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OF

SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,

AT THEIR SESSIONS

IN AUGUSTA,

Dec. 1830.

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AUGUSTA GEORGIA, Dec. 2, 1830. }
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The Synod of South-Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church of this city, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Horace S. Pratt, from Job, 33. 4th. "*The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.*"

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

From the Presbytery of South-Carolina.

MINISTERS.

Richard B. Cater,
Michael Dickson,
Aaron Foster,
Alexander Kirkpatrick.

ELDERS.

Alexander Houston,
from Willington Church.
Andrew Giles,
from Rocky River Church.

From the Presbytery of Hopewell,

Moses Waddel, D. D.
T. Goulding, D. D.
Jesse Stratton,
S. K. Talmage,
John S. Wilson,
J. C. Patterson,
Nathan Hoyt,
Wm. B. Richards,
Samuel J. Cassels.

Joseph H. Lumpkin,
from Lexington Church,
Samuel Baldwin,
from Union Church,
Thomas W. Alexander,
from Fairview,
Nathaniel Barker,
from Macon,
Wm. J. Hobby,
from Augusta,
A. Walker,
from Athens.

From the Charleston Union Presbytery,

B. M. Palmer, D. D.
A. W. Leland, D. D.
W. A. M'Dowell, D. D.
B. Gildersleeve,
Elipha White,
Joseph Brown,

Thomas S. Mills,
from Beach Island.

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From the Harmony Presbytery.

MINISTERS.

John Cousar,
 John M. Erwin,
 Rt. W. James,
 S. S. Davis,
 Robert Means,
 R. B. Campbell,

ELDERS.

Charles B. Douglass,
 from Salem, Fairfield
 Daniel L. Desaussure,
 from Camden.

From the Georgia Presbytery.

Horace S. Pratt,
 Nathaniel A. Pratt.

From the Bethel Prssbytery.

Aaron Williams, James Harbison,
 Cyrus Johnston, from Catholic Church,
 John B. Davies,
 John Le Roy Davies,
 Daniel L. Gray.

ABSENT.

From the Presbytery of South-Carolina ;

H. Dickson, Wm. H. Barr, D. D.; A. W. Ross, B.
 D. Du Pree, Samuel Davis, and John B. Kennedy.

From the Prsbytery of Hopewell ;

Rev. H. Reid, Francis Cummins, D. D. John
 Brown, D. D.; Edward Pharr, John Boggs, A.
 Church, D. D.; R. Chamberlain, J. Gamble, C. P.
 Beman, J. Harrison, J. Y. Alexander, Joseph C.
 Stiles, and Dennis M. Winston.

From the Charleston Union Presbytery.

George Reid, Edward Palmer, Arthur Buist, Z.
 Rogers, and John Dickson.

From the Harmony Presbytery.

S. W. Younge, C. L. R. Boyd, R. B. Campbell,
 John Joyce, John Rennie, Wm. Brearly, John Har-
 rington, N. R. Morgan, Thomas Alexander, U. Powers,
 and H. Belknap.

From the Georgia Presbytery.

Wm. McWhir, Rt. Quarterman, Lawson Clinton,
 E. H. Snowden, and H. M. Blodgett.

From the Bethel Presbytery,

Rt. B. Walker, James S. Adams, and J. B. Stafford.

The Synod proceeded to the election of Moderator, and temporary Clerk; when the Rev. Thomas Goulding, D. D.; was elected Moderator, and B. Gildersleeve, temporary Clerk.

After which the Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon, to meet in the Lecture Room of this Church.

Thursday afternoon 3 o'clock.

The Synod met.—Present as in the morning, together with the Rev. John Brown, D. D. the Rev. Joseph C. Stiles, and the Rev. John Boggs, of the Presbytery of Hopewell, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Rev. R. Chamberlain, of the Presbytery of Hopewell being present, offered reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, and for tardiness at the present meeting, which were sustained.

Rev. Dr. Brown, J. Brown, M. Dickson, N. A. Pratt, Rt. Means, Cyrus Johnston, *Ministers*; Thos. Mills and Mr. Houston *Elders*, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, with directions to meet immediately after the rising of Synod, and afterwards upon their own adjournments.

Rev. Henry Safford, from the Synod of Genessee, and Rev. Wm. Quillin, from the Synod of Tennessee, being present, on invitation took their seats as correspondents.

Rev. Henry Reid, of the Presbytery of Hopewell being present, offered reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

Presbyterial Reports being called for, the Presbytery of South-Carolina presented their Report, which being read, was referred back to the Presbytery, with directions to make it out according to the order of Synod, passed in 1828; and transmit it to the stated Clerk of Synod. The same Presbytery reported that they received Rev. Arthur Mooney from the Presbytery of Holsten, and ordained Wm. Carlisle, on the 19th.

of June last. Mr. Mooney and Mr. Carlisle being present took their seats as members.

Communications were received from the Rev. Drs. Cummins and Church, and from Dennis M. Winston assigning satisfactory reasons for their absence from the present meetings of this body.

Adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning, Dec. 3, 1830, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as yesterday, together with Lock Weems, Elder from Washington church; Charles A. Redd, Elder from the church at Greensboro', and Robert Flemming, Elder from the church at Lincolnton, all of the Presbytery of Hopewell.

The Presbytery of Georgia presented their Report, which was read and accepted. This Presbytery reported having received James S. Olcott from the Presbytery of Newark, and Daniel Baker from the Presbytery of the District of Columbia, and dismissed E. H. Snowden, to join the Presbytery of Hanover. Mr. Baker being present took his seat as a member.

Charleston Union Presbytery offered satisfactory reasons for not presenting a written report. It was however verbally reported that John B. Vandyck had been received a member of this Presbytery. Mr. Van Dyck being present took his seat as a member of Synod.

The Presbytery of Bethel presented their report, which being read, was accepted. This Presbytery reported having received Daniel L. Gray from the Presbytery of South-Carolina, according to the transfer of Synod, and Robert B. Campbell, from the Presbytery of Harmony.

