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ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.	and the dominion of truth and righteousness in this land. It is certainly some evidence that God is with us in this certain that the
Rev. HENRY B. SMITH, D. D., Moderator, Rev. EDWIN F. HATFIELD, D. D., Stated Clerk. Rev. HENRY DARLING, D. D., Permanent Clerk. Rev. HERRICK JOHNSON, Rev. HENRY E. NILES. Tempora'y Clerks.	with us in this contest, that, while so many thousands have gone forth from their homes to discharge their duty to the country, the substantial interests of the North and of the West have been cared for, and the great benevolent enterprises of the Church have been so well sustained.
COMMISSIONERS. I.—SYNOD OF ALBANY, PRESBYTERY. CLERICAL. LAY. Champlain, Z. M. P. Luther. Troy, Selden Haines, D.D., E. Baker, M.D.	There is undoubtedly much privation and distress connected with the national trouble. It would be strange if there were not. It is the nature of the demon of injustice and oppression to tear and rend the body which it is forced to leave. But it is some comfort to know that the tremendous exorcism is felt
A. DeWitt. Albany, Charles Doolittle, Hon.O. Allen. Columbia, W. S. Leavitt, J. W. Fairfield. Catskill, G. A. Howard, George Robertson. II.—UTICA.	mainly in those parts of the body, which invited, coveted and justified the continued possession, or that were in peculiar sympathy with them in this matter. The hand of chastisement is indeed upon the nation—upon the people of God in this land;
St. Lawrence, John Waugh. Watertown, W. H. Lockwood. Oswego, Utica, P. H. Fowler, D.D., W. B. Parmelee. E. S. Kelsey. S.W. Brewster. Hon. S. Kellogg. Hon. W. D. Walcott	—lead them to look up—to go to Him, without whose help they can do nothing. In the economy of Providence there is no disturbing force—nothing to contuse or embarrass the calculation in relation
Geneva, S. H. Gridley, D.D., D. D. Dayton, M. D. E. Woodward Brown. Steuben, D. D. Gregory, N. C. Taylor. Chemung, C. C. Carr, D. B. Westlake.	to the onward movement of the Church. All things are made to work together for her good—to result in a higher elevation of thought and feeling and purpose—in the possession of a greater power for good both at home and abroad. The day of trial
Ithaca, L. McGlashen, James Bodle. Wellsboro', F. Rand, S. E. Ensworth. Lyons, A. Blakely, S. J. Sayles. IV.—ONONDAGA.	and difficulty is the time when Zion puts on her strength. The pressure increases her efficiency. The fires of the furnace remove that which obscures the brightness and detracts from the beauty and the worth of the pure metal. While, therefore, many of
Onondaga, E. R. Davis, A. Ford, M.D. Cayuga, Charles Anderson, Amos Crocker, Daniel Hewson, Daniel Bennett, J. R. Dixon. Tioga, T. Dwight Walker. F. E. Platt.	settled portions of the country, have suffered much from the absence of their members in the tented field, and from the peculiar demands made upon their resources, there has been a greater activity on
Otsego, Andrew Parsons. Chenango, W. M. Hoyt, D. Green. Delaware, George T. Everest, W. S. Atchinson. VI.—GENESEE,	denial, and a higher purpose to sustain the institu- tions of religion. And while the number of laborers is less, a kind Providence has put into their hands more means with which to work. Hence in many
Ontario, Rochester, Nathaniel Hurd. R. S. Crampton; Walter Clarke, D.D., Silas Kingsley, S. H. Hungerford. Seth Johnston. L. D. Ferry. E. T. Huntington.	putting themselves in a better working condition— have been freeing themselves from pecuniary embar- rassments; and have thus been preparing to start anew and with increased courage and strength in
Gen. Valley, John E. Baker. VII.—NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY. Hudson, J. H. Loomis. E. P. Healy, M.D. A. B. Palmer. JERSEY. I. Swift.	the great work of converting the wilderness into a fruitful field, and of making the solitary places glad. The Board held its Eighth Annual Meeting on the 11th of June, 1862, and was organized by the election of Rev. Samuel T. Spear, D. D., as President,
L'g. Island, C. H. Holloway, North River, M. F. Liebenau, N. Y. 3rd. Edward French. T. H. Skinner, D.D., F. W. Graves, D. Gillmur.	and of William A. Booth, Esq., as Vice-President; Rev. James W. McLane, D. D., was appointed Se- cretary, and Jesse W. Benedict, Esq., Treasurer for the ensuing year. The several Standing Committees were arranged, and the Board entered upon the du-
N. Y. 4th. H. B. Smith, D D., S. H. Cox, D.D., Brooklyn, S. T. Spear, D.D. Newark. E. J. Newlin. I. R. Noves	ties of another year. In the discharge of these they have endeavored, in every instance, to give early and prompt attention to each application for aid from the Fund, and to put the means desired into the hands of the applicants at the earliest possible moment. Ac-
J. Crowell, W.W. Parkhurst. Rockaway, Syl. Cooke, W. B. LeFevre. Montrose, Edward Allen. Wm. Root. Samuel Shæffer, L. Batchelor. VIII.—PENNSYLVANIA. Wilmington, George Foot, John B. Porter.	cording to the working of the Plan, some little time must elapse between the reception of an application and the completion of the transaction. It will be well if applicants would bear this in mind, and for-
Phil'da 8rd, Henry Darling, D.D., B. D. Stewart, Charles Brown, Phil'da 4th, Albert Barnes, Robert Adair, Harrisburg, Jeremiah Miller, J.W. Kerr. M. D.	ward their application in such season as to allow of this lapse of time without inconvenience or embar- rassment to themselves. It should also be remem- bered by them that what is obtained from the Fund is not to be used first, or at the beginning of the
