GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Third Day-May 21st.

The devotional exercises were even more interesting than usual. A variety of topics for prayer and discussion were introduced. yet not of such a kind or in such a way as to ministry on divine aid; the conversion of children; the state of the country; the importance of revivals of religion, and the encouraging prospect of such seasons in this particular portion of Ohio-all these themes were earnestly presented, and happily illus-trated by appropriate facts. When the hour feeling had set in so full and strong, that it was with the most manifest reluctance that the Assembly confined themselves to their usual time for devotional exercises.

After calling the roll, which showed an attendance of nearly two hundred members, Mr. Duffield stated to the Assembly that as they had informally assigned him to the office of Reporter, he desired their similar assent to his associating with him as Clerk. the Rev. Wm. E. Moore. Mr. Moore, as the author of our New Digest, might well say-' Exegi monumentum ære perennius.'

The unfinished business was resumed and an interesting report was read from Rev. Dr. Patterson and Wm. Brown, of Chicago, who had attended as delegates at the last General Assembly, O.S. While they had been very kindly received, and had greatly enioved their visit, yet it was but proper to add that nothing whatever was said on the subject of re-union.

CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

Mr. Walter S. Griffith, of New York, appeared as the Secretary pro tem of the Church Erection Committee, and before making the seport rendered a very touching tribute to the memory of their deceased Secretary, Rev. Dr. MoLane. The genial countenance and warm-hearted delight of Dr. M., in his attendance upon the Assembly, were now only of the past. Mr. G. also related to the brethren an interview he had with Dr. M. only a few moments before he lost consciousness. The love of Christ and the love of the church, particularly that portion of it to which he more immediately belonged, con-stituted the ruling passion even to the last. It was evident that by the older members. of the Assembly the death of Dr. McLane was looked upon as no ordinary loss.

The total amount of the fund at present is \$119,000, all of which is safely invested. The reason assigned why more of the jund had not been appropriated was the peculiar condition of the country growing out of the war. The great work to be done by this fund was yet in the future. The war once over, and the field of operations was as inviting as they could desire.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Copies of the Roll were now distributed greatly to the satisfaction of the Assembly; especially on learning that the printers o the Dayton Journal, had worked all night The call of the National Guard of Ohio, had very greatly reduced their working force, and they were thus obliged to make up in zeal what they lacked in numbers.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

An interesting report from Rev. Joel Par-ker, D. D., was read, and listened to with much attention-particularly that portion of it which disapproved of the separation of the old and the young in the worship of God. The substance of the report was contained in the following Resolutions, with which the report concluded.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTIONS. 1st. That it belongs to the Pastors and Elders of each congregation, to direct and approve the whole work of the spiritual training of the young, and that it is an im-portant part of the functions of their office to encourage parents to fidelity, in bringing up their children in the nurture and fear of the Lord; and also to secure the co-operation of all competent members of the church in the religious education of all the children and youth to whom they can grain access. 2d. That great stention ought to be given to the work of inculcating lessons from the sacred scriptures and fixing in the memory the catechisms of our church both as to doctrine and polity, combining all of the schools of a congregation in united worship, as far as possible, and especially of leading them to Jesus, in the exercise of a ling faith, and continual reliance upon the Holy Spirit.

and Lyman, and Hon. James Seymous, who offered a substitute for the report of the Committee; and by Dr. Hatfield, who, as Stated Clerk, took in hand to set forth in regular order the operation of the plan of milage from the beginning even until now: destroy true unity. The dependence of the and if, after this exhortation, there was not simply adhering to the motto of William-ministry on divine aid; the conversion of a perfect understanding of all things on this "I will maintain"-did maintain the cause subject from the very first, it was certainly not the fault of the Stated Clerk. "Let well enough alone," said he; "don't disturb a rule that is already working well. At present we average eighty-five per cent. of trated by appropriate facts. When the hour all expenses of mileage, which is higher for business arrived, the current of devotional than that of any similar body in the country. We do not owe a single dollar of debt for ministers, &c., and have a balance of \$76 in the treasury. Dr. Crosby thought we ought to consider

this question simply as one of right and wrong, and was inclined to take the same view as Mr. Seymour, but general consider ations, it soon appeared, had to be modified very much by existing circumstances.