On motion, Synod agreed to spend the remaining part of the morning in the solemn exercise of prayer, praise and exhortation. Great solemnity appeared to prevail, and deep feeling was manifested by every in-

dividual of this body, during these religious exercises. Synod then had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock P. M.

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Friday, December 3, 3 o'clock P. M.

Synod met.—Present as in the morning.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported the following overture.

Overture No. 1.—That Synod devise some plan for removing the obstacles now lying in the way, of the general attendance of its members upon its stated and occasional sessions.

Mr. James Lemon, Elder from the church in Decatur, and Mr. Samuel McNair, Elder from Mount Olivet church, both of Hopewell Presbytery, appeared and took their seats as members.

The Presbytery of Hopewell presented their report which was read and accepted. This Presbytery reported that they had ordained Thos. F. Scott, Isaac W. Waddell, and Hampden C. Carter, and that they had received Rev. Rt. McAlpen from the Presbytery of Union, and the Rev. John Boggs from the Presbytery of Georgia. Messrs. Scott, Waddell and Carter, being present, took their seats as members.

Rev. Charles Le Roy Boyd from the Presbytery of Harmony being present, and offering satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner, took his seat as a member. Mr. C. C. Mills, Elder from South Liberty, Hopewell Presbytery, and Joseph Cumming, Elder from the church of Savannah, Georgia Presbytery, being present, took their seats as members.

From the Presbytery of Harmony there was no report.

Ordered, that the delinquent Presbyteries make out their respective reports, and transmit them to the stated Clerk of Synod.

Verbal reports from the Presbytery of Harmony were received, stating that they had, during the year dismissed Robert B. Campbell, to join the Presbytery of Bethel, Rev. John Joyce to join the Presbytery of Ohio, Rev. Thos. Alexander, to join the Presbytery of Georgia, and that they had ordained the Rev. John

McEwen—That they had received Rev. Rufus W. Bailey, from the Berkshire Association Massachusetts. And that Rev. Samuel W. Younge, had departed this life. Mr. McEwen being present took his seat as a member.

H. S. Pratt, E. White, and John McEwen, were appointed a committee to draw up a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds.

Samuel K. Talmage, J. S. Wilson, Ministers, and J. H. Lumpkin, Elder, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Presbytery of South-Carolina.

Richard B. Cater, A. Foster, Ministers, and Dr. Mills, Elder, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Hopewell.

N. A. Pratt, A. Williams, Ministers, and Samuel Baldwin, Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Harmony.

J. B. Davies, R. W. James, Ministers, and Wm. J. Hobby, Elder, to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Charleston Union.

John Cousar, John McEwen, Ministers, and Mr. Desaussure, Elder, to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Georgia.

Dr. Brown, J. C. Stiles, Ministers, and Mr. Houston, Elder, to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Bethel.

Dr. A. W. Ieland, and M. Dickson, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, and report.

The subject of the St. Augustine Church was taken up, and after some discussion was referred to Dr. McDowell, E. White, H. S. Pratt, and Joseph Cumming, to report as soon as convenient.

S. S. Davis and Abraham Walker, were appointed a Committee to ascertain and report what has been done towards supplying the destitute within our bounds with the Bible, agreeable to the resolution adopted at the last meeting of Synod.

The Committees appointed last year to solicit donations in Books for the Theological Seminary, were

called upon for their respective Reports. It appeared that the Presbyteries of Georgia, Harmony and Charleston Union, had collected in all, between three and four hundred bound volumes, besides a large number of unbound and pamphlets, and had forwarded them to the Institution in Columbia, and that a number of Books were still in the hands of some of the members to be forwarded whenever an opportunity occurs.

Resolved, that the same Committees appointed last year to collect Books for the Institution, together with Charles A. Redd, of the Presbytery of Hopewell, be continued.

Ordered, that the members of the Synod forward to such member of the committee as is most convenient, whatever books they may be enabled to collect.

The stated Clerk's salary being called for, the Presbyteries of Charleston Union, Hopewell and Harmony, paid ten dollars each, and the Presbyteries of Georgia and Bethel, paid five dollars each, according to their respective assessments.—From the South-Carolina Presbytery nothing was received.

Ordered, that that Presbytery be directed to transmit the amount by them due, to the stated Clerk of the Synod.

E. White, Joseph Cumming, and J. H. Lumpkin, were appointed a Committee to devise ways and means to pay for publishing the minutes of the last Meeting of the Synod.

Overture No. 1, was taken up, and referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Brown, Dr. Palmer, H. S. Pratt, and Robert Means.

Benjamin D. Du Pree, of the Presbyery of South-Carolina, appeared in Synod, and offered satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

Synod then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, December 4, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer. Present as yesterday, together with Rufus W. Bailey, of Harmony Presbytery, whose reasons for not coming soon-

er were sustained, and Joseph Bryan, Elder of the Church at Mount Zion, Hopewell Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Bethel, offered their report and recommended that they should be approved to page 81, which report was accepted, and the Minutes approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of providing the means for printing the Minutes of Synod, recommended the following resolutions which were adopted:—

Resolved, 1st, That the expense of publishing the Minutes of Synod be defrayed by an equal assessment on the members of Synod.

Resolved, 2d, That the present members of Synod pay the sum of fifty cents each to defray the expences of publishing the Minutes of the last meeting of Synod.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Charleston Union Presbytery, reported that the book was not present.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures presented the following Overture, which was ordered to be placed on the docket:

Overture No. 2.—Should Ruling Elders be ordained by the imposition of hands, and is not uniformity in this matter desirable?

Synod proceeded to receive reports on the state of religion.

Written reports were received from the Presbyteries of South-Carolina, Charleston Union, Harmony, Georgia and Bethel, From the Presbytery of Hopewell there was no report later than the 1st of April last.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Georgia, presented their report, which was accepted, and the book was approved to page 142.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary read their Minutes with accompanying documents, as their report in part, which was accepted.

