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Elder-Thomas Scott.

-D. M'Connell.

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-D. W. Shrveck.

urer pro tem.

burg, were presented and read.

hands of the Committees for review.

INGS .- Ministers -S. C. Jennings, J. Martin.

NARBATIVE FOR NEXT MEETING .- Ministers-

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE.— Ministers—C. V. McKaig, R. McPherson. Elder

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY OF OHIO .- Minister

-J. Smith, J. Davis. Elder—Joseph Reed. RECORDS OF PRESENTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE.

Ministers-Alexander Donaldson, J. S. Elder.

RECORDS OF PRESENTERY OF CLARION .- Minis

ters-W. Hunter, A. O. Rockwell. Elder-W.

RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG .-

Ministers-S. McFarren, C. G. Braddock. Elder

The Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries of

Redstone, Ohio, Blairsville, Clarion, and Salts-

The Presbyterial Records of the Presbyteries

of Redstone, Ohio, Blairsville, Clarion, and

Saltsburg, were presented and placed in the

Synod then took up a collection of twenty-five

ents from each member, for the Contingent

Fund, and Mr. M'Cartney was appointed Treas-

The Board of Colportage presented their An-

nual Report, which was read and committed to

Messrs. S. C. Jennings, N. H. Gillette, and B

McLain, to report thereon. Following is the

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 1, 1863. J To the Synods of Pittsburgh and Allegheny:

DEAR BRETHEEN :- Your Board of Colportage

would respectfully report, that our Capital-in-

cluding stock, dues, cash on hand, and furniture of Rooms, is now \$3,914.

Our Sales during the past year have amounted to \$5,034, and our profits on the same to \$958. Our expenses have been \$683, leaving a net

Our Indebtedness is \$114, of which \$113 are

Contributions from the churches, during the

to our Colportage Fund, while our cash on hand

Donations made by your Board, to soldiers and benevolent institutions—including per centage

paid to colporteurs, of whom we have now four

teen in the field-amount to \$1,048. Of this

amount, \$757 have been given to soldiers alone, in the form of 2,532 bound volumes, and 90,152

pages of tracts. It is with feelings of gratitude

to God and the churches, that we are permitted to report our having been enabled to accomplish

so much in behalf of the spiritual welfare of the

brave defenders of the Government which per-

mits us thus to labor, and protects and encour-

Capital.......\$3,914, against \$3,639, showing a gain of \$ 27. Sales.......... 5,434 " 3,775 " " 1,251. Profit on sales 258 " 710 " " 244.

But in the meantime our indebtedness has al-

future, increased prayer and patronage; also, increased contributions, that we may have increased

our soldiers and the humble poor.

The term of membership for which the follow-

ng persons were chosen by the Synod of Pitts-

burgh, expires with the present Synodical year, year, viz.: *Ministers*—Dr. M'Kinney, Dr. Mar-

shall, J. M. Hastings. Elders—Samuel McMaster, Josiah McJunkin, deceased, James B. Law-

In behalf the Board of Colportage of the

The subject of the Theological Seminary was

taken up, and the several Presbyteries were

Donaldson leading the Synod in this service.

On motion, Messrs. Riddle, McKinney, Mont-

gomery, and McDaniels, were appointed a Com-

On motion, the Committees in the several Pres-

The Rev. D. D. Christy, of the Presbytery of

The Rev. Mr. Hartsock, of the United Breth-

ren, and Rev. Mr. Evens, of the Baptist Church,

Dr. Beatty appeared in Synod as commissioner

of the Synod of Wheeling, and presented ex-

tracts from the records of said Synod on the sub-

ject of the union of the Colleges of Jefferson and

Rev. Mesers. C. C. Beatty, D. D. and James

I have been directed by the Synod of Wheel-

ng to put into your hands the following copy of

explain. You will please bear this to the Synod

f Pittsburgh, soon to be in session at Johnstown

e., with the kind Christian greetings of the

It affords me peculiar pleasure to furnish the

nd real gladness of heart with which Synod took

the action which it embodies. May God prosper

The paper on the union of Jefferson and Washington Colleges, Pennsylvania, was now taken

ip, the items thereof considered seriatim, and

WHEREAS, The Synod has been informed that

an individual has offered a donation of fifty thousand dollars, on the condition of a union of

Resolved, That the members of Synod consider

union of these institutions as very desirable for

the purpose of uniting the friends of collegiate

lieve that such a union would greatly subserve

Resolved, That as neither of these colleges i

likely, as now situated, to command that general

sympathy and support of Presbyterians in West-

ern Pennsylvania, Western Virginia and Eastern Ohio which seems necessary to the establishment

of a first class institution, and which could be se-

cured by a united college, we think no mere local

nterest should prevent so important an object;

but that its location in either Washington or Cannonsburg, ought to be submitted to disinter-

ested persons to decide it, in reference to the

Resolved, That so liberal an offer should not

be lost by the neglect to act by those who have

Synod, but we believe also the patronage of other evening.

al place, indicate concerns a termination of detail income t

common benefit of the cause of education.

the interests of sound learning and religion.

ation under Presbyterian influences, and be-

Washington and Jefferson Colleges; therefore,

animously adopted, as follows:

Respectfully yours,

JAMES BLACK.

Stated Clerk of Synod.

NEW-LISBON, O., October 19, 1863.

Washington, which were read, as follows, viz.:

were invited to sit as corresponding members.

attendance, which were sustained.

Sloan. D.D.

the good work.

byteries, on the subject of the Seminary, were

mittee to report on the subject of the Seminary

JAMES CAROTHERS, President.

