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PHILADELPHIA, PA., OCTOBER 17th, 1865, 7½ P. M.

The Synod of Pennsylvania met agreeably to adjournment in the Third Presbyterian Church, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. B. B. Hotchkin, on I. CORINTHIANS IX. 16. "*For necessity is laid upon me; yea woe is me, if I preach not the gospel.*"

After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer. The roll was made out, and is as follows, viz:

I. *Presbytery of the District of Columbia.*

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Halsey Dunning.	Francis H. Smith	Washington, 1st.
John N. Coombs.	Wm. G. Knowles M. D.	Baltimore, 1st Con.
George H. Smyth.		Washington, Western.
		Washington, 6th.
<i>Absent.</i> —John C. Smith, D. D., Wm. McLain, D. D., Mason Noble;		
Byron Sunderland, D. D., A. D. Hollister, T. B. McFalls, H. H. Garnett and David Frazer.		

II. *Presbytery of Philadelphia, Third.*

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Joseph McCool.		
Michael Burdett.		
C. A. Smith, D. D.		
Charles Brown.		
B. B. Hotchkin.	James Moore.	Marple.
W. W. Taylor.	H. R. Raignel.*	Phila., Olivet.
E. E. Adams, D. D.	Alexander Whildin.	" North Broad St.
Marcus E. Cross		
John Crowell.		
L. K. Berridge.		
Daniel March, D. D.	Clem Tingley.	Phila. Clinton St.
D. C. Meeker.		West Nantmeal.
John M. Leod		Phila, South Western.
William E. Moore.	P. Frazer Smith.	West Chester.
E. J. Pierce.		
J. G. Butler D. D.*	S. W. Butler M. D.	Phila. Walnut St.
A. H. Barnes.*		
S. W. Crittenden.		
	A. M. Thompson,	Logan Square,
	Wm. Briggs,	East Whiteland.
	Thomas Aiken,*	Reeseville.

*Not present at the opening of Synod.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Geo. Van Deurs.	S. A. Johnson.	Phila, Tabor.
H. A. Smith.	Horace Hill.	" Mantua, 1st.
Richard A. Mallery.		" Cedar St.
	Isaac Ashmead.	" Green Hill.
Wolcott Calkins.	A. Snow Naudain.	" Calvary.
Isaac Riley.		Pottsville, 1st.
J. Ford Sutton.	H. P. M. Birkenbine.	Phila. Western.

Absent.—James M. Davis, Peter Parker, M. D., N. Frost, Isaac Wetherill, William Ottinger, John W. Dulles, J. S. Willis, Frank L. Robbins, J. Hervey Beale, Lewellyn Pratt and George G. Smith.

III. *Presbytery of Philadelphia, Fourth.*

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Thomas Brainerd, D. D.	James Crowell.	Philadelphia, 1st.
David Malin, D. D.	George Young.	Philadelphia, 3d.
Jacob Helfenstein, D. D.*	Samuel W. Roop*	Germantown.
Charles Boyter.*		
Robert Adair,	William McDermott.	Norristown Central.
E. J. Richards.		Reading, 1st.
Matthew Meigs.		
C. S. Conkling.		Alexandria.
James Boggs.		
Francis Hendricks.	E. S. Bateman,	Kenderton.
		Cedarville.
Charles F. Diver.*	Joseph Carr.	Neshaminy.
D. K. Turner.*	John B. Stevenson.	Phila. N. L. 1st.
Thomas J. Shepherd, D.D.	Hugh J. Worrell.	Kensington, 1st.
Wm. T. Eva.		Beverley.
Daniel G. Mallery.		
Edward B. Bruen.	S. C. Rutherford.	Manayunk.
Andrew Culver.	J. Marshall Paul.	M. D. Belvidere, 2d.
Henry S. Osborn.		Bethlehem.
Joseph G. Williamson.	David Thomas*	Catasauqua.
Cornelius Earle.*		
George W. Cox.		Springfield.
Alfred J. Snyder.	A. J. Hamilton.	Vineland.
	Robert Jones.	Phila. Lombard St.
John B. Reese.		
William H. Thorne.*	Samuel Gulick.	Mountain.
		Phila. Southwark.
Gulick Van Aken.	M. L. Burr.	Wharton St.

Absent.—Albert Barnes, Richard Walker, Wm. T. Catto, Brown Emerson, Benjamin Judkins, Jr., J. A. Whitaker, Thomas Pugh, James Y. Mitchell, H. H. Budge, S. Loomis, Albert Worthington, Enoch K. Miller, James W. Wood.

IV. *Presbytery of Wilmington.*

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
John Patton, D. D.		Forest.
	John C. Clark.	St Georges.
H. J. Gaylord.	David Stewart, M.	D. Del. City.
		Port Penn.
Geo. F. Wiswell.	Edward T. Taylor.	Wil. Cential.

*Not present at the opening of Synod.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS,	CHURCHES.
Wm. Aikman.*	John P. McLear.*	Wil. Hanover St.
John W. Mears.		
J. G. Hamner.	Jesse Higgins.	Drawyer's
<i>Absent.</i> —George Foot, George Hood, D. H. Emerson, L. C. Lockwood, Henry M. Matthews.		

V. *Presbytery of Harrisburg.*

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
John W. Davis.*		
Jeremiah Miller.		
Wm. Sterling.*	Albert D. Lundy.*	Williamsport, 2d.
C. P. Wing, D. D.*	James Loudon.	Carlisle, 1st.
Thos. H. Robinson.*	Mordecai McKinney.	Harrisburg, 1st.
H. D. Niles.	J. W. Kerr, M. D.	York.
John E. Long.*		Hublersburg.
<i>Absent.</i> —Wm. R. DeWitt, D. D. William Tracy, C. M. Blake, Jas. Dickson, A. D. Moore.		

The Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd was chosen Moderator, and Rev. D. G. Mallery, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of arrangements, and devotional exercises reported in part, recommending that the Synod meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and spend half an hour in religious exercises; that a synodical prayer meeting be held on Wednesday evening; and that the communion of the Lord's supper be celebrated on Thursday evening. The report was accepted and adopted.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 9 A. M.

The Synod met, and after half an hour spent in devotional exercises, resumed business. The roll was called and the names of Rev. Messrs. L. K. Berridge, J. G. Butler, D. D., A. H. Barnes, J. Helfenstein, D. D., Charles Boyter, Charles F. Diver, D. K. Turner, Cornelius Earle, William Aikman, J. W. Davis, W. Sterling, C. P. Wing, D. D., T. H. Robinson, and John E. Long, with Elders; H. R. Raiguel, Thomas Aikin, Samuel W. Roop, Joseph Carr, David Thomas, John P. McLear and Albert D. Lundy, were enrolled.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved. The printed minutes of the last Synod were distributed.

The Rev. Thomas Arbousset, Pastor at Tahiti, by invitation addressed the Synod, with reference to the claims of the mission of the Evangelical French Protestants at Tahiti. Whereupon it was

“*Resolved*, That this Synod have listened with great satisfaction, to the statements of the Rev. Wm. Arbousset, and assure

*Not present at the opening of Synod.

him of our most cordial sympathy with his work and our desire that he may receive the liberal aid of our Churches.

Absentees from the last, and from previous meetings of the Synod were called upon, when the reasons of Rev. Messrs McLain, Sunderland, Smyth, Burdett, Ottinger, Osborn, Earle, Pugh, Mallery, Hood, Long and Blake, were sustained.

Rev. Messrs Albert Barnes, Dulles, McLain, Sunderland, J. M. Davis, John C. Smith, McFalls, Garnet, Pugh, Foot, Hood, and Emerson; by letter, or otherwise, assigned reasons for absence from the present sessions, which were sustained.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees, viz :

I. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE—Rev. B. B. Hotchkin, Halsey Dunning, Cornelius S. Conkling. *Elders*, Albert Lundy, John C. Clark.

II. *Bills and Overtures*.—Rev. E. J. Richards, John McLeod, H. E. Niles. *Elders*. William G. Knowles, M. D., P. Frazer Smith.

III. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D., John W. Mears, Conway P. Wing, D. D.

IV. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.—Rev. Wm. T. Eva, John Patton, D. D., John Crowell. *Elders*. M. McKinney, J. M. Paul, M. D.

V. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Rev. E. E. Adams, D. D., George H. Smyth, Jos. G. Williamson. *Elders*, John B. Stevenson, James Loudon.

