

73rd Sessions. Augusta 3rd April 1828.

The Presbytery of Hopewell met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by Brother Church, the former moderator from ~~Stehemiah~~ 2nd: 3. Constituted with prayer.

Members present.

Moses Waddel D.D. William Moderwel

Monro Church J. G. Alexander &

R. Chamberlain, William B. Richards the

candidate for licensure, and the elder William J. Hobby of the church in this city. Absent,

Francis Cummins D.D. Alex. Kirkpatrick,

John Brown D.D. John S. Wilson,

Edward Pharr Joseph C. Stites,

Thos. Goulding Jesse Stratton,

James Gamble Henry Safford,

And the licentiates James C. Patterson, C. P. Beman, John Harrison & C. S. Hipping. A recess of Presbytery was then ordered until half past 3 o'clock P.M. At the appointed hour presbytery convened. Members present as above. Brother Chamberlain was chosen Moderator, and Brother Alexander Clerk.

302. Samuel H. Salmage, presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Newton New Jersey, affectionately recommending him to this body, whereupon he was received as a member and took his seat accordingly.

The minutes of the last sessions of Presbytery not being present, It was resolved that Presbytery proceed to hear the trials of Mr. Richards. Mr. Richards accordingly exhibited written trials on the subjects previously assigned him by Presbytery, consisting of a Latin Exercisus, a Lecture, a critical exercise, and a sermon, which were all sustained as parts of trial prior to licensure. Presbytery then adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Augusta 4th April 1828.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Members present as on yesterday.

Brother Kirkpatrick appeared in presbytery, and having given sufficient reasons for tardiness, took his seat. Brother Patterson, a licentiate, appeared and assigned reasons for tardiness which were sustained.

A letter was received from Hopewell church in Craigford co., also a verbal supplication from Smyrna Dekalb co. praying for supplies. On motion, Resolved, that these supplications lie on the table for the present.

A communication was received from Mr Cassels a candidate under our care, giving reasons for absence which were sustained. Mr Cassels Lecture on Psalm 15th was exhibited to Presbytery, and sustained as a part of trials.

Thomas F. Scott a member of the Presbyterian Church in Athens appeared before Presbytery desiring to be taken under its care as a candidate for the gospel ministry, and was examined on experimental religion, and with respect to his views of wishing to take upon him the sacred office, his examination was sus-

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304. tained, and he was received as a candidate under our care: And the following subjects of trial were assigned Mr Scott to be exhibited at our next stated sessions, Viz. A Latin exegesis on "Num voluntas humana libera sit?" And a critical exercise on Luke 15: 7th.

A desire was expressed to presbytery that James C. Patterson, Carlisle P. Beman, and John Harrison licentiates under our care should receive ordination as evangelists. On motion, resolved that parts of trial be assigned the above named brethren prior to ordination; and it is ordered, that brother Patterson prepare a discourse on Gal. 6: 14. brother Beman a discourse on John's gospel 1: 1. and brother Harrison one on John's gospel 3: 19. and that they be ordained as evangelists at the next stated sessions of Presbytery, if their trials be sustained; and that brother Moderwel preach the ordination sermon, and brother Salmage be his alternate; that brother Waddel preside and

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and give the charge, and that brother Church be his
alternate. A recess was then ordered until 3 O'clock P.M.

At the ^{hour} appointed presbytery again convened.

A letter was received from Father Cummins assigning
satisfactory reasons for absence. Also a letter from brother
Gamble enclosing six dollars for contingent purposes.

Joseph Bryant an elder from Mount Zion church
appeared in Presbytery and took a seat.

On motion, resolved, that a committee of two be appoint-
ed to draft a report on the state of religion within our
bounds to be sent up to the General Assembly. Brethren
Church and Talmage were appointed that committee.

On motion, resolved, that the congregational reports
be submitted to presbytery.

On motion, resolved, that a committee of three be
appointed to devise the best method of supplying
the destitute churches within our bounds, to report
before the rising of this body. Brethren Waddel,
Kirkpatrick, and Bryant were appointed that
committee.

306. A short recess was then ordered to give place to the deliberations of the Georgia Missionary Society. After the recess, the presbytery again convened, and on motion adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 7 past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Augusta April 5th 1828.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last were read.

On motion, resolved that the session books of the churches be called for. None but the session book of the church in this city was present. Brethren Church and Bryant were appointed a committee to examine it report before the rising of Presbytery.

Mr. Richards was examined on the subjects prescribed by the book of discipline prior to licensure, and his examination was sustained.

On motion, resolved, that Mr Richards be licensed on to-morrow, immediately after divine service in the afternoon. A recess was then ordered until 3 O'clock P.M.

At the appointed hour Presbytery again convened. Brother Goulding appeared and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Mr Thomas McGruder a member of the church in Washington, Wilkes, co. appeared before Presbytery expressing a desire to be taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and with respect to his views of the sacred office. His examination was sustained and he was accordingly received under our care. Presbytery assigned Mr McGruder John 20:29. the subject of a critical exercise: Num supplicium sceleratorum eternum futurum sit? the subject of an Exegesis and the 1st Psalm the subject of a lecture.

The committee appointed to draft a report on the state of religion within our bounds to send up to the next General Assembly, reported, and their report was accepted.

308. The committee to whom was refered the subject of devising the best method of supplying the destitute churches within our bounds reported as follows. Resolved, that brother Gamble preach in Butts co. three times and that one of the times be a communion; that Brother Kirkpatrick preach three times at Smyrna and one of the times administer the Lord's Supper: that Brother Stratton preach three times at Hopewell, Crawford co. and likewise administer the sacrament of the Supper once; and that the Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to each of the above named brethren.

On motion, resolved, that a committee of two be appointed to draft a system of bye-laws for the future government of this body, to be submitted at its next stated sessions, and that brethren Waddel and Moderwel be that committee.

The committee to whom was refered the session book of the church in this city reported favourably and the book was approved up to page 154.

A recess was then ordered, to give place for the business.

of the Missionary Society.

After the recess presbytery again convened. On motion resolved that a committee of two be appointed to draft a report on the state of Education within our bounds to be transmitted to the board of Education of the General Assembly; also a report by the same committee on missions, to be transmitted to the board of missions of the same body; and that brethren Church and Chamberlain be that committee.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at this place on Monday morning at 6 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, April 7th 1828.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Agreeable to a previous resolution Mr W^m B. Richards was on yesterday afternoon licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, as a probationer, according to the form prescribed in the book of discipline, in the presence of a large congregation.

On motion brother Stiles was chosen our delegate to the General Assembly for the present year, and the Clerk was ordered to make out his commission to that body in due form.

The following sacramental meetings were appointed to be held

in several destitute churches within our bounds: viz.

Resolved, that a meeting commence at Eatonton on Friday before the 3^d Sabbath in April, and that Brethren Brown, Church, Beman and Chamberlain attend that meeting.

Resolved that a three days meeting commence in Mill-
egeville on Friday before the 3^d Sabbath in June
and that Brethren, Brown, Talmage, Chamberlain,
and Patterson attend that meeting.

Resolved, that a meeting commence at Hopewell Craw-
ford co. on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in June, and
that Brethren Waddel, Chamberlain, Patterson and
Stratton attend.

Resolved, that a three days meeting commence at Beth-
el Jasper, co. on Friday preceeding the 1st Sabbath
in July next, and that Brethren Goulding, Church,
Chamberlain, and as many others as can, attend.

Resolved, that a four days meeting commence at Fay-
etterville in Fayette co. on Thursday before the 3^d Sab-
bath in August next, and that Brethren Waddel,
Moserwell, Chamberlain, Kirkpatrick, and Gamble, attend.

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The clerk was directed to notify the absent Brethern of their appointments. Concluded with prayer and the Presbytery adjourned to meet at McDonough Henry co. on the 2^d Saturday in August next at 12 O'clock. A.M.

J. Q. Alexander, Clk. pro. Tem.
John S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

The following paper was directed to be recorded in this place.
See pages 279 & 281 for a statement of the case.

Thyatira Church, 26th July 1828.

Mr James S. Fleming, formerly a member of Hebron church but sometime since removed without its bounds, betwixt whom and Daniel Bryson a difference existed while both were members of Hebron Church, which was tried by the session of said Church and issued in the suspension of both parties from the privileges of the church, applied here for a hearing of the case, to the Moderator of the session appointed by Presbytery in August, at Athens in 1826. There not being any member of the session of Hebron present, the Moderator called in several helps from different churches, who were present,

and a session was constituted composed of the following members, viz. Moses Waddel, Moderator, of Athens, John King, of Sandy Creek, Richard Saye, of Fairview, Joseph Kitchford, of Thyatira, and William Turk, of New Lebanon. Mr Fleming came forward and acknowledged that he had acted in an unchristian manner in what he had formerly said to and of Mr Bryson, for which he had sincerely repented and begged forgiveness of God; and that if he had an opportunity of seeing Mr Bryson, he would confess the same to him, and ask his forgiveness. On which profession of repentance &c the session were unanimously of opinion that Mr Fleming might be justly restored to communion in the Church. Certified by

M. Waddel, Mod^r

John S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

McDonough August 9th 1828. 24. Session.

The Presbytery of Hopewell met according to adjournment, and was opened by the Moderator with a sermon from Hebrews 10: 31. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Constituted with prayer.

Ministers present. Elders.

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| Mr. Waddel D.D. | Thomas Russell, |
| James Gamble, | William Montgomery, |
| R. Chamberlain, | William Carson, |
| John S. Wilson, | Samuel Groves, |
| A. Kirkpatrick, | George Campbell |
| Joseph N. Alexander, | Samuel Baldwin |
| Jesse Stratton, | John Davidson, |
| Alonzo Church, | John S. Falls |
| Samuel H. Salmage. | Joseph Hollingsworth |
| & the Licentiates, | Joseph Carmichael, |
| John Harrison, | Felix Simonton, |
| James C. Patterson, & | William Turk, |
| William B. Richards, | Matthew Robinson |
| | John Nicolls |

William Hodge, & James Mayne. Absent Francis
 Cummins D. D. John Brown D. D. Edward Pharr,
 Thomas Goulding, William Moderwell, Joseph C. Stiles
 & Henry Safford; with the licentiates C. P. Beman,
 & E. S. Hooping.

Dr Waddel was chosen Moderator, and John S. Wilson,
 clerk. The minutes of the last and preceding sessions were
 read. John S. Wilson rendered reasons for absence from
 the last stated sessions of presbytery, which were sustained.

Calls, supplications &c. were ordered to be brought forward.

Joseph Hollingsworth, a ruling elder from Smyrna, petitioned
 for supplies. A petition was presented from the church of
 + New Lebanon praying to be received under our care,
 and granted supplies. The prayer was granted.

A petition from sundry persons in Hall, co. was pre-
 sented praying supplies. The consideration of the
 petition was deferred.

Mr. Matthew T. Caldwell, a ruling elder from the
 church at Forsyth appeared and took a seat.

Resolved, that the members of this presbytery apply

annually to the congregations under their care for contributions to defray the expenses of a commissioner to the General Assembly, and other contingent expenses, and that these contributions be handed to presbytery at their spring sessions.

