THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE

Poetry.

A Pretty Lyric.

We'll part no more, Oh, never ! Let gladness deck thy brow, Our hearts are joined forever By each religious yow. Misfortune's clouds have vanished, That caused our bosoms pain ; And every care is banished, No more to come again.

Hope's star is brightly burning Within its brilliant dome, And tells of joy returning To cheer our rural home. It shines through gloom to gladden, Dispelling grief and care, For sorrow ne'er can sadden While it remainsth there.

'Mid flowery vales we'll wander. And by the laughing stream, Our bosoms growing fonder 'Neath Love's enchanting beam. In yonder cot reposing Each morn fresh joys disclosing, Through life we'll gently glide.

Theological Seminary of the North-West. OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the North-West, met in the South Presbyterian Church, in the city of Chicago, on the 1st of September, at eight o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the President, Rev. S. T. Wilson.

The following Directors were present: Synod of Cincinnati.—Rev. J. G. Monfort, D.D., Rev. R. L. Stanton, D.D., Rev. W. B. Spence, Prof. O. N. Stoddard, J. M. Glover. Indiana.-James Blake, Victor King, Rev. J

A. Steele. Northern Indiana.-Rev. J. C. Brown, Rev. L. Hughes, J. M. Ray. Illinois.—Rev. F. N. Ewing.

Chicago .- Rev. S. T. Wilson, Rev. R. C. Mat-

thews, C. A. Spring. Wisconsin.---Rev. J. M. Buchanan, Rev. H. M

Iowa .- Rev. J. Phelps, D.D., Rev. J. D. Ma-After prayer, the Board proceeded to business

The record of the proceedings of the last meet-ing were read, after which the Board adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half-past eight o'clock. Closed with prayer. Wednesday Morning, 81 o'clock.

Board convened, and as its first business spent a short time in devotional exercises. The following communication from Rev. E. D. MacMaster, D.D., Professor of Theology in this Institution, was read :

Christianity sanctions Slavery ?" I answer again, in the words of the Church, that I think that To the Key, the Board of Directors of the Pres-byteriah Theological Seminary of the Northslavery " is totally irreconcilable with the spirit

West : A heathen magistrate once, when sending an accused party to the judgment seat of Cesar to which he had appealed, made the very sensible remark, that it seemed to him to be an unreasonable thing to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crime laid against him. I feel a somewhat similar embarrassment, in making to you this communication, which, though not formally a defence, yet has in part virtually that character; when you have not arraigned me at your to correct the errors of former times, and as bar, nor found against me any indictment, and speedily as possible to efface this blot on our holy when no prosecutor has appeared before you to convict me of any offence. In these circumconvict me of any offence. In these circum-stances I, am under the necessity of myself informing you of the state of the case on which I agree with the exhortation of the Assembly, to address von:

those exempt from this great evil, "to forbear It is known to you that in August, 1856, I and harsh censures and uncharitable reflection on onily live among slave of the Seminary then at New Albany, though not whom they cannot immediately set free; but who acting in any official capacity, sent in pamphlet are really using all their influence and all their form, a circular addressed to the ministers, ruling | endeavors to bring them into a state of freedom, elders and members of the churches under the care as soon as a door for it can be opened." And, of the Synods of Cincinnati, Indiana, Northern moreover, I would use stronger terms than any Ind'a; Illinois; Chicago, Wisconsin, and Iowa, pro- General Assembly has ever used, to express my The sin indicates of the main of all these Synods in the direct assigne of the manifold, complicated, and embarr-tion of the Seminary, and the adoption of whatever assing difficulties which encompass the practical measures might be deemed necessary and proper for the setablishment of an institution worthy of the North West, competent to the service de-manded, and meet for the Master's use. In Sep-the whole subject. Fifth. If the question be asked, "Do I think tember and October following, I and two other brethren, in, person, brought the matter before that the holding of slaves is in all cases an immor-these seven Synods, and presented to them the ality, the renunciation of which, ought to be made draught of a Constitution, which, after animated, a condition of membership in the Church ?" I anharmonious and interesting discussions, was swer that I think there are many cases where unanimously adopted, by them all, with the ex- men stand in view of the law and its ministers in ception of a single vote in one of the Synods. the legal relation of slaveholders which for various The Directors appointed under the Constitution reasons they are unable rightfully to terminate; in November, 1856, elected me one of the Profeasors in the Seminary, and in Feb., 1857, I ac- immorality deem, hold, repute and adjudge their cepted the appointment. servants to be chattels in the hands of their ownmovement, and in particular the ers, to all intents, purposes and constructions This whole circular by which it was initiated, and a few per-sons, including myself, who have been designated any to hold them so long as the necessity exists, as their bond-servants, and if need be, their inas "the prime movers " in the affair, have been, through a period of ten months, beginning from voluntary bond servants. Of course, in any such the time when the subject was yet pending in case it is only that which is an immorality the some of the Synods, down till the present, as- renunciation of which ought to be made condition sailed from without these Synods, with accusa- of membership in the Church. Sixth. If the question be asked, "Do I ap-prove of the position of the Presbyterian Church tions of whose origin, character, or motives I will say not a word. All, these accusations, so far as they have reference to me, ultimately rest on the subject of Slavery?" I answer, that I on the ground of objection to my alleged views, approve of the position of the Church on the subject of Slavery, as this is determined by a full and fair collation and interpretation of all her of Slavery, and my alleged design, along with other persons, to make the Seminary an agency for a factious and schismatic agitation of that public authoritative acts in relation to it; upon the acknowledged principle of interpretation, that what is obscure, ambiguous, doubtful, or How far the representations which have been industriously spread abroad throughout these otherwise exceptionable, is to be interpreted by Synods may have been mischlerous, in their of what is clear, unambiguous, certain and unexfects, infinducing apprehensions and fears that I ceptionable. Seventh. If the question be asked, "Do I think hold views of Slavery and its relations to the Semit my duty, either in my professional or my non-professional relations, to discuss the subject of inary and the Church, which, from my connexionwith the Seminary, may be of evil tend ncy, it Report. is impossible for me to know; without a fuller Slavery?" I give the following answer: 1. I do not think that I have any special vocaknowledge than I possess of the extent to which 1. I do not think that I have any special voca-there may exist in those, on whom they are in tion to discuss the subject of Slavery more than tended to operate, a morbid state of mind on this other evils; and that it is less my duty to discuss subject of Slavery, predisposing them to give to it than evils existing among, ourselves, and to such apprehensions and fears, a ready entertain- which we have a nearer and more immediate rement. For the sake of the Seminary and the Church, I am willing to do whataver I gen, not only to satisfy reasonable inquiries, but to allay unreasonable apprehensions and fears, if such exist, and to quiet the minds of those who are undue prominence; or to take in relation to it disturbed. I therefore deem it proper for me, so extreme views. As to this great evil of Slavery, far as in my ichaligns to the Seminary I am in I may appeal to my past course in relation to it. volved in the matter, to make to you, and I have now been twenty five years in the ministry. through you to all whom it concerns, a clear and In all that time, all that I have ever printed of explicit statement of my views on the subject: the subject of Slavery, amounts to less than First. If, then, the question be asked of me, twenty five pages; till last year to less than sev. "What are the objects for which the Seminary has been established at Hyde Park ?" Lanswer, the objects are declared in the Constitution; in the to any Abolition or Anti-Slavery Society, but, circular of August, 1856, by which the move-ment was initiated; in all the discussions of the ly expressed my disapproval of much in the subject in the Synods; and in all which has been measures and spirit of those to whom the name said and done before and since by the friends of a "Abolitionists." has been, improperly appro-the Seminary. And they are all comprehended priated. I have never preached a sermon on the subject. I have never treated of the subject, in the training of young men for the ministry. Second. If the question be asked, Was it not except occasionally as an incidental reference in the design of those who have been designated as my instructions in the Seminary. I have never "the prime movers" in the measures which have introduced the subject into any of the Church , resulted in the setablishment of the Seminary at Judicatories. I have never participated in any resulted in the setablishment of the Seminary at Judicatories. I have never participated in any Hyde Park to make it an agency specially for the agitation or discussion of Slavery ??' I answer, that I think that the proper reply to this inquiry in the Synod of Cincinnati, and then in support is the simple statement, that neither in the circu-lar of August, 1856, which emanated from them nor in the Constitution of the Seminary, which is the Same and presented to the Seminary, which is to be condemned and mere were drawn up and presented to the Seminary, which is to be condemned and mere was drawn up and presented to, the Synods by involuntary servitude, which is right or wrong acthem, nor in the discussions of the subject in any cording to circumstances. Such has been my of the subject of Slavery so much as mentioned. I mention it here in order to claim commendation the subject of Slavery so much as mentioned. for it, for I think it doubtful whether it is worthy For myself I will say, that so far as my agency in the business is concerned, precisely the same movement would have been made, and pre-cisely the same measures in all respects would have been adopted, if no such thing as Slavery had ever existed in the country or in the world. The brethren who have been disturbed, have the moral character of Slavery; and that of the allowed themselves to be very unnecessarily put place, and time, and measure, and manner in inte a flutter on the subject. Slavery may have which I shall discuss such questions I must my-In the shall discuss such questions 1 must my-been thought of along with many other things, but the story that the Seminary was designed to be an agency specially for the agitation or dis-cussion of slavery is so absurd, that those who told it must have counted largely on the credulity | These, gentlemen, are my views of Slavery, of their heavers. Third. If the question be asked, "What are to have to the subject of Slavery?" I answer, I The selations which I think the Seminary ought to have to the subject of Slavery?" I answer, I The selation is a subject of Slavery?" I answer, I The selation is a subject of Slavery?" I answer, I The selation is a subject of Slavery?" I answer, I The selation is a subject of Slavery?" I answer, I The selation is a subject of Slavery?" I answer, I The selation is a subject of Slavery?" I answer, I The selation is a subject of Slavery?" I answer, I The selation is a subject of Slavery?" 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It certainly is not the busis, produced very little effect anywhere; and this agencies and institute measures for the removal erogation; but as the Synds united in the direc-

