[The two following paragraphs were indefinitely

postponed.]
There is now one other similar need of our churches which we hope our committee will be able to supply. It is a volume of hymns and tunes, carefully selected and wisely arranged, for the worship of God in his sanctuary. The period has arrived when many of our churches demand a volume so arranged that the words and the music will meet the eye at the same time, and if we do not meet this demand our churches will obtain their supply from other and irresponsible sonrces. There are several excellent works of this kind already published, but no one of these combine all the excellencies of each, and none are without their defects. And it seems to us that a committee which has secured so admirable a "Social Hymn and Tune Book," can furnish us a book which in a great measure shall avoid the faults and combine the excellencies of those which are now before the public. It may be possible that a large mass of excellent material adapted to this purpose has been accumulated during the preparation of our book for social worship. However this may be, it is far better, other things being equal, that such a work be published by our own committee and owned by this Assembly than that we recommend to our churches any book which is the private property of other parties and entirely beyond our control. One of these alterna-tives we shall be necessitated to adopt, and it is for the Assembly to decide which it shall be.

The Committee recommend that this subject be left to the discretion of our Publication Committee to pursue such a course as they in their wisdom

It is also recommended that the following members of the Permanent Committee, whose term ex pires the present month be re-elected, viz: Rev. N. S. S. Beman, D.D., Rev. Albert Barnes Mr. Alexander Whilldin, Mr. F. L. Bodine and Rev. George F. Wiswell, D.D.

Your Committee most heartily approve of the doings of the Trustees of the Presbyterian House as set forth in their report. They would recommend the re-election of the following trustees whose term of office expires during the present sessions of the Assembly, viz: John C. Farr, Esq., Charles S. Wurts, M.D., Rev. Daniel March, D.D., Rev. Wm. T. Eva, and Rev. Thomas J. Shepherd.

They would also recommend that Rev. Albert Barnes and Mr. Alexander Whilldin be elected trustees, to serve the unexpired term—one year from W. Baldwin, deceased.
All of which is respectfully submitted.
W. C. WISNER, Chairman. this time-of Rev. Thos. Brainerd, D.D., and Matthias

Rev. John W. Dulles, the Secretary of the Permanent Committee of Publication, first alluding to the renomination of the members of the Committee, said that the Assembly might rest assured that this Committee was a diligent and faithful one; that the whole Committee held meetings monthly, and were habitually on hand, except two who were distant from Philadelphia; that a sub-Committee of Publication met every two weeks, and the Business Committee every week, and the proceedings of the sub-Committee were reported to, and subjected to the approval of the General Committee, whose su-pervision of the whole work was careful. The trust was in good hands.

The speaker dwelt upon the special work of the Publication Committee in its relations to home evangelization; upon the power of the printed page in enriching, supplementing, multiplying the power of the individual, and especially upon its adaptation to the wants of this country, where we have a population not concentrated, but scattered so as to make it out of our power to reach them all with the church and the pastor. The problem presented de-

manded earnestness in the use of every agency.

The Secretary alluded to several branches of the
Publication work, as Sabbath school Literature,
Congregational Libraries, Books for Ministers, but dwelt chiefly on its directly Missionary aspect.

Scattered over our land, far out upon the prairies, at the East as well as at the West, we have missionaries who greatly need the assistance of our publications, but who are unable to pay for them. They need tracts for distribution, libraries for their Sabbath-schools, hymn-books for their new and poor congregations. To aid these men is our aim. But, whilst other societies of a kindred character have their agents to plead their cause and secure means, this Assembly's Committee relied entirely upon the pastors and sessions. The Committee had but one man for Secretary, Editor, and Financial Agent. Hence if they were to receive the means of doing their work it must be through the voluntary stated contributions of the churches; they appeal to pastors and eldrs that it is not overlooked.

Rev. William Aikman spoke of the Presbyterian Monthly. If it is to be continued in its present form, the Foreign Mission Committee should use it, and help pay for it.

Rev. Dr. Seward said that the tracts of the Pub-

lication Committee were the best of which he knew. They were stirring and good. They could bring out the doctrines of our Church in all their fulness They had no need to soften down the sharper points of our theology. He spoke of books also, especially of Bowen's Meditations. This cause is on the docket for an annual collection in my church. He hoped that all pastors would do the same.