It was stated to the Synod that Professor Goulding

has recently received calls from several churches to become their pastor. After some discussion of this subject, and a statement from the Professor of his own feelings—It was on motion,

Resolved, That the Synod have the most entire confidence in their Professor, and consider his continuance in the Institution as essential to the prosperity, and even to the existence of the Seminary.

On motion, it was resolved, that it be the order of the day for 4 o'clock this afternoon, to go into an election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to supply the place of those whose term of service expires at the present meeting.

Henry Reid, a Director of the Theological Seminary of the Synod tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, which was accepted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Harmony, presented their report, which being read, was accepted, and the Minutes approved to page 458.

The Committee appointed to report how far the resolutions adopted by the last meeting of Synod in reference to the accomplishment of the resolution of the American Bible Society, for supplying the destitute families with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, reported that it gave them great pleasure to find, upon inquiry, this important work in rapid progress through their bounds, and that the prospects of its completion within the time embraced in the original resolution, is favourable. This report was accepted.

Synod then had a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 3 o'clock P. M.

Synod met. Present as in the morning, together with Robert Cunningham, an Elder from the church of Liberty Spring, South-Carolina Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Hopewell, presented their report, which being read, was accepted, and the Minutes approved to page 171.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures presented the following Overture, which being read was ordered to be placed on the Minutes.

Overture No. 3—That the dividing line between the Presbytery of Georgia and Hopewell, be so altered as to include the county of Burke within the Presbytery of Hopewell.

Dr. Waddel, Mr. White, and Mr. Gildersleeve were appointed a Committee on the Charleston Observer, to report before the close of the present session.

Mr. White, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, reported that he had collected thirty-four dollars, thirty dollars of which were directed to be paid to B. Gildersleeve for printing the Minutes of last year.

The Sunday School Union of this city communicated to the Synod their intention of calling a meeting of the citizens of Augusta, for the purpose of laying before them the cause of Sunday Schools on Monday evening next, and gave an invitation to the members of this body to meet with them, that by their united efforts, Sunday Schools may be established in every neighborhood within our bounds.

Resolved, that Synod cordially accept of the invitation to meet with them.

The Committee, appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of South-Carolina offered their report, which being read, was accepted, and the Minutes were approved to page 198.

The Report of the Board of Directors was taken up, and in compliance with the recommendation of the Board, it was

Resolved, That a teacher of languages be employed for one year, and that a compensation not to exceed \$800, be given him for his services.

The Rev. George Howe, late Professor of Theology in Dartmouth College, who was nominated by the Board, was unanimously chosen to fill that office.

The subject was then referred to the Board of Directors, with instructions to inform Mr. Howe of his appointment, and endeavor to secure his acceptance of it.

Overture No. 2, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

J. B. Van Dyck obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Synod after this evening.

Overture No. 3 was taken up, and on motion was committed to Mr. Wilson, H. S. Pratt and S. S. Davis to prepare and report on the subject.

Synod proceeded according to the order of the day, to elect Directors of the Theological Seminary; and Mr. Boggs and Mr. Bailey were appointed a committee to receive and count the votes, and report the result.

Adjourned to meet in this place on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, December 6, 1830, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as on Saturday. The Minutes were read.

The Committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary, reported, when it appeared that the following persons were duly elected for three years, Horace S. Pratt, Samuel K. Talmage, R. W. James, J. B. Davies, Robert Means and Michael Dickson, Ministers, and John Taylor, Jos. Cummins, D. R. Evans, and Rt. Cunningham, Laymen; and Rev. Rufus W. Bailey, a Director to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. H. Reid.

The Committee on Overture No. 1, reported, and the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Charleston Observer, presented their report, which was accepted, and after being read article by article, was adopted.

Resolved, 1st, That Synod still regard the Charleston Observer, as essentially important, not only in diffusing religious knowledge throughout our bounds, but in promoting all the benevolent objects in which our ecclesiastical judicatories, and our churches are engaged.

Resolved 2dly, That the members of this body have it in special charge to use their efforts in promoting its circulation among the families connected with their respective congregations.

Resolved, 3dly, That the influence which this paper has already exerted in that single department of christian benevolence which relates to the cause of temperance, has, in the opinion of the Synod, proved, even in a pecuniary point of view, vastly more than an equivalent to the community for the whole cost of the paper;—and that its moral value, regarded only in this solitary respect, can only be computed in the light of eternity.

Resolved, 4thly, That in many other respects the temporal as well as the spiritual interests of the families attached to our congregations would be promoted by extending their patronage to this paper.

Without descending to all the details in which this result may appear, it may be remarked that families who are in the habit of reading a religious paper, are, usually speaking, more intelligent, more moral, more virtuous, and more happy, than those who live without a weekly messenger of this description—that it tends to promote the education and enlarge the views of the young and rising generation—that it often carries consolation to the afflicted—encouragement to the desponding—reproof to offenders—and that very support which even the strongest frequently require.

Resolved, 5thly, That inasmuch as the patronage of the paper is yet too limited to afford the Editor a competent support, the members of this Synod feel themselves morally bound to assist him in bearing the burden which presses heavily upon him, by acting as agents in procuring additional subscribers, and by collecting and remitting to him the sums which may be due him from individual subscribers.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, read the conclusion of their Minutes as the remaining part of their Report which was accepted.

The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds presented their

report which was read and accepted, and committed to H. S. Pratt, J. C. Stiles, and Joseph Cumming, for correction and amendment.

Messrs. Dickson and Mooney, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this meeting.

The Committee on the subject of the St. Augustine Church, presented their Report which was accepted, and on motion the whole subject of collecting funds and finishing the building was committed entirely to Thomas Napier, Thomas Fleming, and Thomas Legare of Charleston; Joseph Cumming of Savannah; and H. S. Pratt of St. Mary's.

The Report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary, was taken up when the following resolutions recommended by the Board were adopted—

Resolved, That to meet the current expences of the Seminary, every church and congregation under the care of Synod, or whose Pastor may be a member of this body, be earnestly requested and urged as speedily as possible, to organize themselves into associations on the fifty cent plan, or if the Pastor or officiating Minister thinks any other plan better suited to the state of his congregation, that he be urged to raise something for its object in the way he deems most expedient, and that such Ministers be requested to attend to the collection and transmission of this fund to the Treasurer of the Seminary, Wm. Law, Esq. of Columbia, S. C.