VI. TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.—*Elders*, David Thomas, Clem Tingley.

VII. PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.—Viz :

1. *District of Columbia*.—Rev. W. W. Taylor, Andrew Culver. *Elder*, Edward T. Taylor.

2. *Philadelphia*, 3d.—Rev. Jeremiah Miller, Francis Hendricks. *Elder*, James Crowell.

3. *Philadel' a*, 4th.—Rev. S. W. Crittenden, John N. Coombs. *Elder*. Alexander Whildin.

4. *Wilmington*.—Rev. Daniel March, D. D., Robert Adair. *Elder*, A. Snow Naudain.

5. *Harrisburg*.—Rev. Matthew Meigs, Wolcott Calkins. *Elder*, Samuel Gulick.

The Rev. James M. Crowell, D. D., of the Synod of Philadelphia, and Rev. Thornton A. Mills, of the Synod of Indiana, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Permanent Committee on Church Extension, reported, "That but one application for aid from the fund had been made to them during the year, viz: from the Church at Vineland, for a Loan of \$750.00, which was recommended by the Committee. The report was accepted, and the Committee re-elected, viz: Rev. Robert Adair, John McLeod, Wm. E. Moore, Messrs. Jos. H. Dulles, Thomas Potter, John C. Farr, and James W. Boyd.

The Committee to visit Union Theological Seminary, reported. The report was accepted, and the following Committee appointed for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. W. McLain, D. D., E. E. Adams, D. D., Jacob Helfenstein, D. D., H. J. Gaylard, and Thomas H. Robinson.

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly reported. The report was accepted and its consideration deferred till 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Statistical reports and Narratives of the Presbyteries, were called for. The Narratives were read, and put in the hands of the Committee on the Narrative.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, made a report of the state of the work, and amount of contributions within the bounds of the Synod. The report was accepted.

Rev. Thornton A. Mills, D. D., by invitation, addressed the Synod, upon the work and condition of the general Assembly's Committee on Education.

The Committee of Arrangements further reported, recommending that the Synod meet daily, at 9 A. M., 3 and 7½ P. M., and close at 1 and 5. The report was accepted, and adopted.

The Synod took recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 3 P. M.

The Synod resumed business. The Special Committee on Home Missions, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them. The report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The Standing Committee on Education reported. The report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That Synod has heard with great interest the statement and views of Rev. Dr. Mills, on the subject of Education for the work of the Gospel Ministry, especially those portions which relate to the matter of increasing the number of Candidates for that work; and that a Committee be appointed to prepare a short Pastoral letter addressed to our Ministers and Churches, and especially to parents and guardians in our congregations urging this subject upon their attention, as one of vital importance to the interests of the Church and Country, and to the cause and kingdom of Christ in the world.

Rev. Messrs. B. B. Hotchkin, W. T. Eva, and George F. Wiswell, were appointed such Committee.

Rev. John B. Reese, by request, addressed the Synod with reference to the Missionary work among the freedmen in Tennessee and Alabama.

Rev. T. De W. Talmage, of the Synod of the Ref. Dutch Church, Rev. A. M. Stewart, of the General Synod of the Ref. Pres. Church, and Rev. C. J. Hutchins, of the Synod of Peoria, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resolved, That the next Meeting of Synod be held at Carlisle, beginning on the 3d Tuesday, the 16th of October 1866, at 7½ P. M. And that Rev. C. P. Wing, D. D., Thomas H. Robinson, and Elder Charles Ogilby, be a Committee of arrangements and devotional exercises for the meeting."

The Rev. Messrs. Aikman, Wing and Wiswell, were appointed a Committee to prepare resolutions on the state of the Country.

The report of the Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly was taken up, and considered till the hour of recess. Synod took recess till 7½ P. M.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 7½ P. M.

The Synod met and spent the evening in social Religious exercises, of deep interest and profit, in connection with the Congregation of the Third Church.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. The Roll was called. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported an Overture from the third Presbytery of Philadelphia, on the subject of absent Church members. The report was accepted, and referred to a Committee, viz: Messrs. Hotchkin, Eva, and Wiswell, to prepare a Pastoral letter on the subject of the Overture.

Upon the recommendation of the respective Committees, the Records of the Presbyteries of Harrisburg, Philadelphia, 3d, Philadelphia, 4th, Wilmington and District of Columbia, were approved, as far as written.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was taken up, and after further consideration was placed upon the docket.

The Special Committee upon the position and duties of Ruling Elders in our ecclesiastical bodies reported. The report was accepted, and its consideration postponed.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions reported as to the state of the work within the bounds of Synod. The report was accepted.

The Committee to prepare resolutions on the State of the Country reported. The report was accepted, amended, and the yeas and nays being specially ordered, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Whereas, The Synod holds its annual session now, for the first time after the close of a great civil war; and,

Whereas, It becomes a recipient of blessings given in answer to prayer to return humble and grateful thanks to God; and,

Whereas, By Divine command, the Church is to bear in her heart before God the rulers of the land, and cannot therefore but have the deepest interest in the purity and stability of the Government; and that, in a country where the Church enjoys such freedom and protection so beneficent from the Government, she is bound by every principle of honor and of gratitude to God, and to pledge, as we have in time of its danger, and as we do now, her loyalty, and to express her joy in the hour of its success; therefore,

Resolved, That we give humble thanks to God most high, for the overthrow, so sudden and so entire, of the great rebellion; for the virtual extinction of the system of human slavery, the baleful growth of two centuries of wrong; for the elevation of four millions of men from the degradation of absolute servitude into freedom and citizenship; for the entire establishment of the Government and the vindication of its authority and honor; for the spirit of peace over the whole land; for the rich promise of returning harmony and brotherhood, and of a new and purified life to the nation.

Resolved, That we give thanks to God for the inspiration of faith, courage, and constancy which has borne the nation through four years of self-denial, suffering, and death, and which has held it unfaltering on its way to this day of light and triumph. To God be all the glory.

Resolved, That the dangers and sorrows through which the nation has passed, and God's Providence, all declare that absolute justice must be done to all men, and do point unerringly to the duty of lifting as speedily as possible, those whom God has made free, to the rights of citizenship before the law.

Resolved, That to the soldiers of the Union, to whose valor and endurance under God we owe the triumph and peace of to-day, we return our grateful acknowledgement, and pray that God would crown them with the richest blessings of his grace.

Resolved, That to the great multitude of the bereaved, whose loved ones have fallen by disease and exposure, by the arms and in the prisons of the enemy, we bring our sympathy, too deep for words: and the memory of their dead we will hallow, and hold them in everlasting remembrance.

Resolved, That the Synod would record its grateful thanks to the Great Head of the Church that He has so largely preserved the lives of our young men who went forth to do battle for their country, and that He has returned them, in so many instances, with piety only deepened by the experiences of camp and field; that He has blessed our

churches with revivals of religion and with such harmony and general prosperity, that the close of the war finds us with more evidences of vigorous life than ever before.

AYES.—Messrs. Halsey, Dunning, George H. Smyth, W. G. Knowles, M. D., Michael Burdett, Charles Brown, B. B. Hotchkin, W. W. Taylor, E. E. Adams, D. D., Alexander Whildin, M. E. Cross, John Crowell, Daniel March, D. D., Clem Tingley, D. C. Meeker, Wm. E. Moore, P. Frazer Smith, E. J. Pierce, J. G. Butler, D. D., S. W. Butler, M. D., S. W. Crittenden, Geo. Van Deurs, H. A. Smith, Horace Hill, Isaac Ashmead, Wolcott Calkins, A. Snow Naudain, Isaac Riley, J. Ford Sutton, H. P. M. Birkenbine, Thomas Aiken, James Crowell, Thomas Brainerd D. D., George Young, David Malin, D. D., Charles Boyter, Robert Adair, E. J. Richards, C. S. Conkling, Francis Hendricks, E. S. Bateman, Thomas J. Shepherd, D. D., John B. Stevenson, William T. Eva, Edward B. Bruen, Andrew Culver, S. C. Rutherford, J. Marshal Paul, M. D., Joseph G. Williamson, Cornelius Earle, David Thomas, Alfred J. Snyder, John B. Reese, Robert Jones, William H. Thorne, Samuel Gulick, Gulick Van Aken, David Stewart, M. D., H. J. Gaylord, George F. Wiswell, Edward T. Taylor, William Aikman, John P. McLearn, John W. Mears, J. G. Hamner, Mordecai McKinney, John W. Davis, J. Miller, William Sterling, Albert D. Lundy, C. P. Wing, D. D., James Loudon, Thomas H. Robinson, H. E. Niles, J. W. Kerr, M. D., F. H. Smith.

