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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.

ALLEGHENY CITY, Sept. 24, 1868. The Synod of Allegheny met, according to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian church, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. L. R. McAboy, D.D., on the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians i: 5, 6-" Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he has made us accepted in the Beloved." After which, Synod was constituted

with prayer. The following members were present: PRESBYTERY OF ERIE.

John V. Reynolds, D.D., Charles H. Dale, John D. Nickum, Samuel J. M. Eaton, John W. M'Cune, James A. Leech James W. Dickey, James M. Shields, Wm. M. Blackburn John R. Findlay. John D. Howey, A. C. Junkin. George Scott, James H. Spellman John G. Condit.

N. S. Lowrie,

Joseph S. Grimes

Thomas X. Orr.

Gilbert M. Potter.

David P. Lowray.

James H. Gray, Wm. T. Hamilton, D.D., Wm. P. Moore. (8) PRESENTERY OF BEAVER. Robert Dilworth, D.D., Thomas M. Gordon, Wm. M. Francis, Absalom M'Cready, John Clark, William Nesbit, R. H. Barcley, John W. Johnston R. B. Moore, Jacob Van Gorder, David Waggoner, Benj. C. Critchlow, Robert Dickson, R. M. Martin. Henry Webber, (3) Henry Philis. David C. Reed,

Andrew W. Boyd, William M. Taylor OF ALLEGHENY. PRESBYTERY A. D. Wier, John Coulter. Loyal Young, D.D., William Maxwell, R. B. Walker, James Coulter, Alex. McBride, W. A. Christy, Ephraim Ogden, William F. Kesn, Walter Curry, S. H. Moore, J. F. Boyd, Andrew Boggs David Hall, R. H. Van Dyke Robert Shields, Samuel Williams. J. R. Coulter, W. W. M'Kinney. James M'Call B. C. Glenn, Philip Miller, Samuel Ramsey, John W. Potter, James S. Boyd. Thomas Bickett

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY OFTY. James M. Burchfield, David Elliott, D.D., lisha P. Swift, D.D., (2) Robert Gilleland, Thomas Neal, Sr., William Annan, (4) L. R. McAboy, D.D., Louis L. Conrad, Edward Filbert, Robert McKnight, James Allison, Thomas Pollock William Woods. David A. Cunningham. M. L. Wortman. William Thompson, John M. Smith. Robert Davis. William E. McLaren, John Davis, E. S. Blake.

The following members were absent: Presbytery of Eric .- L. G. Olmstead, John R. Hamilton, Huey Newell, John H. Sargent. Presbytery of Beaver .- C. C. Riggs, D.D., W. Presbytery of Allegheny .- John Munson, Alex-

ander Cunningham, J. V. Miller, George W. Presbytery of Allegheny City.—Nathaniel Todd, John F. McLaren, D.D., Aaron Williams, D.D.,

John Brown, Samuel C. George. An election of officers resulted in the choice of Rev. David Waggoner, of the Presbytery of Beaver, as Moderator, and Rev. W. M. Blackburn, of the Presbytery of Erie, as Temporary

Clerk. On motion, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer. TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock. Synod met, and spent the allotted half hour in

devotional exercises. The Minutes of the last session were read. The Moderator announced the following Com-

ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.—Ministers—L. R. McAboy, D.D., J. V. Reynolds, D.D., D. C. Reed, Ephraim Ogden. Elders—James A. Leech, John Clark, William Maxwell. JUDICIAL COMMITTER .- Ministers -- Loyal Young,

D.D., David Elliott, D.D., James M. Shields, Joseph S. Grimes. Elders—Wm. M. Francis, Joseph S. Grimes. Elders.—Alex. McBride, Wm. Woods. ON RECORDS OF PRESENTERY OF ERIE. - Ministers-Robert Dickson, John M. Smith. Elder-RECORDS OF PRESENTERY OF BEAVER .- Minis-

ters-R. B. Walker, John D. Howey. Elder-RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY .-Ministers-James Allison, Absalom M'Cready. Elder-Thomas Pollock. RECORDS OF PRESENTERY OF ALLEGHENY CITY.

-Ministers--Wm. M. Blackburn, J. F. Boyd. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES. - Ministers - E. E. Swift, Thomas X. Off. Elder—Robert Davis.

NABRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.—Ministers-J. R. Findley, Wm. M. Taylor. Elder-

Robert Black. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY .- Ministers-B. C. Critchlow, Wm. T. Hamilton, D.D. Elder -Walter Curry. REASONS OF ABSENCE FROM PREVIOUS MEET-

INGS.—Ministers—Jas. Dickey, J. W. Johnston, J. R. Coulter. Elders—Thomas M. Gordon, LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THIS MEETING.— Ministers—David Hall, Wm. M. Taylor, John M'Cune. Elders—John D. Nickum, R. B.

