# BANNER AND ADVOCATE. THE PRESBYTERIAN

UNION WITH THE NEW SCHOOL DECLINED.

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work. A recors was here taken. At the resumption of the session, Dr. Howe, from the Ju-dicial Committee, obtained tears to report monthematic a so of committee to the session of a star of the which were received and order d to te placed on the dock+t. The amendment of Mr. Caruthers to the report on Edu-cations and the selection of the session of the second secon

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NEW SCHOOL RESUMED. The resolution of Dr. Van Reinselaer to appoint a com-mittee of three to confer with a committee of the United Bynoid of the Freedysternan Church, Bonth, and to report to this Ansembly, was then taken up. Mr. Obb having the floor, made an able and very eloquent speech, in favor of the resolution. We have options notes of this admirable address, but cannot reproduce an abstract in our pres-ni faus. The hour for adjourgment having arrived, on motion, the time of the session was extended for half an hour. Dr. Hoge took, the floor in oppetition to the yiews ar-pressed by Mr. Obb, which were summed up in four cogent resolution, and the hour of adjourgment having arrived, the Assembly, after a prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Cowan. adjourned unit 9 of lock to morrow.

BIXTH DAY-Wednesday, May 18. The Assembly was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The allot is of yesterday were read and approved. Mr. Lowris nominated Dr. Palmer to preach lefore the next annuit Assembly, on Foreign Missions, and Dr. Stan-ton to be his alternate.

# SEMINARIES.

BEMIN ARIES. Dr. Dumont, from the Committee on Theological Semina-ries, made the following report, which was accepted, and ordered to be placed on the Dockst, vis.: Princeton, N. J.; Unlow, Va.; Western, Pa.; Danville, Ky "All these Skinnaries, during the past year, have been highly favored. The teachers have been faithful and the public alligent and chemplary. The numbers in attend-public alligent and chemplary. The numbers in attend-been mailfested. It has generally been a year of health. But one death his occurred. The Committee, in view of the redommendation of the last Assembly, numers : "That the redommendation of the last Assembly, numer, or these recommunique of the instances of the index ment of those Charchest beinged to complete the index ment of those Seminaries this are not yet fully endewed; to increase the number of scholarships, to furnish funds for repairs, and frection of suitable buildings, and the enlargement of libra-

rise." The Directors of Princeton have asked the General As-sembly to amend the plan of the Peaningry, Art II, Sec.1, so is to erase the fullowing words: "And the President, or in case of this absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall be one.". The Committee recommend that the request be one.". The Committee recommend that the request be one. The Committee recommend that the request be indiate the fullowing words: "And the President, or the Union Theological Seminary I. Virginia, be anthorized, with the Soncirretue of the Synod of Virginia, the sufforced, of North (Carolina," and the Prestytery of Winchester, to trabefer to the Truttees of Union Theological Seminary, in "the Jone of Prince Edward, Virginia, is the lands, funda." t North (Carolina, and the Presbytery of Winchester, to ransfer to the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary, in the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, all the lands, funde, mod then property belonging to sold Seminary, now in the ands of said Directors, or which may hereafter come into

hands of said Directors, or which may hereaster come into their hands.
Directors, Ky.-By the report of the Directors Director Besita, to said the said of the Directors of Danville Seminary, is will devolve on the Assemby, at its preach testion, to release a Professor of Church Government and Pastoral Theology, to fill the Ohair mide vacant by the visignation of Stuart Robinson, D.D.
Reabeded, That the arrangement made, for this year, to terminate the seminor of the Theological Seminary at Prince-ton on the last Weineday for April, be made permanent.
Wastern Remindry, Ph.-Directors of the Western Vennanet.
D.-Gerge Marshall, D.D., Samuel Wilson, D.D., W.D.
Howard, D.D. Aler: B. Brown, D.D. Ta R. Meaboy; Elliott E. Switt. Eddors-Alex. Laughlup, Francis G. Bailey, B. Rush, Bradford.

Rush Bradford. Resolved, That the reports from the Seminaries be printed in the Appendix of the Minutes.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES. "The Committee in mominate delegates to Foreign Bodies; mada streport recommending that L. W. Green; D. D., as principal; and LeroyJ. Halery, D. D.; as his alternate. be the delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; also that George Howe, D. D., as principal, avd J. H. Thornwell; D D.; as alternate, be the delegate to the As-sociate Reformed Synod of the South. The report was received and adopted.

JUDICIAL.

Mr. Cowan moved to take up case No. 3, which was yes-tanday reported by the Judicial Committee. This was an appeal by E N. Sawyer, from the celsion, twice made by,

Assembly in behalf of the Board of Publication, and that Prof. Samuel J. Wilson be his alternate.

Biesdman, Charles Stillman Laymen--R. Sauter, Jr., George Sharswood, B. A. Fahno-stock David A. Sayre, W. H. Hauson, James Imbrie, G. B. Dungan, Robert M. Patton, George Junkin, Jr., J. R. Snow-den, Joseph Henry, Samuel S. Spencer. Many Commissioners followed in support of the resolu-

perchance of specific attention to the necessities of salors, and of deaf mutes. Mr. Freencer spoke of the great value of the Board and cited examples of the benefit secured to individuals who had amended their lives in obedience, to the samouitons of tracts distributed by the Colorisum. Mr. Rockwell spoke of the importance of clergyman presching more through the press in all the modes in Which it is susceptible of being employed. He quoted the words of the Prophet, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them that bring good tidings; that publich peace; that asy unto Zion thy God reigneth;" and applied them to the uses of the press, for the advancement of the Goopel. He paids an most just and discriminating thute to the moral power which is lodged in the hands of Sditors: and recommended the duty and importance of special prayers

and recommended the duty and importance of special prayers for Editors. Mr. Savage said he had come on this long pllgrimage, from the Old Granite to the Greecent City, not simply to partici-pate in the debates and actions of this Body, but to show that the Prestyterian thurch has no sections and her sympathies and fellowship are as broad as the Church of Christ. Among the oreats which he will ever treasure with the bighest sat isfaction, are the pleasant intercourse and renews associa-tions of tiffs visit. Forty years ago, he had yisited New Orleans, and he was surprised at the changes which had been wrought by time. There was then, at most, but one Protestant church. Now the blessed precad of the influence of the truth every where else, is manifet in this city, and this femple in which we stand, is cheering evidence, of its

an advocated the recommendation that the memmr. Owan suvories in Formation and the statistic states of the second st