Rev. Mr. Starr got the floor, and made decidedly, thus far, the best speech of the session. For abstract questions he cared but little; he much preferred to work at the matter in the concrete—and there he was evidently and entirely at home. Point after point was made-now against a Preshytery, then against an individual, until at length, by an unctuous reference to certain churches in the East, he fairly brought down the house in a hearty explosion of laughter. He sustained the report of the Committee, and though not a member of the committee himself, but of the Committee on Education,

the Committee on Bills and Overtures owe him their thanks. After various explanations by Rev. Messrs.

Phelps, of Rochester, Wright, of Buffalo, and Davidson, of New York, Mr. Foote, of Alton, went still more deeply into the merits of the case. Law was nothing without penalty. He would like to see a law to this effect, viz: That the name of no Commissioner should be entered on the roll until he had paid up what was due by his Presbytery to the commissioners and contin-gent fund of the Assembly.

Mr. Hastings, of Albany, rose to a point of inquiry, viz: Where the General Assembly got the power as a legislative body, to enact. aws for the government of the churches? As the question was not answered by Mr. Foote, nor any other member, and a very significant smile passed over the faces of many of the older brethren, it is safe to presume that no law will be enacted by the Seneral Assembly, for the government of the churches, at least in Dayton, A. D. 1864. The moderator then stated and put the question. The motion of Mr. Seymour was lost; and the report of the committee sustained and adopted.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

The Rev. Drs. Crosby, Poor, Patterson, and Elders Simons and Mansfield were appointed to draft a minute on The State the Country.

MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

Dr. Kendall made a special report in reference to a monthly periodical, which was accepted and referred to a committee, of which Rev. Wm. E. Moore was chairman.

POOR AND DISABLED MINISTERS.

An elaborate and thoroughly exhaustive report on this subject was presented and read by Rev. Mr. Butler, of Philadelphia, and placed on the docket. TELEGRAM.

A telegram was received from General Assembly, O. S., now in session at Newark, N. J., desiring to unite with this Assembly in prayer for the country, on Wednesday next.

time for said meeting was appointed Wednesday, 3 P. M.

PREACHING.

on religious exercises, reported those who on the basis of the Asthanasian or other metahad been assigned to preach in different physical creed—but on a creed as simple as churches, and the Assembly adjourned to that of the Apostles, they might unite

He was followed by Rev. Messrs. Bosworth Church of the U.S., was a daughter of the Presbyterian Church of Holland-that Holour hearts at the same time flow forth with land, when named, so sure to awaken such them.

thrilling recollections of the past-Holland, the bulwark of the continent against Popery -Holland, the true parent of English liberty, of religious toleration-Holland that by of truth and righteousness in such a manner as to become the example of the world! When the Puritans were driven out of Engfail to recognize an overture of fraternal afland, the refugees were received in Holland lection. churches were provided for their worship, until after while, thinking the Hollanders not quite pure enough, they desired to emi-

grate again. As the Puritans came with their blessing, so they departed with it. The theology of the R. D. Church is Galvinistic and although in its standards the more atrocious features of Calvinism, as they are sometimes called, are modified-yet in all the leading points, their doctrines fully agree with those of the Westminister Catechism, in which he himself was brought up. During the past year they had raised \$100,000 for their college at New Brunswick, and expected to increase the endowment of their seminary. He spoke of their foreign missions, and

the very encouraging measure of success that had attended their efforts since they had separated from the American Board, and had undertaken to carry on their own missions. Though not himself originally in favor of the separation, he must yet acknowledge delegate in the person of Dr. Vermilye. that thus far the new arrangement had Personally, he might assure him that having that thus far the new arrangement had worked very efficiently. Dr. V. claimed for the Dutch Church that

it was the oldest Christian denomination on the continent-of the church of which he was the pastor-that it was the oldest church. The parochial school, originally established by the first emigrants, still remains as flourishing as any school in New York Like the Puritans, the Dutch brought the church and the school together.