Dist. Col'bla, John C. Smith, D.D., W. J. Bedstrake. IX.—W. PENNSYLVANIA. Erie, Ambrose Dunn, George Kellog, Meadville, John McMaster, James Clark, Pittsburg, Herrick Johnson,	effort. The design is that each church shall exhaust its own resources first, and that what is received from the Fund shall come in after they have collected and used their own subscriptions, and come in to complete the building of their house of worship. In
X.—MICHIGAN. Detroit, Norman Tucker, Geo. W. Hoffman. Monroe, Samuel Fleming. Fleming McMath. Marshall, C. S. Armstrong, Alvin Upson, Washtenaw, L. D. Chapin, Wm. R. Martin.	some instances, applications have been received from churches, in which scarcely any part of their own subscriptions had been collected, which fact has com- pelled the Bogrd to delay sending them a draft upon the Treasurer of the Fund for the money, until in-
Kalamazoo, Milton Bradley, Coldwater, Charles M. Temple, Saginaw, E. J. Stewart. Gd. Riv. Val. D. M. Cooper, L. Superior, C. B. Stevens. Eli R. Miller. L. Russell. Albert Miller. Calvin H. Chase.	formed by them that their subscriptions had been collected. The Board have of late been the more careful upon this point, in consequence of the fact, which came to their knowledge that in some instances the part of the subscription upon the basis of which
Grand River, J. M. Gillett, O. H. Fitch. Portage, G. E. Pierce, D.D., Huron, J. E. Weed, A. B. Marsh. Trumbull, Henry B. Eldred. Cleveland, J. B. Bittinger.	the grant was made to the church, uncollected at the time the aid from the Fund was received, has never been collected. And the consequence has been that the house has not been completed, or, if completed, has been left with a debt upon it, which has embarrassed its action, and, in some cases, imperilled its
Cleveland, J. B. Bittinger, S. H. Mather, T. H. Hawks, Hon. J. A. Foot. Lawrence, G. A. Adams, E. C. Bradford. Finlay Strong.	very existence. The object of the Fund is to stimulate effort, to develop the resources of the people, and to secure to them a house of worship free from the crushing influence of debt.
Athens, C. D. Curtiss. Pataskala, A. Duncan, Samuel H. Lee. Franklin, Anson Smyth, Hon. C. N. Olds. Scioto, John M. Boal, W.F. Wilson, MD. XIII.—CINGINNATI,	The Rand at present, after deducting the expenses of the year, amounts to \$118,874.04. The portion of it yet unused is either deposited in bank, or is invested in such a manner as to be perfectly safe, and convertible at any moment into cash when called
Cinncinnati, Prof. G. E. Day, Joseph Chester, Dayton, S. G. Spees, D.D. Hamilton, John Stuart, Ripley, D. M. Moore, E. P. Starr, L. H. Sargent. G. L. Massey. George W. Haire. T. F. Sniffin.	for. This portion of the Fund has produced an average interest of 6 per cent. It should be remembered, however, that this portion is mostly that which has been appropriated by the General Assembly to the several Synods, and which has not
Salem, Charles Hutchinson, J. Loughmiller. Madison, Alex. Parker, T. S. Paine. Ind'napolis, L. P. Webber, P. H. Roots. Greencastle, John Hawks, L. J. Coffin.	as yet been called for by them, but which may be at any time. The Board, therefore, invest it in such a way as makes it perfectly safe, and available to the Synods whenever it is wanted. The amount yet uncalled for in each case is quite small, ranging
XV.—WABASH. Crawfordsv. S. B. King, St. Joseph, John Sailor. Logansport, N. L. Lord. Fort Wayne, Wm. J. Essick, John L. Knight.	from \$125 up to a little over \$3,000. It has ever been the practice of the General Assembly to allot a portion of the Fund to each Synod in its connexion. This practice is likely to continue. Each Synod, the Board suppose, will feel that it has a right to some part of what was contributed for this general our.
Illinois, Prof. R. Nutting, David A. Smith. Schuyler, G. F. Davis. Wabash, E. Kingsbury, W. M. Allison. Alton, A. T. Norton, M. Ferhren.	part of what was contribuled for this general purpose by the Churches in constituting the Fund, and if it has a part of it, there will in all probability be some portion of the sum allotted to a Synod uncalled for during the year. It should be stated, however, in this connexion, that every application, which
Ottawa, Nahum Gould. Knox, B. B. Parsons. L. L. Day. Galena, Daniel Clark, Calvin Pease. Chicago F. A. Piarson. W. C. Barker, MD.	came within the object contemplated in the establishment of the Fund, has been met; and that in no instance has any Synod overdrawn its apportionment, or asked for more than it received for its churches. The Fund also, notwithstanding the
Chicago, E. A. Pierce. W. C. Barker, M.D. Belvidere, Isaac E. Carey, H. W. Avery, Jr. Bloomington, Alfred Eddy. Benj. E. Miles. XVIII.—WISCONSIN. Milwaukte, J. H. Towne, D. D.	changes and convulsions and pecuniary losses in the country since the establishment of this charity of the Church, not only remains in its original integrity, but has been considerably increased in amount from year to year. There is good reason, therefore, for
Fox River, Charles F. Halsey, Columbus, B. G. Riley, XIX.—IOWA. Des Moines, Thompson Bird, W. D. Moore.	gratitude to God, not only in view of the good it has already done, but for the hope it inspires, that in future it will do still more in helping to fill the land with the sanctuaries of the Lord.
Iowa City, G. D. A. Hebard, Saml. H. Rogers. Keokuk, W. H. Williams, Dubuque, George R. Carroll, J. Maclay.	The following tabular statement will show the portion of the fund appropriated to each Synod by the last General Assembly.