Resolved, 2d, That the money raised in Georgia for the permanent fund, shall be on the following terms: The interest of such funds to be appropriated for the benefit of the Seminary, until such time as the Presbyterian Church in Georgia shall deem it expedient to have a Theological Seminary in their own State. When such period shall have arrived, and such an Institution shall have been established, then the donors or their legal representatives shall be at perfect liberty to withdraw these funds for the benefit of the Georgia Seminary.

It was further stated by the Board that they had agreed to prepare and send a circular, setting forth the state and wants of the Seminary. It was thereupon

Resolved, That the members of this body be requested to read such circular when it shall have been received, to their respective congregations, and that this resolution be appended to the circular.

Dr. Palmer, Dr. McDowell, and Mr. Gildersleeve, were appointed a committee to revise and publish five hundred copies of the Minutes of the Synod, together with the Minutes of the Board of Directors, and transmit a copy to each member of the Synod, and also a copy to the session of every church within our bounds.

The committee who were appointed to raise the amount due for printing the Minutes of last year, reported that they had four dollars in their possession, which they were directed to pay to the foregoing committee.

The Committee on Overture No. 3, presented their report, which was accepted, whereupon,

Resolved, that the dividing line between the Presbyteries of Hopewell and Georgia be so altered as to include the county of Burke within the Presbytery of Hopewell.

Synod then had a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Monday, December 6, 3 o'clock P. M.

Synod met. Present as in the morning.

The Committee who were appointed to correct and amend the Narrative of the state of religion, presented their report, which was read, and the Narrative adopted, which is as follows:

In looking back upon former years of religious prosperity, and comparing the *present* with the *past*, our spirits are depressed, and we desire to begin our Narrative by calling upon our Churches and Ministers, to humble themselves before God. When we think of the seasons of refreshing—the manifest tokens of Divine favour, and the numbers that disowned the world, and came into “the kingdom of God’s dear Son” in days that are past: we are constrained to inquire, “Where is the blessedness we once spake of?” and why is it that the traces of divine influence are so dim—seen in most of our churches? From all the infor-

mation derived from our Presbyteries, there have not, for some years, been so few additions to the churches, as during the past season; there has not such moral gloom hung over our horizon, and men generally have not been so willing to hazard the awful consequences of remaining in their sins. In the sorrow of our heart, we record this fact, and we would make it the foundation of a most earnest exhortation to all our Ministers and Churches, to humble themselves in the dust and repent of their coldness and indifference, and to cry mightily unto God that they, and their people perish not. But while we record our desert of *judgment from the hand of God*, and while we mourn that so little has been accomplished for the glory of our Master and the salvation of men; yet we would not be unmindful of the tokens of his favour, nor omit to mention some distinguished manifestations of his mercy. We are not among the number of those who imagine that when there is no remarkable revival of religion, there is nothing done—that when the spirit is not present in the *marked operations of his power*, he is not present at all. On the contrary, although we greatly rejoice in Revivals, and would never cease, to pray for them, yet we believe the still small voice of God is calling in his chosen, and making them the monuments of his love, even where there is nothing extraordinary but the power of truth *gradually and successfully* finding its way into the sinner's heart. The spirit's operations are infinitely diversified. Sometimes they are manifest in the *rushing mighty wind*: at others, in the stillness of a stricken spirit, not daring to breath its hopes, nor speak of sins forgiven. Sometimes whole societies are moved with a *power unknown before*, and are made to tremble, and inquire what they must do; and at others, there is a *peaceful silent operation*, which constrains one and another to come out from the world and confess their obligations to their Saviour. In many places where there are few additions to the church, God *may* be, and *often* is, present with his people, increasing their sanctification, and building them up in the faith and purity of the Gospel; enlarging their

hearts with benevolence—deepening their impressions of divine truth, and of the worth of the soul ; causing them to drink more deeply into the Spirit of their Master, and preparing for a revival of his work, and enabling them to devise plans for the diminution of moral evil, and the spread of divine knowledge, and assisting them to carry forward these plans of redeeming influence for the enlargement of Christ's kingdom, and the promotion of his glory. The feeling of the Church in a revival of religion is animated, and presses its influence on the hearts of sinners. But we trust our Churches have not entirely misimproved this season of comparative coldness. There has been a cessation of the highest influence of the Spirit in conversion, but not in the holy action of religious benevolence. The Churches have in some degree attended to the important interests of religion, upon which depends the salvation of the Heathen—the instruction of the ignorant in our own country—the future existence and prosperity of our Churches, and the providing for their *supply*, their *comfort*, and their edification, when we and the present generation are fallen asleep.

Those Societies which are the honour and glory of our age—which are carrying *divine knowledge*, *Christian charity*, and immortal hope upon their standards, have been greatly multiplied and blessed. The Bible cause has been urged forward with the most untiring zeal. All Christian denominations, with some very small exceptions, have delighted to unite their efforts in so great and good a work, and we rejoice to say, that there is reason to hope, before the expiration of the appointed period, there shall not be a family in South-Carolina or Georgia, which shall not be in possession of the word of life.

The Presbyterian Education Society of Georgia has excited much interest throughout the State the past year, and has gained a paramount place in the affections of the members of our Church. The number of young men who have been trained up entirely, or in part, for the Gospel Ministry through its instrumentality, is already considerable, and we feel assured that if

it is fostered by the prayers and contributions of God's people, as it deserves, it will become a powerful auxiliary to the progress of truth, and elevated piety in this region. The Presbyteries in South-Carolina are also aiding indigent and pious young men whom we trust God has called to preach the Gospel; their claims are regarded with deep interest; the Churches are beginning to listen to the voice of Providence on this subject, and are making exertions to prepare them for extensive usefulness in the Church and world.

