

bodies in this country and in Europe, as to the propriety of such timely action for the furtherance of free Biblical Protestant Christianity. The Synod of New Jersey, (O. S.) meeting in the Third church of Newark, the opportunity was taken for manifesting the fraternal sentiments of the two bodies, in various ways. A Union Prayer meeting was held on Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday the two bodies united in celebrating the sacrament of the Supper. The body of the house was nearly filled by the members of these two large Synods. An appeal signed by four persons claiming to be elders of the Pleasant Valley church, from a decision of the North River Presbytery setting them aside as Elders, occupied the attention of Synod. At first the Appeal of the Elders was sustained; afterwards upon the presentation of a Preamble and Resolutions by Dr. Adams, the action was reversed, the Appeal not sustained, and the congregation censured. [This strikes us as a quite remarkable course of judicial procedure, and one in regard to which it is doubtful whether the General Assembly would sustain the Synod. A Court cannot sit as "Court of Errors," reviewing its own decisions.] The Synod of N. J. (O. S.), adopted a paper on reunion, the minority presenting a dissent and protest. Our own Synod (N. Y. and N. J.), adopted the same action, as follows: That in the judgment of this Synod such an agreement in doctrine and such a mutual degree of confidence and love do now exist between the two branches of the Presbyterian Church, usually called Old and New Schools, as to render it highly proper and conducive to the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom that the union of the two bodies be consummated without unnecessary delay on the basis of our common standards as overtured by the two assemblies to their respective presbyteries and the prevalence of mutual confidence and love.

Presbyteries.
Third Presbytery of Philadelphia.—The stated meeting was held in the Presbyterian House, on Tuesday morning of last week, and at noon adjourned, to meet during the sessions of the Synod in Reading. The leading items of business were the reception of papers and hearing of statements relating to the affairs of the Taber Church, and the appointment of an adjoined meeting on the 9th of November, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for further information and action. The Commission on the Pottsville Church reported the success of efforts to bring the Church up from certain difficulties growing out of the consolidation of the old First and Second Churches into the present organization. The union, with the loss of a few individual dissentients, has gone into both practical and legal effect, and there now exists on the ground a strong, well cemented and hopeful Church.

Rev. J. W. Schenck, favorably known in this city as late Pastor of the Reformed Church, Tenth and Filbert streets, was received to Presbytery on certificate, and declared his acceptance of a call to the Pottsville Pastorate. Arrangements were made for his installation on the evening of the 27th inst., Messrs. Hotchkiss, Wiswell, Stryker and Moore being the installing Committee. Presbytery added to these arrangements a resolution of special sympathy and congratulation for the Church.

The overturing for Presbytery reunion was answered in the affirmative, with only three dissenting votes.

Rev. Prentiss de Veuve was dismissed to the Presbytery of Newark, and Rev. J. Ford Sutton to the Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia. Both go to enter upon pastoral settlements—the former in the Park Church, Newark, N. J., and the latter in the Frankford suburb of this city.

Other items of business were laid over to the adjourned meeting.

B. H.
The Presbytery of Pittsburg held its regular Fall meeting at the Church of Pleasant Unity, which, though now pastorless and disconsolate, is not a bad place to meet in.

Our meeting began on Friday, Oct. 16th, and lasted over Sabbath; and, in addition to the regular business of Presbytery, I might say that we had a sort of camp meeting, continuing for the space of three days and three nights.

The religious exercises were exceedingly pleasant, and we hope, profitable; and the hearty hospitality of the people added not a little to the impression left upon us all.

The subject of Re-union was discussed quite earnestly, and at some length; and while, perhaps, all were in favor of union, on fair and honorable terms, there were some to whom the attitude of the other branch, on this subject, since the St. Louis meeting, as well as before, did not seem quite satisfactory. The following minute was adopted:

Resolved, That this Presbytery approve the basis of reunion overtured by the General Assembly; and also, in case the basis overtured be not approved by a sufficient number of the Presbyteries, that we are prepared for a union of the Churches on the basis of our common standards.

The subject of missions among the Freedmen was discussed on Saturday evening, in the presence of a large congregation; and Rev. J. S. Travelli, who had been appointed by Synod a committee to confer with the Home Mission Committee of our Church, reported having seen that committee, and that the prospects of carrying on this work with more efficiency are good.

Rev. Messrs. Wylie and Noble, and Elder Edwards, were appointed a committee to prepare and distribute a circular to the trustees of churches, making inquiries as to their financial condition, and as to the plans they adopt to secure benevolent contributions. The following minute was adopted:

Resolved, That this Presbytery recommend each congregation to take earnest measures to see that some one at least of our religious papers be taken in every family within its bounds, and that we specially commend to the attention of our people the *American Presbyterian*.

Adjourned, to meet at Minersville, on the third Friday of April next. Yours, etc., P. S. DAVIS, S. C.
The Presbytery of Champlain, at its annual meeting, authorized its Committee on Home Missions to make all necessary arrangements for the constant maintenance of the ministry in its own bounds. In pursuit of this, the Committee have had a Presbyterial missionary and two students from the Union Theological Seminary at work during the summer. This has resulted in greatly encouraging scattered and isolated members of our Church, re-animating languishing and nearly extinct churches, and discovering new fields which might be hopefully cultivated, if the men and means were at command. They have also acted as a Board of Ministerial Supply, going to the aid of vacant churches immediately upon the occurrence of a vacancy, and introducing ministers to them. The result of this has been the shortening of intervals between pastorates, and the supplying of every church in this Presbytery with ministers, but one, and that is shortly to be supplied.