not pixelser those published by other connexions or denom-inations should not love their neighbors better than them-selves. Mr. Cobb said he had a single idea which he wished to present. We have listened to many speeches addressed to ministers; he desired to speak to the laymen. He thought it the bounden duty of every follower of the Lord Jesus Chirist to preach the Gospel, even though not consecrated to the work of the mulasity, by the laying on of hands. An-niss, a layman, caused tho seales to fall from the eyes of the Apostle, and Aquilla, with his wife, Priscilla, opened more fully the dospel to this great Apostle himself. It is our duty, as we have opportunity, to open our mouths and preach. You and I have not fait the call to the ministry, but it is in far power to seed a preacher overy where—one more effectual far then many a living speaker. A preacher who was prosy of inefficient, being advised to substitute the ser-mons of the great Divines for his own, took that advice, and on anteriag the publit, said, "My hearers, Tillokson will preach to you this morning, fendlon will address you this afternoon, and in the evening you will listen to a discourse from Socatet " Such preachers as those, we fixed the power to send everywhere. Our money will secure the dissemina-tion of the Sabbath Manual and the Tamperince Manual. How much have we contributed for either of them, or fimi-lar publications? In this kind of work, we may initiate the example of the disciples who, after the break had bee blessed and broken by the Master, distributed if to the mul-titude. When, on the Sabbath day, we give a part of the simall sums we may heppen to have about us, can we settle it with a our conscience that such a pittance is the tithes which are the Lord ace? I such inquiries may apply, por-haps, to the speaker; but that circumistance does not in-validate their truth nor diminen their operator. Besides useful areart be forgotten that the most efficual preaching of all is that of consistent Christian deportmant; the mo

AN ASSEMBLY'S COMMENTARY. AN ASSEMBLY'S COMMENTARY. Dr. Breckinridge offered a Minute to provide a Commen-tary on the Scriptures which 'shall' be in acordance with the Westminster doctrines of this Church, as follows: "Inasmitch as the want of a sound, godly, and thorough Commentary of the whole Word of God, composed in the sense of the constant fault of the Unurch of God, as that is briefly set forth in the Standards of the Westminister As-sembly, held by the Presbyterian Church in the United Statist of America, this ion; been fait to be a grievous want, whereby a great lack of due service to 0dd and to his tiruth cours, and whereby constant danger of an of need less ignorance on one side, and of dangerous misguidance on the other; therefore be if "Waterobard By the General Assembly, that the Board of

tant of any that has yet been brought before the Assembly, but the motion to place it in the hands of the Board is all wrong. The promise of the Holy Spirit is to the Churchi and if light is not found there, it will be found nowhere. Ur. Rankin them inved to refer it to a Special Committee to report to the next Assembly. The motion was lost J H. Thompson moved to refer to the Synd as. On a divis-ion the yeas were 67, the nays 116; so the motion was lost Dr. Rankin moved to refer to the Preshyteries. The motion was lost Mr. W. J. Hoge said he desired the thing itself, but ob-igeted to its impracticability. He cited several examples from the Scriptures—in particular the various interprets tions of the paroteckes in the Apocalypse-to show the im-possibility of any interpretation that should be satisfactory to all; for the mest into do differ upon them; and the minute of Dr. Breckinnidge involves this very diffi-oulty. Dr. Rankin rose mainly to call attention to the valid ob-getions of the la sepaker. Can this Assembly make any whitever, it will result in distributed for the Statistic try, the differ upon them; and the minute of Dr. Breckinnidge involves this very diffi-upoise the Commentary that shell be satisfactory, to all 1. If we make any whitever, it will result in distributed of a great writer who says that baptize always means immersion. Cannet be satisfactory, it will result in a distributed of a great writer who says that baptize always means immersion. Cannet be satisfactory it will a sale and it has adopted. Dr. Mankin called attendion of the Babies appropriate him to all the same place. Mr. Menkin and the adout of proportion to any benefit to be sourced. The motion to the sale of the the of the result of a great writer who says that baptize always means intersers. Cannet be satisfactory, it will result in a distribution of the flow the lead of a great writer who says that baptize always means intersers. Cannet be satisfactory it wills a same the thing adopted. Dr. Matter the addition to the sa

Commentary that shall be estificatory to all . If we make any whitever, if will regult in disduption of this Church, suppose the Commentary should f llow the lead of a great writer who says that haptize always means immersion. I cannot be estified, for 1 don't belive it at all. This Assem-bly will commit a grave error whenever it shall give its imprimative to any Commentary any more than to any other publication of the Board. Mr. moris would sek, "Shall we not have a Commen-tary?" The objections now urged, were brought op at the initiation of this matter and the arguments urged against it, are really the best ones in its tavor. Dr. Breckinridge esid, he rose once more because he was called up. There, is a sense to the Westminater Standards, and the proposition of the proper, is that we conform to those Standards. It is wise to have standards in There is a Presby-terian Church in these Julits' States, and however the churches may stray there is a greater controversy between Denvil e Seminary and Prince Edward's, than between Dan-ville and Columbia. Dr. Hewitt declared his hearty support of the measure. Dr. Hege wished to make three ren arks, and he desired to be perfectly understood; but while endeavoring to be very clear he also wished to be very brief. Its. He approved of a Commentary, such as is referred to, if such were possible.

135. He apprived to a commentary scale will succerd. He fought the Commentators should be nominated by the chought the Generations should be included by the Synods. 3d. He disclettered the feasibility of accomplishing this thing in twenty years by the mode proposed. [Ories of markets]

u stion.] 'Pending the motion to adopt, a motion to adjourn was, on

division, carried. The Assembly was closed with prayer by Dr. Hewitt. EIGHTH DAY-Friday, May 14.

The Assembly was opened with prayer by the Moderator The Minutes of the previous day were read and corrected CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION.

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION. CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION. The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, through Dr. Van Kenselaer, Overture No. 10 as follows: "This Assembly having been called upon. In the Provi-dence of God, to unite in a Centennal Commemoration of the re-union of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia, in 1753, deem it proper, on this occasion, to adopt a minute relating to that interesting and important event. "The Assembly recognize the good hund of God, in 'early bringing to these 'sbores emigrants-Scotch, Scotch-Irish, Handish, and Huguenot-to assist in establishing the Church, of the Lord Jeeus Christ among the waste places of this Continent. The memory of the ministers who commenced the work of evengelization and who laid the foundation of the Church, is treasured by this Assembly, with graflinde to Him who sent thim forth to accomplish his purposes, with many self denils, alundant labors; and great success. "The Assembly further record their view of the inspeat-able importance and blessedness of pure revivals of religion in the Church; praising God for the general revults of the great revival of religion within our bounds in the days of Whitfield and the Founds in the present year has been signalized by the same precious and glorious wetawaiters of the Holy Spirit.

ear has been signalized by the same precious and glorious nutpourings of the Holy Spirit. utpointings of the Holy Spirit. "The Assembly further put upon record their sense of the bligations of the Oburch to its Great Head, in preserving, neorrupt, its outward forms of order in the olden time; in

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Assolution of the second secon Dr. Van Re The Report and Resolutions submitted by the Committee n Education were adopted.