Rev. Wm. College, Rev. W. D. Howard, D.D., and Rev. M. W. Jacobus, D.D., of the Synod of Pittsburgh; Rev. W. W. Laverty, and Rev. S. J. Wilson, D.D., of the Synod of Wheeling, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding

The Minutes of the last meeting of Synod were then read. Presbyterial Records were then called for, and

placed in the hands of Committees for examina-Statistical Reports were called for, read, and

placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk. Synod then proceeded to fix the place and hour of its next meeting. It was resolved to meet in the First Presbyterian church of Meadville, on the Fourth Thursday of September, 1864, at 7 o'clock P. M. A collection was taken up, of twenty-five

cents from each member, to replenish the Contingent Fund. This collection amounted to

The matter of Church Extension was taken up, and reports heard from the several Presby-

The subject of the Endowment of the Western James Allison, Rev. Robert Dickson, and elder Robert McKnight, were appointed a Committee to report on the matter.

In accordance with the resolution of the last
meeting of Syncd, the several Presbyteries were
called upon to report what action had been taken
on the matter of Systematic Benevolence; and
on the matter of Systematic Benevolence; and
of certain Presbyteries within its bounds, presented as peace."

2. Notwithstanding all these adverse things, the nurture and admonition of the Lord, if we would not have them swept away from our grasp and the embrace of the Church, by error, world-liness, and sin. And the Sabbath School presented as report, which was accepted and placed would not have them swept away from our grasp and the embrace of the Church, by error, world-liness, and sin. And the Sabbath School presented as report, which was accepted and placed would not have them swept away from our grasp and the embrace of the Church, by error, world-liness, and sin. And the Sabbath School presented as report, which was accepted and placed with nurture and admonition of the Lord, if we would not have them swept away from our grasp and the embrace of the Church, by error, world-liness, and sin. And the Sabbath School presented as report, which was accepted and placed with nurture and admonition of the Lord, if we would not have them swept away from our grasp and the embrace of the Church, by error, world-liness, and sin. And the Sabbath School presented as report, which was accepted and placed with nurture and admonition of the Lord, if we would not have them swept away from our grasp and the embrace of the Church, by error, world-liness, and sin. And the Sabbath School presented as report, which was accepted and placed with nurture and admonition of the Lord, if we would not have them swept away from our grasp and the embrace resoult of the Lord, if we would not have them swept away from our grasp and the embrace of the Church, and the sabbath school present a subject of the church and the sabbath school present a subject of the church and the sabbath school present a subject of the church and the sabbath school present a s

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toward churches that had been delinquent in the matter. The Presbyteries reported that the subject of Systematic Benevolence had been gener
"And the Holy Ghost is still the comforter Schools should not be left altogether to the ally attended to, but that no special disapprobation had been expressed toward delinquents. The Board of Colportage presented its Annual

Report, which was read, and is as follows: PRESBYTERIAN BOOK ROOMS,) Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 1, 1863. To the Synods of Pittsburgh (16 Millegheny DEAR BRETHREN :- Your Board of Colportage would respectfully report, that our Capital—in-cluding stock, dues, cash on hand, and furniture

Our expenses have been \$688, leaving a net Our Indebtedness is \$114, of which \$113 are

to our Colportage Fund, while our cash on hand Contributions from the churches, during the past year, have amounted to \$1,161.

Donations made by your Board, to soldiers and benevolent institutions—including per centage paid to colporteurs, of whom we have now fourteen in the field—amount to \$1,048. Of this visitation has not been neglected, nor has it been amount, \$757 have been given to soldiers alone, without its fruits. The duty of Christian benev-

to report our having been enabled to accomplish so much in behalf of the spiritual welfare of the brave defenders of the Government which permits us thus to labor, and protects and encour-Compared with that of the preceding year, our present reports stands, in

8,775 710 56 708 471 " reduction of 654 But in the meantime our indebtedness has alnost entirely disappeared, leaving us with cash on hand above indebtedness to amount of \$277. Your Board feel that it is pleasant to be able to say that we owe so small an amount; also, that

in view of the success of the year, we ought to thank God and take courage. In conclusion, while we thank the churches for favors in the past, we ask of them, for the future, increased prayer and patronage; also, increased contributions, that we may have increased means of glorifying the Master, in doing good to our soldiers and the humble poor.

The term of membership for which the following persons were chosen by the Synod of Alle-

gheny, expires with the present Synodical year, viz.: Ministers—L. R. McAboy, R. B. Walker, and David Hall. Laymen—T. H. Nevin, Hon. Robert McKnight, and S. S. Spencer.

In behalf the Board of Colportage of the Synods of Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

James Carothers, President.

The Report was then referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. W. F. Kean, Rev. L. L. Conrad, and elder James M. Burchfield. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. the Secretary of the "Fund for Disabled Ministers and their Families," which was referred to

the Committee of Bills and Overtures. The Committee on Leave of Absence from pre rious meetings of Synod, reported: That Rev. Alexander Cunningham, Rev. W. W. McKinney, and Rev. L. L. Conrad, have assigned satisfac tory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod: also, that Rev. James Coulter alleged that he had sufficient reasons, but had forgotten them; and recommended that he be excused. The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence from, and late attendance at, this meeting, reported in part, that Rev. John G. Condit, Rev. J. M. Smith, Rev. Geo. Scott, and Elder J. A. McCune, had assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance; also, that they had granted leave of absence to Rev. D. Hall, and Elder A. D. Weir, after Satur-

A Paper on the State of the Country was read. and on motion, referred to the Committee on Bills

Rev. Charles Dickey, of the U. P. Church; Rev. A. O. Rockwell, Rev. Samuel Findley, Rev. John Y. McCartney, and Rev. David McKinney, D.D., of the Synod of Pittsburgh; and Rev. A. S. Billingsley, of the Synod of Southern Iowa; and Rev. T. L. Janeway, D.D., of the Synod of New-Jersey, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee on the Western Theological Seminary, presented a report, which, after disussion, was, on motion, referred to the Commitee for modification.