The stated clerk presented a report as directed by the presbytery at Decatur, of the number of times each member of the presbytery has been absent since the act defining the boundary between this presbytery and that of Georgia, which after being considered, was re-committed to a committee consisting of Dr. Waddel and the clerk, who were directed to revise and compare the transcript of the minutes of this presbytery with the original and report on this subject at the next spring sessions.

Dr. Waddel rendered reasons for absence from the three days meeting in Crawford co. which were satisfactory.

Mr. Stratton gave reasons for not fully complying with the directions of presbytery, in preaching in Crawford co. which were considered and sustained.

Mr. Esamble reported that he had fulfilled his presbyterial appointments.

Mr. Chamberlain reported, that he had complied with

with the orders of presbytery, and had attended all his presbyterial appointments.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that he had preached at Smyrna and complied with the directions of presbytery.

Thomas J. Scott, a candidate for licensure under our care delivered to presbytery an Exegetis on the subject assigned him at our last stated sessions as a part of trial prior to licensure, which was submitted to a committee consisting of Messrs Kirkpatrick and Talnage to report on Monday morning.

Brother Moberwell appeared in presbytery and reasons for tardiness and took his seat.

An application from the church in Forsyth Monroe, Co. for supplies from this time till next spring sessions was submitted, and the consideration of it deferred.

Mr. Cason, an Elder from the Hopewell church, Crawford, Co. appeared in presbytery and took a seat.

Mr. Scott was examined on the first 8 chapters of the confession of Faith, and his examination was

sustained as part of trial prior to licensure.

Mr Church rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the three days meeting at Catonton.

Mr Samuel L. Cassells, delivered a sermon from Gal: II. 15 the subject assigned him as part of trial previous to licensure which was considered and sustained.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet in this place on Monday morning at 7 O'clock. Concluded with prayer.

McDonough, Monday, 11th August 1828.

Presbytery met agreeable to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on Saturday. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was refered the Exegetis of Mr Scott reported, and recommended that it be sustained as part of trial prior to licensure.

Brother Chamberlain reported the following churches organized since our last sessions; viz. A church at South Liberty, Wilkes, co. consisting of 14 members. A church at Hebilon, Pike, co. consisting of 12 members. A church at Newnan, Coweta co.

with 12 members. A church in Forsyth, Monroe, co, consisting of 14 members.

Resolved, that whereas the committee appointed by the presbytery at Decatur, DeKalb, co. August 1827, to compile a history of the Presbyterian Church in Georgia, has failed to fulfil the duties imposed by that resolution; It is therefore, ordered that Dr Waddel & Mr Coulding be a committee to prepare for publication a history of the presbyterian church in this state, and that they report at the next spring sessions on this subject.

The committee to whom was assigned the duty at our last stated sessions, of preparing a system of by-laws for the future government of this body, reported, and the report being considered was on motion, recommitted to a committee consisting of the brethren Mordenwell and Church, to report before the rising of presbytery.

Presbytery to examine John Harrison, and James C. Patterson on Theology, natural and revealed, church history and government preparatory to their ordination: and at the same time Samuel J. Cassels, a candidate for licensure, was examined on

the subjects required by our book of discipline prior to licensure. The examination of the several candidates was sustained as parts of trial. Mr. Harrison then delivered a sermon on John 3:19. and James C. Patterson one from Gal. 5:14. the subjects assigned them as parts of trial preparatory to ordination, which sermons were considered and sustained.

The several parts of trial exhibited to presbytery by Samuel J. Cassels, having been sustained, it was resolved that his trials be now closed, and he be forthwith licensed: and having satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates, he was licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry within our bounds, or wherever else he may be regularly called.

The trials of the brethren Harrison and Patterson having been approved by presbytery: Mr. Moberwell preached an ordination sermon from Acts 24:25, "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go the way for this time, when I have a convenient season I will call for thee." The brethren were then after satisfactorily answering the questions appointed to

be put to candidates for ordination, solemnly set apart to the full exercise of the gospel ministry, as evangelists by prayer, and the imposition of the hands of the presbytery, and the giving of the right hand of fellowship. Dr. Waddel then delivered a suitable charge to the newly ordained brethren, after which by invitation of the Moderators their seats as members of presbytery.

Mr. William K. Patton, was introduced to presbytery desiring to be received under our care as a candidate for the office of the gospel ministry. Mr. Patton was examined as to his acquaintance with experimental religion, and the motives inducing him to seek to enter the office of the ministry. His examination being approved by presbytery, Matthew 11. Chapter, first 10 verses was assigned him as the subject of a critical exercise, and "Quomodo peccatum originale propagatum fuit," as the subject of an Exegesis to be delivered at our next stated sessions.

Resolved, that Mr. Chamberlain, be appointed the agent of this body to visit Columbus as early as practicable, in order to organize a church - to ascertain which of the lots

appropriated for churches is most eligible, and that may probably be obtained for the use of the presbyterian church, and to employ such means to procure it as shall be found to be necessary.

Presbytery made appointments for meetings at the following places, to wit,

1.st At Oak Grove, Morgan. co, to commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, to be attended by Messrs Chamberlain, Goulding, Church, Stratton, and Richards.

2.nd At Milledgeville, to commence on Thursday evening before the second Sabbath in November, to be attended by the brethren Waddel, Church, Patterson, and Stratton.

3.^d At Macon, to commence on the Thursday evening before the third Sabbath in November, to be attended by Messrs. Church, Salnager, Chamberlain and Patterson.

4.th At Hopewell, Crawford, co. to commence on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, to be attended by Messrs Dr. Waddel, Chamberlain, Stratton, and Patterson.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at sunrise. Concluded with prayer.

McDonough, Tuesday, 12th August 1828.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred the preparation of a system of by-laws for the government of this Presbytery submitted the following report, which was read and adopted: Viz,

1. That the rules for judicatories recommended by the General Assembly, and adopted by this body be read at the commencement of each stated session.
2. That the moderator be always appointed by ballot.
3. That during the sessions of Presbytery not more than two of the brethren shall be engaged in the services of the sanctuary at the same time.
4. That the stated clerk be required to bring with him to each and every session of presbytery a copy of the Confession of Faith.

In addition to the meetings appointed on yesterday presbytery proceeded to make the following; Viz,

5th In Forsyth, Monroe, co. to commence on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in August, to be attend by Messrs Chamberlain, Gamble, Stratton, and Richards.

6th At Harmony, DeKalb, co. to commence on Thursday, before the first Sabbath in September, to be attended by Messrs Kirkpatrick Chamberlain, Gamble, Pharr, and Wilson.

7th In Augusta, to commence on the Friday before the meeting of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, to be attended by Messrs. Dr Waddel, Coulding, Church, Chamberlain, Patterson, &c.

8th At Jackson, Butts, co. to commence Friday, before the third Sabbath in September, to be attended by Messrs Gamble, Kirkpatrick Stratton and Richards.

Brethren Church and Wilson, were ordered to supply each one Sabbath between this and the next spring sessions at New Lebanon, Franklin, co. and administer the Lords supper.

Mr Talnage and Mr Harrison asked and obtained leave of absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Ordered, that Messrs Chamberlain and Stratton visit the churches in Coweta, co. and Lebulon, Pike, co. each one time, and administer the Lords Supper, and that Mr Kirkpatrick visit

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Coweta, twice before the next stated sessions.

Ordered, that Messrs Brown, Alexander, Church and Beman visit South-Liberty, Wilkes, co. before the next stated meeting of presbytery, and hold a three days meeting, giving one month previous notice.

Ordered, that brother Harrison visit the people on Wahoo Creek, Hall, co. at least on one Sabbath before the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Resolved, that at all the three and four days meetings appointed by presbytery, where there is no stated pastor, it shall nominate some one of the brethren to preside, who may be directed to attend.

In accordance with this resolution, presbytery nominated the following brethren to preside at the meetings appointed during the present sessions; *Viz*,

Rev. R. Chamberlain, at Oak-Grove, Morgan, co.

" A. Kirkpatrick, at Harmony, DeKalb. co.

" James C. Patterson, at Milledgeville & Macon.

Dr Moses Waddel, at Hopewell, Crawford, co.

" R. Chamberlain, at Forsyth, Monroe, co.

" V. H. Talmage, at Augusta.

" James Gamble, at Jackson, Butts, co.

Dr. John Brown, at South Liberty, Wilkes, co.

Mr Scott was directed to prepare a Lecture on the 133 Psalm, and a sermon on Isaiah 32:17. to be delivered as parts of trial preparatory to licensure at our next stated sessions.

Presbytery assigned Mr William B. Richards, a licentiate our care Malachi 4 chapter the subject of a lecture, and Rev. 3:20, the subject of a sermon as parts of trial priors to ordination to be delivered at our next stated sessions.

Ordered, that should the trials of Mr Richards be sustained, he be then ordained, and that Mr Goulding preach the ordination sermon and Mr Chamberlain be his alternates, that Dr Waddel preside and give the charge, and Mr Gamble be his alternate.

Concluded with prayer, and presbytery adjourned to meet in Forsyth, Monroe, co. on the first Saturday in April 1829. at 10 O'clock

A. M.

Mr. Waddel. Modr

John S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

Augusta December 5th 1828. 15. Sessions.

Agreeable to a regular citation a pro re nata Presbytery met at the time and place of date, to investigate reports unfavorable to the moral character of the Rev. William Moderwell a member of this Presbytery.

The meeting was opened with a sermon by the Moderator from 2. Timothy III. 15. Constituted with prayer.

Ministers present. Elders.

Moses Waddel D.D.

Augustus Moore, of Augusta.

William Moderwell,

Andrew G. Semmes, "Washington.

Alonso Church,

Jesse Stratton,

S. H. Salmage, &

Thomas Goulding.

Rev. Thomas Goulding was appointed clerk pro tem.
On motion, resolved, that the citation calling this presbytery, be now read, which is as follows; Viz,

Athens 21. Octr 1828.

Dear Sir,

I am constitutionally required to call a

pro re nata Presbytery to assemble in the Presbyterian Church, in the city of Augusta, on the first Friday of December next, in order, to investigate some reports very unfavorable to the characters of one of our members, injurious to the cause of Religion in general and to the interests of our church in particular. As also to receive any candidates for the ministry, should they present themselves to be taken under the care of Presbytery.

Fail not, if possible, to attend.

Mo. Waddel, Mod^r. H. Presbytery.

On motion, resolved that Mr. Maderwell be now required to answer to the general charge against him, specified in the citation. To the general charge of intemperance, in the citation, Mr. Maderwell plead guilty; and professed penitence for the same; and voluntarily promised a total abstinence from ardent spirits in future.

Samuel McNair, an Elder of the Church in Columbia County appeared, and took a seat.

Rev. Nathan Hoyt presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Albany with a request to be received as a member of this Presbytery. He was unanimously received.

A petition was presented from a church in the County of Columbia, called Mount Olivet, to be received under the care of this Presbytery. The petition was granted.

Presbytery resumed the consideration of Mr. Moberwells case. On motion, resolved, that Mr. Moberwell be suspended from the office of the gospel ministry for twelve months from this date, unless sooner restored by Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at the Lecture Room tomorrow morning 10 o'clock. Concluded with prayers.

