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[Selected.]

On Another's Sorrow.

an I see another's woe,
nd not be in sorrow too?
an I see another's grief,
nd not seek for kind relief?

an I see a falling tear,
nd not feel my sorrow's share?
an a father see his child
eep, nor be with sorrow filled?

an a mother sit and hear
n infant groan, an infant fear?
o! no! never can it be—
ever, never can it be!

nd can He who smiles on all,
ear the wren with sorrows small,
Hear the small bird's grief and care,
Hear the woes that infants bear—

And not sit beside the nest,
Pouring pity in their breast?
And not sit the cradle near,
Weeping tear on infant's tear?

And not sit both night and day,
Wiping all our tears away?
O, no! never can it be—
Never, never can it be!

He doth give his joy to all;
He becomes an infant small,
He becomes a man of woe,
He doth feel the sorrow too.

Think not thou canst sigh a sigh,
And thy Saviour is not nigh;
Think not thou canst weep a tear,
And thy Saviour is not near.

O! He gives to us his joy,
That our griefs he may destroy;
Till our grief is fled and gone,
He doth sit by us and moan.

ecedings of the Synod of Allegheny.

NEWCASTLE, PA., Sept. 26th, 1861.

hour of meeting of Synod having arrived, t four members being present, on motion, ned until to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock. ded with prayer.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

d met. In the absence of the Moderator, hn Coulter, the oldest minister present, pointed Moderator *pro tempore*. Synod n constituted with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
A. Eaton,	Levi Dodd,
V. McCune,	Joseph Campbell,
W. Dickey,	J. W. Stinson,
M. Shields,	Robert Logan,
R. Findlay,	Adam Boston,
D. Howey,	H. D. Moore,
Junkin,	Joseph W. Scott,
Newell,	John Hamilton,
Scott,	James Gorden.
H. Spelman,	
N. Condit.	

PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER.

t Dilworth, D.D.,	Robert Thompson,
om McCready,	T. M. Gorden,
m Nesbit,	Thomas Pomeroy,
W. Johnston,	J. L. Robinson,
C. Critchlow,	Hiram Pollock,
Waggoner,	Joseph Moore,
y Webber,	B. Rush Bradford,
rt Dickson,	Benjamin Cunningham,
T. McAdam,	Nathaniel Moore,
l C. Reed,	Robert M. Martin.
ew W. Boyd,	
m M. Taylor,	
h S. Grimes,	
Johnston.	

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY.

Coulter,	William Porter,
Young, D.D.,	Joseph Galbraith,
Walker,	James Adams,
Coulter,	Josiah McJunkin,
m F. Kean,	S. M. Moore,
Miller,	James T. Glenn,
Boyd,	Craig Wilson,
Hall,	Peter Pence,
l Williams,	William Maxwell,
Coulter,	William S. Weible,
im Ogden.	James Wilson,
	Samuel Hanna,
	Andrew Brackenridge.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY.

Elliott, D.D.,	Alex. Cameron,
P. Swift, D.D.,	John D. Stokes,
n Annan,	Robert McKnight,
Williams, D.D.,	T. H. Nevin,
McAboy, D.D.,	Samuel Moorhead,
Allison,	A. G. Neff.
A. Cunningham,	
E. Swift,	
Launitz,	
M. Smith.	

MEMBERS ABSENT.

bytery of Erie—John V. Reynolds, D.D., Blackburn, L. G. Olmstead, J. R. Hamilhn H. Sargent.
bytery of Beaver—C. C. Riggs.
bytery of Allegheny—John Munson, W. G. Ebenezer Henry, Alex. Cunningham.
bytery of Allegheny City—Nathaniel Todd, cLaren, D.D., L.L. Conrad, W.S. Plumer, D. n Brown, M. L. Wortman, Henry E. Lipn E. Nevin, John Davis, Edward S. Blake, McLaren.

to the unusual inclemency of the throughout the day, preventing the maf the members from being present, the sermon was postponed until to-morrow at 7 o'clock.

otion, Synod spent half an hour in devoxercises.

rned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

met, and spent the allotted half hour in al exercises.

oll was then perfected.

lection was held for officers, which rein the choice of Rev. Robert B. Walker, erator, and Rev. James M. Shields, for ary Clerk.