fames Thompson.

Charles S. Leduc.

John MacLean.

F. E. Sheldon.

Missouri, James A. Darrah.

session were read and approved.

The report is as follows:

F. A. Noble

Dacotah.

Minnesota

St. Louis,

XX. -MINNESOTA.

XXI.-MISSOURI-

General Convention of Vermont, Azariah Hyde.

Synod Ref. Dutch Church, Rev. H. Ganse.

Gen. Ass. at Peoria, Rev. Sept. Tustin, D. D. Elder John M. Harper.

REPORTS READ ON SATURDAY MAY 23D.

Church Erection Fund.

Standing Committee on Church Extension.

A. J. Dallas.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1863.

Synods. Portion\$750 2 per cent Alta California, 2,000 Cincinnati, Genesee, Geneva. llinois. 2,975 Indiana, Russell Scarritt 9.522 Michigan, 2,200 Minnesota 500 Mississippi. 925 N. York & N. Jersey, 1,100 Pres. Church, Rev. T. W. J. Wylie, D. D. Onondaga. Pennsylvania, Peoria, The General Assembly met at 9 o'clock, A. M., and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. Tennessee, 1,400 700 At 91 o'clock, the Assembly was organized for Virginia, 2,400 750 Wabash. The roll was called, and the minutes of the last W. Pennsylvania, 2.100 Western Reserve, West Tennessee, REV. DR. McLANE, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Church Erection Fund, presented their report, which was read and referred to the The whole number of grants made during the year,

is twenty-eight, of which eleven have been in loans, and seventden in donations. In several instances, the character of a grant has been changed, at the carnest request of the parties, and with the concurrence and recommendation of the Synodical Com-Ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the mittee, from a donation to a loan, and vice versa. In presenting to the General Assembly the results The whole amount of grants made from the beginof their labors for another year, the Trustees of the ning, is \$74,006; of which \$60,816 have been in the Line of their labors for another year, the Trustees of the ning, is \$74,006; of which \$60,816 have been in the labors for another year, the Trustees of the ning, is \$74,006; of which \$60,816 have been in the labors for another year, the Trustees of the ning, is \$74,006; of which \$60,816 have been in the labors for another year, the Trustees of the ning, is \$74,006; of which \$60,816 have been in the labors for another year, the Trustees of the labors for another year. in the language of encouragement. They recognise the hand of a kind Providence in relation to the important interest committed to their care and super-Vision; and feel that there is great reason for devout the sum, in loans and donations now in use, of \$61,thanksgiving to God in view of the fact that the churches generally, throughout the loyal portion of been toward an increase in the number of donations. the country, have, to such an extent, been undisturbed by the terrific contest which has been going in donations, a sum equal to one-fourth of the amount on in this land for the last two years. War, and especially a civil war, which usually prostrates the industry of a people, and acts with disastrous influence upon all their religious interests, has not, thus the her required the Board to make a fractional grant, the limit has been exceeded. Such the first has been exceeded. Such the first has been exceeded. Such the first has been exceeded. or to damage in any great degree the prosperity of the Union, the millions who seek the perpetuity of the Union,

the action of the Board, in relation to them, has uniformly been sanctioned by that body.

| placed in connection with the Committee: making a connection with the Committee connection with the Committee: making a connection with the Committee con formly been sanctioned by that body.

From the Tabular statement of the Committee to ground where that value is not given, that some seventy-four per cent. of the Fund has helped to seure more than five hundred thousand dollars' worth of church property. It will be apparent also that the Fund thus far has been used for the great object the house of worship erected show very conclusively that, in most cases at least, the churches thus aided are "feeble congregations," and that the help thus extended to them met a want that could not otherextended to them met a want that could not other wise have easily been relieved. The Fund has ex-Schuyler 1, Trumbull 1, Tioga 1, Troy 1, Utica 3, erted a good influence in other respects. The Plan requires the churches aided from the Fund to own

their property in fee, and to be free from the crushing influence of debt. It has led many of the churches, consequently, to look into the character of the title to their property, and has led them to re-move a debt which had long been troublesome to The following churches have during the year promptly and honorably paid the last instalment of

the loans made to them, and their names are, therefore, omitted in the preceding list, namely:
2d Pres. Ch.
Cong. "Lima, Ohio, L. \$233. Paid.
Brooklyn." 375. " 1st Pres. Howell, Mich. 300. Paw Paw. " 500. Centreville, Iowa, 400. 400. Stamford, N. Y. Winona, Minn. 500. The names of the following churches are omitted in the foregoing list, as they have paid part of the on the first day of May. The financial year of the

Ger. Pres. Ch. Cincinnati, Ohio, " \$500. " \$ 70 lst " Olean, N. Y. " 349. " 200 " Hastings, Mich. 195. " 200 150. " \150 251. " 100 Brighton, " "
Somerset, " " 300. " 200 the month. The following Statement exhibits the total apportionment to the Synods, the amount of loans and donations made, the amount that has been returned on loans and donations, the present to make a better appropriation in the beginning of amount of loans and donations, and the balance the new year, and should encourage no one to defer of the apportionment yet unused: \$108,000 00 is a sufficiency on hand. mount of Loans, Amount returned on Loans,

PAID. DONATION.

Present Amount of Loans. Amount of Donations. Amount returned on Donations. Present Amount of Donations. Total of Loans and Donations, Balance of Apportionment, . Nearly all the churches to which donations have been made, have complied with the requirements of the Plan in taking up and forwarding to the Trea-

sury of the Fund an annual collection Repeated instances have occurred within the last two years, in which the house of worship erected with the aid of the Fund, has been destroyed by fire, and upon which no insurance had been effected. The embarrassment thus occasioned to the churches has been so great that the Board have deemed it their duty, in accordance with the authority given them by the General Assembly, to require that the house shall be insured at least to the amount of the loan made to the church. The Treasurer's report will show the exact state

of the Fund at the present time, and the manner in which the unemployed portion of it is invested.