Augusta December 5th 1828.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayers. Members present as above. The minutes of our last session were read. Rev. Mr. Hoyt was invited to take his seat as a regular member of this Presbytery.

Mr. John Cunningham, an Elder of the church in Greensboro appeared and took a seat.

The Rev. Mr. Hullenbeck of the Presbytery of Albany, being present, was invited to a seat as a corresponding member. The Rev. Robert J. Blairs of the classis of Skenelecty, being

present was invited to a seat as a corresponding member.

Mr Isaac W. Waddel was proposed as a candidate for the holy ministry under the care of this Presbytery. Mr Waddel was then examined on experimental religion, and the motives influencing him to seek admission into the gospel ministry. His examinations were sustained, and Mr Waddel received as a candidate under our care. As parts of trial, Romans. VIII. 18-23 inclusive were assigned him as a critical exercise - the first ten chapters of the Confession of Faith - and the question, "An Christus Deus est?" as an Exegesis.

A letter was received from the Rev. Francis Cummins D.D. assigning reasons for absence, which were sustained.

On motion, resolved unanimously, that the Stated Clerk do send to Mr. Mooderswell, and to the session of each church under the care of this Presbytery, a written copy of the sentence of suspension passed upon Mr. Mooderswell, and inform them that the sentence precludes him from preaching, from public exhortation, from administering gospel ordinances, & from solemnizing marriages. But it is not expected nor desired that the sentence should be publicly read in the Churches. Presbytery adjourned.

Concluded with prayers

M. Waddel Mod^r

John S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

J. Goulding, Clk. pro. tem.

Forsyth, Monroe, co. 11th April 1829. 76. Sessions.

The Presbytery of Hopewell met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator from 2 Timothy, 3:7 "Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Constituted with prayer.

Ministers present. Elders.

Moses Waddel D.D. Joseph H. Lumpkin, Lexington.

Thomas Goulding Charles Allen Jackson, Butts. co.

R. Chamberlain Elijah Reeder, Greenville.

James Gamble James H. Cameron, La Grange.

John S. Wilson Archibald Bruce, Thomaston.

Joseph G. Alexander James Scott Tebulon, Pike, co.

Alonzo Church James Cameron.

Jesse Stratton Samuel B. Hunters, Macon.

Samuel H. Talmage, Seth Leason, Hopewell.

Nathan Hoyt Dr. Felix G. Hay, Washington

James C. Patterson, Joseph Bryan, Mountzion.

& the Licentiates
Carlisle P. Bemans & William Turke, New-Lebanon

William B. Richards, Samuel Finlay, Nazareth.

David Garrison, Alcovia. Moses Alexander, South Liberty.
Matthew J. Caldwell, Forsyth, Mr Schappel, Eatonton.

Ministers absent.

Francis Cummins D.D. Alexander Kirkpatrick,
John Brown D.D. Joseph C. Stiles, &
Edward Pharrs John Harrison,
Henry Safford.

The Rev. Thomas Goulding was chosen Moderator, and Joseph
G. Alexander, Assistant Clerk.

The minutes of the last sessions were read.

Mr Goulding rendered reasons for absence from the last stated
sessions, which were sustained.

Presbyterial contributions were called for, when the following
sums were handed in: Viz.

John S. Wilson from Fairview	-----	\$ 3.02 1/2
James Gamble	-----	5.00.
Samuel H. Talnage	-----	5.00.
William B. Richards	-----	1.00

Mr Joseph Bryan, was elected Treasurer of this body.

The committee to whom was refered the duty of revising and com-

paring the transcript of the records of this this body with the original, reported that they had been unable to accomplish the duties assigned them: Ordered, that the committee be continued, and be required to report at the next stated sessions.

Messrs Lanier of the Presbytery of West Tennessee, Houltonbeck of the Presbytery of Albany, and Clinton of the Presbytery of Georgia, being present, were invited and took seats as correspondents.

A letter was received from Samuel J. Cassells assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions. The committee appointed to collect materials for a history of the Presbyterian Church in Georgia, reported progress and were continued.

Mr William K. Patton a candidate for the gospel ministry under our care, exhibited the parts of trial assigned him at our last stated sessions preparatory to licensure. Mr Patton's lecture was sustained and the exegesis committed to a committee consisting of John S. Wilson and Joseph G. Alexander to report on Monday morning.

Mr Isaac W. Waddel a candidate for the ministry under our care, exhibited the parts of trial assigned him by the pro re nata presbytery assembled in Augusta, prior to licensure. Mr Waddel's critical exercise was sustained, and on motion his exegesis was refered to a committee consisting of Messrs Church and Talmage to report before the rising of Presbytery. He was examined on the first ten chapters of the confession of Faith, which examination was sustained.

To Mr. ^{Patterson} Presbytery assigned the 1st Psalm as the subject of a lecture to be exhibited at our next stated sessions; and he was directed to prepare for examination on the first ten chapters of the Confession of Faith.

To Mr Waddel the five last verses of the 73rd Psalm were assigned as the subject of a lecture to be exhibited at our next stated sessions; and he was directed to prepare for examination on the remaining sections of the Confession of Faith.

Mr. Thomas J. Scott, a candidate for licensure under our care, delivered before Presbytery the several parts of trial previously assigned him, preparatory to licensure,

except the popular discourse, the exhibition of which was postponed at the request of Mr Scott till our next stated sessions. His lecture and critical exercise were considered and sustained.

Mr Carlisle P. Benian a licentiate under our care, having assigned sufficient reasons for not attending and receiving ordination as an evangelist at our last stated sessions; and having been presented from the congregation of South-Liberty, Wilkes, co. requesting Mr. Benian to undertake the pastoral charge of said congregation; Presbytery presented the call, and it was by him accepted. On motion, resolved, that the trials assigned him at the spring sessions of 1828 be his trials prior to ordination, and that he be ordained on Saturday preceding the second Sabbath in July next at South-Liberty Wilkes, co. and that Mr. Hoyt preach the ordination sermon, and Mr. Patterson be his alternate, that Dr. Brown preside and give the charge, and Mr. Goulding be his alternate. Presbytery adjourned to meet in this, Monday morning 9. o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Forsythe, Monday Morning 9. O'clock, April 5th 1829.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on Saturday. The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Mr Stites appeared, rendered reasons for tardiness and took his seat.

The following churches lately organized were reported, and their representatives took seats as members of presbytery: viz, from the Church in Greenville, Meriwether, co. Elijah Reeder; from the Church in Thomaston, Upson, co. Archibald Bruce; from the Church in La Grange, Group, co. James H. Cameron; from the Church at Nazareth, Hall, co. Samuel Finlay. A church was reported as organized in Columbus, Muscogee, co. consisting of five members.

Mr Chamberlain rendered reasons for not executing the agency assigned him to Columbus, at our last stated session. His reasons were unanimously sustained.

The several petitions from destitute churches laid before Presbytery were on motion, referred to a committee on supplies consisting of Mess^{rs} Gamble, Talmage, and Bryan, to report before the

conclusion of the present sessions.

A petition was presented from divers persons residing in the counties of Walton, Newton, DeKalb &c. praying the licensure of Mr Samuel T. Pharr, a layman, to preach the gospel, which petition, was on motion laid on the table.

William B. Richards, a candidate for ordination, was examined on the different subjects prescribed by our book of discipline, and having delivered a lecture on the subject assigned him at our last stated sessions preparatory to ordination, it was resolved that the several parts of trial now exhibited be sustained, and that he be ordained this afternoon.

Mr. Hamden C. Carter, a candidate for licensure produced an Exegesis, and a critical exercise on the subjects assigned him at the sessions in August 1826, which were considered and sustained as parts of trial preparatory to licensure. Presbytery assigned Mr. Carter Acts 17:30. the subject of a popular discourse, and the I Epistle of John 5:7 & 8, the subject of a lecture, to be delivered during the present sessions prior to Licensure.

Messrs Hoyst and Bryan, were appointed a committee to prepare for publication a notice in reference to a certain person, calling himself Johnston travelling through the country professing to be a Presbyterian or Independant minister, to report before the rising of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Richards. Mr. Goulding preached the sermon from, I Timothy III. 1. "This is a true saying: If any man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." Mr. ^{Richards} having satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates for ordination, he was set apart to the full exercise of the gospel ministry by prayers and the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery. After which Dr. Waddel delivered a suitable charge to the newly ordained bishop, and by invitation he took his seat as a member, of this body.

Mr. Carter delivered a lecture on the subject assigned him. On motion, resolved, that the anniversary of the missionary society be the order of the day for this evening at early candle light.

Congregational reports were called for, and refered to a committee consisting of Messrs. Wilson and Alexander, to prepare the statistical report, to be presented to the next General Assembly, and report before.

the rising of the present session.

Reports on the state of religion within our bounds, were referred to Messrs Talmage and Lumphkin, to prepare a narrative of the state of religion, and report before the rising of Presbytery.

The session books of Fairview and Alcovia were submitted to a committee consisting of Messrs Gamble and Bryan to examine and report tomorrow morning.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 8 O'clock.

Concluded with prayers.

Gorsyth, Tuesday 7th April 1829. 8 O'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday, except Joseph H. Lumphkin who was necessarily absent. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the session books of Fairview and Alcovia reported favorably and they were approved.

The committee to whom was referred the case of a certain vagrant, called Johnstone, report, that it is expedient for Presby-

tery to take some measures to prevent this man from further imposing on our churches and the community at large, and therefore would submit the following resolution: Whereas a certain person calling himself by the name of Johnston, has, for several months past, been travelling through this country, claiming the characters of a minister of the gospel, either of the Presbyterian or Independant Churches: and as this Presbytery upon good evidence, is satisfied, that the said Johnston is unable to produce any proper testimonials as a clergyman, we therefore feel in duty bound to caution the churches under our care against receiving, or giving any countenance to this man as a preacher of the gospel, until he is able to take some steps to remove the dark suspicion which at present justly hangs over his character; which report and resolution were adopted.

The committee to whom was refered the Exeegesis of Mrs Waddel, reported, and recommended that it be sustained.

The presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, the examination of Mr. Carter on the subjects required by our book of discipline, and Mr. Carter having delivered a popular discourse on the subject assigned him, it was resolved that the several parts of trial now exhibited be sustained, and that the candidate

be immediately licensed to preach the everlasting gospel.

Mr. Carter having satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed the presbytery did license him to preach the gospel within its bounds or wherever else he may be regularly called.

Mr. Chappel had leave of absence during the remainder of the present sessions.

The Rev. Alexander Kirkpatrick, through the stated clerk requested a dismission to join the Presbytery of South Carolina, to which request presbytery acceded.

The consideration of the petition for the Licensure of Samuel J. Pharr, laid on the table yesterday, was resumed. He was introduced to Presbytery and examined on experimental religion, and the motives which induced him to seek the office of the gospel ministry. His examination was sustained, and he was directed to prepare for a general examination on the Confession of Faith, and John 10:28. was assigned him as the subject of a sermon to be exhibited at our next sessions as part of trial preparatory to licensure.

