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## THE ASSEMBLY AT PITTSBURG. SATURDAY AND MONDAY.

Our full report is continued up to Friday of Church Erection Fund and the Presbyteriau held. But your report will tell these things. House were elected and the discussion on the Standing Committee's Report on Home Missions was resumed. In the afternoon the Assembly partook of the hospitalities of the people of Oaklands, a beautiful suburban district where quite a number

of the families of the 3d Church reside. On Monday the Report of the Standing Committees on Home Missions recommending a Conference with the New England Associations with a view to an amicable dissolution of partnership was again debuted and after prayer by Dr. Wisner, unanimously adopted.

The Report on Church Extension urges the Permanent Committee to prosecute the work with all the energy they can command. It was adopted. The Report of the Standing Committee on

Foreign Missions was under consideration at the adjournment on Monday. Communications and other matters have necessarily been deferred.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY. CORRESPONDENCE.

Pittsburg, May 24, 1860. "What does it do?" are questions which, I do | pary at Cincinnati, leaving only the corners and not doubt, many of your readers would find it hard | interstices open to the General Committee. How definitely to answer. Were they here they would to drop the present organizations, and lay hold see an assemblage of about two hundred gentle- upon a central comprehensive system, the more it men, who (if all were present,) would be one-half was argued the more it did not appear. At last, ministers and one-bulf elders. These are repre- upon motion of Mr. Field, (of the Evangelist,) the sentatives of the Presbyteries, and are elected an- matter was referred to the Permanent Committee nually for this purpose, the Presbytery being the on Education, (located at New York,) with the body consisting of the churches and ministers em- addition of one gentleman each from Philadelphia, braced in a given locality. Thus the Assembly Auburn and Cincinnati, to consider the subject, is a representative council, in some respects analo- and report to the Assembly of next year. This gous to our National and State legislatures. To proposal offers much more hope of a result under it the records of Synods, which are composed of circumstances of so much complication and deliseveral Presbyteries, are sent up yearly for exami- cacy than can be found in the discussions of a nation and approval, or correction. To it appeals large Assembly. The persons appointed by the may be made from the lower judicatories. In it Moderator to confer with the Committee, were and through it they appoint and sustain different and Professor Allen, of Lane Seminary. measures for the spread of religion. It is a judi-

COMMITTEES-on Education, Publication, Church | Standing Committee was taken from the docket, Extension, Foreign Missions, &c. These Com- and after a short discussion adopted. The main mittees, report each year the proceedings of the feature in the report is the determination that an past twelve months. At the commencement of effort shall now be made to put this enterprise the sessions of the Assembly "Standing Com- upon a better foundation by the addition of \$25, mittees" are named, to whom these reports, after | 000 to its capital. Although this sum will not put being read, are referred for consideration, digestion our committee upon the same level as that held by and recommendation. Other business, memorials, the older Societies and Boards, Union and Denoresolutions, &c., in like manner generally go to minational, it is sufficiently large to make the inan appropriate Committee. Thus, for the first stitution a permanent one. It is probably as large three or four days the most important matters an amount as could be raised this year without (after being reported,) are out of sight and come | unduly pressing our giving people, unless some into the Assembly on the report of the Standing large-hearted men should feel disposed to give it Committees. By this division of investigation, a strong impulse. The past services of the friends discussion and labor, several subjects are being of the cause in Philadelphia were fully recognised. matured at once, and by a comparison of views in It was evident that the conviction of the necessity the Committee a result is reached which expresses of the use of the Press by us, as a denomination, (ordinarily,) pretty fairly the views of the body. is widely felt. There was little disposition mani-The present Assembly has now got to the con- fested to debate the subject. sideration of the reports of the Standing Com-

of, was the question of the power of a minister to Missionary question. It was very brief, and, we demit, or lay aside, the ministry. On this a rethink, satisfactory. It expressed approbation of port was presented by Dr. Hutfield, denying this the special report by Dr. Stearns, recognised the the importance of the subject, and the difficulties their judgment approved. of its present position. The main point to be

business, but will probably be resumed to-day. mended. The liberality of the Philadelphia parties. churches was acknowledged, and suggestions ofcommended that \$25,000 be added to the Committee's capital. The consideration of this subject will follow that of Education.

The most difficult and important question before the Assembly, that of Home Missions, as to its discussion, is yet to come. The report of the Commission to inquire into our relations to the American Home Missionary Society was read yes- of the hospitality of Pittsburg. If the weather terday, (Wednesday,) by Rev. Dr. Stearns, of has not been bright, we find that, in this, Pitts-Newark, New Jersey. It was an oble and deeply burg is not peculiar. Within the house the air interesting document; but as it, with accompanying was a little foggy whilst education was under dispapers, occupied about three hours in reading, it must be read to be understood. It proposed no arising from stagnant waters, but rather from the action, as the Commission were not authorized to action, as the Commission were not authorized to meeting of warm currents of air, well charged propose sny, but stated facts that will guide action. with wholesome moisture. The currents need It was referred to a large committee representing all parts of the Church-being the Committee on Church Extension increased by eight members.