The hour for devotional exercises having arived, Synod spent one hour and a half in singng and prayer, in connexion with the reading of he Narrative of the State of Religion. On motion, the Narrative of the State of Religon was accepted, adopted, and is as follows: NARRATIVE.

The Committee appointed last year by the Synod of Allegheny, on the Narrative of the State of Religion within our bounds, beg leave to submit the following report to this venerable

This Narrative is founded upon the statements made to us by the different Presbyteries, and us, is the increase of the piety and liberality of the deductions drawn from them, along with the the members of our churches. We serve and sacwledge we possess of the locality and circumstances of that part of the field which our Great Master has assigned us. A brief view is thus A Christian supplied with the means of grace, or a supplied with the me us during the last twelve months, of our present out any spiritual improvement. To do this is to state as a Synod, and of our work and prospects injure himself and sin against God. He is to for the future. That we may be able to present our ideas

plainly and clearly, and so as to lead, if possile, to some practical results, we will consider: The things which are unfavorable. 2. Those which are encouraging. And 3. The work and duties to which the Synod is called. 1. The unfavorable things which present themselves to us at the end of our Synodical year, should receive our thoughtful and prayerful at-

turn from our evil wave unto God. former years. The windows of heaven have been mostly shut, and the gracious showers have been in our churches and among their members. Our faith has been weak, our love cold; prayer has seen restrained, and we have been sadly wanting in effort and self-denial in behalf of Christ and his kingdom. Many of the children and youth f the Church are still unconverted, and th godly continue in their wickedness. Worldliness. vanity and indifference prevail. Impenitence and unbelief abound. The Sabbath is profaned; the name of the Lord is taken in vain; and the song of the drunkard is heard. In our weakess consternation, and desolation, we cry out, Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" "Is his nercy clean gone forever? doth his promise fail or evermore? hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?" Nor is this all. War still rages in the land. he neighing of the war-horse and confused noise of the warrior are still heard: the garments dyed: in blood are still seen. Rebellion though weakened and in the greatest extremities, still lifts its
defiant head and stretches out its bloody hand.

Our brothers and our sons, the members of our

Our brothers and our sons, the members of our hurches and the sons of the pious, have endured the attacks of disease, and met the shock of not be assidnously cultivated, and that parents battle. Many of these have fallen, sealing their may neglect the training and instruction of the elder J. M. Burchfield, were appointed a Com-

patriotism with their blood and their lives. Toyoung in the doctrines and duties of our holy
day their places in the sanctuary and the family
circle are vacant. The voice of wailing and
lamentation is heard throughout all our bounds.
"The sword of the Lord devours from one end of
the land even to the other end of the land; no
the land even to the other end of the land; no
ity. Never was there greater reason than now
of certain Presbyteries within its bounds, preinterior is may neglect the training and instruction of the land in the doctrines and duties of our holy
mittee to bring in a Minute in regard to the
Boards of the Church.

The Report of the Committee appointed at the
last meeting of Synod, on the change of name
of certain Presbyteries within its bounds, pre-

During the year our churches have not been riven by schism, nor blighted by soul-destroying error. The candlesticks have not been removed from their places. The "testimony of Jesus" has been faithfully proclaimed. Attendance up-Our Sales during the past year have amounted of \$5,884, and our profits on the same to \$958. Churches have been organized; new houses of little of God and God's truth. This is a great of beautified; and debts which had rested as a land sore aviil which Expression Churches have been organized; new houses of little of God and God's truth. This is a great and sore aviil which Expression Churches have been organized; new houses of little of God and God's truth. This is a great and sore aviil which Expression Churches have been organized; new houses of little of God and God's truth. This is a great and sore aviil which Expression Churches have been organized; new houses of little of God and God's truth. This is a great and sore aviil which Expression Churches have been organized; new houses of little of God and God's truth. This is a great and sore aviil which Expression Churches have been organized; new houses of little of God and God's truth. heavy incubus upon congregations for years, have been liquidated; vacant congregations have been supplied with pastors.

One Presbytery reports a revival of considerable power in one church, and another in three churches; and large additions have been made in the form of 2,532 bound volumes, and 90,152 olence has been enjoined with more than ordinary pages of tracts. It is with feelings of gratitude idelity, and has met with a more willing and corto God and the churches, that we are permitted dial response than in former times. And the dial response than in former times. And the people, by their increasing anxiety, liberality, and care for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers, have manifested not only the spirit of patriotism, but also the spirit of Christ toward uffering humanity. Elders and members of our churches have carried their piety along with their patriotism into the armies of our country, where they have shone as lights, and where their influapital.......\$3,914, against \$3,639, showing a gain of \$ 275 ence for good has been felt by many. And in the hottest of the fight for our country they have shown how true piety can now be united with the highest valor, as in the days of David, of Cromwell, and of Gustavus Adolphus.