Elder Jessup said, with reference to the Presbyterian Monthly, it was felt in the Committee that as it was desirable that missionary intelligence should reach all our families, it was important that there should be a brief abstract of such intelligence in our

Presbyterian Monthly.

Rev. Mr. Lippincott, of Illinois, thought there should be a change in the manner of the publication of the Presbyterian Monthly. It needs to be popularized. Ministers read it, but it does not so much interest the people. He would change the form, and put it under the direction of one mind. It is important that we should hear from our own missionaries; but we want something fresh, and adapted to interest the people.

Rev. William Young, referring to the recommendation with regard to a Church Hymn and Tune Book, doubts whether the Presbyterian Church can afford to throw away the Church Psalmist, and

adopt a new book for singing in the sanct sary.
Rev. McGiffert referred to the giving of missionary intelligence in the Monthly. Those who take the Monthly also take the Missionary Herald. He likes the idea of putting the Monthly under the control of one head. He would have the Monthly devoted to the Home field. If any want to know who of the missionaries of the American Board are Presbyterians they can find out by referring to the Minutes of the General Assembly, but he thanked God that they can not find this out from the Missionary Herald. This shows the harmony with which we are united with our brethren in the Missionary work, and he hoped it would long so con-

Dr. Wisner, the author of the report, did not intend to say a single word to hurt the feelings of the For-eign Mission Committee, nor hinder the diffusion of intelligence. Either we are united with the American Board or not; if so, we do not want to act as if we were separate. A brother pleads for four pages in the Monthly on foreign missions. Shall I tell my people to give up the Herald? Ours is a *Home* or-We do not want a little of every thing and not enough of any one thing. The committee has left the door open for the Editor to introduce any interesting foreign letter, if not in the Herald. It was a most difficult subject. The Moderator-Do you mean to use the words,

"prosy" and "sermonic" as synonymous?

Dr. Wisner—No, sir! We do not believe there is any body in the N. S. Assembly whose sermons are

culty if any such action comes from this Assembly. If this goes back, it will simply become a trial to most of our Committees, as it has been. It should have its nome in New York. Many believe the Church should not go into publishing any more than into upholster-ing. He disapproved of the entire form of manage-ment, and moved that it be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the chairman and secretaries of the Assembly's Permanent Committees,

Dr. Kendall said this would be throwing back the whole matter where it was before, with a heavier burden. The Committees had asked the Assembly to

Dr. Darling opposed Dr. Robinson's motion. would occupy a great deal of time for the Permanent Committees to get together and arrange the machiney anew for this magazine. It always takes two or three years to make such a magazine self-supporting. Ours was no strange experience. It needs that pastors and people go back resolved that it shall be sup-

Dr. Robinson restated his question. Dr. Wisner noted that the question touches or which city shall have it; leave it where it is, espe-

ially in view of the prospect of re-union. Rev. Herrick Johnson referred to the fact that the Committees have differed as to who shall bear the loss upon the monthly. He did not care to have it they are earnestly urged to adjust themselves to the pay its expenses. The benefit will far more than plan of the Assembly at their earliest practical concompensate for the loss. The Standing Committee consulted with three of the Secretaries of the most important Committees, and those three consented to

Dr. Adams introduced the brothren from Scotland: Dr. Fairbairn, stated that an arrangement was made with the Messrs. Nelsons, of Edinburgh, to publish their Home and Foreign Record, who undertook to furnish it for a penny a number, if they were consulted as to an Editor. It is in the hands of a Committee who act with the Editor. He gets communications from home and abroad. So thoroughly has it succeeded that Messrs. Nelsons agree to pay over a surplus of £250.

The Moderator—The difficulty is we have not the Nelsons. It was not that family that emigrated

[Great laughter.]
Mr. Dulles called attention to the fact that there was no specification with regard to the payment of the cost, that it had cost 54 cts. when sold for 50 cts.—that the Missionary Herald cost the A. Board btween \$9,000 and \$10,000 the last year. He presumed that there was not a Society as important as our Home Missionary, which does not pay from \$2,-000 to \$4,000 for its organ. My business Committee will say that we have received but \$8,000, whilst our Home Mission Committee has received \$120,000, and will question the propriety of their paying to circulate Home Mission information. But if the Assembly distinctly direct the Publication Committee to bear the expenses, the question will be settled, and these instructions will be cheerfully obeyed by the Committee. Only the churches must sustain us. Dr. Wisner replied that such was the intent of the Report, and it pledged the support of the churches to

the Publication Committee.