. The graver business of the Assembly is varied by the reception of the reports of delegates from other Christian denominations and of our own delegates who have visited and addressed such bodies. The addresses of most interest by the representatives of sister Churches, have been those of the Rev. Dr. Wylie, of Philadelphia, on behalf of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod; (Covenanter,) found preacher, than a sincere, earnest, herald of the and Mr. Passavant, from the Evangelical Lutheran truth.—Chicago Paper.

Church. The warm fraternal feeling manifested by these brethren, and their statements of the condition of the bodies from which they came, strengthened and enlightened the sympathy which we have felt for them. Our Reformed brethren have been brought into contact with the Assembly by the meeting of their Synod in Alleghany city contemporaneously with the Assembly. The ntercourse thus had has brought us nearer together. Their very kind expressions of good will will not be forgotten by us.

On Monday evening, Professor Huntington delivered an address, of a very hear-able character, before the Presbyterian Historical Society, on the relations of Episcopacy to our Revolutionary Struggle. On Tuesday, Rev. J. Ambrose Wight, of Chicago, preached a fitting and suggestive sermon on Denominational Publication. On Wedneslast week. On Saturday the Trustees of the day evening, a Foreign Missionary meeting was

> We are all most nobly entertained by the good people here, not only of our own churches, but by our Old School friends abundantly, as also by others. Dr. Kendall and his people omit nothing desirable for our entertainment. Pittsburg is a place of much interest, but Assembly business leaves little time for other matters.

CLERICUS.

Pittsburg, May 26th, 1860. As your report will show to your readers, the ifficulties met with in the attempt to give unity to the educational movements of the denomination formed the leading topic of discussion in the General Assembly for three days. It became at length abundantly manifest that the whole matter was in a condition in which speeches would not

mend difficulties. Whilst the work of education itself was in a prosperous condition, the position of the Assembly's Committee and its secretary, Mr. Mills, was one of complete embarrassment. The efforts of the body in this direction had clustered themselves by local subdivision around natural centres, viz.: the Union Theological Seminary at New York, the Philadelphia Education What is "THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY?" and Society, the Auburn Seminary, and Lane Semiall the churches are united by a common bond, Mr. Barnes, Professor Huntington, of Auburn,

The time occupied in the discussion was not cial body, but in all the history of the denomina- lost. It brought out many facts and views that tion since the division, there has been but one will be of value, and tend to a better judgment as year in which there have been any cases for trial. to the adjustment of the whole matter so as to This freedom from litigation is a cause of con- promote unity without injuring efficiency in this gratulation and thankfulness, and a fact very important branch of Church work.

Another matter disposed of on Friday, the 25th, The General Assembly has various PERMANENT | was, the Publication Cause. The report of the

The last act of Friday, and the one probably mittees, as will be seen by your record of its pro- most deeply interesting to the Assembly and the Church at large, was the presentation by Dr. Pat-The first subject of interest definitely disposed | tersou, of Chicago, of the report upon the Home power-a position which was sustained very de- mbarrassments resulting from an attempt to recidedly by the Assembly. The Report on Edu- tain in co-operation elements that have ceased to cation, by which is understood the plan for pro- harmonize, expressed the belief that the difficulties moting the education of young men for the minis- would rather increase than diminish; and recomtry, with kindred topics, was brought in by Dr | mended that a committee of ten be appointed to Allen, of Lane Seminary. The discussion of the request the appointment of a like committee of subject was opened with a good deal of point by ten. two from each of the five Congregational bo-Dr. Brainerd. Mr. Mills, the Secretary of Edu- dies with which we are in correspondence, that by cation, replied with earnestness, and was followed mutual conference a just and amicable result may by Dr. Walter Clarke, of New York, and Mr. Dar- be obtained. The committee of the Assembly to ling, of Philadelphia. All of these gentlemen report next year, and in the meanwhile churches were heard with the deep interest warranted by and individuals to give through such channels as

If our New England brethren will meet the proanswered is, how we shall obtain a general, har- posal in the good faith and Christian spirit in monious system in this kind of effort—there being which it is made, a solution of this difficult proalready independent local organizations which have blem honorable to Christian integrity and favorthe ground, receive contributions, and aid young able to the spread of the gospel may be attained. men. The discussion was interrupted by other The Assembly has no wish for any other settlement of the subject. The delegates from New The Standing Committee on Publication re- England who met the Assembly, expressed the ported by Rev. John G. Atterbury, of New Al- sentiment that in their belief the time for an amibany, Indiana. The fidelity of the Assembly's cable separation had come. If this be so, we trust Permanent Committee on Publication in making that it will not be found impracticable to discover advances so steady with means so small, was com- a fuir and equitable decision as to the duties of the

An agreeable item of business was the report of fered for the promotion of the work. It was re- the Mileage Committee. Not only were the receipts from the Presbyteries sufficient to pay all mileage in full, but to give a surplus of \$874.62. No General Assembly, New or Old, we think, has made so good a showing. It proves that our plan is a wise one.

The Assembly is going forward in a good spirit in its labors. All are loud in their commendation cussion; it was not, however, an unwholesome fog, guidance rather than purification.

CLERICUS. Yours.

