping, paper, printing, binding, copyrights, and proof reading, of $\$ 64,937$, being about $20 \frac{1}{2}$ c. per copy of each of the 318,600 publications. During the second four years, the Board published 341,600 volumes of books, 102,000 tracts and pamphlets, and 152,000 catechisms, at an expense for paper,
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stereotyping, printing, binding, and copyrights, of 881,503 , being about 133 c . per copy of each of the 593,600 publications. During the year 1847, the Board published $\mathbf{1 1 2 , 0 0 0}$ volumes of books, 39,500 tracts and pamphleta, at a cost for paper, stereotyping, printing, binding, and copyrights, of $\$ 20,859$, being about $11 \ddagger c$. per copy of each of the 186,500 publications. The total number of publications of the Board since its organization, to December, 1847, was $1,100,700$, at a total cost of $\$ 167,299$, being about $151-5 \mathrm{c}$. per copy. The Assembly will perceive a regular diminution in the average cost of the publications of the Board. This is owing to several causes, such as an increased proportion of the smaller publications, the fact that stereotype plates and copyrights, to a large extent, already belong to the Board, the fact that the Board, as it extends its business, finds it safe to issue larger editions of works, and lastly, to the increased economy with which experience has ahown it possible to conduct the business. It should be stated, also, that the Board, since its organization, has published an unusually large number of costly booke.

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At the last annual report, the capital of the Board was $\$ 70,557$; consisting of stereotype plates, engravings, books, bound and in sheets, library of the Board, store fixtures, outstanding debts, money in hand, \&c. The capital was increased the last year $\$ 2,162$, by donations, of which $\$ 1,021$ were for the Colporteur fund.

## PERIODIOAL.

The Board has lately had under consideration the subject of issuing alone, or in connection with some other Board, or Boards, a periodical; but at the beginning of this year no definite arrangement had been made.

## PAPER AND PRINTIMG.

Paper for the use of the Board is bought in lots, as it is needed, for cash, at the lowest market prices. Contracts for printing are made from time to time, on the lowest terms that can be procured, from a responsible printer, for cash. The printing is open to fair competition.

THE OEANGE IN THE AGENCY.
From a very respectable source, it has been suggested that porsibly some bookseller might be employed as the Publishing Agent. On suggesting this matter, it was seen, from the amount and nature of the business to be done in the bookstore, that it required a separate establishment. This reason will have more and more force from year to year.

QUORUME.

- The number of members required for a quorum of the Board is eleven; of the Executive Committee, five. It has not been found that these quorums are inconveniently large, and, if not, they ought certainly to be continued, as questions of vast importance are often to be decided.


## GENERAL AGENT.

It is thought that a General Agent will soon be essential to the proper enlargement of the usefulness of the Board. Indeed, his services are now much needed, in order to arrange and support a system of Colportage; to raise funds, gratuitously to supply destitute portions of our country, especially in the West and South, with books and tracts; to create a fund for publishing books and tracts at our foreign Missionary Stations; and also to obtain funds for stereotyping books, and thus reducing the price of them. The Board has determined to appoint such an Agent, so soon as the way seems clear.

## STYLE OF BINDIMG.

It has been observed that most of the books of the Board are hound in a uniform style. The present style was adopted after a good deal of deliberation, and some experiments in different styles. For the cost, it is considered the most substantial and pleasing to the eye.

## A HOUSE AND LOT.

The Board has considered with some care the subject of purchasing a lot, and erecting thereon a house suitable for all its purposes, such as bookstore, office, printing, binding, \&c. with improved machinery for mechanical purposes. Such a lot and building would proba-
bly con $\$ 30,000$. Should the site be eligible, and the building commodious, the other Boards, whose centre is Philadelphia, might, if they chose, be accommodated with offices on reasonable terms. It is for the Assembly to determine whether it would not be good economy in the Church so to eularge her gifts as to enable the Board to accomplish this object. At this meeting of the Assembly, information has been read that the Board hat recently purchased a house and lot on Chestnut street, in an eligible position, for the sum of $\$ 15,000$.

## II. BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Neither the Aseembly, nor any member of the Church, has ever over estimated the importance of this Board. Nor can any one, without much reflection, duly estimate the diffculty of conducting its affairs. It has to deal with young men, most of whom can hardly be said to be more than novices in the Church. Nor are these young men under its direct and immediate supervision. They are widely scattered over our country, and the authority of Presbyteries, nominally interposes. It were to be wished that in all cases the oversight of the Presbytery was real and strict.

TABULAR VIEW OF EXPENEEA.

|  | Each year for five years. from May, 1637, to May, 1842 | Eack year for five yeare, from May, 1842, to May, 1847. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Average salary per annum of Cor. Secretary,* | \$2,000 00 | \$1,560 00 |
| 2. A verage payments to Agents, | 2,829 30 | 2,463 57 |
| 3. Average payments to Clerks, $\dagger$ | 1,166 78 | 68333 |
| 4. A verage payments for Printing and Binding, | 8673 | 14033 |
| Totals, | , \$6,082 81 | \$4,847 23 |
| A verage number of Candidatos, A verage payments to Candidate | $\begin{gathered} 330 \\ \$ 18,521 \quad 89 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 391 \\ \$ 24,885 \\ 74 \end{array}$ |
| The relative amounts paid to Candidates wore as | 56.12 | to 60.58 |
| The avarage per centage of expenses of all kinds were | reas 28.18 | to 20.18 |

Daring the first period noticed in the Tabular View, the average number of pages of correspondence par annum was 309 ; during the latter period, 815.

## EXPLANATIONE.

1. The salary of the Corresponding Secretary was $\$ 2000$ until the year 1841, when Dr. McFarland resigned, and when Mr. Hope acted as Assistant Secretary at a salary of $\$ 1200$. Near the beginning of the next year, Mr. Hope was appointed Corresponding Secretary, with a salary of $\$ 1500$. In 1846, before Dr. Van Rensselaer was chosen, the celary was fixed for the future at $\$ 1800$.
2. The General Agent received a salary of $\$ 2000$ until 1841, when it was reduced to $\$ 1750$. In 1846, when the salary of the Corresponding Secretary was fixed at $\$ 1800$, that of the General Agent was raised to $\$ 1800$, and has remained at that sum ever since.
3. There was no other salaried officer during the four years preceding 1846. But in 1846, an Agent was appointed for the South. In the Report of 1846, written by Mr. Hope, it is said that the Board "were led to this step by a deep conviction that the interests of our beloved Church required a still stronger Agency."
4. For many years an Assistant Secretary was in the Office, acting under the superin-

[^8]tendence of the Corresponding Secretary．The Assistant Secretary was a minister，and had a salary of $\$ 1000$ per annum until 1839 ，when it was raised to $\$ 1200$ ．In 1842 ， when the then Assistant Secretary was made Corresponding Secretary，a clerk was en－ gaged，whose salary was $\$ 600$ per annum，from $184 \%$ to 1845 ．Since that time it has been $\$ 800$ per annum．A boy is also now employed at the rate of $\$ 75$ per annum．