After remarks by Dr. Robinson and Mr. Johnson, Dr. Robinson's motion was lost, and the recommendation of the Report adopted.

The recommendation with regard to a Church Hymn and Tune Book was taken up.
Dr. Cuyler doubted whether this was the best time or this action. If the two Churches unite, may we

not hope that the combined experience of the two bodies will produce a book which will last a genera-tion. I am using Bro. Robinson's, and can't give up that incomparable book, until we have a united book.

This recommendation was indefinitely postponed. A suggestion that the sum of \$50,000 be raised fo Publication the ensuing year was made, but with-drawn, as the hour of adjournment was at hand, and he whole report, as amended, was adopted.

It was decided, at 12 o'clock, to prolong the Session half an hour. The Report of the Special Committee on Freedmen was read by Rev. Herrick John-

## Report on Freedmen.

The Committee to whom was committed so much of the Report of the Permanent Committee on Home Missions, as refers to the Freedmen, would respectfully report as follows:

As a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ in America, we would re-affirm the conviction of the last Assembly that "our most solemn national trust concerns that patient race so long held in unrighteous bondage." We would also repeat and emohasize the language concerning the Freedmen used by the General Assembly of last year. in a letter to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, declaring "that this nation is under the most solemn responsibility as to the future destiny of this class of its citizens. Our chief reliance must be on those social, moral and religious influences which alone can make men fit for freedom and truly free; and which alone can fully restore the union of these States, and bind us together in a common brother-hood."

Thus far in our history and life as a denomination, we have failed to embody these ideas in action -we have given them no definite and practical expression. Charged with the responsibility of immediate neighborhood to four millions of recently liberated bondmen, who are in utmost need of social. intellectual and spiritual elevation, summoned to action by our starred and crowned historic record of protest against the wrong of holding them in bondage, our traditions and our aspirations having ever looked towards their freedom and enlightenment, hailing with grateful joy and thanksgiving to God the day of their deliverance, and the first great Christian body in the land to unanimously declare these freedmen entitled to the right of suffrage, we yet to this hour have put forth no organized and systematic effort to meet our obligations and to make good our words. The New School Presbyterian Church, the foremost in the expression of her sympathies for the freedmen, has done, in a denominational capacity, simply nothing for

their practical elevation.

There should be an end to this. We turn our backs upon definite action at the risk of failing to confront and grapple with a great duty. These people are our neighbors, so named of God. blood of the human race is in their veins. They are at our doors. They have fallen among thieves, and are left wounded and half dead. This great Christian body is imperatively called to do its share of the "Good Samaritan" work of helping them and

lifting them up.

You have not been idle, it is true. Evidence is before your Committee to the effect that upwards of twenty-five thousand dollars have been contributed by our churches during the past year, to the treasury of one voluntary organization alone. Other sums have gone through other channels.

Manifestly the churches in our connection are not to be kept from giving in aid of the freedmen. The question is whether we can better utilize this benevoence by action distinctively denominationalwhether we can thus secure its more economic use and largely increase the sum of it and bring it more directly under Christian control.

Beyond a doubt we can. Our churches are now the hawking ground for every organization that chooses to attach the word "Freedmen" to its title. Appeals are constantly made to us to put the seal of our official endorsement on this or that society. We believe it to be too late in the day to think of linking ourselves to any independent and irresponsivoluntary association in the prosecution of so great a work for God and humanity.