Rev. Mr. Guinness.—This young minister whose prenching has attracted so much attention in his own country and in our eastern cities, preached twice in Chicago on a recent Subbath; in the morning for Rev. Patterson. The impression made, as far as we can tearn, was less that of a very brilliant, or very pro-

conform to his law; that if human laws come conflict with divine laws, we are bound to bey God, rather than man. This reverend gentleman made a most touching and admira-

body. Mr. Passayant gave a sketch of the rise, progress and faith of the Lutheran Church. He said, that they were neither Calvinists, Methodists, nor Romans, but Lutherans. They had 16,000 communicants in the 26 Synods in the General Synod, and 75,000 in the 13 disconnected Synods. Their ministers, number 1200. They have raised \$425,000 this year for Lutherans in Europe. Mr. Passavant was listened to with the most intense interest. An invitation was extended from the Oak-

land people, to the General Assembly, to spend the efternoon there. The invitation was accepted for Saturday. Rev. Dr. Stearns, of Newark, read the report om the General Association of New Hamp-

SIXTH DAY-WEDNESDAY. PITTSBURG. May 23rd.—After half an hour spent in devotional exercises, the Assembly procecded to business. Minutes read and approved A communication from Rev. George F. Wiswell, delegate to the General Conference at Maine, at their meeting held in Portland, June last, was read; the Conference was composed of fourteen local conferences, 160 ministers, 248 churches, and 20,000 members. He was cordially received Little was said on the subject of home missions, and a desire was munifested to continue the cor-

Rev. Dr. Dodd, delegate from the General Conference of Massachusetts, was introduced to the Reports on the Synoils of Albany, Geneva, Sus-Assembly. After conveying to the Assembly the quehanna, Genesec, New York, New Jersey, warm Christian regard and sympathy of the budy Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, and Michi he represented, he stated that the Congregational gan were read and adopted. churches of Massachusetts were never more healthy and vigorous than at present. The institutions. unusually large number of promising young men dismission, and still retains it, shall be entitled to nisters. On the subject of Home Missions, the record except to the answer of the Synod, which Congregationalists of Massachusetts desire to co- is, that he is not entitled to the privileges of operate with the Assembly on the same principles membership, and propose to correct it, by dewilling to co-operate with the Assembly without looking specially to denominational results. If separation must take place, they hope it will be complished by calm, deliberate measures, and among the Presbyteries were advanced.

in an amicable spirit. Rev. John G. Atterbury, Chairman of the Committee on Publication, submitted a report. The great need of the enterprise is a working fund. The committee recommends:-First, an endow-Assembly enjoin upon the churches to make a special contribution to the fund in October next, e Pastors of the churches to preach to their people on the subject, prior to the contributions

order after the disposal of the report on Educa-Rev. S. B. Bell; of California, moved the fol-

Resolved, "That so much of the report adopted y this body as relates to the secularization of ministers, be referred to a special committee to prepare scriptural proofs upon the statement in regard Rev. Mr. Seelye moved to strike out all after

the word "resolved," and insert the following: Resolved, "That in adopting the report of the muittee on the demission of the ministry, the deneral Assembly affirms its judgment on the main question only, and does not express any authoritative opinion upon the nature of ordination." Mr. Bell accepted the substitute.

Rev. J. G. Wilson (Green Castle) did not beeve the object could be reached by the amendnent. He wanted the doctrine of ordination clearly defined, and in order to get at this and have a carefully prepared report on the subject of rdination, he trusted the resolution would not be adopted, and that the vote adopting the report on lemission would be reconsidered. The report of the Commission raised at the last

eneral Assembly to ascertain, by a thorough inestigation, the facts in the case, and to procure such other information as may be in their power elating to the history of our connexion with the work of home missions, and our present relations to:it; also to learn the principles and modes of the administration of the American Home Mission Society over the entire field of its operations, and to submit the whole, well authenticated, to the next General Assembly, was read by the Chairman of the Commission, Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D. It is a very ponderous document, and the reading of it occupied the attention of the Assembly till the hour of adjournment. After the read- by Rev. John G. Atterbury, of Indiana. ing of the report the Assembly adjourned till the

The report began with the operations of the Society a century ago. As early as 1787, Congregationalists sent missionaries into New Engand and New York. The Western Missionary Society, to which Pittsburg belongs, was estabished in 1802. To fully understand the Home Missionary organization, we must go back ! It was formed at New York in 1822, under the auspices of the Dutch Reformed and Presbyterian Churches. It was designed to be a nawith great vigor. Its second annual report shows 78 missionaries; its third report 121, and receipts \$11,000. At this point a movement must look to the annual and continued collections was made by the Congregationalists of New from our churches to raise it gradually to a posi- New Jersey is carrying on a great educational England to co-operate. Meeting for conference tion of ability, in which it may wield the power work, in its own way. The Education Society of with the United Domestic Missionary Society, was called in 1826 at the Brick Church, and a olan was made and adopted, and the United Domestic was called the Home Mis-ionary Society. The Society thus formed was not new. but a modification of the old. It appears, Second, that the United Domestic Missionary Society was not merged into the old. Third, next. that the friends of the Society in New England asked to be admitted to the Society. The New England societies came in gradually to the work, but acted to a certain extent independently. They contributed for the first year about \$9.000. The following table for the first six years was given. The first year, 1827, the

receipts were as follows: New England. \$3,843 7,641 8,094 13,821 83.329

It appears from the report that the State of New York has always given more than all New England to the cause of Home Missions. controlling; it is independent of this Assembly; it invited the co-operation of Christians principally of three sects. The Society pledged

tself not to work for sectarian purposes. In

setting forth that the Society was not intended

The largest liberty was allowed to all to cooperate in the work. The relation between the Home Missionary Society and its auxiliaries was based upon the parent Society all its extra funds after supplyumber of blank commissions should be given