## GENERAL VIEW．

It is thought that a table，showing the operations of the Board for ten years，will here be useful．

| Yeare． | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { Can. } \end{aligned}\right.$ | Approprin． tions to Can didates． | Total of Salaries． | Travel＇ng Expences． | Inciden． Expen． | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Total } \\ \text { of all } \\ \text { Expencen } \end{array}\right\|$ | Total Pay mente of all kinde．＊ | $\|$Tot recripes， <br> exeluding <br> Losan． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1837－8 | 526 | \＄26，345 32 | 712372 | 95873 | 90271 | 898516 | 35，330 48 | \＄35，698 37 |
| 1839 | 338 | 22，331 11 | 510845 | 82678 | 52692 | 646215 | 28，793 26 | 33，930 77 |
| 1840 | 270 | 13，197 37 | 792290 | 119191 | 83024 | 994505 | 23，142 42 | 24，411 20 |
| 1841 | 218 | 13，108 68 | 503926 | 74037 | 76046 | 654009 | 19，648 77 | 21，046 73 |
| 1842 | 300 | 17，627 01 | 420556 | 68686 | 72804 | 5620 46 | 23，247 77 | 26，628 66 |
| 1843 | 350 | 23，834 19 | 408104 | 80126 | 70700 | 558930 | 29，424 09 | 32，007 68 |
| 1844 | 408 | 26，767 47 | 288391 | 81534 | 61357 | 431282 | 31，080 29 | 33，419 02 |
| 1845 | 411 | 26，343 02 | 477615 | 97502 | 49003 | 624120 | 32，584 22 | 34，062 61 |
| 1846 | 385 | 22，575 78 | 633115 | 94449 | 63484 | 791048 | 30，486 26 | 36，404 74 |
| 1847 | 403 | 24，908 28 | 5836 66｜ | 96916 | 61298 | $\|741880\|$ | 32，327 08 | 39，545 62 |

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## A COMPARIBON．

It may be proper here to compare the operations of the Board of Education，with thoee of the American Education Society，which is a kindred Institution，and which has been commonly believed to be managed with great care．

The following table shows the operations of the two Institutions for the year 1846－7 ：－

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gen．Assembly＇s Board， | 403 | 3327307 | 235607 | 35627 |  | 2490828 | 7418 | 2080 |
| Am．Education Society， | ｜389｜ | 2241372 | 1041782 | 32831 | 54｜† | 2289946 | §9006 00 | 012743 |

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## PREEENT EXPENRES．

That the Assembly may have a full view of the expenses of managing the Board of Education at the present time，the following table is here presented ：－


## GENERAL OBEERVATIONE.

Whatever the first impression of any one may be upon looking at the above table, it would certainly be difficult, materially to curtail the expenses of the Board. The following table shows the receipts of various benevolent institutions, logether with their expenses, the latter including salaries and incidentals. The third column shows the per centage of expenses on the receipts. 1846-7.

| Institations. | Roceipta. | Expensea. | Pr. cit. of Expenses. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| American Sunday School Union, | 129,687 61 | 29,230 42 | 22.53 | Average |
| American Tract Society, (1) | 160,131 12 | 58,721 63 | 36.60 | expenses |
| American Bible Society, (2) | 204,914 63 | 33,386 40 | 16.29 | of the five |
| Am. Bd. of Com. of Foreign Missions, (3) | 214,602 76 | 25,916 67 | 12.07 | institutions |
| American Education Society, | 32,831 54 | 9,006 00 | 27.43 | about |
| Board of Education of Pres. Church, | 35,627 14 | 7,418 80 | 20.80 | per cent. |

2. It is manifest that institutious which have large incomes, may conduct their operations at a far less relative cost than one whose income is comparatively small. The Board must have at least one Secretary and one Agent, and must pay rent, and incur many expenses, which would not be considerably increased if their operations were trebled.
3. It is a pleasing fact, that during the last ten years, no candidate has failed to receive the full appropriation made to him. Nor has the Board been burdened with a heavy debt from year to year.
4. It is proper to state that the work of the Executive Officers of the Board of Education, has been much increased by adding to the former objects of the Board, those of General Education and Parochial Schools. The correspondence, formation of plans, preaching and lecturing on Parochial Schools, have greatly augmented the duties of these officers. The paper published under the name of the "Presbyterian 'Treasury," under the editorial care of the Secretary, without involving the Board in a dollar of expense, demands a great deal of time, and, if conducted as it has been, will certainly accomplish a vast amount of good. If in former days the Board could possibly have dispensed with any of its active officers, it is believed they are all now needed.

## III. BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

## EXPENSES FOR FIVE YEARS, OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS, FROK 1843 TO 1847 INCLUSIVE.

For 1843.
Whole number of Missionarics, 296.


For 1844.
Whole number of Missionaries, 316.


For 1845.

Whole number of Missionaries, 349.


For 1846.
Whole number of Missionaries, 382.


For 1847.
Whole number of Missionaries, 431.


## LIST OF EXPENSES, NO 2.

## FOR FIVE YEARS, FROM 1838 TO 1848, INCLUSIVE.

For 1838.


For 1839.
Whole number of Missionaries, 260.


In the above year, there was some agency in the South West, upon the recommendation of Bynods. The salaries paid, were paid upon the same recommendation. The exact smount of service and compensation is not certainly known.


For 1841.


For 1842.


No Voluntary Agents were employed during this year, and when Mr. Kollock retired in August, no Agent was employed east of the Mountains.

Average annual expense of the Board of Missions for the last five ycars, from 1843 to May 1847 inclusive.

Annual expense at the Office, including Corresponding Secretary's salary,
Clerk's hire, 'Treasurer's services, boy in the Office, and Annual Reports. Average,
Annual average expense of Agents, including the whole field, North, South,

Annual average expense for the five preceding years, from 1838 to 1842 inclusive.
Average annual expense at the Office, including Corresponding Secretary's
salary, Clerk's hire, \&c. \&c.
Average annual expense of Agents, including the whote field, - - 6,223 00
Total average annual expense for that period,
$\$ 9,26582$

## CONCLUDINGEEMARES.

1. From the above it appears, that while the field of operation has been constantly enlarging, and the work at the office has been more than doubled, the average increase of expense for doing that whole work, is annually thirty-one dollars and forty-seven cents.
2. From the above it appears, that the average expense of agencies for the last five years, as compared with the preceding five years, has been reduced nearly or quite one-half, and that too, while the field of operation has been constantly extending, the labour increasing, and the cause steadily advancing.
3. From the foregoing tables it appears, that from the year 1840, (when oar church troubles had passed away) the Board has been gradually reducing its expenses, particularly in agencies; at the same time the number of missionaries has been constantly increasing. Whether this reduction in agencies is wise or not, may admit of debate, but that the Board acted conscientiously, there is no doubt. That the present expenses are as low as the interests of the cause will admit, seems to be nearly certain. That an increase rather than a further diminution would be advantageous, can hardly admit of a doubt. The expenses of 1847 are considerably larger than those of the preceding year. This increase is entirely owing to the Western Agency at Louisville. There has been no increase in the expenses of the Office at Philadelphia, nor of agencies on the east side of the Mountaing, but the judicious and efficient committee at Louisville have judged this increase of expense to be necessary, and the last Assembly found no fault with their proceedings; but ap proved them.
4. The salary of the Corresponding Secretary is the largest paid by the Board. It is due to historical truth to state, that he did not seek the office; that he was very happily and pleasantly settled among an affectionate people, from whom be received an income of at least five hundred dollars more than the Board has ever paid him, and that many of the wisest and best men in the church earnestly persuaded him to leave his pastoral charge and accept this office. When he undertook it, its duties were considered quite enough for one man. Since that time the work has much more than doubled, and the present number of missionaries is more than double of what it was then. A Church Extension acheme has since been put into operation, and has added greatly to the labours of the Secretary. The Board also now publishes a monthly periodical in connexion with the Board of Foreign Missions. All the matter for this, is prepared, selected, or obtained by the Secretary alone. His salary is the same it has ever been. He has no assistant, and aaks for none, but devotes his days and nights to meet the increase in the labour of the office.
5. The salary of Mr. Happersett, the agent of the Board east of the Mountains, is one thousand dollars per annum. The reason why this amount is paid him, is that upon full and fair trial, the Board judge him to be the man they need,' and the interests of the cause require that he shoald be located in some city or large town, where his expenses must be considerable.
6. It is only within the last five years that a full list of the letters sent from the Office has been preserved. In 1843, the number of letters sent from the office was 1,005. In 1847, the number was 2,050. No circular was sent out in 1847 to swell this number.
7. The Board now occupies more space than formerly in the Missionary Chronicle. For the present, that paper in its enlarged size meets pretty fully the wants of the Board as to a periodical. Some change may be rendered necessary hereafter.
8. It is thought highly important by all concerned in the management of this Board to publish the Annual Report. This Report contains a full list of all the missionaries employed, and of all the places supplied, and as full an account as can be given of the work done. It costs, perhaps, on an average about $\$ 200$. It is believed that the diffusion and reading of it bring an amount much larger than that into the Treasury. It saves an immense amount of correspondence in answering inquiries, and prevents much dissatisfaction.