The Doctor proceeded very gracefully and adroitly to handle a rather delicate subject and show how it was that the official overture for correspondence happened to be clothed in language that was not altogether satisfactory to this body. It was not satis-factory to themselves. It was not the original resolution that was adopted, and hence the unfortunate phraseology. Though sometimes when two friends are about to meet, the ardor of an advance on the part of one is checked by a little etiquette on the part of the other, he had no fear that it would prove a permanent interruption to their friendly intercourse. If the General. Synod were a little awkward, perhaps it is. not too much to say that the Assembly on their part were a little sensitive.

After reading the report of their delegate last year, who opened the correspondence, and passing a handsome tribute to our own delegate to their body, viz: the Rev. Dr. Skinner; and claiming that it must always appear hereafter, even from our own minutes, that the proposition for fraternal intercourse came from them to us, he gathered up his strength for that which was, after all, the real object of his mission at the present time.

It was not, however, until Dr. V. came to speak on the subject of the general correspondence of one denomination with another that the Doctor began to let out his real strength. As he stood upon the platform in a green old age, his earnest, manly voice in strong contrast with "the blossoms of the grave" upon his temples, he seemed to us the very personification of good old Darius bimself, who, in the 17th century spent thirty years in traveling for the purpose of uniting the Protestant churches of Europe. Dr. Vermilye: above all other things, seemed desirous of seeing the same thing accom-A telegram was ordered in reply, and the plished in America. The difficulties that embarrass the church in the old world do not exist here and there is no excuse for us he thought, if the churches of Christ in this country were not united in a thorough Dr. Spees, as chairman of the committee | Evangelical union, and that speedily. Not |

theirs. If a little sensitiveness had been manifested on our part as to our orthodoxy, the delegate was fully aware that as a denomination we had a history that would account for it. We had so long been accustomed from so many quarters to receive the cold shoulder, that it was not very greatly to be wondered at, that for once at least we should

On behalf of the brethren in the Assembly he cordially thanked the Dr. for the kind-ness of the Church of Holland to the exiled Puritans two hundred years ago, and in allusion to the fact that they gave their blessing to the Puritans alike at their coming and at their departure, the moderator made a very happy allusion to the Duke of Buchan's incription on Dryburgh Abbey, Incuntibus Salus, Excuntibus Pax! Unfortunately though there was one settlement at Ply mouth-and one at New Amsterdam, the thing to make this a truly religious nation, continent was not quite wide enough to prevent Hollanders and Puritans from coming to insure final success in this respect was occasionally into collision. More than two hundred years it would seem had been necessary fully to bring their descendants together; may it be more than two thousand four hundred years before they again find themselves apart. We are pleased not only at receiving a delegation from the Dutch church ; we are equally pleased to find their recently married an only daughter to a gentleman in that denomination, he had very special reasons for desiring its prosperity The things, my dear brother, said he, that separate us are slight-and temporary. The things that unite and bind us together are

essential, and for all coming time. We accept your hand therefore with the same cordiality that you extended it, and bid you God speed. Though not able on the present occasion fully to enter into a consideration of the great subject of Christian union, he cordially endosed his views as to the neces sity and desirableness of it. The step that had just been taken toward it by these two denominations, he had great reason to hope would be mutually beneficial. From the Reformed Dutch Church of Holland we orthodoxy. They on their part he hoped would not

be the losers by coming in more direct and immediate contact with a young and powerful generation. While you remember with just and proper satisfaction what you have done in standing up against oppression in one form, we would venture to suggest, as not altogether unworthy of consideration, what we have done in another.

The martyr spirit with which this particular branch of the Presbyterian Church, has protected the cause of liberty in this country, when it was no ordinary shame or disgrace to stand up for it, constitute a feature in her history, that renders her somewhat akin to those who maintained their rights in the bloody day of the Duke of Alva. All that we suffer for principle is sure to be re-paid in the end with an hundred fold. (Aplause.

My beloved brother, we have in former days met on the hills of Berkshire—may we meet hereafter on the hills of Zion above !

Monday, 2 P. M.