NOMINATIONS FOR DANVILLE. Drs. Halsey, Stratton, Anderson, and Alfred Hamilton were then severally nominated to the Professorship of hurch Government and Pastoral Theology in the Theologi nary at Danville. Souther the decision was made the order

"Or motion of P. Junnou, the section was made income of the day for Monday next." Dr. Breckinridge called for the reading of the standing order relating t. elections, and in obcidence to that standing order, the Assembly engaged in prayer, in which they were led by Dr. Green. CHURCH EXTENSION.

The order of the day being the "Report of the Church Extension Committee," it was then taken up. Mr. Coe, the Corresponding Secretary, presented it, and spoke at consid-erable length in explanation and illustration.

The following is an abstract: ir Third Annual R to reinvestment of funds, in consequence of great losses formerly sustained by the Assembly. He moved to amond the resolution so as not to make a reinvestment impera-tive on the Board of Trustee, but to recommend the matter to the caleful consideration of the Board-leaving to them A member of the Board agreed with the last speaker, and

A member of the Board agreed with the last speaker, and was of opinion that such suggestion was all that was agreed upon in Committee. Mr. Gamble admitted that such suggestion was made in Committee, but maintaired that the resolution, in the very words presented in the Roport, was prepared discussed, and agreed on in the meeting of the Finance Committee. Dr. Van Renselaer believed the Board more prudent and compision than the General Assembly. The great loss re-ferred to, was made by the interference of the General As-sembly. Investment at more than aix per cont., is unlaw-ful in Pennsylvania, and if outside the State, the Board will be personally responsible He moved to lay the resolu-tion on the table, separated from the Report. The motion prevalled.

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The Report was then, on motion, recommitted: The Report was then, on motion, recommitted: The order of the day being to elect a Professor to the Theodogical Seminary at Danville, was then taken up. The members who had rominated Dr. Anderson, A. Ham-ilton, Thos. E. Peck, and Dr. L. J. Halsey, to the Professor-ship, severally asked leave to withdraw those gontiemen's names. Leave was granted. Dr. Breckinridge had leave to addiess the Assembly on the subject of the Professorship at Danville, beforeany vote was taken on the nominations. Dr. Joseph B. Stratton was then, on motion of Dr. Breck-Inridge, declared the unanimous choice of the Assembly to the vacant Professorship. A Committee consisting of Doctors Green, Baird, and Wor-rall was appointed to inform Dr. Stratton of his election, and to urge upon him its acceptance. The third order of the day, being reports of Committees on-iynodical Records was then taken up. Reports upon the ecords of all the Synode which had been presented to the committees were received, and, with some very slightmod-

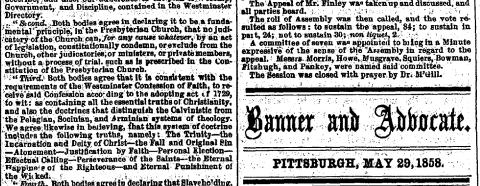
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Inclusion, was adopted. The Session was closed with prayer by Dr. Bowman, after a resolution to hold an evening Session at 7% o'clock.

EVENING SESSION. The Assembly was opened with prayer by the Moderato

t 71% P. M. The Minutes of the morning Session Were read and ap oved. The Appeal of Mr. Finley was taken up and discussed, and

The Appear of Mr. simily was that any and unschool, and all parties beard. The roll of Assembly was then called, and the vote re-sulted as follows: to sustain the appeal, 54; to sustain in part, 24; not to sustain 30; non 16002, 2. A committee of seven was appointed to bligg in a Minute expressive of the sense of the Assembly in regard to the appeal. Mesers. Morris, Hows, Musgrave, Squiers, Bowman, Fitshugh, and Panker, were amied said committee. The Session was closed with prayer by Dr. M'dill.



PITTSBURGH, MAY 29, 1858.

10 Wicked. Fourth. Both bodies sgree in declaring that Slaveholding, \* Fourth. Both bodies agree in declaring that Blaveholding, or the relation of master and alway cannot, in any carse, be a bar to membership in the Church of Christ. And whilst they admit the right of the Judicatories of the Ohurch to take cognisance, in all the way prescribed in the Constitution; of crueities practiced in the relation; they hereby declare the opinion, that as, the continuance or abolition of the system of alavery. In this country, belongs exclusively to the state, the discussion or agitation of Slavery, further than pertains to the moral and religious duties arising from the relation, is in appropriate to the functions of Church Judicatories. TERMS .- \$1.50, in advance; or in Clubs 1.25) or, delivered at residences of Subscribers, \$1.75. See Prospectus, on Third Page. RENEWALS should be prompti a little while before the year expires, that we may make full arrangements for a steady supply. THE RED WRAPPER indicates that we desire a renewal. If, however, in the haste of mailing, this signal should be omitted, we tops our friends will still not forget us. REMITTANCES.-Send payment by safe

the Fristion, is inappropriate to that in effecting the union, "*Pith.* It is forther agreed that in effecting the union the Presbyteries connected with this Synod shall be united as Presbyteries, and without an examination of the'r min-isters; with the Synods belonging to the General Assembly to which, because of their geographical limits, they should be attached, excepting that the tynod of Tennessee and the North Alabama Presbytery shall retain their name, and oc-ency their present territory. hands, when convenient. Or, send by mail, enclosing with ordinary care, and troubling North Alabama Presbytery shall retain their name, and de-cupy their present territory. "Statk. In the event of the General Assembly agreeing to the above terms, the Committee of Synod are directed to communicate the fact to the Presbyteries in commenion with this Synod, and the Presbyteries are hereby requested by the United Synod to take action upon the terms of union agreed upon by the Committees of Synod and the General Assembly, and to sond a copy of their minute to the United Synod, which will meet at Lynchburgh on the third Thurs des in Mes. 1850. nabody with a knowledge of what you are ining. For a large amount, send a Draft, or large notes. For one or two papers, send Gold or small notes.

TO MAKE CHANGE, Send postage stamp ar better still, send for more papers; say \$\$ or Seventy numbers, or \$1 for Thirty-three um ber S.

to REV. DAVID MCKINNEY. Pittsburgh.

Assembly, which will meet at Lynchburgh on the third Thurs-day in May, 1859. "Several: The Committee appointed by this Synod to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly, are here-by directed to attend the meeting of the General Assembly in New Orleans: in May next, and present the preamble and first two resolutions adopted by this Synod as their author-ity for requesting a conference with a Committee appointed by the General Assembly, to the General Assembly which will then be in session in that city. And if no member of the Committee should be able to attent the meeting of the Assembly in New Orleans, they are directed to send a copy of the preamble and first two resolutions to the Moderator of the Assembly in Committee for the purpose above speci-fied to designate a time immediately after the adjournment of the Assembly for a conference of the Committees. The Committee of this Synod are requested, in the event of a conference being had with a Committee of the Old School (Assembly: to publish, as som as practicable, the resolt of the ir consultations." Despired the Inited School JOSEPH H. MARTIN.