Mrs. Farewell Jones a member of the church in Forsythe,

appeared before Presbytery, and expressed a desire to be taken under its care as a candidate for the gospel ministry. He was examined on experimental religion and the motives which had induced him to seek the office of the ministry, which examination was sustained, and presbytery having received satisfactory testimonials of his literary attainments, he was assigned Heb. 7: 1, 2, 3 the subject of a lecture, and Isa. 4 Chapters the subject of critical exercise; Heb. 12: 22, 23, the subject of a sermon, and "Quid evangelica fides sit?" the theme of an exegesis, and Mr. Jones was directed to prepare for an examination on the Confession of Faith as parts of trial previous to his licensure.

Mr. Cason and Mrs. Allen had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this body.

Mr. Dennis M. Winston, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Oneida, produced a regular dismissal from that body to connect himself with this presbytery, and was accordingly received under our care as a probationer for the gospel ministry.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of devising means for supplying the destitute churches under the care of this Presbytery, reported and their report being considered, was adopted, and is as follows:

That to gratify the wishes of the members of the churches and congregations of Thomaston in the county of Upson, La Grange in Troup county, Tebuson in Pike county, and Greenville in the county of Meriwether, we would recommend, the Rev. Edmundo Lanier be appointed to attend these churches, giving to each church one sabbath in each month.

We recommend that Mr Carter be sent to Coweta and Fayette counties for three months.

They also recommend that Mr Gallaher be requested to supply the churches of Franklin and Hall counties.

The committee would further recommend to Presbytery to request Mr Winston to supply the churches of Forsyth and Hopewell each one sabbath in the month, and to visit Monticello and Clinton with a view to the organization of churches.

They would also recommend that presbytery appoint a four days meeting at Columbus, at as early a day as practicable.

They recommend that a four days meeting be held at Coweta on the third sabbath in June, and that Mess^{rs}

Gamble, Chamberlain, Lanier, and Carter attend.

It being desirable that Mr. Dennis M. Winston a licentiate under our care should receive ordination as an evangelist. Presbytery proceeded to assign him Job. 8: 14. the subject of a sermon to be delivered at our next stated sessions as a part of trial preparatory to ordination: Ordered that Joseph C. Stiles preach the ordination sermon, and that John S. Wilson be his alternate: that Dr. Waddel preside and give the charge, and Mr Church be his alternate.

Appointments were made for meetings at the following times and places: Viz,

- 1st A four days meeting in Columbus, to commence on Thursday before the 2nd sabbath in May to be attended by Messrs Patterson Stiles, Lanier, Stratton, and Richards.
- 2nd A four days meeting at Mount Zion, Hancock co, to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in May to be attended by Dr. Brown, and Messrs Talnage and Beman.
- 3^d A four days meeting near Jackson Butts, co. to commence on Thursday before the 11th Sabbath in July, to be attended by Messrs Wilson, Chamberlain, Gamble & Winston.

4.th A four days meeting in Thyatira, Jackson, co. to commence on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July, to be attended by Messrs Wilson, Waddel, Chamberlain and Harrison.

5.th A four days meeting in Monticello, to commence on Thursday night before the 5th Sabbath in May, to be attended by Dr. Brown and Messrs Patterson, Richards and Winston.

On motion resolved, that Messrs Salmage & Bryant, be a committee to draw up a report on the subject of missions to be sent up to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

The committee appointed to draft a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds, reported, and their report was adopted, and ordered to be sent up to up to the next General Assembly.

The committee on the statistical, report, reported and it was adopted.

A call was presented from the Presbyterian Church in the city of Augusta, through presbytery to the Rev. Samuel

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H. Talmage, which was by accepted. Arrangements for the installation of Mrs Talmage, were deferred until our next stated session.

On motion, resolved, that the moderator address a letter to Mr Ephraim S. Hooping a licentiate under our care, admonishing him of his delinquency, in not attending the meetings of Presbytery. The treasurer of this body was directed to pay to Drs Waddel, the Stated Clerk of Synod, the sum of \$8.33. due from this presbytery for fees of office.

Concluded with prayer and the apostolic benediction, and presbytery adjourned to meet in the town of Greensboroug, Green co. on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August at 10 O'clock A.M.

Thomas Goulding, Mod.
John S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

South Liberty, Withes co. July 10th 1829. 71st sessions.

According to previous appointment, the Presbytery of Hopewell met for the purpose of ordaining brother, Carlisle P. Beman to the sacred office of the gospel ministry.

Members present. Ministers, Thomas Goulding, Nathan Hoyt, & Jesse Stratton, Elder Moses Alexander. Licentiate. C. P. Beman.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The Rev.^d Jesse Stratton was appointed temporary clerk.

The candidate being called upon for parts of trial assigned by a previous Presbytery, delivered a popular sermon from the gospel according to John, 1st Chap. 1st verse, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God."

The Presbytery then proceeded to examine the candidate upon the Latin and Greek languages, Natural and Moral Philosophy, Natural and Revealed Theology, Church History and Government; also as to his acquaintance with experimental religion, and his views for desiring the sacred office of the ministry— all which examinations were unanimously sustained.

On motion, resolved, that the Presbytery will proceed tomorrow, at 11 o'clock to the ordination of the candidate.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

South Liberty, Saturday, July 11th 1829.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer.

Members present as on yesterday.

The Rev. Nathan Hoyt having been previously appointed by Presbytery, preached the ordination sermon from 2nd Cor. 2 Chap. part of verse 16.th "And who is sufficient for these things?"

Rev. John Brown D. D. appeared and took his seat.

The Moderator then proceeded by request of Doctor Brown to state briefly the proceedings of presbytery preparatory to ordination, and proposed the usual questions to the candidate, as laid down in the confession of Faith of our church, which questions were answered in the affirmative. The Moderator then proposed the usual questions to the church and congregation, which in like manner, were answered in the affirmative. The candidate was then ordained to the sacred office of the gospel ministry by solemn prayer to Almighty God, and by laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The right hand of fellowship having been given to the newly ordained minister, the Moderator proceeded to give a solemn charge, in the name of God, first to the ministers, and then to the people, to be faithful in the discharge of their mutual duties; all which was concluded in the usual manner, by prayers - singing - & by pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

The newly ordained minister, was invited, and took his seat
in Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned (sine die)

Concluded with prayers

Thomas Goulding: Moderator

Jesse Stratton: Temporary Clerk.

Greensborough August 7th 1829. 78 sessions.

The Hopewell Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment in the
town of Greensborough, Green co, Georgia, and was open-
ed with a sermon by the Moderator, from 2nd Timothy: 2: 15

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that need-
eth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth."

Constituted with prayer.

Ministers

present

Elders.

Francis Cummins D.D.

S. B. Hunters, Macon, Bibb, co.

Thomas Goulding D.D.

T. Tuggle, Monticello, Jasper, co.

Edward Pharr

James Mayne, Watten co. Heevia.

R. Chamberlain

James Harris, Ephesus, Tolbot co.

Nathan Hoyt

Wm. Turk, New Lebanon, Franklin co.

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| John S. Wilson | John Nicolls, Gainsville, Hall, co. |
| Jesse Stratton | John Eberhart, Concord, Hall, co. |
| Joseph G. Alexander | J. Shaw, Lagrange, Group co. |
| William B. Richards | E. H. Heming, Victory, Grove Hall, co. |
| John Harrison | Samuel Finlay, Nazareth, Hall co. |
| Ministers absent: | Samuel Mackey, Hebron, Franklin, co. |
| John Brown, D. D. | Charles A. Redd, Siloam, Greens, co. |
| Mr. Waddel D. D. | David McLaughlin, Lexington, Oglethorpe co. |
| James Gamble | J. W. Robertson, Washington Wilkes, co. |
| Alonso Church | Patrick Scott |
| Samuel K. Salmage | Licentiates absent. |
| James C. Patterson | Ephraim S. Hopping |
| Joseph C. Stites | Samuel J. Cassells |
| Henry Safford, + | and |
| Carlisle P. Beman | Dennis M. Winston. |

The Rev Nathan Hoyt was chosen Moderator and Joseph G. Alexander, a sistant Clerk.

The minutes of the last sessions were read and confirmed.
 The Rev. Francis Cummins D.D. Edward Pharr and John Harrison, severally rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last

stated sessions. Congregational reports were called for, and committed to a committee consisting of the stated and Assistant Clerks to prepare the annual statistical report to be laid before the Synod - to report before the rising of the present sessions.

The committee on the History of the Presbyterian Church, reported progress and was continued.

A Church organized since our last sessions in ^{Talbot} Talbot, Co. and
 + called Ephesus, was reported, and received under our care.

The hearing of Mrs Samuel T. Harris' trials preparatory to his licensure, was on motion deferred, and made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr Joseph Bryan a ruling Elder from the church at Mount Zion, Hancock co, appeared and took a seat.

Mr Farewell Jones a candidate for the gospel ministry under our care, exhibited a lecture on the subject assigned him at our last stated sessions, which lecture was committed to a committee consisting of Messrs Gouliding and Chamberlain to report thereon tomorrow morning.

Mr Jones also delivered a critical exercise on the

subject assigned him, which was refered to a committee consisting of Dr. Cummins, & Mr Bryan to report before the rising of the present sessions.

Mr. Samuel Groves, a ruling elder from the church of Newhope Meadison co. appeared in presbytery and took a seat.

Mr. Dennis M. Winston a licentiate under our care appeared and ^{regident} satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr Jones also presented an exegesis on the subject assigned him, which was refered to a committee consisting of J. S. Wilson and J. G. Alexander, to report thereon as early as practicable.

The delivery of Mr. Winston's sermon previous to ordination, was made the order of the day for tomorrow evening at candle lighting, and on motion the farther consideration of Mr's ordination was defered for the present.

Elder Samuel Baldwin from the church of Union, Oglethorpe co. appeared and took a seat.

Mr Goulding, the former moderator, reported that for reasons which he assigned, he had not complied with the request of the last presbytery, in writing to Mr. E. S. Hopping a licentiate under our care, who has been delinquent in attending on meetings of pres-

bytery. Mr Goulding was requested to take the earliest opportunity to address an affectionate letter to Mr Hoopring exhortating with him, on the duty of attendance on presbyterial meetings. Whereas the Rev. Garrett Hallenbeck, late in the employ of the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society, has acted in an immoral and unchristian manner, whereby reproach has been brought on the church of Christ, and the sacred office of the ministry defamed: and whereas the said Hallenbeck went out bearing testimonials, and recommendations from divers brethren of this presbytery, who at that period entertained no suspicions of the integrity and moral worth of Mr Hallenbeck: It is therefore on motion, resolved, that Drs Brown Waddel, & Goulding, be a committee to whom this matter is referred, to report before the conclusion of the present sessions.

An application was received from Henry Safford through the Rev. Mr Chamberlain, for a dismissal from this body to join the presbytery of Buffalo. And upon mature deliberation, presbytery acceded to Mr Safford's request, and ordered that he be dismissed.

Concluded with prayers, and Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Court House in this place, tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

Greensborough 8th August 1830²⁹ 8 o'clock. A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last session were read.

Drs Brown and Waddel, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took their seats.

Mr Samuel J. Cassells, a licentiate under our care, also appeared and rendered reasons for tardiness, which were sustained.