John C. Lowrie, of the Synod of New-Rev. Wm. B. M'Kee, of the Synod of St. Rev. J. S. Travelli, of the Synod of n Pennsylvania; Rev. Samuel Findley, of od of Pittsburgh; and Rev. J. H. Tel- the United Presbyterian Church, being were invited to sit as Corresponding s.

minutes of the last meeting of Synod n read.

proceeded to fix the hour and place of meeting. It was resolved to meet in sbyterian church of New Brighton, on urth Thursday of September next, at 7 P. M.

llection of twenty-five cents from each was taken up, to replenish the Continund of Synod.

Moderator announced the following Standmittees:

LS AND OVERTURES.—*Ministers*—Benj. low, John R. Findley, Wm. F. Kean, Allison. *Elders*—Theo. H. Nevin, Josiah kin, Robert Thompson.

IAL COMMITTEE.—*Ministers*—Leland R. , D.D., Robert Dickson, William T. n, David C. Reed. *Elders*—Benj. R. , Alexander Cameron, Thomas Pomeroy.

DS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ERIE.—*Min*avid A. Cunningham, J. F. Boyd. L. Robinson.

DS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER.—J. V. Miller, J. M. Smith. *Elder*— Glenn.

DS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY.—Absalom M'Cready, John W. M'Cune. dam Boston.

S OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY *nisters*—David Waggoner, A. C. Junkin. nj. Cunningham.

IONAL EXERCISES.—*Ministers*—Joseph S. E. Swift. *Elder*—Hirah Pollock.

TEW OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.—*Minis*d Hall, Aaron Williams, D. D. *Elder* McKnight.

S OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—*Min*ry Webber, Huey Newell. *Elder*— gan.

S OF ABSENCE FROM PREVIOUS MEET*nisters*—John D. Hervey, James W. Dickey, William M. Taylor. *Elder*—William Porter.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THIS MEETING.—*Ministers*—Robert Dilworth, D.D., John Launitz, James Coulter. *Elder*—H. D. Moore.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon, at 3½ o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ o'clock.

Synod met, and spent an hour and a half in devotional exercises, including the reading of the Narrative of the State of Religion. After which the Narrative was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

NARRATIVE.

The annual recurrence of the Sessions of Synods, as a season of pastoral reunion, is fraught with the deepest interest to all who love the Master whom we profess to serve, and the Kingdom whose highest interest we are pledged to promote.

In our individual capacity, as the servants of Christ, we have felt ourselves called to daily watchfulness and solicitude, in reference to the genuineness of that great change which we profess to have experienced, and to note with care, the evidences of progress which mark the pathway of our own religious life—to try, and "prove ourselves and see whether we be in the faith."

Then, in our peculiar vocation, as those who have been called "to hold forth the Word of Life," and to bear rule in the house of God, a wider sphere of daily obligation has called for increasing diligence. In addition to personal culture, and watchfulness over our own hearts, the spirit of our holy religion, which is a spirit of good-will to men, has prompted us to pass beyond the sphere of self, and put forth our best energies for the salvation of others.

As the representatives of the "Good Shepherd" of whom it was foretold that "He should gather the lambs with his arms and carry them in his bosom;" and who actually "came to seek and to save that which was lost," we have been permitted as a part of our daily toils and daily delight, to go forth into the highways and hedges, and by the constraint of heavenly motives to compel men to come to Christ; and then to feed his sheep, and his lambs.

First of all, we have been called upon to "take heed to ourselves; and second only to that, to take heed to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers; to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." And having endeavored in our various spheres, to be instant in season and out of season—having exhorted, and warned, and rebuked with all long-suffering and patience; having striven to sow the seed broadcast, and to nurture the plants of righteousness, which have been hopefully planted in the garden of the Lord; we have came here, Christian brethren, to inquire of one another, What are the fruits of all these toils? and what now appears to be the measure of Zion's progress? And as we are assembled here, a voice seems to inquire, "Watchmen, what of the night? Watchmen, what of the night?"

It is not our happy privilege to give an answer, in all respects, full of encouragement, such as has greeted your ears on similar occasions in years that are past. The joyful tidings have not come up to us from the various Presbyteries, as in years past, making mention of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, descending upon pastors and people in answer to united and fervent prayer.