Iner consultations." JOSEPE H. MARTIN, Permanent Clerk of the United Synod. The following additional article was submitted and

Editorial Correspondence. NEW OBLEANS, Thursday, May 13. This day is devoted from 10 A. M. to 12, to the subject of Publication. It will complete the first week of the Assembly's sessions Much important business has been transacted; but much still remains, and another week may be needful; and even more would be necessary, should the House move at an Taking all these things into consideration, it ordinary pace. But it is probable that by Monday we shall hook on to a locomotive,

safety. CORRESPONDENCE WITH FOREIGN BODIES.

Rev. J. M. Young, of the Associate Raformed Synod of the South, and Rev. Talbot Chambers, D.D., of the Reformed Dutch Church, appeared as Delegates from those bodies. Their addresses were excellent and honestly and effectively, and at the same becoming, and were most courteously and eloquently responded to by the Moderator, on behalf of the Assembly. Our correspond-

ence, but a few years ago, embraced the As. sociations of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, and also the Synod of the German Reformed Church, but these have all dropped off. It is to be regretted that any thing should interrupt a kind intercourse among us, but it was better to cease from visiting than to associate in strife, or to utter sentiments tending to alienation. The invitation of the lato Knoxville Synod, on this subject, has not been, yet acted on by the Assembly. BOARD OF EDUCATION.

This Board's operations was the subject

before the Assembly on Tuesday. There were one hundred and three new candidates toward the latter part of the year, and it en-

It shows that Presbyterians must and will Colportage. have an educated ministry. There were some excellent speeches made

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY .-- We give the Minutes so far as received at the time of going to press. We will give the Minutes of the eleventh day, the last, together with the Narrative, next week. It is to the True Witness, mostly, that we are indebted for reports of the proceedings.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

which was delivered on Wednesday. It

was rich in historical reminiscences, correct

in sentiment, and eloquent in diction. It

is to be printed, and it should be read by

every family in our connexion. We shall

be pleased if we may announce its speedy

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

earnest discussion. The Report of the

Committee did not deal in mere generalities.

It aimed at progress, and made some specific

One idea, which was sternly opposed by

Dr. Breckinridge and others, was, that un-

productive churches should be dropped by the .

Presbyteries in their recommendations for

aid, or should be united, two or more, in one

pastoral charge. By "unproductive," the

Committee meant, not feeble churches.

Many feeble churches are most productive.

Many children are born to God in them, and

nurtured, and sent off to people new regions ;

thus building up Zion, but leaving the pa-

section passed without farther objection.

and the other production

suggestions.

appearance.

Jones had done so, and that Secretary Mus grave was now doing so, and that the Associate Secretary had not for all their time, attended to the duties in the office. It was also stated that the salary of the office was \$1,800 and the traveling expenses about \$300; that is, the expense was about equal to the aver. age appropriation to eleven missionaries seemed proper to the Assembly, notwith, standing their very high estimate of the present incumbent of the office, to make to and rush through at the topmost speed of the Board the suggestion named.

In both these respects the Assembly have shown themselves worthy of the TRUST reposed in them by the churches. They ask and receive of the churches, contributions for a specific purpose, and they are deter mined that the money shall be so applied time with due frugality.

The weather continues most delightfal The members enjoy good health, fine spirits and an abounding hospitality.

> Friday, May 14, 1858 BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The supply of our Church with a sound and attractive religious literature, is a mat. ter of the first importance. The business of the Board is not conducted as some are wont to express themselves, in the most effective manner; but all agree that it is doing a great work, and doing it safely. Its produc. tions are sound, and many of them are ad. mirably adapted to the wants of the Church The fiscal condition of the concern is highly

favorable. The Publishing department is conducted on business principles, and is made to sustain itself. The Culportage de. partment is regarded as a scheme of Benev. received during the year. This is a slight | olence, and collections are asked from the increase on the previous year. There was churches for its maintenance. It had been also an increase of \$5,000 in the contri- enlarged in the early part of the last year. butions to the Treasury. This was mainly and the revulsion in trade causing the dora. tions to diminish, there occurred a necessity abled the Board to meet all demands. The to overdraw on this fund, to the extent of result of the earnest appeal to the churches, \$8,500. This may be regarded as a lean made in the Winter, was most gratifying. from the Publishing department to that of

The Confession of Faith has been publish. ed in German ; and other efforts are being and quite a discussion arose, incidentally, on made in German literature.

They are even more scarce-far more scarce

True, every preacher is a commentator; but

there is not one preacher in a hundred, nor

in five hundred, who can write a popular

commentary, on a whole book of the Bible.

Sound expositions, many could write; but

to combine soundness with lucidness, attrac-

tiveness, and adaptation to the multitude of

aged and young, the family and the Sabbath

School, is a task most difficult of execution.

It requires learning, and polish, and experi-

ence, and feeling, and simplicity, and natur-

alness, and elevation, such as are rarely

found combined. The thought of excelling

Luther, and Calvin, and Poole, and Hen-

ry, and Scott, and Hodge, and Alex-

ander, and Jacobus, and a host of others

who have tried their well practised hands at

the work, is not one which many of our

The plan suggested is, for the Synods each

to appoint five of their most competent men,

and the Board to appoint five; these to meet

at the next General Assembly, and divide

the work amongst them. But, will the Syn

ods do so? and will the persons nominated

undertake the work? and who will decide

on the orthodoxy of the manuscripts, and

whether they are worthy? and who will in-

cur the expense of printed copies, to be sent

through the churches, for examination?

The subject is worthy of discussion, in these

cuss it for the ensuing twelve months, the

next Assembly may be prepared for more

Eight days of the sittings of the Assembly

are now accomplished. A large amount of

work has been done. Much more is still

proposed, but being not of the same impor-

tance, it may be more rapidly dispatched;

and there is a prospect that by Tuesday the

18th, the Commissioners may be ready to set

CHUBCH EXTENSION.

This subject has, as yet, failed to receive

this year. One even of its great opponents,

Saturday, May 15, 1858.

enlightened action.

their faces homeward.