But among all the benevolent institutions of the day, none seem to have awakened a more universal and spirited exertion in the Churches, than that of Sunday Schools. There are few religious societies in any of our Presbyteries, but have made more or less exertion for the instruction and salvation of those who were formerly considered too young to be the subject of effort. God is teaching his people by the astonishing attainments of many infant minds, that these children are to be viewed as immortal beings, and that they are capable of feeling their accountability at a very early period. A deep and awful sense of responsibility is awakened in parents and teachers, and few are now willing to train up their children in the ignorance of former times, and by a criminal indifference hazard their immortal interests. The teachers in many of these institutions are themselves studying with growing zeal to prepare themselves for so important and responsible a station, and the example of those in Charleston is recommended for the imitation of all who are engaged in this delightful and solemn employment.

Much good has also been done by the distribution of Religious Tracts. These little streams, like the thousand rivulets that water the earth, and are refreshing and fertilizing and blessing our land these little messengers of warning, of comfort and of divine instruction are not too insignificant for the attention of the wisest, nor are they above the comprehension of the most unlearned. They may be read with pleasure and profit by every class of persons, and the monthly

distribution which has been productive of incalculable good in many places, will, we trust, soon become universal throughout our bounds.

The efforts that have been made to suppress the dreadful vice of Intemperance, have been eminently successful. Societies for this object are rapidly increasing in number and efficiency through all our borders. Opposition which was at first *so strong*, is yielding under the influence of truth—the common objections of the enemies of Temperance, sensible and decent men, are now ashamed to urge; the happy experience of thousands testify in its favour, and it is now proved from the opinions of almost all eminent physicians; and from the most unquestionable facts, that ardent spirits are not only unnecessary—but poisonous in their nature, and most ruinous and deadly in their effects. They not only destroy the body and paralyze the mind, but unless abandoned, they will sink the soul in everlasting perdition. We recommend this subject, therefore, to the attention of all men—To the Magistrate and Politician, who love their country, and desire the purity of her institutions, and the elevation of the standard of her morals—To parents who love their children, and would not have them bring down their grey hairs with sorrow to the grave—To Ministers of the Sanctuary, and the people of God, who pray for the progress of truth, and the salvation of souls—To all, we commend this subject, who value their best interests in time, and their dearest hopes in Eternity. To every opposer of this cause, we would say, remember the awful words of inspiration, “No drunkard hath eternal life.” “They that do such things *shall not* inherit the kingdom of God.”

In some of our Churches, Bible Classes are among the most prominent means of imparting religious knowledge to the young, and it is found that in most instances where the Gospel becomes “the power of God unto salvation,” that those who have been most acquainted with this sword of the spirit, have felt its edge the keenest, and have been the soonest wounded and subdued. Too much attention cannot be given to this

subject, for the Bible contains the only knowledge of God, of Jesus Christ, and *Eternal Life*.

Among the benevolent exertions reported by our Churches, there is *one* which although mentioned *last in order*, is not *least in importance and interest*; it is that of the religious instruction of our Colored population. A growing responsibility on this subject is felt in our Churches, and the deep interest which these fellow mortals begin to manifest on the subject of their own salvation is a matter of prayerful solicitude to many of God's people. We are happy to observe that several churches are devising plans for their spiritual benefit, and *that* pursued in Savannah, and by the Presbyterian Church in Bryan County, is novel; and from its present promise worthy of special notice. Scripture facts and Scripture History are represented by pictures on cards, by which a *whole story* which it would take hours to explain to the comprehension of these people is understood by one single view. This plan like that pursued in Infant Schools, is found to be attended with the most essential benefit—this scheme is worthy of trial in all our churches, and may we not hope, that at no distant period, this part of our population may experience extensively the light of truth, and the joys of salvation. The simple hearted, touching expressions of piety, in some of them melt and subdue the hardest heart. Nothing shews the value of religion more than its effects on these ignorant people—it causes them to triumph in death! “Master,” said a dying Negro, “I have been a faithful servant to you, and to my God according to my poor knowledge:—for myself I have no fear. I die with this one sorrow—that you are not as I am—that *you* are not a Christian.” An Apostle could have said no more. His master was deeply moved, and wept over his *expiring*--his benevolent slave.

Although in the beginning of our narrative, we lamented the decline of the spirit of revivals in many of our churches, yet we have to record, and we do it with gratitude, that God has not left himself without a witness in this respect, in many places within our bounds.

In the early part of the year, there were some visible tokens of Divine favour among the churches within the boundaries of the South-Carolina Presbytery; and although these have, in some measure, disappeared, yet there is a spirit of unanimity among the churches, and an earnest desire for religious knowledge, which promises much, and encourages the hope that the great head of the Church is still with his people, and about to bless them. In the Presbytery of Bethel, the church at Catholic has received an addition of 58 members, by which we feel that God has honored the Ministry of his word among them.

In the Presbytery of Harmony, the revival which continued for more than two years, has subsided; but the precious fruit of this merciful visitation still remains. The Churches of Columbia, Sumpterville, and Hopewell, have been blessed with the special presence of the spirit. At Mount Pleasant Village, within the boundary of Charleston Union Presbytery, there has commenced a work of grace, which God appears to be honoring in the conversion of a number who have hitherto lived without hope. In the Presbytery of Georgia, the progress of truth has been considerable the past year. In the distant church of St. Augustine, in the midst of the errors of the Romish Church, there have been several remarkable conversions; and men of the world who never spoke of conversion and the operations of the spirit, were made solemn, and were constrained to acknowledge the truth of the Bible, and the importance of religion. In one branch of the church of Darien, there has been a precious work of Divine grace in operation for many months, and more than 30 have made a public profession of their faith in Christ, as the fruit of this revival. Many others are rejoicing in hope, of whom it is believed that they will hold on their way.

In Bryan County, there has been a most pleasant and gracious moving of the Spirit, and a small church has been gathered to testify of the grace of God.

