Presbytery of St. Louis to have been regular, not spurious or "pretended." He was amazed that such a man as Dr. Rice should make any difficulty about the provenata meeting. Nothing was more common than these provenata meetings for such purposes. Gentlemen insist that charges should have been tabled. Well might he pray, "Save me from my friends." His friends had said, "If this complaint is not sustricted. tained, Dr. McPheeters goes forth a branded man, and cannot preach anywhere." They have made his case a thousand times worse. He denied that we were bound to prosecute any man justly suspected of disloyalty or any sin, unless we have the technical and legal points attainable. If the Presbytery had undertaken to try him, what a cry would have been raised! Parties, whom I will not name, would immediately raise the cry that this was a matter for the civil courts. Buch a case had actually occurred in one of our Presbyteries. A minister may avoid overt acts, and at the same time exert his influence in such a way as to really act disloyally, and yet you could not lay your hands on any thing which could be brought to trial. This was just what Dr. McPheeters had done. A large minority in his church, and a large proportion of the people of a large city had become so thoroughly convinced of Dr. McPheeters' sympathy with the re-bellion, that the minority required him to be loosed from the church. And the then pastor was fully convinced of this, for he resigned. Then W. W. Green gave notice of "complaint," which was afterwards changed to "appeal and complaint." In the case decided at New Orleans in 1858, the pastor had resisted the dissolution; and even then Mr. Finley was not restored to his pastorate. He denied that W. W. Green could appeal, for he was not the regular delegate to the Presbyterial meeting, and consequently he did not act as a representative in Presbytery. W. W. Green was simply a Commissioner to Presbytery in behalf of the majority. Mr. Strong was the only one who had a right to appeal.
Why not call a meeting and go into it in a more
formal manner? Because it was probable that a great change might take place in the minds o many of the majority just as soon as the dissolu-tion was effected. But Dr. McPheeters has freed us from all difficulty connected with this matter of appeal. He has asked us for the interests of religion to take this matter up, and issue it with out waiting for the result of the appeal before the Synod of Missouri. He has brought the whole case here, and this relieves us from al constitutional difficulties. The attempt at first was to override us by bringing up the whole case; now the effort is to set it aside until the Synod acts. The Presbytery had the right to dissolve the connection. It was expedient. He would in conclusion say a word concerning loy-alty. If a man is loyal, why not say it? I lis-tened to Dr. McPheeters' long speech, and heard not one word to convince me that he was loyal In this crisis of our country it is the duty of eve ry man, and epecially of every minister, to speak out unmistakably. He did not understand how a good man could allow the Church to be dis-tracted, and yet, if loyal, not say so. A friend of his visiting him, claimed to be loyal. In the morning bad news came from our army—that friend was overjoyed. In the evening the tables were turned; glorious news came from the army; that friend was greatly dejected; yet he claimed to be loyal. This was just the loyalty Dr. McPheeters and his friends seem to have mani-fested. Rebellion is as witchcraft: He hoped

would vote against sustaining this complaint. Rev. Mr. Lawson had no speech to make, but was prepared to vote against sustaining the ap-Judge Linn said he would not weary the As sembly, were it not that his views in some respects had not been presented. He would divest himself of all technical difficulties. There was but one point before us. When this matter was brought before the judicial committee he was directed to the provision which would allow this case to come up here. Then he inquired, Can a wrong exist in the Presbyterian Church without a remedy? Can this man, considered disloyal, be permitted to preach and diswithout any remedy? Can it be possible that a majority of the Session can overstep the action majority of the Session can everstep the action of Presbytery, by calling Dr. McPheeters to act as supply? Now, had the Presbytery good grounds for their action toward Dr. McPheeters? There is a principle underlying all this. Is it possible that a Session can call a man suspected of any orime, and then employ him, when the Presby-tery says he must not preach there? Treason is an overt act. Disloyalty may be only negative, and be still as injurious. Suppose such a course had been pursued in all our churches, Where would we have been? If disloyalty is a sin, loyalty must be a Christian virtue, and the minister should inculcate it. And if Dr. Mc-Pheeters refused to do this, he failed, and was objectionable. It is not necessary to sustain the charge of disloyalty, that distinct charges be tabled. It is said that Dr. McPheeters and his friends were detained by a military order, but those who did attend had nothing to do with this. And they sustained the Government in what it did. This was not directed against Presbyterians more than any body else. All the Government asked, was assurance that these were really religious assemblies—that is, they were not plotting treason. It is the duty of the Presbyterian Church to stand by the Government, to secure the stability of the churches. They are mutual supporters. Let the rebels prevail, and where is the Presbyterian Church Then, indeed, we would grope in the dark. The character of Dr. McPheeters has been spoken of in the highest terms. To-day, in the soil of South Carolina, is lying the body of a man whose power has often been felt in this Assembly, and whose logic has borne it down more than once yet he did more than any man ever did in this Assembly to produce secession.

the Assembly would not be so bewitched as

sustain the complaint.

Mr. Powell said, when he came to vote !