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The report then went on to lay down from the society the principles acknowledge no potentate or prelate to control the early records of the society the principles bring it within the reach of a greater number of people, and that the retail price be not more than us; that all political communities are bound to on which it was intended to act, and the impor- people, and that the retail price be not more than tance of holding to them now, was set forth. The Executive committee it was understood was not to interfere in the least degree with the relations of the auxiliary, to its particular field, session of the present General Assembly, viz.: the latter having right control within its own Rev. John Jenkins, D. D., Rev J. G. Butler, tention.

Rev. Wm. A. Passavant, of the Ev. Lutheran Church, was then introduced from that

tailed; the altered position of the society and years. the changed relations of auxiliaries and parent society set forth at length. Denominational disputes have sprung up which the society has assumed the task of suppressing. In 1857 a new alternate. rule was adopted relative to slaveholding. The General Assembly had taken strong ground on benevolent purposes. There are 30,000,000 that question, and there were very many of the most thoroughly anti-slavery men who did not recognize the right of an irresponsible committee to interfere with or to dictate in this matter in its relation to the church. The report then proceeded to a full exposition of the causes and rogress of the trouble between the Alton

> labor in the Southern region of Illinois. AFTERNOON SESSION. On motion, the order of the day was post

Presbytery and the society, which Presbytery as

ooned, in order that the report on Home Missions might be accepted and referred. On motion it was referred to a committee of

Revs. R. W. Patterson, H. Little, H. A. Nelson, S. T. Seelye, Thos. Brainerd, D. H. Allen, W. N. M'Harg, J.F. Stearns. Elders: J. B. Pinneo, Isaac Ashmead, S. Wood, G. E. Delavan, T. Faruham. C. L. Latimer. Isaac N. Mason

The order of the day, the hearing of the Reports on Synodical records was taken up. The report from the Synod of Ohio was in

part excepted to in its answer to an inquiry, colleges, and academies were well filled, and an whether a member who has received a letter of were in them, looking to the ministry. The all the privileges of a seat in presbytery though he churches number 80,000 members and 600 mi- does not return the letter. The committee on the hat have guided the unity and action of the past. claring him entitled to all the privileges until The society is dear to them, and they are still he becomes a member of another Presbytery. Considerable discussion followed upon the exception taken to the decision, and a variety. of views arising out of the different practices

The exception of the Committee was approved. Another question was announced: Can a number less than a quorum do anything validly but adjourn? Can less than a quorum ordain a minister? This caused much discusment of not less than \$25,000. Second, that the sion, and was at length referred to the Committee on Church Polity.

The hearing of reports on Synodical records was resumed and concluded. The report was accepted, and made the first mittee of the Home Missionary Society, and the dence that it is not a failure. The men brought reply of that society. As the reply has been into the ministry under the care of the Presbyte-

no abstract. Dr. R. W. Patterson then presented the report of the Church Extension Committee, on ing to \$106,000.

On memorial from Iowa City Presbytery, asking for larger loans to churches in cities, and extension of time of loan, a report was made in favor of loans to city churches of \$1000

Rev. Dr. Curtis read a report from the Committee on Church Polity, reporting favora-bly on the application of the Presbytery of plan of the Assembly had done good in his Presand annexed to that of Missouri. Request minds and hearts all over the church. The plan granted and report adopted.

The Committee also recommend that the tended as to include Maryland and the District too practical. First, we should inquire what is of Columbia, and that the Synod of Virginia the plan; what the foundation: It seemed to him he stricken from the roll. Adopted.

from the Presbytery at Chicago. sions, at the Third Church, on Friday evening. port itself. Adjourned.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.—The report of the In its commencement it expresses satisfaction that his people went to work, and had worked at the indications of advance on the part of the with success. The Committee had done much.

discharging the trust laid upon them, painfully treasury. The Synod of New York and New realize the need of resources greatly beyond what to the nims of the General Assemblics which have give you more than half that." I desire to see cional organization. It prosecuted its work catablished and continued the Publication Com- the time when the Presbyterian Church shall be inclined adequately to cudorse that enterprise, we aspirations.

This Committee therefore recommend:

authorized, in characterion, to employ an agent | get a pledge that, at a given time, they will each for the furtherance of this design. than one half the number of our churches has ploy the Permanent Secretary now, for one year, done anything for the publication cause.