By overture, by commissioners, by the press, by private and public appeals from South Carolina, from Tennessee, from the East and from the North-Dr. Robinson said that there would be much diffi- questing some arrangement whereby, as a denominawest, the voice of our church is being heard, re-

tion, we may secure to the freedmen our contributions for educational and evangelistic work among them. Your Committee do, therefore, heartily and unani-

rously recommend, First-That the Permanent Committee on Home Missions be empowered and requested to appoint an assistant secretary, to be located at shall have the general supervision of the work among the freedmen, and be authorized to issue appeals, visit the churches, receive all contributions,

and locate schools and teachers, subject, in all things to the approval of the Permanent Committee. Second-That a committee of seven be appointed by the Permanent Committee on Home Missions to act in connection with the Assistant Secretary in the examination of teachers, and to commission the same, subject to the approval of the Permanent

Third-That the Assistant Secretary report annually to the aforesaid Permanent Committee. which report shall be presented to the Assembly in connection with that on Home Missions.

Fourth—That all our churches be requested to

send the entire current of their contributions in behalf of the Freedmen in the direction herein prescribed. And if any of our congrega ions are at present committed to any voluntary association. they are earnestly urged to adjust themselves to the

HERRICK JOHNSON, Chairman. GEO. A. LITTLE, J. F. BINGHAM,

> S. D. WARD, GEO. E. WARREN,

Dr. Canfield expressed his approval of the report t is a very costly mode to do this work through an

irresponsible body. Rev. M. Trowbridge.—Our ministers and Presbytery (Chicago) are exceedingly anxious that some such action should be taken. There is a difference of opinion as to our undertaking an educational: work. It is a fair question whether or not to allow: the societies already established to keep charge of

this part of the work.

Rev. Dr. Adams.—This is a novel and grave ap pointment. Our home Missionary Committee have great deal of work upon them, and especially in view of re-union, it is a question whether we should inaugurate an independent scheme. We doubt and therefore, should wait.

The report was put upon the docket. Dr. Darling, from the Standing Committee on Home Missions, reported on an overture from the Presbytery of Cincinnati in regard to the support of Home Missionaries. The report was adverse to the overture, as it involved an entire change in the

## The report was adopted. THURSDAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

mode of Home Missionary operations.

The order of the day was postponed, and the following Report of the Standing Committee on Sab-bath-schools, was presented by its Chairman, Rev. Dr. Robinson.

Standing Committee on Sabbath-schools. The Standing Committee upon Sabbath-schools aving carefully considered the subjects assigned to the General Assembly, most respectfully report as

ollows: There can be no doubt that in the multiplicity of bsorbing interests demanding the notice of the Churches, a cause requiring so much patience in its consideration, and so much wisdom in its management, as the Sunday-school cause, might easily be

passed by, with the indifference of those who are not ntelligent concerning its need and its power, and with the indolence of those who are.

The instruction of children is the last attainment and the highest reach of Christian grace. Never, until the Church has come to leisure for serious study, and to advanced spirituality in experience, can those who are its natural leaders be prevailed upon to estimate and provide for the wants of the little ones in the fold. The best proof of high civili-

zation is found in the toy of a child. Not one has ever been discovered in the excavations of Rome; not one was ever found among the ruins of Pompeii. has been reserved for the glory of the Christian Church to seek the happiness and the spiritual good of the babes and sucklings out of whose mouth God has ordained praise. And yet so little is this appreciated, that its utterance, even now, is likely to fall on many of our best minds as the mere extravagance of a harmless enthusiasm; not to be rebuked, indeed, for it is so amiable, but not to be heeded as a philosophical fact, for it is considered extreme.

We mark with much pleasure the endeavors made by our Permanent Committee during the first year of its existence, in the direction of the literature which is passing into the hands of the youth of our congregations. The criticisms published in the Monthly Magazine are very valuable, and if continued, will be of essential help to those who are commis sioned to select books for our libraries.

The columns of statistics in the printed minutes are already so crowded that it seems impossible to grant their request for additional space in reporting teachers and officers as distinct from pupils. We hope that it will be understood among the congre gations that the annual reports are intended to include all the legitimate members of the schools: officers, teachers, and scholars of both Church and Mission Schools.

No one can fail to observe the disabilities under which the Permanent Committee has been laboring during the past twelvemonth. It has had no Secretary to act as its medium of intercourse with the churches, and no positive constituency whatever to extend to it countenance, or furnish it decorous support. These brethren seem to us to merit praise for naving had the courage to even attempt to accomolish anything whatever in such circumstances.

