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Minutes
of the
Presbytery of Hopewell
Volume II.

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Viz:

A continuance of the 90th Sessions held at
Milledgeville, (from April 3^o to April 7th 1834.)

James W. Freeman a candidate under our care presented an exegesis which was referred to a Committee consisting of S. S. Davis and E. A. Nisbet for examination. Mr. Freeman also read a lecture from 1st Peter II. 1-10, which was sustained. — The Presbytery then assigned him John II. 1-5 inclusive, as a critical exercise, and Rom. III. 31st for a popular sermon. It was also resolved that Mr. Freeman and James H. George be examined on the first Ten Chapters of the Confession of Faith this afternoon.

It was resolved that J. M. Swight a licentiate under our care be examined preparatory to ordination and that he be required to preach a Trial-Sermon this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Jeremiah XXXIX, 13th. Mr. Swight was accordingly examined on Church Government and the ordinances which examinations were sustained. Whereupon it was resolved to ordain him tomorrow afternoon along with Mr. Howard provided his Sermon be sustained. The Committee on the exegesis of Mr. Freeman reported and the exercise was sustained.

E. A. Nisbet and S. J. Capel were appointed to prepare a report on the state of Religion within our bounds to be presented to the next General Assembly. — J. Cunningham, ruling Elder from the Church at Greensboro appeared and took his seat.

The following Resolution was then unanimously passed. Resolved, that the Churches, Ministers, Elders, Licentiates, and Candidates for the Ministry, located and resident within the Geographical limits of the Presbytery of Hopewell and Goodhope, as agreed upon and defined by the Presbytery of Hopewell at its meeting in April 1833, be and are hereby declared to belong and attach to those Presbyteries respectively, and that the Presbytery of

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Goodhope is hereby requested to pass a resolution of like character with this: Resolved further, that the Stated Clerk of Hopewell-Presbytery, transmit to the Presbytery of Goodhope a copy of this resolution with a list of the names of the Sicutiates and candidates for the ministry, which belong to Goodhope-Presbytery, with a statement of the progress made by each candidate and Sicutiate respectively. The following motion was proposed by the Rev. S. S. Davis and unanimously passed. Resolved, that this Presbytery recommend to the Georgia Presbyterian Education Society at their next anniversary to become auxiliary to the Assembly's Board of Education. Presbytery then had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church. Three o'clock P.M. Presbytery met, and heard the trial sermon of S. M. Dwight, which was sustained.

On motion resolved, that the Presbytery recommend to the candidates for the Gospel Ministry under their care to pursue their studies at the Theological Seminary within the bounds of our Synod.

Doctor S. M. Robbins Ruling Elder of the Church of Louisville appeared and to his seat. — A letter was received from J. M. Gruber a candidate under our care desiring the remaining parts of trial preparatory to licensure. — Whereupon Romans X. 4th was assigned Mr. Gruber for a popular sermon. The Stated Clerk was also directed to inform Mr. Gruber to be prepared on all other points for licensure as specified in the Confession of Faith.

Rev. S. S. Wilson reported to Presbytery two Churches Livingston in Floyd County and Capeville in Casp County which he had organized and which consisted of about twenty members each.

These Churches were taken under the care of Presbytery. Rev. S. S. Wilson also reported a Church in Wilkes County by the name of Salem and consisting of ten members which was also received under care of Presbytery. Presbytery proceeded to take up the order of the day, which was to examine the candidates J. M. Freeman and James H. George. They were accordingly examined on a part of the Confession of Faith, when Presbytery had a recess till after supper. After the recess Presbytery proceeded to the unfinished business of the previous session. The examination of the candidates J. M. Freeman and James H. George on the Confession of Faith. They were examined thro' the first ten chapters, and the remainder was assigned them for the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. George presented a lecture and Latin exegesis on the subject heretofore assigned him. The exegesis was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Davis and Wilson to

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examine and report. The lecture was read and sustained. Mr. George was directed to prepare a popular discourse on Hebrews. XI. 1st and a critical exercise on Ephesians II. 4-7 inclusive, to be delivered at our semi-annual meeting. The Commisisioner's and contingent fund were called for and paid over to the Treasurer. It was ordered that the Treasurer pay to the late Stated Clerk of this Presbytery the sum of Thirty dollars for his services during the past year. Presbytery proceeded to elect a Stated Clerk when upon counting the votes it appeared that S. N. Zalmage was duly elected to fill that office. The committee on Mr. George's exegesis reported and it was sustained as a part of his trials for licensure. Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half past eight o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Morning April 3. Half past eight o'clock.

Presbytery met. Opened with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read. The committee on the exegesis of J. L. Cozby reported and the part of trial was sustained. Presbytery took up the order of the day, which was the appointment of committees to examine the Session Books. The following were appointed. To examine the Session Book ^{of the Church} in Augusta, M. C. Carter and J. Cunningham. To examine the Session Book of the Church of Mount Olivet, R. Chamberlain and S. M. Robbins. To examine the Session Book of the Athens Church, S. N. Zalmage and C. Baldwin. To examine the Session Book of the Madison Church, S. S. Davis and J. Bryan. To examine the Session Book of the Greensboro Church, J. W. Wilson and C. A. Nisbet. To examine the Session Book of the Church of Bethel, Columbia County, S. S. Davis and J. Bryan. To examine the Session Book of the Church at Washington, R. Chamberlain and S. Robbins. To examine the Session Book of the Church of Hopewell, S. N. Zalmage and C. Baldwin. To examine the Session Books of the Church of New-Sebanon and Hebron J. Williams and C. A. Nisbet. To examine the Session Book of the Church of Sandy Creek M. C. Carter and J. Brownfield. The committee appointed to examine the Session Book of Bethel reported and the Book was approved with the exception of the last minutes. The committees on the Books severally of the Churches of Augusta, New-Sebanon, Hebron, Madison, Thyatira reported and the Books were approved. The committee on the Session Book of Mount Olivet reported and the Book was approved with the exception of the ~~minutes~~ proceedings in the case of Mrs. Flake. The following motion was passed, Resolved, that no member be dismissed from any Church

within our bounds unless to unite with a Christian specified in the certificate of dismission. - Statistical reports were called for and put into the hands of the Clerks to prepare a general report for the General Assembly. - Reports on the state of Religion were also called for and read and put into the hands of the Committee appointed to prepare a general report for the General Assembly. The following resolution was unanimously passed.

Resolved that the Stated-Clerk be directed to make out a list of the Churches belonging to Hopewell Presbytery, noting particularly such Churches as are represented in this body and such as are not represented in this body. And Resolved, also that each Church within the bounds of this Presbytery be, and it is hereby earnestly requested to send up in accordance with the discipline of the Church, its lay delegates to the meetings of this body. And also that the Stated Clerk transmit to each Church within the bounds of Hopewell Presbytery a copy of this resolution with a request in the name of this body that it be publicly read to the congregation.

Rev. R. Chamberlain from the Presbytery of Goodhope requested leave to supply as heretofore the Churches within our bounds with among which he has usually laboured, which was granted.

Mr. Mitchell also applied to Presbytery for permission to labour within their bounds. A committee consisting of Doctor Brown, J. M. Reid, and Zachariah Williams were appointed to examine the Credentials of Mr. Mitchell, and provided they be satisfactory, to grant him such permission. It was on motion Resolved that Five Dollars of the Commissioners fund be transmitted by the Treasurer of Presbytery to the Stated Clerk of Synod in compensation in part of the Presbytery for his services last year.

Resolved that S. S. Davis be appointed a delegate from this body to the next meeting of the Presbytery of Goodhope to meet in the town of Sagrange Troup County on Friday before the third Sabbath in September next. Resolved that the Semiannual meeting of this Presbytery take place in the town of Monticello, Jasper County on Friday before the third Sabbath in October next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Resolved that the Churches under our care be requested to co-operate with the Rev. S. S. Davis, Agent of the Theological Seminary of the Synod, in his efforts to increase the contingent fund of that Institution. - Presbytery then had a recess to give place to the meeting of the Domestic Missionary Society. After the recess Presbytery met the committee reported, by request of the Georgia Missionary Society, that it was expedient for the Presbytery to take the whole subject of Domestic Missions under their control.

Whereupon it was resolved, that Presbytery do thus undertake the operations belonging formerly to the Board of Missions, and that they appoint a committee to report as early as practicable

as to the best mode of conducting such operations. This Committee consisted of S. N. Zaluzago, Joseph Bryan, R. Chamberlain, J. S. Wilson and E. A. Nisbet. Joseph Bryan and E. A. Nisbet were appointed a committee to receive and retain until called for, the monies formerly in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic-Missions. The committee on the Session Book of the Church in Millidgeville reported, and the Book was approved. Presbytery had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock P. M. Three o'clock P. M. Presbytery met. Charles M. Howard and J. M. Swright having answered in the affirmative the questions usually addressed to the Licentiateds, were solemnly ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry by imposition of the hands of Presbytery. The former was also installed as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Millidgeville. Rev. G. S. Cafets Preached the sermon from John VIII. 46. "Neverman spake as this man". The Moderator presided and gave the charge and addressed the congregation. In consequence of the ordination the newly ordained brethren Charles M. Howard and J. M. Swright took their seats as regular members of Presbytery. The committee on Domestic-Missions reported, which report was accepted and adopted and is as follows.

The committee appointed by Presbytery to devise a plan for conducting Domestic-Missions within their bounds present the following report, viz: They recommend that the Presbytery appoint annually at the Spring-Session by ballot, a committee of five, to take the charge of the whole subject of Domestic-Missions to be called, "The executive Committee of Domestic-Missions of the Hopewell-Presbytery" three of whom shall be ministers, and two Elders. The business of this committee shall be to select Missionary fields - to receive applications for aid from feeble congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery - to employ and locate Missionary labourers - to devise and execute plans for raising funds in the several congregations within the Presbytery - to fix upon the compensation and pay the Missionaries employed - and to attend generally to all the duties belonging to the subject of Domestic-Missions - and at the annual meeting report to the Presbytery the labours of the year together with the location and wants of the vacant and feeble congregations and destitute Districts as far as practicable and any other suggestions that they may think profitable to the succeeding committee. R. Chamberlain and S. N. Zaluzago ministers, and Joseph Bryan Elder were appointed to select the names of seven persons, out of whom five should be chosen an executive Committee to manage the operations of Domestic-Missions. The following protracted meetings were appointed. At Greenboro - commencing on Friday before the

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first Sabbath of May, to be attended by Doctor Brown and
messrs Hoyt and Howard. At Madison, Morgan County
commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath of June to be
attended by Doctor Phyrch, Messrs Hoyt, Carter and Mooney.

At Spiveville on Thursday before the fifth Sabbath in June,
to be attended by Messrs Davis, Zalmage, Casels, Dwight and Shel-
man. Mr. Clinton is also invited to attend. At South Liberty,
commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July to be
attended by Doctor Brown, Messrs Casels and Reid. At Zhy-
tira in Jackson County - to commence on Thursday before the
third Sabbath in August - to be attended by Messrs McAlpin,
Wilson, Chamberlain and Carter. At Salem, Wilkes County
commencing on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in August,
to be attended by Doctor Brown, Messrs Hoyt, Zalmage, Casels
and S. W. Reid. At Mount Olivet on Friday before the
third Sabbath in September - to be attended by Doctor Brown, Messrs
Hoyt and S. W. Reid. Mr. Clinton is also invited to attend.

At Bethany, Green County, on the Thursday before the fourth
Sabbath in September - to be attended by Doctor Brown, Messrs
Beman, Casels, Howard and Dwight. Presbytery then had a
recess till after supper. — Seven o'clock P. M. Presbytery
met. Rev. Thomas P. C. Shelman, an ordained minister of
the Methodist Episcopal Church, made application to be
received as a member of this Presbytery. The Presbytery having
heard the reasons which have induced Mr. Shelman to take
this step, and having examined his credentials of ordination
and regular standing in the Methodist Church, Resolved,
that his application be sustained and that he be received
as a member of this body. Mr. Shelman having ~~sustained~~
answered in the affirmative the questions presented in our book
of discipline to be proposed to candidates for ordination,
was enrolled a member of this Presbytery and took his seat
accordingly. The committee to whom the business was
referred having reported seven individuals, the five follow-
ing persons were, upon the balloting of Presbytery, elected
to fill the Executive-Committee of Domestic Missions.