## IV. THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following tabular statement shows in separate colums the whole sums disbursed, the amount of expenses, and the several items of expense under separate heads for each year from 1838 to 1847. Dollars only are given in the columns, cents being omitted.


The number of salaried officers connected with the office, and their salaries, are as follows:

The duties of the Corresponding Secretary are chiefly such as these: Interviews and correapondence with Misaionary candidates; preparing inntructions, and making arrange-
ments for Missionaries going out; correspondence with all the Missions, and, as frequently as time will permit, with individual Missionaries; writing letters to agents of the Board; a large correspondence with individuals at home, and with the Indian Department of the Government, in relation to Indian schools; preparing the annual report, attending the meetings of the General Assembly, and visiting Synods, Presbyteries and Charches as often as practicable.

The Assistant Secretary edits the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, and the Foreign Mis: sionary; conducts a part of the foreign and home correspondence, and, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, performs the duties of that officer as far as practicable. Previous to 1845, he made frequent visits to ecclesiastical bodies and churches. Since that time, he has bad charge of a Miseionary Chorch in New York, from which he receives $\$ 500$ per annum, on account of which he receives $\$ 500$ less from the Board. He no longer travels as an agent, but his other duties remain as above stated.
The Treasurer receives and takes care of the funds of the Board, and disburses them as directed by the committee; keepe the accounts of all the Missions, of the individual Missionaries, of the officers and agents of the Board, and of legacies and special donations; procures supplies and sends out remittances to the Missions; keeps the accounts of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle and of the Foreign Missionary, and euperintende the distribution of these papers, with the assistance of a Clerk, when one is required.

## OFFICERE NOT CONNEOTED WITH THE OFYICE, THEIR DUTIES ARD BALARIES.

The salaries of the Agents have varied from $\$ 800$ to $\$ 1000$ per annum, and travelling expenses, except for the short period when the Board had a General Agent, whose salary was $\$ 2,000$. The sums in the-tabular statement will show the amount paid to Agents annually.
The whole time of all the officers of the Board is given to the duties of their respective appointments, without income for labor performed elsewhere, except that of the Assistant Secretary, as mentioned above.

## THi ANNUAL REPORT.

The expense of printing the annual report for 3500 copies is from $\$ 140$ to $\$ 160$ each. Where it is stated to be more, it is owing principally to tabular statements, showing the receipts from each church, -sometimes for one year, and once, as in the ninth Annual Report, for a series of years. These tables have been deemed of much importance, while so many of our churches do nothing in aid of Foreign Missions. It is not intended, however, to continue the printing of statements for a series of years, but merely to continue, for a time at least, a list of all the churches contributing for each year. The necessity of writing and printing an annual report arises from the nature and vast importance of the Foreign Missionary enterprise, and the relation of the churches to it . It is the only docament issued by the Board, in which their entire operations for one year are prosented at one view. It is sent to all our Ministers, to the Session of vacant churches, and to other friends of the cause in different parts of the Church. If it be not read, that may show want of interest in the work itself, but not that such a document is not needed. It presents a record of facts and dates on a subject deeply connected with the prosperity of the Charch at home, as well as the eternal happiness of the millions of benighted men among whom the Missionaries of the Church are labouring. It shows at one view the amount of funds contributed by the Charch, and where, and for what purposes, that sum has been expended. It connects the past with the present and the future, and affords a record, easy of accose, of the rise and progress and expense of the different Missions, fifty or an handred years after its date. The names of the Missionaries, and of the places where they laboured, and where they died and were buried, are there recorded. The foundation of the infant churchesthe incipient and more advanced measures and results for raising up a native ministrythe progress made in translating and printing the word of God, and religious publications, are made known to the churches. The details of all these subjects are given in the monthly publications of the Board; but it is the object of the annual report, as far as practicable, in a single publication, to draw aside the curtain which distance interposes between the Churches and their Missionaries, that the people of God may see that this is indeed the Lord's own work, and thereby that their prayers may be quickened and made more carnest, and that their alms may be enlarged. To the Missionaries, the Annual Report is always a welcome messengor. Brethren from the same Seminary, and sometimes from the
same Church, are called to labour in fields separated by half the circumference of the globe, and a few printed pages make known to each what all the others are doing, whether any have been driven from their labour by disease, or have finished the work given them to do by the adorable Head of the Church. Nor is this all. The principal branches of the Evangelical Church are now engaged in the work of Foreign Missions. Some are much in advance of others; and some are on a large scale, and others on a scale comparatively small. Nothing, however, is small or unimportant, where the glory of the Saviour, and the salvation of the soul are concerned. The Annual Reports of these sister Institutions are of the utmost importance to each other. The experience of one becomes the experience of all. The succese of one cheers the hearts of the others. The trials of all show to all that they are engaged in a work of faith, as well as of love; and the entire collection of Missionary history shows with a tenfold clearness the utter inefficiency of all human agency, apart from the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

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The principle on which the salaries of Missionaries are designated, is simply the amount that will afford them a plain and comfortable support for the time being. Nothing would be gained, but much would be lost, if they were fixed so low that they would have to turn aside from their proper missionary work, to increase their allowance by attending to any secular pursuit. The proper sum for any given field is found from the experience of the brethren in that field, after full correspondence with them,-from the allowance to missionaries of other societies in the same field; and from other available sources of information. It is due to all our Missionaries, that it should be here stated that they show a spirit of economy and self denial, in this whole matter.

## THE LABOUR IN TEE MISBION RHOUSE INCREASES.

As the enterprise enlarges, and the number of Missionaries is increased, the labour in the Mission House must necessarily be increased. The rate of increase, however, depends upon the missions that may be enlarged. Thus, if the missionary force in India and China was doubled, the increase of labour in the office, exclusive of the services of a clerk, would not probably be one fourth. But if the Missions among the Indian Tribes were doubled, the labour of the office for them would be doubled also. This arises from the different circumstances of these two Missionary fields. In India or China, eight or ten brethren, when formed into one Presbytery, would require little more correspondence than if the Presbytery consisted of but four or five; while among the Indians one or two brethren with their assistants occupy the stations separately, and every additional station adds additional labour to the officers of the Board.

## MONTELY PUBLICATIONS.

The Board publishes the two monthly papers whose names have been already given. At present the Missionary Chronicle is the organ of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions. In November last an effort was made to make it the organ of the Board of Education also. The communications between the brethren of these three Boards, both personal and written, were of the most kind and fraternal spirit. But after a careful interchange of sentiment, the arrangement failed.

## UNITED COURERLE

In the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions, there never has been any difterence of opinion, respecting the expenses, either permanent or temporary; and the individual members of the Committee, with a full knowledge of every expense incurred, have from the first been among the most liberal contributors, while they have, in the service assigned them by the Church, in their weekly meetings, often at no little inconvenience, gratuitously given so much of their time.

The same remark might have been made in relation to all the Boards, or their Committees. If they err at all, it is not by divided counsels.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. S. Plemer, Chairman.

## ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE BÓARDS.

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IN THE UNITED STATES, MAY, 1848.

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## Abstract of the Annual Report of the Board of Missions for 1818.

