resolution was adopted, viz.: That each of our teries to authorizes their Stated Clerks to fill va-Churches be required to take a collection every year cancies in standing committees on the different for each of the causes commended by the General causes, until the next regular meeting of Presby Assembly, and report the result at the annual spring neetings of Presbytery. An application for aid from the Ministerial Relief Fund, caused a spirited also "Resolved, That it shall be an established order also "Resolved, That it shall be an established order also "Resolved," discussion of the necessity of such a fund. Some took the ground that it is the minister's duty to secure a competence for kimself when crippled by old age, or for his family when taken from them, by inwesting in these rich prairie lands, or in something else, that will bring a profitable return. Others held thatthe minister should seek to live only of his labor, and trust the support of his old age, or of his family, to the providence of God. However, the Min-isterial Relief Fund has the hearty co-operation of the Presbytery. Two persons within our bounds receive aid from it. One of them is a minister, enfeebled by age and disease; the other, the widow of

The Basis of Reunion was discussed with much feeling, and approved with but one opposing vote. Rev. Jeremiah Woodruff died a few months since, and we greatly miss him. He came to us from the Presbytery of Rochester, two years ago, and in the church of Rossville which he organized, as well as in other results, he has left a monument to his faithful and efficient, but too brief, Western toil. Rev. Charles S. Marvin has been dismissed to the Congregational body; and Rev. Charles R. French to the Presbytery of Keokuk.

The Synod of Albany closed its Annual Meeting in Keeseville, October 15th. The members in attendance were not large, but the meeting was a good one. Keeseville is—as some of your readers well know—the point where clericals and other hunters and fishermen take their line of march for the Saranac Lakes and woods. We find our good brother, the pastor of Keeseville, Rev. H. E. Butler, recovering from protracted illness, caused by severe labor, in connection with the very warm weather of the past summer. He was able to be in one or two of our meetings for a short time. His condition elicited our sympathy, and himself and his people were very affectionately remembered in our devo-tional services. The opening sermon was by Rev. Dr. Bulkley of Plattsburgh. Rev. Dr. M. R. Vincent, was chosen Moderator, Rev. A. C. Bishop, tempo-rary, and Rev. I. M. Crawford, Assistant Clefk. The reports of Presbyteries indicated general prosperity and growth in various directions and increase in numbers too; but the instances were lamentably few, of the special presence and converting power of the Holy Spirit. Glen's Falls, Warren Co., under the labors of Bro. Fennel, was, I think, the most marked case of a revival blessing. The Sabbath-school Mission of the First church, Troy, has thus early matured in the organization of a church called Oakwood Avenue Church, consisting now of nearly 100 members, under the labors of Rev. G. Van Deurs, formerly of your city. His ministry is every way most promising. The cause of Foreign Missions was represented by Rev. O. W. Winchester, formerly missionary to the Armenians, by Rev. W. S. Drysdale and Rev. M. Warner who had just returned—all thrilled—from the great meeting of the Board at Norwich. We had brother Stowe, in his always acceptable manner, on Home Missions. We were glad to meet Dr. Atterbury, the successor of the good brother Mills, and to hear him plead so earnestly, the cause of the Christian ministry. Church Erection, Publication and Ministerial Relief—were each assigned a place and an advocate from the members of Synod. We had two sermons during our sessions—one by Rev. I. McVey of Columbia Presbytery, and one by Rev. G. A. Howard of Catskill—before the Lord's Supper. Rev. Dr. Vincent, read, by request, a very interesting essay on the place of Creeds in our Church system, which was followed with an animated discussion. This last evening, was, as is fitting, the crowning of the occasion. Beside the narrative by Rev. E. P. Sprague, we had a brief note from the cure the services of Rev. H. L. Dickerson, as Sysick pastor, short practical addresses, by clerical and lay members, with prayers and singing, all him. The ministry were enjoined to preach on bearing our thought and hearts along the line of higher hopes and purposes, until in closing, the brethren renewed by standing vote, the resolution many of them having a Calvinistic faith, and subof former years, to remember each other in prayer stantially a Presbyterian form of worship. The orin the Sabbath morning devotions, that the great ganization of a German Church at Shelbyville— Shepherd will give them His presence and favor in the duties of the day. The next meeting of this Synod, is to be held in the Fourth church, Albany

One year since, a paper in favor of re union, was adopted by Synod with almost entire unanimity. In that paper, a very carnest protest was entered against any modification of the plan, as then before Synod. At this meeting, the brother who presented the cause of publication, expressed a decided opinion against re-union. Another esteemed brother. who sustained the paper of last year, said, in social conference, that the plan of last year had been so modified, that the action then taken, could not be regarded as now binding the Synod. Another said, I favored union cordially before, and must be as decidedly against it now. Some others joining in the converse, agreed in these conclusions, while still others said, the end is coming and you must be prepared to accept the conclusion. May the light from

above, encircle us all.