Thomas W. Alexander a ruling elder from the church of Fairview, Guinnett co. and Setti Cason a ruling elder from the Church of Hopewell, Crawford co. appeared in presbytery and took seats.

The committees to whom were refered the Lecture, Critical exercise and Exegesis of Mr Jones, severally reported favorably, and recommended that they be sustained as parts of trial preparatory to licensure. The reports were agreed to.

3254. The committee to whom was referred heretofore, the revision and transcript of the minutes of this presbytery with the original, rendered satisfactory reasons for not fulfilling the duty assigned them: and on motion brother Chamberlain was added to the committee, and they were directed to report at the next stated sessions.

Mr. Isaac W. Waddel a candidate for the gospel ministry under our care, presented a lecture on the subject assigned him at our last stated sessions, which was considered & sustained.

Mr. Charles C. Mills, a ruling elder from the church of South Liberty, Wilkes co. appeared and took a seat.

Rev. Carlisle P. Beman, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for Jardiness took his seat.

John S. Hall, a ruling elder from the church at Oak Grove appeared in Presbytery and took a seat.

Messrs Isaac W. Waddel, & Farewell Jones, were examined on the Confession of Faith, as directed at our last stated session which examinations were sustained as parts of trial prior to licensure.

Professor Goulding under whose instruction & direction Isaac W. Waddel has pursued his Theological studies for some time past, having been convinced that the licensure of the said candidate during the present sessions of Presbytery would be desirable, and having some time since appointed Luke 24:25. as the subject of a popular discourse, communicated his views to presbytery on this subject; Whereupon, on motion it was resolved, That considering the urgent calls of vacant congregations within our bounds, the presbytery do sanction the appointment of professor Goulding on this subject, and that Mr Waddel preach a popular sermon on the subject assigned this evening at 4 o'clock.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mess^{rs} Scott & Waddel on Church History & Government, they having heretofore been examined on Theology preparatory to licensure, which examination was sustained.

After a recess presbytery convened, when John B. Smith presented himself, being introduced by Dr Brown, desiring to be received under our care as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Presbytery having received testimonials of Mr. Smith's good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the Church proceeded to examine him on experimental religion and the motives which influenced him to seek the office of the ministry, which examinations were sustained, and Presbytery assigned him, "an peccatum sit ens reale," as the theme of an Exegesis, and Exodus 20:8. the subject of a critical exercise to be delivered at our next spring sessions and Mr. Smith was directed to prepare for an examination on the Latin, & Greek Languages.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the popular discourses of Thomas A. Scott, & Isaac W. Waddel on the subjects heretofore assigned them. These discourses were considered and sustained as parts of trial preparatory to licensure, and presbytery having gone through the several parts of trial required from candidates for the sacred office of the ministry, resolved that they be licensed this evening at the close of public worship, to preach the gospel.

Messrs Church & Patterson, appeared and rendered reasons for tardiness, and took their seats.

The Rev. Mr. Boggs of the Presbytery of Georgia being present, was invited and took a seat, as a corresponding member.

Mr. William H. Patton, delivered a lecture on the subject assigned him at our last stated sessions, and was examined on the first ten chapters of the Confession of Faith, which examination together with the Lecture, was sustained.

A letter was received from the Rev. James Gamble rendering satisfactory reasons for absence from our present sessions.

Mr. Winston proceeded agreeable to the order of yesterday to deliver a discourse on the subject assigned him preparatory to ordination.

The young brethren Scott and Waddel were licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, according to the resolution of the Presbytery, within our bounds, or wherever they may be regularly called.

The Rev. Mr. Beman asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

Concluded with prayer, and Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place on Monday morning at half past seven o'clock.

Greensborough, half past 7 O'clock A.M. August 10th 1829.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on Saturday. The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Henry Reid a member of the presbytery of South Carolina, presented a dismission from that body to connect himself with this presbytery. His dismission was recognized and he took his seat as a regular member.

Mr. Theodore M. Dwight a member of the Presbyterian Church of Athens was introduced to presbytery, expressing a desire to be taken under our care, as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Mr. Dwight was examined on experimental religion, and the motives which induced him to desire the office of the ministry. His examination was sustained, and Presbytery assigned him, "Num anima immortalis sit?" the subject of an Exegesis to be delivered at our next stated sessions.

Mr. Dennis M. Winston, was examined on experimental religion and the motives which had induced him to take upon him the office of the ministry. He was also examined on Natural & revealed Theology - on Church History & Government - on the

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Latin and Greek Languages - on Natural & Moral Philosophy,
& Astronomy - all which examinations together with the sermon delivered
on Saturday evening, were sustained, as parts of trial prior to ordi-
nation, and it was ordered that Mr. Winston be ordained as an
evangelist, this day at 11 O'clock A. M.

It being desirable that Mr. Samuel J. Cassels, a licentiate under
our care, should receive ordination as an evangelist, Presbytery
assigned him Rom. 5: 19th the subject of a sermon, and Matt. 13:
11-12 the subject of a lecture to be delivered at our next session;
Ordered, that Dr. Waddel, preach the ordination sermon, and Mr.
Church be his alternate, that Dr. Brown, preside and give the
charge, and that Dr. Goulding be his alternate.

The Presbytery took up the consideration of the installation of Mrs. Talmage
to the pastoral office of the Presbyterian Church in the city of Augusta
which had been deferred at our last spring sessions till the present
time: Whereupon, on motion, ordered, that the regular and solemn
induction of the Rev. Samuel H. Talmage into the office of
pastor of Christ Church in the city of Augusta take place on
the Saturday preceeding the 1st Thursday in December next: and
it is further, ordered, that Mr. Reid preach the installation sermon

and Mr Chamberlain be his alternate - that Dr Brown preside and give the charge, and Dr Goulding be his alternate.

The elders Charles C. Mills, and David McLaughlin requested and obtained leave of absence during the present sessions.

Mr McGruder a candidate for licensure under our care reported himself, stating that in consequence of ill health, and other engagements, he had ~~per yet~~ been unable to prosecute his theological studies, but that he has not relinquished the design of entering on the office of the holy ministry.

Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Mr Winston, when the Rev. John S. Wilson preach a sermon from Rom. 11:13. "I magnify mine office;" and Mr Winston, having satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be ordained: he was solemnly set apart by prayer to almighty God, and the imposition of the hands of the presbytery, to the full exercise of the ministry, as an evangelist. The right hand of fellowship being given, and Dr Waddel the presiding officer having delivered a suitable charge to the newly ordained minister, he took his seat as a member of this body.

x A church organized in Hamilton, Harris co. was reported and received under our care.

x A church organized in Jasper, co. in the town of Monticello was reported and received under our care.

An application from the Presbytery of Union sent up to this body was read, requesting permission for the Rev. Daniel S. Butrick, and Samuel A. Worcester, Missionaries among the Cherokee, Indians, who reside within the territorial limits of this Presbytery, to continue their connection with the Presbytery of Union. To this request the Presbytery of Hopewell acceded, and the stated ^{clerk} is directed forthwith to signify to the Presbytery of Union their acquiescence in this arrangement.

The consideration of the trials of Mr Samuel J. Pharr, a candidate for licensure under our care, were at his own request, indefinitely postponed.

Mr Groves, asked and obtained leave of absence the remaining sessions.

Drs Brown, Waddel, Goulding, and Messrs Church, Chamberlain, & Patterson, were appointed a committee to take into consideration the propriety of Licensing Mr. Farewell

Jones during the present sessions. They reported instanter and recommended, that Mr. Jones trials be continued.

Whereupon, presbytery assigned him John 1:3 the subject of a sermon to be delivered at our next stated sessions preparatory to licensure, and he is directed to prepare for an examination on all the studies required by our book of discipline.

The following four days meetings were appointed, and brethren designated to attend them: Viz,

1.st A four days meeting at New Lebanon, Franklin co, to commence Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in October to be attended by Dr. Goulding, & Messrs Harrison & Isaac W. Waddel.

2.nd A four days meeting at Bethel, Lasper co. to commence on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in October, to be attended by Messrs Richards, Chamberlain, Stratton, Isaac W. Waddel Lanier & Reids.

3.rd A four days meeting near Decatur, De Kalb, co. to commence on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September, to be attended by Dr. Waddel, & Messrs Chamberlain, Wilson, Gamble & I. W. Waddel.

4th A four days meeting near McDonough, Henry co. to commence on Thursday before the 2^d Sabbath in September, to be attended by Messrs Dr., Waddel, Gamble, Chamberlain, J. W. Waddel, & Richards.

5th A four days meeting at Columbus, Muscogee co. to commence on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in October, to be attended by Dr. Brown and Messrs Patterson, Richards, Stratton & Lanier.

6th A four days meeting at Alcovia, Walton co. to commence on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in November, to be attended by Dr. Waddel, & Messrs Wilson, Gamble, Pharr.

7th A four days meeting at Concord, Hall co. to commence on Thursday before the 3^d Sabbath in October, to be attended by Dr. Waddel, & Messrs Harrison, & Scott.

8th A three days meeting at Nazarett, Hall co. to commence on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, to be attended by Messrs. Wilson, Chamberlain, & Scott.

9th A two days meeting at Hebron, Franklin co. to commence on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in November, to be attended by Messrs Chamberlain, Harrison, & Scott.

On motion, resolved, that the formula for admitting members to the communion of our church, recommended at our

sessions in Mount Zion, in April 1826, be again specially recommended to be used by our missionaries in organizing churches within our bounds.

Mr McKay asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

Dr Waddel, & Messrs Church, Chamberlain, & Bryant, were appointed a committee to settle with Maj. Watkins the balance due him for transcribing the minutes of Presbytery. The committee forthwith, reported, that in order to settle the account of Maj. Watkins, it is expedient that a contribution be made from the members of Presbytery for this purpose, which was accordingly done.

A proposition to recommend to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia a division of Hopewell Presbytery, was, after considerable discussion, on motion postponed until our next spring sessions for farther consideration. And it is ordered, that the several churches under the care of this Presbytery, be required to send up at that time, their views on the proposed division, either by their delegate, or in writing, addressed to the Moderator. And it is further ordered, that publication of this

minute be made in the Charleston Observer for the information of the churches.

Mr Robison, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

The Rev. Francis Cummins D.D. with full consent of the church of Siloam, Greensborough, resigned the pastoral office of said church, which resignation was by Presbytery accepted, and the church of Siloam, is hereby declared vacant.

A church organized at Hickory Grove, Hall. co. since our last stated sessions, was reported and received under our care.

The committee to whom was referred Mr Hallenbeck's case reported, and their report being adopted is as follows; Viz,

That whereas it appears undeniably certain, & admitted by himself, to be so, that said Hallenbeck has been guilty of the crime of uncleanness since he has been ordained to the work of the ministry, the disgraceful effects of which have become known to us since he has been employed as a missionary within our bounds; and his usefulness as a minister has in consequence been destroyed, and the cause of religion greatly injured and disgraced. We do hereby recommend to this presbytery, to require the said Hallenbeck,

to return to the stated clerk of this body the testimonials given him by its members, at its sessions in Augusta, and to abstain from the discharge of all ministerial duties within our bounds, and that we do transmit this report and resolution to the stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Albany, to be by him submitted to that Presbytery.