The term of office of the Third Class of Trustees namely of Asa D. Smith, James W. McLane, and Wm. A. Booth, is soon to terminate; and it will, therefore, devolve on this General Assembly to fill these vacancies. In conclusion, the Trustees feel constrained to ex-

press their increasing conviction of the wisdom, effi-ciency, and benevolence of the Plan adopted by the General Assembly for the administration of this Fund. This conviction, however, is not confined to their own bosoms. In many cases the churches aided from the Fund have borne the same testimony One pastor after another, in communications to the Board has expressed himself warmly in favor of the Plan and testified to the great good the Fund is doing for the feeble churches in the land.

All which is respectfully submitted.
SAMUEL T. SPEAR, President JAMES W. McLane, Secretary. New York, May 14th, 1863.

CONDITION OF THE CHURCH ERECTION FUND, MAY 1ST, 1863. Amount of loans to churches, secured by bond and mortgage, Amount of donations to churches se cured by do. 11,668,16 Amount of call loans and temporary in

Interest thereon to date Amount of securities for original subscriptions estimated Amount of cash in bank,

This certifies that we have examined the securities in the hands of the treasurer, and find the above FISHER HOWE, Auditing Committee. Joseph F. Joy,

Dated New York, May 13th, 1863.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report on supplies for the pulpits of the city, to-Report on Education.

The Report of the Permanent Committee or Education was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The following is an abstract of the Report:

The Permanent Committee on Education was stablished in 1856, but not fully organized and in operation till March, 1857. Its first Report was nade in May of that year, and proposed a plan for conducting the work assigned it, which, with unmportant amendments, was adopted by the General Assembly. The next five years the Committee was compelled to spend in preparatory labor, striving to rescue the cause from the skepticism difference, misapprehension, prejudice, and con-tempt which was connected with it, and to awaken the interest of the church in its favor, discussing the true principles upon which it should be con-ducted, and perfecting the plan in matters of detail, as increasing experience demanded. Its difficulties were unexpectedly increased by its being placed i collision with local and sectional interests, which had to be reconciled. In the beginning of 1862 it found itself with a well-matured plan, in the possession of the field it was intended to occupy, with a single limited exception; and though it now presents its Seventh Annual Report, it is really the first which it has with a full opportunity been ena-bled to make to show what it is adapted to do. It announced as its fundamental principle, That the organism of the Presbyterian Church was wisely suited to and should be used for evangelistic opera-tions, and that the chief reliance for working it should not be on the agencies of organizations from without, but on the development of a true Christian and church life from within. The Committee always confidently maintained that its plan, based on this principle, would prove eminently successful, could it only have a fair trial unimpeded by sectionil and personal interests. The results of the past ear have most happily confirmed this position, and with gratitude to God it presents the following mong other facts.

During the past year the press has been exten-sively used, the General Secretary has placed himself, as far as circumstances allowed, in connexion with Synods, Presbyteries, and Churches, and spe cial efforts have been made to enlist these hodies in active co-operation. The results of such general labors cannot be estimated with any degree of exactness, but it is known they have been widely productive of good

One hundred and one young men have received, lirectly from the treasury, assistance as follows: In Auburn Theological Seminary, 22; Lane, 16; In Hamilton College, 8; Union, 3; Yale, 1; Marietta, 12; Western Reserve, 4; Wabash, 7; Knox, 3; Michigan University, 3; New York Free Academy, ; Olivet Academy, Mich., 1. Nine others (six theological, and three collegiate and academic) received assistance from bodies which

were in a transition state, but may now be fairly

Of this whole number, fifteen at the beginning of be published in the minutes, it will be found, upon the year were in connection with the Permanent Committee, fifteen were transferred by the Western Education Society, and fifteen by the Joint Committee of the Synods of Ohio, Cincinnati, Indiana, and Wabash, when those organizations relinquished their fields to the Permanent Committee. The rethe Fund thus far has been used for the great object mainder were recommended by presbyteries as folfor which it was designed by those who contributed lows: Alton 1, Bloomington 2, Brooklyn 1, Cayuga of their means to establish it. The size and cost of 5, Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 2, Coldwater 1, Crawfordsville 4, Delaware 1, Detroit 1, Elyria 1, Huron 1, Indianapolis 1, Kalamazoo 2, Lyons 1, Madison 5, Marshall 2, Montrose 2, Newark 5, New York Third

> Twenty-two of these students have finished their preparatory studies, and have been licensed to preach the gospel the past year.
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> The rate of appropriation to these students has been \$90 per annum for the theological course, and \$80 for the collegiate and academic. The rules approved by the Assembly fix the amounts at \$120 for the collegiate and the theological course at \$100 for the collegiate and the theological accuracy at \$100 for the collegiate and

the theological course, \$100 for the collegiate, and \$80 for the academic; but these rates have never, with one single exception for one year, been paid. The Committee know that their appropriation to theological students has been supplemented from other sources so that they have received one him. other sources, so that they have received one hundred dollars each, in addition to their own earnings. From the Treasurer's Report it will appear that the whole amount received into the treasury has been \$15,271.77, and the disbursements for all objects \$13,668.64, leaving a balance of \$1603.13. This balance is considerably larger than it would have been loan made to them, with the interest that has accrued in consequence of the non payment of the instalments at the time when they became due, and have had the remainder of the loan changed into a donation, Committee cannot appropriate funds which they have not, and they cannot justify themselves before the church in creating a debt in anticipation of contributions which may never come. Much of this balance