It is our privilege to record the interesting fact, that the past year has been marked with divine favour to the cause of Domestic Missions; in every department of this great work there has been encouraging progress.

The number of Missionaries in Commission during the year has been, four hundred and sixty. Of these, two hundred and eighty were in Commission when the year commenced, and one hundred and eighty, have been new appointments during the year. More than tucelve hundred congregations and missionary stations in twenty-five of our states have been supplied with the gospel by these missionaries. A large amount of itinerant labour has been performed, and precious fruit has been reaped.

So far as reported, there have been added to the churches, on examination, about troo thousund members; on certificate, fifteen hundred, making a total of three thousand five kundred.

Suxty new churches have been organized, and about one hundred church edifices have been built.

The number of Babbath Schools reported, as in actual operation, exceeds seven hundred, with more than five thousand teachera, and thirty thousand children; and in addition, not less than five hundred Bible and catechetical classes.

Much good has been done by pastoral and family visitation, and by the distribution of

Bibles, and the circulation of religious books and tracts. The monthly concert for prayer, has been very generally observed, with increased interest; and weekly prayer meetings have been numerous, and well attended.
There is evident in our mission churches, a growing spirit of liberality. Not less than nine tenths of all the missionaries have reported collections for the spread of the gospel. About nine thousand dollars have been contributed for missions, Domestic and Foreign, and a considerable amount for other objects. There is also an evident increase of liberality among the people, for the support of the gospel among themselves; we bail this, as a token for good, not only to the general cause, but also, and especially to the people themselves.

In the observance of the Babbath, there is some evidence of improvement; still there is much cause for deep humiliation that this holy day is so extensively desecrated, or disregarded.

The cause of Temperance it is beheved, has not retrograded, nor have we the evidence we could desire, that it has certainly advanced.

In the spirit and character of the missionaries, there is pleasing evidence of decided improvement. They evince a growing conviction of their obligation to be wholly devoted to the work of preaching the gospel, and seeking to save souls, and an increasing desire to bp found faithful. As a body, they have been diligent in the discharge of their important duties.
Among the people there is unequivocal evidence of a greatly increased, and constantly increasing desire to enjoy gospel privileges. With scarcely an exception, the reports of the missionaries represent the people as anxious to bear, and as listening with deep interest to the word preached. In all portions of the land, there is a growing anxiety to have the regular, stated ordinances of God's house.

Special efforts have been made during the year to send a mission to the Oregon Territory. Four appointments have been made for Oregon. One of the brethren appointed is already in Oregon, and employed in his ministerial work. The others were not able to make their preparations for going the present season. This subject is still before the Board, and during the current year, they hope to be able to send three, or more good missionaries to that new and important field.

In accordance with a resolution of the last General Assembly, the Board have appointed the Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D., of Georgia, Secretary and General Agent for the Bouth, and South West, to superintend missionary operations among the coloured population. Dr. Jones has accepted this appointment, and will, without expense to the Board, perform such services as he may be able, in connexion with a professorship he now holds in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. Dr. Jones has communicated to the Board much inportant information on this interesting subject.

The missionaries have done a good work, and God has signally owned and prospered that work. At no former period have our missionary reports furnished so much that is encouraging in regard to the state of religion on missionary ground. There is a very general waking up to the great interests of the soul; in very many of these churches there is deep feeling; and an unusually large number have enjoyed seasons of precious revival. The general religious aspect in the missionary field, is in the highest degree encouraging, and is eminently calculated to awaken expectation, and excite to earnest prayer, and greatly increased effort. God has, in a signal manner, blessed the efforts of his Church, in this department of her work. Encouraged by what God has done, and is now doing, let all our churches embark with new zeal in this truly great and good work.

## FUN:

The whole amount of funds at the disposal of the Board during the year has been sixty-seven thousand nine hundred and tecenty-two dollars. The balance in band at the close of the year is not far from nine thousand dollars. A considerable amount of this balance has already been paid out, and the whole will be required to meet engagements now due, or becoming due. In addition to the funds mentioned, several thousand dollars worth of valuable clothing has been received at the Office, for gratuitous distribution among the missionaries. Valuable donations of books and tracts have also bcen received for the missionaries. The increase of receipts over former years has been from five to six thousand dollars.

The Board feel called upon to express their gratitude to God, and to the friends of this cause, for the seasonable supply of funds with which they have beeen furnished. They have been able during the year to meet promptly their engagements, which has contributed essentially to the prosperity of the cause, and large as have been the demands made upon
them, they have in no instance declined, where aid was needed, and there was a reasonable proepect of doing good.

The present engagements of the Board are very large, and these engagements will of necessity be greatly increased. The field of operation is constantly widening, and extend. ing on all sides. New, and large additions are making to our Domestic Territory. Our vacant lands are rapidly filling up, with a mixed population. Towns, and even cities, are epringing up in our immense wilderness, and new settlements are forming almost daily. To all these the gospel should be sent, and sent without delay. The year upon which we now enter, will make a loud and pressing call upon the churches in behalf of Domestic Miesions. A great work is to be done by the church in this land, and to be done now. The Board have looked at this work with much care and deep interest : they are sensible of the fearful responsibility under which they act, and relying upon God, and the pledged faith of the Church, they are prepared to go forward with increased energy; and if the churchee will only do their part, and do it in proper season, there. will be no want of funds, and with God's blessing, the cause will still more gloriously prosper.

## 1 churoh bxtension.

This important branch of the work committed to the Board has been prosecuted with diligence, and with encouraging success. The Church Extension Committee have given special attention to this subject, and have met promptly the demands made upon them. During the year, appropriations have been made to aid fifty-two congregations in building, or finishing houses of worship, and, in addition, six congregations have been aided in the payment of church debts, making the whole number of congregations aided fifty-eight. These congregations are in eightcen of our States. Forty are in the West and South-West, and eighteen are in the Middle and Bouthern States. The whole amount of funds recaived for this object, during the year, has been six thousand, one hundred and twelve dollars, and fifty-nine cents. Of this amount, five thousand, four hundrel and thirty dollars, and fifty cents, were from individual donors, and six hundred and eighty dollars, and nine cents, were from collections in a few of the churches. At the commencement of the year, there was a balance in hand of two thousand, one hundred and forty-seven dollars, and seventy-nine cents; making the whole sum at the disposel of the Committee, during the year, eight thousand, two hundred and sirty dollars, and thirty-eight cents. The appropriations have amounted to seven thousand, two hundred and sixty dollars, leaving a balance not yet appropriated of one thousand dollars, and thirty-eight cents.

This important object is commended to the serious consideration of all our churches.

## CONCLODINE REMARKE.

Having given a general view of the past, in conclusion we invite a moment's attention to the future. The work is still before us, and its claims gain strength with each revolving year. Of the importance of Domestic Missions in such a country as ours, it is hardly possible to speak in terms too strong; nor can we feel too deeply the obligation resting on the Church, to embark with her whole strength in this work. And the value of the present time, in this great enterprise, none can fully estimate. When we cast our eyes over the immense territory to be occupied, and the additions that are making, and will be made, to that territory,-when we consider the daily increase and continued spreading of our population, and the mixed character of that population, -and when we know, too, the untiring efforts that are making to spread among our whole population the most dangerous and destructive errors,-what a work have Christians to do in this land! And in this work, how important, how precious, the present time! God is shaking the nations, the world is moved; thrones are falling, the people are rising. In the Old World, all is in commotion; and in these agitations, millions will be sent to this land, the asylum for the oppressed. Let them be met here with the gospel call, and be placed under a salutary gospel influence; and let it be the cherished desire and the untiring effort of our favoured Zion, and of all who enjoy its invaluable privileges, to do their part in making this land, this rich inheritance which God has given us, Immanuel's land, the glory of all lands, and the light of the whole world,

# BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS. 

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It is encouraging to observe that the Reccipts were over $\$ 13,000$ more than the amount received in the preceding year. Besides the sum thus acknowledged, $\$ 7,539$ 74, were received by the Missionaries in India, from European friends in that country. Articles of clothing for the boarding scholars in the Indian and African Missions, are also acknowledged, valued at $\$ 1872$ 13, the contribution of female members of different churches.