Witherspoon Institute, under the care of one of our Presbyteries, has had more students than for several years previous, and is increasing in popularity and usefulness. The Western Theological Seminary, located within our bounds, has, during the last year, received most substanin evidence of increased confidence and attachvent, by the completion of the endowment of the Fourth Professorship, and has just entered upon a new term with an encouraging number of stu-dents and indications of continued prosperity. Let this Seminary, and all the other Seminaries of our Church, continue to have a place in our sympathies, prayers and benefactions. For these things and all the other blessings he has bestowed on us, let us thank God, take courage, and go forward. "The Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance." God is our King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. "He retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he

will subdue our iniquities.' 3. But our review will be incomplete if we fail to take into consideration the duties resting upon us as a Synod of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, to our churches, and to the people dwell-God. Let us then look calmly and honestly at the work set before us. The Church is to be ag-A communication was received and read, from gressive; her glorious Head is a conqueror; and so intent is he upon victory that he only stops to drink of the brook that runneth by the way. And as he is, so his followers should be. (1.) A first and most obvious work in the extension of the Church, is missionary—sending appointed to convey this action to him.
the Gospel and establishing its ordinances where

they have not previously existed. This is not limited to heathen lands, but includes the destitute places and populations of our own country. In one of our Presbyteries there is much land to be possessed, which is now greatly destitute of evangelical influences, and also overrun by most pestilent error. And now, owing to the new and mmense Petroleum business, large additions of the most active and enterprising people are con-stantly being made. In the three remaining the usual place of meeting. Presbyteries there will soon be a large increase of the manufacturing population. This will require constant watchfulness and effort, that these great masses may be brought under the influences of the Gospel. The safety and well-being of society, as well as the demands of immortal souls, require this. For, as many towns in England now give lamentable evidence, no where else can so much vice and ungodliness prevail as among a manufacturing people unrestrained and unbless-ed by the Gospel. So that throughout our entire bounds we have a most important field for sowing the good seed of the Word, rooting out error, and causing righteousness to spring up.
(2.) Nor should we fail to seek an increase o (2.) Nor should we fail to seek an increase of cordial sympathy on behalf of the Government the membership in our older churches. If the of the United States, now grappling with an

bership, except when the population decreases or changes its character altogether, but also increase. The means for this are at hand, and with the blessing of God may be successful. Almost every family has some impenitent one among its members. Every neighborhood has entire families which neglect the claims of the Gospel altogether. It is a grievous mistake to reach of Divine grace. What large additions might be made to the army of the living God from these! It has been altogether too common for us to conclude that nothing can be done for the benefit of such, and thus to free ourselves. in our own judgment, from a responsibility which

God has laid upon us, and of which we cannot divest ourselves before him. (3.) Another object to be kept steadily before resented of the way in which the Lord has led has no right to continue from year to year withfollow on to know the Lord;" to "grow in grace and increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." He is to be "transformed by the renewing of his mind;" yet how many are content to remain from year to year, and from decade to decade, without any perceptible increase in spiritual knowledge, in spiritual ity of mind, in devotedness of heart to the Re leemer of men! And how slow are we to learn the duty and blessedness of Christian benevo tention. They should humble us before God; lay lence! Men grasp the world and horde their us in the dust; and lead us to forsake sin and resources as if the Master did not look upon We can report no general Revival, as in some to render account. It is high time for Christian withheld. Religion is generally in a low state stretched forth; and then we may pray and expect abundant blessings upon the Church and the world. "Bring ye all the tithes into the

them as stewards, and would not call upon them nearts to be opened, for the strong boxes to be unlocked, and for the generous hand to be storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house; and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing. that there shall not be room enough to receive it." To expect blessed revivals, to look for continued outpourings of God's Spirit, while Christians defraud God and his Church of what justly elong to them, is unreasonable. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth : and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tend-eth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.' (4.) Another matter of special importance is youth of the Church: Our Church has always

Church and to the world. In such a time as this, D.D. the hardships of the march, have encountered there is reason to fear that household piety may

whether any disapprobation had been expressed | Church is written upon the palms of his hands, | sents a fine and promising opening for Christian of the people of God, and ever reproves the world young and inexperienced. Here the piety and "of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to wisdom of age are demanded, as well as the arder and activity of youth. And in this connexion we may also be allowed to mention the need of sound judgment and earnest piety in the selection of the books of our Sabbath School libraries. In these libraries are now to be found many books which have nothing to recommend on the preaching of the Word, the meeting for them, viewed either as literary productions or as prayer, Sabbath Schools and Bible classes have mediums of Evangelical instruction. These enbeen more than usually encouraging. Some new feeble the mind, corrupt the taste, and feed the

must meet and eradicate, if it would not have correct taste sorely vitiated, and sound doctrine and Bible truth so diluted as to be altogether insipid and powerless. And now, in view of all the considerations presented, what reason have we to praise and magnify God for the exceeding richness of his

grace! He says of the Church now, as he did of Ephraim: "Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child.? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still; therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the Lord." "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? Mine heart is turned within me, and my repentings are kindled together." "Come, and let us return unto the Lord; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord; his going forth is prepared as the morn-ing; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and the former rain unto the earth.' "And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water." "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and

sorrow and sighing shall flee away.' Rev. John McMillen, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, being present, was invited to sit

as a Corresponding Member. The Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported, recommending that Rev. W. T. Hamilton, D.D., preach this evening, at 7½ o'clock; that Synod spend from 9 to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, in devotional exercises with the students in the chapel of the Western Theological Seminary; and that Rev. Wm. F. Kean preach at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon

The Report was accepted and adopted. Synod took a recess until the hour of evening

FRIDAY EVENING, 74 o'clock. Synod met, and heard a sermon from Rev. W. T. Hamilton, D.D., on Rev. vii: 13-"What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence come they?"