The Presbytery of Kansas met at Baldwin City. Three ministers (Rev. J. L. Jones, from the Presbytery of Wabash, D. M. Moore, from the Presbytery of Dayton, and James Gordon, from the Presbytery of Des Moines), and seven licentiates were received to membership, and under care respectively. The pastoral relation existing between Rev. G. F. Chapin and the church in Lawrence was dissolved. The Basis of Reunion, overtured by the Assembly was approved. A call for the services in the Gospel of Mr. A. Stout, was presented, and he will be ordained and installed in November. The Stated Clerk writes to *The Evangelist*: "The change made in the Church Erection Plan has given a new impetus to church building in the great valley. Several new churches are now going up in Kansas—one at Wathens, one at Ottawa, one at De Soto—

and steps have been taken to build at several other points."

Presbytery of Cincinnati met October 20th, in the Sixth church, Cincinnati.
Rev. J. W. Marquess was granted a letter of dismission, to unite with the Niagara Presbytery. The reports of Committees on Home Missions, Ministerial Relief, Education and Publication were made, and special attention to them urged upon all our churches. The Pilgrim Mission was entrusted to the special care of the pastor and session of the Lane Seminary church. The Western Tract and Book Society and the *Family Treasure* were cordially commended.

On Reunion. Resolved, that the Overture of the General Assembly on the subject of Reunion be answered affirmatively, but if the General Assembly so prefer, they have our consent to the union on the basis of the Standards pure and simple. Adopted unanimously. A Committee was appointed on Manses, on a Pastoral Letter and Ministers' Libraries, also a Committee on Church Erection.

Cincinnati, O., October 23, 1868.
Presbytery of Ottawa.—The action on Reunion was as follows: Resolved, That the Presbytery of Ottawa do hereby authorize the next General Assembly, appointed to sit in New York, in May, 1869, so far as the Presbytery is concerned, to simplify and consummate the Re-union of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church without further reference, provided three-fourths of the Presbyteries approve the Overture sent down to the Presbyteries on this subject.

Appended to this resolution is an expression of a preference that the re-union be consummated upon the standards, pure and simple. The action was not harmonious—three voted in favor, two against—and two voted neither for nor against the union on the present basis. All would cheerfully hold up both hands for the reunion on the basis of our Standards. This subject will doubtless come before us again at our spring session. NARUM GOULD.

A VOICE FROM INDIA.
Preamble and Resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Saharanpur Ref. Presbytery, held at Saharanpur, on the 12th day of August, 1868.

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, at its recent meeting in Pittsburgh in the month of May last, did suspend Mr. Geo. H. Stuart from Eldership and Membership of the Church, because it was alleged that he had "in the worship of God, used imitations and uninspired compositions, called Hymns, and communed with others and in other churches, in sealing ordinances, and declared that he will continue to do so," and

WHEREAS, The action of Synod, in this case, was taken by resolution, without notice of trial, or any of the forms prescribed for such cases, and in the absence of the accused; and is, therefore, irregular and unconstitutional, and

WHEREAS, The resolution was carried by only a majority vote of that meeting, which majority does not, in our opinion, represent the views of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; as we know that, including the members of this Presbytery, not less than two-thirds of the ministry of the Church agree in principle with Mr. Stuart, and

WHEREAS, This action constitutes, in our judgment, a gross case of exceptional discipline, the accused having been singled out as a victim, though it was well known that many other members were guilty of the very offenses charged against him, yet no notice whatever was taken of them, and

WHEREAS, The members of this Presbytery have for more than thirty years done the very things which are alleged against Mr. Stuart, and have all this time believed them to be in entire consistence with a liberal interpretation of the Principles and Practice of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and

WHEREAS, The action of Synod in suspending Mr. Stuart for these alleged offenses, renders it imperatively necessary that every member of the Church should declare his views on these questions, it is hereby unanimously

I. Resolved, That as a Presbytery we entirely disapprove of, and protest against the action of the Synod in this case.

II. That we feel compelled to repudiate said action, as unjust in principle, unconstitutional and unchristian in form, unkind and tyrannical in the circumstances and calculated to do grievous injury to the cause of Christ.

III. That while we regard the Book of Psalms as well adapted to the state of the Church, and suitable to be used in the worship of God, in all ages, we think that there is nothing in the Word of God or in the History of the Church to prove that the psalmody of the Church should be limited to these, but that poetical compositions of a sacred character founded upon and agreeable to the Word of God, may also be used.

IV. That we believe occasional communion with the people of God of other Evangelical denominations is warranted by the 5th Section of the "Terms of Communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church," which is as follows: "A recognition of all as brethren in every land who maintain a Scriptural testimony, in behalf of the attainments and cause of the Reformation, against all that is contrary to sound doctrine and the power of godliness."

V. That as a Presbytery we shall continue to recognize Mr. Geo. H. Stuart, as a brother beloved in the Lord, in full membership in the Church, and deserving of the highest esteem of every member of the Church of Christ throughout the world.

VI. That we cannot recognize the majority of the Pittsburg Synod as the legitimate representatives of Reformed Presbyterian principles, and we would never consent to represent, among the heathen, a church holding the doctrines they have affirmed, in the decision under review.

VII. That we consider our relations to the General Synod as suspended until its action in reference to Mr. Stuart is reversed.

VIII. That one copy of the above Preamble and Resolutions be sent to the Moderator of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and another to Mr. Geo. H. Stuart

Signed,
Ministers—J. CALDWELL, Mod. of Pres.
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