We are not permitted to tell you of saints, throughout all our borders, rejoicing in sweet communion and fellowship with their Lord and and Master, nor of sinners, in the depth of a solicitude hitherto unfelt, saying to one another, "Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten."

And still the voice which comes to us from the churches, is not by any means adapted to fill our hearts with sadness in regard to the work of the Lord.

The ecclesiastical year which has just now come to a close, like the day which Zechariah in vision foresaw, has been one that was "neither clear nor dark," and yet it has given promise of light in the evening.

It has pleased God in a remarkable manner to preserve the lives of those whom he has placed as watchmen upon the walls of Zion; and thus there has been no "famine of the Word of the Lord." Only one of our number has been called to his rest, during the year; and he was gathered from the midst of *this flock* where we are assembled, in a full age, "Like as a shock of corn cometh in his season." Our churches have been uniformly filled on the Sabbath with an attentive and interested people. Prayer-meetings, Sabbath Schools, and Bible Classes have been attended with a good degree of regularity and interest, and in some Presbyteries with an increased efficiency and zeal, showing that the culture of the youth of our Church is more and more laying hold of the hearts of God's people. The seal of Divine approbation, set upon the early religious culture of the children of the Church in years gone by, when such multitudes who had received the outward and visible sign of consecration to God, were made to experience the inward reality by the baptism of the Spirit, has awakened in many a new zeal in this department of Christian effort. In many cases also there appears to be a marked improvement in the manifestation of a spirit of Christian beneficence.

And whilst there has been no general revival of religion throughout our bounds, some of our churches have been visited with times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The Holy Spirit has graciously descended, as rain upon the mown grass, and as showers that water the earth—souls have been raised from death unto life, and the people of God have been constrained to exclaim, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

But this is the brighter side of the picture. Whilst a few of the Lord's servants have been made to rejoice in the prosperity of Christ's Kingdom through their instrumentality, by far the greater number, in view of the little fruit of their labors which they have been permitted to see—in view of the apparent want of spiritual-mindedness on the part of God's professing people—and in view of the indifference of the multitude to all the offers of mercy, are ready to exclaim, "Who hath believed our report, and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?" "Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?"

At the same time they see the baptized children of Zion, in many instances, growing up without any desire to consecrate themselves to the God of their fathers, and all around them they see the enemy coming in like a flood, in the shape of intemperance and profanity, threatening to lay waste the heritage of the Lord.

It does not require the vision of a prophet to discern the causes which have largely contributed to produce this state of comparative spiritual inactivity within, and this fearful indifference to spiritual things without, over which the Church of Christ now mourns.

Our ecclesiastical year began in the midst of a warm, political contest, in which the minds even of good men were enlisted with more than ordinary fervor, and thus their hearts were drawn away, unduly, after earthly things. The whirlwind of that excitement had scarcely passed away, when the foreshadowings of a still greater trouble to the Church of God began to appear. The deep mutterings of a fierce passion were heard in the distance, threatening desolation to the fair fabric of our National inheritance—and all these have culminated at last in the most terrible of all scourges—civil warfare.

The professed followers of Christ, moved by the highest and purest of principles, hastened to rescue from threatened ruin, institutions recognized as the gift of God, and the fruit of the highest Christian civilization.

If we believe that civil government is the ordinance of God, we must at the same time recognize another truth equally obvious, that they who, out of proper motives, defend the ordinance of God, are so far in the path of duty. And yet we have reason to fear that much that is sinful has mingled with all our zeal for God, and the right, in this respect. In the midst of the stirring realities of the day in which we live, it is to be feared that Christians have not kept burnished, the weapons of a higher and holier warfare—weapons that "are not carnal, but mighty to the pulling down of strongholds."

Our sins have separated between God and us, and we have grieved his Holy Spirit to depart from us. Who knoweth but Zion may now be suffering the threatenings of God, by his Prophet in the olden time?—Hosea v: 15:—"I will go and return to my place till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face; in their affliction they will seek me early." Verily, brethren, in these days of spiritual apathy, when the ways of Zion mourn, and when the gracious presence of Him who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, and who holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, is so rarely manifested, we ought to endeavor to realize that God's appointed antecedent to the experience of new joy and spiritual prosperity in the midst of Zion is deep and sincere humiliation before God. And here let us make the prayer of his chastened servant of old our own, when under deep and painful desertion, he cried, "Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation and uphold us with thy free spirit. Then will we teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

Rev. D. C. Osborne, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

It was resolved to publish the Narrative of the State of Religion in the *Presbyterian Banner*.