4th. That the Assembly enjoin it upon the pastors, to preach to their congregations on this hour of adjournment. subject, in connexion with the call for a contribu-

arrangement by which churches are permitted to leaving a surplus of \$874.62. draw one-half of their contributions in publications of the Committee. It also urges upon pastors and and the surplus to go to the contingent fund. clders to make efforts to circulate their books and Assembly adjourned. tracts, issued by the committee for the benefit of the churches, stating that there is reason to think that our membership at large, and many of our ministers and elders are yet very imperfectly awake The principles on which the Society was to our weakness in this regard, and the necessity established show that this is not a sectarian So- of coming up with quick and resolute step, into ciety. It is a voluntary Society. It is self- line with other ecclesiastical bodies, if we would mittee recommended that the Assembly answer honor our profession and satisfy the claims of our the Overture in the negative.

There are some of both pastors and elders, who are now in this way greatly subserving the aims 1826 the Committee issued a special report, of this enterprise.

The suggestion is an important one, that in to forward sectarian views. Other documents synds or Presbyteries a small amount of capital constitutionally, or from both sources, can they were quoted. It was also a fundamental prin-might be invested in the committee's publications, by force of custom, or by a previous waiver of ciple that all contributions should be voluntary. and these fall know the hands of some suitable its exercises, or by any action of person in a contral position for sale. The receipts bers of the church be deprived of it? from sales being re-invested from time to time, a perpetual stock could be maintained. It is ob- who are in the minority, a right to vote on such viously impossible for the committee, with their elections? principle that the latter should pay over to the limited means, to establish depots at many points. Among the papers put into our hands are cerng its own field; that it was answerable to the | tain resolutions of the Synod of Michigan ex- | 2nd in the negative. Report put on the docket.

parent Society, the auxiliary being a lowed to pressive of their views of the proper policy of the pperate on its own field, and that a sufficient Publication Committee, which are approved. to each auxiliary Society to cover all the la-borers in each field, who were to work hinder Publication committee to issue, if practicable, an some length, and placed on the docket. the endorsement of the said auxiliary body edition of the church Psalmist in smaller type At this point the Assembly took up the ormont of more than the first rate in the colors of the time of the formal first the state of the color of the color of the colors of the colors

The term of office of the following members of the Publication committee, expires during the

sembly in relation to the matter were then de- elected in the committee for the term of three

SEVENTH DAY-THURSDAY. After the usual devotional exercises, the As-

sembly proceeded to business. The minutes were read and approved. Dr. Wood, from Prudential Committee of the American Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced to the Assembly. He alluded to the relations existing between the Board and the Assembly, and denied that the Prudential Committee was capable of acting to the detriment of the General Assembly, or that any one in the Execuit appears has acted independently in its field of tive Board designed to exert any influence upon denominational work.

He explained the feelings of the Board upon the question of separation. They do not seek to promote or hinder the connexion already established, and which has continued so long; it is not their business. If it can be continued with cordiality and confidence, they desire it above all things. But they contemplate severance upon two conditions, as the more expedient alternative.
They are these—First, if the Presbyterian Church think they can carry on the work of foreign missions, it can be better promoted by an exclusive

denominational basis.

Second—If there is withholding of confidence in the sincerity and uprightness in the management, on the part of the Executive Administration of the Board, the Board must have free action in the direction of the foreign work, though it; may be impossible to explain to the churches at large all the motives or causes leading to these changes. He illustrated this by his own missionary experience and that of others. The missions divided into two classes—the extending and the non-extending. Those among the Indians in this country, the Greek-the Gaboon at present, South African and the Sandwich Island, belong to the latter class, and the remainder in Turkey, Nestoria, India, etc.; belong to the former.

From the Doctor's statements we learn that with all the care taken to keep down and reduce the expenses at home, the Board have found it necessary to diminish the appropriations for 1861, for the foreign work about \$20,000. The debt which the Board labored under at the commence ment of the year, it is expected will be provided for during the next month. The discussion on the report of the Committee on Ministerial Edn-

cation was resumed: Rev. W. W. Williams stated that Maurice Presbytery had been strengthened by the labor of the Assembly's General Secretary. We have brought forward five young men, and supported them without aid. We want to develop inind as Rev. Dr. Stearns then read the letter of the well as get money. We offer our young men as a General Assembly's Commission to the Com- contribution to the Assembly's plan—as an eviries at home, will probably occupy our waste to publish the letter of the Commission, and as places, and be made ambitious by going to New it is to be presented in pamphlet form we give York city for an education. All-that is necessary is to work upon this plan and work it out. Erection, recommending a new apportionment Treasury and a Treasurer from the organization

Reve Dr. Clarke moved to strike out the second resolution as redundant for there has been a among the Synods of the funds on hand amount- of the committee. Dr. Mills said there had been a Treasury, but that the field had been mostly occupied by local effort. The motion to strike out was adopted.

A motion was made to adopt the first resolueach, but Committeedo not recommend a change Rev. J. M. Sherwood opposed this, as the facts of rule in regard to time of payment and inin regard to the working of the plan are not fully efore the Assembly.