Synods of Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

" reduction of 654

Compared with that of the

present reports stands, in

Sales......... 5, 34
Profit on sales
Net profits.... 275
Indebtedness, 114
Cash on hand, 391

past year, have amounted to \$1,161.

PRESERTERIAN BOOK ROOMS, \

llymn.

BY THE FOREST BARD. God is good! let all adore him; Earth, be thou all jubilant; Christians prostrate now before him Sweetly swell the vesper chant. God is good! his mercies ever Fall upon the sons of men; To the bounteous, gracious giver, Let us raise our anthem.

Gracious blessings, gifts unnumbered, He upon us now doth pour; Life eternal, unencumbered, Gift of Him the Cross that bore. Grace and mercy freely flowing. Now the tide of blessings swell, Thus to sinners plainly showing Jesus hath done all things well.

Oh! how great the purchased blessing-Gift of God's begotten Son-Free to all who, faith possessing, Rest upon the victory won. Death abolished, every nation. Kindred, country, clime, and tongue May enjoy a full salvation, By a Saviour's suff'rings won,

Gift of glory-precious treasure-Mine thou art, through Christ enjoyed; Straitened by no earthly measure. Death abolished, sin destroyed. On we journey, upward guided, Strengthened by redeeming love; Jesus hath a home provided In the Father's house above. -Christian Guardian.

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH. The Synod of Pittsburgh met at Johnstown, on esday, October 20th, 1863, at 71 o'clock P. and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. D. Howard, D.D., the Moderator, from 2.

fter sermon, the Moderator took the chair, constituted the Synod with prayer. MEMBERS PRESENT.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE. Ministers. Elders. n M'Clintock. W. S. Caldwell, Paul Rea, R. Hughes M. Wallace. W. Power. . Hamilton, W. Hough, F. Wilson, H. G. Fife, Hamilton Stewart. Wm. Weston, John Giffin. orge Paull.

J. D. M'Cormick, Wm. McDaniel, M'Kinney, D.D., C. Jennings, D.D., 1. Riddle, D.D., Thos. Aiken, ge Marshall, D.D., B. McLain. Robert Smith Israel Haines V. M'Caig, Samuel Collins W. Hazlett, F. J. Gardner. O. Rockwell McPherson,

es Kirk,

Y. M'Cartney.

swing, . Braddock,

Ewing, G. Dunlap. G. Taylor. PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE. Kirkpatrick, D.D., Wm. Stewart. Smith, D.D., D. W. Shryock, McFarren, D.D., D. M'Connell John Hosack. muel M'Clung, Charles M'Laughlin, Jacob Zimmers, orge Hill, ss Stevenson, Wm. Weaver. John A. Dible, E. Hughes, Harbison. Joseph Reed. C. Carson Wm. Robb, H. Miller. Robert Sterling L. Agnew, Jas. Johnston.

lex. M'Gaughey, mes Davis. PRESBYTERY OF CLARION. es Montgomery, S. Elder. C. Pollock. P. Kinkaid W. D. Kennedy. H. Sherrard

James Purse

PRESBYTERY OF SALTSBURG. Donaldson, D.D., hn Carothers John Elwo J. L. M'Comb drew McElwayne, James M'Lain M. Morgan, J. M. Guthrie. J. M. M'Gaughey M. Jones, Wm. Moore, Tobias Bricker. . Carothers. M. Spargrove

MEMBERS ABSENT. Presbytery of Redstone.—A. G. Fairchild, D.D., Wilson, D.D., J. B. M'Kee, H. O. Roseborgh, J. Stoneroad, W. Hughes, J. Martin. Presbytery of Ohio.—W. Jeffrey, D.D., J. J. arks, D.D., John M. Smith, James M. Smith, M. Paxton, D.D., A. C. M'Clelland, F. J. C. hneider, D. Thompson, W. Smith, D.D., M. Jacobus, D.D., S. Fulton, S. Findley, I. N. Kinney, B. M. Kerr, Levi Risher. Presbytery of Blairsville, A. Torrance. J. M. hepley, J. P. Fulton, W. Cunningham.

Presbytery of Clarion.—W. McMichael, Joseph lateer, H. R. Hennigh, John Wray.

Presbytery of Saltsburg.—Jos. Painter, D.D.,

McMillan, S. P. Bollman, D. W. Townsend, rkpatrick, John Stark, M. M. Shirley, D. D.

hristy, L. M. Graves. The Rev. Richard Lea was chosen Moderator. nd the Rev. O. H. Miller, Temporary Clerk. The Rev. John C. Lowrie, D.D., of the Synod New-York, and the Rev. C. Jackson, of the ethodist Episcopal Church, were invited to sit Corresponding Members. On motion, Synod resolved to hear Dr. Lowrie,

behalf of the Boards of the Church, on torrow evening at 7 o'clock. On motion, Synod resolved to meet at 9 A. M., ad adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 2 and adjourn at

meet at 7 P. M.; during their present ses-

The Stated Clerk laid a Docket on the table. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. losed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock. Synod met and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of the last session were read and

Rev. M. W. Jacobus, D.D., and elders S. Mclaster and Dr. James King, of the Presbytery Ohio, and Rev. S. H. Shepley, of the Presbyry of Blairsville, appeared, and their names ere entered on the Roll,

Rev. C. C. Beatty, D.D., of the Synod of Theeling, Rev. W. D. Moore, of the Synod of dississippi, and Rev. A Ehrenfelt, of the Evantelical Lutheran Church, were invited to sit as rresponding Members.

he Moderator announced the following Con ittees, viz.:

ON BILLS AND OVERTURES .- Ministers - W. D. Howard, S. M'Clung, J. Montgomery, W. W. Woodend. Elders.—P. Rea, W. S. Caldwell.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—Ministers.—D. M'Kinney, D. Kirkpatrick, Thomas Leason. Elders— T. B. M'Cormick, Thomas Aiken. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Ministers-

Presbyterran Banner.

PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1863

R. M. Wallace, W. Ewing. Elder.-B. McLain, adjoining Synods of our Church, and we hope LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THIS MEETING.—

Ministers—W. F. Hamilton, R. F. Wilson. Elder family.

R. Smith.

Resolved, That copies of this action be trans-REASONS OF ABSENCE FROM FORMER MEETmitted by the Stated Clerk to the respective

views; and also to the Synods of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, inviting their cooperation with us in D. H. Riddle, A. McElwayne. Elder—J. Haines.
DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES. — Ministers — B. L.
Agnew, N. H. Gillette. Elder—S. Collins. this object.

Resolved, That Drs. Beatty and Sloan be a committee to lay the action of the Synod in the

Boards of these colleges, as the expression of our

matter before the Synod of Pittsburgh, soon to be in session at Johnstown, Pa. A true extract from the minutes. JAMES BLACK Stated Clerk of Synod.

Synod then had a free expression of opinion and feelings on the subject, to the hour for adiournment. Synod then adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock. Synod met and was opened with prayer. The consideration of the subject of the union of

unanimously Resolved, That the action of the Synod of Wheeling be adopted as the action of this Synod. and that a copy of this action be transmitted by the Stated Clerk to the respective Boards of

these Colleges. On motion. Resolved. That a committee be appointed to re-

at the opening of Synod, and take necessary measures for its publication. Messrs. Gillette and Hunter were appointed

said committee. Synod proceeded to fix the time and place of the next meeting, when Greensburgh was appointed as the place, and the fourth Friday of October next, at 7 o'clock P. M. as the time.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises re-That this evening be spent in hearing the Narrative on the State of Religion; a presentation of the interests of the Boards of the Church by Dr. Lowrie, and remarks on these subjects, under the direction of the Moderator; that one hour be spent in special prayer to-morrow morn-ing from eleven to twelve o'clock; and that Thurs-

and the Christian Commission, under the direction of the Moderator. The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report:

day evening be spent in a conference on Revivals

That they have examined them and find That they have examined them and find of the whole body, who might be presumed upon with the exception of with the exception of 1st. The action of the Assembly on the State of the Country, which they recommend to be cordially adopted by this Synod; and also, 2d. That Synod call the attention of the churches under its care to the resolution of the Assembly, page 55, in reference to the revival of the Monthly Concert of Prayer for the success

of missions and the conversion of the world. The Assembly's action was as follows: "But, on the other hand, it may be well for emnly does, the great principles to which utterthus be understood to take her deliberate and nost entirely disappeared, leaving us with cash and the duties of the Christian to the Great In conclusion, while we thank the churches Head of the Church: because, indeed, least of not accustomed to repeat our utterances. some cases, what are general and what party principles, should make us careful in our judgments; but that our duty is none the less imperacalled on to report, by their Committees, what tive to uphold the constituted authorities, because minor delicate questions may possibly be in-volved. Rather, the sphere of the Church is had been done during the past year; after which: remarks were made by Dr. Jacobus, Dr. Beatty, and others; and Synod united in thanksgivings wider and more searching, touching matters of to God for his favor to this Institution, by the great public interest, than the sphere of the liberal contributions of friends to complete the civil magistrate, in this important respect—that the civil authorities can take cognizance only of the truly spiritual sacrifice of "praise to God overt acts; while the law of which the Church continually" is not offered. None should for-Endowment of the Fourth Professorship-Dr.

of God is the interpreter, searches the heart, get "to do good and to communicate," "for makes every man subject to the civil authority for conscience' sake, and declares that man truly guilty, who allows himself to be alienated, in sympathy and feeling, from any lawful duty, or who does not conscientiously prefer the welfare, and especially the preservation of the Government, to any party or partisan ends. Officers may not always command a citizen's confidence; The Rev. D. D. Christy, of the Presbytery of measures may by him be deemed unwise; earn-Saltsburg, appeared and gave reasons for late est, lawful efforts may be made for changes he

expression of cordial sympathy which a loval afforded us ample resources to suppress this rebellion, and that, with his blessing, it will ere total the sum of \$15,000, raised within long be accomplished. We would animate those these bounds by a special effort for the Westwho are discouraged by the continuance and ern Theological Seminary, the aggregate is and rejoice in the supreme government of our good, who often leads through perplexity and darkness. We would exhort to penitence for all surnational sins, to sobriety and humbleness of thirteen hundred additional members to conour national sins, to sobriety and humbleness of mind before the Great Ruler of all, and to con- tribute. It may be replied that the various heir action in a case which the paper itself will stant prayerfulness for the Divine blessing; and outlays for the war have not been fully reported, we would entreat our people to beware of all and this is doubtless true. But so, also, the war stituted authorities, by any other means than manufacturing communities, and generally inare recognized as lawful to be openly prosecuted. And this Assembly is ready to declare our un-showered of his abundance upon us beyond all alterable attachment and adherence to the Union that our terrible public calamity has taken away opy, remembering, as I do, the entire unanimity established by our fathers, and our unqualified condemnation of the rebellion; to proclaim to the world the United States, one and undivided, as our country; the lawfully chosen rulers of the land, our rulers; the Government of the United States, our civil government; and its honored flag, our flag: and to aftirm that we are bound, in the truest and strictest fidelity, to the duties of Christian citizens under a Government that

has strown its blessings with a profuse hand." The following paper was offered by elder Mc-Daniel and seconded by elder McLain, and

unanimously adopted, viz.: WHEREAS, A great increase in the prices of abor and all the necessaries of life incident to he times, have taken place within the bounds of the Synod: and as there has been no correspond. ing increase in the salaries of the ministry; and lieving that plain justice, to say nothing of the duty enjoined upon the people of God, would require that the salaries of those ministers should be increased to something corresponding to the increased expenses of living; therefore, Resolved, That it be earnestly reco

to the churches to take immediate action to raise the salaries of their ministers to such extent as duty in the premises may require.