Viz: A. Hoyt, S. A. Zalmage and S. J. Casels ministers,
and Joseph Bryan and John Cunningham Elders.

On motion it was resolved, that Mr. Zalmage be added to the
committee to prepare a report on the state of religion for the
General Assembly, and that the committee when they shall
have prepared such a report, hand it over to the delegate
to that body. Resolved, that the Treasurer be directed to
pay over into the hands of the delegate to the General Assembly,
one hundred Dollars. Resolved, also that the remainder

of money in the hands of the Treasurer be paid to Mr. Salmage on last delegate. The Committee on the Session-Book of the Church of Hopewell, Jasper-County, made a report on the Book was sustained. Ordered that the Stated Clerk publish in the Charleston Observer an abstract of the minutes of the present Session.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Presbytery be returned to Mr. Travis of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the use of his Church during our Session. and also that the thanks of this body be returned thro' the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this place, to the Citizens of Milledgeville for the Christian kindness and hospitality with which they have entertained the members of Presbytery. Presbytery adjourned till Monday morning 5 o'clock. Monday morning 5 o'clock Presbytery met. The minutes were read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction, to meet in the town of Monticello on the Friday before the third Sabbath in October next at eleven o'clock A.M.

N. Hoyt - Moderator.
S. K. Salmage - Stated - Clerk.

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Monticello October 17th 1834.

Pursuant to adjournment Hopewell Presbytery convened in its semiannual meeting. Opened with a Sermon by the Rev. N. Hoyt from I. Kings XXII. 14. "As the Lord liveth what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak". Constituted with prayer. Members present N. Hoyt, S. S. Davis, S. J. Capels, O. C. Carter, J. M. Wright, William Quillin, C. M. Howard, Arthur M. Mooney with the Elders, C. S. Newton from Athens, John Shaw from Bethel, Zachariah Williams from Mount Olive, R. H. Randolph from Madison, C. M. Wright from Monticello, Joseph Mosely from Washington, John Brownfield from Hopewell Presbytery had a recess to meet at half past two o'clock.

Half past two o'clock, Presbytery met. The minutes of the last Session were read and approved. S. S. Davis was elected Moderator and S. J. Capels temporary Clerk. Absentees from the last Session were called upon for their excuses; when A. M. Mooney and William Quillin gave reasons for their absence which were sustained. R. Chamberlain a member of Good Hope Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. John McWhorter Elder, from Jansville appeared, gave reasons for tardiness, and took his seat. R. Chamberlain, R. H. Randolph and C. M. Wright were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for preaching during the present Session. The Presbytery called upon the Commissioners to the last

8. General Assembly, S. P. Capels, to render a report which he accordingly did; and his report was accepted. Candidates S. M. George, P. K. C. Ketchum, J. M. Under, James H. Sage J. W. Freeman and being absent parts of trial were continued. A letter was read from P. A. Church S. S. assigning reasons for absence from the last and present Sessions of Presbytery which were sustained. Robert M. Alpin also assigned reasons for absence from the present Sessions of Presbytery, through H. C. Carter, which were also sustained.

Letters were also read from H. Reid and also a letter from J. W. Reid assigning reasons for absence which reasons were sustained.

Some debate arising as to the Presbyterian relation of D. Engles; it was resolved, that he belong to the Presbytery of Goodhope, and that the Stated Clerk of this Presbytery convey to the Stated Clerk of Goodhope Presbytery a statement of his advancement in his trial. The Presbytery then called upon S. S. Davis, delegate to the last meeting of Goodhope Presbytery, for his report; whereupon Mr. Davis assigned reasons why he did not attend the meeting of the Presbytery which were sustained.

Members appointed to attend protracted meetings were called upon to report. Mr. Carlile P. B. Martin, was introduced and having given satisfactory evidence of piety, literary proficiency, the propriety of the motives leading him to seek the Gospel Ministry, and of his being a regular member of the Presbyterian Church he was received as a candidate under our care. Messrs Howard, Hoyt and Randolph were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the state of religion in our bounds for the next meeting of Synod. Resolved, that tomorrow at ten o'clock be the time for preparing hearing the reports on the state of religion. Presbytery had a recess to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

8 o'clock Presbytery met. The minutes of the last Sessions were read. It was resolved, that the next annual meeting of Presbytery be held in Wagnestown on Friday before the first Sabbath in April next at eleven o'clock A. M. The case of Rev. H. Reid was taken up when it was resolved that since most of the witnesses in the case are absent, and also the accused himself, Presbytery postpone the consideration of the subject to an adjourned meeting of Presbytery, to be held in Augusta at 11 o'clock A. M. on the Wednesday before the first Sabbath in December; and that the Stated Clerk be directed to cite all the parties in the case. The committee on the arrangements for preaching reported and the report was accepted.

C. W. Howard asked and obtained leave of absence from remaining Sessions of Presbytery. Presbytery proceeded to nominate delegates to the next General Assembly, whereupon

S. S. Davis, N. Hoyt, and C. M. Howard Ministers, and J. E. S. Newton, E. A. Nisbet, Col. John A. Cuthbert, and Col. Joseph M. Sumpter were put in nomination. Presbytery proceeded to take up the order of the day, the hearing of reports on the state of religion. The reports were then given, they excited much interest, and in view of the facts contained in them the following resolution was unanimously passed.

Resolved, that the members of the Presbytery now present, be requested to preach before their congregations, directly after their return home, on the claims of the Gospel Ministry upon our Churches, and the desolations within our bounds; and also that the same request be extended to the members not present, and that the temporary Clerk be directed to communicate the necessary information. Presbytery had a recess until two o'clock P. M. Two o'clock P. M. Presbytery met, but before motion gave place to the board of Directors of the Georgia Presbyterian Education Society.

Rev. H. Chamberlain being delegated by the Presbytery of Goodhope, presented for the consideration of this body, the following query, whether it is advisable at the next meeting of General Assembly to apply for the erection of a Synod? which was decided in the negative, and the Rev. N. Hoyt and Elizar S. Newton elder, were appointed a Committee to communicate the decision of Presbytery. The following Overture was presented and considered. "When a Church has but one ruling Elder and no minister, and a grossly offending member refuses to make satisfactory Confession, what course should be pursued in order immediately to relieve themselves from the injurious scandal?" Presbytery decided that the Elder is authorized in such circumstances, to call in the aid of some neighboring minister and issue the case, according to the Book of Discipline. On motion it resolved that H. Chamberlain be requested to return the thanks of this body to the Citizens of Monticello for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Presbytery during their present sessions; and also to the members of the Methodist Church for the use of their house. Presbytery then adjourned with reading a chapter in the Scriptures, singing a psalm and prayer, to meet in Augusta on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in December next, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Samuel S. Davis Moderator.

Samuel P. Caspels Temporary Clerk.

Rev. Sessions.

Augusta, Lecture-Room of the Presbyterian Church December 3rd 1834.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by S. S. Davis the Moderator. Members present, S. S. Davis, H. Reid, S. H. Salmage, Robert M. Alpin, William Quillin, H. C. Carter, J. W. Reid, J. M. Swight and A. Church. Elders Zachariah Williams from Bethel, R. Fleming from Lincolnton, William Robertson from Augusta. Absent - Ministers W. Hoyt, S. S. Caspell, John Brown, W. S. C. P. Beman, C. W. Howard, John Harrison, Edward Pharr, Henry Safford, Arthur M. Mooney, Thomas P. O. Shelman, Rev. S. S. McLeon, from the Presbytery of Goodhope, Rev. William A. M. Dowel, and Rev. Benjamin Sidershave from Charleston (Union Presbytery) and Rev. John William Chester of the Presbytery of Lexington Virginia being present, were invited to sit as corresponding-members. The Presbytery then proceeded to the consideration of the charges preferred against Rev. H. Reid by Col. Zachariah Williams which charges were regularly made at Milledgeville before the Presbytery April 4th 1834. and are as follows viz:

The following charges against Rev. H. Reid were preferred by Zachariah Williams, who also undertook to be the prosecutor in the case. I hereby present the following charges against H. Reid a member of this Presbytery. 1st For Forgery - in making use of the name of John W. Reid without his permission in the call of the pro-re-nata meeting of Presbytery which met at Augusta on Friday the 28th of June 1833. 2nd For wilful and atrocious falsehood in asserting on Friday the 28th of June 1833 in Presbytery that John W. Reid had authorized him to use his name in the call of said Presbytery, when he knew he had not - and on the Friday evening or Saturday morning thereafter, admitted to the said John W. Reid that he had not invested him with that authority. The witnesses by whom the above charges will be established are Doctor John Brown, William Quillin, William Mod-crowl, John S. Wilson and John W. Reid.

Milledgeville 4th April 1834. (Signed) Zachariah Williams.

On motion it was ~~ordered~~ that the following correspondence was then read, viz: "Augusta 14th May 1833. Dear Brother, at the joint request of Mr Salmage minister, and Capt. William Robertson Elder, (to whose names I hope you will add another Elders that regularity may be preserved) I have to request you to call a meeting of the Hopewell Presbytery to meet in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church in Augusta, on the last Friday in June next evening at 11 o'clock

A. M. to take into Consideration the case of Mr. Moderuel, who is and has been separated from his wife some time past, to the great injury of the holy cause in which we are engaged. Mr. Moderuel does not deny that fact of separation, something must be done soon to remove the scandal. Yours in the ^{best of} bonds, "H. Reid." Answer: viz;

The above was directed to Rev. John S. Wilson Lawrenceville & F. Ann 1833, Lawrenceville Georgia.

Dear Brother Reid, On my return from the Cherokee Country, a day or two since, I found your letter under date of 14. instant, waiting me. I write at present to suggest to you and our brethren, who have requested a call of the Presbytery in June, a few thoughts, and I do so the more readily, as there is yet a sufficient space of time for convening the Presbytery at the time you have designated. It will be but six weeks from that period till the regular meeting of the Presbytery in Athens. Few of our members could, or perhaps would attend in Augusta, and the subject is one which should no doubt be considered in the midst of Councillors. Augusta is, I think, an unenviable place for considering the matter. I make these suggestions - you can consider them and give them that weight which they merit. As for myself, I know it will be simply impossible for me to go to Augusta at that time, without a great sacrifice and neglect of many duties, since part of my time is employed, under the direction of the Domestic-Missionary Society, in exploring the territory west of the Chatahoochie river, and my arrangements are now made to be in that Country about the time you have proposed for the meeting of Presbytery; and very little injury I presume can accrue by a delay of a few weeks when this investigation will take place before a full Presbytery, (for I anticipate a full meeting at Athens.) Will you write me by return mail on the subject? If you still think it best I will proceed to call the Presbytery. Yours in the Gospel - John S. Wilson."

Col. Zachariah Williams then called upon the Rev. William Quillin, who having been sworn by the Moderator, was called upon by the said Col. Zachariah Williams to answer the following questions. viz: Question 1st Be pleased to state whether H. Reid did not explicitly absent, at the pro-re-nata Presbytery, which convened in the City of Augusta on Friday the 28th of June 1833, that Mr. J. W. Reid had authorised him to use his name in the call of said Presbytery? Mr. Quillin replied that, Mr H. Reid asserted, in Presbytery that he had had a Conversation with his Nephew J. W. Reid in which he (H. Reid) had asserted that there ought to be a speedy investigation of the case of the Rev. Mr Moderuel and that J. W. Reid had concurred in this opinion; that he (H. Reid) afterwards felt himself authorised to use his Nephew's name in calling a pro-re-nata Presbytery. Question 2nd On your way to the Presbytery,

did not S. W. Reid state to you that he did not know the names of the Elders which were used in calling the pro-re-nata Presbytery? Answer. He did. Mr. Moderwell being sworn, was called upon by Col. Williams to state what he knew concerning the matter before Presbytery. Mr. Moderwell stated that in May or June 1833, Messrs W. Reid and Salnago called upon him at his residence and requested to have some conversation with him concerning his separation from Mrs. Moderwell. He stated to them that he was unwilling to have a called Session of Presbytery, because Col. Sumpter one of his principal witnesses was absent and that he never would consent to go to trial without this witness. He stated to them his willingness to have this subject brought up at the regular Presbytery in August. Mr. Moderwell also stated that when he met with Mr. S. W. Reid and mentioned to him the called Presbytery, Mr. Reid expressed his regret that it had been called - apprehending that it might do harm and could be brought before the Presbytery with less harm in August. Mr. Moderwell asserts that at the pro-re-nata Presbytery Mr. W. Reid asserted that he was authorized to use Mr. S. W. Reid's name. He (Mr. Moderwell) then asserted that he did not believe he was thus authorized and that Mr. W. Reid replied he was authorized. The next day Mr. Moderwell saw S. W. Reid who asserted that he had not authorized Mr. W. Reid to use his name and that he was willing to give an affidavit to that effect. And Mr. Moderwell says that S. W. Reid afterwards told him that his Uncle (W. Reid) had admitted that he was not authorized to use his name. Rev. J. S. Wilson was then sworn. Mr. Wilson was requested by Col. Zachariah Williams to state what occurred between him and W. Reid concerning a called Presbytery. Mr. Wilson stated that sometime in May he received a letter from W. Reid desiring a pro-re-nata Presbytery and requesting him to obtain the consent of some Elders to be added to three names mentioned to render the call Constitutional.