In every part of our Synod, there appears to have been much labor and *spirited and prayerful exertion to*

reclaim the wandering, and build up God's people; and although we have reason to mourn over the small number added to our churches, yet we believe there has never been a year when the enlarged and benevolent exertions of the pious have been more obviously successful, and proved a deeper interest in the prosperity of our Zion. In this connection we would mention especially the efforts that have been made in behalf of the Theological Seminary, under the care of this Synod. This has been the object toward which we have looked with the *deepest interest*, and which we trust has engaged our *most ardent prayers*. The affections of our people seem to be clustering around this infant Institution; and its growing reputation, not only in the immediate vicinity of its location, but throughout most of our Churches, is evidence that God is blessing the exertions of his people—establishing a bond of perpetual union, and raising up for our Southern Church, an Institution which shall be, as it were “the pillar and ground of the truth,” and a copious fountain from which shall issue streams to gladden the church and city of our God. With gratitude to God, and thanks to the friends of this Institution, we would mention their unwearied and benevolent labors in its behalf. The gift of the Lot and Buildings for the use of the Theological Seminary, by the citizens of Columbia, and the surrounding section of country, we regard as a most liberal donation, and worthy of the *truly generous and exalted character* of the State. The effort of the Charleston Union Presbytery to endow a Professorship, and the progress that has been made towards its accomplishment, seems to promise that this institution will soon be put on a foundation that will command the respect, and call forth the resources of this Southern country. We commend it to the good feeling, the prayers, and the exertions of all our brethren; for we believe it will become an *honour to our land*, and a *blessing to all our churches*.

In closing this narrative, we would not forget to mention the preserving mercy of our God during the past season. Surely it is a singular instance of the divine interposition, that but *one* of our number has been re-

removed by death the past year. It becomes us to make mention of the loving kindness of the Lord—He has “kept our feet from falling, our eyes from tears, and our souls from death.” “Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless his holy name—Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.”

Synod resumed the consideration of the Report of the Board of Directors, and at their recommendation adopted the following resolutions :

Resolved, That Synod allow their Professor, the Rev. Dr. Goulding, as a salary for the present year, twelve hundred and fifty Dollars, together with the use of the House and lands, which, according to the report of Col. Blanding, the Board expect to be in possession of, on the 1st of January next.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod, be given to the citizens of Augusta, for their distinguished hospitality to the Members of this body during the present meeting, and that the Rev. Mr. Talmage, be requested to publish this resolution from his pulpit, and in the papers of this city.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported that they had not been able to obtain a copy of those Minutes.

Resolved, that when this Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Presbyterian Church in Columbia, on the 1st Thursday in Dec. 1831, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On calling the roll, it was found that Rev. S. J. Casels, Robert Means, Daniel L. Gray, B. D. Du Pree, William Carlile, Ministers; A. Houston, A. Giles, Nathaniel Barker, A. Walker, Charles B. Douglas, Samuel Baldwin, J. Lemon, Lock Weems, Samuel M'Nair, and Robert Flemming, Elders; were absent without leave. Ordered that their names be sent to their respective Presbyteries as absent at the close of the meeting. After reading the Minutes, Synod Adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S. C. on the 1st Thursday in December, 1831, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the benediction.

THOMAS GOULDING, *Moderator.*

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Temporary Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board met according to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D. *President.*

Wm. A. M'Dowell, D. D. *Sec'ry.*

A. W. Leland, D. D. J. Cousar,

R. W. James, E. White,

N. Hoyt, B. Gildersleeve.

S. S. Davis,

Laymen.—Col. Joseph H. Lumpkin.

Began with prayer.

The Minutes of the past year were read.

The Secretary laid before the Board a Report from Col. A. Blanding, who had been authorised by the Board at their last meeting to provide buildings for the Seminary, which report, with the accompanying documents was read, and referred to Dr. M'Dowell, Mr. White, Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Davis, and Col. Lumpkin, to report as soon as practicable.

The Secretary laid before the Board a report from Professor Goulding, which being read was referred to Dr. Leland, Mr. Gildersleeve, Mr. Talmage, Mr. Davis, and Mr. James.

A report from the Treasurer was received, and read before the Board; and referred to the Committee on Col. Blanding's communication.

The Board then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

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

Present as last evening.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion resolved, That Dr. Palmer, Dr. M'Dowell, Mr. Davis, Mr. Pratt, and Col. Lumpkin, be a Committee on the state of the Seminary, to report to the Board, as soon as practicable.

The Committee appointed by the Board at their last meeting to prepare a system of by-laws stated, they were not prepared to report.

Resolved, That this Committee be continued, and that they be directed to report, at the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved, That the subject of the Rev. Mr. Cater's Bond, be referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's account.

The Rev. Mr. White, one of the Agents appointed by the Board at their last meeting. Reported, that owing to circumstances, he had been able to devote but very little time to this business; that he had however obtained, principally on Edisto Island, a subscription amounting to \$3535.

The Board then had a recess, to meet again at the call of the President.

Thursday Evening, 7 o'clock.

The Board met—Present as in the morning, together with Rev. J. B. Davies, Rev. H. S. Pratt, Rev. J. C. Stiles, Rev. Dr. Waddell, and Rev. H. Reid.

A letter was received from Bayard E. Hand, Esqr. giving an excuse for absence from the present meeting of the Board.

Dr. Waddell, who had been appointed an Agent for the Seminary, reported that he had paid some attention to the subject, but he had obtained no subscriptions, nor had he received any money for the Institution.

It was stated to the Board that Professor Goulding, had recently received calls from several Churches to

become their Pastor. After some discussion of this subject, and a statement from the Professor of his own feelings; it was on motion.

Resolved 1st. That the Board have the most entire confidence in their Professor, and consider his continuance in the Institution, as essential to the prosperity, and even to the existence of the Seminary.

Resolved 2dly. That they would exceedingly regret, that he should for a moment hesitate in regard to his duty on this subject, and they would most earnestly entreat him to listen to no overture from any Church, but consider himself as pledged to the Synod, and depend upon their sustaining him, in his important and responsible station.

The Agents appointed by the Board at their last meeting to solicit funds for the Seminary, being called upon,—Professor Goulding reported, that he had visited several places within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Harmony, and Charleston Union, and received for the Seminary in cash \$230, and notes to the amount of ———.