On motion, resolved, that the congregations delinquent in sending up statistical reports, be required to transmit them immediately to the stated clerk, post paid, that he may be enabled to make out the synodical report as early as possible.

On motion resolved, that beholding the fatal effects of intemperance in our country, and the importance of making a firm stand on this subject, that we as a presbytery resolve ourselves into a temperance society, and that we observe total abstinence from ardent spirits, except for medicinal purposes, and that we endeavor so far as we can by precept & example to dissuade others from the use of them.

Presbytery having completed its business, concluded with prayer and the apostolic benediction, and

adjourned to meet in the City of Augusta on Friday before
the 1st Thursday in December.

Nathan Hoyt Moderator

John S. Wilson. Stated Clerk.

Augusta November 27th 1829. 79. Sessions.

The Presbytery of Hopewell met pursuant to adjournment in the
presbyterian church in the city of Augusta, and was opened with
a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Goulding in the absence of the moderator
from Ezekiel 18:31. "Cast away from you all your transgressions
whereby ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart, and a
new spirit, for why will ye die O house of Israel?"

Constituted with prayer.

Ministers present. Elders.

Mo. Waddel D.D. Ebenezer Torrence, from Greensboro.

Thomas Goulding D.D. Locke Weems, from Washington.

Henry Reid William J. Hobby, from Augusta.

Nathan Hoyt and

John S. Wilson & Joseph Bryant, from Mount Zion.

Samuel K. Talmage.

And the Licentiates Samuel J. Cassells, and Humbden C. Carter.
 Absent the Rev. Francis Cummins, D.D. John Brown D.D.
 Edward Phaw, Remembrance Chamberlain, Joseph V. Alexander,
 Jesse Stratton, James Gamble, Alonzo Church, William B.
 Richards, John Harrison, James C. Patterson, Joseph C. Stiles,
 Carlisle P. Beman, & Dennis M. Winston: and the Licentiates
 Ephraim S. Hoopring, Thomas F. Scott, & Isaac W. Waddel.

The Rev. Nathan Hoyt was chosen Moderator, and John
 S. Wilson Clerk. The minutes of the last sessions were read
 and approved.

Mr. Samuel J. Cassells delivered a sermon on the subject
 assigned him at our last stated sessions, as part of trial
 preparatory to ordination.

Mr James C. Patterson appeared and took his seat after
 rendering satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton, petitioned by their
 delegate, Mr Robert Fleming, to be taken under our care:
 The petition was granted, and Mr Fleming took his seat
 as a member of this body.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Cassells on Church Government and the sealing ordinances, which examination together with the sermon lately delivered was sustained as part of trial preparatory to ordination.

On motion it was ordered that presbytery proceed to ordain Mr Cassells this evening.

Presbytery had a recess till half past seven P.M.

Augusta November 27th 1829. half past seven P.M.

The Presbytery met. The Rev. Dr. Waddel having preached a sermon from I Cor. III. 4, 5, 6. "For while one saith, I am of Paul; & I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Mr Cassells having satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates for ordination he was set apart by solemn prayer to Almighty God and the laying of the hands of the Presbytery, to the full exercise of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist. The right of fellowship was then given & Dr. Goulding having delivered a suitable charge to the newly ordained minister, he took his seat as a member of this body.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow in the Lecture room at 9 O'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

Augusta, November, 28th 1829. 9 O'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr Goulding stated, that he had not complied with the request made at our last sessions, in writing to Mr Ephraim S. Hopping a licentiate under our care, who has been greatly delinquent in attendance on Presbyterial meetings. His reasons for not writing were sustained, and he was requested to attend to this matter before our next meeting.

A letter rendering reasons for absence from the present sessions was received from the Rev. Dr. Cummins. His reasons were sustained.

The committee heretofore appointed to compare the transcript of the minutes of presbytery with the original, were on motion discharged from the consideration of the subject.

The installation of the Rev. S. R. Talmage, pastor of Christ Church,

in this city, was made the order of the day for this evening at a quarter past 7 o'clock.

On enquiry it was ascertained that the brethren had generally attended to their public appointments.

A letter addressed to the Stated Clerk from the Rev. Garrett Hallenbeck, was read assigning reasons for not complying with the request of presbytery in returning certain testimonials given by its members to him as a minister of the gospel in the employ of the Domestic Missionary Society. His reasons for not returning said testimonials were considered satisfactory. An extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Albany was also laid before this body, from which it is ascertained that the said Hallenbeck has been deposed from the office of the gospel ministry.

Mr. Cassells asked and obtained leave of absence during the present session. Presbytery took into consideration the case of the Rev. William Hoderwell who was suspended from the exercise of the ministerial office on the 5th day of December 1828 for the space of twelve months, on a charge of intemperance. On enquiry, it appeared from Mr. Hoderwell's own confessions that he had, in the month of June last, grossly violated the promise voluntarily made by himself of total abstinence from the use of ardent spirits. After much enquiry, mature deliberations, and solemn

Special prayer for divine direction, presbytery did, on motion, resolve unanimously, that the suspension of Mr. Moberwell from the holy office of the ministry, be indefinitely continued.

On motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of the stated clerk, and Dr. Thomas W. Alexander, to prepare a circular, to be addressed to the several Churches under our care, in relation to the duties they owe to presbytery and it is left discretionary with the committee to cause said circular to be printed, or to circulate it in manuscript.

Mr. John Pinney a graduate of Franklin College, and a member in full communion in the presbyterian Church in Athens, was introduced to Presbytery, as desiring to be taken under our care as a candidate for the gospel ministry. Mr. Pinney was examined as to his acquaintance with experimental religion, and the motives inducing him to seek to enter the office of the ministry - he was also examined on the Latin and Greek Languages, on Natural & Moral Philosophy, on Belles Lettres & Astronomy, which examinations were sustained as parts of trial preparatory to licensure: and presbytery assigned him "Nun pena sceleratorum sempiterna sit?" as the subject of an exegesis. Presbytery had a recess till a quarter past

seven o'clock P.M.

Augusta November 25th 1829, quarter past seven O'clock, P.M.
 Presbytery met, and proceeded according to the order of the day, to
 the installation of the Rev. Samuel H. Talmage. The Rev. Henry Reid
 having preached a sermon from Acts of the Apostles 20: 28. "Take
 heed therefore unto yourselves, and to the flock over the which the
 holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which
 he hath purchased with his own blood:" and Mr Talmage and the
 people of the congregation having taken upon them their mutual
 obligations as pastor and people, Dr Waddel delivered a suitable
 charge, and the exercises were concluded by prayer to God for
 his blessing upon the relation now formed, and the congregation was
 dismissed in the usual manner by singing and the apostolic
 benediction.

Messrs Dr Waddel, Mr Hoyt & Mr. Talmage were directed to sup-
 ply each one sabbath at Lincolnton, before our next sessions.

Concluded with prayer & the apostolic benediction, & then adjourned to meet in
 Washington, Wilkes co, on the 1st Thursday in April 1830 at 11 O'clock A.M.

Nathan Hoyt Mod.
 John S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

Washington, Wilkes Co. 79. Sessions
 April 1st 1830.

The Presbytery of Hopewell met pursuant to adjournment
 and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Samuel K.
 Falmage, by request of the Moderator, from Rom: XIII. 11, 12.
 Constituted with prayer.

Ministers present,	Elders.
John Brown D.D.	Moses W. Dobbins from Athens,
Edward Pharr,	Joel Cattan, " Augusta,
James Gamble,	John Oberhart " Concord,
Henry Reid,	William Hodge, " Danielsville,
Rememberance Chamberlain,	Richard Gage, " Fairview,
John A. Wilson,	James M. Amy " Monticello,
Samuel K. Falmage.	Joseph Bryan, " Mount Zion,
Alonzo Church,	John Lamar, " McDonough,
William B. Richards	Samuel Finlay " Nazareth,
James C. Patterson,	Charles C. Mills, " South Liberty,
and the Licentiates,	William McMullin " Thyatira,
Thomas F. Scott	Samuel B. Hunter " Macon,
Isaac W. Waddel	Samuel Baldwin " Union.

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Ephraim S. Hopping Thomas Ferris, .. Washington
Ministers absent; Francis Cummins D. D. W. Waddel D. D.
Thomas Goulding D. D. Joseph A. Alexander, Jesse Stratton
Joseph C. Hiles, John Harrison, Dennis M. Winston,
Carlisle P. Beman, Samuel A. Haysells, and the licen-
tiate Hampden C. Carter.

The Rev. John Brown D. D. was chosen Moderator.
The minutes of the last sessions were read and confirmed.
The Rev. Ichiel Salvage of the Presbytery of Newton being
present, was invited and took a seat as a correspondent.
The Rev. John Brown D. D. Remembrance Chamberlain, Ed-
ward Haw, James Gamble, Henry Church, and Isaac
W. Waddel, severally rendered satisfactory reasons for
absence from our last stated sessions.

Congregational reports were presented, and committed to
John S. Wilson, Henry Reid, and Moses W. Dobbins to
prepare the annual statistical report to the next General
Assembly, and report to this body before the conclusion
of its present sessions.

Mr. Robert Fleming a ruling Elder from the church at
Lincolnton appeared and took a seat.

On Motion the case of the Rev. William Moderwell, who was
suspended in Dec. 1828, from the office of the gospel ministry, on
a charge of intemperance for the space of twelve months,
and which suspension was rendered indefinite in Nov.
1829, was taken up. After prayer for divine direction,
and much discussion in relation to the matter, its further
consideration was deferred and made the order of the
day for this evening at candle-lighting.

The Rev. Robert McAlpin of the Presbytery of Union pre-
sented a dismission from that body to connect him-
self with this Presbytery, which being read, Mr. McAlpin
by invitation took a seat as a member.

The following committee were appointed to examine and re-
port on the records of the several sessions referred to them;

Viz: Mr Pharr and Mr Dobbins to examine the session
book of the church of Fairview

Mr Gamble and Mr Cattie to examine the session book
of the church of Mount Zion.

Mr Reid and Mr Eberhart to examine the session of Augusta.

Mr Chamberlain and Mr Hodge to examine the records of the session of Concord.

Mr Patterson and Mr Saye to examine the records of the session of Nazareth.

Mr Talmage and Mr McAmy to examine the records of the session of Washington.

Mr Church and Mr Bryan, to examine the records of the session of Macon.

Mr Richards and Mr Lamar to examine the records of the session of South Liberty.

Mr McAlpin and Mr Finlay, to examine the records of the session of Lincolnton.

Calls supplication & being enquired for, a petition from Greenville Church was read, and on motion refered to the missionary Board.

A verbal request was made in behalf of the church at Monticello, for ministerial aid, the consideration of which was deferred.

A communication from the church at Gainsville, was read

and consideration deferred.

On motion Presbytery had a recess until half past seven o'clock P.M. to meet at Mrs Springers, in this place.

Mrs Springers half past 7 O'clock P.M.

Presbytery met. The committee appointed to examine the session books of Concord, reported and the records were approved to page 5th.