of Slavery, or of any other particular form of evil, moral, or political, or ecclesiastical, or do-mestic, existing in society; but to teach young men how to expound and apply the Scriptures, and to fulfill, the work of the Gospel ministry. Christianity, which it is the business of the min-

ervant in the Gospel, Chicago, Sept. 1st, 1857. istry to expound and preach, is a system of practical truth, intended for the remedy of all moral After the reading of the above communication

evils, and of all other evils which are the penal effects of moral evil; and hence it has various tev. J. D. Mason offered the following resolutions hereon, viz: Resolved, That this communication be received relations to; and bearings on all such evils; and these I think that it is the business of the Pro-fessors in a Theological School, in proper con-nexions to indicate; whether in the didactic

exposition of theology, theoretical and practical,

If any man be held to be so wanting in discre-

tion that he cannot be trusted to do this accord-

ing to the truth, certainly it is not fit that he

Theological school.

should be put into the place of an instructor in a

of Christians in relation to Slavery ?" I answer

very; in distinction from a system of mere volun-tary servitude, which is either right or wrong, ac-

cording to the circumstances of each case; By Slavery then, I understand to be meant that sys-

tem which, according to the doctrine of the most eminent among the Greek writers on Moral and

Political Philosophy, current throughout the civ-

ilized world in the days of Christ and his apos-

tles, held that the relation between master and

slave, is like that between the artizan and his

tools, and that a slave is "an animated tool." or a tool without a soul in it." See Aristotle Eth.

Nicomach, L. IX, c. 13. By slavery I understand to be meant that system which obtained in the

Roman Empire, in the days of Christ and his apostles, according to which "slaves were held

pro nullis; pro mortuis; pro quadrupedibus;" that is as not persons; as dead in law; or without civil rights; as brute beasts. By slavery I understand

to be meant that system which obtains in our own

and possessors, and their executors, administra-

And now, if the question be asked, "What are

my views of slavery ?" I answer, I think the sys-

em of slavery which has now been defined, to be

ntrinsically, essentially, and necessarily immoral. Or, in the words of the Presbyterian Church itself, in its action of 1818, "We consider the

voluntary enslaving of one portion of the human

family, by another, as a gross violation of the most precious and sacred rights of human nature;

as utterly inconsistent with the law of God,

which requires us to love our neighbor as our-selves; and as totally irreconcilable with the

spirit and principles of the Gospel of Christ,

which enjoin that all things whatsoever ye would

2. If the question be asked, "Do I think that

3. If the question be asked, "What do I think

s the duty of Christians in relation to Slavery ?" I answer yet again in the words of the Church,

that "it is manifestly the duty of all Christians

who enjoy the light of the present day, when the inconsistency of Slavery, both with the dictates of humanity and religion, has been demonstrated and is generally seen and "acknowledged; to use their honest, earnest, and unwearied endeavors

speedily as possible to efface this blot on our holy

religion, and to obtain the complete abolition of

that others should do to you, do ye even the same

and principles of the Gospel of Christ."