Mr. Pratt reported, that he had done nothing in this business. Mr. Talmage reported, he had done nothing.

The Board then had a recess, to meet again at the call of the President.

Friday Evening, 7 o'clock.

The Board met,—present as in the yesterday.

The Committee on Col. Blanding's communication submitted the following resolutions, which being read, and considered, were adopted.

Resolved, 1st. That the thanks of this Board be returned to Col. Abraham Blanding, for the valuable services he has rendered the Seminary, in obtaining for the Institution, and securing to the same as a gratuity, suitable buildings and land.

Resolved, 2dly, That the Board do accept of said buildings and land on the terms specified by Colonel Blanding, and to relieve his mind from any anxiety as to the permanency of the Institution, they hereby

assure him, that they entertain no doubt of either its success or permanency, and they give their pledge that nothing shall be wanting on the part of the Board to advance its interests, and as speedily as circumstances will admit, to fill up its professorships, and put it into complete operation.

Resolved, 3dly, That the Board address a letter to Col. Blanding, transmitting the foregoing resolutions, and expressing more fully their feelings in reference to the important services he has rendered the Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Waddel, who was elected Professor of Theology in the Seminary at the last meeting of the Synod, and who, by direction of the Synod, was to give his answer to the Board, stated to the Board, that for a number of reasons, some of which he mentioned, he felt it his duty to decline the same, and accordingly declined.

The Committee to whom was referred Professor Goulding's report, submitted the following resolutions, which being read, and maturely considered, were adopted.

Resolved, 1st, That the report of our Professor, be accepted.

Resolved, 2dly, That the Board recommend to the Synod, to employ for one year a Teacher of languages, and that a compensation not to exceed 800 dollars be given for his services.

Resolved, 3dly, That the Rev. George Howe, late Professor of Theology, in Dartmouth College, be nominated to the Synod to fill this office.

The Board then had a recess to meet again at the call of the President.

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Saturday Evening, half past 6 o'clock.

The Committee on the Treasurer's account, made their report, which being read, and considered, was adopted, and is as follows, viz—"That in the absence of the vouchers, which should have accompanied the report, they feel unprepared to express any opinion as to the accuracy of the different items of receipts and

expenditures. Presuming that these are correct, the amounts and balances are properly stated.

As to the present support and permanent endowment of the Seminary, the Committee would respectfully suggest, that no plan has occurred to them, for defraying the contingent expenses of the Institution, less exceptionable than that embraced in the first resolution annexed to this report, which they submit for the adoption of the Board.

As to the other branch of their inquiry, two plans have been offered for their consideration. One, the appointment of one or more special agents, to visit every section of the two States, to solicit subscriptions. The other, to nominate two or more persons within each Presbytery composing the Synod, to present the claims of the Seminary to their several bodies, and to stimulate them to act officially in its behalf.

The former of these schemes, if practicable, is believed by your Committee to be decidedly preferable. The mere fact of the appointment of a special agent, is proof of the importance which is attached to the object of his mission. He goes out, fortified with the most suitable arguments, to enlist public favour and patronage, and to obviate objections. And he carries with him, and diffuses through every community which he visits, the zeal which he himself feels, from a sense of the importance of the trust confided to his management.

Whatever course may be pursued by the Board, it is thought expedient, under existing circumstances, to permit the funds raised in Georgia, to be subscribed conditionally.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to recommend any mode of investing the permanent funds which may belong to the Institution. By reference to the Minutes of the Board, at its last Anniversary meeting, a resolution was adopted, authorizing the Treasurer, and Sub-Treasurer, or either, to invest such surplus funds, as might be collected for the Seminary, under the direction of the Committee of Investment. Considering the integrity and business character of the individuals who

constitute that Committee, the disposition of the entire permanent funds of the Institution could not be confided to better hands.

The Committee would suggest the propriety of preparing and distributing immediately to all the Churches embraced within the Synod, a circular setting forth the wants of the Seminary, and its claims upon the liberal support of all Southern christians.

To effect the foregoing objects, they report the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, 1st, That to meet the current expenses of the Seminary, every church and congregation under the care of the Synod, or whose Pastor may be a member of this body, be earnestly requested and urged as speedily as possible, to organize themselves into Associations on the fifty cent plan, or if the Pastor thinks any other plan better suited to the state of his congregation, that he be urged to raise something for this object, in the way he deems most expedient.

And that the Ministers, whether Pastors, or stated Supplies of these respective Congregations, be requested to attend to the collection and transmission of this fund, to William Law, Esq. of Columbia, S. C. Treasurer of the Seminary.

Resolved, 2dly, That one or more special Agents be appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Seminary. And that the money raised in Georgia for the permanent fund shall be on the following terms:—The interest of such funds to be appropriated for the benefit of the Seminary until such time as the Presbyterian Church in Georgia shall deem it expedient to have a Theological Seminary in their own State. When such period shall have arrived, and such an Institution shall have been established—then the donors or their legal representatives shall be at perfect liberty to withdraw their funds for the benefit of the Georgia Seminary.

Resolved, 3dly, That a Circular be forthwith prepared by the President and Secretary of the Board, and signed by these officers, and distributed among all our Churches, urging upon our people the wants and claims of the Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt, reported and paid \$100 from Bayard E. Hand, Esq. as a subscription from Mr. Hand, for the endowment of a Professorship to be established by the Georgia Presbyteries. The sum of \$137 was reported and paid, by the hands of Rev. Mr. Erwin, from the Congregation of Indian Town, for the contingent fund of the Seminary. Rev. J. B. Davies, paid \$10, second instalment of his subscription for the contingent fund.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have the Minutes of this Board transcribed into a book. The Minutes to commence with the first meeting of the Board in the City of Charleston; and that the Secretary be authorized, to draw upon the Treasurer of the Seminary, for the amount required to defray the expense of transcribing the same.

Col. Lumpkin, Mr. Cumming, and Mr. White, were appointed a Committee to look out for, and obtain one or more Agents for the Seminary.