Resolved, That public notice be given of the action of Synod on this subject, by publication

in the Banner, and from the pulpit. The Committees on the Records of the Presbymend to the Trustees of these respective in- and the Records approved.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock. Synod met, and was opened as usual; after which the members engaged in singing and

dressed the Synod on the subject of the Boards of the Church; and also, remarks were made by other brethren. On motion, the Narrative was accepted and

adopted, and is as follows:

NARRATIVE .- The excellent usage of our Church calls for a yearly "Narrative of the State of Religion" within the Synodical bounds. The history of God's dealing with this ancient and central Synod of the Church would naturally excite a special interest. No summaries of Presbyterial Reports can possibly furnish us with all the material for such a comprehensive view as could be desired. It involves the Church nistory of so many pastors, and so many elders, and so many members for another precious, solemn, momentous year of our sacred annals.

In this department of the spiritual life, figures do not always present an accurate idea. There Jefferson and Washington Colleges was resumed; may even be a vain boast of figures, or a wicked and after further remarks it was, on motion, distrust of them, when a numbering of the people may provoke the wrath of God. And yet, the

Master has hidden us to take note of the fruits, and so far studge of the reality of piery by its activity and efficiency in his service. The five Prespyterial Reports from which this Narrative is commonly compiled, present the general statements, and we turn to the statistics as presented in the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1863. We find this Synod numbering a quest a copy of Dr. Howard's sermon, preached total in communion of 18,974; of these 840 have been added, on examination during the year, and of these again, 371, nearly one-half, within the bounds of one Presbytery (Ohio). We remark, (1). What a mighty society is this, of nearly nineteen thousand souls, within a small district. If every member were animated by the Divine life, vigorous and earnest for the Master, doing business for Christ, all watchful servants and good stewards, carrying this blessed religion

into their various walks of life—the furmer ploughing, and planting, and reaping, and buying and selling, all to have somewhat more of God's good bounty for cultivating the great field or Zion in the earth; and so the merchant, and the lawyer, and the mechanic, and the physician all at work for Jesus, and the children and youth n their spheres engaged for Christ; what an influence would be put forth! Coming now to this canvass and finding about 20,000 in our churches, within the Synodical bounds, solemnly sworn to exalt King Jesus in the earth, to give their suffrage and their sweating toil for is cause and for his incoming kingdom, what splendid results might not be expected? But, 2). With a fresh accession of eight hundred and rly members within the year, nearly a twentieth

what impulse might we not look for? What stimulant to the previous membership from this in-coming band, and this experience of God's good-ness! What rekindling of the flame of love in the circles of prayer and benficence! Surely this is God's gracious token that he has not forsaken us. Not more than three of the pastoral charges within the Synod but report some ac-In one church a remarkable revival has been enjoyed, and fiftyfive are reported as the immediate ingathering, this General Assembly to reaffirm, as it now sol- with others who will yet, doubtless, be brought into the fold as the result of the good work. ance has already been given. We do this the another church twenty-three are reported as the more readily, because our beloved Church may increase upon a total of fifty-two, nearly doubling the membership. In another case forty-three are well-chosen stand, free from all imputations of added, where there were only a hundred and nn hand above indebtedness to amount of \$277. haste or excitement; because we recognize an nine; and in other Presbyteries likewise encour-Your Board feel that it is pleasant to be able to say that we owe so small an amount; also, that (especially in a land where the people frame in view of the success of the year, we ought to their own laws, and choose their own rulers,) Ghost, are the outward signs of much awakening, much prayer and much penitence, and new obedience. And the holy flame is such as ought for favors in the past, we ask of them, for the all persons, should Christian citizens even seem to be cherished and diffused, and be marked by to stand back from their duty, when bad men evident results in an enlarged devotion. But press forward for mischief; and because a true in other quarters the reports speak discouragmeans of glorifying the Master, in doing good to love for our country, in her times of peril, should ingly of the prayer-meeting. The spirituality of forbid us to withhold an expression of our at-the membership is flagging; worldliness pre-tachment, for the insufficient reason that we are vails. It is rather a day of buying and selling, and getting gain; wealth pours a golden flood "And because there are those among us who have scruples touching the propriety of any debers of the church are inquiring how they can liverance of a Church Court respecting civil mat- best invest their surplus funds. And though the ters, this Assembly would add, that all strife of party politics should indeed be banished from our ecclesiastical assemblies, and from our pulis that the disbursement of the Master's goods in pits; that Christian people should earnestly this direction is not in proportion to the increased guard against promoting partizan divisions; and that the difficulty of accurately deciding, in Nay, debtors of five hundred pounds are often

writing fifty! We find in these Reports no complaints from the ministers about their inadequate salaries, because it is not their habit to complain, while some may yet be turned aside to secularities to eke out a deficient allowance. The tithes which God requires to be brought into the storehouse most have rather construed into spiritual offerings, leaving out of view the temporal, and leaving the house of God without meat, while with such sacrifices God is well pleased." The The Presbyterial Reports speak unsatisfactorily to this point, excepting in two of the Presbyteries, where a larger contribution is noted. Turning to the Minutes of the Assembly, we find an aggregate for the year of \$116,053, including con-

gregational expenses and miscellancous items. A noble sum, indeed. Blessed be God. This

shows an average of a fraction over \$6 to each member, for the total of religious and charitable may think desirable; but no causes now exist to vindicate the disloyalty of American citizens toward the United States Government.