On motion, a committee was appointed to report the business yet before the Assembly—what must be attended to now—what can be deferred till next year—and what postponed indefinitely.
The committee were—Dr. Beatty, Krebs, Candee, Tustin, with Judges Lynn and Ryerson.
Glosed with prayer by Dr. Tustin.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Assembly met, and after prayer pro ceeded with the calling of the roll. Rev. Mr. Hudson insisted that the party complaining had no right to come in under the plea that he was not permitted to attend Presbytery. He insisted on the duty of ministers in being faithful to both Church and country; and when a man failed in loyalty to the country, he could not expect the Church to get him out of the difficulties in which he might involve himself on this account. He would not

vote to sustain the complaint. Rev. Mr. Marshall said he would vote to sustain the complaint, not because a question of loyalty was involved, but because the Presbytery acted irregularly. He would do nothing disloyal, or vote for any thing disloyal.

Rev. Mr. Warner was fully prepared to sustain the action of the Presbytery of St.

Mr. Graydon said the proceedings were strange to him. He was surprised at the latitude taken by the speakers. No question of loyalty or disloyalty was before them. The question was simply, will we sustain the action of the Presbytery of St. Louis? His views were identical with those of Judge Ryerson. If Dr. McPheeters is guilty of disloyalty he is also guilty of perjury. And will we convict a man of this without trial? This will we do if we do not sustain this appeal. If Dr. Mo-Pheeters and his friends are disjoyal, let them go, church and all. But that is not

Mr. Lathrop would vote not to sustain the appeal, if he ever got permission, which seemed doubtful. [Laughter.] The Presbytery acted solely in an adminstrative capacity, and not even in a quasi-judicial capacity. The attempt made here to make this a merely technical matter must be noticed. The object of the Church courts is the good of the Church; and our decision on this matter will be regarded either as reproving or rebuking Dr. McPheeters.

Rev. Watson Hughes said his views had been presented by the Permanent Clerk, Dr. Schenck. A pro re nata meeting was proper. If you take away the supervisory | tery had acted wisely, and according to the | three Assemblies, without Mr. Abbott, or | a proper time, which time he believed was power of Presbytery, you disable it at the rules of the Church. Dr. McPheeters had any one to represent him, being present coming, and must soon be here, and upon point where nothing else can remedy it. This general supervision is necessary. Rev. Mr. Rockwell sustained most heartily the Presbytery of St. Louis. His mind had been led to this conclusion by the statements of Dr. McPhesters, himself,

and nothing since said had changed it. Rev. Mr. Kean would not indulge in hair-splitting distinctions. From the closing remarks of the original parties, his mind had been made up that the Presbytery had acted properly. And it had not been changed by all the quasis, quoad hocs, and Carthago delenda ests, with which we had since been entertained. He believed

the intention, the manner, and the results, | this. There is not a year in which a score | No. 4-From Presbytery of Highland, had been proper. Dr. McPheeters had en- of our ministers might not complain of asking a division of Presbytery. Granted deavored to influence this house by assert- greater injustice than Dr. McPheeters. Two new Presbyterics formed, Leavenworth ing his intense desire to place the crown He said brethren had spoken of the solem- and Topeka; and a new Synod formed, on the head of King Jesus. But we must nity of the vote they were about to give, to be called the Synod of Kansas. No. 5 remember that by Him, princes reign and just as if they were standing on the pin- From Presbytery of Marion. The charackings decree justice. After the rebellion nacle and about to launch away. (Laugh ter of this memorial has been already in the time of David, tribe after tribe came ter.) He had been accustomed to be hum-given. Recommendation of Committee

tribe of Levi among them. Mr. Ross and Dr. Reynolds would vote against sustaining the complaint. Dr. Elliott said he would not detain the house to assert his loyalty. He would leave this to be determined by the tenor of laughter.) his life. He had never been asked to take the oath of allegiance, much less six times. There had been statements made by several speakers, concerning the appeal of W. W. Green, which were fallacious. They there. But this was a mistake. Dr. Mc-Pheeters, and those acting with him, have be tried there. The whole affair is now here to be determined by us. This has been alluded to before, but I have thought tain that every requisition of the Book was

even if made to suffer for it. This was the Union men for pastors. way Peter and Paul did, and also Luther. 2. The next question was, had Presbytery elected a pastor, but against a large minority. The expediency of this may be difficult to determine. It is for the Presbytery to settle this, taking into view all circumstances and every responsibility. And the same causes which should operate against settling a pastor, should also operate in his removal. Such a want of unity as existed in the Pine Street church showed that he was not the fit man for that place. The Presbytery did right. I have seen a minister dismissed against the almost united

at once against sustaining the appeal. Dr. Beatty would only detain the Assem-They had a right to act, and it was expedi- in Missouri and in St. Louis, there is no the American Bible Society, then delivered ent for them to-act. They had no right to standard of loyalty. The Governor, one wait till after the war was over. Those members of Presbytery who were unwilling to attend Presbytery upon an oath taken lovality. In a Governor, one an able and interesting address on the subjects embraced in the Report. The first loyalty, as has been Gen. Schofield, and president of the American Bible Society was Elias Bondinot, an elder in the Preswhich enabled them to perform marriage, | Rev. Mr. Clelland, of Ky., said, to us in and forbearance of the Presbytery, and its subject. It may drive the plowshare of this Church. Rev. Mr. Culbertson, one great deliberation. It has been said that through many of our churches. The only of the missionaries of this Church, fell they judged Dr. McPheeters of his loyalty. kind of disloyalty the Church could try, with his armor on, just as he had finished This was a mere extraneous matter. They was disloyalty to herself. judged him because of the difficulties in Rev. Mr. Young, of Ky., said that, were the complaint.