> paid, the Treasurer's account having been, for special reasons the present year, kept open till the 10th of It is hoped that the churches will hereafter collect and transmit their benefactions in good time. The existence of this balance will enable the Committee or withhold contributions on the ground that there

was paid in since the last appropriation was voted and

It will be observed that but few contributions are large, and that many churches may easily increase their benefactions. About one-fourth only of those who might contribute have done so. A contribu-1,526 09 tion from every church is the end to be secured 11,713 91 so far as raising the necessary funds is concerned. 61,044 73 The number of givers needs to be increased as cer-Christian benevolence, are equal to any others. selves of the services of Presbyterial Committees that no agency will be needed. They deem it very desirable that the small contributions of many churches shall go directly to the object for which

they are given without being taxed for the salaries | State of Vermont had two colleges which were The Central American Education Society, which queathed \$5,000 to that Society. The Committee have accepted the trust, and the money has been properly invested. As to the work of education outside of the Com-

mittee's operations, an approximate estimate only oan be made. The PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION SOCIETY, which has received the contributions of the churches in the Synod of Pennsylvania, aided, the last year, ten theological, ten collegiate, three academic, and two private students. It disbursed \$3,049 14. Its receipts from churches and individuals, were \$2,230 48. The printed abstract of the proceedings of its last annual meeting, says, "It is gradually arranging its

affairs to accommodate the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Education." It is known to the Committee, that some churches placed on foundations in different institutions. Per- to come. haps it would not vary far from the truth, to say, that, during the year, about two hundred students have been assisted, at an outlay of something over

\$20,000. The number of students has been diminished probably from twenty-five to thirty per cent. by the war. in the great objects of the Christian church and the It is the expectation, that an increased number will | Christian religion, in our devotion to the welfare of ask for aid the present year, and the Committee are auxious to be able, from the beginning, to make full forms, in all these things we rejoice to know that we appropriations to them all.

Taken all together, the experience of the past year, t is hoped, will be deemed sufficiently satisfactory, to enable the General Assembly unhesitatingly to pre-sent anew its Permanent Committee to Presbyteries and churches and individuals, interested in increasing the number of ministers, as a wise, safe, economical, and efficient arrangement for conducting the business portion of the work of education, and urging on them united and hearty co-operation in it.

HOME MISSIONS. The Annual Report of the committee on Home Missions, was read by Rev. Dr. Kendall, and was referred to the standing committee on that subject. ABSTRACT OF THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COM-MITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

This report opens with a glance at the state of the country during the year past—and makes grateful acknowledgment to Almighty God, for his blessing on the cause. Due notice is taken of the death of the Associate Secretary, Rev. Benjamin J. Wallace, D. D., and great

so useful. Five missionaries have died during the year. The correspondence with the American Home Mis-

sionary Society was read. It appears that more than \$30,000 has been paid into the Pressury of that Society during the year, every dollar of which is with-held from the feeble Presbyterian churches in the The subject of Presbyterial Missionaries was discussed at considerable length, showing the difficulties

and embarrassments in the work, and, also, that the Committee were prepared to employ that mode of effort more extensively as fast as they obtain light, and the churches show their appreciation of it.

To supply the lack of Presbyterial Missionaries, and to do somewhat superficially what cannot now be done more thoroughly; two additional District Secretaries have been appointed, viz.: Rev. H. H. Kellogs, of Chicago, Illinois, and Rev. Calvin Clarke of Detroit, Michigan. Rev H. Little, of Madison, has also been employed as Synodical Missionary in the Synod of Southern Indiana. Two hundred and fifty-six missionaries have been employed the whole, or a part of the year past, per-

The gospel has been regularly preached in more

than 360 places. 225 missionaries have forwarded statistical reports from which it appears that there has been 843 hopeful conversions. Six hundred and ninety-seven have united with the churches on profession of faith, and 668 by letter. 14 revivals are reported, 12 churches have been organized, -5 have become self-sustaining, and 32 church edifices have been built, repaired or elieved of debt. The receipts of the year reach almost \$52,000, and yet more than 800 churches of the whole number, ,466, have contributed nothing. But the missionaries have been paid, and no church asking aid

forming an aggregate of 192 years' labor.

rious churches that have furnished so many boxes we are called in spreading the Gospel through the f clothing to the missionaries. The work of the future is discussed under the following heads.

1. The feeble churches in the other parts of the it, as far as possible, before all the members of the

2. The wants of the new States and Territories, &c.
3. The fields now opening to us that have been ra
Assembly or the Board.

tions—and life memberships closed the report. Monday, May 25, 1863.

The Assembly met at 9 o'clock, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. At 91 the Assembly was opened for business. On motion, it was ordered that for the future the calling of the roll at the opening of the morning session be dispensed with. The minutes of the last session were read and approyed.

MESSAGE FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT PEORIA. The Moderator read to the Assembly, the following elegraphic dispatch:

Peoria, Illinois, May 23, 1863. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, now in session at Philadelphia, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church ow in session at Peoria, have unanimously appointed delegates to represent them in your honorable body. By order of the Assembly,
WM.E. SCHENCK.

Permanent Clerk. REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES. The Assembly proceeded to consider the reports from delegates to corresponding bodies.

The report of Rev. Geo. C. Noyes, delegate to the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Ohurch, was read. Also, the report of Rev. A. Buardman Lumbert,

D. D., delegate to the General Association of Massa Also, the report of Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D. , delegate to the General Conference of Maine. Also, the report of the Rev. Peter Snyder, delegate the General Convention of Vermont

Rev. Mr. Hyps, of Vermont, delegate to the Assembly from the General Convention of Vermont, was called on for some remarks, and said that a nominal division by a denominational line presented no obstacle to fraternal and Christian intercourse with their brethren of the Presbyterian church. The body which he represented rejoiced in the good work being done by the Presbyterian Church, and were always gratified to see the delegate of the latter in their conventions. As Congregationalists, they claimed very little sectarian or denominational zeal, and to no other body did they so naturally look for the same catholic spirit as the Presbyterian. He thought the two budies should be one in Christian love and iarmony.