Presbyterial Records were called for, and placed in the hands of Committees for examination.

Statistical Reports were called for, and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

Synod took a recess until the hour of public worship this evening.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

Synod met, and heard a sermon from Rev. B. C. Critchlow, on 2. Cor. iv: 7—"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and spent the usual half hour in religious exercises.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Wm. Annan, Rev. W. F. Kean, and Elder B. R. Bradford, was appointed, to report a blank form for Presbyterial Statistical Reports, for the use of the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries.

The Board of Colportage presented their Annual Report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The fiscal year, just closed, has been one of great prostration in general business. The banks have suspended specie payments; the State has passed a stay-law; imports have decreased more than a half; manufacturing has diminished; hundreds of millions of dollars, due by the South to the North, are withheld; civil war has been waged and rages; the country is in turmoil, and a nation's feelings are absorbed in the strife; and contributions to works of benevolence have fallen off fearfully. It cannot then but be expected that our Board of Colportage will share in the calamity. We are, however, enabled to state that the reduction in the amount of our business has been small, while, in some aspects of the Board's interests, our condition has improved.

The Executive Committee were induced, last Spring, to remove our place of business from St. Clair Street to Hand Street. The former position being central, public, and well known, the change was made with some trepidation. But those rooms were poor, and the rent was high. The removal would cost us some money, and also a loss of some weeks of business; but still, it was ventured; and the result, thus far, indicates that it was wise. The furniture, &c., for the new store-room and committee-room, were supplied gratuitously by a few friends; we save fifty dollars a year in rent; and our establishment is much improved in comfort and attractiveness.

We submit to the Synods the following Statement of the Condition and Business of the Board from September, 1860, to September, 1861:

Volumes on hand, 5,883, valued,	$2,129.78	
Less 25 per cent. discount,	534.94	
		$1,604.85
Amount of debts from ledger,		2,349.83
Furniture, carpets, &c., &c.,		200.00
Cash on hand,		316.93
		$4,471.60
Amount of our indebtedness,		823.41
Capital stock,		$3,648.19
Sales from Sept. 1860, to Sept. 1861,		$3,213.60
Profit on sales,		668.61
Expenses of the Room,		666.54
Contributions to Colportage, from churches,		317.79
Paid Colporteurs and donations,		335.88
Colporteurs employed, occasionally,		18
Capital at the close of 1859,		$2,738.83
" " 1860,		3,148.32
" " 1861,		3,648,19

On this statement of the Board's affairs, we make a few remarks:

1. It is obvious that our expenses are very small. Less than seven hundred dollars pays our Librarian and salesman, our rents, freight, taxes, postage, fuel, stationery, &c. Our sales, owing to the stagnation of business, have been not quite so large as they were last year, but still the profits have met expenses.

2. Our capital has increased nearly five hundred dollars; our stock also is larger by three hundred dollars, and our indebtedness is less by three hundred and nine dollars. All this shows an improved condition.

3. Contributions from the churches have been less this year than the previous, by $120. Hence our Colportage work and gifts have been less. This is deeply to be regretted. The indifference of our churches to this work, we do not know how to account for. When we say churches, we mean especially pastors and elders, the leaders of the churches. The people we are confident would contribute three-fold, or five-fold more than they do, if only they were informed of the Board's work and its need, and if they were called upon regularly. Can the brethren not be awakened to more activity? To think of two Synods, embracing 166 ministers, 245 churches, and 29,432 communicants, contributing only $317.79 to such a cause, and for a field so needy, is truly painful.

4. Our stock of books embraces the publications of the Assembly's Board, and also a good selection from the best Boards and publishing houses in the country. We thus furnish a large choice to ministers, private Christians, and Sabbath Schools. For this reason we press it upon the brethren of the Synods, to patronize their own store. They will be doing justice to themselves, and strengthening their own institution.

5. We again entreat, that every church shall give us an annual collection; and thus make us the distributers of their bounty, by colportage and donations.