Foreign Missions .- Dr. Canfield, as Chairman of the Committee, made his report, the substance of which was comprised in the following resolutions :

Resolved. That the Commissioners of this Soneral Assembly be earnestly requested at the next meeting of their respective Presbyte-ries, to call their particular attention to this great cause, with the view of securing a thoough compliance with the recommendation of the last Assembly.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our Ministers, to magnify this cause in their ministrations, and to co-operate with the Presby-terial Agent, by exchanges, and in such other ways as they shall find practicable, so as to have it presented to all our Churches. cents in the currency of the world when sent abroad, all our churches who can do so, be earnestly requested to add forty per cent. to their contributions of last year, and if their contributions have been already made, that the Assembly suggest to them to take up an extra contribution to meet the difference of exchange, as a part of our war burdens, that we may do what we can to keep the Board from closing its current financial year in debt. The report was sustained in an admiral peech of Rev. Dr. Ballantine, which was well worthy of being spread before the church at length. He was followed in an equally excellent spirit by Rev. W. W. At-terbury, and Rev. C. S. Babb; and on behalf order of the prudential committee by Elder Griffiths. Though they all agreed that there was a growing interest on this subject in our church, yet there was still very great delinguency in carrying out the plan as adopted by the General Assembly. Dr. Poor, of Newark, son of the late Dr. Poor, of Ceylon, claimed an interest in this subject by inheritance. His right to speak on it was his birth-right—and the responsibility of not now being in the field himself, rests on others, and not on himself. Dear and valued friends at various missionary stations, are constantly writing to them -writing out of full and overburdened hearts, and he scarcely knew what to say to him in reply. Not until recently has our church, as such, been a real partner in the A. B. C. F. M. Such a partnership had its advantages; one of which was, if we did not pay in our share of the capital stock, it was very clearly seen and known. He reviewed the reports for the church, during the last year—and thought if each Presbytery be called to account in open Assembly as to the reason of neglecting to carry out the plan of the Assembly, it would have a good effect, of the people, that you have everything to I the Assembly, it would have a good effect, hope for your efforts. than to bring them home. A church that is not a missionary church is a dying church. Rev. Mr. Jack, a returned missionary, gave a touching account of Dr. Anderson's letter on retrenchment, and the manner in which they undertook to obey it. It was a plain and simple statement of facts, but told with much power. with repeated bursts of applause, and he Rev. Mr. Foster, of Michigan, believed could not have felt otherwise than that he that there was a disposition on the part of had the cordial sympathy of the entire As-sembly. our own. The treatment we had received from our Congregational brethren in home missionary matters made it difficult to believe that they would do us full justice in foreign He was happy to assure the gentleman missions. The separating process that had who was the first regular delegate from the already begun must go clear through, and Reformed Dutch Church, that his communi- when we had missions of our own we would when we had missions of our own we would cation of the thoughts and feelings of that body were cordially responded to on the ever. Mr. Brainerd referred to the recent death of Mr. Schneider on the battlefield, son of one

our hands to our Dutch brethren, and let like the approbation of angels. They sym- ROLL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. pathize with us-let us sympathize with Officers.

Rev. Dr. Sprecker, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, presented the salutations of that denomination in happy terms, and with a beautiful exhibition of the Spirit of Christ, made one of the ablest speeches of the kind to which it has ever been our good fortune to listen. We scarcely knew which most to admire, the sound learning, the earnest piety, the spirit of Christian love, or the whole-hearted patriotism of this delegate. The conclusion of his speech fairly touched the sublime. "As every man," said he, "once in his life is called upon conscientiously to decide for God or against, so this great American nation has come to that point, of all points the most important in her history, when she is called 1. Geneva, upon to decide, conscientiously and deliber-2. Steuben ately in favor of God, not only as their Creator, but the Saviour of men and of nations." He considered it a practical and one of the greatest elements necessary Christian Union. Singularly enough, though his own body was the first in this country in theory to adopt this as a portion of its Con-stitution, it was among the last to carry it into practical effect. But the day had come when the sons of Luther in this land had burst the bands of sectarianism, and hereafter they would be found amongst the first, in the endeavor to secure a cordial union on

the part of all who live. While Dr. S. was speaking, a storm of wind, rain and hail was fairly raging without, but so delightful was the condition of the moral atmosphere within that the external world was almost forgotten. The conclusion of the Doctor's address was greeted with warm applause. Dr. Brainerd, in responding to the speech

of Dr. S., spoke of the true delight he always felt in extending his hand to any who spoke the language of Luther-of their patriotism in the present war-of the tendency of the great struggle in which we are now engaged for national existence, to bring Christians of all names still closer togethe -of Wittenberg College-and the sympathy he had felt for it as a member of the College Reformed Dutch Church of Holland we Society, etc. "You have sought our friend-might well imbibe-real stability, excellent ship," said the Doctor, "and we give it to form, persevering industry and adhesive you freely and cordially, and trust that it may be continued to our mutual advantage." So far, these exchanges of fraternal cour-

tesies have been a very marked feature to the history of this Assembly, and we look upon it as no ordinary token for good, both as to the present condition and the future prospects of our land.