Rev. E. L. Hurd, of Schuyler Presbytery, was in favor of the resolution. He stated that the Kansas to be taken from the Synod of Iowa bytery. That the Secretary's labors have reached has not failed, and time will show it. Rev. Dr. Allen said be had not been charged bounds of the Synod of Pennsylvania be so ex- with being an abstractionist. He had been called

that the fundamental idea of the plan is that the Overture No. 4, on several points touching Presbytery is the working body on its own field; representation of churches in Presbytery, was that it should be influenced by no mortal power placed upon the docket; also, a request rela- from without. The life of the church is in the tive to correcting accounts of Presbyteries, heart of its members. It is true we sent to Philadelphia when we wanted funds, and not in vain. Rev. Dr. Stearns was to preach on Home Mis- We ought to make each Presbytery help and sup-

Rev. Dr. Seelye said he would inquire whether the work was accomplished under the plan. No-Standing Committee on Publication, was presented thing had been done in Albany until the visit of the Secretary of the Permanent Committée: after Presbyterian Publication Committee, and the evi- It would be a sad thing to give it up. Dr. Mills, dence of the fidelity and laboriousness of the as Secretary, has the most enviable position in the church. In this plan each presbytery takes care It says:—The Publication Committee, after of itself, and puts its surplus into the general has been supplied them. The only relief for this in favor of supporting the whole country. They weakness and inconvenience is the foundation of say, "Come to New York, and we will give you working capital, in some measure proportioned \$120 per year; but stay at home, and we won't mittee. And until individuals of wealth may be one; when the one heart shall beat with the same

Dr. Clarke said the Synod of New York and for good that was contemplated in its organization. Philadelphia are doing a noble work, also. The Synod of Cincinnati has done well, and a great 11. That the Publication Committee be endowed | work has been done by it. Let each be fostered with a working capital of not less than \$25,000. | and built up, and at length they will be combined 2. That the General Assembly earnestly enjoin | The trouble is, the Committee is not connected t upon all their churches to make a special con- with it. The only organic change suggested is to tribution for this object, in the month of October take the work out of the hands of synods, and put it into that of presbyteries. It won't work. Em-3. And that the Publication Committee be ploy the Secretary to go to each presbytery and combine in a thorough and general arrangement, It appears from the report before us that less according to that of the General Assembly. Emin effecting an organization.

Dr. Brainerd took the floor, and held it at the The report of the Committee on Mileage was read. The whole amount reported as collected is The report recommends the continuance of the \$3,364.57; whole amount of bills, \$2,489.95;

The bills as audited, were ordered to be paid.

Dr. Curtis, from the Committee on Church Polity, reported Overture No. 7. Ought the Eldership to take part in the ordination of mi-

nisters by the laying on of hands? The com-Also, Overture No. 6, a memorial requesting information on three points: 1. Have the female members of a Presbyterian church a right to vote in the election of church officers?

2. If they have this right either originally or 3. Have members of church, male or female,

Recommended that the Assembly answer the 1st and 3d question in the affirmative and the Overture No. 8, from Synod of Ohio; has any number of members less than a quorum a A memorial from the Presbytery of Hamilton, right to transact business other than to adjourn,

the Secretary to a comprehension of the need church. A man is only pressed up to labor given result. We must put into this plan the Assembly. when he feels a given responsibility to produce Mr. Mills answered several of the objections

made by Dr. Brainerd. The society was or-

ganized. We have always had a treasury. Rev. Dr. Sherwood, Secretary of the Educaion Committee of Synod of New York and New Jersey took the floor. The field of my abor embraces about one-half the church. Three-fifths of the entire amount for education ducation. We did not ask a student applying or aid, where he is going to pursue his studies; one of our churches sustains twenty-two young men, twelve of whom are at Auburn Seminary. One single member of that church sustains thirty-five young men. The young men of New England come to Union Seminary as a middle ground church institution. The speaker answered at length the intimation that the Synod of New York and New Jersey is hostile to the Assembly's plan. They may think it impracticable. They do not fully understand what it is. If we can modify the plan and adapt it to existing things, it may succeed. He then laid down his own views of the proper plan, and low it should be carried out. The Committee of our Synod claim the right to dictate where their donations shall be applied. He thought the Assembly's plan had not had a fair trial. The contributions to the Old School Fund were ast year .\$52,000; they aided 391 students. We have raised \$30,000, and have 300 bene-

Rev. Mr. Eldridge, of Detroit, spoke of what hey had done in Michigan; that they had suported eleven young men; we were aroused to by the labors of Dr. Mills. He hoped that

he plan would not be broken up. ve have been stimulated to increased activity

the floor, when he is fresh for the discussion. Mr. Mills made some statements in regard to he plan, and its practical working. Rev. Dr. Huntington took the floor, and the Assembly adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

until to-morrow morning, in order that we have

EIGHTH DAY-MORNING SESSION. After the usual opening exercises, Dr. Curtis, Chairman of the Committee on Church Polity,

reported overture-No. 8-on the question:-Should baptism be administered to persons who do not intend to make a profession of faith in a particular church? The answer recommended was, that in ordinary

cases it should not be administered. Rev. Dr. Chester. Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, read the report of that com-

the world. It stated that each should do this in this matter. the way in which he can do it best; whether cooperating or denominationally. The practical she shall continue to operate through the American Board or shall establish a foreign missionary agency of its own. The views and suggestions of the Permanent Committee in regard to fuller reports of the missionary activity of the church, and to correspondence with its missionaries, were comthe conference of the Assembly's Committee, with the Prudential Committee of the American Board. That portion of the report of the Permanent Committee, which is in reply to the memorial for the establishment of missions in Mexico and f Detroit, as it argues at length the impractica-

bility of attempting to establish separate and indecudent missions at the present time. presbyteries) whenever circumstances and a due egard to the great object of this Board will allow;" and, in view of the offer of the Prudential com-

them by the American Board.