The Board has sustained a serious loss in the death of Rev. A. D. Campbell, D.D. Dr. Campbell was one of our most efficient members; always on the Executive Committee; always prompt, and ever active. He died in the faith and hope of the Gospel, Sept. 21st, in his seventieth year. His memory is blessed.

The time of service of the following members of the Board expires with the present meetings of Synods, viz.: Synod of Pittsburgh—Revs. A. D. Campbell, D.D., M. W. Jacobus, D.D. and S. M. McClung; and Messrs. J. D. McCord, F. G. Bailey, and Wm. Bakewell. Synod of Allegheny—Revs. James Allison, H. R. Wilson, D.D., B. C. Critchlow; and Messrs. Richard Bard, J. W. Johnston, and John Reynolds.

The Report was then referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. A. Williams, D.D., Rev. Henry Webber, and elder Thomas Pomeroy.

The Judicial Committee presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted: That the only paper placed in their hands is the complaint of Rev. Absalom M'Cready, against the action of the Presbytery of Beaver. They recommend that the case be issued, 1st. By reading the complaint. 2d. By reading the Record complained of.

The consideration of this complaint was made the first order of the day for this afternoon.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Colportage presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Colportage, have carefully examined that Report, and find it to be full and satisfactory, showing that the business of the Board has been conducted with economy, efficiency, and discretion; and we would recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That the Synod approve the fidelity of the Board of Colportage, and would express gratitude to God for the success which has attended their efforts during the past year, notwithstanding the calamities of the times upon which we have fallen.

Resolved, That while the Synod rejoice to find that a considerable increase of capital and of stock has been reached during the year, in the ordinary course of business, they regret to learn that there has been a still farther falling off in the very limited contributions of the churches toward the work of Colportage—only a little over $300 having been contributed during the year, from the large Synods, toward this important department of benevolent effort. The Synod would therefore earnestly renew the recommendations of former years to all our churches, to take up a collection for the Board of Colportage, and would enjoin it upon pastors and church Sessions not to neglect giving the people an opportunity to contribute to this object.

To fill vacancies in the Board, the Committee recommend the names of James Allison, D. A. Cunningham, and B. C. Critchlow, ministers, and of Richard Bard, J. W. Johnston, and John Reynolds, elders.

Respectfully submitted.

A. WILLIAMS,
H. WEBBER,
THOMAS POMROY, } Committee.

The Committee on the matter of Receiving Agent for the Benevolent Funds of the Synod, who would be willing to serve the Church without compensation, presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That it is expedient that such an Agent be secured.

Resolved, That the Committee be continued, with full power to secure such an Agent, and that its action take immediate effect.

The Committee announced that they had appointed Theodore H. Nevin as such Agent.

The Committee on the blank form for Statistical Reports, reported, recommending that said form be made to conform to the tables of the Minutes of the General Assembly. The report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. Robert McMillan, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

Rev. L. R. McAboy, Rev. B. C. Critchlow, and elder Robert McKnight, were appointed a Committee on the Western Theological Seminary.

Rev. Loyal Young, D.D., Rev. D. Elliott, D.D., and elder John Hamilton, were appointed a Committee on the subject of the Observance of the Sabbath.

The Committee on Leave of Absence from the present meeting of Synod, reported that they had granted leave of absence on Saturday to Josiah McJunkin, elder; and after Monday evening to Rev. A. Williams, D.D., Samuel Hanna, elder, Robert McKnight, elder, Rev. Jas. H. Spelman, Rev. J. V. Miller, and Joseph Galbraith, elder. The report was accepted.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was the consideration of the complaint of Rev. Absalom M'Cready against the action of the Presbytery of Beaver. The Moderator announced from the chair that Synod was about to enter upon judicial business, and enjoined upon the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a Court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

According to the report of the Judicial Committee, the complaint of Mr. M'Cready was read; afterwards, the action of Presbytery in the case. The original parties having been fully heard, withdrew from the house. The roll was then called, and an opportunity offered the members of expressing their views in the case.

The vote was then taken, when the complaint was not sustained.

The following Committee was then appointed to draft a minute expressive of the feeling of Synod in reference to the above judicial case, viz.: Rev. Loyal Young, D.D., Rev. E. P. Swift, D.D., and elder T. H. Nevin.