After sermon, Synod resumed business. morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear Dr. Janeway in behalf of the different Boards of the Church. It was resolved to invite Rev. Elisha P. Swift, D.D., to address the Synod at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, and Rev. B. C. Critchlow was

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 Concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock. Synod met in the Chapel of the Western Theo-logical Seminary, and spent an hour in devotional exercises with the students, and then took

Synod met, and resumed business. Rev. W. W. Eels, of the Synod of Baltimore, being present, was invited to sit as a Correspond-

ing Member. The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report on the State of the Country. The order of the day was postponed, in order to consider this report.

After discussion this paper was adopted, and is follows: The Synod of Allegheny would express its

wastes of the body are not repaired, decay soon armed rebellion, at once the most unprovoked begins. If the ravages of time and disease in the old churches be not repaired, they will soon be weakened. A church is only healthful and of every member of the Church to give a hearty strong when it is growing. Hence not only support to all the efforts now being put forth on should our churches maintain their former memthe part of our Government, for maintaining its unity and the establishment of its rightful authority.

Resolved, 2. That believing that the powers that be are ordained of God, it is the duty of

Christians to pray, as well as labor, for the blessing of the God of Nations to rest upon the President, and all who are in authority. Resolved, 3. That in the midst of all our trials. suppose these are unapproachable, or beyond the we are called to the exercise of faith in God, and repentance on account of our sins; to believe that his hand is in all that befalls us, and that

he will even make the wrath of man to praise him, and order and overrule everything for his own glory, and the progress of the human family. The Committee on Devotional Exercises further reported, recommending that Rev. Joseph S. Grimes preach on Sabbath morning, at 101 That Synod unite with the congregation of the

First church in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, on Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock. That in this service the Moderator in roduce the ordinance: Rev. J. R. Coulter administer the bread: and Rev. James W. Dickey, the cup. That Rev. Wm. M. Blackburn preach at 71 o'clock in the The following churches having made request that their pulpits be supplied by Synod, it is

recommended that in the

Central Church, Allegheny—Rev. William M.

Blackburn preach at 10½ A. M., and Rev. Robert Dickson at 3 P. M. North Church, Allegheny—Rev. A. C. Junkin, at 10½ A. M.; Rev. John V. Reynolds, D.D., at First Presbyterian Church, Manchester-Rev. J.

R. Coulter, at 102 A. M.; Rev. John W. M'Cune, Lutheran Church, Allegheny-Rev. Ephraim Ogden, at 101 A. M.
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Allegheny-Rev. D. C. Reed, at 101 A. M.; Rev. Robert B. Walker. at 3 P. M. Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh-Rev.

Loyal Young, D.D., at 71 P. M.
Fourth Presbyterian Church, Putsburgh-Rev. John R. Findlay, at 10½ A. M.; Rev. William F. Kean, at 7½ P. M. Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh—Rev. William M. Taylor, at 10½ A. M.; Rev. A. C. Junkin, at 7½: made a standing rule of Synod that the devo-tional exercises of Friday afternoon be under the

This Report was accepted and adopted. The order of the day was then taken up, and the care and instruction of the children and Synod heard Rev. Dr. Janeway, on behalf of the

direction of the Moderator, and that during these

exercises the Narrative of the State of Religion

Rev. B. C. Critchlow, Rev. J. R. Findley, and

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The Committee on the Boards of the Church resented the following Minute, which was

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with great satisfaction and profit, the address of Rev. Dr. Janeway, Secretary of the Board of Domes tic Missions, on the wants and prospects of the several Boards of our Church, and we embrace this opportunity to express our absorbing con-viction of the great and paramount importance of the work in which they are engaged, and pledge ourselves to the utmost of our sbility to secure to them that pecuniary support and prayerful interest which the whitening harvest fields and the calls of the Master demand at our hands. The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been placed in their hands. The re-

port was accepted, and the committee discharged. The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 2: 1. Resolved, That we look upon the operation powers of Austria. The young Emperor nd success of the Trustees of the Fund for Dis | at the recent Frankfort Congress, undoubtabled Ministers in need, and destitute widows edly was "the observed of all observers; and orphans of deceased ministers, with deep in-

2. Resolved. That this fund be earnestly commended to the attention of the pastors, Sessions, and our church members, as proposing aid to the weary and wayworn of the Gospel ministry. The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported, calling attention to several spite of earnest entreaties to repair to the