This subject came up, again after the and many other aspects. If the papers,

rent church still feeble. Such should be lib- the attention it deserves. It is the youngest

erally aided. But there are some churches of our Church enterprises, and has not had

which embrace a few wealthy families, where the distinction which is usually bestowed

there is no increase, and no prospect of in upon "the babe" in the family. Its inter-

crease. They ask to have much preaching lests are consigned to a little corner, one page

They clamor for aid permanently. They ab- at the end of the Home and Foreign Re-

sorb the charities of the Church, to little cord. It is put last in the order of presen-

purpose, and thus they compel the Board, tation in the Assembly. It has assigned to

for want of the funds which they consume, it the remnants, after the other Boards are

to withhold missionaries from new countries, supplied. It is denied even a participation

and from large fields which deeply need in the family name-being allowed only the

itinerating laborers. The Committee, on re- dignity of a "Committee." But, let not

considering their report, slightly modified the "little one" be discouraged. It is grow-

the phraseology, retaining the idea, and the ing. An additional Director was allowed it

Another suggestion of the Committee consented to examine into its affairs and to

was, that in view of the many demands up. present its case to the Assembly-with

Centennial sermon, and elicited much and the Presbyteries and Synods, shall duly dis-

ministers are likely to cherish.

the subject of a call to the ministry. Some TA proposition, introduced by Dr. R J. brethren thought that every converted young Breckinridge, providing for a Commentary man should feel himself called, unless he on the whole Bible, to be issued by the had some good reason testifying to the con-Board, in say, six Royal octavo volumes, octrary. Others thought, with the late Dr. cupied much of the Assembly's time. This Archibald Alexander, that no man should is a long cherished scheme with the brother. enter the ministry who could, consistently, Some twenty years ago, he introduced it to the with a good conscience, keep out of it. Per-Assembly. It then failed to meet with aphaps both sides expressed themselves too probation, and now it comes forward anew. strongly. The declaration of the Anostle. as a candidate for favor. But it is looked "No man taketh this honor upon himself. upon almost hopelessly. The Doctor thinks but he that is called of God, as was Aaron,' that poets cannot be made to order. There is worthy of notice. The call should be are others, who regard good commentators to clearly ascertained, by our young men, and be as difficult of procurement, as are poets.

UNION WITH THE NEW SCHOOL DECLINED. The special Committee spointed to meet the Committee of the United Synod organized at Knoxville to obtain from them the terms on which that Synod proposes to unite with this assembly, reported that they had met that Commi tee, and as the result of their meeting, asked leave to submit the following terms of union, viz.: "This may certify that the meeting of the United Synod of the Presebyterian Church in the United States of America, which was organized in Knoxville, Tennessee, the 2d day of April, 1858, the following action, being, leave to the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Old School Geweral Assembly in the event of that body ap-pointing one for that purpose, with reference to a union, of the two bodies, was taken:

THE APPEAL FROM NEW JERSEY. THE APPEAL FROM NEW JERSEX. The second order of the day, being the appeal of Mesurs. Finley and Bloomfield, was then taken up, and discussed till the usual bour of adjournment. The Committee on Leave of Absence reported the names of some twenty or thirty members, to whom such leave should be granted. The report, after some opposition and discussion. Was added.

e two bodies, was taken: "Resolved, That said Committee be directed to propose t is Committee appointed by the General Assembly, the fo wing terms of union as indispensable to an honorabl which convergent and the analysis of the second sec

the Synod of Chicago, rescoring or ricaginan to the priva-leges of the church which had been denied him by the Ses-sion of he own church. On the question, to adopt the re-commendation of the Judicial Committee, a debate occurred in which Messra. Cowan, Rankin, Howe, Thompson, Morris, Equiers, Canalagham, Breckinridge, and others, took part. The motion to adopt was unanimous. CENTENNIAL SERMON."

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, Rev. The Yan Baaselase delivered the discourse of the Centennial And series of the union of the Synods of New York and Philadelphis, in 1/55. The discourse, and all action thereon, was referred to the Computer of the and Oscillation thereon.

Committee on Bills and Overtures to prepare a Minut report the same to the Assembly. The Assembly then took a recess for half an hour.

**DOMESTIC MISSIONS.** On resuming the session, Dr. McKinney, from the Com-mittee on the "Beport of the Beard " Domestic Missions," to whom was recommitted a portion of their previous re-port, submitted the following resolutions which were adopted . Resolved. That the magnitude of the second sec

to from which the following, resolutions which were adopted. Received, That the magnitude of the cause, and the adaptation of the Presbyterian Church, to a successful work in recey part of the country, and the calls for laborer, multi-difference in the country is increase, do mand of the Assembly in the country's increase, do mand of the Assembly new efforts to enlarge their contributions of both men and means. The fail it the world's the calls for laborer, multi-difference in the country's increase, do mand of the Assembly new efforts to enlarge their contributions of both men and means. The fail it the world's the calls for laborer, multi-difference is the second to both men and means. The fail it the world's the second to both men and means. The fail it the world's the second to both men and means. The fail it the world's the second to be an another the second to both men and means. The fail it the world's the second to be an another the second to be any second to be apprecedent of the second to the farmer and the second to the second to the second to the apprecedent of the second to the apprecedent of the second to the second

## SEVENTH DAY-Thursday, May 13.

The Assembly, was opened with prayer by Dr. Hewitt. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved Dr. Hewitt from the Committee on Foreign Correspond ence midde "Highort on the communication from the "Gan eral Bynodale of Paris," accompanied by the following reso indions, mainly 2.

eral Synchete of Paris, accompanies by the intering cou-lutions insting? Ist. That when the statistics of the last year are com-pleted, and nors particularly that 'relating to the present revirals of religion, our Moderator be requested to raply to the President of the Synch of the Free Church in France, expressive of the sympathy, 'suberstica,' and affection of this Assembly, for that siter church. 2d. That if one or more of our torefreet shall visit Europe the ensuing Simmer, our Méderator be empowered to com-mission fint or them to represent this Assembly in that Synch. 'Adopted. Bynch. 'Adopted.

mission rim of them to represent this Associativy in that Bynd. (Adopted) The tommittie on Milesre reported in substance, that there has been received in all, \$106 70. The milesgie exhib-ited associate to sight thousand two hundred and forty miles which at the rate of compensation allowed, entitles the metherito \$135364, leaving a balaxos in the Treesury of \$3.00. The report was received and adopted. On motion of Dr. Bowman the unfinished business of Theoday, relating to the United Spinod of the Presbytarian Church organized last month in Knoaville, desiring a Com-mitties of Conference, was taken up) and Medra Wan Rene-selaer, Churingham, and Palmer, were appointed. "The business of the Associate Reformed Spinod of the Church Bouck, respective a closer minon of the two bodies, Austich Bouth, respecting a closer union of the two bodies, wie next taken up. The question being that of a continu-ance of the (Continuites of (Conference, was discussed by Mesars, Calhoun, Hewitt, Howe, and others

PUBLICATION. The order of the day was then taken up. The Secretary f the Board presented the Annual Report.