Synod took a recess until 7 o'clock.

MONDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

Synod met.

The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of Erie, Beaver, Allegheny, and Allegheny City, reported, recommending their approval. The reports were accepted, and the Records approved.

Two papers on the state of the country were presented to Synod, which were committed to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, with directions to bring in a single paper, the consideration of which was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Synod then heard an address on the subject of Foreign Missions, from Rev. John C. Lowrie, D.D., after which the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we have heard with deep interest and great profit, the address of Dr. John C. Lowrie, on the subject of Foreign Missions, and that we, as ministers and elders, pledge ourselves to use our best efforts, from our pulpits and in our intercourse with our people, to awaken a proper interest in sustaining and advancing this noble enterprise.

It was resolved to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock, and spend one hour in conference and prayer, that God would pour out his Spirit on the churches under our care.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that they had had their attention called to the action of the General Assembly in relation to disabled ministers:

Upon this subject we submit the following: That this Synod regard this fund for the assistance of disabled ministers, of the highest importance, as many of our aged and disabled ministers are wholly dependent.

Therefore, the Synod would most earnestly recommend this subject to the consideration of pastors and Sessions, and that they give this fund a place among their annual collections.

Resolved, farther, that the attention of the Presbyteries be directed to the injunction of the Assembly contained in the sixth resolution of the Assembly on this subject, and that the Presbyteries be now called upon, that we may know what they have done.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met, and spent the appointed hour in devotional exercises.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had granted leave of absence after Monday night, to Rev. John W. M'Cune, Rev. Wm. Nesbit, Rev. Dr. Swift, Rev. George Scott, Rev. J. D. Howey; and Samuel Moorhead, Jos. Campbell, and Wm. Maxwell, Ruling Elders. The report was accepted.

Rev. R. L. M'Cune, of the Synod of Baltimore, and Rev. Mr. Williams of the Baptist Church, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in the matter of the complaint of Rev. Absalom M'Cready, presented a report which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following paper, which was accepted, and adopted unanimously, by the Synod rising:

In view of the calamitous civil war now existing in this land, its guilty authors and solemn responsibilities, the Synod of Allegheny deem it proper to place on their records the following resolutions, as expressive of their views:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod expresses its cordial approbation of the resolutions of the late General Assembly on the State of the Country.

Resolved 2. That this Synod expresses its high appeciation of the late order of General McClellan, respecting the better observance of the Sabbath, in the armies of our country, and of the efforts now put forth for the suppression of intemperance, profanity, and vice among officers and soldiers.

Resolved 3. That this Synod has an unalterable attachment to the Constitution and Government under which our country has so greatly prospered, and the Church been so signally blessed, and that we will labor and pray for the complete suppression of this great and wicked rebellion, and the continuance of the integrity of the union of these States.

Resolved 4. That our rulers, officers, and soldiers are entitled to the sympathies, prayers, encouragement, and assistance of all Christians and patriots—and that our strength, dependence, hope, and success must be in God.

Overture No. 3—Committee recommend:

Resolved 1. That this Synod highly approves of the action of the late General Assembly, in virtually reaffirming the action of 1818, on the subject of Slavery, by a nearly unanimous vote; in the exception taken to the action of the Synod of South Carolina, on page 333; as both majority and minority acknowledged on the floor of the Assembly, that this was the effect of the proceeding.

Resolved 2. That this Synod greatly deplore the change that has taken place in the views of the greater part of the Southern portion of our Church and country, on the subject of Slavery, and firmly believes that this change is one of the principal causes of the calamities that now rest on the Church and country.

Resolved 3. That this Synod looks forward with joy and hope, as did the fathers of our Church, and the founders of our Republic, to the time when, through the workings of the providence of God, the influence of the Gospel and spiritual effort, and in answer to the prayers of Christians and patriots, the sin of Slavery shall be removed from the Church, the country, and the world.

The Committee on Reasons for Absence from former meetings of Synod, reported that they had received sufficient reasons for absence from the last meeting of the Synod, from Rev. Absalom M'Cready, Rev. Wm. Nesbit, Rev. J. M. Dickey, and for reasons for late attendance at the present meeting, Rev. A. W. Boyd, Rev. George N. Johnston, Rev. Samuel Williams, Rev. John G. Condit, Rev. E. Ogden, Rev. James Coulter, Rev. John W. Johnston, and Elders, John Hamilton and James Gordon. The report was accepted.