"The General Assembly would not withhold from the Government of the United States, that average is about \$4 per member; Ohio, \$13; from the Government of the United States, that average is about \$4 per member; Ohio, \$13; from the Government of the United States, that average is about \$4 per member; Ohio, \$13; from the Government of the United States, that average is about \$4 per member; Ohio, \$13; from the Government of the United States, that average is about \$4 per member; Ohio, \$13; from the Government of the United States, that the contribution of the United States Government. But this average is to be reduced by all the amount contributed by non-communicants. tuations of these costly strifes, to remember not all that could have been expected, considerschemes implying resistance to the lawfully con- itself has very much enhanced the wealth of our creased the income of the farmer, while God has showered of his abundance upon us beyond all of temporal supplies. Besides, it may be considered that in some of the churches there are we have made every allowance, it is not to be denied that a spirit of larger liberality ought to prevail in our midst. One of the Presbyteries reports the crime of avarice as on the increase

long with the other crimes of intemperance Sabbath-breaking and profanity.
Under this head we may call attention to the assembly's reports from our Board of Domestic Missions. Why is it that there is so marked a falling off in the past year's receipts of this Board, in the church at large? At a time when a noble zeal for our country and for its mainte-nance against rebellion takes such strong hold of the public mind, might it not be expected that this Board would be enthusiastically sustained? And yet a decrease of some \$14,000 is the result f the last year's efforts on this behalf.

When the public calamity that is upon us is partly a ruit of the Church's neglect in evangelin immense military expenses, what we failed to give for the advancement of his Church; when we are made most pungently to feel the need of a true Christianity for the healing of our breaches and for the reform of our social institutions, how is it to be accounted for that our Board of Do-mestic Missions has received, the last year, such nadequate support? If our schemes are defective, or our agencies, or if any of the apparatus in our system of beneficence needs repair or teries of Redstone, Clarion, Blairsville, and alteration, no time should be lost in drawing ou the power to obtain it, and we therefore recom- Saltsburg, reported. The Reports were accepted all the energies and resources of the Church for the work of all our Boards. When we consider stitutions to take early and effectual measures for such a union as will secure this, and probably other similar benefactions upon the basis of a union.

Resolved, That such a united college, with the increased advantage which it would be able to offer for a thorough education, would have not only the undivided and hearty support of this synod, but we helieve also the natronage of other similar benefactions upon the basis of a union.

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The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Ohio, report, That the Records of the Presbytery of Ohio, report, That the Records of the Presbytery of Ohio, report, That the Records of the Presbytery of Ohio be approved, with the exception that on page 3d, the record with regard to the licensure of a candidate is defective, in not using the form in the Book.

Synod, but we helieve already calculated for our largest and wealthiest Presbytery is but twenty-five cents a week, per member, for everything which is reported as Christian charity, including pastors' salaries and church expenses—even if we supposed that the non-communicants in the congregations had contributed nothing; and when we further consider that the average already calculated for our largest and wealthiest Presbytery is but twenty-five cents a week, per member, for everything which is reported as Christian charity, including pastors' salaries and church expenses—even if we supposed that the non-communicants in the congregations had contributed nothing; and when we further consider that the average already calculated for our largest and wealthiest Presbytery is but twenty-five cents a week, per member, for everything which is reported as Christian charity, including pastors' salaries and church expenses—even if that the average already calculated for our largest and wealth

age is only about 4% cents a week for each member,

with more things of a section of the final commence of the familiar confidence of

even if it were reckoned that none but members | of the Western Seminary, that during the year had contributed, which is far from the case—is this enough? We claim to have the best apparatus for reaching the people and engaging them in the work of Christ. Our Ruling Elders and Deacons are the financial agents at hand for canvassing their respective fields in this work of The Narrative was read, and Dr. Lowrie adbeneficence. Are any of these too busy for this?
But is not Christ's business first? What if every nember of the Church should open an account with the Master, through these agencies, to set

aside a sum weekly—"on the first day of the week, according as God had prospered him" instead of annually, when the plate comes round; and then, only according to what he has in his pocket, or according to the mood in which he happens to be at the moment?

And again: Have we learned the power of littles, in this department—the power of little children to do good by their little offerings; and the power of the little mites of the widow; and wisdom of gathering the fragments, that nothing remain? Let us aim at a larger and more universal charity for the year on which we

And this leads us to notice the fact that there are reported in the Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes throughout the Synod, an aggregate of 0,583 children and youth. The Narratives in this department are highly encouraging. Greater attention is paid to the work by the churches, and with a corresponding increase of interest on the part of the pupils. What a noble army of the rising generation to be led into battle for King Jesus I How many of these thousands are the baptized children of the Church, for whom all the agencies of the pastor, and the parent, and the Sabbath School teacher are not too many, and no one of these ought to crowd out the other! First of all, the Christian parent has the sacred charge to educate for Christ. One of the Presbyteries reports a lack of parental fidelity in the work of Catechetical instruction. I such parents devolve the sacred charge upon the Sabbath School teacher, will they take refuge of account behind these, at the last day of account? Never! And it is remarked very justly in one of the Narratives, that this parental infidelity counts for much of the vice and abandonmen that prevail among children and youth in their ommunities. Pastoral visitation and Catechet cal instruction by the pastor, are faithfully atended to, and an increased engagedness in the study of the Scripture is observed.