The speaker then referred to the condition of the Congregational Church in Vermont. Their churches luring the last year were reported as about two hundred, averaging each seventy-five resident mem-bers, two-thirds being females—in all about four-teen thousand five hundred resident members. Most of their churches were small, and embraced among their membership but few men of large means; yet, besides supporting their own religious tion from every church is the end to be secured, so far as raising the necessary funds is concerned. The number of givers needs to be increased as certainly as the amounts contributed. Many of these contributions are under ten dollars. While some of these should be greatly augmented, there are some these should be greatly augmented, there are some of them which, in the qualities that characterize true of them which, in the qualities that characterize true bers. During the last year their churches enjoyed With the exception of a temporary engagement of Rev. S. S. Goss in Western New York during the fact that the war had taken away some of the best young men in and out of the church. They resence manifested with regard to many of their churches during the past year, resulting in some instances in a considerable addition to their num-

doing a good work in the cause of Christian educa-The Central American Education Society, which tion. In conclusion, he remarked: I need scarcely was the first of the old organizations to meet the say that our churches, as well as our State, genewishes of the Assembly, by relinquishing its field to the Permanent Committee, has paid into the treating and support to the government in its prethe Permanent Committee, has paid into the treasury, the sum of \$2,000, to establish a permanent scholarship, to be called the Phelps scholarship, in memory of the late Anson G. Paelps, Jr., who be questhed \$5,000 to that Society. The Committee government has called upon us. We are heartily rejoiced at your own position as evinced by your action a year ago; and I have been permitted more abundantly to rejoice in view of the evidence presented during the sessions of this body. Now that you are cordially and entirely with us in this regard e humbly pray that peace established upon a basis of justice and righteousness, and freedom to all the oppressed, may soon be restored to us, and our nation be yet preserved to be a beacon light and a blessing to the nations of the earth.

Mr. Moderator and brethren, we would make no

The speaker said that his denomination in the

protestations of affection, which are but mere formalities. We intend that our plain words shall prove our Christian fellowship and cordial good will. Our correspondence has been on our part very pleasant, and we think very useful; and your delegates have always, I believe, been cordially reand benevolent individuals have aided directly one ceived. We trust that the same spirit of communion or more young men, and that a number have been will be manifested between you and us in all time

THE MODERATOR. - This General Assembly are happy to hear from the Convention of Vermont in words of so much courtesy and cordiality to which they would make a most hearty response. In all our feeling of brotherly kindness, in our communion are of one heart and of one mind. Our delegate has nformed us of the general condition of your church, and the facts which you have added to his report, are most encouraging, and such us lead us with you to thank God for the blessings which he has poured out upon your ministry and your membership. know that you are called upon to cultivate a field which is, in many respects, very laborious; we also rejoice to know that you have been fitted to enter into this field and cultivate it, so that it not only bears fruit for God upon the soil itself, but you are ble to send forth so many to labor in other portions f our land. We hope that peace and prosperity may attend your branch of Zion, and that you may go on abounding in every good word and work.

A communication from Rev. Geo. M. Adams, a deegate appointed by the Assembly to the General

Association of Massachusetts, was read. ASSESSMENT FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES At the suggestion of Rev. Dr. HATFIELD, it was rdered that the price of the minutes hereafter be lifty cents instead of forty cents as heretofore; and regret is expressed at the death of one whose love to our church was so great and whose services in it were per minister,) be increased to seventy-five cents per minister.

> COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES The Moderator announced the appointment of Rev. Dr. Towne and Mr. Geo. Robertson, as members of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, in he place of two members granted leave of absence. DELEGATES FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT PEORIA. A telegraphic despatch, dated Peoria, May 23rd, and signed by William E. Schenck, Permanent Clerk, was read, stating that Rev. Dr. Tustin and Hon. George Sharswood had been appoint gates and Dr. Hall, of Trenton, and John M. Har per, alternates, to represent that Assembly in this General Assembly.

> Rev. Albert Barnes, from the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, presented a report which

Report of the Foreign Mission Committee.

In the judgment of the Standing Committee. he report submitted to the Assembly is a document of great value, claiming not only the attention of this General Assembly, but deserving a wide dissemi-nation among the churches of the denomination. The Permanent Committee deserve in a high degree the commendation of the Assembly, and the thanks of the churches for the diligence and attention manifested in the general performance of the duties assigned them on the matter of Foreign Missions, and in preparing the report for the Assembly. The ex-tensive circulation of this document would be of value, not merely as furnishing information to the churches in regard to the work actually accomplished in our denomination in the cause of Missions; but as containing valuable suggestions to the churches in regard to what it is desirable should be done, and and well endorsed has been refused.

Grateful mention is made of the ladies in the value of the best methods of accomplishing the part to which world. And the Committee recommending the approval of the report to the Assembly, express the

We deem it proper to add that the Permanent Committee do their work without any expense to the vaged by war.

With this general commendation of the report, there are a few points to which the Standing Com-With this general commendation of the report.

tention of the Assembly. The claims of the unevangelized on the churches represented in this Assembly—the inadequate response which we have hitherto made to those claims—the number and position of the members of our Presbyteries who under the auspices of the American Board, have gone forth as heralds of a Saviour's love to the pretions are headed in Americans of the members of Missions, which can never be created by the pretions are headed in Americans of Missions, which can never be created by the pretions are headed in Americans of Missions, which can never be created by love to the nations enshrouded in darkness,—the to the church to which they belong and to their beloved country; with most cheering intelligence of the blessings which the Lord has vouchsafed to their labours, and urgent appeal for assistance to gather the ripening harvest under the weight of which they be, to take this subject specially in charge. In most churches, you can find some one man who, from parsions connected with the Board—the necessity of a large increase of funds and of missionaries in order rocking Missions. It should be made the business established, the efforts which the committee have made to interest every church and every member of matter of contribution. Communication might be every church connected with us, so as to secure opened between the Presbytery and the Permanent liberal and systematic contributions to this cause, Committee, and through this individual, who might

luties towards the dying heathen. duties towards the dying heathen.