Publications.-Of the Missionary Chronicle 8,400 copies; The Foreign Missionary, 15,000 copies; Annual Report of 1847, 3,500 copies; Letters to Children, by the Rev. W. 8. Rogers, 7,000 copies ; letters to Sabbath Schools, by the Rev. Walter M. Lowrie, 5,000 copies; Address to the Churches of the Synod of New Jersey, by request of the Synod, 250 copies.

Agents.-The Rev. Henry R. Wilson, Jr., in the Atlantic Synods; Rev. William S. Rogers, in the Western and South Western Synods; and the Rev. A. O. Patterson, D. D., a part of the year, in the Synods of Pittsburgh, Wheeling, and Ohio.

Missionariss sent oct-Five ministers, two teachers, and five females-three of them the wives of missionaries and two of them teachers, have been sent to different fields of labour.

Indian Missions.-Among the Choctaws, Creeks and Seminoles, Iowas and Sacs, Otoes and Omahaws, and Chippercas: Rev. Messrs. J. B. Ramsey, R. M. Loughridge, H. Ballentine, D. W. Eakins, W. Hamilton, S. M. Irwin, E. McKinney, and P. Dougherty ; Mesers. O. P. Stark, C. Gardner, L. Biseell, J. Lilley, D. E. Read, and A. Porter, teachers; Mr.
J. S. Betz, carpenter ; Mr. J. Myers, farmer ; Mr. D. Rodd, interpreter; and fourteen females, most of whom are the wives of missionaries; boarding schools among the Iowas, Choctaws, Creeks and Omahaws, with 166 scholars; day scholars, about 50 ; church members, among the Chippewas, Choctaws and Creeks, 50.

Mission in West Aprica.-Among the Kroos and in Liberia: Rev. Messrs. J. M. Connelly, H. W. Ellis, and J. M. Priest ; Mr. W. McDonough, teacher ; one native teacher; and four females-three of them the wives of missionaries and one a teacher; schools, at all the stations; church, at Monrovia.

Missions in Norta India.-Three missiong-the Lodiana, Allahabad, and Furrukhabad, with eight stations; Rev. Messrs. J. Newton, L. Janvier, A. Rudolph, J. Porter, J. Caldwell, J. H. Morrison, J. M. Jamieson, C. W. Forman, J. R. Campbell, Golok Nath, J. Warren, J. E. Freeman, J. Owen, J. Wray, A. A. Hodge, J. L. Scott, W. H. McAuley, D. Irving, A. H. Seeley, J. J. Walsh, R. M. Munnis, J. Wilson, J. C. Rankin, and Gopeenauth Nundy; twenty-one females, the wives of missionaries; eighteen native assistants; two printing establishments, from which $8,321,370$ pages were issued in four languages; schools at most of the stations, with 980 scholars, of whom 139 are supported by the missions, and about 470 are in schools of a high grade; churches at six stations, into five of which converts were received during the year.

Missiof in Siam-Station at Bangkok; Rev. 8. Mattoon and wife; S. R. House, M. D., licentiate preacher. The mission lately renewed; prospects encouraging.

Missions in Chifa.-Three missions-the Canton, Amoy, and Ningpo, with as many stations: Rev. Messrs. A. P. Happer, M. D., J. B. French, W. Speer, J. Lloyd, H. A. Brown, M. S. Culbertson, A. W. Loomis, R. Q. Way, and J. W. Quarterman ; D. B. McCartee, M. D.; four females, the wives of missionaries. Mrs. C. Speer died at Macao, April 16, 1847. Rev. W. M. Lowrie, "returning from Shanghai, where he had spent some time, as a delegate to the Convention for revising the Chinese translation of the Scriptures, was suddenly cut off by pirates, and found a watery grave in Hang Chow bay, between Chapoo and Ningpo." Two boarding schools, with 60 pupils; printing press at Ningpo, with metallic types, from which $4,365,560$ pages were issued; church at Ningpo.

Mission to thr Jews.-The Rev. M. R. Miller, among the Jews in the city of New York. Mr. Miller is pursuing his preparatory studies, and engaged in missionary labours of much importance.

Papal Europr.-Through the agency of the Evangelical Societies of France and Geneva, an important service can be rendered to the cause of pure religion on the continent of Europe. Moneys have been remitted for this purpose by the Board. The recent political changes have opened the door for evangelical labours more widely than ever; while financial embarrassments have diminished the local resources of those Societies. They appeal with earnestness to their Christian brethren in other countries for assistance in the work of spreading the gospel in the Catholic countries of Europe.

Summary-Missions, sixteen,-in six fields of labour, viz. American Indians, Western Africa, North India, Siam and China, Papal Europe, and the Jews; stations, 22 ; ordained ministers, 46; licentiate preacher, 1 ; physicians, 2 ; teachers, printers, \&cc., 10 ; making, with their wives, 101 persons, exclusive of native labourers not ordained; schools at most of the stations; churches in most of the missions;-the statistics of European missions not included.

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## Abstract of the Annual Report for 1848.

## GENERAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

There have been at least two notable periods in the history of the world when Education has been summoned to overthrow Christianity-one under Julian, the Apostate, and another under the Jesuits, at the time of the Reformation. The present is in danger of being enrolled as a third period, equally distinguished by fatal, though undesigned, opposition to the true interests of the rising generation. It is all important for the Church to recur to Bible principles, and to maintain them faithfully and fearlessly.
I. What are some of the scriptural principles of education?

1. Children, as God's creatures, are to be trained up for his glory.
2. Religious education must be begun early.
3. Religious instruction should be perseveringly inculcated.
4. The word of God is a principal instiument in preparing the soul for the duties of this life and the life to come.
5. Education must be practically administered upon the principles of the covenant. (1.) The teacher should feel an interest in the souls of children. (2.) He should pray with and for them. (3.) Give them an example of religion in his life, and in the principles on which the school is governed. (4.) Should have faith in God's blessing upon his labours. (5.) And engage in his vocation for God's glory.
II. The practice of the Church in its pure days has almost uniformly been in conformity with these principles. It was so under the Jewish dispensation. It was so during the early age of Christianity: and as much so as could be expected even in the middle ages. At the Reformation, Christian education was restored to its appropriate prominence. In Scotland, Holland, France, Switzerland, efficient measures were taken to secure the training of the children of the Church. The Puritans commenced with a thoroughly religious system of education, which has only been modified into a secular system quite recently. Presbyterians throughout the last century in this country acted upon the same principles. So that our present efforts to promote religious education are sanctioned by a glorious testimony in the Church of God.
III. Let the characteristics of the Asoembly's plan be distinctly understond. These may be summarily stated as follows:
6. The inculcation of religious truth in connexion with secular learning.
7. The employment of Christian teachers in our schools, academies, and colleges.
8. The supervision of the Church in the whole work of education.
IV. Objertions to the Christian plan considered, viz:
9. Religion does not belong to the day-school.
10. The plan is sectarian.
11. It is an impracticable plan.
12. In some places, the existing common schools are under Presbyterian influence.
13. The people are already taxed for a school system, and will not bear any more burdens.
14. Church schools are "anti-republican" in their tendency.

These objections are considered and answered in the Report.
V. Encouragements for our Church to persevere in the education measures adopted by the last Assembly.

1. The plan we are acting upon is right in itself. It is Scriptural.
2. It is the best of all plans, practically.
3. It will stimulate parental fidelity.
4. It will invite and secure the efficient co-operation of pastors.
5. It will promote the prosperity of the Church.
6. It will advance the best interests of our country.
7. It will operate favourably upon the State common schools.
VI. Statistics and suggestions about schools, academies, and colleges in the bounds of the Presbyterian Church.