The order of the day was then taken up. The Becretary all f the Board presented the Annual Report. [Astract naxt week] The "Beport of the Board" was followed by: the Beport if the Committee, through hr. Mitchell. Resolved, That, the Assembly processing and commend the board as an efficient and honored instrumentality in coun teracting the papicious effects of libentlows and corrupt lit orature, and in disseminating, through the waste places of which, doubliess, will ultimately produce in the hands of our Zion the seeds of sound, theology, and of vital-plety, a which, doubliess, will ultimately produce in the hands of of dod recupie, thirty, sixty, and eres an hundred fold. Eccoled, That it is subject matter for devout gratiture to in flow and the seeds of sound, the country, and proved onimercial embarrasement perveded; the country, and prought source and the amount of church of the massed assignit to more than ordinary benevolence, in consequence of, which, (although there was a diminution in the miscella-neous, respirat, and the this unexpected, and happy result was accomplied, first the afford the Assembly much gratification to learn, that afford the Assembly much gratification to learn, that, affords the Assembly much gratification to learn, that, first the advent of a single cant. Basedeed, Stat it affords the Assembly much gratification to learn, that, building the afformation of the present and the discover and prudent management of the resources, during the atles not only paid ell it a pecuminy when the abilishing devent on the the tails present

y the discreet and prudent management of its , during the crisis, not only paid all its pecuniary near the bublishing department, but also increased meas by the publication and gratuitous distribution for number of books and tracts than it had pub-

in proving your. d. Assembly pleasure to learn; board, as fast as corounstances justify, are pub-vangelical, works in the German language suitable Frangelical works in the polation. saits of the German population. lock, That the humble and self denying colporteur is lock. That the humble and self denying colporteur is

doing God's work, and deserve the sympathy of God's peo-pic; and that, as ha visits, from house, to house, the Lord's poor with Ohrist's love in his heart, and the books of the Board un his head, he is effectually aiding the missionary of Board in his haud, he is effectually siding the mis the ercer in diffusing Christian light and mowiled

less ignorance on one sing, and of daligerous ming undated on the other; therefore be it ""Rejoked, By,the General Assembly, that the Board of Publication shall, and it is hereby directed to proceed with all convenient dispatch to have such a Commentary com-posed, prepared for the press, and published. "And in the execution of this great, work, the following rules and orders, together with such unther as may be adopted from time to time by the General Assembly, that like Carefully observed by the Board of Publication; and by all others in any ways a engaged in the execution of any part thereof." "It is commentary shall be prepared exclusively by the members of this Church, and in the preparing of it they shall have all such indugence as to time, as they shall respectively demand. And for their own 'compensation and their heirs, shall receive, for the legal term of twenty-eight years, a ball per centure on the price of the work sold, which shall be settled in advance by the Board of Publica-cation; and which shall be inform; and in the original of Publica-cation; and which shall be inform; and in the origin of all claims and cold of every sort in any way counceted with their said work.

fill consideration, nominate to the said Board of Publication any number of their own members, not to exceed five from any one Synch, of such as they shall consider qualified to undertake the work, and the joard of Publication may add not more than four; in addition to the whole rounder thus nominated to it, and it shall communicate the list of names thus obtained by sifting the Church, to the General Assem-bly at its next stated meeting in May of next year; making, at the same time, and from year to year: thereafter report of its doings under, and by virtue of this Minute. "4. The uteneral Assembly of 1869 will take such fur-ther order in the premises, especially with regard to selec-tion of percess out of the list communicate to thit, to the distribution of the work amongst them, and to all things meedful for its effectual proceention as shall seem most ex-pedient?"

dientif and anerger i been a dinerger desider (1951) Dr. Breckinridge said that he made a movement similar

to the present at the very first organization of the Ger Ascembly, and from time to the it has been renewed. Theological Seminizies, and Princeton in particular, done much to keep the attention alive on the subject; the Assembly is now better prepared than at any time pre-viously, to make such a Commentary. Many Commenta ries, of greatments, are in existence; but when asked by brethren in the Church for advice as to a choice of one, h brethren in the Church for advice as to a choice of one, he had often been trainy perplexed how to advise them. There is not one that comes up to the Westminster Standards; and that is a true exponent, therefore, of the doctrines of this Ohurch. The present is probably the last opportunity he would ever enjoy of bringing this enterprise. before this As-sembly; for he had been for so many years a Commissioner here, that both modesty and consistency if Fildlikis coming used in Aurry.

here, this thost modesty and consistency for bid Lis coming again in a hurry. Mr. Barke's pokes in favor of the measure, but objected to the length of time proposed to be expended in its comple-tion. Nothing, said he, is more needed, and we want it as our as possible. Mr. Eagleson offered an amendment to strike out the Bible of King James," and incert "Bible in com-mon use." He said that many years are the subject of the faithfunces of the common version, was agitated until it resulted in the Publication, at the Clarendon Press, of a for simile of the original "King James Bible," over to the errors of the press of that edition. The result demonstra-ted the perfect fidelity of the pommon version. Jr. Breckinding objected to the amendment, maintain-ing the superiority of the pirase employed; but hoped that ine defeat of the main question. Dr. Rankin supported the amendment on the ground that the pression would grow out of a trifle which might re-sult in a defeat of the main question. Dr. Rankin supported the superion and of the public feeling 'requires the hes of the words, "the common version." Dut the resulting and the which thing and to each and all the resolutions offered on the subject. "The amendment was then, view of the subject."

he declared his hostility to the whole thing and to each and all the resolutions offered on the subject. The ameridament was then rejected. Dr. Rankin and the rejection of that ameridanent, should the Minute be adopted, will result in bringing about the very thing which we have condemnant in the former section of the 'Ameridam Bible Society. "He simerely hoped this Assembly will not leave the 'matter' so vague. In his car-liest boyhord, he became acquainted with the King James version through the edition 'published' by Matthew Carey, and the was able to testify that no change from that has loceured within his own day. "He hoped the Assembly would reflect that it will be held responsible for whatever is published with its anotion. Mr. Hull moved an amendment that the right of the Com-mentators to a per centage on the sales of their work should conform to the legal limit of twenty eight years, instead of being perpetual. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hoyd objected to the references made to existing, Commentaries, which seem to imply that none of them are it to be recommended to Obrightans. In condemning such men as Henry, he thought there might be some danger of imitating the practice of the young Hottentot, whose first decisive proof of his manhood, is to whip his mother. He would therefore move an amendment which should deny any design of disparaging existing Commentaries. Dr. Breckfnridge replied that no sach design was intend-ed or expressed. He wished to be understood that there is Commentary which expanded the served fast meetifaily ed or expressed. He wished to be understood that there is no Commentary which expounds the sared taxt specifically according to the doctribues of Westminater. He spoke from a careful examination of them all. He had read every word and time of Sout's Commentaries, from knew to knew, and he had likewise read, the whole of Matthew Henry, from knew to knew, and he declared they do not constitute such Commentaries as we desire for the use of the Presbyterian Churck:

Commentaries as we denice for the date of the Presidential Onarch: Dr. Hoge was of opinion that the Assembly is not now ready to enter upon this work. It would be better to refer the matter to the Board of Publication, to report at the next annual Assembly. He offered such a motion as an amend-ment. The amendment was lost.