In the afternoon the following resolutions were reported by Dr. Crosby, and adopted by a standing and unanimous vote, many o the members fairly springing to their feet:

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, The iniquitious rebellion, prompted by reckless ambition in the deense and furtherance of human slavery, continues to lift itself against the legitimate and liberal Government of the United States: and, Whereas, Such rebellion not only violates the sacred principle of obedience to the author ity ordained of God, but also advocates the hindrance of the free progress of God's word, and thus, as anti-Ohrist, opposes itself to the truth ; and,

Whereas. Its aiders and abettors, are respon sible for the sea of blood that has been shed 2. Dayton, 3. Hamilton 4. Ripley, through their resistance to the righteous efforts of the Government to save the life and integrity of the Nation; and,

Whereas, It becomes the Church of Christ . Salem, . Madison to utter no uncertain voice in regard to a great public fact-so intimately and essentially . Indianapolis . Greencastle, associated with its interests. Therefore, Resolved, 1. That this General Assembly

. Crawfordsville, e-affirms the principles, and reveres the dec-St. Joseph larations of previous General Assemblies, so far as applicable to the present aspect of public Logansport,
 Fort Wayne, affairs.

Resolved, 2. That we recognize clearly the good hand of God in all the victories of the National arms, whereby the limits of the 4 Alton, rebellion have been contracted, and its vitality mpaired; and we look humbly and co

Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Moderstor. Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield, D. D., Stated Clerk. Rev. T. Ralston Smith, Permanent Clerk, pro. tem. Rev. George Duffield, Jr., Rev. Charles. S. Dunning, Temporary Clerks. Commissioners. 1. SYNOD OF ALBANY. Ministers. Elders. Andrew M. Millar, Hascall D. Savage. Samhel M. Wood. Presbyterics. . Champlain, Samhel M. Wood. Philander Barbour Hon.F.H.Hasting3 John Whitney, Leroy L. Brown. Troy, Albany, John Whitney, A. O. Peloubet. Catskill. 2. UTICA. Herman C. Biggs. Enos Wocd, Solon Massey. Peter W. Emens, J. G. Benedict. Chester Fitch, Timothy B. Jervis. St. Lawrence Watertown, Oswego, Utica, 3. GENEVA. William Atwood, Theron Van Aukeu FrederickStarr, Jr, William Herries. Samuel A.Rawson. G. C. Curtis, D. D., S. Benjamin. G. W. Higgins, Dickson C. Haven. 3. Chemung C. W. Higgins, Dickson C. Have S. J. McCullough. Arunah H. Liliy, Bally D. Foster. Ithaca, Wellsbor Lyons, 4. ONONDAGA. B. Canfield, D. D., James M. Monroe S. W. Boardman, I. Parsons, M. D. T. S. Clark, D. D. H. Lyman, Cyrus Coy. Geo. N. Boardman. l. Onondaga, 2. Cayuga, . Cortland, . Tioga, 5. SUSQUEHANNA. J. Addison Priest, Elias Child. Otsego, Chenango Allen J. Buell, Orrin S. Penfield. . Delaware 6. GENESEE. GENESSEE. Chalon Burgess. Horace Stillman, E.S. Wright, D.D., Abijah F. Taylor. J. R. Pago, James U. Phelps, H. N. Bushnell. Byron Bosworth. T. M. Hodgman, A. Thompson. W.G. Hubbard, William H. Frost. Milton Waldo. . Buffalo. 2. Ontario, 3. Rochester, A. Thompson. William H. Frost. Kendall Wilder. Genesee . Niagara, W.G. Hutan, Genesee Valley, Milton Waldo, 7. NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY. YORK AND NEW JERSEY. Henry Osborn, William Redüeld. William N. Sayre, Isaac Smith. E. Whitaker, Joseph Wells. E.F. Hatfield, D.D., H. A. Nelson. J. G. Craighead, Charles Merrill, T. Ralston Smith, Grä. Davison, H. B. Smith, D.D., M. O. Riggs, T. S. Hastings, Herman Griffin. H. Crosby, D. D., T. D. Lander. Spencer Marsh. Wm Churchill. J. F. Smith, D.D., Hon. H. J. Poinier, D. W. Poor, D.D., Wm. S. Morris. Johu M. Johnson. Chas. S. Duuning, James Leighton. Asahel L. Clark, William Wright. Hudson, North River Long Island, New York 3d, . New York 4th, H Brooklyn, Newark, Rockaway, Montrose, 8. PENNSYLVANIA. 8. PENNSLLY M. J. G. Hamner. E. T. Taylor. J. G. Buller, G. W. Simons, W. E. Moore. S. W. Builer, M.D. T. Brainerd, D.D., Jno. B. Stevenson, E. J. Richards. S. H. Perkins. A. D. Moore. John A. Weir, David Bassett. Wilmington, Philada. 3d, . Philada. 4th, . Harrisburg, Dist. Columbia. 9. WEST PENNSYLVANIA. Jas. F. Reed, D. D., Rufus L. Perkius. Richard Craighead, Joseph Dickson. Samuel M. Sparks. Erie, Meadville, Pittsburgh, 10. MICHIGAN. 1. Detroit, Thomas Forster, Jacob S. Farrand. 2. Monroe, G. Duffield, Jr., Hon. Chas. Noble. 3. Marshall, E. L. Davies. 4. Washtenaw, Benjamin Franklin. 5. Kalamäsoo, William T. Bartle, Wm. C. Hayne. 6. Celdwater, G. L. Foster. John Chandler. 5. Saginaw, W. C. Smith. Hon. J. Seymour. 6. Grand Riv.Val., Augustus March, John D. Bennett. 1. Lake Luperior. 11. WESTERN RESERVE. Grand River. Huron, Samuel D. Smith, Elijah Bemis. Samuel D. Simith, Engan Leaner J. Betts. John B. Allen, J. L'Hommedien. Joseph E. Tinker, Peter Allen, M. D. H.L. Hitchcock, D.D. Francis A. Wilbur, Issac L. Fisher. Nathaniel T. Fay. Trumbull, Cleveland, . Elyria, . Maumee, 12. OHIO. Athens, Pataskala Franklin, Scioto, Henry C. Cheadle. A. Kingsbury, D.D., Charles Wallace. O. H. Newton. E. P. Adams. Jos. Riggs. Jos. Riggs 13. CLNCINNATI. D. Howé Allen.D.D., E. D. Mansfield. Osman A. Lyman. S. G. Spees, D. D., C. E. Babb. Robert Erwin. . Cincinnat Hon. Peter Odlin. Robert Erwin. James Snedaker. ohn Rankin,

Sprit. 8d. That the church session be required to furnish in their statistical reports, a full account of the number of Sunday School Scholars and Teachers in their respec-

The resolutions were referred to a committee, of which Dr. Poor was chairman.

BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Dr. Hitchcock, as the chairman of this committee, presented Overture No. 1, viz: Recommending, on behalf of the Presbyterian Historical Society, that a suitable fireproof building should be procured for the safety of the valuable Library, and for the better accommodation of those who wished to consult it.

Further statements as to the character of the books and manuscripts, and of the present unsafe and insufficient accommodations were made by the Moderator, followed by the reading of a memorial from the Society by Mr. Butler, as a member of the Executive Committee.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted, and it is sincerely to be hoped that these very important books and papers, which could never be duplicated. may be rescued speedily from their present peril.

MILEAGE.

Dr. Hitchcock reported overture No. 2, viz: That the Assembly earnestly reiterate the action of last year, recommending the older and larger Presbyteries to pay their full quota, and share alike with their poorer and feebler brethren.