It would seem from the Narratives, that In-

emperance, Sabbath desecration, and Profane Swearing, are on the increase within the bounds of most of the Presbyteries. A neglect of Family Worship and of Infant

Baptism is noticed in one of the Reports.

And we are admonished, as a Synod, that our hurch is making no such aggression and advance as she ought to make within our bounds. Other denominations are setting us an example by multiplying their houses of worship. Meanwhile, our members are not sufficiently drawn out into active exertion for the cause, and there s danger lest they drop off, here and there, at he call of some fresher, livelier interest, or even r better accommodation.

Two of the Reports refer to individual instances in which the peace of the churches has been disturbed by the great questions of the country. Such cases, it is hoped, are few. For the harmony that so largely prevails, we bless God. It is well understood in our Church, that true religion includes a lofty Christian patriotism, and subjection to the powers that be, whether they be our candidates or not, as against a wicked rebellion. But a spirit of nsubordination is wide-spread in the land. While we pray that the Church may not be made the tool of political partisans, nor be rent by mere party politics, we recognize that high political platform of the Scriptures which clares for the maintenance of Government, as gainst insubordination and rebellion. "For if he foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" We know the song of the angels was "Peace on earth;" but Jesus, the Prince of sword." And peace on earth shall yet be had, if need be, by the sword. Yea, "He that hath no sword may be called to sell his garment and buy one." Is it not the clean record of our istory that Presbyterianism is also a Christian sentative government in the Church and in the State? Not "Church and State," but both the Church and the State, as the kindred ordinances of God. We remember the Divine Patriot who cried out, "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem;" hat man after his own heart who said, "Let my ngue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I pre-

er not Jerusalem above my chief joy. In this connexion we record with deep emo ion the decease of that faithful co-labor eminent scholar and educator, the Rev. Alex. B. Brown, D.D., late President of Jefferson College. His memory is fragrant. He was admired and beloved by all. He rests from his labors and his

The Synod records with heartfelt gratitude, he good hand of God toward the Western Theoogical Seminary within in its bounds; that by a special effort during the year, over \$23,000 has been collected. which completes the erdowment of the Fourth Professorship. The Synod. expresses hereby its thanks to all those who conributed to this noble work; and would note this as only one out of many rich tokens of God's favor toward this beloved School of the Prophets. Though an unusual number of young men in our egion have been diverted, on their way to the deminary, by the urgent calls of the country. yet an encouraging accession has been made this | Collections at present meeting, erm. And the course of instruction is com-plete. The Rev. Dr. Beatty will commence durng the present week, his Lectures in the Depart-

ment of Practical Theology.

The Synod also note, with gratitude to God, he animating prospect for Collegiate Education in the scheme proposed, with a noble munifi-cence, by a member of the Synod of Wheeling, and recommended unanimously by that Synod and by this Synod also, for the union of Jefferson and Washington Colleges, as an Institution of the highest order. May the good work go

forward! Rev. A. C. M'Clelland and elder Samuel Rea, of the Presbytery of Ohio, and Rev. John M. Hastings, of the Presbytery of Blairsville, apeared and gave reasons for late attendance which were sustained. Dr. James King asked, and obtained, leave of absence from the remainng sessions of Synod. Synod then adjourned till to-morrow morning

at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer. THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of the last session were read. The Committee on the Report of the Board of colportage reported. The report was accepted, mended and adopted, and is as follows, viz.: The Synod have heard with great gratification

the Report of the Board of Colportage. We re-joice in its prosperity, and usefulness, by the worship during our sessions; and also to the dessing of God, to our army, to the poor, to our hurches, and to the country. But the salary of the Librarian, in view of the increase of the rices of living, is too small, and he needs help n the Book Rooms as the business; therefore, Resolved, That this very important auxiliary in omoting the welfare of the kingdom of Christ, e recommended to the increased contribution of churches and individuals who have sustained it; and to the serious consideration of such per-

vet given it any aid. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of Colportage be required to furnish to the Secretary of the Board of Publication, at Philadelphia, a list of the contributions of the churche and miscellaneous donations of its funds, to be reported to the General Assembly by the presen Board, together with its own Report.

Resolved, That Synod proceed to the election of three ministers and three and elders, to fill up the requisite numbers of the Board of Col-

ons connected with our churches as have not as

The following persons were elected to fill the racancies in the Board of Colportage, viz.: Revs. us is preparing for itself a sepulchre when r. M'Kinney, Dr. Marshall, J. M. Hastings; it disjoins itself from the Universal Mind. Hugh Lee.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary reported. The Report was accepted and adopted; and is as follows:

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past, the Fourth Professorship in that Institution has been fully endowed. They would also congratulate the churches, that in these "perilous

times," such noble benefactions have been made for this purpose by individuals, which may

prove, under God, a stimulus to others to "go and do likewise," for this and other forms of

benevolence in the interests of Christ's kingdom.
While the Synod thus rejoice in the comple-

ion of the four Professorships, they would earn-

estly recommend to the churches their liberal

contributions toward the Contingent Fund, which

always requires support; and particularly toward the endowment of Scholarships, by which

mall expense, can be secured; and also toward

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, and the

Judicial Committee, reported that no business had

been put into their hands, and asked to be dis-

A paper on the subject of the Christian Com-

nission was presented, and after consideration

was, on motion, committed to Messrs McFarren,

The Committee on Leave of Absence repor

that they have given leave to Rev. Messrs. R. M.