It was moved that we take the vote tonight at 11 o'clock, if ready. Lost. Dr. MacMaster said it was his opinion that this complaint should be dismissed, because the Presbytery did what it had a right to do, and in a proper way. He referred to Form of Government, chap. 8, and stated that there were many precedents under this chapter to sustain the action of this Presbytery. Twenty years ago the Presbytery of Ohio had enjoined on an expastor not to preach within the bounds of a congregation from which he had been

Rev. Mr. Virtue could not sustain the complaint.

He must go with the Presbytery. The by reading the action of Presbytery and Rev. Mr. Pratt had but a word to say. Presbytery had the case fully before it, did the complaint. The vote was then taken. right, and was in duty bound to do as it The following persons voted: Rev. Moses A. Hoge said that he observ-

they applied the principles of the common law to our Church courts, to which they were not applicable. The Presbytery inridge, Hopkins, Clelland, Lapsley, Young, dissolved the pastoral relation simply on Lowe. Elders: Ryerson, Brokaw, Essick, all upon the question of loyalty or disloyalty. The Presbytery did what it had a right to do, and did it properly. He would sustain the Presbytery.

Recess until 7½ o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

After recess the Assembly met. The calling of the Roll was resumed. Rev. N. V. Morrow and elder William complaint. Mr. Taylor proceeded to discuss the subject at some length, contending for the perfect legality of all the proceedings of Presbytery.

Rev. J. D. Paxton said his views on the

general subject had been well expressed by Dr. Schenck and others. But he would say that to admit this as an appeal was a great mistake. There are four ways in which a case can come up by review, by reference, by appeal, and by complaint. He said this was purely a case of complaint, and this could bring up the whole case. Consequently the whole effort to send this back was altogether wrong. Dr. Lowrie-During the time this case was in progress, a motion was made to appoint a committee to visit the church and

examine into its state. But this motion was laid on the table by a motion of W. W. Green, one of these complainants. So that if any undue haste was manifested. the fault was with the friends of Dr. Mc-Pheeters. He did not think the argument concerning military interference amounted to much. This was illustrated by the fact that the members who went to the Assembly in 1852, were required, before entering Charleston, to give their names, ages, and places of residence, and the business before them. This was in a state of peace, and should we complain if some assurance be given that nothing improper will be done in a state of war?

Dr. Candee said he had noted some things which had already been anticipated. Synod of Missouri. Mr. Abbott not Dr. Elliott, from the Committee, advoca-On the whole, he considered the Presby- present. Already the case had been before ted the adoption of the original report. At no trial, nor was a trial necessary. If Dr. | Dismissed. No. 4-Memorial of the pas-McPheeters had wished to carry out the tor and church of Bloomington, Ill., for several reasons which he enumerated principle for which he contends, he ought against the action of the last Assembly. the time was evidently not yet fully come. to have gone to the Presbytery at all haz- Dismissed. No. 6—Complaint of Rev. N. But let the thing work another year—and

Rev. Mr. McKee was decided in the opinion not to sustain the complaint; as was also Rev. Mr. Speer.

Rev. Mr. Steel did not propose to inflict

Referred to the next General Assembly. It seems to be working well—the people look kindly on the passing events, and ere look kindly on the passing events. a speech upon the members. He regretted that this Assembly had given an importance to this case which it never deserved.

Rev. Mr. Forman, of Missouri, would it proper to elucidate it more fully. It that the wishes of the majority of the

and void. Nothing appears to convince us out of Presbytery because they did not that there was any insuperable or great dit- wish to be there. To sustain this comficulty in the way. According to their plaint would injure our Church in Mis-Ordination vows, they should have done it, souri. Union men there want outspoken

Dr. Breckinridge read his written opinion, saying, that it may well be doubted the power to do what it did? This was whether this should have been made a ju- as churches, and as a nation. Adopted. illustrated by the power of Presbytery to dicial case at all; but having been taken decline to put a call into the hands of one up its discussion should have been kept Judges Linn and Ryerson, were appointed a entirely within the record, to sit in judgment on our brethren is one of our most solemn and responsible duties. Dr. Mc-eral Assembly.

The Presbyteries of Upper Missouri and to the Synod of both as concerning his church and his character as a minister. The effort is to put on him an ineffaceable brand. It is attempted to drive him from his charge, because disloyal, though protesting that he has taken and observed the oath required. The local military authorities had discharged him, and he had resumed his duties. voice of his people.

Now, when the civil and military power are satisfied with the loyalty of a man, Now, when the civil and military power should not the Church be? The arguments urged against the illegality and irbly for a remark or two. Many things not regularity of the proceedings of Presbyconnected with this case have been brought tery had not been answered. To approve in. To him it was a very simple question, these proceedings would be to part with often coming up in our Presbyteries. He the freedom of the Church. The standard would only add his assent to what had been of loyalty varies greatly. It cost him said by Drs. Schenck, Musgrave, and Elliott something to love his country. But he the complainants have brought the whole | could not set himself up as a standard for case before us. The Presbytery was regular. his brethren. It is known to us all, that

the church. He went against sustaining he not from the border States he would not say one word. His Presbytery had dissolved a pastoral relation after looking into the state of affairs, deeming this best the freedmen; and the managers were Dr. R. J. Breckinridge had protested, and ready to supply whatever number of copies carried the matter up to Synod. The Synod of Ky., had referred the matter back. and ordered the Presbytery to proceed according to the Book.