The tollowing is an abstract: The committee preface their Third Annual Report! to the General Assembly with the statement that it shows a decided advance in the Word entrusted to the m. Recurre — The receipts from all sources during the year anding April 1st; 1858, were \$24 fail.16 exceeding those of the previous year, \$1476,54. Less than half, however, of this precess is from donations. The number of contributing churches named in this report is five hundred and eighteen. The number named in this preceding report was five hun-dred and two. These results have been reached in the midst of the hard. time's without any selarife collecting agent, and are as gratifying as they were unexpected. XFFRENTURES — The total expenditures of the year, were \$24,884.08. The amount paid out t churches this year isin advance of the ismount paid out to them last year over seven thousand dollars.

thousand dollars. Arreornations. During the year, appropriations were made to seventy-six churches, amouning to \$27,471.03. This is nearly \$10,000 more than the amount appropriated

This is nearly \$10,000 more than the amount appropriated to churches last year. Arritations - From April 1st, 1857, to April 1st, 1858, one hundled churches applied for aid to enable them to complete their houses of working free from debt. The amount of aid they ack is not less than \$45,000, being fully \$12,000 more than the amount of aid applied for last year. At the close if the year, there remained on flie sizely applications for aid, calling for \$25,000. Over or Churone Environs. — In the two and a half years the Committee have been tair y at work, they have made appro-priations to two hundred and five different churches. One hundred and fifty three of these two hundred and five church buildings cost from \$500 to \$2,500. Thirty-nine from \$2,500 to \$5,000, and the other thirteen over \$5,000. Five of the thirteen were special appropriations. Distratavrout or & unnee. The two and a work of the start was spesible over the whole Church. How far they have suc-ceeded in this endeavor, may be determined for these two facts. ist. Only three of the hundred new applications received

2d. Grants have been made to churches in thirty of the 2d. traits have ocen made to churches in thirty of use thirty one Synods, and eighty-six of the one hundred and, two Presbyteries, from whose bounds applications have come. The synod and Presbyteries to whom no appropria-tions have been made, are those from whose applying churches, the requisite information has not yet been re-

churches, the requisite information and all shows the series of the requisite information and the series of the se ceived from *churches* in the last three years is the the amo These results encourage the Committee to hope that the

These results encourage the Committee to hope that the biessing of God and the favor of God's people, will advance y the Church Extension Enterprise, until all our waste places shall be supplied with sanctuaries wherein the Lord will take pleasure and will be glorified. Dr. Bieckluridge, from the Special Committee on that Report; then presented the following namely: "The Committee on the Third Annual Report of the As-sembly's Church Extension Committee, having considered said Report; recommend the solution of the Jollowing reso-lutions by the General Assembly, namely: "flat Kesowed, That the Unurch Extension Committee appears to have conduct d the great interest committee to them by the General Assembly with diligence and fidelity. "ad the Lord has biessed and prospered them; for which thanks are due to his biessed name. "2d. Insamuch as the work of building houses for public covered thinly by the Presbyterian Church, presents diffi-to line so various in their nature as to reader it impossible to gree specific directions concerning them; the General Assembly entoring the Committee to reason of the State-son the cover of the the present of them a fin-to specific directions concerning them; the General Assembly entoring the Committee to reso for ward in the

culties so various in their nature as to render it impossible to give specific directions concerning them; the General Assembly exhoring the Committee to press forward in the important work, and exhorting the churches to contribute liberally to it, contents itsel with the general authoriza-tion to the Committee to proserute it in such manner as its own increasing experience and the continual indications of Providence shall satisfy them is most wise and effectual throughout the Church. "3d, Such on our congregations as have insufficient ac-commodations for public worship; are expected, according to their means, to provide themselves with good and permanent places for the public worship of God. Such as have none, are exhorted to make vigorous efforts to provide themselves with them; this being the form of Christian effort, especially in neighborhoo's where we have no stated place of worship, toward which these without are 'nsually most disposed to' contribute.

Waith which these without are insulty hose the loss of a contribute. "44h. All our congregations in country places, and es-pecially those in new settlements, are exhorted to make provision, where it is possible, of suitable and sufficient grounds for a school for their children, a hone for their minister, and a burial place for their dead. all con-renient to their place of worship. And in all these neces sary matters, secured while the land is still low-all parsimony being avoided, and due care being taken to secure their titles alike against future disputes and future injury to the cause of Truth, and thus laying sure foundations, they may act as becomes those who trust God, and build for many generations."

they may act as becomes those who trust God, and build for many generations. "5th Reeing the vest extent of the land yet to be poe-sessed, the simost indispinsable necessity of a sufficient place of worship, to the permanent establishment of a con-gregation, and the great and constant blessing of God up n our Church in all its endeavors, it becomes all our ministers and people, whose lot is so casts as to enable them to serve the Lord in this way, to use wise forecast, in good time to secure such necessary sites for church buildings, both in towns and in country places as will facilitate the constant extension of the Church, and its firm establishment in every quarter of the country." " 6. That the Third Annual Report of the Committee be approved and published. "The Ommittee recommend that one member be added to the organic number of the Committee, and that the fol-lowing persons be elected members thereof, to serve for three years.

BLEOTION. Ministers-N. L. Rice, S. J. P. Anderson, S. B. McPheeters, James Smith, James A. Palge, James H. Brooks. Laymen-H. R. Gamble, Wm. Biley, W. M. McPheeters. The second order of the day being to elect persons to fill vacancies in the various Boards, and preachers for the mended in the respective reports of Committee. on those Boards, were then severally elected as Directors. D. B. M. Palmer, as principal, and Dr. R. L. Stanton, as alternate, ware elected to preach before the next Assembly, on Foreign Missions. Rev. Henry Steele Clarke, as principal, and J. O. Brown, as alternate, were elected to preach on Domestic Missions. Dr. Micholas Murray, as principal, and Dr Brown, as alternate, were elected to preach on Educa-tion.

<sup>10</sup>*Dighth.* That in the event no union is agreed to; ti Committee be directed to propose to the General Assemb the establishment of a mutual correspondence in the futu-between us as ecclestastical bodies." A true extract of the minutes. JOSEPE H. MARTIN. Permanent Clerk of the United Synod.