to them."

nd recorded on our minutes. Resolved. That this presentation upon the part of Dr. MacMaster of his views upon the subject of Slavery, is to us satisfactory; and considered entirely concurrent with the position of the Genin the exegesis of the Scriptures, or in recount-ing the history of Christianity and the Church. eral Assembly of our Church, on this subject of Slavery.

Resolved. That as requested in the close of the ommunication, a copy of it be sent to each of the Synods concurring in the establishing and controlling of the Theological Seminary of the

Fourth. If the question be asked, "What are my views of slavery; of the question, whether North-West. The above resolutions, together with the comristianity sanctions Slavery; and of the duty unication of Dr. MacMaster, were referred, on the motion of Rev. Dr. Phelps, to a committee of one from each Synod, and their report was made these questions severally. I. To the question, "What are my views of slavery?" I give this answer: I wish to define what I understand to be meant by the term Sta-

the order of the day for this afternoon, at 3 o'lock. By appointment of the President, the follow-

ng named individuals were chosen said commit-Rev. R. L. Stanton, D. D., of Syned of Cincinnati ; James Blake, of the Synod of Indiana ; Rev. Levi Hughes, of the Synod of Northern In-diana ; Rev. J. M. Buchanan, of the Synod of Wiscensin; Rev. F. N. Ewing, of the Synod of Illinois; Rev. R. C. Matthews, of the Synod of Chicago; Rev. J. D. Mason, of the Synod of lowa Rev. Dr. Stanton moved that the name of Rev. Dr. Monfort be substituted for his own on that mmittee, which motion was lost. The Executive and Financial Committee of the

Board presented, through Mr. C. A. Spring, a re-port of their doings, which was received, and, with accompanying documents, referred to a com-mittee of three, who were charged with the duty f preparing the Annual Report of the Board, to the governing Synods. The President appointed on said committee, Rev. J. Phelps, D. D., Rev. W. B. Spence, and

times, and in some of the States of our own country, under which, as it is expressed in the Laws of South Carolina, "Slaves shall be deemed, held, taken, reputed, and adjudged in law, to be chattels personal in the hands of their owners Mr. C. A. Spring. By a vote of the Board, on the motion of Rev. F N. Ewing, Rev. S. T. Wilson, the President of the Board, was added to this committee as its tors and assigns, to all intents, purposes and con-structions whatever."

Chairman. A committee was appointed, on the motion of Rev. H. M. Robertson, to examine the Constituthat may be deemed proper and needful, with a view of recommending such alterations to the consideration of the Synods, The President appointed on said committee, Rev H. M. Robertson, Rev. J. G. Monfort, D. D.,

and Victor King. The Board had recess till 3 o'clook P: M. After recess, the Board convened. The order of the day, viz. The report of the committee to whom were referred the communiation of Rev. Dr. MacMaster, and the resolutions of Rev. J. D. Mason, in relation thereto, having arrived, the committee reported the following,

The committee, to whom were referred the communication of Rev. Dr. MacMaster, and the esolutions of Rev. J. D. Mason thereon, report he following : WHEREAS, Rev. E. D. MacMaster, D. D., Pro-

to some of fis opinions and teachings upon the subject of Slavery, to present a full and explicit statement of his views on that subject; there-Resolved. That this Board, chosen and dele-

gated to found and build up a Theological Seminary, to aid in the great work of our undivided Church, and holding views on the subject of Slavery exactly coinciding, with the repeated and harhaving heard Dr. MacMaster's views in full on the subject, do not think that the confidence of the Church in him should be diminished by them, and ious deliverance of our General Assembly. oncur in his request to send his communication an open and manly exhibition of his views upon

A committee consisting of Rev. J. C. Brown, Rev. J. G. Monfort, D. D., and James Blake, was appointed to inform Dr. Rice of his election, and solicit his acceptance. Rev. S. T. Wilson, (Rev. Dr. Stanton being in the chair i her armuittee to prepare the beside the board of a fact, long since known to each mem-ber in his individual capacity, that the Directors of the Board in regard to a system of Synodical agencies for the Institution, has most signally failed. When we approached those brethrem who

Annual Report, reported in part.