Rev. Mr. Lowe said he believed there could be but one opinion- The thing done Rev. J. J. Walsh, of Furruckabad, India,

had presented false issues. We were here years of its existence. The Bible has been The Moderator then stated the question,

To Sustain .- Ministers : Rendall. Roberts, Beattie, Reeve, Rice, Junkin, Greened that in almost all the judicial cases the leaf, Kempshall, Craven, Rodgers, Maclean, lawyers were in error, from the fact that Miller, Johns, Cowhick, Reardon, Marshall. Carson, Laverty, Baynes, Nixon, Flanagan Grove, Pinkerton, Milligan, Forman, Breckgrounds of the unfortunate condition of af. Archer, Graydon, Patterson, Kirkwood fairs in that church, without entering at Hall, Crane, Lockwood, Pogue, Wilson, Waters, Lapsley, Allen—47.

To Sustain in Part.—Ministers: Hays; Logan-2. NOT TO SUSTAIN.-Haskell, Thorburn, Miller, Harlow, Burtis, Krebs, Campbell, Sheldon, Everitt, Bush, Colt, Cobb, Clark, Schenck, Musgrave, Dubois, Wilson, Lawson, Moore, Hudson, Gordon, Warner, Nimmo, Tustin, Hughes, Rockwell, Mc-Kaig, May, McElwain, Kean, Reynolds. Taylor would vote against sustaining the Elliott, Wortman, McCarrell, Dr. Beatty, MacMaster, Thompson, Hamilton, Duncan Robinson, Virtue, Pratt, Hoge, Morrow, Grand Girard, Scovel, Rogers, Crowe, Paxon, Wright, Lowrie, Thompson, Hynes, Allison, Templeton, Stevenson, Candee, Platt, Stevens, Johnson, M'Kee, H. L. Craven, Speer, Taylor, Wilson, Batchelder, Mc. Candlish, Steel, Wilson, Walsh. Elders: Eldridge, Shephard, Houghton, Belknap, Carter, Wallace, Annin, Osborn, Rankin, Davis, Stevens, Powell, Linn, McCormic. Christy, Hays, Fulton, Patten, Brown Ross, Stokes, Mercer, Rankin, Allen, Beall, Foster, Briggs, Smith, Taylor, Evans, Morehouse, Falconer, McGrew, Helphinstine, Byram, Seawright, Gorrell, McIntyre, Allison, Ayres, Pratt, Ogden, Van Eman, Bell, Whiting, Welsh, McCandless,

Thirteenth Day.

Chambers-119.

THURSDAY, June 2. hour in devotional exercises. Minutes

read and approved. The Committee appointed to report as to 3-Complaint of Mr. Abbott against the hour, the amendment was withdrawn. West, Jr., D.D., against the Synod of New- it seems to be working well—the people From Committee on Bills and Overtures : nent.

united and harmonious body.

to acknowledge their allegiance, and the bugged for sixty years, and he liked it to a elsewhere given, adopted. Nos. 10, 15 certain extent, but he had never been hum- and 22, relating to proposed changes in the bugged so badly as in this case. (Laugh- Book of Discipline, were referred to a ter.) However, when coming into the special Committee, to report to next General region of New-York he ought to have ex- | Assembly. No. 7-From Presbytery of pected to be humbugged. (Uproarious St. Clairsville: Recommendation elsewhere noted adopted. No. 8-From the Directors of Western Theological Seminary, urg have been pleased to say nothing. But ing that young men should unite with Pres coming from the State he did, and sur-byteries before, or as soon after as possible rounded by the circumstances in which he entering Seminary. Adopted. No. 9—found himself, he felt constrained to say From Presbytery of Allegheny. Referred had said that this appeal was now before something. If the Assembly sustains to Committee on Psalmody. No. 11—On the Synod of Missouri, yet to be tried Dr. McPheeters' complaint it will simply the amendment to the Constitution of the give him the privilege of preaching in United States, from the Presbytery of Alle-Pine Street church upon the invitation of gheny. Answered by the adoption of the taken the whole matter out of the hands of the Session of the church. And if the compaper presented by Dr. Musgrave, recomthe Synod, and brought it here. It is not plaint is not sustained, the action of the mending the churches and people to petiin the hands of the Synod. It will never Presbytery excluding Dr. McPheeters will tion for an amendment of the Constitution stand. He contended that the action of acknowledging God to be the Ruler of Na-Presbytery at the different meetings was tions, and his Word as the Supreme Law. hasty and ill considered. He also insisted No. 13-A Letter from Rev. John Montgomery, asking the Assembly to appoint had been remarked by Dr. Rice, that he Presbytery should be respected. If a ma-was not prepared to call the proceedings ir-jority of the Presbytery had been present Presbytery of Lafayette. Granted, and regular, but they were peculiar. What he last Summer or this Spring, the case now the time and place suggested by the petimeant by this, I cannot tell. For it is cerbefore us would never have come up. tioner adopted. No. 14—Not proper for Rev. D. A. Wilson, of Missouri, said the action. No 18-Recommendation already met. Dr. Rice declared he was going to military order did not prescribe at all the noted adopted. No. 19—From Presbytery announce some great principles underlying qualifications of those who were to sit in of Columbus. Referred to Synod of St. this whole subject. Dr. Elliott expected Church courts. It simply had reference to Paul. No. 20-From the Synod of Sanhe would enunciate something going down the loyalty of those taking it. And the dusky asking whether baptism administrate to the very depths—if not below—of all very persons who declined to take this tered by Campbellites is valid. Answered