Nays none.

The following resolution was subsequently passed by a unanimous vote, and ordered to be appended, to the foregoing, viz :

Resolved, That Synod expresses its hearty approbation of the sentiment repeatedly uttered by our Chief Magistrate, that treason is one of the highest crimes known among men, and, as such, must be punished, and its confidence, accompanied by its prayers to God, that his future action will be in accordance with this sentiment.

The Rev. B. B. Hotchkin, the retiring Moderator was requested to furnish his opening sermon for publication in the American Presbyterian.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts reported, that they had examined the accounts with the accompanying vouchers, and found them correct, showing a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$46.41: Also recommending that the assessment for the ensuing year be as follows, viz :

Presbytery of the District of Columbia,	12.00
“ “ Phila. Third,	40.00
“ “ “ Fourth,	40.00
“ “ Wilmington,	20.00
“ “ Harrisburg,	20.00

The Report was adopted. Synod took recess till 3 P. M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 3 P. M.

The Synod resumed business.

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the minutes of the present sessions of Synod be printed and distributed under the direction of the Stated Clerk.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Dollars be the annual fee of the Janitor for his services.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to send early in September of each year, to the Pastor or sessions of the Churches a printed circular, asking for a specific report of contributions made to Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Publication, and Ministerial Relief, for the year ending September 1st.

The report of the Committee "In relation to the position and duties of Ruling Elders in our Ecclesiastical bodies," was taken up, and after some discussion was recommitted. A resolution in reference to the Freedmen's Aid Commission, was Committed to Messrs. Calkins, Reeve, Paul, Mears, and Adair to report during the present sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod highly approves of the objects of the Ashmun Collegiate Institute, and warmly commends it to the sympathies of all Christians.

The Rev. B. B. Parsons, of the Synod of Missouri, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Standing Committee on the Ministerial Relief Fund reported. The report was accepted.

The Moderator announced the order of Communion for this evening, viz: Address by Rev. J. Ford Sutton, Administration of the Bread by Rev. George F. Wiswell, Administration of the Cup by Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, Distribution, of the Elements, by Ruling Elders, J. M. Paul, M. D., Clem Tingley, Francis H. Smith, P. F. Smith, E. T. Taylor, Alexander Whildin, M. McKinney, and David Thomas.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported an overture viz: The Session of the 1st Church of Harrisburg desires to be instructed upon the following question, viz:

What shall be done with those Church members, who by an absence for years from the Ordinances of the Church, some of whose residences may be entirely unknown, have passed from beneath the control of the Church?

The Overture was referred to the Committee on a Pastoral Letter, viz: Messrs. Hotchkin, Eva, and Wiswell.

The discussions of the Topics assigned last year was postponed indefinitely.

Synod took recess till 7½ P. M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 7½ P. M.

The Synod met and united in the Communion of the Lord's

Supper, according to the order previously arranged.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning, closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and spent three fourths of a hour in devotional exercises. Business was then resumed.

The Roll was called. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Standing Committee on Publication reported. The Report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the Synod recommend to the churches, as it may be practicable, to introduce into their Lecture-room and Social meetings, the Social Hymn and Tune Book, just issued by the Publication Committee.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion within our bounds, presented their Report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz :

Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of Pennsylvania.

The task of presenting our Annual Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod this year, is by no means an unpleasant one.

The year now closed has been eventful. It has brought to the loyal and devoted people of our Churches some sorrows, as in the shadows and tears of that great one, the death of the beloved and revered late President of the nation.

But it has brought to them great joys also, especially in the triumph of the cause of government and freedom, and the close of a war which with all its burdens and bereavements, they sustained as a holy and patriotic duty. And at its close, as at its beginning, with a considerable advance in strength and prosperity, they are still firm for the right, and looking trustfully to God for the overruling and sanctifying influence of His grace both upon themselves and the whole Country.

Our five Presbyteries have sent up their usual Reports of the State of religion in their Churches. The picture which they present is one whose light is not unmingled with a few shades of darker hue. But the light predominates, and the incentives, therefore, to gratitude and joy, exceed those to sadness and despondency.

One of these Reports speaks of "a want of faith in Christ as the great obstacle in the way of the Churches progress," of the "limited supply" to meet the pressing demand of the Church for laborers; and of "the ill health of two of the most active and able members of the Presbytery.

Another records the absence of any "marked seasons of revival, as in the same places and in former years," and the want of harmony in one of the Churches, expressing however the hope that the "breach will soon be healed."

Another mentions the fact that "all our Pastors find occasion for alarm at the general spirit of worldliness manifested even among professed disciples of Jesus, and that in almost every community,

Intemperance, Profanity, Sabbath breaking, and kindred evils are widely prevalent." While yet another deplures "the prevalence of the Spirit of indifference among our members, and the increase of worldliness and sinful indulgences on the part of the impenitent."

These are the shades, from which, trusting that even they may be so toned by the grace of God that a light may arise in the midst of them, we would turn to the bright side of our picture, and contemplate with grateful joy the prosperity and blessing with which in some degree the Master has visited most, and in a large degree a number of our Churches.

In the matter of *material* prosperity, there is reason for rejoicing. One Presbytery, Philadelphia Third, reports two beautiful Churches, Tabor and Olivet, completed and furnished without debt, during the year; the laying of the foundations of another imposing edifice, Oxford Street; and the freeing from debt and improving of several. Another, Philadelphia Fourth, reports the completion of a Church edifice in the flourishing town of Vineland, New Jersey, and progress made in finishing another, Kenderton, which had been for some years in an unfinished condition. Another, Harrisburg, speaks of large amounts having been contributed for the extinguishment of Church debts in two Churches, Carlisle and York, and of a spirited enterprise in the erection of a tasteful and commodious house of worship, by the Church at Williamsport; while another, Wilmington, alludes to the erection of one or two commodious Chapels by the Churches of that City for Mission Sabbath Schools and Missionary operations.

In addition to these items it is worthy of note that in the matter of Ministerial support, there has been a gratifying improvement: And in that of collections for benevolent objects, especially the causes recommended by our General Assembly, though some of our Churches, —be it spoken "to their shame,"— are still delinquent, a marked and pleasing advance, many of our Churches having exceeded the largest amount ever reached before; in some cases indeed, as in that of the First Church of Harrisburg for the cause of of Foreign Missions, double the amount.

The regular contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions are in excess of the last year by about one thousand dollars; and those to Home Missions by about four thousand.

"It is cause for profound thanksgiving" says the narrative of the Philadelphia Third Presbytery "that a single Presbytery, have been able to offer to the Lord during one year; the sum of two hundred thousand dollars. It may be noted also that our Churches have generally enjoyed the regular means of grace; that the attendance upon the Ministrations of the Word, has been at least as good as the average for some years past, and in some instances better; and that the interest of our Churches in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes is not diminishing but increasing. Some new schools have been organized one of which at least, that of the Oxford Street enterprise, promises to be the foundation and nucleus of a flourishing Church; and in Wilmington, our Churches there, have "girdled the entire City with appliances for instructing the young, and training them for Christ."

But the brightest lights in our picture are those which gleam from the Record of the doings of the Holy Spirit in some of our Churches. There has been indeed no general and all pervading revival of religion within our bounds during the year.

In regard to such a work our Churches and Ministers are in a State of hopeful expectation and we trust, earnest prayer.

But upon some of our Churches, the Spirit has been graciously poured, and most blessed results, have followed.

The Presbytery of Harrisburg reports "interesting cases of conversion" especially in the Church at York. The Presbytery of Wilmington, reports, considerable accessions to a number of its Churches, and the return of the Elkton Church with its Pastor, both being lately in connection with the United Synod, to its former fellowship and home. In the Philadelphia Fourth Presbytery, the Wharton Street Church closes its first year with an addition to its membership of Eighty-eight.

But the most interesting and encouraging record is that of the Philadelphia Third Presbytery, which is so lucid in its language, and cheering in its statements, that we think it better to let it speak for itself and therefore incorporate a portion of it in our narrative.