Schools. From the Reports received by different Presbyteries, the following statements . will hold true in regard to the common schools, under the patronage of the different States, and within our bounds.

1. Religion is generally excluded from the schools. There are but few exceptions to this remark.
2. The schools are open for a very short period. Their continuance seems to depend upon the holding out of the public money. A few months of the year is the sum of the educational period.
3. The teachers are frequently incompetent, and sometimes immoral.
4. The supervision of the schools is usually merely nominal. All is left to the teacher.
5. In many parts of the country, the state of public opinion is improving as to education; but an indifference to this great work is a lamentable and too general characteristic.
6. In a number of the States, there are very few common schools in operation. This is the case, particularly in the Southern and Bouthwestern States.

The number of Parochial schools now in operation in the Presbyterian Church is, as far as ascertained, about forty. Of these ten receive aid from the Board. Other churches are eamestly considering their duty in this matter, and will proceed to establish sessional schools at the earliest practicable period. This great movement is one of time, and has been commenced most auspiciously.

Academies. Our church, in commencing with primary schools, has placed herself under obligations to establish academies, where the same course of Christian instruction may be systematically persevered in. Twelve or fourteen Presbyteries either have already, or are taking measures to have, Presbyterial academies. Three or four Presbyteries have Female Seminaries under their care. The Board hope that one or more Normal Schools will be in operation before long.

Colleges. The zeal of Preshyterians has been conspicuous in building up colleges. Unfortunately, sufficient care has not been taken to perpetuate the influence of the Church in their management. The colleges, properly denominational, in connexion with the Preabyterian Church, are the following: Centre, Kentucky ; Oakland, Mississippi; Oglethorpe, Georgia; Hawover, Indiana; and Davidson, North Carolina.

The Board respectfully represent to the Assembly that action on this subject is imperiously required.

1. Colleges are necessary to complete the system of Christian education commenced by the last Assembly.
2. The importance of colleges, as a great instrumentality in the general elevation and advancement of society, is a plea for attention to their interests.
3. The influence of Christian colleges in promoting religion, and in perpetuating a learned ministry, appeals to the Presbyterian Church with peculiar power.
4. The embarrassed condition of some of our most important institutions demands the seasonable interposition of the Church.
5. The fostering of new colleges, as they may be required in the Providence of God is an additional reason for the adoption of some general plan by which the resources and co-operation of the whole church may be rendered available.
6. The eager ambition of the Jesuits to obtain possession of the educational resources of the Great Valley is an additional plea for Presbyterian activity.
7. Colleges have been always deemed by the Church important means of advancing the kingdom of Christ.

The Board of Education, deeply impressed with these views, suggest that if no better course can be devised, the Assembly grant to the Board the power of aiding, out of any funds that may be given for that purpose, such collegiate institutions in connexion with the Presbyterian Church as may require aid.

The same suggestion is made in reference to Theological Seminaries in like circumstances.

## MINIETERIAL EDUCATION.

The education of candidates for the ministry continues to be a chief aim in the uperations of the Board. The measures of the Assembly in behalf of general education will be most successful when they issue in the raising up of a numerous, devoted, and well qualified ministry.


The decrease in the number of candidutes for the ministry, which began three years ago, and which was temporarily arrested last year, has aguin made ill-omened progreas. There are several circumstances that conspire to render this decrease remarkable.

1. The Church has made steady progress in the increase of her communicants.
2. The demand for labourers at home and abroad was never so pressing as at the present time.
3. The knowledge of our duty in relation to the evangelization of the world was never more clear.
4. The facilities of obtaining a theological education remove almost every outward obstruction in the way of those who feel called to the work.

Causes of this decrease. Under these circumstances so favourable to an increase, in Divine Providence, of the number of candidates for the ministry, we may well inquire, as a Church, into some of the causes of the decline.

1. The low state of piety in the Church is unquestionably the main cause of all hinderances, of whatever kind, to the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.
2. The defective state of religious education at home and at school is a cause of the irregularity and deficiency of our ministerial supplies.
3. The want of prayer on the part of the Cburch to "the Lord of the harvest" is a well authenticated and prominent failing at the present day.
4. A nother cause of the decrease of candidates is the depreciating estimate of ministerial labour in the community, especially as regards ministerial maintenance.

Duty of the Church. Such a state of things cannot exist without imposing special obligations on the Cburch.

1. Among the duties demanded by the exigency is humiliation and prayer.
2. Ministerial fidelity may be well quickened at such a time as this.
3. A stronger religious influence at our colleges and other institutions of learning is required.
4. The consecration of children by pious parents to the service of the Redeemer is among the chief reliances of the Church, under God, in the perpetuation of the ministry.
5. It is the duty of pious and educated young men, who may have commenced some secular profession without due consideration, carefully to examine the claims of God to their labours in the ministry.
6. The necessity of elevating the standard of ministerial education, and of magnifying the office and work of the ministry is always urgent in the Presbyterian Church, and particularly so at the present time.
7. Increased effort and vigilance on the part of the Board of Education are duties coincident with the present state of this department of their labours.

## STATE OF THE TREASURY.

## Ministerial Education Fund.



General Education Fund.

| Balance transferred May, 1847, Cash received during the year, |  | - | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 300000 \\ 104825 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total amount of available funds, | - - | - | 404825 |
| Amount paid on orders of Executive | Committee, | - | 18233 |
| Balance May, 1st, 1848, | - - - | - | \$3865 92 |

In regard to funds, the Board have found that the Church is generally prepared to meat any exigency that may arise in this, or any other department of benevolence. They con. fidently appeal to the Church, to.continue to sustain them in the good and great work in which they are engaged in its behalf.

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## Abstract of the Tenth Annual Report, May, 1848.

During the year ending March 31st, 1848, the Presbyterian Board of Publication have added to their catalogue twenty-one new books, amounting to 24,500 copies; four new Tracts, amounting to 10,500 copies; and two occasional Tracts, amounting to 8,000 copics. The whole nuinber of new publications for the year, is 43,000 copies. They have also printed new editions from stereotype plates, amounting to 124,500 copies. Total number of Books and Tracts issued during the year, 167,500.

The list of new books contains the titles of several standard devotional works, with which the Church has long been familiar. Most of the publications of the year have been of the smaller kind; and many of these designed more particularly for children. But in performing the responsible and often perplexing service of selecting works for publication, the Board have been guided by a regard to what the taste, as well as the moral exigencies of the Church, seemed to demand. Hitherto the call for the larger works has been small, compared with that for books which are more easily read and less expensive. Some of the books added to the catalogue during the past year, however, may be classed with the most useful, as well as attractive, that the Board have published from the beginning. Among which they would mention the splendid edition of Bungan's Holy War, announced in the
last Report as then partly prepared for the press, which has since been issued in a style of typography, and with pictorial illustrations, that surpass any American edition of the work ever previously published.

Another work of great utility is, A Manual of Devotion for Soldiers and Sailorg-a book which the Board were induced to publish from a conviction, not only that a work of this kind was greatly needed, but that it was due from us, as a department of the Church, to contribute, with others, toward the religious improvement of those interesting classes for whom it is designed.

Thoughts on Family Worship, by the Rev. James W. Alexander, D. D-a work that has been received by the Church with the highest favour, and which is suited to be widely, as well as permanently, useful.

The Harmony of the Divine Attributes, by Dr. William Bates-the best production of this learned and accomplished divine, and one of the most valuable works on Christian doctrine which has ever been written.

Essays on Happiness, Christian Piety, \&cc., by McLaurin, of Glasgow-a writer whose works display a mind of the highest order, and " prove him to have been a profound thinker, an accurate and cogent reasoner, deeply versed in the mysteries of redemption, and zealous for the glory of his Divine Master."