But surely it cannot be expected that any organi zation like this can hold its proper place with due dignity, or be in any degree effective in its designated work under embarrassments so multified. The Committee has done organically all it could, and done it well. But there can be no wisdom, and there is no generosity in continuing even in existence a permanent committee, which is obliged to exhaust its efforts upon mere compilations of statistics from the printed minutes, or look for its necessarily accruing expenses to the unauthorized assessment of a few "residents in Central and Western New York." To be sure, the General Assembly gives its sincere thanks to those friends of the Sunday-school cause who have willingly responded thus far to the call; but the great denomination it represents can ill af ford to permit any one of its organized committees. to make persistently this mendicant show for itself, or send out its official circulars on such a pitiful Hence all the members of the Standing Commit-tee are disposed to heed on the instant the request already made to the Assembly that a corresponding secretary should be appointed, bearing the same re-

errand. We ought to do more or do less at once. lation to this branch of our benevolent effort as those officially recognized in the departments of home missions, education and publication, bear to the respective committees which they now serve. This secretary ought to be clothed with the requisite authority to go officially among the congregation as the honored representative of the church at large, and should receive a salary adequate for his competent support, so as to be able to devote his time and his gifts to the important work assigned

If it be asked what need there is for such a secre tary, we should reply, first, there is all the need for a secretary that there is for such a committee, and the more need now in that the committee has been joy augmented prosperity. The number of candiogranized; and reply second, that there is all the dates for the ministry, under care of the Permanent

need for this secretary and committee in our denom-

nation that there is in any.

If it be asked why not continue to do our Sundayschool work in connection with co-operative Societies, we reply that already have our brethren of every name deserted us to all intents and purposes. The Baptist, the Episcopal, the Reformed Dutch, the Methodist, and in the New England the Congregationalist churches, have in turn established and now support each a denominational Sunday-school Union, retaining meanwhile their position in others merely to control their publications and activities. And furthermore, it ought to be remembered that the present question is not concerning the institution of an organization, but concerning its efficiency. Our Committee is already established; the question is: Shall it attempt to do any of its prescribed work?

Moved by considerations like these, the Standing

Committee, would recommend at once that the reforce us to hesitate.
It is doubtful whether all of our churches are

do in co-operation with others; whether the Permanent Committee itself has already completed its new organization sufficiently for it to assume the responsibility of an undertaking so extensive as this promises to be; whether the other official committees of our church have adjusted their relative duties so nicely as to be prepared to welcome at once into a dignified and acknowledged equality this one, which in many of its characteristics will be new; whether the best man for the desired secretaryship could be found on call, or at any rate whether such a man could be selected wisely before the committee should, by experience, have grown somewhat acquainted with its own essential wants; whether in case of an organic connection in frontier work with the remaining committees, the consideration of another and more essential location, and consequent cordial consent and respect of those among the most prudent of our counsellors, to whom we are most to he whole polity of the church.

concerning any new appointment of a salaried Sec-preaching of the Gospel is the Divine method of retary. Still they feel proud to receive with great consideration the request preferred by those in whose matured conclusions they would be glad fully to coincide. And they feel free to express the confident hope that the history of the year to come will have so far made the way clear, that another Assembly will experience none of the hinderances which em-

firm basis; the countenance extended to it ought to be open and full; its work ought to be urged forward, and at its disposal ought to be placed all necessary means for its efficiency, so that it may become a thoroughly organized agency in all that belongs o the Sunday-school cause.

The Standing Committee therefore recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

First—That the congregations and Sunday-schools within our bounds, be united and urged to make generous contributions during the present year, in behalf of the general work represented in the plan apon which this Permanent Committee was estab-

Second-That this organization be recommended cordially to the sympathy and co-operation of all our churches, as an agency in the various branches of Sunday-school work; and that they be earnestly requested to transmit their funds through its hands. Third—That the Permanent Committee be instructed to proceed at once to their legitimate work, disbursing the moneys they receive in the several ways opened to them in the providence of God; the establishments of new schools, and the succouring of those which are feeble; the sustaining of Missionaries commissioned by the Home Missionary Com-

mittee, the supplying of libraries in connection with

the Publication Committee, and all the kinds of re-

ligious work among the children, especially in our our own land, to which their wisdom shall point with hopes of success. Fourth-That the Permanent Committee be instructed to elect at once a treasurer, whose duty it shall be each year under its direction to report receipts and expenditures of all funds entrusted to