ecclesiastical organizations. What then did oath, took the oath which would allow them in the negative. Adopted. No. 21he say? 1. That the acts of a Presbytery to perform marriage. This oath kept no Upper Missouri and Platte Presbyteries where a majority cannot attend, are null body out of that Presbytery. They kept united into one called Upper Missouri, to meet at St. Joseph's on the second Thursday of July next. Adopted. No. 23-Recommends Thursday the first day of September to be observed as a day of hu-miliation and prayer, unless the President of the United States should appoint some other day, because of sins as individuals, Drs. Craven, Krebs, and Candee, and Committee on Overtures concerning the

> Lafayettee were attached to the Synod of Missouri, thus dissolving the Synod of Upper Missouri. The Board of Publication was directed

to defray the expenses of the Committee on the Book of Discipline. Other things on the Docket:-The Revised Book of Discipline was referred to the next General Assembly. Report on unemployed ministers and vacant churches adopted, and recommended that all judicial cases be continued hereafter until finished. The Report on Freedmen, already described, came up, and after a long and desultory debate, was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Sheddon reported resolutions commendatory of the American Bible Society, and recommending it to the increased liberality of the churches.

The Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, Secretary of byterian Church, and the present Presiwere mere sticklers. He admired the care | the border States, this is a most important | dent, James Lenox, Esq., is also an elder the revision of the Chinese Scriptures. Yesterday he had signed an order for three thousand Testaments for the Cherokees. Already the Society had distributed twenty thousand copies of Scriptures among might be needed in this way. The foreign work of the Society last year amounted to \$20,000—this year it will be \$40,000. Already we have appropriated \$15,000 for Bible work among your own Missions. Most inviting openings are presented in Mexico, Central America, and Chili, and all Spanish America. The war has increased the distribution of the Word of regretted that so much time had been ta- God. Last year the Society distributed ken up in this matter. The last speakers | more copies than during the first twenty precious to multitudes in our armies. The Society is now completing its revision of the Spanish Scriptures, and also of the Arabic. The latter will have access to 100,000,000.

The Report was then adopted, except the resolution which directed that a separate column be appropriated in our Minutes for contributions to this Society.

Closed with prayer by Dr. Breckinridge. AFTERNOON SESSION. The Assembly met, and was opened with

rayer by Rev. Mr. Frazier. The following Committees on the Freed. men were appointed: At Philadelphia-Rev. W. P. Breed, Rev. Samuel F. Colt, and Messrs. Morris, Patterson, John Mc-Arthur, and Willard Hall. At Indianap. olis-Rev. J. H. Nixon, Rev. S. C. Logan, and Messrs. James M. Ray, Charles N. Todd, Thomas McIntyre, and Jesse L

The report on the Assembly's Board of Missions was taken up, and the resolutions recommended by the committee adopted. The Committee on Correspondence reported as delegates to foreign bodies in correspondence with this Assembly, as fol-

To General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, to set in Brooklyn—Rev. M. J. Hickock, D.D., and Hon. Martin Ryerson, Principals, and Rev. N. L. Rice, D.D., and J. C. Henry, Alternates. To General Assembly United Presbyte-rian Church of N. A., Rev. D. X. Jankin,

D.D., and Hone Stanley Matthews, Principals; and Rev. John M. Lowrie, and Robert Carter, Alternates. To the General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. N. C. Burt, D.D., Principal; Rev. I. N. Candee, D.D.

To Associate Reformed Synod, New-York—Rev. R. K. Rodgers, D.D., Principal; Rev. Alfred Nevin, D.D., Alternate. The Assembly took up the report of the Committee on the union between this body Assembly met and spent the usual half and the other branches of the Presbyterian Church. The Report was read by Rev T. N. Haskell, who, in a few remarks, recommended some advanced action on the business on the docket, recommend: the part of this Assembly. As a reason Complaint No. 1-Presbytery of St. Clairs- for this, he said there was a warming ville against the Synod of Wheeling, be up, a flowing together of heart; yea, a yearndismissed. Adopted. Also, No. 2-Com- ing for union on the part of the two bodies plaint of the Session of the Seventh Pres- now so nearly one, but organically divided, byterian church and the Presbytery of Cin- In view of which, he moved to amend the cinnati against the Synod of Cincinnati. report so as to take the initiatory steps, for Referred to next General Assembly. No. an organic union. Yet because of the late