The following points in the report should, in the opinion of your committee, receive the special attention of the Assembly and the Churches.

1. That we can now go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; the barriers are all removed. 2. That we are bound to do it, by the expresse commend of Him who save. "Ye are the express command of Him who says, "Ye are my disciples, if ye keep my commandments," 3. by teries might be organized at once. I desire to interest the expression of the many localities, Pressing the many localities, Pressing the many localities, Pression of the many localities of the That we have entered on the work-have been quire what particular obstacles there are in the way plessed in it—have now sixty of our ministers in the of effecting such organizations? field, whom we know, whose testimony we believe, and who tell us in accents of deepest distress how there are no obstacles whatever, except that the misfield, whom we know, whose testimony we believe, he heathen rush to perdition in their ignorance and sionaries on the ground have not seen it to be wise guilt, and how they faint and fall, because left un- or desirable, to separate themselves in this way, from ided by us to whom they look for reinforcements their co-laborers of other denominations. Where, and supplies. 4. That God has given to our peo-for instance, there were three or four Presbyterian ple the ability, if they have the mind, to yield the needed aid so far as men and money are required; Congregational ministers, it has not been thought that every one of us can give at least the avails of desirable by our ministers, to establish a separate one day's labour each month, that this will produce ecclesiastical organization for the ordinary conduct nore than four times the amount now contributed, of their work. Mr. Griffiths, who is very familiar and that we shall be held accountable for the willing | with this subject, can perhaps answer the question nd that we shall be next account and that extent at least, least to co-operate with Him to that extent at least, Rev. Dr. Spess.—There was another question, I n saving a lost world. 5. That we have no good REV. DR. Spees.—There was another question, I desire to ask, which has been particularly answered hurch will bless our labours at home—our ministry by the remarks of Mr. Barnes—whether the Permaand our missionary enterprises here, -our families, nent Committee on Foreign Missions of this Assemour fields, our flocks, and our business pursuits,—
our dearly beloved country, and preserve to us our
blessed heritage, while we are unmindful of the great work which he has so solemnly committed to us, and REV. MR. BARNES.—I have heard of no such indo little or nothing to bring the hundreds of millions stances. I request that Mr. Griffiths shall answer the question.

That the wonderful work of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of the hundreds of Indians in chains at Man-

Your committee would suggest that our admirable tery whenever in the judgment of the missionaries, system of church polity affords the greatest facilities the providence of God, and the interests of the missionaries. or reaching all our people, and bringing them into sionary work may call for the formation of such orline at the call of duty, that therefore a greater mea- ganizations. sure of responsibility attaches to the General Assembly and to the Presbyteries, than has been re cogaised hitherto; that it becomes our most solemn some way interfered to communicate to our missionduty to look this responsibility in the face; that a aries the suggestion that the formation of presby ust regard to the glory of our God and King, to his parting command, to the salvation of the lost, to the happiness of our people or the peace and prosperity ject has been issued. This impression is founded of our Zion in all her enterprises and interests, dealtogether in mistake. There has been no such interests of the Pardential Committee. which these weighty and sacred obligations shall be

nands that we shall adopt some measures through | timation on the part of the Prudential Committee. aid upon the conscience of every disciple of Christ, ferred to in the report of the committee—a letter and shall be found there till the heart is moved and from Dr. Williamson, in relation to the Indians in he tithes are brought into the storehouse. We recommend the passage of the following Reso-[Resolutions published in our last number.] Rev. Mr. BARNES, having presented the report

vith the accompanying resolutions, said that there which a few topins on which some remarks might be appropriate. One subject was the relation of the nurch to the A neric in Board of Foreign Missions. Ie said that in the progress of events the question would naturally arise whether the Presbyterian Church should continue in the work of Foreign Misions, to act through the agency of the American Board, or institute a separate and independent organization for the prosecution of missionary enterrises. As to what may occur hereafter, no man think it of great importance to retain fully our conthe confidence of our church and the confidence of the world. They have facility of access to every part of the globe; they have very valuable arrangeand on all these grounds a continuance of our conection with that organization is advisable and de-

rable.

It appears to the Permanent Committee and to dition to what had been stated in the letter which the Standing Committee, that the American Board | had been read, there was an interesting work of grace are entirely fair and impartial in acting upon the going on at Fort Snelling, among the women and wishes of this Assembly as to the disposal of their children held there as captives. One hundred and aissionaries for the promotion of the cause of religionaries for the promotion of the cause of the promotion of t ion in general; and for their comfort in relation to each other, and for any arrangements which may be church. More had been accomplished within the at any time deemed necessary for carrying our peculiar institutions of church government into the fields which they occupy. In the report which the committee presented a few days ago, they took care missionary work, Dr. Treat closed with an earnest missionary work, Dr. Treat closed with an earnest o show, that in reference to a great part of the nissions abroad, the arrangements have so occurred in all the churches for the cause of foreign missions. hat in a very large proportion of them Presbyteries could be formed at once, on the spot, if it were deemed desirable. Yet so far as is known to the committee, the missionaries have made no efforts in hat direction. They have not supposed it desirable to do so. The American Board have interposed no obstacles whatever; they have made no sugges-tions or arrangements that would interfere at all with the formation of Presbyteries on a foreign field to just such an extent as our missionaries may choose to have it done.