Mr. Wilson declined issuing the Circular and gave his reasons to Mr. Reid. In a short time after he received from Mr. Reid the following letter ~~and~~ accordingly issued the Circular viz:

Augusta 30th May 1833. Dear Brother Wilson, This evening I received yours of the 3rd June 1833, I suppose May was intended. I am truly sorry that you did not issue the Circular immediately as requested by Mr. Salnago, and Capt. Robertson and myself, to which Catalogue I can now add another Mr. John W. Reid Elder in Bethel Church. The cause of Christ demands that a meeting of Presbytery should be held at the time and place already mentioned. Augusta is the very place, because testimony can be produced with more ease

here than elsewhere: The case cannot be issued at the first meeting of Presbytery without the consent of the party accused. Our cause is bleeding at every pore. If three only meet, they may be prepared for a final adjustment in August at Athens. I hope you will come, the importance of the case renders it imperious.

The above was directed to you in the bonds of the Gospel A. Reid.
Rev. John S. Wilson ^{Lawrenceville} Question by Mr. Reid: Would you have called the Presbytery had I not furnished the name? Answer: I think I should not. Rev. S. M. Reid was sworn. The following

questions were then propounded to Mr. Reid by Col. Zachariah Williams. Question 1st Is the signature of this affidavit yours? Answer: It is. Affidavit is as follows: viz: "Columbia County Georgia. I hereby make affidavit to the following statement viz: that the use of my name in the call for a pro-re-nata meeting of Presbytery to assemble at Augusta on Friday the 28th of June last was wholly unauthorized by me. (Signed) John M. Reid." Sworn to before me this 8th day 1833. A. Pearce." Question 2nd Is the signature of this paper in your

hand? Answer: It is my signature. The paper is as follows: viz: "I do hereby certify that on Friday Evening or Saturday morning last the Rev. Henry Reid admitted to me that I had not authorized him to use my name in the call for the pro-re-nata meeting of Presbytery to assemble in Augusta on the 28th of June last. Columbia County July 8th 1833. (Signed) John M. Reid."

Question 3rd Did you know till Saturday the 29th of June, the day after the Presbytery that your name had been used in the call of the pro-re-nata Presbytery. Answer: I did not. The following questions were then asked the witness by A. Reid the accused. 1st Did you not admit the necessity of a speedy investigation of the matter? Answer: I did for the reasons given in the next answer. Question 2nd Did you thought it ought to be done to relieve Mr. Moderwel's character if innocent, and if guilty to free the Church from reproach?

Answer: I did say it ought to be done and the sooner the better; for if Mr. Moderwel was not guilty as I thought at the time it would relieve him, and if he was guilty the sooner the reproach was removed from the Church the better. Question 3rd Did you not also express regret that the meeting of Presbytery would take place at the time appointed for a meeting at Mount Zion Church which would prevent your attendance at Presbytery?

Answer: I did. — Question 4th By Col. Zachariah Williams. Did you not in a conversation with me state that you regretted that the pro-re-nata had been called? Answer: I did express regret that it had been called at that time. Mr. Salnager was then sworn, and the following questions propounded: viz: Do you say that the facts as stated in Mr. A. Reid's letter addressed to the Moderator of Presbytery at Monticello, are true? Answer: I believe they are

true, so far as I was ~~any~~ connected with the transaction.

The following is a copy of the letter above referred to: viz.

Augusta, September 20th 1834. My dear Brother, It would give me much pleasure to be permitted to meet with you and share in your deliberations and devotions; but my duties as Tutor of the Richmond Academy forbid such an indulgence. My heart is with you and my prayers ~~are~~ shall be offered up for your success in the holy enterprise in which you are engaged. I anticipate with inexpressible delights the period when I shall enjoy the soul-refreshing feast with my Brother in consulting the affairs of Zion. May God our Saviour by his Word and Spirit guide you in your deliberations; and lead you to such conclusions as will promote his own glory, and the good of souls.

At your last meeting in Milledgeville two very serious charges were preferred against me, by our Brother Williams an elder of the Church of Mount Olivet: viz. "Forgery (and falsehood)", either of which if true would exclude me not only from the ministry but from the communion of the Church. With respect to the first; let the forged instrument be produced, as that is the only testimony that can be adduced in such a case. The letters addressed to the Moderator of requesting a meeting of Presbytery in Augusta to consider the case of Mr. Moderwel; are herewith transmitted.

With respect to the "atrocious falsehood" uttered in the presence of God's ministers; I do not think the charge from the very nature of the circumstances susceptible of proof. It would seem that some things were uttered before Presbytery in Augusta; and then afterwards denied in Columbia County before John W. Reid. What proof is there of this? Who heard me deny in Columbia what was uttered in Augusta? The charge says John W. Reid. But one witness is not sufficient to establish any charge of that sort. I shall give you a succinct history of the whole matter. In April or May 1833. the report reached my ears that Mr. Moderwel was separated from his wife.

Within the space of a few days I saw Mr. Jenkins, and asked him if it were a fact. He answered in the affirmative. I then mentioned the subject to Brother Dalnago; and we appointed an afternoon to call on Mr. Moderwel, which was done. We warned him as faithfully and as affectionately as we knew how; we entreated him to be reconciled to his wife; bring her home; and live with her as a Christian Minister ought. He promptly replied, "That he would neither go, nor write for her to come home; but, if she would come, he would receive her." We told him that Christianity was suffering in general, and Presbyterianism in particular, by their separation. He replied, "I know it." We told him we would be obliged to lay the case before Presbytery immediately, unless he would make an effort to come together and live as husband and wife ought. His reply was, "I shrink not from an investigation." After having united in prayer for

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God's blessing we parted. On the 14th of May 1833. I wrote to the Moderator Rev. John S. Wilson, at the joint request of Rev. S. N. Salmons and Capt. William Robertson, requesting him to add another elder, so that the Circular might be Constitutional. A few days after this John W. Reid called upon me. The case of Mr. Moderuel was the topic of conversation. With respect to that conversation on the 16th of May last, in a letter I put the following questions to John W. Reid, who on the 22nd of May returned the following answers. Question 1st "Did you not admit the necessity of a speedy investigation of the matter?" Answer: "I did for the reasons given in the next answer." Question 2nd "That you thought it ought to be done to relieve Mr. Moderuel's character if innocent; and if guilty to free the Church from reproach?" Answer: "I did say it ought to be done; and the sooner the better, for if Mr. Moderuel was not guilty, as I thought at that time, it would relieve him, and if he was guilty, the sooner the reproach was removed from the Church the better." Question 3rd "Did you not also express regret that the meeting of Presbytery would take place at the time appointed for a meeting at Mount Olivet Church, which would prevent your attendance at Presbytery?" Answer: "I did". A few days after the above conversation with John W. Reid, I received a note from the Rev. John S. Wilson, stating that he did not deem it necessary to call a pro-ve-nata meeting of Presbytery; but if I still thought so, he would have time enough to do it after having received my answer to his note; clearly implying that he would obtain the consent of one of his own elders for the purpose. On the 30th of May I answered his note. "Dear Brother Wilson &c. I am truly sorry that you did not issue the Circular immediately as requested by Mr. Salmons, Capt. Robertson and myself, to which Catalogue I can now add another Mr. John W. Reid an elder in Bethel Church." The above conversation was viewed by me as a hearty concurrence; and with the discipline open before me, at the 10th chapter section 10th I wrote what I did with a clear conscience. All these circumstances were stated more than once before the Presbytery when met in Augusta. The facts are now before you; if you believe me guilty of either forgery or falsehood, you must as upright men depose me from the ministry; and restore to fellowship the unfortunate individual, who has been so illy treated in consequence of that wicked meeting which was gotten up in Augusta through "Forgery and atrocious falsehood". But who hereafter will jeopardise his own reputation, and that of his family, either to restore a wandering brother, or to free the Church from scandal. If a Minister may think proper to live with his wife, well; if not, he may abandon her; or what amounts to the same thing; make her home so uncomfortable and dangerous that she cannot remain in it; and still ascend the pulpit, and with the eloquence of an angel tell men to love their wives, as Christ loved the Church. Such a course would soon usher in that blessed period when there shall be no need for a man to teach his brother, saying, "know the Lord". I submit the case to

your decision. May God direct to such a one as will be approved in the great day, is the prayer of your affectionate brother in the Gospel.

The above was directed to the Rev. Moderator of ^{Wilmington} (Signed) N. Reid -
Wopewell Presbytery to meet at Monticello Jasper County, Georgia. Question by Col. Zachariah Williams. Did you not hear Mr. N. Reid say that J. M. Reid had authorised him to use his name? Answer. I did not, but I understood him to say that he had the concurrence. The Rev. N. Hoyt and Rev. H. Safford appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for their tardiness. Rev. J. C. Patterson of the Presbytery of Goodhope, Bailly of Harmony - Presbytery and Rev. Meigs Smith and Mitchell of the Charleston Union - Presbytery were invited to sit as corresponding members. The evidence in the case before Presbytery was closed.

Keef till half past six o'clock this evening. Half past six o'clock P. M. December 3rd 1834. Presbytery convened and resumed the consideration of the charges preferred against N. Reid. The parties were then called upon for their remarks and after hearing the prosecutor (Col. Zachariah Williams) in support of his charges, and Mr Reid in his defence, it was resolved, that the members of Presbytery, ^{be called upon} individually for remarks; and accordingly the roll was called. After hearing the remarks of the members, the following resolution was adopted: viz. Resolved that a committee of five be appointed to prepare and report, before the rising of Presbytery a minute expressive of the decision of this body in the case now pending between Col. Zachariah Williams and N. Reid. Whereupon the following members were appointed that Committee: viz. Meigs Hoyt, M. Alpin, Howard, Church and Fleming. Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Concluded with prayer. Augusta December 4th 1834. Presbytery convened at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer. The committee to whom it was referred to bring a minute upon the case of Col. Zachariah Williams against N. Reid begged leave to be discharged from the duty imposed upon them, whereupon it was resolved, that the committee be discharged. The Rev. Samuel P. Presby presented to the Presbytery a dismission from the Associate Reformed Presbytery of South - Carolina and desired to unite with this body. Mr. Presby having assured the Presbytery that he cordially adopts the Confession of Faith of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in these United States, was received as a member.