Annual Report, reported in part. Rev. Dr. Monfort moved that the Report be in-definitely postponed afterwards, with leave of probable that social and pastoral relations of the Board. Dr. Monfort withdrew his motion. After a recess of two hours, the Board met, and the unfinished business was resumed, viz.: the unfinished business was resumed, viz.: the consideration of the report in part of the Com-mittee on the Annual Report of the Board to the over which God had made them overseers." This over which God had made them overseers." This was no isolated issue of our extended efforts to Synods. arrange a Synodical Collective Agency. The difficulty was insuperable—the plan devised by

And, on motion of the Rev. H. M. Robertson, the report and the subject embraced, were re-ferred to a committee consisting, by appointment of the President pro ten. (Rev. Dr. Stanton,) of Rev. J. G. Monfort, D. D., Rev., S. T. Wilson, Rev. H. M. Robertson, Prof. O. N. Stoddard, and

Board of Directors.

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dopted, and is as follows, viz.:

hereinafter mentioned:

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August 31st. 1857.

pleted their course.

C. A. Spring. This committee retired, and on their return and prompt action. With a spontaneous and hearty unanimity, our choice (after deciding upon the necessity for a General Agency,) fell upon presented a report which was recommitted for presented a report which was recommitted for amendment, said amendment to consist of the embodiment in their report of the specific terms of a connexion between this Seminary and the General Assembly, which is proposed in their report in general terms. work of collection be immediately commenced The following report from the Faculty of the Again we were to be met with disappointment. Suminary, was presented by Dr. MacMaster, and after its reception, referred to the committee ap-order, and as we have reason to believe, was ou order, and as we have reason to believe, was on pointed to prepare the Annual Report to the the point of signifying his acceptance of our ap-Synods.

pointment, his Master and ours, called him in a voice he could not disregard, to go to the whitened harvest in another field. We bowed with sub-To the Reverend, the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northmission to the necessity which was upon us, but with deep regret, that such had been the issue of West : 1

The Professors respectfully present to you the report required by the Constitution, for the year ending in April. The number of students in attendance during all our effort all our efforts. Soon after our adjournment in June, we were enabled to secure the services of Rev. Joseph Warren, D. D., of the Synod of Indiana, who rethe session was sixteen. They passed through ports to the Committee to-day, that he comthe prescribed course of instruction in the several menced labor for the Seminary on the first of studies of their classes respectively. Their dill-gence and proficiency in study were commenda-ble; and at the close of the session their examin-ations were sustained by the committee of the August, having been unable to arrange his pri-vate affairs, and to be absent from his congregation sooner.

He first visited New Albany, to learn something of the state of the property of the Seminary there, and then spent some days at Madison, and It is satisfactory to be able to say that, with the variety of gifts and character usually found in such cases, the students have maintained a deprocured indefinite pledges of aid. He then ar-ranged to visit Cincinnati, and Hamilton and viportment exemplary, and becoming the relations they sustain, and give good promise of usefulness cinity, in connexion with Dr. Thomas.

At this juncture, the report began to prevail, that movements were on foot, which might change the controlling power of the Seminary, and almost all held back, lest these movements The following five students, viz.: Thomas E. Hughes, Isaac, B. Moore, David Kingsley, Silves-ter Scovel, and Edward P. Shields, having comshould result in changes so great that they should pleted the full course of studies prescribed, and cease to feel any interest in it.