This report was accepted and adopted. The Committee on the Western Theological | Austria one, yet Austria's satellites would

which were accepted and adopted: Resolved 1. That the Synod has learned with | The Prussian people feel this, and doubtgreat satisfaction, that the endowment of the less resent it. Taking advantage of this, Fourth Professorship in the Western Theological | the cunning and unprincipled Count Bis-Seminary has been completed since the last mark, together with Prince Charles, the

Resolved 2. That the Synod does not consider hat individuals and churches should regard and ultra Tory party, resolve to make, if their work and their obligations to the Seminary possible, political capital out of the crisis as completed; but that they are called upon to pray, labor, and contribute for the increase of its The hour for public worship having arrived,

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning at o'clock. Concluded with prayer. Monday Morning, 9 o'clock,

Synod met, and spent the usual half hour in levotional exercises. ords of Eric, Beaver, Allegheny, and Allegheny are so transparent that even in Prussia City Presbyteries, reported, recommending their there will be general contempt and indig-

The following paper was passed by Synod: es in the different Presbyteries under the care of this Synod, to take into consideration the present rate of the salaries of their respective pastors, and inquire whether, owing to the alvanced prices of all the means of living, it is not their duy to advance the salaries of their ministers, that hey may be enabled to attend, without distraction, to the appropriate duties of their ministry; and that this action be laid before the different

congregations in this Synod. On motion, the following Committee was apcointed to carry this resolution into effect, viz.: . M. Burchfield, Robert McKnight, and T. H.

The Committee on the Board of Colportage re-

ported the following: Your Committee, to which was referred the Report of the Board of Colportage, beg leave present the following: Resolved 1, That this Synod hails with joy, the evidences of prosperity and increasing usefulness which God has vouchsafed to this agency of our

Church during the past year.

Resolved 2, That with renewed confidence Synod commends this Board to the patronage and Christian liberality of all the churches under its care, not only as a medium for the diffusion of religious terature among the masses within our own counds, but also as an agency of great good to the thousands of brave men who are periling heir lives for their country's sake upon the far off battle fields. Resolved 3, That the claims of this Board are especially urged upon the attention of those conregations which have not hitherto given it a

vice has now expired: Ministers-L. R. McAboy. R. B. Walker, and David Hall. Laymen-T. H. Nevin, Hon. Robert McKnight, and S. S. Spen-The Committee on Leave of Absence from the resent meeting, reported that they had granted

ace in the list of their benefactions.

eave of absence from the remaining sess Synod, after Saturday, to Rev. W. T. Hamilon, D.D. The report was adopted. The Committee on Reasons of Absence from previous meetings of Synod, reported that they had received reasons from Rev. A. Williams, D.D., or absence from the last meeting, and recommended that they be sustained. The report was

dopted. Synod adopted the following Minute in regard o the Christian Commission:

WHEREAS, The Christian Commission, in its ission of love to our self-sacrificing soidiers, has appealed to the patriotic and benevolent, and received a cheerful response; and whereas, there still need for aid, and will be while the atroious rebellion is in existence; therefore, Resolved 1, That the people under our care be affectionately advised to continue their prayers and contributions for that object; and that our Christian laymen be encouraged to aid, by per-

Resolved 2, That it be recommended to the Presbyteries under our care to appoint, each, one or more of their ministers to labor in behalf of he Commission, their pulpits being supplied by their co-Presbyters, during their absence.

The report of the Committee on the change of name of certain Presbyteries within our bounds, was called up, and after discussion, the report was indefinitely postponed, and the committee

discharged. TREASURER'S REPORT. Balance from last year,.... Synodical collection 20.80 Contra. Paid Stated Clerk. .\$7.00 Permanent Clerk..... 5.00 Balance.....

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: tendered to the pastors and Trustees of this our Lord's words about the sin of those hurch, for the use of their edifice, and to the who put away their wives "'cept they go people of this congregation and the Christian wrong," as contrasted with the fact that, as community, for the kindness and hospitality exended to the members of the Synod on the resent occasion.

The editors of the Presbyterian Banner were respectfully requested to publish the Minutes of out the explanation which is an exposure; he present meeting of Synod, when furnished and when the minister tells him that he by the Clerks. On motion, Synod adjourned with singing, prayer, and the Apostolical benediction.

S. J. M. EATON, Permanent Clerk.

It is good to be in the company of, and Next comes up the flogging of negroes

EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE.

King of Prussia and Reaction-Cunning Device of Bismarck-Austria Foremost, and Prussia Jealous—What Next?—A Dissolution and a New Chamber—Abdication and Revolution—Russia's Reported Concessions-French Press-Employ ment of Negro Soldiers by the South—The South-ern Clergy's Manifesto, and the Magazines—A London Banker's Exposure—Rev. Newman Hall —Ludlow's "Dialogue" in Good Words—Mata-moras an Exile—Home for Cripples—Reforma-tory and Industrial Schools—British Imports— County Rates-Bishop Colenso and the Clergy of Natal—Inconsistency—Dr. Davidson a Pla-giarist—Colenso at Ramsgate—Progress of Skep-ticism—M. De Renau's Work—Rome and her

LONDON, Sept. 8th, 1863.