It may further be observed that our church is very fairly represented in the American Board, alike in regard to corporate members and life members, as well as in regard to the secretaries of the board, two of whom, residing in New York, belong to our denomination. Another point of considerable interest adverted to in the report, is the fact that a communication of very great importance has been entered into between

our ministers abroad and the churches at homenot merely coming through the Prudential Committee at Boston and the American Board, but through our Permanent Committee-thus instituting a connection which we desire should be kept up. great point gained if we can have information readily accessible as to the missionaries abroad onnected with the Presbyterian Church. Recently n our church very many have been asked whether we have any missionaries at all abroad; and if any specific information were desired on that point, very many ministers and members of our church could give it. There has been a general impression that we had abroad almost no missionaries connected with our denomination. It appears by the the great field of Christian missionary labor under the care of the American Board. We are endeavoring constantly to draw the tie closer between them and us, and for this purpose we desire that communication should be kept up between the Permanent Committee of the Assembly and our missionaries Another point which may be mentioned is the

mportance of bringing the subject of foreign missions before every church in our denomination, and, as far as possible, before every member of the hurch. If I recollect aright it appears by the reort of the Permanent Committee that there are but little more than a fourth part of our churches that have contributed to the cause of foreign missions. during the past year; and the amounts exhibit a very small ratio contributed by each member-from 35 to 45 cents, or something like that. It was stated this morning by the gentleman from Vermont that the average contributions by their members for the cause of Christian beneficence—I do not know that e referred particularly to foreign taking all their churches, about two dollars to each member, or five dollars to each resident male member. Now, it may be assumed, that the Presbyterian Churches of this country are as able to contribute to Christian enterprises as New England. What is needed is some arrangement which shall bring this matter before every church, and as far as practicable before every member of the church, as a matter of conscience in view of their duty to their Saviour, and to a perishing world.

The committee have suggested a plan by which, under the polity of our church, this matter can be

mittee beg leave more particularly to direct the at- | brought to the attention of every congregation in our connexion. If the principle could be adopted and and the relations of all our interests as Christians and be designated for the work, documents could be rea Christian Church to the right performance of our ceived, and suggestions made. By a system which shall make it the province of one or more designated

heatts of the numerous of Indians in Quantum at many profession and the late of the numerous of the hat during the past winter as related in the exceedingly interesting statement of Rev. Dr. Williamson, one of our missionaries to the Dacotah, should fill has been left entirely within the discretion of the our hearts with gratitude, and stimulate us to prayer and effort for the oppressed and wretched sons of the prairie and the forest to whom we owe so much, and for whom we have done so little.

has been left entirely within the discretion of the missionaries. Whenever they wish to form foreign presbyteries, they can do it. With one or two exceptions, there are at every one of our stations, a sufficient number of ministers to constitute a presby-

An impression prevails upon the minds of some brethren that the Prudential Committee have in teries would not be entirely agreeable to them. al though no direct instruction or order on the sub A Delegate requested the reading of a letter re-

The letter was read. Rev. Mr. Thompson, of the Dacotah Presbytery. made some remarks in reference to the Indians in Minnesota. He said that very many persons were disposed to regard the missionary work among the Indians as an enterprise of questionable utility; it was doubted whether the Indians were susceptibl of genuine religious impression—of becoming in reality Christians. Having labored in that part of the country for nine years, although not directly engaged in the field of labor referred to, he had opportunities for information, and in the presbyte es he had invariably been compelled to blush when the benevolent contributions made by the Indians were compared with those coming from the an predict; but at the present time the committee white churches. He believed that there were to be found among the Indians many genuine Chrisnection with the American Board, and to act through tians. The work being carried on by Dr. Williamthem for the cause of Foreign Missions. They have son and his co-laborers was, he believed, a genuine work of God.

REV. DR. TREAT, Secretary of the American Board, said, that few men deserved more largely the affecints for the reception and disbursement of funds; tion and support of our churches, than the missionaries d on all these grounds a continuance of our con- in the North West, among the Indians. Their work has been one of toil and self-denial. But for all their appeal for the inauguration of systematic measures REV. MR. COAN, Missionary to Persia, spoke in behalf of the mission cause, giving incidents from his own field of labor.

REV: MR. HYDE, of Vermont, followed on the same subject, commending highly the operation of the American Board. REV. MR. GRAVES moved that the resolutions appended to the report be considered seriatim.

The motion was agreed to. The first, second, third and fourth resolutions were

The fifth resolution was read. On this resolution, referring to the Presbyteria machinery for securing contributions from the hurches, a discussion sprung up, which was interrupted by Dr. Cox's report from the Judiciary Committee on the complaint of S. Elward Told against the Presbytery of Cayuga and the Synod of Onon daga, given in our last. A debate on the report sprung up which was continued until adjournment

Afternoon Session The Assembly was opened with prayer at 4 REPORT OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the Judicial Committee, in reference to the complaint of S. Edwards Todd. The pending question was upon the adoption of the report. After discussion the report was recommitted.

The Moderator laid before the Assembly an invitation to visit the Academy of Fine Arts, and an report of the committee that we have sixty men in invitation to attend the services connected with the 39th: Anniversary of the Sunday School Union. The invitations were accepted with thanks. Rev. Henry Darling offered the following resolu-

tion: Resolved, That this General Assembly cordially approve of the designs and operations of the American Sunday School Union; and they cordially commend this national and catholic institution to the sympathies, the prayers and the benefactions of the church.

The resolution was adopted.

DELEGATES FROM THE PEORIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY. On motion of Rav. Dr. Fowler, it was Resolved, That it be the order of the day, to-morro fternoon, at 42 o'clock, to hear the delegates from the General Assembly now sitting at Peoria. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, the pending question being upon the fifth resolution. Rev. C. Brown addressed the Assembly, contending that for the lack of proper missionary zeal in particular localities, the ministry were generally more to blame than the people. The people were more ready to respond than pastors are to urge the matter upon them.
Rev. Mr. Noble, of Minnesota, made an interest-

ing speech, detailing the method pursued in his con-gregation for arousing a proper zeal in the various Continued on Fourth page.