the Board, was a failure. Alive to the importance

of this vital part of our duties, your Committee was, early after, again convened at Chicago, to seek Divine direction, and for mutual counsel,

their final examinations having been sustained, are entitled to a diploma certifying the fact, from the Faculty, with the consent of the Board of Di-All applications for funds were uniformly treated as premature. The best advice which the agent could get, led him to the conclusion that it was useless to spend money in the then present state of things. The general opinion of friends seemed to be, that until the present meet-On behalf of the Professors. Respectfully sub-E. D. MACMASTER. ing of the Directors of the Seminary should ad-vise some means to set the public mind at rest, The Professors were authorized to give the usul certificate to such of the students as had comor, in other words, while questions that seriously ncern the character and management of the The records of the Executive Committee were Seminary shall continue to be mooted, no contrireferred to a committee consisting of Rev. J. butions can be secured. The agent, therefore, Phelps, D. D., and James Blake, for review and returned to his congregation, discharged the young man whom he had engaged to "supply his place, and suspended operations' till after this The committee to whom was recommitted the report, in part, of the committee to prepare the meeting of the Directors. He now intimates his Annual Report to Synods, presented the following willingness to go on with the agency, if it be as their final action, viz.: WHENEAS, There exists to a greater or less ex-tent within the bounds of the seven Synods havthought desirable.

The informal appointment of Dr. Warren was confirmed.

ing the direction and control of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the North-West, a want of that entire confidence, so imperatively neces-SEMINARY GROUNDS AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS. It was not until early in the Summer, and after he most patient and protracted efforts on behalf sary to the success of our great enterprise; and of the sub-Committee, to whom this matter was intrusted, that a warrantee deed was obtained whereas we entertain the belief that this has resulted from supposed differences of opinion in regard to a most trying and difficult national evil ; rom the Trustees of the Hyde Park Association, for the four blocks donated by them. Their ulti-mate liberality manifested in this noble grant, un-

conditioned in a legal point of view, demanded, on the part of the Committee. a verbal assurance that the work upon the foundation of the main

WRON CITY COMMERCIAL COLLEGE West, the St. Louis Presbyterian, and the Presby-AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLV CHARTERED APRIL, 1855. terian Herald, the Presbyterian Banner and Advo-cate, and the Presbyterian, and request the editors HAVING A FACULTY OF TEN TEACHERS of these papers respectively, to insert it in their TWO HUNDRED AND SEVEN STUDENTS, IN DAILY ATTENDANCE,

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thereof After which the Board adjourned to meet again, on the 17th of November next, in the North Presbyterian church, in Chicago, at eight o'clock, P. M

Closed with singing, prayer, and the benedic ion. R. C. MATTHEWS, Secretary. voted pastors shrank back, hesitated, and finally tion.

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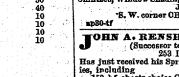
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) the Synods. Report was received, and pending the consideration of its adoption, a motion was offered by Rev. J. C. Brown and adopted by the Board, to ay the report on the table, for the purpose of ffering the following substitute, viz .: Resolved, That this communication be re-eived, and recorded in the minutes.

Resolved, That as requested in the close of the communication, a copy of it be sent to each of the Synods concerned in the establishing and controling of the Theological Seminary of the

North-West. The question being taken on the above resoluions as a substitute for the report of the commitee, they were adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Brown, Regulation 7th and 8th, in regard to donations, found on page 28, of the Records, were suspended till after the next meeting. These regulations are the following: 7th. That all subscriptions and notes above \$100 shall only be subject to be paid (according

tion shall be taken by the General Assembly, and to their terms;) upon the express condition that a reliable subscription be procured of two hundred thousand dollars_the Board to decide all appointments of the Directors and Board of Trustees, acting under authority, which may be rejected by the General Assembly, shall be null when that subscription shall have been secured. 8th. All subscriptions, and notes taken, shall pecify, whether they are for the contingent, or ermanent fund. On motion of C. A. Spring, the Board proceeded

o the consideration of the ways and means, for the present wants of the Seminary. Pending which, Rev. J. D. Mason moved that the Board proceed to the election of a third Proessor in the Seminary.