Adjourned, to meet at two o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with with prayer. The subject of Church Extension within our bounds, was then called up, and discussed.

The Committee on the Western Theological Seminary, then presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod, with gratitude to God, take pleasure in expressing their confidence in the management of the Western Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the prospects for usefulness in this arm of benevolent labor, never appeared brighter than in the work accomplished during the past year.

Resolved, That it is a cheering feature in this cherished work, that so many who have been taught in its halls are already either in, or looking to the foreign field, as their place of labor.

Resolved, That the scheme, still unaccomplished, of the endowment of the Fourth Professorship, already undertaken, demands early and constant attention.

Resolved, That the Presbyteries be directed to appointed a committee, whose duty it shall be to call up this subject, to see what progress is being made, at least once in every six months.

Resolved, That this Synod will make a call upon its members at their next meeting, to ascertain the fidelity of the Pastors, Elders, and churches in this matter.

The Committee on the subject of the Observance of the Sabbath, presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee appointed to draft a Paper on the subject of the observance of the Sabbath, would respectfully report:

The Sabbath was made for man, not as some view it, to suit his worldly convenience, but to promote his physical, intellectual, and moral good.

Rest, instruction, and devotion, are essential to our well-being; all of which require a Sabbath.

In times of excitement, and especially in times of *war*, all are in danger of forgetting their obligations fully to sanctify the Lord's day. To guard our fellow-citizens generally, and especially the members of the Church, against the danger, Synod would hereby express their dissent from the doctrine, too prevalent, that "laws are silent" or suspended "in war:" though necessity may require some extraordinary labors. On the contrary, church members ought to be particularly exemplary when the whole course of events is pressing on the community in the direction of Sabbath desecration. Synod would affectionately warn the people against reading secular papers, conversing on or discussing worldly topics, and against travelling unnecessarily, or engaging in manual labor on the Sabbath. Ministers, in their discourses, should warn their people against Sabbath desecration, refrain from unnecessary travelling to and from their appointments, on the Lord's day, and endeavor to awaken their hearers to the great importance of sustaining this pillar of our country's strength.

The Committee on Leave of Absence from the present meeting of Synod reported, that they had granted leave of absence to Rev. Huey Newell, Rev. J. F. Boyd, Rev. Absalom McCready, Rev. James Coulter; and Elders James Gorden, and James Adams. The report was accepted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

On page 364, in reference to Foreign Missions, the Assembly recommend to every pastor to take up this cause as his own, and present it to his people as early as convenient; and that church Sessions and Ruling Elders of vacant congregations appoint one or more persons to visit every member of the congregation, that each, in turn, may contribute to the cause of Foreign Missions in our Church.

Also, on page 335, it is recommended that the churches observe the week, from the 5th to the 11th of January, 1862, inclusive, as a season of special prayer for the prosperity of the work of Missions throughout the world.

In regard to Domestic Missions, the Assembly say, on page 310, that many of our churches still fail to come up to the help of the Lord in this great department of missionary work. Therefore, your Committee would submit the following resolution, viz.: That it be recommended to all the members of this Synod to give special attention to this subject.

In the matter of Education, on page 305, the Assembly recommend to the Presbyteries to exercise great caution in recommending candidates for the holy office of the ministry to the care of the Board; and also to seek out such as they can cordially recommend for aid while prosecuting their studies for the ministry. And as nearly two thousand churches have failed to contribute any thing to this Board, the Assembly enjoin upon all the churches to contribute liberally to this object.

The last Thursday of February is recommended to be observed as a day of special prayer for the children and youth, especially those in our academies, and colleges, and seminaries.

On page 303, we find the following resolution, viz.: That the cause of Church Extension be recommended to all our people, as one of the permanent agencies of the Church in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

On page 316, the attention of Synod is called to the recommendation of the Assembly to increased watchfulness and zeal in securing the proper observance of the Sabbath, and the enforcement of all laws for its protection and preservation.