Wallace, R. Stevenson, J. M'Clintock, A. M'-Gaughey, — Ewing, R. F. Wilson, G. W. Mechlin, S. H. Shepley, D. H. Riddle, M. W. Jacobus, S. G. Dunlap, J. Carothers; and elders, W. Hough, D. W. Shryock, J. M'Gaughey, P. Ren, W. Moore, J. M'Combs, J. Haines, J. Ren, W. Moore, J. M'Combs, J. Haines, J.

Rea; W. Moore, J. M'Combs, I. Haines, J. Giffin, J. M. Guthrie, J. Zimmers, W. S. Caldwell, W. McDaniels, F. I. Gardner. Also, that

Rev. H. O. Roseborough has assigned, by letter, satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod.

Synod then engaged in devotional exercises

An invitation was given by Mr. Morrell, to the

Synod, to visit the Cambria Iron Works, in this

vicinity. On motion, this invitation was thank-

Synod then adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee to which was committed the

paper on the Christian Commission, reported.

The Report was accepted and adopted, and is as

WHERRAS, The U.S. Christian Commission is

loing much to promote the temporal comfort and

Whereas, It is understood that some of our

pastors are willing to spend some time in the

army, under the direction of that noble institu-

ion, provided their pulpits be supplied in their

absence; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we earnestly recommend to

all our churches to contribute frequently and

liberally in money to aid them in their work of

faith and labor of love, and in hospital stores to

Resolved. 2d. That we recommend to those of

ur ministers who, by age, infirm health, or any

other cause, are disqualified for laboring in our

camps or hospitals, to supply the pulpits of those

who may engage for a time in this great and

The Committee on Reasons for Absence from

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Former Meetings of Synod report, that Revs. Wm. Ewing, C. G. Braddock, S. P. Kinkaid, S.

. Fairchild, D.D., Wm. Jeffery, D.D., R. Mc

Pherson, and Thomas Martin, have assigned

They would also report that Revs. A. M'

Gaughey, J. Martin, W. Smith, D.D., J. J. Marks, D.D., John M. Smith, S. Fulton, J. H. Kirkpatrick, and S. P. Bollman, have assigned

no reasons for absence from the two forme

The Committee further report that Revs. B. M.

Kerr, J. P. Fulton, Wm. Cunningham, Wm. Mc-Michael, Wm. P. Moore, and S. M. Graves,

have been absent for one year without assigning

Resolved, That this Synod approve of the ob-

ect of the Ashmun Institute, in the education of

olored youth for the ministry, under the care of

he New Castle Presbytery, and recommend it to

Resolved, That the receiving agents in the city

\$24.07

\$53.0

29.00

nost vividly before the mind of the Church

which was accepted and approved:

Balance in treasury from last year,

Fuel, light and stationery,

To Stated Clerk for transcribing Minutes, \$ 8.00

Synod then adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

Synod then had a conference on the subject o

Resolved, That so much of the action of the

ast General Assembly as is necessary to set forth

the sentiment on the State of the Country, which

Resolved. That our churches be directed to take

the Thanksgiving Day appointed by the Presi

On motion, the thanks of Synod were tendere

to the pastor and members of the Methodist

Revivals of Religion and the Christian Commis-

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

sion, together with devotional exercises.

Minutes, and read from our pulpits.

THURSDAY EVENING. 7 o'clock.

he patronage of our churches.

and in other ways.

Synod of Pittsburgh:

Permanent Clerk,

Balance on hand.

Closed with prayer.

On motion,

meeting.

Sexton's fee.

satisfactory reasons.

ceasons.

Former Meetings, reported. The Report was

accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

piritual welfare of our soldiers : and

be distributed under their direction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 12 o'clock.

this afternoon. Closed with prayer.

till the hour for adjournment.

ully accepted.

ollows, viz.:

great and permanent benefit, at con

charged. The request was granted.

the enlargement of the Library.

Howard, and Woodend.

Fruit of the Barnet Conference—Evangelical Conference at Perth—Earl of Cavan and Brownlow North—Scottish Evangelization Society—Evangelical Alliance—Discussion as to Lay Evangelists—Protestant Emancipation in Austriu—Lord Russel's Speech—The Cabinet and the Stein Rams—The Times Money Editor vs. The Leader Writers and the Government-Lord Russel and Slaveholding Confederacy—Reasons for Americ in Forbearance—Mr. Summer's Speech—An American Proposal for Prayer-The Terms of Peace-The Divine Arbiter.