This motion was discussed at length. Pending the discussion, Rev. J. Phelps, D. D., moved to postpone action in the case until the next meet. Rev. S. T. Wilson, President of the Board, and also, by appointment of the Board, Chairman of the committee to prepare the Annual Report to the Synods, asked to be released from presiding in the Board during the remaining sessions of the evening, that he might have time to prepare his

His request was granted, and Rev. R. L. Stanton, D. D., was chosen President pro tem. The Board had recess till 8 o'clock this eve-

names of the two persons who have received the After recess, the Board convened, and resumed the consideration of Dr. Phelps' motion, to postoone action on the motion to proceed to the elecion of a third Professor. The ayes and noes being demanded, resulted as

follows: Ayes-C. A. Spring, Rev. H. M. Robertson, Rev. J. M. Buchanan, Rev. J. Phelps. D. D., Rev. F. N. Ewing, Rev. R. C. Matthews. Noes-Rev J. G. Monfort, D. D., J. M. Glover. James Blake, Rev. Levi Hughes, Rev. J. C. Brown, Rev. J. A. Steele, Rev. J. D. Mason, Victor King, Prof. O. N. Stoddard, Rev. W. B. Adjourned till to morrow morning, at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer. Av f d a com

Thursday, 82 oclock A. M. Board met, and was opened with prayer.

The unfinished business was resumed, viz. : the consideration of the motion to proceed to the election of a third Professor. Pending which, Rev. S. T. Wilson, the chair-

man of the committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing the annual report of the Board to the Synods, asked leave to complete the mere ictorical part of the report after the adjournment f the Board. Whereupon the completion of the report in the Wing, was, after discussion, adopted, viz.: historical part of the report after the adjournment of the Board.

pecified respect, was committed to Rev. S. T. Wilson and Rev. J. D. Mason. The ayes and noes being demanded on the motion to proceed to the election of a third Professor

resulted as follows: Ayes-Rev. J. G. Monfort, D. D., J. M. Glo ver, James Blake, Rev. Levi Hughes, Rev. J. C. Report accepted, and committee discharged. Brown, Rev. J. A. Steele, Rev. J. D. Mason, Vig. The committee to whom was referred the subtor King, Prof. O. N. Stoddard, Rev. W. B.

Noes-Rev. S. T. Wilson, Rev. R. C. Matthews, C. A. Spring, Rev. H. M. Robertson, Rev. J. Phelps, D. D., Rev. F. N. Ewing, Rev. J. M. Buchanan. On motion of James Blake, it was determined

that the choice shall be made by ballot. Rev. J D. Mason then nominated to the third at 9 o'clock sorship in this Seminary, Rev. N. L. Bice, of St. Louis.

Rev. F. N. Ewing and Rev. H. M. Robertson asked to be excused from voting, which reques was not granted. On motion of Rev. J. A. Steele, the Board re-

ton, approved, and is as follows, viz. : onsided the vote by which the election was ordered to be by ballot, and proceed to vote by calling the roll.

Rev. F. N. Ewing renewed his request to be excused from voting, which was granted. The roll was called, and the vote taken with September 1st. 1857.

vexed question, in which he declares himself as entirely in harmony with the position of the the foundation be completed during the present General Assembly; and whereas, it is manifest building season.

to all, that without this union and harmony, we The President of the Illinois Central Railroad cannot interest, nor call out the united sympathy Company, with the written consent of the Board prayer, and pecuniary aid of the Church at large; of Directors, has executed a bond (marked B, Therefore, Resoleved, That it be recommended to the Synfor a deed of blocks numbered 49, 50, 51, and 52 on the accompanying map, with the sole condition that the sum of \$40,000 be expended upon the ods united in the direction of this Seminary, to adopt the following amendment to the Constitu Seminary buildings prior to the first of January,

The General Assembly shall have the right t The Committee offer no opinion upon the xercise a control over the Seminary, provided present or prospective value of these lands. They are the admiration of all who see them. the Assembly accept the same, in the particulars Insurpassed for healthfulness of position and 1. They shall have a negative on all appointbeauty of locality, we hazard nothing when we ments to the offices of Professors in said Seminary, say, that a more desirable spot in all regards which render locality eligible for the great and on all general laws or rules adopted by th Synods, or Directors, for its government. 2. The Board of Directors shall annually sen Presbyterian enterprise of the age, could hardly be found.

CHARTER OF THE INSTITUTION.

The Committee obtained the services of a spe al agent at Springfield, at the Sessions of the Legislature last Winter, and a charter was obained, of which printed copies for the use of the Board accompany this report.