"Our people have listened to the preaching of the word with increasing interest and solemnity, the attendance upon the weekly meetings has been growing steadily, and our prayer meetings have been unusually tender. Teachers of Sabbath Schools and Bible classes have been praying and laboring for immediate results, whole classes in some instances having been converted. The disposition to visit from house to house and converse personally, with the ungodly, has been more general than in previous years.

The interest in many of our Churches has called for special services during the spring months, which have been blessed with many conversions, and the stimulating of the faith of Christians.

The Lord has added to our Churches at almost every communion during the year, about six hundred members in all, two thirds of them at least on Confession of faith, an average among the Churches reporting to the committee, of forty three to each Church. The majority of these are young persons, many of them children of tender age, every one of whom so far as known has proved faithful."

A remarkable record surely for these days of spiritual dearth and deadness; one full of light and of encouragement for hope and effort on the part of all our Churches in all our Presbyteries.

On the whole the additions during the year to the Churches of our Synod number some hundreds.

To some extent there have been the usual ecclesiastical changes, one candidate for the Gospel Ministry has been licensed; one licentiate ordained; four Pastors have been dismissed from their charges; and six installed.

But the somewhat unusual fact is recorded that but a single ministerial member of the Synod, has been removed by death, Rev. Nicholas Patterson, of the Presbytery of Wilmington. With this exception, all who were with us last year are still among the living to praise God, and the most of them to labor and toil in His service for the edification of the Church and the salvation of men.

May each like the great apostle to the Gentiles be ever able to say,

"FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST, AND TO DIE IS GAIN."

The Committee to prepare a Pastoral letter upon the subject of the increase of the Ministry, reported. The Report was accepted, and adopted. The Stated Clerk was directed to print and distribute the letter among the Churches, according to his best judgement, and Pastors are requested to read the same from their Pulpits.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The Synod of Pennsylvania, in session in Philadelphia, Oct. 18, 1865, to the churches, under its care, greeting:—

DEAR BRETHREN;—During our present sessions, amid many causes for congratulation, and many reports cheering to the cause of Christ at large, and to our own branch of the church in particular, we have had before us one painful subject of contemplation. Our church, so often in the past embarrassed for the want of pecuniary means for following the openings of Divine Providence for extension, now finds its enterprises in that direction imperilled for the want of men. In our own country, our General Assembly has undertaken to push our evangelizing work along the track of advancing population, laying in the new settlements foundations for churches and pastoral settlements, so that generations to arise may grow up in the ordinances of God, and under the holy influences of Christian institutions.

To the country at large—to the new settlements where the shock of this neglect would be first felt, and to the older States upon which the moral influence would react in desolating power, no public measure can be more important than that which our Assembly proposes. It could not set for its enterprise any lower mark, without becoming derelict to the calls of Providence in the great movements of the hour.

Fields, both missionary and pastoral, abound. Imploring cries come up for men to hasten with the Gospel of salvation to extensive communities, largely living in sin and dying without hope. These fields, in general are of a character which require the sternest self-denial, the most patient endurance, and the most unconditional consecration to Christ and his work. But their needs are in almost exact inverse ratio to their inviting aspect to those who seek worldly comfort in the ministry. To earnest and self-devoted men they commend themselves as affording noble spheres for ministerial zeal and for enduring records of faithfulness and usefulness.

But the men fail to come. But one is found where scores are wanted. Candidates for the ministry are few, and their number does not increase. The prospects of wealth in secular vocations are brilliant. Our Christian young men are dazzled by them, and their Christian parents know not how to consecrate their sons to the ministry, with its hazards of poverty and lowliness, when in a worldly career they may spring with a bound to opulence and position. So young men who, by parental consecration and personal profession, are under solemn vows to be the Lord's, whom the Lord needs in the ministry, and who ought to be there, are withheld from the work to which they are due, and fastened for life to temporal avocations.

We commend these statements to our pastors and sessions. We urge them to look out from the young men of their churches, those who by grace and gifts, seem fitted for the Gospel ministry, and to urge upon their consciences, and upon the consciences of their parents, the solemn call to go and work in the Lord's vineyard.

We affectionately address the parents of Christian young men, or those who stand to them in the place of parents. We affectionately remind such of them as profess religion, of their solemnly expressed purpose to *Give up all for Christ*. It is offering the lame, the sick and the torn, to say to the Lord, "Take my money, but ask me not for my son." We ask what should be the fair meaning of the first consecration of these sons, to the Lord? When the mother of Samuel brought her best gift to the altar, she said, "*I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth, he shall be lent to the Lord.*" Did you mean any less

when, with consecrating vows, you gave to the Lord that which he gave you, not as your own, but in trust for his service? Our pastoral exhortation to you is, that you can answer for this dread responsibility only by an honest carrying out of this consecration in the letter and spirit.

We appeal to young men upon whom God has bestowed his forgiving grace, and whose gifts are sufficient for service. We remind them of God's ownership of them in the covenant of redemption.—Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God with your *bodies*, as well as your spirits. Both, and each alike, are the Lord's. If God has a place for you in the Gospel ministry, you will be out of your place anywhere else. In some secular employment or worldly position, you may acquire wealth and fame.—But against all these advantages stands the oppressive fact that you are living in a false position, and that, so far as meeting the first claims of heaven upon your existence is concerned, you are spending a lost life. Special duties are shaped by the hour. When the country was in struggle for political life, then arose calls for self-consecration which belonged only to such times. The crisis in the world's religious life hastens. Men who might not have been wanted once are most pressingly needed now. Beloved young men, we beseech you heed the call of heaven!

Finally we approach candidates for the ministry with our affectionate admonition, that no common consecration will be likely to sustain them in the work now opening for the Christian ministry.—There may be throngs of recruits without constituting any supply.—The ministry that we want is a soul saving ministry. The work spread before the Church is one which makes the self-denying spirit an indispensable point of fitness for the ministry. We commend this view to our candidates with the more cheerfulness, because this way of the cross is the surest and best way to the crown. The richest laurel is for the soldier who comes out of the war soiled and scarred by well-fought battles for the right. So, beloved young brethren, it will be in the distribution of the crowns in heaven. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever."

The committee to whom was referred the Resolution in relation to the "American Freedmen's Aid Commission" reported. The report was accepted, and adopted and is as follows viz:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution in behalf of Freedmen, recommended the following paper:

Synod feels a painful interest in the wants of the Freedmen. They are suffering for food, for clothing, for instruction, and for the Gospel. We feel that we must take prompt and decisive action to relieve these immediate necessities.

We have therefore recommended our churches to send contributions for food and clothing and common-school education, through that agency which, in our judgment, will distribute them most impartially, and with the least expense among all the needy.

At the same time, we believe it to be the Christian sense of the whole country, that the distributors of charities, and especially the teachers sent to the Freedmen, ought to be faithful Christians. The

constitution of the Commission we commend, the character of its President and members, and the decided approbation of the Christian soldier at the head of the Freedmen's Bureau, warrant us in expecting that its whole influence will be cast on the side of evangelical Christianity. We do not desire the Commission to be sectarian. We are glad to unite with all benevolent men in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and instructing the ignorant. But we feel that we have a right to demand that a society distributing the charities of a great Christian nation shall be a Christian society; cherishing the deepest reverence for the inspired word of God, and pointing the emancipated to our Lord Jesus Christ who alone can make them free.

But while the indirect influence of this Commission will, as we hope, be decidedly Evangelical, we feel that neither this, nor any secular organization can do the spiritual work of our Church. Therefore, while we minister to the physical wants of the Freedmen through this national organization, we must, at the same time, sustain our own Home Missionary Committee in the work they were ordered by the General Assembly to undertake; see Minutes p. 26. The Committee have already begun this work and we invite our churches to offer special contributions for this branch of their operations.

The Synod, therefore, earnestly recommend, that until the next meeting of the General Assembly, our churches contribute for the relief of suffering, and for week-day schools, to the American Freedmen's Aid Commission; and that wherever practicable auxiliary aid societies be immediately formed in our churches to co-operate with the Commission.

The Stated Clerk shall notify the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, that in consequence of the action of our General Assembly on the subject, our special commendation of the Freedmen's Bureau of their body, is necessarily withdrawn; at the same time conveying to them the assurance of our continued regard and sympathy with them, in this and every good work.

The Synod hereby memorializes the General Assembly to take such further action for the religious culture of the neglected whites and freedmen of the South, and for the dissemination among them of the principles and polity of our denomination, as shall give these objects the specific and prominent position before the churches which their great importance demand, and as shall fully develop the liberality of our people, whose hearts are warm, and who seek some larger channel in connection with our church for their benefactions towards the neglected white population, and the wonderfully emancipated African race. And the Stated Clerk of Synod is instructed to forward this memorial to the General Assembly, in due form.

