RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Old School—Third Day.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The Old School General Assembly reconvened this morning, and the meeting was opened by usual with devotional exercises.

The Rev. Mr. Hoge offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, It is well known that unscriptural views of the marriage relations are becoming prevalent in some portions of our land, so that its obligations are disregarded by many, and separations of husband and wife, and divorces for slight and unwarrantable reasons, are frequently obtained every year; and *whereas*, the horrible crime of infanticide is also on the increase; and *whereas*, the evils which these errors and crimes have already brought upon the church and country, and the worse evils which they threaten in the near future, make it imperative that the whole power of the ministry and Church of Jesus Christ should be put forth in maintenance of truth or of virtue in regard to these things; therefore,

Resolved, First, That we urge upon all ministers of our Church the duty of giving instruction to the people of their respective charges as to the Scriptural doctrine concerning the marriage relation, and we warn them against those errors which are widely and have been divorced upon the three Scriptural grounds; and that we also exhort the Church to give to the exercise of due discipline in the cases of those members who may be guilty of violating the law of Christ in this matter.

That we regard the destruction by parents of their own offspring, before birth, which is, in essence, as a crime against God and against nature; and that, as there are many influences at work in public and in private to confound the minds of the people, until the frequency of such crimes is no longer sought to be concealed, we hereby warn those that are guilty of the crime that they cannot inherit eternal life, and that it is hypocrisy for such persons to engage in connection with the visible Church of Christ; and that we exhort those who have been called to preach the Gospel, and all who love purity and the truth, and who would avert the just judgments of Almighty God upon the State and nation, that they be no longer silent or tolerant of these things, but that they lift and hold stand, that the floods of impurity and cruelty may be stayed.

Referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The subject of intemperance was again brought up and discussed; the committee on the resolutions of the National Temperance Society reported that they had nothing to say previous deliverances of the Assembly on the subject were sufficient, and recommended them. This was adopted, and a resolution was also adopted, that the General Assembly enjoin the clergy to preach upon the subject of the duty of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, on the second Sabbath of third Sabbath of December next, or at such earlier practicable time as may be convenient.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures referred the following, with reference to the Committee on the Reunion of the Churches, appointed by the Conference held in Philadelphia:

Resolved, That the Assembly accepts and approves the report, and recommends the continuance of the same committee to represent this Assembly, in further consideration of the subject of the Union of the churches represented in the conference held in Philadelphia.

The report of the Committee on Conference, on the subject of the reunion, was made the first order of business for Tuesday morning next.

The subject of the union of the Northern and Southern General Assembly came up for discussion on a report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The action was suggested by Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Philadelphia.

Rev. A. A. Taylor, of Georgetown, favored the opening of a correspondence, but would act cautiously.

The Moderator stated that an unofficial correspondence had taken place between the stated clerk of this Assembly and the one of the Southern Assembly, and he stated that any action at the present time might be damaging to the peace of the Southern Church, and would be inopportune.

The subject was referred to a special committee of five.

The Assembly then adjourned until Monday, A. M.

New School—Third Day.

At 9½ the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Fowler.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read.

Dr. Poor narrated at length the great good effected by Sabbath Schools throughout the States, and their increasing numbers. He urged the members of that body to give them all the countenance and assistance in their power.

Dr. Chester proceeded to read the reports on Bills and Overtures, dwelling chiefly on the necessity of reducing the assessment on individual communicants from 6 to 4 cents. The additional assessment was made last year in order to meet additional expense incurred by paying the salaries of the California and Oregon missioners. This was proposed in the form of a resolution and unanimously adopted on the part of the Committee on Mileage. Secondly, it was proposed to limit the correspondence with other bodies, or a basis to obtain a basis of mutual necessity, that it should be carried on at the expense of the individual bodies.

Considerable discussion on this resolution took place, Judge Poote advocating the adoption of the resolution, and the delegates of California, opposing it strenuously, and declaring the necessity of getting money out of the people, because it is required for the Lord's work, and because money can do all things.