On page 305, the Assembly urges the attention of the churches to the solemn duty of establishing and supporting in their bounds such schools as will secure the religious culture of the children of the Church.

Your Committee would call the attention of Synod to the action of the Assembly on Systematic Benevolence, on page 348. Especially to the two following resolutions:

1. That all the Sabbath Schools of the Church be afforded an opportunity of making contributions to benevolent objects.

2. That all Presbyteries be enjoined, at their next meetings, to take order on this whole subject, so as to secure for it the attention of all their churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in the Treasury,	$ 6.93
Synodical collection,	18.75
	$25.68
Contra.	
Stated Clerk,	$10.00
Permanent Clerk,	6.00
Janitor,	3.00
	$19.00
Balance in Treasury,	$ 6.68

It was resolved that the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor and Trustees of New Castle church, for the use of their church edifice during its sessions; and to the citizens of New Castle, for their generous and most cordial hospitality to its members; and that this minute be published in the newspapers of the place.

The Editors of the *Presbyterian Banner* were requested to publish the minutes in full, in their paper.

Synod then adjourned, to meet in the Presbyterian church of New Brighton, on the fourth Thursday of September, 1862, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

S. J. M. EATON, *Permanent Clerk.*

LONGEST TELEGRAPH LINE IN THE WORLD.—In London, on the 28th ult., telegraphic communication was opened with the station at Taganrog, on the sea of Azoff. This telegraph line is twenty-five hundred miles long, and the experiment was quite successful, the clerks at each end conversing with each other upon the state of the weather &c.

EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE.

GENEVA, AND THE JOURNEY HOMEWARD—LAUSANNE AND MONT BLANC—THE BERNESE ALPS—GERMAN SWITZERLAND—AN ENGLISHMAN ABROAD—LAKE CONSTANCE AND MUNICH—THE FORTRESS OF ULMA—CANNSTADT AND STUTTGART—THE KING AND THE CONCORDAT—FRIENDLY COUNSEL TO AMERICAN VISITORS TO EUROPE—RUGBY SCHOOL—ITS HISTORY—ITS PUPILS AND THEIR CAREER—ARNOLD, AND HIS INFLUENCE—DOCTOR TEMPLE, THE HEAD MASTER, AND HIS SERMON.

LONDON, Sept. 20, 1861.

HOME AGAIN, and after all my journeying, I exclaim, "There is no place like home!" I left Geneva, or rather Coppet, and the hospitable roof of Madame the Baroness De Stael there, on Monday morning, the 9th inst. I had a long day's journey before me, through the finest scenery in Europe. I first repaired to Lausanne, and first from its elevated suburban hills, and finally from the lofty towers of its grand old Protestant Cathedral, I had a magnificent prospect, including a large portion of Lake Lemon, and also the mountains of Savoy, and towering above all the rest, that glorious giant of whom it is sung:

"Mont Blanc is the monarch of mountains,
They have crowned him long ago!"

It was not in my power, from want of time and the claims of special duties at the Conference, to give two days to a visit to Chamounc, the *Mer De Glace*, and Mont Blanc. But I had marvellous compensation from the extraordinary and pellucid clearness of the atmosphere during the recent hot season. Thus sitting on an eminence at Geneva, or looking from the hills above Lausanne, Mont Blanc, although nearly sixty miles distant, was seen in all his various elevations, with the greatest distinctness, as if the distance were but ten miles. In like manner, on the day when I began my journey homeward, when the train swept onward across Switzerland, and at length reached the beautiful Western shore of the Lake of Neufchatel, right opposite, Eastward, the magnificent chain of the Bernese Alps, including the Yung Frau and all her sister peaks, came out in clearest relief against the Summer sky. And thus passing along, with vineyards climbing up the hill sides, and rich in precious clusters almost ready for the wine-press, with the lake's placid mirror reflecting not only the azure heavens, but the mountain tops themselves—all was charming, and all Divine. Night at last came down. German Switzerland had been entered, and I had so long been mingling with the French in their railway carriages, and since then with French-speaking Swiss, that I had begun to feel at home with them. The change to German Switzerland, without any visible line of demarcation, was striking and rather saddening; to one travelling perfectly alone as far as English companionship was concerned, giving the feeling of loneliness, when I saw the German names in German text hand, printed at the Stations, and when I heard the de