For the means of stereotyping these works of McLaurin and Bates, as well as those of Alleine and Baxter, the Church is indebted to the same benevolent individuals who furnished the means of publishing the costly volumes of Bunyan.

Hymns for Youth-a book which supplies a desideratum long and seriously felt in our churches. A compilation of a similar character, but constructed on principles which forbid even an allusion to infant baptism, or the relation of children to the Church, has been the only one hitherto found in all the Presbyterian Sabbath Schools in our country. The Board are pleased to find that the work is appreciated by the Church; the first edition having been exhausted in a few months. All subsequent editions will have the Shorter Catechism appended.

The Catechetical Assistant in German. At the suggestion of a Presbytery in the West, particularly conversant with the German population of our country, which is continually and rapidly on the increase, by the influx of emigrants, the Board have employed a competent scholar to translate the, Shorter Catechism, with two others issued by them for younger children, into the German language.

In accordance with the resolution of the last Assembly, "that the Stated Clerk hand over to the Board of Publication such copies of the Minutes of Assembly as he judges are not needed for the Assembly," the Board have received 550 complete sets of the Minutes from 1836 to 1847, inclusive, which they have had bound in two volumes, constituting No. $219 \frac{1}{2}$ of the Catalogue, and have for sale at $\$ 3$ a set. To give additional value and usefulness to this work, they have employed a suitable person to prepare a full index to the two volumes.

The amount of moneys received during the last year, including a balance in the treasury - at the date of the last report, is $\$ 48,47638$. -

From the foregoing statement, the Assembly will be gratified to learn that the past has been a year of increasing prosperity; its sales exceeding the amount of any former year, except that which yielded so large an income from the new Psalms and Hymns.

By a faithful adherence to the method of business that was early adopted, and which has been sanctioned by uniform experience, the means of the Board have been preserved from permanent diminution.

Within the year, the Board have made experiment of the system of colportage, so far as they have been furnished with the means to sustain it. But however desirable such an agency for diffusing the publications of the Board, they are the more confirmed in the opinion expressed in their last report, that the funds required to conduct it on a scale so large and liberal as is desirable, mast be provided by the churches. The income from sales will not warrant the large outlay which would be required to carry on this mode of distribution to any considerable extent. After listening with due respect to the various suggestions of friends on the subject of imparting increased vigour and efficiency to the Institution, the Board are persuaded that this can be done only by the cordial and energetic co-operation of Presbyteries and Synods in carrying into effect the earnest recommendations of successive General Assemblies, that they collect funds, establish depositories, support their own colporteurs, and thus take the responsibility of supplying their own geographical limits. Several of these bodies have already entered upon this work, and are carrying it
forward with the most encouraging success.* Let their example be copied, and the counsels of the Assembly be obeyed throughout the Church, and then, but not before, will the utility and power of this instrumentality be fully seen and acknowledged.

The Board would also report to the Assembly, that they have been constrained, by numerous causes, to make new arrangements for conducting their business, which, though attended with considerable expense at the outset, will, they doubt not, prove in the end to be highly advantageous. The uncertainty of their tenure of rooms held only by rent-the inconvenience of removals, as well as the expense they must soon incur for a second time, there being a necessity for vacating their present premises-especially the want of more room, and the importance of occupying a prominent position in the city, which should bring them more fully before the public eye, have urged this measure upon them. But the dificulty of finding a place combining so many requisites as were sought by the Board, has caused the change to be postponed until now.

Within a short time, they have purchased a valuable property in one of the great thoroughfares of the city, $\dagger$ and on such terms as to make the outlay not only a safe, but profitable investment. It is proposed by the Board to remove to the building so soon as it shall be prepared for their reception.

In conclusion, the Board would review the year with a grateful recognition of Divine goodness in the success which has attended their imperfect services. Let it be the prayer of all who love the truth diffused by this agency of the Church, that the Holy Spirit may be given to render it efficacious, and that Ged may be glorified in the salvation of many that believe.

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## GENERAL VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, MAY, 1848.

During the year closing May, 1848, the Synod of Memphis has been organized, and the Presbytery of Bowling Green dissolved. The following statistics are for three years:

|  | 1846. | 1847. | 1818. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Synods, in connexion with General Assembly, | 22 | 22 | 23 |
| Presbyteries, . . | 115 | 118 | 117 |
| Candidates for the Ministry, | 339 | 343 | 373 |
| Licentiates, - . | 218 | 231 | 250 |
| Ministers, | 1647 | 1713 | 1803 |
| Churches, | 2297 | 2376 | 2459 |
| During these years there were |  |  |  |
| Licensures, <br> Ordinations, <br> Installations, <br> Pastoral relations dissolved, <br> Churches organized and received from other bodie <br> Ministers received from other denominations, . | . 72 | 82 | 71 |
|  | 78 | 64 | 61 |
|  | - 87 | 72 | 76 |
|  | - 52 | 52 | 58 |
|  | 8, 45 | 44 | 60 |
|  | - 14 | 15 | 27 |
| Ministers gone to other denominations,Members added to the Church on examination,Members added to the Church on certificate, | 6 | 7 | 5 |
|  | 7792 | 7602 | 8851 |
|  | 5733 | 5672 | 6184 |
| Adults baptized, | 2036 | 1794 | 2338 |
| Children baptized, | 9677 | 9342 | 9837 |
| Whole number of communicants reported, Amount contributed for religions purposes, | 174,714 | 179,453 | 192,022 |
|  | 254,856.70 | 8310,164.91 | \$326,220.05 |

The following ministers have died during the year :

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Total, 19. Last year, 23.
In 1839, the year after the great secession from the Church, the whole number of mininters reported as remaining, was 1243 ; of churches, 1823 ; and of communicants, 128,043. The increase, therefore, of the Church, in the eight years since, has been 560 ministers, 636 churches, and 63,979 communicants. There has been also a like increase of candidates for the ministry. Then there were 198; now there are 373. The amount then raised for religious purposes was, $8123,436.97$; the past year, $8326,220.05$. Increase, $8202,783.08$.

WILLIS LORD,
Stated Clerk of the General Assumbly
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## MODERATORS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A. D. 1789,* Rev. John Rodgers, D. D., of New York.

1790,* Rev. Robert Smith, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1791,* Rev. John Woodhull, D. D., New Jersey.
1792,* Rev. John King, D. D., Penngylvania.
1793,* Rev. James Latta, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1794,* Rev. Alexander McW horter, D. D., New Jersey.
1795,* Rev. John McKnight, D. D., New York.
1796,* Rev. Robert Davidson, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1797,* Rev. William M. Tennent, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1798,* Rev. Jobn Blair Smith, D. D. Pennsylvania.
1799,* Rev. Samuel Stanhope Smith, D. D., LL. D, New dereey.
1800,* Rev. Joseph Clark, D. D., New Jersey.
1801, Rev. Nathaniel Irwin, Pennsylvania.
1802,* Rev. Azel Roe, D. D., New Jersey.
1803,* Rev. James Hall, D. D., North Carolina.
1804,* Rev. James F. Armstrong, New Jersey.
1805,* Rev. James Richards, D. D., New Jersey.
1806, Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., New York.
1807, Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1808, Rev. Philip Milledoler, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1809,* Ret. Drury Lacy, Virginia.
1810,* Rev. John Brodhead Remeyn, D. D., New York.
1811, Rev. Eliphalet Nott, D. D., New York.
1812,* Rev. Andrew Flinn, D. D., South Carolina.
1813,* Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., New York.
1814,* Rev. James Inglis, D. D., Maryland.
1815, Rev. Willian Neill, D. D., New York.
1816,* Rev. James Blythe, D. D., Kentucky.
1817,* Rev. Jonas Coe, D. D., New York.
1818, Rev. Jacob Jones Janeway, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1819,* Rev. John Holt Rice, D. D., Virginia.
1820, Rev. John McDowell, D. D., New Jersey.
1821, Rev. William Hill, D. D., Virginia.
1822,* Rev. Obadiah Jennings, D. D., Ohio.
1823,* Rev. John Chester, D. D, New York.
1824,* Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., LL. D., Pennsylvania.
1825,* Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., New York.
1826, Rev. Thomas McAuley, D. D., LL. D., New York.
1827, Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1828, Rev. Ezra Styles Ely, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1829, Rev. Benjamin Holt Rice, D. D., Virginia.
1830,* Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., New York.
1831, Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., New York.
1832; Rev. James Hoge D. D., Ohio.
1833, Rev. William A. McDowell, D. D., South Carolina.
1834, Rev. Philip Lindsley, D. D., Tenneseee.
1835, Rev. William W. Philips, D. D., New York.
1836, Rev. John Witherspoon, D. D., South Carolina.
1837, Rev. David Ellidtt, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1838, Rev. William 8. Plumer, D. D., Virginia.
1839,* Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, D. D., Ohio.
1840, Rev. William M. Engles, D. D., Pennsylvania.
1841 , Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, D. D., Maryland.
1842, Rev. John T. Edgar, D. D., Tennessee.
1843, Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., New York.
1844, Rev. George Junkin, D. D., Ohio.
1845, Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D., New York.
1846, Rev. Charles Hodge, D. D., New Jersey.
1847, Rev. James H. Thornwell, D. D., South Carolina,
1848, Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D. D., Penneylvania.