Presbytery then had recess till to-morrow night half past six o'clock, to meet in the Lecture-Room. Trial 5th December half past six o'clock P. M. Presbytery convened and the moderator being absent, the last Moderator took the Chair, and on motion it was resolved, that as the Presbytery is about to enter upon very important business, the members unite in imploring Divine and special direction. Rev. Robert Quarterman of Georgia - Presbytery and Isaac W. Waddel of South Carolina Presbytery

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were invited to sit as Corresponding members. Mr. Joseph Bryan from Mount Zion, and Joseph Mosely from the Church at Washington, and Doctor Tool from the Church at Bethel Columbia County, and Doctor Pond of the Church of Lexington, appeared and took their seats. Rev. S. S. Cassels appeared and rendered sufficient reasons for tardiness. The following resolution was then adopted: viz. Resolved, that the roll be now called and that the members be requested to give their votes on the case of Col. Zachariah Williams against H. Reid. Whereupon the roll was called and it was unanimously decided that the charges have not been sustained. Whereupon it was resolved, that a committee of seven be appointed to bring in a minute upon the case, and Messrs. McKeppin, Casals, Presley, Safford, Bryan, Fleming and Mosely, were appointed that Committee. Rev. C. M. Howard who was appointed to draw up a report on the state of religion within our bounds to be presented to the Synod, presented a report which was ^{read and} adopted. — Mr. Freeman, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery was then called upon to exhibit part of trial which had been previously assigned him. Mr. Freeman read a critical exercise upon John II. 1-5 and a Sermon on Romans III. 31 which exercises, after the call of the roll for remarks, were sustained, as parts of trial preparatory to licensure. Rev. S. Chilton was received as a member of this body, from the Presbytery of Georgia. Presbytery determined to hear the other parts of trial of Mr. Freeman previously assigned. Mr. R. C. Ketchum presented to Presbytery an exegesis and a popular lecture, previously assigned, which were committed, the former to Mr. Presley and the latter to Mr. H. Reid and Mr. Dwight. Mr. J. Holly was, after examination on personal piety, and his views for desiring to enter the ministry, received under the care of Presbytery and an exegesis assigned him. "Est ne mundus sempiternus". Also a popular lecture on Hebrews X. 35-39 inclusive. Presbytery had a recess to meet at the call of the Chair. Saturday night 9 o'clock Presbytery met. The Committee appointed to examine the Popular Lecture of R. C. Ketchum on the CX. Psalm, reported and the piece was returned to Mr. Ketchum to reconsider the subject and to prepare another piece. Presbytery then proceeded to take up the report of the Committee on the case of H. Reid, and it was resolved to take up such report and consider it, article by article. This resolution was then supplanted by the following which was adopted. viz. Resolved, that the charges have not been sustained and that consequently the prosecutor, according to the 5th Chapter and 7th Section of the Book of Government, has laid himself liable to the censure of this Presbytery. but whereas the prosecutor has not appeared to be malignant, in this prosecution; further resolved, that the censure be not severe. Presbytery met according to adjournment, on Monday night. The minutes were read and approved, when after prayer and the Apostolic benediction they adjourned to meet in Waynesboro, Burke County April 30th 1835. S. S. Davis Moderator. S. W. Sulmasy Stated Clerk.

93rd Session.

Waynesboro, Burke County April 30th 1835.

Friday 11 o'clock A.M. Presbytery met according to adjournment, and in absence of the moderator, was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. A. Hoyt, from Nehemiah VII. 3. "I am doing a great work".

Constituted with prayer. Members Present.

Ministers.

- J. Brown M.D.
- A. Hoyt.
- S. K. Salmage.
- William Quillin.
- S. S. Capels.
- C. M. Howard.
- S. Clinton.

Elders.

- William Urquhart from the Presbyterian Church, Butts Co
- Stephen Stoval " " " " " Lincoln
- Samuel McTeear " " " " " Mount Olivet
- Benjamin Paull " " " " " Washington

Absent.

- Alonzo Church M.D.
- C. P. Beman.
- W. Reid.
- J. M. Reid.
- Arthur M. Mowrey.
- W. C. Carter.
- Samuel P. Presley.
- Henry Safford.

- S. S. Davis.
- Robert M. Alpin.
- Edward Pharr.
- John Harrison.
- J. M. Dwyght.
- Thomas P. C. Shelman

J. Brown M.D. was chosen Moderator and S. S. Capels Temporary Clerk. The minutes of the last Session were read corrected and approved. Presbytery appointed S. K. Salmage to bring in a minute in reference to that part of the trials of R. C. Ketchum which had been returned at the last meeting in Augusta. S. Clinton and S. K. Salmage with the Elder William Urquhart were appointed a Committee to arrange Public Service during the present Session of Presbytery. Presbytery had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met. Joseph Bryan Ruling-Elder from Mount Zion appeared and rendered reasons for tardiness and took his seat. A letter was read from A. M. Mowrey rendering an excuse for absence and also asking a dismission from this body to join the Presbytery of Flint River. His excuse was sustained and his wish was granted. A letter was read from S. S. Davis apiquing reasons for absence which were sustained. A letter was also read from W. Reid apiquing reasons for absence which were likewise sustained. J. M. Reid appeared and rendered reasons for tardiness and took his seat. Moses Alexander Ruling-Elder of the Church of South Liberty appeared, rendered reasons for tardiness and took his seat. A letter was read from J. F. Scott,

stating that certain reports had been circulated by various members of the Methodist-Episcopal Church unfavourable to the Ministerial Character of the Rev. S. P. C. Shelman, a letter was also read from Mr. Shelman in reference to the same matter, all of which were referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Hoyt, Howard and Paull, to report as early as convenient. A memorial was read from several persons in Milledgeville praying Presbytery to take the Manual-Labour School at Midway under their care, which was ordered to lie on the table. Doctor Brown, absent from the last Sessions of the Presbytery, was called upon for his excuse, which was rendered and sustained. It appearing that the excuse of John W. Reid, rendered in Augusta in person, for his absence at the preceding Sessions in Monticello, and which was sustained, was not recorded, the Stated-Clerk was directed to insert that omission. A Committee consisting of Messrs Howard, Salmage and Bryan, were appointed to prepare a report on the state of religion within our bounds, to be presented at the next meeting of the General-Assembly. The members present were called upon to report whether they had complied with the request of the Presbytery, made at its last Session, in laying the Claims of the ministry before their congregations, when those present reported, which reports were accepted. A request being made to Presbytery, from Col. Zachariah Williams, to have some corrections made in the minutes in reference to the case of Mr. Moderwel. The matter was referred to S. J. Casels and S. S. Davis as a Committee to report at the next meeting of the Presbytery. Presbytery then heard the reports on the state of religion. On motion it was resolved that it be the order of the day for tomorrow morning 9 o'clock, to review the Statistical Reports and the Session-Books. On motion, it was also resolved, that it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning ten o'clock to receive the contributions to the Commissioners and funds. Letters were read from James C. Cosby and James A. Saye desiring other parts of tracts to be assigned them, the former of which was referred to Messrs Hoyt and Howard, and the latter to Messrs Howard and Casels as a Committee. The contributions to Domestic-Missionary purposes were then called for, when the following sums were received. viz.

From the Church in Augusta	\$ 31.00
From the Church in Athens	16.25
From the Church in Burke-County	20.00
From the Church in Mount-Zion	10.00
From the Church in Mount-Olivet	5.00
From the Church in South-Liberty	3.50
From the Church in Lexington Floyd-County	5.50
Amount Carried forward.	\$ 91.25

Amount brought forward. — \$ 91.25
 From the Church in Casville Cas-County " 4.00
 From the Church in Canton Cherokee-County " 4.00
 Total amount. \$ 99.25

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
 Concluded with prayer. — Saturday 4th April 9 o'clock
 A.M. Presbytery met. Opened with prayer. The roll was called
 and the minutes of the last Sessions were read and corrected.
 Presbytery then proceeded to the order of the day for 9 o'clock
 viz. the receiving of the Statistical-reports and Church-Books.
 But few reports being presented, the Stated-Clerk was directed
 to make up his report to the General-Assembly from the sta-
 tistical-reports of last year. The Session-Books were called for
 and Committees appointed to examine them. The Committee
 on the trials of James C. Cosby reported; which report was
 accepted and adopted; and John XIV. 12 was assigned Mr.
 Cosby for a popular-Sermon and Zechariah XIII. 7-9 as a lecture.
 A letter was read from Rev. A. C. Carter assigning reasons for absence
 which were sustained; Mr. Carter also petitioned Presbytery to appoint
 him as missionary to the Church of Ganessville, New-Sebanon and Hebron,
 which was referred to the Committee of Missions. Presbytery proceeded
 to the order of the day for Ten o'clock; the receiving of Commissioners'
 funds. When the following sums were received. viz.

From the Church at Mounts Zion	—	\$ 5.30
do do do do Athens	—	12.00
do do do do Augusta	—	30.00
do do do do South-Liberty	—	10.00

The Committee on the arrangements of Divine-Service reported and
 the report was accepted. The memorial respecting the Manual-
 Labour-School at Midway, was then taken up and the following
 Resolution read and adopted. viz. Resolved, that Presbytery receive
 under their care the Manual-Labour-School at Midway according
 to the request of the Executive Committee of that Institution, provided
 the General-Presbyterian-Education-Society give their consent at their
 next annual meeting. A memorial was read from the Executive-
 Committee of the Midway-Seminary petitioning Presbytery to take
 immediate measures for the elevation and more permanent estab-
 lishment of that Institution; which was referred to the following
 Committee, viz. J. Brown, D.D. S. N. Salmons, S. D. Caspell, C.W.
 Howard, B. Paull and Moses Alexander to report as early as
 practicable. The Committee on the case of Mr. Shelman reported
 and the report was read and adopted; and is as follows, viz. The com-
 mittee appointed on the subject of Mr. Scott's letter respecting
 Mr. Shelman, Recommend the adoption of the following resolutions;

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Viz. Resolved, that the Stated-Clerk of this Presbytery be directed to write immediately to the Rev. S. P. Scott, requesting him to forward all statements in his possession which go to impeach the Christian Character and standing of the Rev. J. P. C. Shelman together with the evidence, by which such statements are said to be substantiated; and that the same be submitted to this body at its next regular meeting. Resolved, ~~also~~, that a copy of these papers when obtained by the Stated-Clerk be forwarded by him to the Rev. Mr. Shelman accompanied by a request from this Presbytery, that he will either appear at our next meeting in person and make a verbal reply, or, if this should not be practicable, that he transmit to us through our Clerk a written reply to these statements. The Committee on the trials of James N. Sage reported and the following were assigned him as parts of trial. Critical Exercise, I. Peter III. 18, 19, 20. - Popular-Lecture, Luke XVII. 19, 31. - Popular-Sermon John III. 16. and Latin Exegesis. An Scripturae Sanctae verbum Dei? - The Committee appointed in the case of Mr. Ketchum reported and the report was read, adopted, and is as follows, viz. Resolved, that after Mr. Ketchum's explanation touching the doctrinal sentiments of the popular-lecture referred back to him, the Presbytery are satisfied as to his orthodoxy; but must still require the exercise to be more carefully written. The following text was then assigned Mr. Ketchum for a popular-Sermon, John IX. 29, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed". The Committee appointed to examine the Session-Books of the Church at Washington and Mount-Zion reported and the Books were approved. S. H. Salmage and C. W. Howard were appointed as an auditing-Committee to examine the Treasurers Book. The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion to the General-Assembly reported; and on motion it was resolved, that the narrative presented to the last Synod be also presented to the General-Assembly with its report on the state of religion. Rev. William Quillin reported a Church in Cherokee-County by the name of Canton, consisting of four Elders and twelve members which was taken under care of Presbytery. On motion it was resolved, that a Committee consisting of William Quillin and Robert McAlpin be appointed to confer with any Committee that may be appointed by Union-Presbytery to ascertain the Northwestern boundary of this Presbytery. The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers Book reported and the report was accepted. On motion, resolved, that the sum of Thirty Dollars be paid by the Treasurer to the Stated-Clerk for his services during the past year. Mr. J. M. Gruder, a Candidate under our care, presented a critical exercise on Hebrews VI. 1, 6, which was sustained and received as a part of his trials. Presbytery then had a recess until 3 o'clock P. M. 3 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met and proceeded to hear the remaining parts of Mr. McGruder's trials. Mr. McGruder then read a popular-Sermon from Romans X. 4. which was sustained. Presbytery having sufficient evidence of the literary attainments of Messrs McGruder and

Freeman, proceeded to examine them on Didactic Theology, Church-History and Government, all of which were sustained.

J. W. Reid, Joseph Bryan and Stephen Stoval asked and obtained leave of absence. The Committee appointed to examine the Church-Book of the Church of Lincoln reported, and the Book was approved, with the exception of the article referring to the case of Col. Jones. Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer. Monday Morning.

April 6th 9 o'clock a.m. Presbytery met. opened with prayer.

The reading of the minutes was deferred for the present. The former Executive-Committee of Missions were reappointed, consisting of Messrs Joseph Bryan, John Cunningham, Nathan Hoyt, S. N. Salmage and Samuel S. Caspels. It was resolved, that when Presbytery adjourn it adjourn to meet in Washington on Saturday before the second Sabbath in August next at 11 o'clock a.m. The following parts of trials were assigned Mr. Martyn a candidate under our care. For an Exegesis, *Brit. pana delevatorum sempiterna*, together with the first ten chapters of the Confession of Faith. The Committee appointed on the Memorial from the Executive-Committee of the Midway-Seminary reported, and the following Resolution which was accepted and adopted. *viz.* Resolved, that a Committee consisting of five be appointed to confer with the Executive-Committee of the Midway-Seminary and also to collect otherwise all necessary information on the subject of a Presbyterian-College, and to report the same to the next meeting of this Body to meet in Washington on Saturday before the second Sabbath in August next.