LONDON, Oct. 3d, 1863. THE BARNET CONFERENCE has begun to reproduce itself. This is one of the signs of the times, encouraging and hopefulthe gregarious tendency, coupled with prac-tical and philanthropic issues steadily kept in view, and not a mere sentimental expression of mutual regard and love. Meetings of the same character (on a smaller scale) to that held at Barnet in the month of August, have since been held at Bristol, at Clevedon, and at Perth. In the early part of September, the ancient city of Perth was the scene of a confluence which would, as has been truly said of it, "have been a matter of intense astonishment had not the Church of Christ been gradually prepared to expect it by the events of the last few years." Reference is here made to the revivals of religion which have taken place, which necessarily brought true

Christians more closely together. The Perth meeting consisted of 1500 to 2.000 persons, including young people. It was convened chiefly through the influence of Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Gordon Furlong, two well-known evangelists, and the latter a gentleman of good family. A goodly number of the upper class in Scotland are fervent in spirit, serving the Lord -among whom Lords Aberdeen and Kintore, and a number of retired officers of the army and navy, are prominent There are also a goodly number of ministers who are thoroughly in accord with these godly laymen. Among these is the Rev. J. Milne, of Perth, who was the intimate friend of Robert McCheyne, and whose hospitality, zeal, piety, unction, as well as the blessing which has rested for years on his min-

istry, I am acquainted with. At Perth-while letters of apology from those unable to attend, including Lords Roden and Radstock, Captain Trotter, Drs. Horatius, and Andrew Bonar, Rev. Moodie Stuart, Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, and othersthe Earl of Cavan, Robert Baxter, Esq., of London; Rev. W. Pennefather, of Barnet; Rev. Mr. Wilson, of the Established Church, Perth; Brownlow North, Esq., Mr. Donald Matheson, Rev. Mr. David Rev. H Prestonjee, a Hindu evangelist, and others, took part. The whole proceedings were conducted in the atmosphere of prayer, and had a powerful influence, 1st, in increasing the personal holiness of God's children; and, 2dly, in the quickening and conversion of sinners. Mr. Milne, of Perth, relates that he is discovering in succession, "cases of awaking, conversion and confirming," as the result of Mr. Brown-

low North's address. Mr. Pennefather quoted the words of McCheyne: "You may see on the hills of Scotland, when a storm is threatening, the shepherd wending his way to the distant hills, to gather the sheep around him, to shelter them from the tempest under some mighty crag." "Who can tell," said Mr. P., "but that the Lord sees trial coming? Who that looks on the world, but must see the seeds of trouble? It is not for me to say what is coming; but the Lord whose wondrous ken grasps the future as well as the past, is gathering his sheep." Such thoughts are not unfamiliar to reflecting

Christians either here or on the Continent of Europe. The Earl of Cavan, a pious Irish nobleman, told the story of his own conversion, in a very humble spirit, and with an evident reference to mere profession, "head knowledge," and spiritual apprehension of the truth as it is in Christ. . He was presiding at one of the meetings, and some one had spoken of "the head knowledge

of Pittsburgh be requested to publish monthly in the Presbyterian Banner the contributions of the hurches for the several Boards of the Church Resolved. That the spiritual interests of the young is so important that it should be kept Resolved That pastors be recommended to keep this subject before the minds of their respective charges, by unremitting efforts from the pulpit, of the people of Scotland." He therefore The Treasurer presented the following report, remarked as follows: "The mere head knowledge of the truth J. M. Hastings, Treasurer, in account with the

is not confined to Scotland; you find it in England and Ireland too. It is a good thing to be acquainted with the Bible-to attend means of grace-to offer prayers; but these are the outward observances of religion; and if we have not Christ in the heart, they will not give us peace. Another speaker spoke of doing, in his natural state, what he thought right, and I thought to myself of what I had been doing before I knew the Lord. I have never related the circumstances of my conversion to half a dozen people, nor would I now, but from a simple desire to glorify my gracious God, and to make it beneficial to some who may be going the same way. I was very correct, attending places of worship, and hoping by my regularity in such things to gain God's favor, and to work out a righteousness of my own-not knowing the righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ. I frequently attended the week-day services, and kept the saints' days, thinking it very wicked for people to go hunting and do other things on those days, which I thought quite we affirm, be published in connexion with the right to do myself on other days. But twenty years ago, while travelling in Switzup a collection for the Christian Commission, on erland, it was my privilege to hear a Gospel minister. I have not the slightest recollection of what he said, but his text from God's own Word, 'Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Episcopal church for the use of their house of Scribes and Pharisees, etc., came home to my heart; and it pleased God to show me that all my own righteousness was filthy rags. I then counted all things loss, and all my good works but dung, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. God knows that for twenty years I have hardly mentioned this to any one, but I cannot help thinking that many are building on a sandy foundation, and will sink into misery except their eyes are opened. Oh, see if your religion be only outside show, or if with the heart you believe that Jesus died for you personally."

> communion and fellowship with God as not promised to frames and feelings, but to patient, plodding obedience. Then comes the promise to the lover of Christ, the commandment-keeper: "We will come and make our abode with him."

THE SCOTTISH EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIA-TION, which has been founded with a defioutcast population all over the country, and which takes special heed that none who

citizens of Johnstown for their generous hospitality in the entertainment of the members, and likewise to the managers of the Pennsylvania Railroad for excursion tickets to the members in going to and returning from the place of On motion, the editor of the Banner was requested to publish the Minutes of Synod. Synod then adjourned. Concluded with singing, prayer and the apos tolical benediction. W. B. M'ILVAINE, Permanent Clerk. Mr. Brownlow North dwelt strongly on Genius and Religion .- We do not speak lightly when we say that all works of intellect which have not in some measure been

and elders, Samuel McMaster, Thomas Aiken, Religion, justly viewed, surpasses all oth- nite purpose of preaching and teaching er principles in giving a free and manifold Jesus Christ among professors, and also the action to the mind. THE wicked are with Christians on the are not sound in the faith, shall engage in

With devout gratitude, the Synod would record threshing floor, but they shall not be with the work, is doing much good in the North the fact, disclosed in the report of the Faculty them in the garner. THE RESERVE STREET

quickened by religion are doomed to per-

ish or to lose their power; and that geni-