The Synod of Ohio met at Columbus, Oct. 19th. There was a spirited discussion on Reunion, a resolution being offered that "a reunion be accepted on the simple standards of the Church," and not on the basis as found in "the thirteen articles." Rev. Mr. Shedd thought there should be a limit in their chasing around after the Old School brethren. He was willing to treat them courteously, affectionately, and with all Christian fellowship, and was in favor, of union with all his heart, and would do every thing gentlemanly and proper to accomplish it, but to keep chasing backward and forward just to suit their notions—he did not believe in it. When the General Assembly meets, if it sees fit to make a change, let it do so, but he thought they had done their duty. Rev. Mr. Tenney thought they must make great allowance for their brethren of the Old School. Rev. J. F. Kendall believed, in view of all the concessions made by the New School, that their dignity required that they should stop. As brother Shedd had said, he was done chasing them around. They had done all that mortal man-could be asked to do. He was willing to meet them on the present terms, but was not willing to go a step further. Rev. S. P. Hildreth and Rev. Mr. Riggs spoke briefly on the resolution, when, on motion, it was laid on the

The Synod of Peoria met, October 20th, a Sandwich, Ill. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. George Duffield. Rev. Samuel Wyckoff was chosen Moderator, Rev. E. H. Avery Temporary Clerk, and Rev. O. A. Kingsbury, Assistant Clerk. Rev. L. H. Reid was elected Stated Clerk.

Rev. Robert Patterson, D.D., delegate from the Synod of Chicago, O. S., delivered a strong, fervent, and fraternal address; to which the Moderator made an appropriate reply. Rev. Dr. Ellenwood and Rev. G. P. Folsom, lately appointed District Secretary for the North West, addressed the Synod relative to the work of church erection. Rev. Dr. Gulliver, President of Knox College, addressed the Synod by invitation, and very acceptably, with reference to that Institution. Prof. Bailey also was heard with reference to Blackburn University. It is designed to is designed to introduce the partial course of study (somewhat after the pattern at Andover,) into this

Prayer meetings were held each morning in which a tender and fervent spirit was manifest. With reference to the various departments of our church work, it was felt very strongly that the churches must be brought to contribute, all and regularly, to the causes which our General Assembly sustains. Synod recommended to the Presby-

cancies in standing committees on the different of this Synod, hereaster, to call upon all its members for a full and specific report of what has been done, in the several churches which they represent, during the preceding year, for the several causes of benevolence that have been recommended by our General Assembly. Also, that we earnestly recom-mend to our several Presbyteries that they adopt the same measure at each annual meeting.'

Synod also recommended that each pastor use his influence to introduce into every family of his congregation one of our leading weeklies, together with the Presbyterian Monthly or Missionary Herald. Also, that Sabbath-school libraries be selected as far as practicable from the publications of our own Committee

The District Secretary of Home Missions and the Stated Clerks of our several Presbyteries were appointed a Standing Committee to form a medium of communication between vacant churches and unoccupied ministers, the District Secretary to be Chairman of this Committee.

The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions urges upon pastors and sessions to make the monthly concert more effective and to observe the same universally.

Reference was made to six of our number who have died, and the following special minute was or-

dered to be published: Whereas, since our last annual meeting God, in His wisdom, has by death taken from us our late Moderator, Rev. E. A. Pierce, and Assistant Temporary Clerk, Rev. J. L. Morton, brethren beloved, and faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. therefore

Resolved, 1. That while with Christian affection re cherish their memories and mourn their loss to that branch of the Church militant to which we belong, and joy in the well assured hope that they have joined the Church triumphant, we feel solhave joined the Church triumphant, we feel solemnly admonished to close up the ranks and gird ourselves anew for the conflict that is before us, to work earnestly, faithfully, and diligently while the proportion above named, in each case, of new sub-

2. That we do, as a Synod, tender to their afflicted families our sincere sympathies, with the assurance, that they have our earnest prayers that God would sanctify this dispensation of His providence, and grant them all needed grace to sustain them under their sore trials.

3. That these resolutions be entered upon our records, and published in our weekly religious journals."

Visiting Committees were appointed as follows: To Knox College: Rev. C. A. Williams, Principal. Rev. E. H. Curtis, Alternate. To Blackburn University: Rev. John Maclean, Principal. Rev. M. P.

Ormsby, Alternate.
Interest was expressed in the Educational Institutions at Lake Forest, and the nomination of Trustees confirmed. The people of that place are coming forward nobly, the Rev. Mr. Taylor engaging also in the work, and it is expected that we shall soon have some very hopeful results to report

for the cause of education there. Freeport was chosen as the place of the next meeting. It was "Resolved, That it be the stated rule of this Synod to meet annually on the third Thursday of October, at 7½ o'clock P. M., and hold

over the Sabbath," R.
The Synod of Indiana met Oct. 1st, and adjourned Oct. 5th, in Connersville. Wabash College was reported as enjoying continued prosperity. A committee to establish a weekly church paper, it reunion takes place during the Synodical year, and to sell The Herald for the benefit of Lane Seminary, was appointed. It is to cooperate with similar committees appointed by the synods of Cincinnati, Wabash and Uhio. A committee was raised to senodical missionary, and to raise the funds to pay

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