The following Committee were then appointed on that business. *viz.* S. N. Salmage and S. S. Caspels, Ministers, and C. A. Nesbet, Col. Joseph Sumpter and S. Dowse. The following Resolutions respecting the sanctification of the Sabbath were read and considered. *viz.* Resolved 1st that before our next semiannual meeting, all the members of Presbytery preach to their respective congregations, on the duties and obligations of the Christian Sabbath.

Resolved 2nd that all travelling, on the Sabbath for secular purposes, driving waggons to or from Market, or for any other secular business is a violation of the fourth Commandment, and should not be permitted to pass with impunity.

Resolved, 3rd that it is the duty of all the Church-Sessions to notice all such offenders and deal with them accordingly.

The first of these resolutions was past, and the balance referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs N. Hoyt and William Quillin to report at the next meeting of this Body.

Presbytery then proceeded to license the candidates, Thomas M. Gruber and James M. Freeman, who after answering in the affirmative the usual questions, and after prayer, were licensed

to preach the everlasting-Gospel. The following Overture was proposed and referred to a Committee Consisting of Messrs Hoyt and Clinton to report at the next Meeting of Presbytery. Overture is as follows viz. "When the member of one member of one Church removes into the bounds of another without getting a dismission and then commits an offence, is it or is it not the duty of the Session within the bounds of which the offence has been committed to report the case to the Session to which the member is properly amenable?" - J. S. Davis principal and N. Hoyt alternate ministers, and E. A. Nisbet principal and William Stearing alternate Elders, were appointed as Delegates to the next General-Assembly. The same Delegates were also appointed to attend the Convention to assemble ^{at the same place} the week previous, and the following resolution which was unanimously adopted, was put into the hands of the said delegation. viz. Resolved, that the Presbytery of Hopewell while they are cordially attached to the standards of our Church, do disapprove of any effort, at the present time, to cause a division of the Presbyterian Church in these United-States as highly detrimental to the interests of true religion. The following resolution was then proposed and adopted. viz. Resolved, that Presbytery assign some subject or subjects at each of its Sessions, to one or more of its members for written essays, and also a question to all the members for discussion. The following topics were then assigned - viz. The best means of increasing the ministry; to C. W. Howard. - The nature and extent of the Christian atonement; to Doctor John Brown. - The following question was also proposed for general discussion. viz. Which is the preferable mode of preaching, by reading Sermons or by extemporaneous discourses?

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Resolved, that this Presbytery, feeling the importance of correct views in regard to the Sacrament of Baptism, cordially recommends to the members of the Churches under their care, the purchase and attentive perusal of the work of our brother, the Rev. Samuel P. Chapin, on that subject. Resolved, that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Citizens of Waynesboro and its vicinity, for their hospitality during its Sessions.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Washington Wilkes County, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in August next.

John Brown, Moderator.

Samuel N. Salmage, Stated Clerk.

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 Visum per examina in Synodo cap. procer
 John Witherspoon Pres

Washington August 8th. 1835.

Saturday morning 11 o'clock A.M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Presbytery of Hopewell met, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, D.^r Brown, from 1.st of Peter 2.^d 3.^d "If so be, ye have tasted, that the Lord is gracious." constituted with prayer.

Members present — Ministers —

John Brown. D.D.
Alonzo Church. D.D.
S. W. Palmadge.
Sam^l C. Pressley.
Sam^l J. Caspels.
H. C. Carter.
W.^m Quillin.
T. M. Dwight.
C. W. Howard.
J. W. Reid.

Elders.

James Jackson. — Athens.
Norman L. Chester. Gainsville.
Joseph M.^r Intire. Hebron.
C. A. Nesbit. Madison.
S. Rockwell. Milledgeville.
Sam^l Groves. New Hope.
W.^m Turk. New Lebanon.
John Cunningham. Greensboro.
Sydney More. South Liberty.
Lock Weems. Washington.
Charles Gresham. Salem.

Absent. Edward Pharr. Henry Reid. Nathan Hoyt. C. P. Beman.
Henry Safford. John Harrison. Robert M.^r Galpin. J. C. P. Shelman.
S. S. Davis. Lawson Clinton. ——— Sam^l C. Pressley was elected Moderator, and C. W. Howard Temporary Clerk. Presbytery then had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock P.M. ——— 3 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and confirmed.

S. J. Caspels, and L. Weems were appointed a committee to provide for the supply of the pulpit during the meeting of this Presbytery.

Mr. J. Daniel & Mr. Edmund Baldwin Elders appeared, and gave their reasons for tardiness, which were sustained. Rev. Jesse Mercer of the Baptist Church, being present was invited to sit as a Corresponding member D.^r Church, Mr. Pressley, & Mr. Dwight were called on for their excuses for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery — their excuses were sustained. Rev. J. W. Reid addressed a letter to Presbytery offering excuse for absence from the present meeting, which excuses were sustained. Mr. J. B. Goulding a Licentiate of the Charleston Union Presbytery, having been regularly dismissed from that body, to join this Presbytery, was taken under our care. Letters from Canton, Marietta, and Cassville churches, were read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

A letter was received from John H. Howard Esq. of Milledgeville, and referred to the Committee on the propriety of establishing a Presbyterian College.

Brothers were called upon to ascertain, if the order of Presbytery, passed at its last session, in respect to the observance of the sabbath, had been complied with; when it appeared that some had preached on the subject assigned, and others had failed. The Education Society having expressed their willingness to give up the Midway Seminary, Presbytery, in conformity with a resolution adopted at its last

meetings, took that Institution under its care.

Mr. E. A. Nesbit, a Delegate to the General Assembly, was called upon to report— Mr. Nesbit stated that he did not attend, and his reasons for failure were sustained. The essay assigned to C. W. Howard, was continued to the next meeting of Presbytery. The discussion on the preferable mode of preaching, whether by written, or extemporaneous discourse, was postponed. A church organized at Cumming Forsyth County, made application to be taken under the care of this Presbytery which application was granted. The Committee appointed to provide preaching during the setting of Presbytery, reported, which report was accepted, and adopted. The Brethren Quillin, Palmadge and Elder James Jackson were appointed a Committee to draft a narrative of the state of religion, within the bounds of this Presbytery, to be presented to Synod, at its next meeting. It was resolved, that Mr. J. M. Goulding be ordained as an Evangelist, provided his preparatory trials are sustained. Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr. G. upon his qualifications for the Ministry, as pointed out in the Book of Discipline. The Candidate having been fully examined, his examinations were sustained. Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock was the time appointed to Mr. Goulding, to preach a popular sermon from Rev. 21. Chap. 7th. verse. Monday night was set apart as the time for ordination. Rev. S. K. Palmadge was appointed to preach the sermon, and the Rev. C. W. Howard his alternate. The Moderator to preside & give the charge. Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

Monday morning 8 o'clock. Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The Minutes were read, & confirmed.

Dr. Brown in accordance with the appointment of Presbytery, at its last sessions, read an Essay on the nature and extent of the Christian atonement. Rev. C. P. Beman and L. Williams Elder appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, & took their seats. Presbytery resolved to hold its next Annual meeting on the

Thursday before the first Sabbath in April, in the town of Greensboro.

The Rev. John E. Likens having presented to this Presbytery a dismission from the Union Presbytery, with a view to join that of South Alabama, & having stated to this body, that he is now residing out of the bounds of that Presbytery, & more convenient to this, requested to be received as a member of this body, with the permission to labour a part of his time, out of its bounds, in the newly settled parts of the State of Alabama. It was therefore resolved, that he be received as a member of this Presbytery.

The popular sermon of the Licentiate Mr. F. W. Goulding, delivered yesterday at 3 o'clock, was sustained as a part of trial for ordination.

Mr. J. Harper Elder, appeared, and having rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness, took his seat. Presbytery then proceeded to hear the reports from the churches on the state of religion.

Rev. N. Hoyt, and E. M. Dudley Elder appeared, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats.

The Committee, who were appointed to report on the propriety of establishing a Presbyterian College in this State, made their report, which was laid on the table. Rev. S. S. Davis appeared, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat. Rev. S. S. Davis was added to the Committee on the observance of the Sabbath.

A Committee was appointed to take into consideration the appointment of protracted & Camp-meetings. That Committee consists of Rev. G. C.

Carter, Rev. J. W. Needs, & Wm. Turk Elder. The following overture was presented to Presbytery, viz, "Is not the traffick in ardent spirits an immorality? and if an immorality, is it not the right of the church, and the duty of the church to treat it as such?" This overture was referred to a Committee consisting of Brethren Nesbit & Caspels to report during the present sessions of Presbytery. A letter was received from Rev. Wm. B. Richards requesting permission to labor within the bounds of Hopewell Presbytery which request was granted. Rev. Mr. Warnock applied for permission to labour within the bounds of this Presbytery, which application was granted. Presbytery then had a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met. The report of the Committee on the propriety of establishing a Presbyterian College, was taken up, & discussed. It was resolved, that it is expedient that Hopewell Presbytery undertake to endow, organize and maintain a College to be under the exclusive government & control of the Presbyterian Church. After mature & careful discussion this resolution was passed unanimously; the Brethren Church, Prepley, Hoyt, and Jackson from Athens, being excused from voting. The following resolution was next taken up, and discussed, Resolved, that said College be located at Midway near Milledgeville Baldwin County, whenever the necessary funds have been raised for its establishment. It was moved to strike out the words - "Midway near Milledgeville Baldwin County".

A discussion ensued, which was arrested by a motion for a recess, to meet at 8 o'clock to night.

^{Record} The Ordination of Mr. F. W. Goulding, is omitted, it not being found in the Minutes of the Ten. Clerk.

8 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met. Rev. J. P. C. Shelman appeared, and having given satisfactory excuse for tardiness, took his seat. Presbytery then proceeded to take up the case of Rev. Mr. Shelman.

Certificates were read, from Rev. Messrs. Jew, Speir, Parks, Mabry, and Mr. J. M. Stone, layman of the Methodist Church, charging the Rev. Mr. Shellman with prevarication, and improper motives in connecting himself with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Shellman was then heard in his defense; after which the whole case was referred to a Committee, consisting of Brethren Caspels, Dwight, and Goulding to report tomorrow to Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday Morn. 8 o'clock. Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The minutes were then read and confirmed.

Application was made by a church called Enon, Walker County, to be taken under the care of this Presbytery, which application was granted.

The Committee who were appointed to bring in a minute, expressive of the sense of Presbytery, respecting the case of Rev. J. P. C. Shellman reported as follows:

"Whereas certain allegations injurious to the Christian and Ministerial character of the Rev. J. P. C. Shellman have been presented to Presbytery in the form of certificates from certain Ministers, and members of the Methodist Church; and whereas Mr. Shellman when called upon for explanation, has satisfactorily vindicated himself, in view of Presbytery, from these allegations, which explanation having been corroborated by the testimony of others, therefore, resolved, that Presbytery believing that such charges have originated mainly through misapprehension & mistake, do retain undiminished confidence in the Christian character, and Ministerial standing of the Rev. Mr. Shellman." Which report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Overture on the subject of Temperance reported, which report was adopted. This report not being in the possession of the Stated Clerk cannot here be recorded. On Motion, Resolved, That it be recommended to all the Ministers of this Presbytery to read on the Sabbath from the pulpit, the report of this Committee. The unfinished business of yesterday was then taken up. The discussion continued during the morning sitting, and was interrupted by a motion for a recess until half past 2 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

1/2 past 2 o'clock. Presbytery met. The Committee on protracted, & camp-meetings reported, & their report was adopted. Presbytery then proceeded to the unfinished business of the morning. After an interesting and protracted debate, the motion to strike out was lost, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted, Resolved that said College be located in Midway near Milledgeville, Baldwin County, when the necessary funds for its establishment shall have been raised. The following resolution was also adopted, Resolved, that the Presbyteries of this, and the neighboring States be, and hereby are respectfully, and affectionately invited, and requested to cooperate with us, in this important enterprise. On motion, Resolved, That no individual shall be eligible to office in the Faculty of the contemplated