ENDOWMENT OF PROFESSORSHIP.

ad volu. 3. That if it shall appear to the General As Early in the year a gentleman, whose liberality s only equalled by his modesty in all he has done sembly that doctrines contrary to the Standards of the Presbyterian Church are inculcated in the for our Institution, who is a large holder of Seminary, or that in any other respect it is so managed as to be injurious to the interests of truth, piety and good order, the General Assemproperty at Hyde Park and vicinity, was induced by your Committee to entertain (in connexion with two other gentlemen.) a plan for the en-dowment in perpetuity of a full Professorship in the Institution. This plan, and its issues, are fully explained in a note to the Trustees, and bly may appoint visitors to examine into the state of the said Seminary, and to make a full report 4. That if the General Assembly shall be conwhich, with the bonds, accompany this report, marked C. It will be perceived from these pavinced that any Professor in the Seminary inculcates doctrines repugnant to the Word of God, and to our Confession of Faith, they shall require the Board of Directors to dismiss such Professor, pers, that the value of this source of income in perpetuity, depends upon the success of an insti-tution at Hyde Park, and the value of property and to appoint another in his place. And if the consequent thereupon, and is another and mos Directors neglect or refuse to comply with such requisition, the General Assembly may withdraw earnest reason why, with the utmost promptness and liberality, our whole Church should engage their patronage and superintendence from the in this work. Your Committee feel, and as freely Seminary, and take such other steps as may be express the sentiment, that it would be most deemed necessary in the case. 5. In the case of an election for a Professor lisgraceful to us now not to provide, with enlarged liberality, to meet all the expectations we when no one shall have received two-thirds of have awakened. the votes of the Board of Directors, then the

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The subject of some additional agencies for the could call his own, and that before its close not so few as twenty millions would inhabit it, and that it was for these teening millions we were honored in founding an Institution for educating collection of funds, was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. J. G. Monfort, D. D., Rev. J In America. ALSO, SPOONS; FORKS, LADLES, FRUIT, TEA AND TABLE KNIVES, ETC. No. 15 South Ninth Street, above Chestant, Near the Girard House, Philadelphia. young men to preach the Gospel; and when we remembered and reviewed the liberal spirit with which we had been met by the donors of our grounds at Hyde Park, and that they had been ved," That the Synods having care and con-Philadelphia. trol of this Seminary, be requested, at their first thus liberal in the expectation that we would meeting, to admit the Synods of Upper Missisof their remaining property, and further entersippi and Southern Iowa into union with them. The committee to report alterations in the Con-stitution, reported that they found none needed. tained the belief that the property donated to us, (over and above the nine acres to be forever reserved for Seminary purposes,) would go far to pay for all our building, when sold-we felt con-strained that you should fully sustain us in de-vising most liberally. We have so devised, and 139 Seventh Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. A V IN G FUND NATLONAL. SAFE-TY TRUST COMPANY-Walnut Street, South-West corner of Third. Philadelphia. Incorporated by the State of Pennsylvania. Money is received in any sum, large or small, and interest. paid from the day of deposit to the day of withdrawal. The office is open svory day, from 90'clock in the morning till 7 o'clock in the evening, and on Monday and Thursday evonings till 90'clock. All sume, large or small, are paid back in gold, on demand, without notice, to cary amount. 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ways and means for the present wants of the Seminary. The following resolution, offered by C. A.

Spring, was adopted, viz. :

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock. Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Smith be invited to The Board met, and was opened with prayer. The Report of the Executive Financial Com-mittee was called up for consideration, and after spend such time temporarily, as he may be able to, without infringing upon his other duties, in efforts to raise funds for this Seminary, under being read was, on the motion of Rev. Dr. Stanthe direction of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee are hereby authorized Report of the Executive Committee of the Presbyteto employ him, and pay him for his services as they rian Theological Seminary of the North-West, to

the Board of Directors, at their meeting in Chicago, The Executive Committee meet the Board with

the following result: For Dr. Rice-Rev. J. G. Monfort, D. D., J. M. many indications of his favor during the year. and for the editors in this city, requesting its publica-For Dr. Rice-Rev. J. G. Monfort, D. D., J. M. many indications of his favor during the year. of the editors in this city, requesting its publica-Glover, Rev. R. L. Stanton, D. D., James Blake, We have had much, during the year of our tion; and when thus published, the Secretary be Rev. Levi Hughes, Rev. J. C. Brown, Rev. J. A. Executive duties, to encourage much which directed to forward it to the Presbyterian of the

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Closed with prayer.

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