The Committee on the American Presbyterian reported.—
The report was accepted, and the following resolutions adopted unanimously, viz :

1. That the recommendations of the General Assembly on the denominational press are cordially accepted and reaffirmed.
2. That Synod will aim through its churches to add at least 300 new names to the list of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN during the year, to be distributed among the Presbyteries as follows: Wilmington 35; Philadelphia 3d, 90; Philadelphia 4th, 135; Harrisburg, 25; District of Columbia, 30. Those churches especially which did little or nothing last year are requested to give early attention to the matter.

3. That a committee be now appointed with instructions to take suitable measures to carry the wishes of the Synod into effect.

A committee of one from each Presbytery was appointed under the last resolution, viz: Rev. George H. Smyth, of the District of Columbia; Rev. J. G. Hammer, of Wilmington; Rev. B. B. Hotchkinn, of Philadelphia, Third; Rev. A. Culver of Philadelphia, Fourth; and Rev. William Sterling, of Harrisburg Presbytery.

The report of the committee on the position and duties of Ruling Elders in our Ecclesiastical Bodies was taken up and having been amended was adopted and is as follows viz:

The committee appointed to prepare a report "in relation to the position and duties of ruling elders in our ecclesiastical bodies," respectfully report:—

Except in the church session, your committee find no radical peculiarities distinguishing the position and duties of the ruling elder from that of other members of the ecclesiastical body.

For instruction respecting their place and power in the church session, reference is made to chap. IX of the Form of Government. It is presumed that no fuller statement is needed, or can be given of the relative position of the classes composing that court. Your committee suppose that the resolution before them has more special reference to the higher judicatories.

In these higher judicatories, the ruling elder represents the session. This may seem like a very simple enunciation, but your committee regard it as important in view of a somewhat prevalent, practical disregard of this elementary principle in the construction of our church courts. It is the duty of each session, previous to the meeting of Presbytery or Synod, in a regular sessional meeting, to appoint its own representative; and the appearance of a ruling elder in these bodies, by mere invitation of the pastor, and without sessional appointment, is in violation of the principle of sessional representation.

As regards the correlative position and duties of the ministering and ruling elders when assembled, our form of government allows no fundamental distinction. In ordinations and installations, the public services are, as a requirement of propriety, committed to ministers. The provision for opening sermons by retiring Moderators of the General Assembly, seems to assume that a minister will be called to the Moderator's chair. In the rules respecting business quorums, care is taken to insure that some ministers shall be present. These are simply incidental distinctions between the two classes, and as bearing upon their position and duties in the ecclesiastical bodies under consideration, they are the only ones known to our system. In all other respects of privilege, duty and authority, they are while here, not only equal, but in a state of official fusion, They have the same duties, and the same responsibilities to the church and its sovereign head.

From the discussion preceding the resolution creating the committee, it is to be presumed that the Synod desired that some action should be recommended which might appeal practically to the ruling eldership, persuading them of their real importance in our church courts, and the solemn duty of the sessions, no less than that of the ministers, to be present by their appointed representatives. The principle to be preserved, is a vital one in our Presbyterian system, the union of the ministerial and popular element in the government of the church. All the provisions of our constitution upon this subject, are not only affirmatory of this general principle, but, in determining the ratio of sessional representation, giving but one representative to a plurality of sessions united in one pastorate, and to collegiate churches a sessional representative for each pastor, it was intended to make the nearest possible approach to a numerical equality of the two elements. No fair effect

can be given to this provision, except by making the attendance of ruling elders just as much a conscientious duty as in the case of ministers. The Synod earnestly reminds the sessions of this element in our system, and commends to them their duty in giving to it a continued practical reality. Its force can never be lost, except through their forgetfulness of it.

Your committee recommend, as a suitable measure for continually reminding the sessions of their high responsibility as the representatives of the church, that the practice of calling upon absentees for their reason for absence, now applied to ministers, be extended to them. The following standing rule is accordingly proposed:—

The stated clerk shall, at least one month previous to each meeting of Synod, write to the session of each church which failed to be represented at the next previous meeting, to forward any reason for such non-representation, asking them for such reason to be laid before Synod, and urging them to be represented at the approaching meeting.

Your committee further propose to Synod to recommend to the Presbyteries the adoption of a rule respecting sessional representation in their meetings similar to the above, and that the stated clerk notify them accordingly.

The Committee on Leave of absence, reported. That they have for satisfactory reasons given leave of absence to Messrs. J. Helfenstein, D. D., John McCool, D. K. Turner, James A. Moore, E. J. Richards, H. S. Osborn, E. T. Taylor, A. J. Snyder, H. J. Gaylord, D. Stewart, M. D., W. Aikman, M. Meigs, W. W. Taylor, W. G. Knowles, M. D., H. A. Smith, Thomas H. Robinson, James Loudon, Samuel Gulick, C. S. Conkling, C. A. Smith, D. D., J. W. Coombs, and J. G. Williamson. The report was accepted, and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been brought before it. The report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The report of the Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly was taken up and adopted as follows viz:

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly report the following items as worthy the attention of Synod, viz:

I. The Assembly's action in regard to Home Missions, p. 24.

The Committee recommend that this action be read by pastors and stated supplies to the churches of Synod, as the basis of appeals for increased contributions in aid of the enlarging and vitally important work which, in our own country, our denomination is prosecuting.

II. The Assembly's action in regard to Ministerial Relief, p. 29.

The Committee recommend that so much of this action as urges the churches to make annual collections for this fund be reaffirmed and very earnestly commended to the pastors, sessions, and churches of Synod, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the attention of church members be directed to the straitened circumstances of many of our faithful ministers who, having toiled for many years on small salaries, are now left in the decline of life, without adequate means for the support of themselves and families.

2. *Resolved*, That every Presbytery be directed to appoint a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the necessities of disabled ministers, and of the widows and orphans of those deceased, with a view of bringing the cases of such to the notice of the Executive Committee of the Relief Fund.

3. *Resolved*, That the Presbyteries earnestly request the churches under their care to make *annual collections* for this fund; and that they encourage, also, bequests and donations toward the formation of a permanent fund for this object.

III. The Assembly's action in regard to Publication, p. 34.

The Committee recommend that so much of this action as contemplates the "increase of contributions to the Publication Cause with a view to more extended and thorough operations, and with special reference to affording facilities for the gratuitous distribution of tracts and books among the Freedmen," be reaffirmed.

IV. The Assembly's action in regard to the State of the Country, p. 36.

The Committee recommend that this action be reaffirmed.

V. The Assembly's action in regard to Theatre-going and Card-playing, p. 46.

The Committee recommend that this action be reaffirmed and entered at large on the minutes of Synod, and the matter brought to the attention of our churches at some suitable time.

The action referred to, is as follows viz: "In regard to so much of the above overture as refers to *Theaters* and *Theater-going*," this Assembly reaffirms the action of the Assembly of 1818. See *minutes* p. 690. and *New Digest* pp. 262, 263. In this action the Assembly declared the Theater to be "a School of immorality." This Assembly, seeing no occasion to modify the utterance then given, earnestly exhorts all the members of the Church in their practice to avoid and by their influence to discountenance, all such dangerous' amusements, as being inconsistent with the spirit of the Gospel, and detrimental to the best interest of piety in the heart.

In respect to "the custom of fashionable Card-playing" referred to by the memorialists, and represented as being "countenanced in many of our Christian households" and also "participated in by members of our churches," this Assembly would affectionately exhort all the members of the Presbyterian Church to practice the most careful watchfulness in avoiding all recreations and amusements, whether in the forms specified in the memorial, or otherwise, which are calculated to impair spirituality, lessen Christian influence, or bring discredit upon their profession as members of the Church of Christ."

VI. The Assembly's action in regard to Intemperance, p. 53.

The Committee recommend that this action be reaffirmed and that the "Testimony of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America on the sin, the evils, and remedy of intemperance," as found in the appendix to the Assembly's minutes be read by the pastors and stated supplies to the churches of Synod, at some convenient time on the Sabbath, and be brought to the notice of the Assembly's Publication Committee as a suitable tract.

The Committee on the Pastoral Letter respecting Church members, were authorized to prepare and issue a letter upon the subject and committed to them.