College, unless he be a member of the Presbyterian church in these United States, in good, and regular standing; Resolved that this Institution shall be under the government of a Board of Trustees, subject to the entire control of this Presbytery. This Board shall be elected by this Presbytery for the term of three years, to be divided into three classes, which classes shall be determined by lot, at the first meeting of the Board, and one of which shall go out of office annually but shall be reeligibile. It shall consist of twenty four members, three fourths at least of whom, shall be members of the Presbyterian Church, and not less than nine of whom shall be ordained Ministers of the Presbyterian Church. The following gentlemen were then chosen Trustees, Ministers Thomas Goulding D.D. S.W. Galmadge C.W. Howard, S.S. Davis, H. Pratt, S. J. Caspels, W. Quarterman, J. Patterson, C. C. Jones; Laymen - S. Rockwell, J. A. Cutthbert, W. W. Hines, C. C. Mills, B. C. Hand, C. P. Jordan, J. H. Lumpkin, C. A. Nesbit, A. Alexander, W. Poe, J. H. Howard, J. Billups, W. W. Holt, J. Fort, and J. Butler King. It was resolved, that the Rev. S. J. Caspels be employed as an Agent to solicit benefactions for the endowment of the proposed College, and that he be allowed a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, together with his travelling expenses, during the term of his employment in this service. The Stated Clerk was directed to inform the Trustees of their appointment, also of the time, and place of meeting - at Midway on the third wednesday in October. It was Resolved, that, Rev. C. W. Howard, Rev. C. P. Beman, Col. S. Rockwell, and W. W. Hines Esq. be, and are hereby appointed to prepare a Constitution, and plan of Government for the College, to be reported to the Trustees of this College, at their meeting in Milledgeville in October next. C. W. Howard, S. Rockwell, and J. A. Cutthbert were appointed a Committee to publish the report on the propriety of establishing the College. Luke 16 Chapter, the 19 to the 31st verse inclusive was assigned to Mr. C. W. Ketchum as the subject of a popular lecture. He was then, at his own request, dismissed from his connexion with this presbytery, and recommended to the care of Harmony Presbytery. Rev. S. S. Davis was appointed to prepare an Essay on the better observance of the Sabbath, to be read before Presbytery at its next meeting. The Essay of Dr. Brown on the nature and extent of the atonement was returned to him, with the thanks of this body. Presbytery then had a recess, to meet again at 8 o'clock to night. 8 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met. The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion, reported, which report was adopted. Mr. George a Candidate for licensure, then read a critical

exercise from Ephesians 2^d Chap. 4th to the 9th verses inclusive, which part of trial was sustained. The Candidate then read a popular sermon from Hebrews 11th 1st which sermon also ^{was} sustained. The rest of the preparatory trials having been sustained; Presbytery proceeded to license Mr. George. Having answered the questions proposed in the Book of Discipline, in the affirmative, he was duly licensed to preach the Gospel.

The relation of Baptized children to the church, and the best methods of bringing them under its influence and control, was assigned to the Rev. S. J. Caspels, as a subject for an essay to be read before Presbytery at its next ~~annual~~ meeting. On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this body be presented, by Mr. Caspels, to the citizens of Washington for their hospitable attention to its members, and also, to the Trustees of the Methodist Church for the use of their building. Resolved, that this Presbytery earnestly recommends to all the members of our churches the purchase and careful perusal of the excellent tract of Dr. Miller, entitled "Presbyterianism the primitive and apostolical constitution of the Church of Christ." The following persons were nominated as Delegates to the General Assembly: Ministers. N. Hoyt, S. K. Palmadge, S. J. Caspels — Elders — S. Rockwell, E. A. Nesbit, J. W. Lumpkin.

The sum of ten dollars was raised for the payment of the salary of Stated Clerk of Synod.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer, to meet in Greensboro on the Thursday before the first Sabbath in April. 1836. at 11 o'clock A.M.
C. W. Howards. Clerk. pro. tem.

Samuel Pepsley. Mod.
Samuel K. Palmadge Stated Clerk.

95th. Sessions. Greensborough. March 31st 1836.

Thursday 11 o'clock A.M. Hopewell Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by a sermon from the Moderator, from 1. Tim. 3: 15th. "The pillar, and ground of the truth;" after which Presbytery was constituted by prayer.

Ministers,
S. P. Presley.
H. C. Carter. and
H. R. Goulding.

Present,
Ruling Elders.
J. K. Daniel. from Greensboro'.
Samuel Groves. " Newhope.
W^m L. Mitchell. " Athens.
J. N. Guise. " Salem.
Sydney E. Moore. " South Liberty.
& Samuel M. Nair. " Mt. Olivet.

Absent, John Brown D.D. Edward Pharr, Henry Reid, Nathan Hoyt, Alonzo Church D.D. Henry Safford, Carlisle P. Beman, Robert M. Calpin Samuel H. Falmage, Samuel S. Davis, John Harrison, W^m Quillin, Lawson Clinton, Samuel J. Casels, John S. Likens. John W. Reid. Thomas C. P. Shelman, Theodore M. Dwight. & Charles W. Howard,

Presbytery then had a recess to meet at the room of Mr. Goulding at 3 o'clock P.M.

3 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met. Present as before with the addition of S. S. Davis, and C. P. Beman, Ministers, and Joseph Brian of Mt. Zion, and Joseph Moseley of Washington, Elders; who rendered excuses for tardiness, which were sustained.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Rev. C. P. Beman was elected Moderator, and the Rev. H. Goulding appointed temporary clerk. Letters from Rev. Messrs Falmage, Reid, and Church, rendering excuses for absence, were read, and the excuses sustained. A letter was also received from the Augusta Church, uniting in the request of Mr. Falmage for a dissolution of their relation as Pastor & People, which was read, the request unanimously granted, and the church accordingly declared vacant.

Mr. Daniel being absent, his alternate Mr. Cunningham took his seat.

The Rev. S. P. Presley, Rev. H. R. Goulding, and Joseph Brian Esq. were appointed a Committee to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds, to be presented to the next General Assembly. The hearing the statistical reports of the different churches, and the account of their spiritual condition, was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 9 o'clock A.M. Rev. C. W. Howard not being present, it was resolved that the essay heretofore assigned to him be continued.

Presbytery ordered that the report on the overture of the last meeting, "Is not the traffick in ardent spirits an immorality, and if an immorality is it not the right, and duty of the church to treat it as such?" be read in all the churches under their charge, and that the Clerk request

Mr. Giddens leave to republish that article in the Charleston Observer.

Mr. Davis requested that the subject assigned to him for an essay, be continued until the next meeting of Presbytery, which request was granted.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay into the hands of Mr. J. H. Plant the sum of \$9.50 for a blank book, and also \$20.00 to the Stated Clerk, or Agent, for his services during the past year. Mr. Carter was elected Stated Clerk in place of S. M. Palmadge resigned. Mr. Davis was elected to fill the vacancy in the "Executive Committee of Domestic Missions," caused by the resignation of Mr. Palmadge. The Moderator, Mr. Goulding & Mr. Cunningham were appointed a committee to provide for preaching during the sessions of this body.

Presbytery closed with prayer, and adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock. Presbytery met. Present as before, with Rev. S. J. Casels, and Col. Rockwell from Milledgeville, who rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took their seats. Presbytery then proceeded to the order of the day, which was to hear the reports from the churches, and to receive contributions to the commissioners' funds. Dr. Chester Elder from Gainsville, appeared, and rendered his excuse for tardiness, which was sustained. Rev. Hollis Reid, missionary to India, being present, was invited to take a seat as a corresponding member.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Session Books; viz,

Rev. S. S. Davis, & Mr. J. N. Guise,	to examine the Session Book of Athens.
Rev. S. P. Prepley, & W. L. Mitchel,	" " " " " " " " Washington.
Rev. H. C. Carter, & S. G. Moore,	" " " " " " " " Salem.
Rev. H. N. Goulding, & J. Cunningham,	" " " " " " " " New-Lebanon.
Rev. S. J. Casels, & J. Brian,	" " " " " " " " Greensboro'.
Rev. S. P. Prepley, & S. Groves,	" " " " " " " " Gainsville.
Rev. S. S. Davis, & Col. Rockwell,	" " " " " " " " Mt. Zion.

Rev. Messrs, Reid, Davis, and Carter, and Mess. Rockwell, Lumpkin, Risbet, and Hines, Elders were nominated Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Election of Commissioners made the order of the day tomorrow at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Committee appointed to prepare instructions to the Commissioners to General Assembly, consisted of Rev. S. Prepley, & Messrs Mitchel and Rockwell Elders.

Resolved that the essay assigned to Mr. Casels, be continued to the next meeting of Presbytery. Resolved that the question on the preferable mode of preaching appointed for discussion by this body, be assigned to Rev. S. P. Prepley for essay to be read at our next meeting. The report from

Oglethorpe University being called for, Col. Rockwell arose, and gave a succinct account of the measures adopted by the Board, and the present prospects of the Institution. A request being presented from the church of Augusta that this body permit the labors of Mr. Hugh Hawthorne among them, until the next meeting of Presbytery, and satisfactory testimonials being received of his literary, theological and religious qualifications the request was granted. Resolved, that the appointment of Rev. Lyman W. Corbair as Agent of the Georgia Bible Society be

sanctioned, and approved by this body, and that he be recommended to the confidence of the churches within our bounds. Mr. Richard Gosker a Licentiate of Harmony Presbytery S. C. having made application for leave to labor in our bounds, the request was granted. Presbytery then had recess to meet at the Methodist Church at Socoth. This afternoon. Friday 3 o'clock. P.M. Presbytery convened.

The minutes being read, Mr. John W. Baker a Licentiate of New Brunswick Presb. presented his dismissal from that body, and was received under the care of this Presbytery. Mr. Dudley Elder from Lexington, and Mr. Nesbit from Madison appeared, and rendered excuses for tardiness, which were sustained.

Rev. Mr. Bowman of West Hanover Presbytery, Virginia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The committees on the records of Mt. Zion, Washington, Greensboro, New Lebanon & Salem churches, reported, and their reports were received, and adopted. Resolved that a sermon be preached at the next regular meeting of Presbytery on the subject, "what constitutes a call to the Gospel Ministry?" D. Church was appointed to preach that sermon, and Rev. S. P. Prepley his alternate.

Resolved, that the hour between 10, and 11. oc. tomorrow A.M. be devoted to religious, and devotional exercises. Resolved, that it be recommended to the churches under our care to procure, and circulate the tracts published by the Presbyterian Tract Society in Philadelphia.

Resolved, that the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, be on Thursday before the 4th. Sabbath in August in the town of Madison, Morgan County, at 11. oc. A.M. Rev. S. S. Davis, and Joseph Bryan Esq. were appointed a Committee to examine the session book of Madison Church.

Overture No. 1. was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Coaster, Prepley, and W. L. Mitchel Esq. Elder. Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock. April 2^d 1836.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened by prayer. The roll being called Charles W. C. Wright, Elder from Monticello appeared, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat. Rev. Edwin Holt, a member of Flint River Presbytery Geo. being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire if there is anything requiring the action of this body, in the minutes of the last Synod. Rev. E. Holt, S. S. Davis, and Col. Rockwell were appointed that committee. The Committee on overture No. 1. reported, which report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; — "The Committee to whom the Overture No. 1. was submitted, which is in the following words, "Can a church session proceed against a delinquent member, whose residence is unknown, and who cannot be regularly cited before the session; where there is sufficient evidence of his guilt?"

Report — that in cases of misdemeanors, which are not flagrant, and notorious, and consequently affecting the vital interests of the church; it is proper, however grievous it may be to the pious to see an unworthy member in the church, to wait until providence opens a way for a regular process; see Book of Dis. Chap 3^d Sec. 3^d but when the crime committed is flagitious, and of general notoriety, and the church is suffering in consequence, then if the residence of the individual is unknown, or the case cannot come up in a regular process, within a suitable time, the charges should be publicly stated, together with the circumstances in which the session is placed, and the individual so offending, suspended from the privileges of the church until a regular process can be had." see Book of Dis. Chap 4th. Sec. 10.

Mr. M^r. Gruder a Licentiate of this Presbytery, asked, and obtained leave to labor without the bounds of this Presbytery.