them, to the General Assembly.
In laying this burden upon the Permanent Committee we feel some little reluctance, but we trust that those brethren, who have already shown themselves so worthy of the confidence reposed in them, will accept it as a labor of love, in the hope that by the end of another year, when their work shall be come settled, their need become definite, and their resources become respectable, the Assembly will be ready to place this committee upon an equal founda-

tion with the others. It only remains for us to further recommend that Rev. Sam'l M. Campbell, D.D., Rev. C. P. Bush, and Rev. M. R. Vincent, be elected to membership in the Permanent Committee, to serve three years; also that Mr. Edward Bristol, of Buffalo, be elected for the same class in place of Samuel Field, Esq., and Mr. Andrew A. Smith, of Brooklyn, be elected for one year in place of Mr. Ralph Wells, who has declined to serve.

CHARLES S. ROBINSON, Chairman. By permission of the Assembly, Rev. Wm. A. Niles was heard in behalf of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath-schools. He was amazed that this Committee was not organized at an earlier day. He felt it was to be one of the most important of our benevolent organizations. He regretted that after the good arguments of the Standing Committee in favor of the appointment of a corresponding Secretary, they should recommend that none be appointed.

Hon. John Hill said that there are some of the Standing Committee who think there should be a corresponding Secretary. He has for the last few years had considerable to do with Sunday-schools; and he thinks that the Permanent Committee should be fully equipped for work.

Rev. A. Erdman would not yield to any one in

love for the Sabbath-school work, but he doubts the desirableness of appointing a Secretary at this time. After considerable further discussion the report

was adopted with great unanimity.

The order of the day was further postponed to consider the next place of meeting.

An invitation having been received to that effect,

the First Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, Pa., was designated as the place: The Standing Committee on Education made the following report:

Report of Standing Committee on Education. The Standing Committee, to whom the Annual Report of the Permanent Committee on Education for the ministry was referred, respectfully report:

of preparing men for the ministry.

Committee, is greater than ever before. The contri-

butions received exceed those of any previous year. But a few words will show that there is room for greatly increased interest and pressing need of it. The number of candidates averages but little more than one to each Presbytery. Oil, three hundred and sixty-three churches out of fifteen hundred and twenty-eight have sent in contributions, leaving eleven hundred and sixty-five that have given no thing. An average of ten dollars only from each of these would sustain a larger number of candidates by more than one-half than were sustained. A few of the larger churches have contributed liberally; but the exigencies of the case demand more libera contributions from all of this class, and something at the same time from each of the entire number, even the feeblest. Every one should have part in helping those who, for Christ's sake, devote them-selves to preaching His Gospel, and who need help quest laid before the Assembly be granted, and that in their best training to do it efficiently and success the Permanent Committee be authorized to appoint fully. Then, the loudest call which now comes to a Corresponding Secretary; but we find ourselves us from every quarter is for men, more men. Men embarrassed by some other complications which are needed for vacant churches, some of which are force us to hesitate. to die for want of a minister. Men are needed fo ready to receive so suddenly, as a denominational destitute fields in every direction, in the older as well charge, the entire Sunday-school missionary opera- as newer portions of our country east and west, north tions which we have been accustomed hitherto to and north-west, and far west, south and south-west. Men are needed in the foreign field as well as at home. The Foreign Missionary Committee calls for men. The Home Committee calls—churches call. The thronging myriads from the Old World, the freedmen, and Indian tribes call. Africa calls. Asia calls. The Islands of the sea call. The world calls. And the united call is for men, living, earnest, welltrained and devoted men. Nothing else. No devices, no other means will answer the call. The men must be had or the work decline, the churches

> its perishing condition.
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> Our system to aid in meeting this demand is well organized and has accomplished much, but much more remains to be done. It is not planning we need, but execution.