No. 1—Subject of Honorary Members of Judge Bell was born an Old School Pres-Board of Domestic Missions. Referred to byterian, and was born again in the region of It has had a magnitude beyond what any next Assembly. No. 3—Presbytery of one of the executed Synods, and is now, in rational man will admit in the retrospect. West Jersey on the subject of manses. There is not a shadow of a judicial case in No action, because of action on No 2. the great State of Iowa to this Assembly;

and his experience in both branches of the sembly in Judicial Case No. 5, reported Church was, that there is a growing one- the following, viz.: ness of faith and order which must soon merge the two denominations into one great

views of the other body, as set forth on we can perceive, were judicious, equitable, this floor by its delegate, Dr. Wilson, of and for the edification of the Church this city, and which were identical with These complainants, both in their language those embodied in the report before us. and the necessity of their case, brought He therefore was in favor of the report, but the whole proceedings under our review. not of immediate organic union.

of progress in the right direction. Dr. Candee said there was not the least

doubt, from indications increasing on all hands, that a union between the two great complaint to Synod against that action branches of the Presbyterian family, will ere long be consummated. There is, as as to prevent the Presbytery from considerhas been stated here, a melting of heart, ing and acting upon the continued distractyea, a yearning of heart, to come together: yet, there are minor matters that must be at, a subsequent meeting of that body, the which will take time and prudence to arrange, before a step farther than the one contemplated in that report, can be properly taken

Dr. Schenck advocated the adoption of the report, on the ground of its similarity to the views transmitted to us from the other great branch of our beloved Church, now holding its session at Dayton. Ohio. and which seems to intimate that only a preparing of the way is as yet advisable, by a comparing of views—an exchange of pulpits, and a hearty prayer for, and a cooperation with each other, and which will-as certainly as the waves separated by a rock come together again below-result in a hearty and organic union, as the final result. The report was then unanimously adopt-

ed, and is as follows: The Committee, to whom was referred and certain resolutions of the Presbytery of Ogdensburg and Buffalo City, which relate upon by any Presbyterial action. to a reunion of the two great branches of the Presbyterian Church, submit to the tions, for their consideration and adoption.

two bodies, in promoting fraternal Chris- lawful meeting of that body. tian affection, and thus preparing the way for a still closer union at some future day.

by the Presbyteries whose action has been bytery his resignation, it was clearly com- of the Southern Presbyterian, of April submitted to their consideration. Resolved. 3. That with a view still further to attain and strengthen that unity of the spirit which is so essential to organic unity, the Assembly express their concurses the spirit which is so essential to organic unity, the Assembly express their concurses the spirit which is so essential to organic unity, the Assembly express their concurses the spirit which is so essential to organic they believed that by longer continuing to making a very indifferent appearance, at

eration of the parties concerned.

A communication at this stage having been received from the General Assembly sitting at Dayton, a further action was taken, in accordance therewith, as follows: In regard to the paper referred to them since the preceding resolutions were reported, which paper contains a declaration of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Dayton, Ohio -being an expression of their views on the overture of the Lawrence Presby tery upon the reunion of the two General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America—your Committee would further report the following Minute, recommending its adoption by the Assembly, viz.: That while this Assembly receive in the spirit of fraternal kindness the declaration transmitted to them, and thank their brethren for the courtesy thus promptly extended to them, yet having so fully expressed their views on the same general subject in the foregoing resolutions, they deem it unnecessary to add anything further, and recommend that these resolutions, together with this Minute, be transmitted by the Stated Clerk to the Moderator of the General Assembly in session at Dayton, Ohio.

On motion of Dr. Rodgers, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.: Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this General Assembly be, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Newark and its vicinity for their kind and abunbant hospitality to the members during the sessions of this body.

In response to which Mr. Wm. Rankin, Jr., in a most happy manner, replied as follows: Moderator, This occasion awakens two important emotions: one of pleasure, that you came among us; one of sorrow and regret that the time has so nearly come for our separation. It was a matter of surnated Newark as the place of its next they would have done to the other General absent at the time.) Assembly, had it met here instead of at Dayton. It was appropriate that the General Assembly should come to Newark. It had never before met within the bounds of in the case this State. Here was the beginning of Presbyterianism in our Commonwealth, and here it has experienced its largest and most efficient outgrowth. One hundred and twenty years ago this very month, the first was ordained and set apart to that great work in this town, in the person of David Brainard. Four years later, the first Presbyterian College in America was estab. 1865, at 11 A. M. lished here, on the secure basis on which it now exists at Princeten, and here were sent forth nearly one hundred graduates, and among them some of the most favorite of our Church and nation. During the the benediction, and the Assembly ad-Revolutionary struggle, the Presbyterian minister of this town took rank with our own Witherspoon; and on his monument, among other inscriptions to his blessed memory, is this glorious record: He was a zealous supporter of his country's rights. Our churches have, through the generathodoxy, and for pulpit power.

Minute expressive of the sense of the As- is only the self-denying efforts of self-de- cept in the annals of Yankee warfare."

The Assembly does not sustain complainant because the proceedings of the

Presbytery of St. Louis in this case appear Dr. Breckinridge wished to allude to the constitutional and regular, and, so far as The question of the dissolution of the Mr. Miller, in justice to the Presbytery pastoral relation between Dr. McPheeters

to which he belongs, and in which the and the Pine Street church, was originally overture which came up to this body origi- brought in an orderly manner before the nated, would say that while he, of course, Presbytery, by a petition from a minority preferred the action recommended in the of said church, and a personal tender of overture, and which goes farther than the resignation by their pastor, and after all report before us contemplates, yet he goes the constitutional steps had been taken, most heartily for the report as an evidence with care and deliberation, was decided by the Presbytery, acting for the peace and welfare of that church. That which was called an appeal and

could not so suspend all future preceedings ed state of that congregation. And when settled, on the principle of elective affinity, subject came before them, they did almost unanimously deem it unadvisable that the late pastor should continue his ministerial labors in that congregation. Against this decision of the Presbytery, Dr. McPheeters and others have uttered these complaints which we do not sustain.