A call from the church of Monticello, for the ministerial labors of Mr. James H. George, was presented to Presbytery, and ordered to be put into his hands. The Executive Committee made a report, which was accepted, and the following resolutions adopted; viz —

- 1st That this Presbytery become auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions.
- 2^d That they recommend that the churches within our bounds be earnestly requested in accordance with ^{ecclesiastical} organization, to make a regular collection, once a year to the objects of this Board; and that the sessions of the respective churches be specially urged to collect at least 50 cents from every church member for this object.
- 3^d Resolved also that a sermon be preached at each stated meeting of Presbytery on the subject, and a collection be taken up.
- 4th. Resolved finally that Presbytery enjoin it upon all the churches under their care, who have not already contributed to make collections as soon, as possible, and to forward the same to the Treasurer, John Cunningham Esq, Greensboro." Presbytery spent the hour from 10. to 11. o'clock in devotional exercises, after which the following resolutions were introduced, and adopted. "Whereas it appears from the reports on the state of religion within our bounds, that some of our churches are entirely destitute of the preached gospel; that others enjoy it in but a small degree; that some are in a declining, and many in a cold, and dead state; and since we all need a refreshing from the presence of God; therefore, Resolved, that the first Saturday in May next, be appointed by this Presbytery as a day of solemn fasting, and prayer; and that it be recommended most earnestly to all the ministers, Elders, and private members connected with this body, most strictly, and piously, to observe that day, by laying aside all worldly business, and devoting themselves to the work of self-examination, humiliation, and prayer;

before Almighty God; earnestly seeking, and imploring in the name of Christ, that He would avert from us His displeasure, and pour down upon us His Holy Spirit; and that a collection be taken up by the churches on that occasion for Domestic Missions.

Resolved, further that it be recommended to all the Ministers under our care to preach to their congregations, on some suitable occasion previously to the 1.st Saturday in May next, on the duty, the nature, and manner of scriptural fasting.

The Committee appointed to bring before Presbytery, such synodical resolutions, that may require the action of this body; reported the following two resolutions; the only resolutions, which in the absence of Minutes of Synod they were able to obtain; viz.

1.st "By a resolution, the Ministers of Synod were enjoined to preach on the 2.^d Sabbath in March 1836. to ^{their} respective congregations, on the subject of Foreign Missions."

2.^d "Whereas the permanence, and enlargement of the operations of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions depends essentially upon annual exertions in its behalf in all the churches, in conformity to the recommendation of Synod, we the Ministers & Elders present do pledge ourselves individually to bring this subject before our respective churches, and make an effort to obtain funds for the Board, either by collections, or subscriptions previous to the next meeting of Synod." On motion, Resolved, That the pledge contained in the foregoing report, be adopted by this Presbytery, and that the roll be called for an expression of opinion by each member present—whereupon their pledge was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion within our bounds, reported; which report was accepted, amended, and adopted. This Report ought to have been inserted here. The Committee appointed for preparing instructions to Commissioners to General Assembly, reported, which report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows:

"Anticipating the discussion of various vitally important matters at the approaching session of the General Assembly, the Presbytery of Hopewell takes this opportunity to instruct its Delegates to that body, concerning the course, which we desire them to pursue on certain matters. The last General Assembly appointed a Committee to report on the general subject of Domestic Slavery in these United States.

And from the movements of certain ecclesiastical bodies in our Church—from the course pursued by some of our political bodies, and from the known views of some members of the Committee referred to, we apprehend that Abolition will be introduced through the report, or by the agency of

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other members. - On the subject of domestic slavery, this Presbytery believes the following facts have been most incontrovertably established, viz:

I.st Slavery has existed in the church of God, from the time of Abraham to this day; members of the church of God, have held slaves, bought with their money, and born in their houses; and this relation is not only recognized, but its duties are defined clearly in both the Old and New Testaments.

II.st Emancipation is not mentioned among the duties of the master to his slave; while obedience "even to the y^{ow}ards" master, is enjoined upon the slave.

III.st No instance can be produced of an otherwise orderly Christian being reproofed, much ^{less} excommunicated from the church, for the single act of holding domestic slaves, from the days of Abraham, down to the date of the modern Abolitionists.

IV.st Slavery existed in the United States before our ecclesiastical body was organized. It is not condemned in our confession of faith, and has always existed in our church without reproof, or condemnation.

V.st Slavery is a political institution, with which the church has nothing to do, except to inculcate the duties of master, and slave, and to use lawful spiritual means to have all, both bond, and free, to become one in Christ by faith. Regarding these positions as undoubtedly true, our views of duty, constrain us to adopt the following resolutions;

Resolved, That the political institution of domestic slavery as it exists in the South is not a lawful, or constitutional subject of discussion, much less of action by the General Assembly.

Resolved, That so soon as the General Assembly passes any ecclesiastical laws, or recommends any action, which shall interfere with this institution, this Presbytery will regard such laws, and acts, as tyrannical and odious - and from that moment will regard itself independent of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, That our Delegates to the approaching Assembly are hereby enjoined to use all Christian means to prevent the discussion of domestic slavery in the Assembly, to protest in our name against all acts that involve, or approve abolition - and to withdraw from the Assembly, and return home, if in spite of their efforts, acts of this kind shall be passed." Presbytery then had a recess untill 3.00. this afternoon.

3.00 clock. P.M. Presbytery met. Rev. S. C. Prepley, and Joseph Bryan Esq. Elder, were appointed a Committee to examine the session book of the Church at Monticello. Rev. S. S. Davis, and Eugenius A. Nesbit Esq. were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly; and the Rev. S. K. Palmadge, and Richard K. Hoines Esq. their alternates.

The Committee appointed to examine the session books of Athens,

and Monticello, reported, and their reports approving said books, adopted. On motion, Resolved, That the churches be called on through their Elders present, to ascertain what each church will contribute to defray the expenses of the Commissioners to the General Assembly and that Ministers, and Elders collect the several sums named, immediately upon their return home, and transmit the same to Joseph Bryan Esq, Treasurer of Presbytery.

Mr. George having signified his acceptance of the call presented to him by Presbytery, it was thereupon Resolved, That Presbytery hold an extra session in Monticello, at 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in April, 1836, for the purpose of ordaining and installing him the Pastor of that church. John 15th. 7th. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you;" was assigned to him for a sermon, as a part of trial for ordination. Rev. Francis Goulding was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and Rev. Charles W. Howard his alternate; Rev. Hampden C. Carter to deliver the charge to the church and congregation, and the Rev. Moderator preside, and give the charge to the newly ordained Bishop, and Pastor elect.

At the request of Mr. James Cozby, the subject heretofore assigned to him was changed, and, on motion, Rom. 8th. 14th. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God;" was assigned to him for a popular sermon.

Resolved, That copious extracts be made by the Stated Clerk from the Minutes, together with our instructions to the Commissioners to the General Assembly, and the same be published in the Charleston Observer, and the Southern Christian Herald.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay over to the Commissioners \$200.00. out of any monies not otherwise appropriated.

The committee of examination of the session book of Gainsville church reported, which report was adopted.

There being no further business Presbytery concluded its sessions by prayer, and the Apostolical benediction.

Carlisle P. Bemar. Moderator.
Hampden C. Carter. Stated Clerk.

Monticello. April the 22^d 1836.

The time having arrived to which Presbytery had adjourned, there were present Rev. C. P. Beman, Rev. H. C. Carter, and Mr. Wright Elder.

The constitutional number not being present, a Presbytery could not be constituted. It was therefore unanimously agreed to remain in Monticello two days, waiting for the arrival of other Brethren, by whom a Presbytery might be constituted; and to spend the time in religious and devotional exercises with the church and congregation worshipping in this place. Having spent the two days in religious exercises, and no other ministering Brother having come, and consequently being disappointed in the special errands which brought us to this place, it was unanimously understood, that the Moderator might call a pro re nata meeting, if in his opinion it was advisable, at such time as would ensure the constitutional number.

H. C. Carter. S. Clerk.

9th. Session. Monticello.

July 8th. 8 o'clock P. M.

In accordance with the call of the Moderator, Presbytery met. Present, S. P. Presley, H. C. Carter, C. W. Howard, and F. W. Goulding Ministers, and Mr. Wright Elder from the church in Monticello.

In the absence of the Moderator, Mr. Presley the preceding Moderator took the chair, and constituted Presbytery by prayer. Mr. W. Montgomery member of Union Presbytery Tennessee being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Presbytery then proceeded to the examination of Mr. James George on experimental piety, and the motives which led him to seek the office of the Gospel ministry. - which examination was sustained. Presbytery then had a recess to meet again at 8 o'clock this evening, to hear Mr. George's trial sermon.

8 o'clock. Presbytery met. Mr. George delivered a popular discourse, which on motion, was sustained as part of trial for ordination.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

July 9th. Presbytery met at the hour appointed, and was opened with prayer. Present as on yesterday. Presbytery proceeded to examine

Mr. George, on his literary acquirements, on natural & revealed religion, on ecclesiastical history, and church governments, which examinations being sustained, it was resolved to proceed immediately to ordain and install him the Pastor of this church. Rev. F. W. Goulding preached an appropriate sermon from 2^d Cor. 5th. 20th. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ;"

The Candidate having answered in the affirmative the questions prescribed in the book of Discipline, was solemnly ordained to the work of the ministry by the imposition of the hands of Presbytery. Rev. S. P. Presley presided, and gave the charge to the newly ordained Bishop, and the Rev. H. C. Carter gave the charge to the church and congregation.

Mr. George took his seat as a member of this Presbytery.

The sessions of Presbytery were closed with prayer, and the apostolical benediction.

Samuel P. Prepsley. Moderator.
Hampton C. Carter. Stated Clerk.

97th Session. Of Hopewell Presbytery.

Madison, Morgan County. August the 25th. 1836.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator was opened with a sermon by D.^r Church, the oldest member present, from Isaiah 59:1. "Behold the Lord's arm is not shortened, that he cannot save, nor his ear heavy, that he cannot hear." The roll being called the following persons were present -

Ministers

Alonzo Church D.D.

William Quillin.

Hampton C. Carter.

Francis K. Goulding. &

the Licentiate John W. Baker.

Ruling Elders.

George Shaw. from Bethel Church, Jasper.

Randel M. Donald. " Canton " Cherokee.

Eugenius A. Nesbit. " Madison " Morgan.

Samuel Rockwell. " Milledgeville " Baldwin.

Samuel Groves. " New Hope. " Madison.

Absent.

John Brown D.D.

Edward Pharr.

Henry Reid.

Nathan Hoyt.

Henry Safford.

Carlisle P. Beman.

James H. George.

meet at 3 o. P. M.

Robert M. Catpin.

Samuel K. Palmadge.

Samuel P. Prepsley.

Samuel S. Davis.

John Harrison.

Lawson Clinton.

3 o. P. M.

Presbytery then had a recess to

3 o. P. M. Presbytery met. present as before with the addition of Rev. C. W. Howard, Rev. James W. George, and Mr. Newton Elder from Athens, Mr. M. Feltre from Hebron, Mr. M. Locklin from Lexington, who, having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took their seats.

Rev. William Quillin was elected Moderator, and the minutes of the last meetings, were read, and confirmed.

Mr. Goulding assigned reasons for absence from the appointed meeting of Presbytery in Monticello, which were deemed satisfactory.

A letter was read from Mr. Hoyt, assigning reasons for absence from this, and the last annual meeting of Presbytery, which reasons were sustained. Rev. C. W. Howard requested a dissolution of his Pastoral connexion with the church at Milledgeville, which request was granted, and the church declared vacant. Mr. Iverson a Graduate of Franklin

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College, was introduced by St. Church, to Presbytery, as a member of the Presbyterian Church in Athens, and desiring to be received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. After an examination on experimental piety, he was accordingly received, and the 10 first chapters of the Confession of Faith, together with a latin exegesis on "An Christus sit Deus?" and a lecture on the 1st Psalm, were assigned to him, as parts of trial preparatory to licensure.

On motion, Mr. Goulding, and Mr. Resbit, in connexion with the Moderator were appointed a Committee to supply the pulpits during the sessions of Presbytery. Mr. Cosby, a candidate for licensure being present, it was resolved to proceed to his examination on the various parts of trial prescribed in the Book of Discipline. His examination of Theology being suspended it was, on motion, Resolved, that from 4 o'clock tomorrow, untill 6 o'clock be spent in religious, and devotional exercises by this body.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

8 o'clock A.M. August 26th. 1836.

Madison. Morgan County.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Rev. Samuel J. Capels, and David McGunkin Elder from Salem Church, appearing and having given satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats.