In answer to overture No. 2-asking what order should be taken in regard to those Presbyteries which do not adopt the General Assembly's Plan for the payment of expenses of their Commissions, the Committee recommend :

That the Assembly estnestly reiterate the sentiments and recommendation of the last General Assembly Minutes, pp. 329, &c., and urge them especially upon the attention and fraternal feelings of the older and larger Presbyteries. The strong should help the weak-otherwise the new and distant Presbyteries must be imperfectly and irregularly represented, and thus their connection with the Church becomes loose, nominal and uncertain, instead of being that vital, mutually helpful and permanent relation which it ought to be. This principle of mutual help is carried much farther in the Free Church of Scotland, where all the money contributed for the support of the ministry is thrown into a common fund-and thence disbursed to the different pastors. Thus they who gather much have nothing over, and they who gather little have no lack.

The reading of this report was the signal for a very spirited discussion, giving admira-ble promise of the ability and energy with which we trust much more important questions are to be discussed in the future. A well conducted debate is very refreshing, and a real intellectual treat. The first to get the floor was Rev. Joseph R. Page, of Ontario Presbytery, who, as in 1846, and at other times, excited a very lively interest by his remarks on the failure of certain Presbyteries to come up to this portion of their work as they ought to do. It was his opinion that some of the Presbyteries were receding, from the high ground we had hith-erto occupied, and it was his desire to "stir

Monday morning. Fourth Day-Monday, May 23d.

After the hour for prayer, which was one of much interest, the minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

A statement was made as to the courtesies extended by railroads to members of the Assembly, which showed on the part of a large majority of the directors of these roads a very praiseworthy liberality. It was a sig-nificant fact that of the few who refused such courtesy, two at least of them were tho-

roughly Copperhead. Dr. Smith, chairman of Committee on Church Polity, reported Overture No. 1, viz: What is to be done with the names of nonresident church members? whether they are to be counted in the statistical report of the session.

The opinion of the committee was that such names could not be stricken from the roll, and that the question of statistics be referred to the committee on this subject. Dr. S. also reported Overlure No. 2. as to what was to be done with isolated churches in rebel districts? The committee recom-

mended, in accordance with previous acts of the Assembly, that such churches be en-couraged to make application to those Presbyteries that are most convenient; and that the Presbyteries use their own discretion in the matter.

The report was adopted, Overture No. 3, was also reported, viz : Whether a minister could demit his office and become an elder ? The constitution requires that this question must be answered in the negative. An elder must be chosen from male members in full communion with the church.

Dr. Poor thought this an important matter, alike for the relief of the minister and for the benefit of the churches. His idea was that the office of minister and elder was essentially the same—only a two fold de-partment—a teaching and a ruling elder. Why could not a man demit one office and yet retain the other? When a man could no longer be useful nor exercise his office as a minister—why not allow him to do good as an elder? He would like to hear the opinion of Dr. Smith on this point.

Dr. Smith did not suppose that the committee were called to go beyond the record. But speaking for his own part personally, he did not see any good and sufficient reason why the constitution of our church, as it now stands on this point, should not be amended. The doctrine of the indelibility of ministerial grace, he considered no part

of the Protestant view of the ministry. After various remarks by Rev. Messrs. Waldo, Hastings, and Elder Churchill, detailing particular instances in which the interests of the church and the requirements. of the Constitution had come in collision, the report was adopted; and a committee of five was appointed to report at the next Assembly, Dr. Poor, Chairman.

ADDRESS OF DR. VERMILYE.

The Rev. Dr. Vermilye, appeared as the First regular Delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church. The Dutch was not to be confounded, as is so often done, with the German church. True, they both hold the Heidleberg cate-

they would; each Christian in each Christian denomination recognizing Christ in every other. Thus thoroughly united in heart we would soon go up and possess the land: we would spread our influence far over into heathen land : Infidelity could no longer stand before us when

All in mutual will beseeming ranks March one way!

The tendency of all the denominations of late, had been in the direction of Christian union and charity, but over and upon that body he was for bringing such an immense pressure of public sentiment to bear, that they could no longer resist its power. The dogma of Apostolic succession and the assumptions growing out of it, must be ground to the dust. With all the kind feelings he entertained towards his Episcopal brethren, with all the pleasant social relations he had with them, he was thoroughly persuaded that the time had fully come when we must have a definite understanding with them. The day has long since gone by to argue this matter by technical controversy as to what the fathers say-all Christians of every name must come out to the common platform of Christianity. We must say to our Episcopal brethren, have done with this folly of the dark ages-these high pretensions growing out of superstition—and re-cognize our ministers as ministers, our churches as churches, or, as Christians, we can no longer have any real ecclesiastical in tercourse with them.