Samuel Groves a ruling elder from the church of Newhope and William Turk a ruling elder from the church of New Lebanon appeared in Presbytery and took seats.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz, the consideration of Mr. Moderwell's case. Several members were heard both for and against the removal of the suspension at this time. Mr. Moderwell was also permitted to assign the reasons why he desired its removal. On the question "shall the suspension of Mr. Moderwell be now removed?" and the roll being called it was decided in the negative, and his suspension was continued. Concluded with prayer, and then adjourned to meet in the Methodist church at 8 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Washington April 2nd 1830.

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8 O'clock A. M.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment in the Methodist Church and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the sessions of Fairview, Augusta, Nazareth, Macon, Mount Zion, and Washington, severally reported and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the church at Lincolnton reported, and the book was approved with certain exceptions, and the session of that church was directed to correct and amend the inaccuracies in said records.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. Waddel giving satisfactory reasons from the present sessions, and requesting a dismissal from this body at the present, or next stated sessions to join the Presbytery of South Carolina; the consideration of which petition was deferred till our next stated sessions.

Mr Gamble and Mr Terrel, were appointed a committee to examine the session book of the church of New Lebanon.

Presbytery proceeded to hear reports on the state of religion, and having received a number of interesting statements, both written and verbal, they were referred to a committee consisting of Mr Patterson, Mr Talmage, and Mr Fleming to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds to be laid before the next General Assembly; and to report before the close of the present sessions.

The Rev. Mr Merceer of the Baptist church, was invited and took a seat as a correspondent.

On Motion, the ministers and elders, members of the presbytery were individually called upon to state what had been done in support of the missionary in their churches respectively. It appeared that efforts had been generally made to do something in this business. The amount of contributions from the churches were paid over to the financial committee of the missionary society.

A call was presented through the Presbytery to the rev. & Nathan Hoyt, for one half his ministerial labors from the Presbyterian Church in Athens, which call was by Mr Hoyt accepted. And measures for his installation as pastor

of said church were postponed until our next stated sessions.
 Presbytery had a recess until 4 o'clock P. M. to give place to
 the annual meeting of the Georgia, Domestic Missiary society.

Washington 4 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met. The committees appointed to examine the records of the
 churches of New Lebanon and South Liberty reported and the books
 were approved.

James K. Daniel a ruling elder from the church at Greensboro
 appeared and took a seat.

Mr. Mr. Under a candidate for the gospel ministry under our
 care, reported verbally through Mr. Reid and desired to
 be indulged by Presbytery until our next stated sessions to
 present the parts of trial hitherto assigned him.

The rev.^d Joseph M. Alexander appeared and having ren-
 dered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Mr. J. Jones trials were continued it being understood
 that he had repaired to some theological seminary for
 the purpose of prosecuting his studies.

Dr. Pond a ruling elder from the church of Livingston appeared and took a seat.

The rev. William Quillin of the Presbytery of Holstein being present was invited and took a seat as a correspondent.

The consideration of the division of Hopewell Presbytery, which subject was deferred until the present session was taken up, and after considerable discussion on the vote being taken on the proposition to petition the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia to divide this presbytery it was unanimously decided in the negative.

It was stated that Mr. John Finney a candidate for the gospel ministry under our care to whom was assigned the subject of an exegesis as a part of trial at our last sessions, has since that time gone to the Theological Seminary at Princeton in order to prosecute his theological studies: On motion his trials were continued.

The exegesis of J. W. Dwight was submitted to presbytery and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs Dobbins and Alexander to examine and report tomorrow morning.

It being desirable that Mr. Isaac W. Waddel, a licentiate under our care, should receive ordination as early as practicable as an evangelist. Presbytery on motion assigned him Heb. 11. 1. the subject of a sermon, and Gal. 3: 1-5 the subject of a lecture to be delivered as parts of trial prior to ordination. The petition from the church at Gainsville petitioning for the ordination of Mr. Thomas F. Scott a licentiate under our care, as an evangelist, the consideration of which was deferred yesterday, was taken up, and the prayer of the petitioners granted. Presbytery assigned Mr. Scott as parts of trial previous to ordination. Psalm 19: 10, the subject of a sermon, and Rom. 8: 18-26 inclusive the subject of a lecture. And it is hereby ordered that the young brethren Waddel and Scott, be ordained on Saturday before the second sabbath in May at Gainsville, Hall county; and it is further ordered that Mr. Church preach the ordination sermon, and Mr. McAlpin be his alternate; that Mr. Pharr preside on that occasion, and Mr. Wilson give the charge.

On inquiry it was ascertained that the brethren directed to preach each one sabbath at Lincolnton had all dis-

charged that duty except Mr Hoyt who had been prevented by ill health. Concluded with prayer, and presbytery adjourned to meet at 8 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Washington 3^d April 1830.

8 O'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last session were read.

A resolution was offered proposing the endowing a professorship in the Theological Seminary lately established by the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and located at Columbia, South Carolina. After much discussion, the matter was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Stiles, Talmage, and Mills: and to report before the rising of the present sessions.

Dr. Norman L. Chester, a ruling elder from the church at Guinsville appeared and took a seat. The committee to whom was referred the exegesis of Mr Dwight reported, and it was sustained.

The following three and four days meetings were appointed.

1st A four days meeting near Jackson, Butts County, to commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in July, to be attended by Messrs Chamberlain, Wilson, Gamble and Waddel.

2nd A four days meeting at Monticello, Jasper, co. to commence on Thursday before the the fifth Sabbath in May, to be attended by Messrs Richards, Patterson, Chamberlain, and J. W. Waddel.

3^d A four days meeting at Oak Grove, Jasper co., to commence Thursday, before the first Sabbath in August, to be attended by Messrs Richards, Patterson, Chamberlain, Scott, and J. W. Waddel.

4th A four days meeting at Mount Zion, Hancock co. to commence, Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in May, to be attended by Drs Brown, and Cummins, and Messrs Beman and Reide.

5th A four days meeting at Sincotuton, Lincoln co. to commence Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in July, to be attended by Dr Waddel, & Messrs Alexander and Hoyt.

6.th A four days meeting at Fairview, Swinnett co, to commence Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July, to be attended by Messrs Wilson, Gamble, Chamberlain and M. Spivey.

7.th A three days meeting at Hickory Grove, Hall co, to commence Friday before the 3^d Sabbath in June to be attended by Messrs Wilson and Scott.

8.th A four days meeting at McDonough, Henry co: to commence Thursday before the 2^d Sabbath in September.

Mr. Reid was directed to visit and preach in Columbus on the 4th Sabbath in June.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of endowing a professorship in the Southern Theological Seminary presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Highly sensible of the great importance to the Southern Church of a Theological Seminary within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Hopewell Presbytery cordially approve of the effort of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, to establish a Theological Seminary at Columbia; and they warmly recommend the Institution to the benevolence

and the prayers of the churches within our bounds.

The same committee was directed to confer with the Presbytery of Georgia, and ascertain whether that body feels a willingness to unite with this Presbytery, should circumstances hereafter indicate the propriety of attempting the establishment of a professorship in said Seminary, and make report of their doings at our next stated sessions.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs Church and Dobbins was appointed to prepare and forward a report on the subject of educating poor and pious young men, for the gospel ministry, to be laid before the Board of Education of the General Assembly.

Rev. Carlisle P. Bemar, by letter rendered reasons for absence from the present sessions, which were sustained.

Mr John B. Smith a candidate for licensure, presented a sermon and exegesis on the subjects assigned him at our last August sessions as parts of trial prior to licensure. The sermon was sustained and the exegesis to a committee consisting of Messrs Dobbins and Alexander to report as early as practicable.

On motion, the examination of Mr Smith on the Latin and Greek languages, was deferred until our next stated sessions; and Presbytery assigned him Eph. 4: 30 the subject of a sermon to be delivered as early as practicable, as a part of trial preparatory to licensure.

The committee to whom was referred Mr Smith's exegesis, reported and the part of trial was sustained.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction, and then adjourned to meet at Olney, Thyatira Jackson co. Friday before the 2.nd Sabbath in August at 11 O'clock A.M.

John Brown Moderator

John S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

80. Sessions. Olney, Thyatira, Jackson co. August 6.th 1830
11 O'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Hopewell met pursuant to adjournment, and in the absence of the moderator, was opened by the Rev. Mr Waddel D.D. the senior member present with a sermon from John 1: 42. "And he brought him to Jesus."

Constituted with prayer.

Ministers	present,	Elders.
Mr. Waddel D.D.	James Mayne	from Alevia.
Edward Pharr.	William Dearing	" Athens.
James Gamble.	Andrew Scott	" Carmel.
Henry Reids.	David McClesky	" Concordo.
R. Chamberlain.	William Hodge	" Danielsville.
John S. Wilson.	James Lemow.	" Decatur.
Samuel H. Talmage.	Geo. M. Gresham	" Fairview.
Joseph A. Alexander.	Harvey Fleming	" Hickory Grove.
Jesse Stratton.	Samuel McKey	" Hebron.
Alonzo Church.	William Redd	" La Grange.
Robert M. Alpin.	Joseph H. Lumpkin	" Lexington.
Wathan Hoyt.	William Conine	" Mendon.
John Harrison	Alexander McCoy	" Nazareth.
James C. Patterson	David Evans	" New Hope.
William B. Richards	Randal McDonald	" New Lebanon.
Thos. F. Scott.	Anthony Story	" Newnan.
Isaac W. Waddel &	John Barnhill	" Philadelphia.
H. C. Carter, the Licentiate.	John King	" Sandy Creek.

John Cunningham from Greensborough.

Edward Story " Hyatira.

Samuel Baldon " Union.

Benjamin Paull " Washington.

James Scott, " Lebanon.

Members absent: Francis Cummins D.D. John Brown
D.D. Thomas Goulding D.D. Joseph C. Stiles, Dennis
Mr. Winston, Carlisle P. Beman, Samuel J. Caspells, &
the Licentiate, Ephraim S. Hooping.

The Rev. James Gamble was chosen Moderator.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Calls, supplications, &c. were ordered to be brought forward.
Communications were received from the churches of
Fayetteville, and Greenville, petitioning for ministerial
aid, and requesting that Mr. H. C. Carter, should receive
ordination as an evangelist, with a view to his greater
usefulness. The consideration of these petitions was re-
ferred to a committee consisting of Dr Waddel, and
Messrs McBride and James Scott, to report thereon as
soon as practicable.

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The Rev. John Boggs of the Presbytery of Georgia, presented a
dismissal from that body to connect himself with this presbytery
which was accepted, and he took his seat as a member.

The Rev. Mrs. Quillin of the Presbytery of Holstein, and
the Rev. Mrs. Lanier of the Presbytery of West Tennessee
were invited and took seats as correspondents.

A petition from the First Presbyterian Church in Columbus for
ministerial aid, was read, and on motion laid on the table.

It having been represented to this body, that the Presbyterian Church
of Burke county desired to be taken under our care: resolved,
that the prayer of said Church be granted, Provided, the
concurrence of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia
can be obtained.

Mr. M. Grider a candidate for licensure under our
care, read a lecture on the subject heretofore assigned
him which was considered and sustained as a part of
trial preparatory to licensure.