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A true extract of the minutes. JORDER, H. MARTIN: Join Moinday was called up, and amended by striking out the whole' of the first sentence of the division numbered "J," together, with the word. "And," commencing the second sentence of that division; and inserting a new sentence in lieu'thereof. The Minute, as amended, was unantinously adopted, and now reads as follows: "I. The Committee spoicted by the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church, has communicated to this Assembly the 'dhoil action of said Synod.' settling, on their part, the "terms of union?" by them declared to be "indispensable;" and the Assembly is informed, through the public press, of this Assembly is informed. Through the public press, of the ontents of a paper adopted by that Synod, and called by it, "A Declaration of Principles." In the judgment of this Assembly the official geres do not afford a basis of Conference, upon which this Assembly is, able to see that thore is any prospect of advancing the interests of Christ's hingdom in general, or those of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, or those of the Presbyterian Oburch in the United States, or those of the Presbyterian fourch in the United States, or those of the Ander Minute her commu-mion, upon the single condition that they are like minded with herself. At this time ample provision is made in her-stright and where it is possible, identical with those provided in regard to her 'own children, 'reared in her 'own bosom. Seelug that it was in a voluntary-secssion from the Presby-terian, dwhere it is possible, identical with these provided in regard to her 'own children, 'reared in her own bosom. Seelug that it was in a voluntary-secssion from the Presby-terian, dwhere it is possible, identical with these resolu-sion from our Church twenty years ago. "S. With reference to the recent, secession in the key School body, this General Assembly does not see in that event, or he any thing which has hither to resulted from it, any new sleps what

THE EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE. A letter was received from Dr. Baird, who was commis floned to represent the General Assembly in foreign Chris tian bodies. He had attended three Evangelical Conferences the first in Londen, the second in Paris, and the third in Berlin, . The latter Conference continued nine days in set sion, and the whole Christian world was represented. Th number of delegates in attendance was not less than four test

undred; and the result of the meeting is the formation in Evangelical Alliance, and the manifest advancement ligious, toleration The session was closed with prayer by Dr. McKinney. MINTH DAY-Saturday, May 15. so as to harmonize, in a great measure, the

The Assembly was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The Minutes of the previous day were read and ap oved [] \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

the Synods of Plittsburgh and North Osrolina; which were sommendatory, and approved by the Assembly. "The day was mainly occupied with the Appeal from the Synod of New Jorsey. The day was main bly was closed with prayer by Dr. Halsey. EVENING SESSION.

The Assembly was opened with prayer by Dr. Van Ren salaer, Moderator pro. lem. The Minutes of the morning session were read and ap-proved.

ASSOCIATE REFORMED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

ASSOCIATE REFORMED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH. The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee of Conference between the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and the Treebyterian Church, repre-sent that they have cerefully examined sold Report, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: "Resolved, That the fidelity of the Committee be approved." "Resolved, That the Golmittee be continued; with addi-tion of the following persons, namely: Chancellor Job Johnson, Rev. Thomas Hoyt, Thomas L. McBryde, D.D., and J. H Thorawell, D.D.; said Committee to report to the next "Resolved, That it be recommended to all, and especially to our ministers and churches in the Bouth, to direniate. for examination and use, the Pealms and Hymn books of our Church, with Sciencings from the Book" of Pealms in matre, according to the version used in the Church of Scotland."

tions from the old version of the Psalms. Prayer by Rev. Davidson. Benediction by NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION Dr. McLaren. Thus, after a separation of

Dr. Halsey, Chairman of the Committee on the Sta

Identification, then read the Narrative. [Narrative next week.] The Report was received and adopted. A song of presse, being Hymn 581, was sung by the sembly, and a prayer offered to Almighty God by Rev. M. Grimes.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE. BYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE. Dr. Junkin, on behalf of the Committee on Systematic Benevolarce, submitted a. report, as being intimataly re-lated to the subject, which had just been under considers thom. The Report announced an increase in the contribu-tions of the Presbyteries, and named the churches in the order of smount of their several herefactions. The Report offered several auggestions for material im-provement in the plan, and several deliverances—all em-bodied in a series of resolutions. The Report offered and after some alight amend-ments, and an eloquent appeal in support offits recom-mendations, by Rev. Dr. Junkin, it was adopted. The Session was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graven.

there should be no thought of resisting. EVANGELICAL REPOSITORY .- The Rev. God calls in his providence and by his grace. Joseph T. Cooper, D. D., who has been the There is an outward call and an inward call. editor of this organ of the Associate (Seced-The need of laborers is one of the calls, just er) Church for the last sixteen years, with now, and those who have recently been much acceptance, has retired. The new brought into a state of grace, should heed editor is the Rev. T. H. Beveridge, whom it well. we welcome to the editorial fraternity.

One hundred and seventeen years ago, there Christians, the learned and the rude, the THE PRINTER-A monthly newspaper devoted to the interests of the "Art Preservwas a division in the Presbyterian Church, ative of all Arts," Vol. I., No. 1., published small as it then was. The subjects in dispute by Henry & Huntingdon, No. 1 Spruce were, the qualifications requisite to entering Street, New York. This new publication is the Christian ministry, and the evidences of intended to give a correct history of Printregeneration which should be required of ing-of the various improvements in the those who asked to enter into Church com-Art, and also much miscellaneous matter. munion. The controversy waxed warm, and a part of the Synod of Philadelphia left the

majority, and formed the Synod of New DANVILLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY .----The Rev. Dr. Stratton, of Natchez, Miss., York. But the subjects of difference were not has been elected, by the General Assembly, so held as permanently to alienate brethren to the Professorship made vacant by the refrom each other. They acted separately for signation of Dr. Robinson. , Dr. Stratton is seventeen years, and then came together again a gentleman in the prime of life, of highly in fraternal love. In commemoration of this respectable qualifications, and greatly behappy event, Dr. Van Rensselaer, by order loved and respected by all who know him. of the last Assembly, prepared a sermon,

Union of Synods.

The General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, metin Dr. Pressly's church Allegheny City, on the evening of the 19th inst. The Associate Synod met in the church on Seventh Street, on the same evening. The Rev. Joseph T. Cooper. D. D., of Philadelphia, was elected Moderator

of the latter, and Rev. Donald McLaren, D. D., of Newburg, N. Y., of the former. The principal subject that occupied the attention of the two bodies, was the basis of union proposed last year. The principal part of the discussion turned on the second part of

the preamble, which was at length modified

different views; and the basis, thus amend-

ed, was adopted by, both Synods. And on

last Wednesday, at 10 o'clock A. M., each

Synod left its place of meeting, and the two

bodies, meeting at the corner of Smithfield

and Seventh Streets, marched in procession

to the City Hall, where an immense assem-

Along with the officers, the platform was

ccupied, by invitation, by the ministers of

the different evangelical denominations in

the cities, of Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

After praver by Dr. Cooper, addresses were

delivered by Rev. Drs. Rodgers and Pressly,

and the Revs. Smart, Prestley, and Dr. Plum-

er, of the Presbyterian Church. These

services were diversified with singing selec-

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