Let religious bodies take this matter up, in a wise, conciliatory, and yet determined Christian way-let them pray ever and labor for it, and the end at length will be attained. Simultaneous with the existence and manifestation of true Christian union, such a prospect will open up before the church as she has never seen before.

Your Assembly especially ought to be in earnest on this matter, for it has pleased God to give you such a hold upon the masses

May the blessing of the Covenant Head of the church come down upon you all; and if we shall never, all of us, meet again on earth, may we meet in the General Assem-bly of the church of the first born, whose names are written in heaven.

The address of Dr. Vermilye was received

The Rev. Dr. Brainerd, as the moderator. of the General Assembly, rose to respond to Dr. Vermilve.

part of all his brethren. Such expressions of kindness and affection coming from the highly intelligent and refined sentiment of valued brother, tbrough whom they were. delivered. Freely and without reserve,

of our missionaries. This good missionary the city of New York, were highly accepta-ble, both for their own sake and for the of whom he was most heartily ashamed of whom he was most heartily ashamed whose affirmations you had most carefully to balance with their explanations, in order would this body accept his explanation as to know whether they went their whole for to the temporary infelicities that had mark-their country or not. He gave up his son ed the commencement of this fraternal in- as a martyr to his country, and the universal erto occupied, and it was his desire to sur to sur they both hold the Heidleberg cate ed the commencement of this fraternal in as a martyr to his country; and the universal of remembrance." And "stir them up" he chism, but otherwise their ecclesiastical or derevent us from reaching forth couraging us in our struggle, seemed to be gave him \$200.

ly to the same divine source for further success, Ottawa, until the cause of this nation shall be vindicated and peace established on the grave of treason.

Resolved, 3. That we also recognize the ame good hand of God in the delays and disappointments of the war, by which He has . Milwauke made more sure and complete the destruction of the vile system of human bendage, and Fox River, Columbus, rendered less self-confident and more religious

the heart of the nation. Des Moines Keokuk, Iowa Oity, Dubuque, Cedar Valley, Chariton, Resolved, 4. That in such recognition and hope we do by no means less sight of our na-tional and individual sins, which render us so utterly unworthy of the Divine favor; but con-fess them with penitent hearts, and trust to a Dakota, Minnesota Winona, convenant God in Jesus Christ, that this unworthiness will not binder the might of God's grace in behalf of the cause of right and St. Louis

Resolved, 5. That we exhort all our Church s to renewed zeal and faithfulness in supplication to God for the deliverance of the land, and prosperity of Christ's Kingdom, through the blessings of national peace and fraternity. Resolved, 6, That we cordially uphold the government with our sympathies and prayers

government with our sympathies and players in its energetic efforts for the suppression of this most causeless and cruel rebellion, urge all Christians to refrain from weakening the authority of the administration by ill-timed complaints and unnecessary criticisms, and fully believing that in such a crisis, all speech and action which tend to differences should be sedulously avoided for the sake of the common weal.

Resolved, 7, That a copy of these Resolutions duly authenticated be sent to the President of the United States by Special Committee.

Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., Rev. R. W. Patterson, D. D., Rev. Edward F. Hatfield, D. D., Samuel H. Perkins and Walter S. Griffith were appointed a Committee to present this action of the Assembly to the President of the United States.

Resolved, That the pastors of the churches be requested to read the same to their congregations.

THE FREEDMEN.

The following resolution was presented and referred to the standing committee on Home Missions :

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be directed to inquire as to the expediency of the General Assembly's adopting some pecific arrangements whereby the institutions of the Gospel may be given to the large and increasing number of freedmen who have been emaneipated during our present civil war.

Adjourned with prayer till 8.30 A. M. -morrow.

HOME MISSIONS .- Athens Presbytery O., has increased its contributions to this cause from about \$35, the year previous to \$375.35 this year. One individual who gave \$100 of this amount is prepared to make up the contributions of the body to \$500, if that sum is needed for the work within their bounds.

REV. C. F. BEACH, of Hyde Park, has accepted a call to the church of Centraand the second s

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