Ordered, That our Minutes be read, as the remainder of our report to the Synod.

The Board then had a recess, to meet again at the call of the President.

Monday, Dec. 6, half past 1 o'clock.

The Board met.

On motion Resolved, That it be recommended to the Synod, to allow the Professor, as a salary for the present year, the sum of \$1250, and the use of the house and lands, which according to the report of Col. Blanding, the Board expect to be in possession of, on the first of January next.

The Board then had a recess, to meet again at the call of the President.

Monday Evening, 9 o'clock.

The Board met.

The Secretary Reported, that the Synod have this day elected the following persons, as Members of the Board, for the three years next ensuing, viz:

The Rev. H. S. Pratt, Rev. R. W. James, Rev. .

J. B. Davies, Rev. S. K. Talmage, Rev. R. Means, and Rev. M. Dickson, Ministers; Col. John Taylor, Jos. Cumming, David R. Evans and R. Cunningham, Laymen. And that they had elected the Rev. Rufus W. Bailey, for one year to fill the place of the Rev. Henry Reid, who has resigned his seat.

The Vice-President having resigned his seat in the Board, Col. John Taylor, was appointed Vice-President, for the remainder of the term.

Mr. Cumming, from the Committee appointed by the Board at their meeting in Savannah, to change the bond and mortgage of Dr. West, on other property; reported, that the Committee had attended to this business. And Mr. Cumming, presented to the Board a new bond and mortgage, with testimonies, that there was no previous mortgage on the property, and also that the property is fully worth the amount.

These papers were committed to Mr. Cumming, to be transmitted to the Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to obtain one or more general Agents, recommended the appointment of the Rev. Dr. M'Dowell, as a general Agent, for such time as he can spend in this business; which appointment was confirmed by the Board, and Dr. M'Dowell, was accordingly appointed a general Agent, to collect funds for the Seminary.

Resolved, In case Dr. M'Dowell engage in this Agency, the Board will provide a supply for his pulpit, and pay his travelling expences, while he is employed in this business.

On motion Resolved, That the Agents appointed last year, to act in this business in the different Presbyteries, be continued, with the addition of Colonel Lumpkin, and Capt. Cunningham, J. B. Davies, Dr. Waddel, and S. S. Davis.

Resolved, That the executive Committee appointed last year, be re-appointed, with the exception of Mr. Napier, not now a member of the Board. And that this Committee have the same powers as heretofore.

The Secretary reported that the Synod, had passed the resolution to appoint for the present year, and assistant Teacher, and that Mr. Howe, the person nominated by the Board, had been appointed by the Synod, and further, that the Synod had left with the Board, to inform Mr. Howe of this appointment, and do whatever is necessary in this business.

The President and Secretary, were appointed a Committee to inform Mr. Howe of his appointment, and make all necessary arrangements with him.

The following sums were reported and paid: \$61, by Rev. R. Means, from Fairfield District, for the Contingent Fund.

\$100, by Rev. R. W. James, from Brick Church Salem, for Contingent fund.

On motion Resolved, That Mr. Reid's note for \$322, be committed to Col. Lumkin, to collect in such way as he may deem best.

Dr. Leland, and in case of his failure Mr. Stiles, was appointed to preach the Sermon before the Seminary, at the next meeting of this Board in Columbia.

Resolved, That a draft be issued for the payment of what is now due for the Professor's salary; also for \$100, loaned by Mr. Gildersleeve; also for \$50, now due for house rent for the Professor. And that if there be not a sufficient Contingent Fund for this purpose, what is wanting, be borrowed from the permanent fund.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Executive Committee to advise with the Professor, in reference to the course of study to be pursued until the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on the State of the Seminary made their report, which being read, and considered article by article, was adopted, and is as follows, viz :

Resolved, 1st, That it is essential to the prosperity of our infant Institution, that its incipient character be such, as to secure the entire confidence and ardent affections of all the friends of religion and literature, and that the first class especially, should not only take a high stand, in regard to moral and christian character;

but also as to proficiency in Theological knowledge, and ministerial furniture.

Resolved, 2dly, That they most earnestly enjoin upon the Professors, the solemn duty of guarding with the strictest vigilance, the general deportment of the students, both in relation to their private studies, and their public intercourse with society—remembering that their pupils are to give character to the Institution, and that their conduct towards all men should be such as becomes the Gospel of Christ.

Resolved, 3dly, That with the view of securing this end, so vitally important, they recommend that the students be required to devote from 6 to 9 hours each day, to the most diligent and laborious study, and not consider themselves at liberty to be absent from their rooms, or engage in any thing but their prescribed duties, during the appointed study hours, and that these hours be regularly and systematically arranged.

Resolved, 4thly, That they earnestly caution the students against mingling much with general society, and enjoin it upon them, to remember how precious their time, and how important that every hour should be spent in preparation for enlarged usefulness in the Church, and in the world.

Resolved, 5thly, That it is highly improper, and of great injury to the dignity and respectability of the Church, as well as of most deleterious influence in society, that the students should publicly perform those duties, that are by our standards assigned only to the Ministers of the Gospel. That they be required to refrain from preaching, or any public exercise that may be thus interpreted, and consider themselves in this respect, as having no more power or authority, than other professors of religion, and no greater liberty to perform the duties of the pastoral office.

Resolved, 6thly, That while it is of essential benefit to the interests of the Institution, that the professors should encourage and cultivate social and friendly intercourse with their pupils individually, and take suitable opportunity to admonish and advise them, in relation to their intercourse with men, and by every

other prudent and christian method endeavor to promote the growth of true piety in their hearts, yet they would advise that this intercourse be of such a character as not to trespass upon the time and studies of the Professors, without the most weighty reasons.

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary, be sent to the Professor.

Dr. Palmer, Dr. M^dDowell, and Mr. Gildersleeve were appointed a committee to superintend the publication of the Minutes, and were directed to have them published in connection with the Minutes of the Synod.

The Board then adjourned to meet in Columbia on the Wednesday preceeding the 1st Thursday in December next, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

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