The Assembly wish to be understood as exressing their undiminished confidence in the noble astitution with which they have been so long asbrethren of another denomination, in spreading the news of salvation to the ends of the earth. Especially in this "jubilee year," would the Assembly enjoin upon all its churches to lend most that which is sought, viz.: To bring the Board to the spropriations for the coming its next anniversary free from debt, and prepared, year be as follows: Albany Synod, 2 per cent.

he loaning at exorbitant rates is always a sin and Jersey, 3; Utica, 2. an immorality. If the State where the money is loaned has determined a rate of interest every professed Christian is bound to conform to the such loan, we have already published. An amendw. The former part of the answer was adopted, ment was offered that, in place of "actual census" and the latter relative to State laws was put upon there be inserted "on satisfactory evidence."

ormula of doctrine referred to the Presbyteries towns to whose churches \$1000 are to be loaned; by the last General Assembly. This is relative to Rev. Mr. Seelye, of Albany, opposed this as the admission of persons of immature age to the dangerous innovation. A member inquired if the church. This was put upon the docket. Overture No. 8, from Dr. Adamson, missionary f South Africa, that a Commissioner be sent to was answered in the affirmative. Mr. Smith Edinburgh to celebrate the establishment of the moved to refer that part of the report relating to Free church. Dr. Adams of Madison Square the distribution of the fund to the Permanent Church and Booth, of Stamford, Jenkins of Philadelphia and Thompson of Cincinnati be appointed Drs. Hatfield, M.Lean, and Wisner, spoke.

The Assembly then resumed the order of the had first preached in a school-house which was

ministry. Dr. H. said he only rose to speak. ministry. Dr. H. said he only rose to speak. grow by struggling up on their own strength. He said any plan adopted ought to be impartial Let the ideas of the donor be carried out. towards all the institutions under the charge of the church. As respects the plan submitted, he of the fund, opposed any reference to the Comhad his doubts. With regard to the attractions mittee, in a straightforward business speech. The of Auburn it could boast more than any other; fund was inaugurated for the purpose of aiding among which he could name the Theological poor and scattered congregations in the West, and Seminary, Senator Seward, the Orphan Asylum to that alone he asked it should be appropriated. and the State Prison. [Laughter.] We, however, do not press our particular advantages. We the report relating to the fund, and, on this mo ask only strict impartiality. It had been published that the Synod of New York and New Jersey had there was an impression in the West that the determined to new \$110 - 2.21. determined to pay \$110 to each student going to Union Seminary. The reason why Auburn Seminary was closed for a while, was because the Professors were such good men, they could not be kept. The present board was selected with a rich of Philadelia. kept. The present board was selected with a view of Philadelphia, then took leave of the Assembly to their permanency. [Laughter.] The commercial crash of 1857 fell with particular severity first order for to-morrow morning will be the elecapon us. Our citizens opened their doors to the tion of Trustees of the erection fund. students, and thereby gave their daughters to the students. [Laughter.] We have struggled on, and have row many and the students of the erection fund.

Dr. Patterson, of Chicago, then read the report on Church extension. and have now, more students than we can take care of, and shall have if the plan of alucation shall be impartial. Union Seminary is not con-

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The report then went on to lay down from than the smallest size now published, in order to | der of business, Dr. Brainerd having the floor. | nected with the Presbyterian church to entiral he early records of the society the principles bring it within the principles. He spoke of organized power, how Louis Napoleon dictated to Europe through the 600,000 shave established the American Theological Re. men in his army. Only give us the men, and view. In that is set forth these views. [This we will spread the Gospel everywhere. What caused some sensation, and Rev. Mr. Sherwood we need is the men. He desired to stir up pronounced the statements untrue.] Dr. Hun. of personal labor among the churches. He authority, which he gave. He did not intend the wanted from the committee a full report of the remarks to be invidious. He declared that such Presbyteries visited by the Secretary, and the results of his visits. He wanted, also, a report of the amount collected in the whole question was doing a good work. He had nothing to say against Union Seminary. He only wanted the Assembly to maintain an impartial relation to

that whole report be committed to a committee of fifteen, and that they report, if possible, to-morrow

Rev. H. M. Field of the N. Y. Evangelist proposed a substitute; that the whole matter be referred back to the Permanent committee with the addition of three others, one from Philadelphia. one from Auburn and one from Cincinnati, who \$30,000 within the last two years for ministerial shall confer with the various local societies and bly's plan and report to the next General Assembly. On the question of postponing Mr. Babb's to take up Mr. Field's resolution, the previous question was ordered, and then the question of postponement being put, it was carried on division

by a large majority.