The consideration of measures for the installation of the Rev.
Mr. Hoyt as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Athens, deferred
at our last stated sessions until the present time, was taken

up: On motion, resolved, that the installation of brother Hoyt take place on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September in Athens; and that Dr. Waddel preach the installation sermon, and Mr. Talmage be his alternate: that Mr. Boggs preside and give the charge to the pastor, and Mr. Alexander be his alternate - and that President Church deliver the charge to the people.

The Committee appointed at our last stated sessions to confer with the Presbytery of Georgia on the propriety of attempting to endow a professorship in the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia and located in the Town of Columbia, S. C. not having been able to perform the duties assigned them, were on motion, continued, and directed to report at our next stated sessions. A verbal request through brother Church, was made to presbytery by Mr. Farewell Jones, a candidate for licensure under our care, to be dismissed from this body to join some association in the North. It was on motion resolved, that Mr. Jones application be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs Church and

Lumpkin to report before the rising of the present sessions.

On enquiry it was ascertained that the members directed to attend three and four days meetings appointed at our last stated sessions had generally fulfilled the duties assigned them.

Mr. Peter Samar a ruling elder from the church of Lincoln-
ton appeared and took a seat.

Mr. William H. Patton a candidate for licensure under our care was examined on Theology, Church History and Govern-
ment, Natural and Moral Philosophy and the Latin and Greek
languages, all which examinations were sustained as parts
of trial preparatory to licensure.

Mr. George Hawpe a ruling elder from the church at Gainsville
appeared and took a seat.

Concluded with prayer, and Presbytery then adjourned
till 7 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Chry. Thyatira, August 7th 1830

7 O'clock A. M.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted.

with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last sessions were read.

The consideration of Mr Patton's trials was resumed and on motion, it was ordered that he proceed this morning at 8 O'clock to deliver his popular discourse in this house.

Presbytery entered upon the consideration of the Rev. Mr. Moderwell's case, whose indefinite suspension from the gospel ministry was continued at our last stated sessions. After a few remarks the matter was postponed to give place to the order of the day, the delivery of Mr. Patton's popular discourse.

Mr. Patton proceeded in obedience to the will of Presbytery to deliver a sermon on the subject previously assigned him, which was considered and sustained as a part of trial prior to licensure; and it is ordered that he be licensed this morning immediately after the conclusion of the public exercises at the stand.

The Georgia Presbyterian Education Society having adjourned from Athens to this place, to meet at 10 O'clock this morning, it was ordered that presbytery have a recess to give

place to the meeting of said society.

August 7th 1830, 11 O'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met. The consideration of the case of Mr. Modewell was resumed, when a motion was made to remove the suspension. It being desirable that presbytery should have all the information possible on this subject: on motion, ordered that a letter addressed to the Presbytery and other verbal information understood to be in possession of the members present relative to the moral conduct of Mr. Modewell since our last stated sessions, be exhibited to the Presbytery. The facts disclosed from these sources amounting in the opinion of the presbytery to new charges against him of immorality unbecoming a Christian and a minister of the gospel, his suspension was unanimously confirmed.

Presbytery proceeded according to the order of this morning to license Mr. W^m. H. Patton to preach the gospel of Christ in the usual manner.

The committee to whom was referred the petitions of the churches of Fayetteville and Greenville praying the ordination of Hampden C. Carter a licentiate under our care

as an evangelist, reported, that they had conferred with Mr. Carter and that he was willing to receive ordination, and recommended that measures be taken accordingly:

Whereupon Presbytery assigned him Malachi 3: 11. the subject of a sermon, and the four first verses of the same chapter the subject of a lecture to be delivered prior to ordination: And it is ordered that he be ordained as an evangelist on the Saturday preceding the second Sabbath in October, in Fayette County near Fayetteville; and that Mr. Wilson preach the ordination sermon and Mr. Scott be his alternate, that Mr. Gamble preside and give the charge.

On motion resolved, that the spring sessions of this presbytery be hereafter called the annual meeting and that the autumnal sessions be called the semiannual meeting, and that the moderator who may be chosen at these meetings shall preside at all the intermediate meetings of Presbytery when present.

The committee to whom was refused the application of Mr. Farewell Jones requesting a dismissal from

the care of this body reported, that the application was altogether informal, and that he could not be dismissed.

The following three and four days meetings were appointed.

1st A four days meeting at Hopewell, Crawford co. to commence on Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in August, to be attended by Messrs Chamberlain, Patterson, and J. W. Waddel.

2nd A four days meeting at McDonough, Henry co. to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in September to be attended by Messrs. Dr. Waddel, Gamble, Richards, J. W. Waddel and Chamberlain.

3rd A four days meeting at Alcovia, Walton co. to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in September to be attended by Messrs. McAlpin, Scott, and Patterson.

Presbytery had a recess until 20 minutes past 2 O'clock P. M.

August 7th 1830. 20 Minutes past 2 O'clock P. M.

Presbytery met and the consideration of the unfinished business was resumed.

4th A four days meeting near Decatur, De Kalb co. to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in September; to be attended by Messrs Wilson, Chamberlain, Scott,

398. J. W. Waddel and Carter.

5.th A four days meeting at Bethany, Green co. to commence on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September; to be attended by Drs Cummins and Brown; and Messrs Salmage and Beman.

6.th A four days meeting at New Lebanon, Franklin co. to commence on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September; to be attended by Messrs Scott, McAlpin, Waddel and Harrison.

7.th A three days meeting at Washington, Wilkes co. to commence on Thursday evening before the 4th Sabbath in September in October; to be attended by Dr Brown, and Messrs Salmage, Alexander and Boggs.

8.th A three days meeting at Macon, Bibb co. to commence on Friday before the third Sabbath in November to be attended by Messrs Chamberlain, Salmage, Clinton, Patterson and Church.

9.th A four days meeting near Fayetteville, Fayette co. to commence Thursday before the second Sabbath in October to be attended by the Hopewell Presbytery.

10th A four days meeting at Newnan, Coweta co. to commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October; to be attended by Messrs Lanier, Richards, Scott, and Carter.

Presbytery proceeded to assign Mr. Dwight Rom. 3: 10-18. inclusive the subject of a lecture, and I Cor. 15: 24-28. The subject of a critical exercise to be delivered at our next sessions as parts of trial prior to licensure.

Presbytery had a recess to meet at the call of Moderator.

Presbytery met after the recess.

Mr. Tellemeius H. Montgomery, James Johnston, and Thomas Jackson, were introduced to Presbytery, requesting severally to be taken under its care as ^{or candidates?} probationers for the gospel ministry. Having received satisfactory testimonials of their of their literary acquirements, and of their being in the communion of the Presbyterian Church; they were examined as to their acquaintance with experimental religion, and the motives which induced them to desire to enter the holy ministry, all which examinations were sustained as parts of trial prior to licensure.

1100. On motion the trials heretofore assigned Mr. M. Gruder, and which he has not exhibited, were continued, and he was directed to prepare for an examination on the first seventeen chapters of the Confession of Faith at our next, stated sessions.

Presbytery assigned Messrs Montgomery, Johnston and Jackson, the first twelve chapters of the Confession of Faith to be prepared for examination.

Congregational reports were called for and submitted to the stated clerk to prepare the annual statistical report to be laid before the Synod.

Rev. Messrs Hoyt and Salmage were nominated commissioners to the next General Assembly and the Rev. Messrs. Patterson and Isaac W. Waddell their alternates; and Elders Joseph H. Lumphkin and William Dearing were nominated lay commissioners to the same Assembly, and Elders Peck and Cunningham their alternates.

On motion resolved, that this Presbytery will hold its annual meeting in Lexington, Oglethorpe co, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in April 1831. at 11 O'clock A. M.

Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction
and adjourned to meet in Athens on Saturday before the
first Sabbath in September at 11 O'clock A.M.

James Gamble Moderator

John S. Wilson, Stated Clerk

Approved by paper 401 Augusta Nov 17th 1832
A. Church, Moderator of
Synod

80 Sessions Continued. Athens, September 11th 1830.

The Presbytery of Hopewell met according to adjournment and was
constituted with prayer by the Rev. John Boggs appointed to pre-
side on this occasion. Mr. Church was appointed temporary
clerk.

Members present;

Ministers.

Elders.

Rev. Moses Waddel, D.D.

William Dearing

" John Boggs,

Joseph H. Lumpkin &

" Nathan Hoyt,

William Hodge.

" Abner Church,

and the Licentiate.

" Isaac W. Waddel,

H. C. Carter.

1102. Presbytery proceeded to the instatement of the Rev. Nathan Hoyt, as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Athens. Dr. Waddel preached the sermon from Prov. 11:30. "He that winneth souls is wise." Mr. Boggs who presided, delivered the charge to the minister, and Mr. Church to the congregation.

Presbytery then had a recess until 3 o'clock P.M. . . .
3 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met. Mr. John Pirney, a candidate under our care, now at the Princeton Theological Seminary, applied through the Rev. Mr. Talnage of Augusta for a dismission to be taken under the care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, N. J. Whereupon, resolved, that the Stated Clerk, send a dismission to Mr. Pirney, and also state the parts of trial which have been assigned him.

Resolved, that the Presbytery comply with the request of the General Assembly as to a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, and that we recommend to the churches under our care to observe the 2nd Thursday in Nov. next according to the request of the Assembly.

Concluded with prayer, and adjourned to meet

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in Fayette County, near Fayetteville on Saturday
before the 2nd Sabbath in October next at 10 O'clock A.M.

John Boggs, Mod^r
A. Church, Tempory Clerk

Fayette County, Near Fayetteville, October 9th 1830.
The Presbytery of Hopewell met pursuant to adjournment
and was constituted with prayer.

Ministers	present	Elders,
James Gamble		Geo. Campbell, of Madison
Isaac W. Waddel		William M. Bryde, " Fayetteville
Thomas F. Scott and		Robert Hwey " Philadelphia
the Licentiates,		John Lamar " McDonough
Hampden C. Carter and		James Sott " Lebanon.
William K. Patton.		

Mr Gamble the Moderator, took the chair, and Thomas
F. Scott was chosen Temporary Clerk.

Presbytery proceeded to take the parts of trial assigned
to Mr. Hampden C. Carter a licentiate under our care
preparatory to his ordination. Mr. Carter delivered a

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lecture from Mal. 3:1-11 and a popular discourse from
Mal. 3:11. the subjects previously assigned him as
parts of trial. He was then examined as to his ex-
perimental acquaintance with religion, and on
natural and revealed Theology, on church history
and government. & which several parts of trial were
considered and sustained.

After a few minutes of recess, Presbytery met, when
Mr Scott alternate of Mr Wilson, absent, preached
an ordination sermon from Ezekiel 33:7, 8, 9. and
Mr Carter having satisfactorily answered the ques-
tions prescribed by the confession of Faith, was set
apart and ordained to the work of an Evangelist
by prayer, and the imposition of the hands of the Pres-
bytery. The Moderator, then gave an appropriate
charge to the newly ordained Evangelist, after which
the right hand of fellowship having been given, he took his seat
as a member of this body. Presbytery adjourned till the annual
meeting. Concluded with prayer. James Gamble, Mod.
Thomas F. Scott, Temporary Clerk.