The Assembly has patiently listened to the history of this case from the opposite points of view taken, but in their decision have strictly confined themselves to the still larger. All ages and classes seem to facts on record. The resignation of the be animated with the proper spirit. Al. pastoral relation, and the distracted state ready sales, and contributions in money, of the church, seemed plainly to call for the action of the Presbytery, and being upon the ground and conversant with all the circumstances and demands of the case, they seem competent to understand and decide what that action should be.

The question of the pastor's loyalty to his National Government, which seemed to be so largely a distinguishing element in an Overture from the Presbytery of Miami, the church, has not been properly before booths in charge, cannot be surpassed the Assembly, as it was not pronounced

They judged it best for the peace and prosperity of that particular church, that General Assembly the following resolu- the late pastor retire altogether, and cease from his public ministrations to them, and fording relief to vast numbers of our sick this Assembly cannot decide otherwise; Resolved, 1. That this Assembly have and though many of the members of the witnessed with unalloyed satisfaction the Presbytery were absent from that meeting happy influences of the correspondence in- which so decided, this could not invalidate itiated by a former Assembly between the their proceedings, as it was a regular and

The right and duty of that Presbytery to order whatever pertains "to the spiritual Resolved. 2. That in view of the pleas- welfare of the churches under their care, ing results which have already been devel- and especially to heal dissensions, by seek oped from the plan of correspondence now ing to remove the occasions of them, is a in successful operation, the Assembly do distinctive and important feature in our not deem it expedient, at present, to pro- Presbyterian polity. And when the paspose any additional measure toward the tor himself so far recognized the propriety consummation of the object contemplated of his withdrawal as to tender to the Prespetent for that body not only to grant his 28th, 1864, published at Columbia, S. C.; request, but to order, if necessary, that he | Rev. A. A. PORTER, editor. It is printed rence with the suggestions and counsels of mented, the strife become embittered, and the rate of \$5.00 a year. The printed the Assembly of 1863, as contained in the the spiritual interests of that church en matter would make probably ten columns the Assembly of 1005, as constitution and that body, and dangered; and when the Presbytery did of the Banner. We extract a few items at length so interfere and direct, without that may interest our readers. recommend them to the prayerful considsues which were the occasion of the strife and unhappy condition of that church, they simply undertook to control the rela- day, May 5, to be opened by a sermon from tion of pastor and people, for the welfare of the church, without impeaching, by any expression, the moral character and minis-

terial standing of that pastor. They only ordered as a prudential measure, that the resignation which he had honestly voluntarily tendered to them, should properly and certainly be carried out by his ceasing in any way to keep up this unhappy state of things, by ceasing to minister to them as their pastor.

Unanimously adopted. On motion of Rev. Mr. Miller, it was Resolved, That this Assembly hereby recommend to all the churches under its care, the observance of the first eight days of the month of January, 1865, to wit, from Sabbath, January 1st to the 2d Sabbath inclusive, as a season of special united praver, in concert with other Eyangelical Christians throughout the world, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom over the whole earth.

EVENING SESSION.

The Assembly took up judicial case No. , being a complaint of Rev. Dr. West against a decision of the Synod of New-York, depriving the Session of the Second church Brooklyn, of the power of discipline over a member immediately subject to their care, and ordering a certificate of dismission in good and regular standing.

1. The sentence appealed from was read.
2. The reasons of complainant for his complaint. 3. The whole record and proceedings of

the inferior courts, including all the testimony and the reasons of their decision. 4. The original parties were heard These being—(1st.) Dr. West, who was heard until the hour of adjournment, when, on prise to some that the last Assembly design motion it was agreed to continue the case for one hour. (2d.) The Synod of Newmeeting, as we had here but a single York. Drs. Krebs, Campbell, and Junkin, church. This surprise was uncalled for, only, of all the members, availing theminasmuch as we have here a dozen or more selves of the opportunity to be heard, and Presbyterian churches (to say nothing of they only to express their utter astonishother denominations), whose families have ment at the action taken by that Synod in extended to you the same hospitality that the case (all but Dr. Junkin having been

The case then coming before the house, it was, on motion. Resolved, That no remarks are needed

Resolved, That the complaint be, and hereby is, unanimously sustained, and that the decision of the Synod of New-York be

reversed. It was then moved by Dr. D. X. Junkin Presbyterian missionary to the heathen that this General Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly be directed to meet in the First church, Pittsburgh, on the Third Thursday in May, proposed union. They affirm that "The The hymn,

> "Blest be the tie that binds," was then sung, after which the Moderator led the Assembly in prayer and pronounced

> > For the Presbyterian Banner. Jefferson College.