The question was then taken on the adoption f Mr. Field's resolution, which was carried, and thus the whole matter was disposed of. Drs. John J. Owen, J. F. Stearns, Wm. Jessup, J. M. Benedict, W. W. Wickes were elected members of the Permanent committee, to serve three years, and T. L. Cyler was elected to serve two years, in place of Rev. A. A. Ward.

The report of the publication committee then came up in order, and was read. This we have already published. It particularly recommends the addition of \$25,000 to the capital for Publi-

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Assembly took up the regular order of business, the report on Publication. Rev. Jos. Wilson, of Wabash Presbytery moved to strike out from report all that which authorizes the em-

ployment of an agent. Dr. Brainerd said that if they could publish histories or fictions they would sell. The books Rev. E. Whitaker said the Assembly's plan which are demanded are ordinarily not those Kev. E. Whitaker said the Assembly's plan which command ready sale. Hence the necessity which command ready sale. cation and sale. But for Philadelphia the credit Mr. Bell moved that the subject be postponed of the Book establishment would have been crushed out. When we found that the concern must fail, we raised here and there, the \$10,000 neessary to keep it affoat. We ask the church to come to our aid. What we more need there than money is some plan similar to that of the Methodist book concern, who clear \$70,000 per annum, which goes to the support of the ministry. Each of the ministers is an agent for their books; they go every where, they labor every where. Why may we not adopt that plan; why not make our ministers agents? In the three years since this book concern was set in operation we have accumulated \$15,000,

though when we began we had nothing. Dr. Wisner, of Ithaca, advocated the importance of this arm of the Church's power. It was only second to that of the pulpit. For us to overlook its value would be great folly. The truth is the instrument in the conversion and edification of souls, and we must see to it that we spread the It set forth first the duty of every Christian truth on the printed page. He had long been and denomination to labor for the conversion of convinced of the necessity of giving attention to

Rev. Mr. Delavan of Iowa followed in a warm endorsement of the importance of supporting and question for the Presbyterian Church is whether rendering efficient this enterprise. At the West they deeply felt the need of publications such as this committee would issue.

Mr. Mason, of Wisconsin, urged the import-

ance of giving the committee a suitable capital. Rev. Mr. Butler, of Philadelphia, showed that the difficulties of the committee arose not from mended. The report approved of the results of their own over-forwardness, but from the fact that they obeyed the instructions of the successive assemblies without being suitably sustained by the

Mr. Wilson withdrew his amendment. Rev. John W. Dulles, Secretary of Publication Central or South America, may be accepted as the proper reply to the resolutions of the Presbytery the difficulties under which the enterprise had labored. It was a young establishment, amid full grown Boards and Societies, yet expected to stand beside them in all things. To do this it must In respect to the report of the committee of have support. The circulation of the committee's conference with the American Board, the com- publications must be secured. To establish demittee say that everything sought by our com- pots would demand a scattering of capital, which mittee or desired by the General Assembly, was would be impossible. Even societies so well encordially assented to, and we rely on the good faith dowed as the American S. S. Union. had found of the Prudential committee to carry out their Depositories wasteful, and they had sold out all own declaration that "reason and charity demand of their Depositories, except that at New York. he facilitation of such organization (in the foreign But it was of great importance that the books should be got to the people. He suggested that Presbyteries should secure a small capital to be invested in the publications and put into the hands of some person in a central position, who should Resolved, That the General Assembly will gladly sell them and re-invest the proceeds so as to keep welcome the annual delegation sent to confer with up a stock. At the outset of such an undertaking there must be outlay. The time for planting and

tilling preceded the time of harvest. Mr. Riggs, elder, had not met with the Committee on this subject, and was not prepared to sociated in the work of evangelizing the world, say that he concurred, as he had questions with and their design still to co-operate with their regard to the best mode of managing the Publication cause, on which he had not as much light as he wished.

The report was adopted without dissent. Mr. Bushnell read the report of Church Extenliberal aid in furthering a result so desirable as sion Committee on the church erection fund with increased ardor and energy to begin its second | Alta California, 3; Cincinnati, 3; Genessec, 3; half century in the glorious work of bringing all Geneva, 3; Illinois, 10; Indiana, 4; Iowa, 7; mankind into subjection to Jesus Christ.

Geneva, 3; Illinois, 10; Indiana, 4; Iowa, 7; Minuesota, 7; Mississippi, Missouri, and Ohio, 5; Dr. Wing from the committee on Bills and Onondaga, Pennsylvania, Susquehanna, Wabash, Overtures reported upon the question in relation and Western Pennsylvania, each 3; Peoria, 8; o the loaning of money by members at a rate Tennessee, 5; Virginia, 1; Western Reserve, 4; higher than legal interest. The report says that Wisconsin, 8; Michigan, 8; New York and New

This was lost. Motion was made that 3000 be Also an overture proposing a substitute for the inserted in place of 5000, as the population of increase of the loan involved a corresponding increase in the amount they have to raise, and Committee, to report at next General Assembly.

The latter gave some of his experience; how he day, Prof. Huntington of Auburn having the torn down by a mob, thence into a barn, and from that into a stable, and so on to a church.

The subject in hand was education for the He loved to see churches, as well as individuals.

Mr. Griffith, of New York, one of the Trustees A motion was made to strike out that part of

The firm and gentle restraint of parental authority commands respect.