The following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted, by a rising vote, viz :

The Synod having received a letter from our beloved brother REV. ALBERT BARNES, announcing his extreme regret that sickness would prevent his attendance upon the meetings of this body.

Resolved, That this Synod deeply sympathize with the affliction of their brother ; that they lament his absence from this body of which he has been for thirty years the ornament ; and express their satisfaction that improving health promises soon to restore him to his accustomed labors.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby tendered to the Pastor, Trustees of the Third Church, the Choir of the Church and the members of the congregation for their courtesies and hospitalities, during its sessions.

Resolved, That in future meetings of the Synod, the devotional exercise of the morning be half an hour at the opening and half an hour at the close of the session.

The minutes were read and approved. The Calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, on the 3rd Tuesday, the 16th day of October, 1866, at 7½ P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

WM. E. MOORE, *Stated Clerk.*

Treasurer.—Hon. Edward A. Lambert, 150 Nassau Street New York.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

District Secretary—Rev. John McLeod, 1334 Chesnut Street, Philadelphia.

Treasurer—Samuel Work, 36 South Third St., Philadelphia.

III. PUBLICATION.

Secretary—Rev. John W. Dulles, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Treasurer—William L. Hildeburn, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

IV. EDUCATION.

Secretary—Thornton A. Mills, D. D., 150 Nassau Street, New York.

Treasurer—Jesse W. Benedict, Esq., 128 Broadway, New York.

V. MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

Secretary—Rev. Charles Brown, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Treasurer—John C. Farr, Esq., 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. PRESBYTERY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Ministers, 11, Churches, 9; Licentiate, 1; Communicants, 1,444.

Moderator—Rev. J. C. Smith, D. D., Washington, D. C.

Stated Clerk—Rev. William McLain, D. D., “ “

Treasurer—William J. Redstrake, “ “

The next stated meeting will be held in the Assembly's Church Washington, on the first Tuesday in April, 1866, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

1. *Committee on Home Missions*—Rev. John W. Coombs.

2. *Committee on Foreign Missions*—Rev. T. B. McFalls.

3. *Committee on Publication*—Rev. George H. Smyth.

4. *Committee on Education*—Rev. Halsey Dunning.

5. *Committee on Ministerial Relief*—F. H. Smith, Esq.

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR :—

Ordained—David R. Frazer.

Dismissed—W. B. Evans, to the Presbytery of the Potomac.

II. PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA THIRD.

Ministers, 35; Churches, 23; Licentiate, 1; Communicants, 4006.

Moderator—Rev. Richard A. Mallery, Philadelphia, Pa.

Stated Clerk—Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D., “ “

Permanent Clerk—Rev. William E. Moore, West Chester, Pa.

Treasurer—William E. Tenbrook, Philadelphia, Pa.

The next stated meeting will be held at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, on the second Tuesday of April, 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M.

1. *Committee on Home Missions*—Rev. E. E. Adams, D. D., Rev. Daniel March, D. D.; M. W. Baldwin.

2. *Committee on Foreign Missions*—Rev. John McLeod, Rev. John W. Dulles, Charles Godfrey.

3. *Committee on Publication*—Rev. William E. Moore, Rev. H. A. Smith, Alexander Whildin.

4. *Committee on Education*—Rev. W. Calkins, Rev. Frank L. Robbins, William E. Tenbrook.

5. *Committee on Ministerial Relief*—Rev. W. W. Taylor, Rev. J. S. Willis, Adam C. Eckfeldt.

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR:

1. *Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation*.—May 15th, 1865, Rev. Samuel W. Crittenden, to the Darby 2d Church, and Rev. J. S. Willis, to the Western Church,

2. *Ministers Dismissed*—April 4th 1865, Rev. John Patton, D. D., to the Presbytery of Wilmington, Oct. 4th 1865, Rev. A. A. Sloat, to the Raritan Presbytery.

3. *Ministers Received*—Oct. 31, 1864, Rev. Wolcott Calkins, from the Hartford Fourth Association, April 5th 1865, Rev. John Crowell, from the Presbytery of Newark, Oct. 4th, 1865, Rev. J. Ford Sutton, from the Presbytery of Washtenaw.

4. *Installed*—Nov. 20th, 1864, Rev. Wolcott Calkins, over the Calvary Presbytery Church Philadelphia, Nov. 30th 1864, Rev. Issac Riley, over the Pottsville 1st Church.

III. PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA FOURTH.

Ministers, 38; Churches, 29; Licentiates, 3; Communicants, 6080.

Moderator—Rev. Alfred J. Snyder, Whitemarsh, Pa.

Stated Clerk—Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd, D. D., Phila. Pa.

Treasurer—William Purves, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

The next stated meeting will be held in the Wharton Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, on the second Tuesday in April, 1866, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

1. *Committee on Home Missions*—Rev. Cornelius Earle.
2. *Committee on Foreign Missions*—Rev. James Y. Mitchell.
3. *Committee on Publication*—Rev. William T. Eva.
4. *Committee on Education*—Rev. Elias J. Richards.
5. *Committee on Ministerial Relief*—Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd, D. D.

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR :—

1. *Received*.—October 4th, 1865, Rev. James W. Wood, from Presbytery of Hudson, Oct. 4th, 1865, Rev. Daniel G. Mallery, from the Presbytery of Wilmington.
2. *Dismissed*.—April 11th, 1865, Mr. Martin P. Jones, Licentiate, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia Third, April 12th, 1865, Mr. Wilberforce Kerr Boggs, Licentiate, to the Presbytery of Iowa City, October 3d, 1865, Mr. Albert Bryant, Licentiate to Mendon Association Massachusetts.
3. *Licensed*.—April 24th, 1865, Mr. Thomas A. Hamilton.
4. *Dissolved the Pastoral Relation*.—April 25th, 1865, of Rev. W. H. Thorne, to Allentown 1st Church, October 10th, 1865, Rev. Samuel Loomis, to Vineland 1st Church, October 10th, 1865, Rev. Robert Adair, to Norristown Central Church.
5. *Installed*.—October 10th, 1865, Rev. Daniel G. Mallery, over Beverly Church, October 25th, 1865, Rev. James W. Wood, over Allentown 1st, Church.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Ministers, 11. Churches, 15; Licentiates, 2; Communicants, 1628.

Moderator—Rev. John W. Mears, Philadelphia, Pa.

Stated Clerk—Rev. William Aikman, Wilmington, Del.

Treasurer—Joseph W. Day, Esq., “ “

The next stated meeting will be held in the Elkton Presbyterian Church, Elkton Maryland, on the Third Tuesday of April 1866.

1. *Committee on Home Missions*—Rev. W. Aikman.
2. *Committee on Foreign Missions*—Rev. H. J. Gaylord.
3. *Committee on Publication*—Rev. George F. Wiswell.
4. *Committee on Education*—Rev. D. H. Emerson.
5. *Committee on Ministerial Relief*—Rev. J. G. Hamner.

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR :—

1. *Dismissed*.—Sept. 27th, 1865, Rev. William H. Edwards, to the Presbytery of Logansport, Rev. Daniel G. Mallery, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia Fourth.
2. *Received*.—Sept. 27th 1865, Rev. John Patton, D. D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia Third, Rev. Henry Mathews, of the Winchester Presbytery.

3. *Installed*.—Sept, 27th, 1865, Rev. John Patton, D. D., over the Forest Church Middletown,

4. *Died*.—Rev. Nicholas Patterson.

V. PRESBYTERY OF HARRISBURG.

Ministers, 10; Churches, 10; Licentiates, 1; Communicants, 1068.

Moderator—Conway P. Wing, D. D., Carlisle, Pa.

Stated Clerk—Conway P. Wing, D. D., “ “

Treasurer—James W. Weir, Esq., Harrisburg, Pa.

The next stated meeting will be held in the 1st, Presbyterian Church at Harrisburg, on the second Tuesday in April 1866.

1. *Committee on Home Missions*—Rev. C. P. Wing, W. Sterling, and C. Ogilby.

2. *Committee on Foreign Missions*—Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, Samuel Small.

3. *Committee on Publication*—Rev. W. Sterling, L. G. Huling.

4. *Committee on Education*—Rev. Dr. De Witt, T. H. Robinson, M. McKinney.

5. *Committee on Ministerial Relief*—Rev. H. E. Niles, David Small.

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR :

1. *Dismissed*.—April 15th, 1865, Rev. Harmon Loomis, to the Third Presbytery of New York.