THE KING OF PRUSSIA and his Prime Minister have made an attempt at once to preserve their own system of despotism, and to rally the people against the rising a Triton among the minions, and a head and shoulders higher than any of the petty Princes who waited on him as a kind of ornamental queu. As for the King of Prussia, he was "conspicuous by his absence"-in other words he sulked, and in particulars, and recommending that the Presby- | Congress, he would not come. In any teries take order to have each Session provided | Confederation that may be formed, it is with a copy of the Minutes of the General As- plain that Prussia would have but the second place. This is indicated by the fact that while she would have one vote and seminary reported the following resolutions, have so many voices, that those of Prussia's adherents would be practically unheard.

meeting of Synod, by the Christian and generous benevolence of individuals.

Mark, together with Frince Charles, the King's worthless brother, and a Court camaulla of the "Junker" High Church Accordingly a general election is resolved on, and a dissolution of the Chambers is proclaimed. To the "Report" to the King on this matter is added an appeal to the nationality of the people, and their love to the Royal family-which, when a crisis is threatened, will, it is hoped, sustain his authority, and not vex him by the agitation of political questions. The ruse The Committees appointed to examine the Rec- is a skilful one, and yet its base motives approval. The reports were accepted and adopt- nation. A new Chamber will contain fewer, it is believed, of that class of Liberals who are dependent on the King for submeans, but it ietanca an

Radical than the last. It is asserted that Bismarck boasts that he expects such an issue; in that case, or in case of repeated rejection of the War Budget, because of the non-redress of grievances, he is prepared to "dissolve again and again." This is a very dangerous game; it is the spirit of Laud, Strafford and the vile advisers of Charles First of England, and an attempt to seize absolute power. If this is persisted in, either an abdication or a thorough revolution will follow.

Russia, the French papers told us, was about to grant a Constitutional Government to the whole Empire-Poland included It has been asserted, also, that the Royal family of Russia had a private meeting to discuss this matter, Prince Gortshacoff alone being present, and that there was almost entire unanimity in the Liberal sense. It has been naturally argued, that the Emperor who had emancipated the serfs, would surely be the man to abolish forever Muscovite autocracy, in a self-abnegating spirit, and for the benefit of all. But now La France and other French papers-after having raised the hopes of Europe, and especially of the French people, and thus making the late refusal of Gortshacoff less bitter, have found out that the concessions Your Committee recommend the reëlection of to be made by Russia are very small he following named persons, whose term of ser-

THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE NEGROES by the Southern Confederacy, is surely a "last shift," and could only have been resorted to in desperation. What an anomaly Poor Sambo, Cæsar and Pompey, are to be cajoled by their slave masters, to fight for slavery, and then at the end of the war (if they survive it) "independence" is secured, lo! they are each to have their freedom and fifty acres of land! Well, the "inevitable negro" between the Northern advance and the Southern extremity-including the Charleston disaster—is coming up prominent, and will, I trust, and pray, have what God would have all men to possess, Liberty. More and more do we hate slavery and abhor its defenders, (under a mask) including the New-York Herald, London Times, and Standard, and Mr. Spencer the agent at Liverpool of the Confederate States. The Address to the Christians of Europe by the Confederate States, was stitched into many periodicals last month, at Confederate expense, as an advertisement. It got thus into the hands of religious readers, has thoroughly disgusted them, and has called out replies and exposures most withering. And thus in the English Presbyterian Messenger, this month, Mr. Mathison, an Elder, and one of the parties in a first class city banking firm, comes out vigorously and with trenchant logic, quoting also a reply to the "Address," from the Rev. Newman Hall. In like manner there is a paper of rare pungency in Good Woods for September, by J. M. Ludlow," one who thoroughly understands the social results of slavery in \$22.18 the South, and who gives us a dialogue between "The Southern Minister and his Convert." The "Convert" tells "Mister Shearer" that he is greatly troubled in mind. Master-"What about, Cesar. Let not you heart be troubled,' you know?' ..\$ 3.18 | "Jiss so, Mister Shearer, jiss so. But I'm troubled 'about many things.'" The things that trouble Cæsar are then brought Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be out in the progress of the dialogue-first Cæsar says, he has "had tree wife, and neber

none of 'dem go wrong against me; and Sally had four husbands." Then comes should make allowance for unfortunate "incidents" under the peculiar but patriarchal system, and appreciate its benefits, Cæsar says: "What for Jesus say, 'what God hath jined together let no man put 'sun-

to have conversation with, those who will for preaching, and the law that forbids further us in the knowledge of Christ.

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er, I'm much troubled 'bout 'noder ting. Text says, 'search de Scripteres.' What for I not 'lowd read God's Word? * * I'se like to try-I lub de Word of de Lord. Ebery nigger no hev Philip de Deacon to help him." (The minister had told him he wanted one to guide him.) "P'reps if him taught read, de blessed Spirit him elf might liten de poor nigger soul." Reference is then made to what "John Guinea-coast, him of the Wanderer," (a celebrated slaver which landed Africans on the Southern coast in defiance of the law,) had said. "He says dat on Guinea-coast mish'ry teach de African niggers rede de Scripter in der own tongue. What for de African nigger taught rede de Scripter, and de 'merican nigger no taught rede? Dey less ignorant dan us, Mister Shearer."