# STATED CLERKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. 

A. D. 1788,* Rev. George Duffield, D. D.<br>1790,* Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. LL.D.<br>1803, Rev. Philip Milledoler, D. D.<br>1806,* Rev. Nathaniel Irwin.<br>1807, Rev. Jacob Jones Janeway, D. D.<br>1817, Rev. William Neill, D. D.<br>1825, Rev. Ezra Styles Ely, D. D.<br>1836, Rev. John McDowell, D. D.<br>1840, Rev. William M. Engles, D. D.<br>1846, Rev. Willis Lord, D. D.

## PERMANENT CLERKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A. D. 1802,* Rev. Nathaniel Irwin.

1807,* Rev. John Ewing Latta.
1825, Rev. John McDowell, D. D.
1837, Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D.
1845, Rev. Robert Davidson, D. D.

* Deceased.



## SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

In the Minutes of the General Assembly for the year 1821, is the following important rule, which was adopted by the Assembly. "An overture from the Synod of North Carolina was received and read, and is as follows: viz.
" Whereas the General Assembly is the bighest and most important judicatory of the Presbyterian Church; and whereas to obtain the Divine blessing on that judicatory must appear, to every Christian of our denomination, to be a matter of the utmost moment; therefore,
"Resolved, That this Synod do respectively suggest to the General Assembly the propriety of recommending to all the churches under their care, to observe, annually, the afternoon or cuening previous to the meeting of that body, as a season of special prayer to Almighty God for his blessing; that he would, of his infinite mercy, condescend to superintend and direct all their measures, deliberations, and decisions; so that all may redound to the promotion of His own glory, and the general prosperity of that particular Church to which we belong."

## TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of the Stated Clerks of the respective Synods, to send up to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly an annual report, stating, in brief, the number of Presbyteries, ministers, churches, licentiates, and candidates within their bounds, and particularly all changes which may have been made in the arrangement of Presbyteries. By the Assembly of 1841 , (see p. 425,) it has been made their duty also to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, the time and place of meetings of their respective Synods.

## THE STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

## Are earnestly requested,

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Aseembly, if they have no printed blanks, after the form on the opposite page of these Minutes. Blanks can always be obtained on application to the Stated Clerk.
2. To make their Reports in fair distinct writing, especially the columns of figures.
3. To make then as accurate and full as possible. If, in any instances, churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their number of communicants should be inserted from their last report.
4. To report no cents except in the Contingent Fund. The Assembly has so ordered. If therefore they are reported, the Stated Clerk of the Assembly is obliged to throw them out altogether, or to incorporate them with the dollars. This costs him a serious amount of of labour to which he ought not to be subjected.
5. To add up each column of figures, with care. Many still neglect this; and thus oblige the Clerk of the Assembly to do, what they should do themselves.
6. To append to the Statistics of Preshyteries, a brief account of changes which have occurred during the year; such as, licensures, ordinations, installations, dismissions of pastors, organizations of new churches, and deaths of ministers.
7. To transmit their Reports as soon as practicable after the spring meetings of Presbyteries.

## THE CONTINGENT FUND.

There is still a necessity for calling the particular attention of the churches and Presbyteries to this Fund. The expenses for which it provides are indispensable, not only to the vigorous working, but to the maintenance of our ecclesiastical organism. And in this certainly every church, and every member of the church, will feel an interest.

REGULATION RESPECTING THE MINUTES.
Adopted by the Assemblies of 1836 and 1837, and directed to be re-published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

[^12]FORM OF PRESBYTERIAL REPORT.







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## BEQUESTS.

## FORM OF A DEVISE OR BEQUEST TO THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

I give, devise and bequeath to Alexander W. Mitchell, M. D., of the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Penngylvania, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the sum of $\quad$ in trust nevertheless for the Presbyterian Board of Publication, constituted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, at their sessions held at Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, to be applied by the said Board to the uses and purposes for which the said Board was so as aforesaid established.

## FORM OF A DEVISE OR BEQUEST TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

I give and devise to the Trustees of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of A merica, the sum of , to be applied by said Board to the Edacation of Pious and Indigent Young Men for the Gospel Ministry.

## FORM OF A DEVISE OR BEQUEST TO THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

To the Trustees of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Preshyterian Church in the United States of America, and to their successors and assigns, I give and bequeath the sum of , or I devise a certain messuage and tract of land, \&c., to be held by the said trustees and their successors for ever, to and for the uses, and under the direction of the said Board of Missions of the said General Assembly according to the provisions of their charter.

## FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

I bequeath to my Executors the sum of
dollars in trust to pay over the same in after my decease, to the person who, when the same shall be payable, shall act as Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Cburch in the United States of America, to be applied $\omega$ the uses and purposes of said Board, and under its direction, and the receipt of the said Treasurer shall be a full and legal acquittance of my said Executors for the same.
of When bequests are made to the respective Boards, let the foregoing forms be carefully observed. Legacies are often lost to the cause which the testator designs to aid, by a defect in the will. When real estate or other property is to be given, let it be particularly described.

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[^8]:    - There was no Corresponding Becretary doring the last of these five yeara, except for a ahort cime.
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[^10]:    In the Report of the Central Education Soriety，＂grante＂to candidates are not meparated from the ＂calary of the Becretary．＂Assuming the latter to have been the came as in the previons year，the above sam is the true amount．
    § In this amount（as well as in the column of permanent funds）the interest，paid as part of the Becre－ tary＇s salary，is taken into the account．

[^11]:    *The Synods of North Carolina, Virginia, Pittsburgh, and Ohio; and the Presbyterics of Newton, New Castle, South Alabama, and Baltimore.
    $\dagger$ The building stands on the north side of Chestnut street, above Eighth, No. 265, and cost $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 , 0 0 0}$. The lot is 25 foet frunt, by 178 feet deep.

[^12]:    " Each Presbytery shall forward to the Treasurer, for the Contingent Fund of the Assembly, at or before the meeting of the Assembly in each year, a sum equal to fifty cents for each member of the Presbytery, and for any licentiate or other person who shall desire the Minutes, and whose post.office address shall be given. And the Stated Clerk shall not forward the Minutes to the members of any Presbytery from which no such remittance shall be made, but only to the Stated Clerk of such Presbytery, and to such members as shall forward the sum above stated."