2. *Received*.—April 14th, 1866, Rev. Henry E. Niles, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

3. *Installed*.—April 15th, 1865, Rev. Henry E. Niles, over the Presbyterian Church in York.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND ELDERS.

1.—PRESBYTERY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

CHURCHES.	ELDERS.	ADDRESS.
Washington 4th.	William P. Young,	Washington, D. C.
John C. Smith, D. D., P.	Mitchell H. Miller.	“
	Moses Kelly.	“
	David Bassett.	“
Washington 1st.	William H. Campbell.	“
B. Sunderland, D. D., P.	Otis C. Wright.	“
	Horace J. Frost.	“
	Francis H. Smith.	“
	Octavius Knight.	“
Balt. 1st. Constitutional.	Wm. G. Knowles, M. D.	Baltimore, Md.
Halsey Dunning, P.	Daniel Miller,	“
	William S. Hopkins.	“
	J. Faris Moore.	“
	John L. Thomas.	“

Granite, Md. V.	James Spicer.	Woodstock, Md.
Wash. Assembly's	John W. Wells.	Washington, D. C.
Thaddeus B. McFalls, P.	William J. Redstrake.	"
	J. T. Hoover.	"
Washington Western,	J. L. Edwards.	"
John N. Coombs, P.	C. Birnie.	"
	J. W. Easby.	"
Washington 1st Col.	William Slade.	"
Henry H. Garnet, P.	David Fisher.	"
	David Carrol.	"
	Charles Bruce.	"
	Edward Clucer.	"
Washington 6th.	John Knight.	"
George H. Smyth, P.		

Harmony, Md., V. Evan B. Warfield, M. D. Matthew's Store, Md.

II.—PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA THIRD.

Phila. Logan Sq. V.	Thomas Wood.	Philadelphia, Pa.
	Edward F. Wayne.	"
	James P. Alvord.	"
	Alex. M. Thompson.	"
Marple.	James A. Moore.	Haverford, P.
B. B. Hotchkin, P.	Adam C. Eckfeldt.	"
	Joseph Watson.	"
	Charles G. Neal.	Newtown Square, Pa.
Philadelphia, Olivet.	Jeremiah C. Chance.	Philadelphia, Pa.
William W. Taylor, P.	Henry R. Raiguel.	"
Phila., N. Broad St.	Alexander Whildin.	Philadelphia, Pa.
E. E. Adams, D.D., P.	Thomas Potter.	"
	Charles Godfrey.	"
	Benedict D. Stewart.	"
	Hon. William Darling.	"
Phila., Clinton Street.	Clem Tingley.	"
Daniel March, D. D., P.	William Roe.	"
	George J. Boyd.	"
	B. B. Comegys.	"
West Nantmeal.	John McClure, Sen.	Downingtown, Pa.
D. C. Meeker, P.	George Fleming.	Brandywine Manor, Pa.
	Ephraim E. James.	Loag's Corner, Pa.
	Samuel Kurtz.	Wallace, Pa.
Phila., South Western.	Alexander Gamble.	Philadelphia, Pa.
John McLeod, P.	John A. Cowan.	"
West Chester 1st.	P. Frazer Smith.	West Chester.
William E. Moore, P.	W. Worthington, M. D.	"
	Lambert Clark.	"
	William F. Wyers.	"
	William McCollough.	"
	William V. Husted.	"

Phila., Walnut St.	Hon. Joseph Allison.	West Philadelphia, Pa.
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	Alexander J. Massey.	"
Darby 2d. V.	Samuel Crothers.	Kingsessing, Pa.
William H. Thorne, P.	P. S. P. Whiteside, M. D.	"
Philada., Tabor.	S. A. Johnson.	Philadelphia, Pa.
George Van Deurs, P.		
Phila., Western.	Anson Jewell.	"
J. Ford Sutton, P.	William E. Tenbrook.	"
	H. P. M. Birkenbine.	"
Phila., Green Hill.	Hon. A. Naudain, M. D.	"
Frank L. Robbins, P.	Isaac Ashmead.	"
	John C. Arrison.	"
	E. M. Gregory.	"
	George W. Simons.	"
Phila., Mantua 1st.	Robert Glendening.	Mantua, West Phila.
H. A. Smith, P.	Alexander P Andrews.	" "
	John Shedwick.	" "
	Horace Hill.	" "
Phila., Cedar Street.	Hessell Adamson.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Richard A. Mallery, P.	William Cross.	"
	Thomas Quinton.	"
Pottsville 1st.	Hon. Solomon Foster.	Pottsville, Pa.
Isaac Riley, P.	Hiram Parker.	"
Phila., Calvary.	M. W. Baldwin.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Wolcott Calkins, P.	Hon. William Strong.	"
	A. Snow Naudain.	"
	Benjamin Kendall.	"
Darby 1st.	James G. Knowles.	Darby, Pa.
E. B. Bruen, S. S.	George G. Knowles.	"
Mantua 2d. V.	Wm. T. Ray.	West Philadelphia, Pa.
	Wilfred H. Harned.	Philadelphia, Pa.
East Whiteland, V.	John Todd.	Warren Tavern, Pa.
	Robert Hutchinson.	Paoli, Pa.
	William H. Davis.	Frazer, Pa.
	William Briggs.	"
Reeseville, V.	Thomas Aiken.	Reeseville, Pa.
	Joseph Williams.	"
Unionville, V.		
Womelsdorf, V.	Walker Stephen.	Womelsdorf, Pa.

III.—PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA FOURTH.

Philadelphia, 1st.	Ambrose White.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Albert Barnes, P.	Samuel H. Perkins.	"
	William Purves.	"

	James S. Earle.	Philadelphia, Pa.
	William G. Crowell.	"
	James Crowell.	"
Philadelphia, 3d.	John C. Farr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
T. Brainerd, D.D., P.	William Ivins.	"
	George Young.	"
	Samuel Work.	"
	James Frazer.	"
Germantown	Samuel T. Bodine.	"
J. Helfenstein, D. D.,	Adam D. McKell.	Germantown, Pa.
	Samuel W. Roop.	"
	Joseph Boucher.	Nicotown, Pa.
	Samuel Hodgdon.	Germantown, Pa.
	Nicholas B. Unruh.	"
Norristown Central.	David Getty.	Norristown, Pa.
	Wm. McDermott.	"
	Abraham Gearhart.	"
Reading 1st.	Lot Benson, M. D.	Reading, Pa.
Elias J. Richards, P.	William M. Baird.	"
	Isare Erdman.	"
Alexandria 1st.	William Duckworth.	Little York, N. J.
C. S. Conkling, P.	Moses A. Taylor.	Pittstown, N. J.
	Westley Johnson.	Everettstown, N. J.
	Baltes Pickell.	"
	Sylvester Apgar.	Little York, N. J.
Fairfield 1st.	Nathaniel Howell.	Fairton, N. J.
James Boggs, P.	Ephraim Whitecar.	"
	Joseph F. Jagers.	"
	Theophilus Trenchard.	"
Phila., 2d African.	Thomas Bundy.	"
Wm. T. Catto, S. S.	S. Purnell.	"
	Prince Black.	"
Kenderton 1st.	Thomas Craven.	Rising Sun, Pa.
F. Hendricks, S. S.	John C. Thompson.	"
Cedarville 2d.	Dayton D. Connor.	Cedarville, N. J.
B. Emerson, S. S.	Eleazar S. Bateman.	"
Neshaminy.	John McNair.	Hartsville, Pa.
D. K. Turner, P.	Joseph Carr.	"
	Henry McKinstry.	"
North. Liberties 1st.	Adam H. Hinkle.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Tho. J. Shepherd, P.	John B. Stevenson.	"
	Jacob H. Zeigenfuss.	"
Kensington 1st.	John Clouds.	"
William T. Eva, P.	William J. Sedinger.	"
	Hugh J. Worrell.	"
	William Afflerbach.	"
	George Urwiler.	"
	Jacob Peters.	"