waste, the desolations continue, the world remain in

Those who have the work in especial charge may re-organization of the Permanent Committee might well renew their zeal, and should be sustained by not be forced upon the Asembly; and whether a our united prayers and co-operation. Ministers and measure so important as this would command the churches should recognize the great demand of the time. More than anything else men are wanted. With prayer, appropriate means should be associatlook in all exigencies, at a time when their minds ed; young men sought out, encouraged and aided are heavily occupied with questions of great gravity, Let parents and Sabbath-school teachers hear the demanding instantaneous decision, and embracing call and repeat it to those under their care, and pray that some of them may be selected and put into the These are among the first and most pressing reasons which constrain the Standing Committee to withhold their recommendation at the present time the truth be made distinct and obvious that the saving men, that for its preaching men must be called to God, and that he calls through means as he carries on other parts of his work of grace in the world, and that labor for the increase of the ministry can not be in vain in the Lord. Let all the churches regularly contribute to the Education Fund. Let the Presbyteries make the subject a part of the barass this.

With a view to help forward a result so much to be desired, the committee avow it as their conviction the Assembly and unfolded in the Education Manuthat the precarious support now permitted to this Permanent Committee ought to be established on a urgent demand. Much will be accomplished directly. More candidates will offer themselves. The number may soon be doubled. There will be sufficient money to sustain them, and instead of fifteen we shall soon be introducing, by this means, thirty

or fifty annually to the ministry.

Then more will be accomplished indirectly. Those who can sustain themselves or be sustained by their friends will be prompted to undertake the work. Others, who are in a course of education, will devote themselves to it. Others whose collegiate education has been completed will hear the call and consecrate the attainments made for other purposes to preaching Christ and Him crucified.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the

following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the education of young men for he ministry is essential to the work of the Church

in giving the Gospel to the world. 2. Resolved, That all our ministers be earnestly requested to preach at least once during the year upon this subject, and all our churches to take collections and forward to the Committee at an early day, not deferring beyond the Sabbath preceding or succeeding the day of prayer for Colleges and Seminaries of learning.

3. Resolved. That the present demand for men gives peculiar emphasis to our Saviour's single direction with regard to the supply of laborers, and should lead all who love Him and His cause to pray earnestly and without ceasing that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into his harvest.

4. Resolved, That appropriations be continued at the rate of last year; one hundred and sixty dollars to a theological student, one hundred and thirty-two dollars to a collegiate student, and one hundred dol-lars to a preparatory student, with liberty to the Permanent Committee to increase the amount in special cases; but in no case to exceed two hundred dollars.

The Committee recommend the appointment of Mr. J. W. Dunning to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Walter S. Griffith, and the reappointment of James P. Wilson, D.D., Robert R. Booth, D.D., J. Glentworth Butler, D.D., Charles S. Robinson, D.D., and Mr. Fisher Howe, to fill the vacancies made by expiration of their term of office.

The propriety of a change of the day of prayer from the last Thursday of February, to the first of that month or the last of January, in order to avoid the recurrence so near the 22d of February, and to secure its religious influence earlier in the season, has been suggested. As, however, other bodies than ours, and other institutions than those connected with us are interested, we simply name the desirableness of the change and invite general attention to the subject that whatever final action may be taken shall be united.

In consideration of the impaired health of our highly respected brother, the general Secretary, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, D.D., to whom the Church owes a large debt of gratitude, especially for his devotion, efficiency and success in the Education cause, and in order that his usefulness may be prolonged, we recommend that the Permanent Committe afford him entire relief from active duty for a year, with a competent salary, and make provisional arrangements to supply his place during that time. This recommendation was not prompted in any way by Dr. Mills, but originated with the Committee, and is made as the best result of their deliberations.

Rev. Dr. Mills, the Secretary, was heard. He wished there could be more time for this question, what may we go home and practically do for education? He wanted all to stop saying and commence doing. He wants the ministers to preach on the subject. This is what has been done for missionaries. We want the same for education. He does. not want resolutions, but action. He reads in the Scriptures about the acts of the Apostles, but not about the resolutions of the Apostles

The Secretary expressed surprise at the leave of absence granted, unsolicited by himself. He was improving in health, and thought he could do his work, if he could take time for it. He was very glad, however, that the matter was in the hands o his Committee, who were his personal friends, and he was sure they sought only that which was best. The papers submitted to them show gratifying in- If he retired for a time, however, he should be back crease of interest and success in the essential work again. If, like the wounded soldier, he went to the rear to recover, he should not long stay there. My place, he said, is at the front. (Applause.) Adjourned.

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