The minister exclaims: "Less ignorant! poor, degraded heathens, savages, full of the most barbarous superstitions and vices! Ah, Cæsar, you should indeed thank God for having in his Divine providence brought your race to this Christian country." Then comes the question of the Convert: "If dey more ig rant and graded den us, and us too 'graded and ig'rant to rede, what for

mish'ries teach dem?" He is then exhorted to overcome this disputatious temper, to do his duty in his station, to obey his masters, love his wife, and bring up his children in the nurture &c. At which is the responde: " Ah, Mister Shearer, dat 'noder trouble. I've tried to brung up my chil'ren right way." And then he tells about the fate of thirteen of them—one picaniny taken from him to give to Massa Tom. "He teach my Joe to cuss and drink; he flog him for noting, and make shockin' bad liar. Joe now rascal nigger quite—sure he go to hell." He then tells of Susy—"She's putty, she's good little angel." But she is taken away by overseers, and made a "bad woman. So the evils of the slave system are brought out in succession, and the minister getting angry, asks if some fanatical abolitionist has been poisoning his mind? Convert-" Bress the Lord, now I'se neber ab'litionist. De Lord Jehovah my ab'litionist. He bring him people out ob de land ob Egispt, out ob de house ob bon-dage. De Lord Jesus Christ my ab'litionist. He sent to preach de Gospel to de poor, to preach deliberance to de captives, to set at liberty dem dat are bound. De Holy Ghost my ab'litionist; for where de Spirit ob de Lord is, dere is liberty. De Lord hev great black people in dis country. Dey cry to him this long time in bondage. Dey 'xpect he come soon to break dere chains."

Sure I am, if this dialogue were read aloud, and by one who could do it justice, it would tell most powerfully, and thatsupposing any Southern clergyman present -any attempt to apologise for slavery, he could not gain a hearing.

SENCE MATAMORAS, the Spanish Protestant, who, with several others, was prosecuted and condemned in Grenada for disseminating his religious opinions, and subsequently "pardoned" by the Queen of Spain, has left Gibraltar, where he has been for some time past with his companions, for Oran, in Algeria. Previous to their leaving, Matamoras delivered a farewell address to his friends at Gibraltar, in the Presbyterian church, on Sabbath, the 9th of August, and on the following Tuesday a public service was held in the Wesleyan chapel, when the Rev. George Alton gave a valedictory address to the Spanish Protestant refugees.

A Home for Cripples, and coupled with it a Refuge for friendless girls from ten years old and upwards, has been established in the metropolis. The blind also, as a class, are being specially and increasingly cared for. REFORMATORY AND INDUSTRIAL Schools

are still progressing in numbers and usefulness. The Inspector reports that the number of young persons in 1862, in the 65 Reformatory Schools, were 4,536, of whom 3,582 were boys, and 954 girls; 3,533 were Protestants, and 1,003 Roman Catholics. The average cost in England for maintenance, management, and industrial training-not including building expenses or rent—is £19 19s. 3d. for boys, and £18 16s. 5d. for girls. The total expenditure of the Reformatories exceeded the Treasury allowance of six shillings per week, or £15 12s. per annum, by upwards of £20,000; one-third of this was contributed from county rates, and £12,000 from voluntary subscriptions. The parents' payments amounted to £2,564; magistrates, from a mistaken feeling of compassion for the parents, or of ultimately bringing them on the parish statute, excuse many who certainly ought to pay. It is satisfactory to find a marked decrease in last year's criminal returns, in the number of offenders under sixteen years of age, and shows that these schools have had much success. This conclusion is confirmed by the returns of prisoners recognized or traced as having been in Reformatory Schools. They amounted in England, last year, to about five per cent. for the Protestant Schools, and ten per cent. for the Roman Catholic. But considering that many may have escaped recognition, or relapsed into vice or crime, but not committed within the year, this per centage of relapses may fairly be trebled. These figures are substantially confirmed by the returns made by Reformatories, of the character and circumstances of their discharged inmates, and justify the conclusion drawn in former Reports, that the average of reformations effected is about 75 per cent. Encouraging as this is, the Inspector feels assured that, with long sentences, efficient training, and a conditional release under a ticket of leave—the conditions of which are carefully enforced—the number of relapses may be greatly lessened.

The discharges from Reformatories for the year amounted to 1,160, of whom 131 emigrated; the deaths were 11 in the English Protestant Schools, and 10 in the Scotch, on average populations of 2,676, and 690; and 12 in English Roman Catholic Schools, and 5 in Scotch, on average populations of 664, and 247 The superior healthfulness of the English Protestant Schools is ascribed to their cheerful tone. One Roman Catholic Reformatory has been put under suspension, (and would have been closed but for the interposition of Cardinal Wiseman,) from bad manage-The gate which leads to life is a strait gate, therefore we should fear; it is an open gate, therefore we should hope.—Brooks.

der from husband, and husban' from wife, and children from parent—dat 'cordin' to de law, Mr. Shearer?"

meus. Incomment of ceived power from Rome to settle the institution on a satisfactory footing, but the de law, Mr. Shearer?" The gate which leads to life is a strait der, if Massa have power to put wife 'sun- ment. The Cardinal professed to have reof relapses after discharge, in this Reformatory, is thought to be at least 50 per cent. This lamentable result is attributed