Manayunk. Andrew Culver, P.	Samuel C. Rutherford. Henry Keim, M. D. James Milligan. Joseph Bockius.	Manayunk, Pa. " " "
Belvidere 2d. Henry S. Osborn, P.	Roderick Byington, M. D. J. Marshall Paul, M. D. Theodore S. Paul.	Belvidere, N. J. " "
Bethlehem. J. G. Williamson, P.	Wesley Bird. William S. Wyckoff. Joseph King. Asher S. Housel. Jacob S. Johnson.	Clinton, N. J. " Pittstown, N. J. Perryville, N. J. Asbury, N. J.
Catasauqua 1st. Cornelius Earle, P.	David Thomas. Joshua Hunt. David Williams.	Catasauqua, Pa. " "
Hokendauqua 1st. N. Liberties Central. James Y. Mitchell, P.	Samuel Thomas. William Sanderson.	Hokendauqua, Pa. Philadelphia, Pa.
Springfield 1st. Alfred J. Snyder, P.	John Sorber. John Jacoby.	Whitemarsh, Pa. "
Jeffersonville. Alfred J. Snyder, S. S.	Henry Loucks. Christain Weber. James S. Smith. John C. Weber. Henry Moser.	Phoenixville, Pa. Jeffersonville, Pa. Barren Hill, Pa. Norristown, Pa. Jeffersonville, Pa.
Vineland 1st. V. Lombard St. Central. John B. Reeve, P.	James McMahan. Timothy Hoyt. A. J. Hamilton. William Gifford. Adniel Tenny. L. Aiken, M. D.	Vineland, N. J. " " " " "
John B. Reeve, P.	Robert Jones. George Potter, Sen. George W. Evans. Thomas H. Davis. Shepherd Shay.	Philadelphia, Pa. " " " "
Allentown 1st. James W. Wood, P.	John Romig, M. D. William S. Young. Charles Eckert.	Allentown, Pa. " "
Phila. Southwark 1st Gulick Van Aken, P.	Joseph Francis. R. F. Bancroft. John M. Doman.	" " "
Beverly, Daniel G. Mallery.	Stephen Parsons. William Soby. A. Kirkpatrick, M. D.	Delanco, N. J. Beverly, N. J.
Reading, Wash. St.	Hiram Fry. Henry Jones.	Reading, Pa. "

Mountain. E. J. Pierce, S. S.	Samuel Gulick.	Del. Water Gap. Pa.
Phila. Wharton St. J. G. Hamner, S. S.	Marmaduke L. Burr.	Philadelphia, Pa.

IV.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

Pencader. George Foot, P.	George B. Clark, William W. Stewart, James Stewart, Samuel Frazer,	Red Lion, Del. " Glasgow, Del. "
Christiana. J. H. Beale, S. S.	Samuel L. Eccles. Robert McCoy, Samuel Allen,	Christiana, Del. " "
St. Georges. D. H. Emerson, P.	John C. Clark, Anthony M. Higgins, James W. Vandegrift,	Delaware City, Del. St. George's, Del. Odessa, Del.
Forest. John Patton, D.D., P.	Joseph West,	Middletown, Del. "
Delaware City. H. J. Gaylord, P.	William D. Clark, Edmund D. Cleaver, William W. Ferris,	Delaware City, Del. " "
Port Penn. H. J. Gaylord, P.	Hon. Samuel Jefferson, David Stewart, M. D. Isaac S. Cleaver, John M. Woods,	Port Penn, Del. " " McDonough, Del.
Wilmington Central. George F. Wiswell, P.	Edward T. Taylor, Lewis Bush, M. D. Joseph W. Day, Charles Stewart.	Wilmington Del. " " "
Wilming. Hanover St. William Aikman, P.	Hon. Willard Hall. George Jones, John B. Porter, J. P. McLearn, Samuel Barr, James T. Bird,	" " " " " "
Elkton. H. Mathews, P.	James T. McCollough, James Frazer,	Elkton, Md. "
Felton, V.	William Satterfield,	Frederica, Del.
Milford, V.	Robert C. Hall, William A. Coulter,	Milford, Del. Milton, Del.
Mispillion, V.	Martin Harrington,	Frederica, Del.
Chesapeake City, V.	Lewis Ellison, Thomas F. Hopper, Thomas McIntire,	Chesapeake City, Md. " Elkton, Md.

Drawyers, V.	John Janvier, A. G. Whittock, Jesse Higgins, Joseph Aspril,	Odessa, Del. " " "
Newark Village, V.	John A. Reynolds, James Robinson.	Newark, Del. "

V.—PRESBYTERY OF HARRISBURG.

Harrisburg 1st	James W. Weir,	Harrisburg, Pa.
W. R. Dewitt, D. D., P.	Mordecai McKinney,	"
T. H. Robinson, P.	John R. Weir, Alexander Sloan, R. J. Fleming,	" " "
Williamsport 2d.	John B. Hall,	Williamsport, Pa.
William Sterling, P.	Lewis G. Huling, Adam K. Mabie, James P. Dunham, Albert W. Curtis, Albert D. Lundy,	" " " " "
Carlisle 1st.	James Loudon,	Carlisle, Pa.
C. P. Wing, D. D., P.	Jacob Shrom, Charles Ogilby, John Turner, James Ralston, Aenry Harkness, Joseph C. Hoffer, Henry A. Sturgeon,	" " " " " " "
York, V.	H. M. McClellan, M. D. Samuel Small, James W. Kerr, M. D. David Small,	York, Pa. " " "
Northumberland. James Dickson, P.	John Dunham,	Northumberland, Pa.
Dauphin.	John Brooks,	Dauphin, Pa.
Alex. D. Moore, S. S.	Jefferson Clark,	"
Hublersburg.	John Carner,	Hublersburg, Pa.
John E. Long, S. S.	James McCollough, John Zimmerman, John Divins,	" " "
Spring Mills.	Peter Wilson,	Spring Mills, Pa.
Harrisburg 2d, V.	Hiram Baker,	Harrisburg, Pa.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

I. The roll of each meeting shall be made out from rolls of Presbyteries furnished to the Stated Clerk of Synod by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, at least one week previous to the meeting of Synod.

II. The rules affixed to the Form of Government for the direction of Church judicatories, are the rules of Synod.

III. Members of Synod cannot absent themselves from its meetings without neglect of duty, unless prevented by sickness or other Providential dispensations.

IV. Members of Synod absent from its sessions, shall, by letter, assign reasons for such absence. Those absent twice in succession, shall be notified of their delinquency by the Stated Clerk of Synod, and called on for reasons of absence.

The Stated Clerk shall at least one month previous to each meeting of Synod, write to the session of each Church which failed to be represented at the next previous meeting to forward any reason for such non-representation, asking them for such reason to be laid before Synod, and urging them to be represented at the approaching meeting.

V. The devotional exercises of the morning shall be half an hour at the opening, and half an hour at the close of the session.

VI. One or more discourses shall be delivered during the sittings of the Synod, at the discretion of the Pastor and Elders of the Church where Synod meets.

VII. A prayer meeting, with address, shall be held on one afternoon of the sessions of Synod, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Synod, Presbyteries, Sessions and Churches within its bounds.

VIII. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be celebrated at each annual meeting of Synod, on the second evening of the session.

IX. Each Pastor, on the Sabbath immediately preceding the meeting of Synod, shall remind the Church under his care of the fact of such meeting, and solicit their earnest supplication to God on behalf of Synod, for wisdom and guidance in their deliberations, and for a general revival of religion within its bounds.

X. The first Monday in January of each year, or such other day as the General Assembly may appoint, is recommended to be observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer throughout our Churches, for the out-pouring of the influences of the Holy Spirit. The Pastors to preach on the Sabbath preceding that day, on the subject of the revival of religion.

XI. A Committee of one from each Presbytery shall be appointed at each annual meeting of Synod, to attend the examinations of the Union Theological Seminary in New York, and report thereon to Synod.

XII. A Committee of seven on "Church Extension" shall be chosen annually, who shall have charge of the distribution of that part of the Church Erection Fund allotted to the Synod, and report at each session of Synod.

XIII. Synodical Standing Committees on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication, Education, and the Ministerial Relief Fund, shall consist of the Chairman of the several Presbyterian Committees on their respective subjects. The reports of these committees, and the subjects to which they appertain, shall be taken up for discussion at each meeting of the Synod.

XIV. The place of the meetings of Synod shall be determined by a majority, and not by a plurality of votes. After the first ballot, the two places having the greatest number of votes, shall alone be voted for.

XV. Statistical Reports of Presbyteries, after being read in Synod, shall be given to Stated Clerk of Synod, to place on file.

XVI. Members of a Committee bringing in a report, have a right to vote any question arising out of that report.

XVII. At the close of the Sessions of Synod, the roll shall be called, and the names of the absentees marked.