Finally, the resolution was referred back to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Reports from delegates to different religious bodies were then read by the Rev. George Howard, all showing the friendly relations existing between the bodies and the Presbyterian Church, and testifying to the cordial reception they were given to the visitors from the General Assembly. Next, an interesting communication was read describing the proceedings of the Free Synod of Ireland, which had just been organized, and the kindly feeling entertained towards their American brethren. The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported an invitation from the brethren of the Old School to meet them in prayer meeting this evening at Brick Church, on Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Dr. Chester spoke next on the decoration of the graves of the Union dead by the Grand Army of the Republic, and moved a resolution that, while they sympathize with the movement, they wish to interfere in no way with the unnecessary desecration of the Sabbath, and urge upon the Government to fix upon next Saturday as the day for that interesting ceremonial. The motion was carried unanimously. Dr. Cooley, of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, read an additional list of preachers for to-morrow.

After a prayer from the Moderator, the meeting adjourned till Monday, at 9 A. M.

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Second Day.

CEDARVILLE, Ohio, May 22.—Pursuant to adjournment, the Synod met at 9 o'clock A. M. The Moderator opened the Synod with prayer. The roll having been called, the minutes of the last sederunt were read and approved. The minutes of last year's meeting were read throughout.

The Moderator announced the standing Committees as follows:

Foreign Correspondence—Rev. D. McLeod, Rev. Dr. Steele and Mr. James Stewart.

Publication—Rev. Dr. Donnell, Rev. Dr. Crawford, Rev. A. Thomson, Messrs. David Mumford and John McElroy.

Signs of the Times—Rev. S. Young, Rev. J. S. Scott and Mr. S. M. Barker.

Theological Seminary—Rev. A. G. Wylie, Rev. S. Boyd, Rev. J. F. Morton and A. S. McMurray, M. D.

Foreign Reports—Rev. McMaster, Rev. F. Morton, Rev. A. R. Galley, Rev. J. Alford, Rev. N. Woodside, Rev. A. Thomson and Mr. R. Guy.

Nominations—Rev. Dr. Steele, Rev. J. K. Wallace, Rev. W. H. Reid, Messrs. Jas. Kelo and Jas. Cook.

Finance—Mr. S. B. McLeod, M. D., and Mr. Moses Shirra.

Auditing Committee—Messrs. Peter Gibson and R. C. Miller.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. J. Y. Boice, Rev. S. M. Ramsey and Mr. W. B. Blair.

Presbyterial Records—Northern Presbytery—Rev. S. Boyd and Mr. J. Kirkpatrick.

Southern Presbytery. Secretaries—Rev. A. S. Scott and Mr. M. Shirra. *Pittsburgh*—Rev. D. McLeod, D. D., and Mr. J. Cook. *Ohio*—Rev. J. Alford and Mr. R. C. Miller. *Western*—Rev. A. R. Galley and Mr. J. McElroy. *Chicago*—Rev. J. Boice and Mr. Peter Gibson. *Eastern*—Rev. J. Y. Boice and Mr. J. Kelo.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of unfinished business. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported.

The minutes of Synod's Commission were read throughout.

In regard to the report of the Synod's Commission, Rev. W. Wilson, D. D., offered the following:

Resolved, That the report of the Commission in the premises be adopted, and the Commission be discharged.

Carried unanimously.

Rev. James Smith presented a paper from those claiming to be the Reformed Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Rev. A. G. Wylie objected to the reception of this paper. The objection was concurred in by Peter Gibson, Elders, and others. Remarks were also made by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. S. Young, S. B. W. McLeod, M. D.

The Moderator decided that no official document from any body denying the jurisdiction of this Synod can be received. Individual memorials may be read.

The credentials of Mr. Smith were read.

Rev. J. Alford moved that a committee be appointed on credentials to whom certificates of commissioners shall be referred. The motion was adopted, and Rev. Dr. Wilson moved that the following committee be appointed: Rev. A. G. Wylie, Rev. S. Boyd, Rev. J. F. Morton