MESSES. EDITORS :- I design, in a very brief article, to call the attention of the tions of the past, again and again been Church to the present condition of Jeffer-MAN and BEECHER, and to the theology of bathed in revival seasons. Many pastors son College, and to urge upon all the nesettled over them have had a world-wide cessity of placing it upon a much more fame as leaders in your former Assemblies, permanent basis than that upon which it and have been renowned for piety, for or now stands. With the exception of Prince- by them of every one of the New School ton, there is no institution of learning in errors," before the union be consummated. To the incidents of our Church history America that has furnished as many stuwe have now to add the meeting here of dents to our Seminaries as Jefferson. Exthis General Assembly of the Presbyterian amine the catalogue of any of our Theo-sissippi," gives a sketch of the perform Church in the United States of America. logical Seminaries and at once the truth of of our soldiers and officers in that State If it had been our choice to designate this becomes apparent. Some of our most which, if at all approximating to the truth, which of all the Assemblies held during influential and useful ministers are of its is most disoreditable. Another article, the last three quarters of a century would most happily reflect the fame of its doings upon the name of Newark, it would be this Assembly of 1864, illustrious in all time advantages the Church has reaped from it.

Assembly of 1864, illustrious in all time advantages the Church has reaped from it. for its dignity, its harmony, and especially for its important and its final deliverance when the ingligental rights of man. Now, an institution that has done so of the Southern soldiers. The writer states much for Presbyterianism should be well that "The worst passions of our fallen nature of the southern soldiers." erance upon the inalienable rights of man.
We thank you, sir, for coming here, and we now bid you an affectionate farewell.
The Committee appointed to bring in a crippled through want of funds. And it the control of the control of

nying men that have made Jefferson what it is. Now I proposo a plan to relieve ou Alma Mater."

Let every graduate do all in his powe o contribute to an endowment fund \$100,000. Let the Alumni at their next meeting appoint a member of each class to remind other members of the claims of our common mother. Let the ministers among her graduates, urge the claims of Jefferson ner graduates, and this plan be gener. ally adopted, before another year the Cal. lege will be endowed with more than \$100,000.

I make the suggestion for the purpos of directing attention to the subject us all do what we can. A GRADUATE

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PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1881

THE PITTSBURGH SANITARY FAIR. This Fair was opened on Wednesday of ast week, with one of the largest proces. sions ever seen in this city, and a patriotic and philanthropic address by Gov. CURTIN

The contributions received and the in. terest manifested exceeded all expectations. During last week the different departments were crowded day and evening; and this week the attendance, if possible, has been still larger. All ages and classes seem to amount to over \$200,000. And there is every probability that the nett proceeds will reach between \$250,000 and \$300,000

The different committees have labored most unremittingly. And the assiduous attention of the ladies having the Refectory. the Floral Department, and the different The Executive Committee has been untiring in its efforts to make the entire enter. prise a complete success, creditable to this whole region; and also the means of af. and wounded soldiers, for whom the coup. try cannot do too much.

It is expected that the Fair will possibly close on Saturday evening. We advise all who can do so, to visit it, and contribute. by their presence and means, to its noble

A LEAF FROM THE SOUTH.

We are indebted to the politeness of Mr. T. R. EWING, Agent of the Christian Commission at Nashville, Tenn., for a copy

The Southern General Assembly is called to meet at Charlotte, N. C. on Thursthe previous Moderator, Rev. Jas. A. Lyon, D.D. The Stated Clerk is Rev. Dr. JOHN N. WADDEL: the Permanent Clerk, Rev. Dr. Jos. R. WILSON, a native of Steubenville, Ohio, and formerly pastor of Chartiers church, Washington County,

The Committee on Revision of Hymn Book, is called to meet at the same place It is composed of Rev. Messrs. B. M. PALMER, (Chairman) T. V. MOORE, J. W. PRATT, THOS. SMYTH, J. B. STRATTON, JOHN LEYBURN, (formerly editor of the Presbyterian) and G. H. W. PETRIE. The receipts of the Publication Committee, for March, were \$8,003, and of the Education Committee \$781.

There are six advertisements in the paper, four of which are for female teachers, to whom high salaries are promised.

One of the editorials states that a very deep and extensive revival has occurred among the Confederate officers confined on Johnson's Island. The Confederate Government is represented to have asked permission from our Government, to send Southern chaplains to the island, but "the Yankee authorities, true to their character, deny us the privilege of sending a minister to guide these inquiring souls in the way of salvation." Whereupon the Yankees are denounced as "a barbarous and heartless enemy." It does not appear that a Yankee chaplain was desired.

In another column the editor states that Gen. Forrest continues successful in his operations in West Tennessee and Kentucky." No intimation that anything "barbarous or heartless" had occurred under the leadership of that distinguished chieftain. (?)

Referring to the contest in Virginia, the editor says :-- "Let every Christian importunately intercede with Almighty God for his favor and help in this critical moment."

The Presbytery of East Alabama expresses its approval of a proposed union between the Southern Presbyterian Church (O. S.) and the United Synod, (or New School.)

On the other hand the South Carolina Presbytery vehemently protests against the glorious vindication of the doctrines of grace made by our Church in 1837 was a separation from undoubted heretics. The parties now proposed to be introduced into union with us continued in fellowship with those heretics until driven out by their legislation against the political institutions of our country. This Presbytery cannot understand how it is possible for the United Synod to have held at one and the same time to the theology of BARNES, BEour Old School Standards." They insist upon a "formal and distinct repudiation An article entitled "The Enemy in Mis-