Rev. Mr. Chamberlain member of Flint River Presbytery, and Rev. Mr. B. Montgomery, member of Union Presbytery Tennessee being present were invited to sit as corresponding members. Permission was given to Mr. Montgomery to labour within our bounds untill he can obtain dismissal from his own Presbytery, to unite with this. A call from the Church in Milledgeville for the Pastoral labours of Mr. J. W. Baker, a Licentiate under our care, was received, presented to him, and accepted. Presbytery renewed the examination of Mr. Cosby on the subject of Theology. This examination being arrested; Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Baker, a candidate for ordination, in company with Mr. Cosby, on ecclesiastical history; which examinations were sustained. Resolved, that the Moderator appoint

a Committee of examinations, who shall conduct the remaining examination during the sessions of this body, and that the farther examinations of candidates be made the order of the day tomorrow at 8 o'clock.

St. Church, and Rev. S. J. Capels were appointed that Committee.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire if any, and what additional rules, are necessary for the government of this body; and also to prepare a concise compilation of the orders and decisions of Presbytery, and such parts of the records of this body; as may be thought by them likely to be useful in regulating the future action of Presbytery. Rev. Messrs Goulding, Hoyt, Prepley, Carter, and Messrs Resbit, Cunningham & Rockwell, Elders were appointed that Committee. Upon motion, Resolved, that the Stated Clerk furnish each member of the Committee with a copy of this resolution.

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A Committee was appointed to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly, and to report, if they find anything requiring the action of this body, consisting of Rev. S. J. Cassels, and C. A. Nesbit Esq.

Brethren Howard & Rockwell were appointed a Committee to write a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds, to be presented to Synod; and the reports of churches made the order of the day at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Presbytery was notified that it was the wish of some individuals, that Mr. Freeman be ordained, which subject was referred to a committee consisting of G. Church, Cassels, and Newton. See page 41

On motion, the following preamble, and resolution was adopted;

"The Manuel Labor School in the County of Swinnett, being located in one of the most healthy and populous parts of the State, and one, in which are found many of our most interesting churches, the Presbytery of Hopewell consider its location as judicious, and the plan, and object of the Institution, such as to render it very useful to the church, and to our citizens generally, who may wish to give their sons a good elementary education, or who may desire to prepare them to enter the higher Institutions of learning; and as it is desirable, that as many as possible of the sons of pious parents should be educated, and particularly, that those who have made a profession of religion should be educated in such a manner, as to direct their minds to the Gospel Ministry; and as the Presbytery believe, that the Swinnett Institute if well established, and properly conducted, will answer this purpose; therefore,

Resolved, That while Hopewell Presbytery feel a primary obligation to the Institution under our care at Midway, that it cordially approves of the establishment of the Swinnett Manuel Labor School, as an Institution well calculated to be very useful to our church, and to the interests of education in general - and that it be recommended to the prayers, and the liberal patronage of the churches within the bounds of Presbytery."

At the request of Mr. Howard, his essay was postponed to the next meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery then had a recess to meet at 1/2 past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Friday, 1/2 past 2 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met.

Mr. Turk, Elder from New Lebanon church, appeared, rendered his excuse for tardiness, and took his seat. Rev. W. M. Quillin reported a church organized by him at Chattahoochee, Walker County, by the name of Ebenezer consisting of 20 members, and 2 ruling Elders. Also another in Floyd County, organized by the Rev. John Warnock, by the name of Sardis, with 11 members, and 2 ruling Elders; which churches were on motion, received under the care of this Presbytery. On inquiry, it was found that both Ministers and Elders had been criminally negligent in complying with the

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order of Presbytery, in regard to reading from the Pulpit its report on the subject of traf-
ficking in ardent spirits. On motion, Resolved, That Messrs Howard Capels,
Goulding, and Rockwell be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, whose
duty it shall be to enquire into the practicability, and expediency of establishing
a periodical at some central point in the State, for the purpose of printing
sermons, essays, and other articles, in relation to the doctrines, discipline,
and state of the Presbyterian church, and that Committee report to the next
meeting of this Presbytery. The time from 4. to 6. o'clock was spent by

Presbytery in religious, and devotional exercises. Resolved, That the members of Presbytery will meet on Sabbath morning at 8. o'clock
to engage in similar exercises. Resolved, That tomorrow at 11. o'clock A.M. be the
time for hearing Dr Church's sermon, on "What constitutes a call to the Gospel
Ministry"; and that 3. o'clock P.M. be the hour for hearing the Missionary
sermon by Rev. S. J. Capels. Resolved, That the annual meeting of this Presbytery
be in Athens, commencing at 7. o'clock P.M. on Wednesday before the 1.st Sabbath in
April. 1837. Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8. o'clock.

August 27th. 8. o'clock A.M. Presbytery met, and was constituted by prayer.
Mr. Daniel an Elder from the church in Greensboro' appeared, and having rendered
satisfactory reasons for tardiness ~~for tardiness~~ took his seat. Rev. Isaac Waddel, member
of South Carolina Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding
member. Mr. George & Mr. Resbit were appointed a committee to examine the Thesis;
and Dr Church, and br. Rockwell to examine the exegesis of Mr. Jobby.

On motion, Resolved, That it shall be the order of the day to hear the report of
our Commissioner to the General Assembly, immediately after the 11. o'clock sermon to
day. Presbytery then proceeded to the order of the day, which was the continuation
of the examination of Brethren Baker, and Cozby, on their literary acquirements,
which examination was sustained. The committee on examination of the
minutes of the last General Assembly, reported, and the report was received, and
for the present laid on the table. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of
the Stated Clerk, in all cases where committees are appointed to act in the recess
of Presbytery, to furnish each member of such Committees with a copy of the
resolution under which they are appointed. A petition was received from
Mr. M. Gruder, a Licentiate under our care, requesting dismissal from this
Presbytery, to become connected with the Charleston Union Presbytery; which
request, was granted, and the Clerk ordered to furnish him with the requisite
testimonials. On motion, Resolved, That in consequence of the difficulty of forming
a quorum for the transaction of business in the Executive Committee of Domestic
Missions, the number of that Committee be increased from 5 to 7, any 3, of whom
shall constitute a quorum; accordingly Brethren Howard, and Rockwell
were added to that committee. The committee to whom was referred the subject
of Mr. Greenman's ordination made the following report, viz. That as there is

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no regular call from the churches from ~~the~~ to which Mr. Freeman has been preaching, and no promise for any sum for his support in future as an Evangelist; and as there is no Elder from either of those churches present, and as there is no request from the Ex. Com. of Dom. Miss. for his ordination, therefore, resolved, that the subject be postponed for the present. The subject of an election of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, coming up, and difficulties being suggested, the matter was referred to a Committee, consisting of Mr. Howard, Mr. Nesbit, and Col. Rockwell to report thereon before the close of present session.

A letter, addressed to the Executive Committee of Midway Seminary, from Dr. Tomlinson Fort, the attending physician, in relation to the probable causes of the disease which has recently prevailed in that Institution, was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. H. C. Carter, Dr. M. Junkin, and Col. Rockwell. Recess until 1/2 past 2 o'clock.

1/2 past 2 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met. The Committees to whom were referred the Thesis, and Exegesis of Mr. Hobbs, for examination, reported, that they be sustained as parts of trial for licensure, which report was adopted. Mr. Cozby's written parts of trial, were given to Mr. George, and Mr. Newton to examine, and report thereon.

Mr. Nesbit, one of the Commissioners to the last General Assembly made an interesting verbal report of the proceedings of that body.

Presbytery then had a recess to hear the missionary sermon by Brother Caspels.

5 o'clock Presbytery met.

Mr. James S. Phelps was introduced to Presbytery as a member of the presbyterian church in Athens, and a Graduate of Middlebury College, and desiring to be received under the care of this ^{Presbytery} as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Having been examined on experimental piety, and ^{having} given testimonials of his literary acquirements, he was received under our care, and recommended to prosecute his studies in the Theological Seminary in South Carolina. The following parts of trial were assigned to him preparatory to licensure, viz, for Latin exegesis, "Quomodo Cuius Juit antequam Sol creatus est?" Critical exercise Matthe. 25th. 1. to the 13th verses inclusive. Lecture Luke 17th. 22^d to the 27th. Popular sermon Heb. 9th. 27. 28. together with the Confession of Faith. Resolved, that an adjourned meeting of this Presbytery be held on Friday at 6 o'clock P.M. before the 4th. Sabbath in November, in the town of Milledgeville, for the purpose of ordaining, and installing the Licentiate John W. Baker, as the Pastor of the presbyterian church in that place. Isaiah 53. 1. was assigned to him for a trial sermon, preparatory to ordination. Rev. S. J. Caspels was appointed to preach the sermon, and Mr. George his alternate; the Moderator to preside and to give the charge to the Pastor elect, and Mr. Hoyt to be his alternate;

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D^r Church to give the charge to the church and congregation, and Mr. Goulding to be his alternate.

Resolved, That D^r Church be requested to copy furnish a copy of the sermon preached by him this morning; and that the Clerk be a committee to devise the ways, and means for its publication.

Resolved, That Mr. Nesbit one of our Commissioners to the General Assembly be requested to reduce to writing the substance of his verbal communications to day, ^{to be presented to the adjourned meeting of Presbytery.}

Resolved, That we cordially approve of his conduct during the late meeting of the General Assembly.

The Committee to whom was referred the business of Oglethorpe University, report, That in their opinion, it is proper to defer the whole matter, untill the next meeting of Presbytery.

Resolved, That from want of time, we will postpone the hearing of Mr. Capels Essay untill the next meeting of Presbytery.

Resolved, That the following resolution be submitted to the Presbytery of Hopewell at its next meeting in Milledgeville;

Resolved, That Hopewell Presbytery will send Commissioners to the General Assembly, at its next meeting, and will instruct those Commissioners to ask respectfully, and affectionately, that the Assembly expressly deny, or affirm the doctrines of Abolitionism; and that if the Assembly shall refuse to act upon the slave question, or take any indirect action upon it short of an unequivocal settlement of it; or shall affirm the principles of the Abolitionists; then, and in either of such events, said Commissioners shall declare this Presbytery independant of the General Assembly, and retire from its deliberations."

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly reported the following resolutions, viz. Resolved, 1st That in the opinion of Hopewell Presbytery, the Constitution should be so altered as to make the Synods the Judicatories of the last resort, except in cases of charges brought against a Minister for error or heresy; and in case of process originating in the Synods.

Resolved, 2^d That in the opinion of this Presbytery the term of study of candidates for the Ministry be changed from two to three years.

Resolved, 3^d That the first Monday in January 1837, be, and the same is hereby, in pursuance of the recommendations of the General Assembly, set apart as a day of thanksgiving, fasting, and prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the world, for the revival of pure, and undefiled religion, and for the divine blessing upon the means of grace, which have for their object the advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom, and the worlds conversion to God - and that the churches and Ministers within our bounds be, and they are hereby earnestly, solemnly, and affectionately recommended to observe the 1st Monday in January 1837, in the manner, and for the purpose above stated." The first and third resolutions in the above mentioned

report, were adopted - the second was referred to the consideration of the next Annual meeting. The Committee to whom was referred Mr. Cozby's written peices, reported, that they be sustained as parts of trial for licensure. Resolved, further that he be licensed publicly to night, immediately after the sermon; which report was adopted. Resolved, that Luke 13th. 6-9 verses inclusive be assigned to Mr. Hobby for a lecture, and John 14th. 2^d for a popular discourse. The narrative of the state of religion within our bounds was read, and adopted. Presbytery then had a recess to meet immediately after sermon to night.

Saturday Evening 9 o'clock. Presbytery met. After sermon, in the presence of the congregation the Moderator proposed to Mr. James Cozby the usual questions preparatory to licensure, which being answered by the candidate, in the affirmative, he was accordingly licensed to preach the Gospel in the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever God in his providence may call him. The committee to whom was referred the letter of Dr. Fort, reported, that the letter be returned to the Executive Committee of Midway Seminary, for the publication of such parts, or the whole, as they may deem expedient. Resolved, that the thanks of this body be given, by Mr. Goulding, to the citizens of Madison, for their kind hospitality to its members. Resolved, that the Stated Clerk publish in the Charleston Observer such parts of the minutes, as are of publick interest.

The sessions of Presbytery were closed by singing an hymn, prayer, and the Apostolical benediction.

William Quillin. Moderator.
 Hampden C. Carter. Stated Clerk.

Milledgeville.

November the 25th. 1836.

Hopewell Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Present, Ministers. Henry Reid,

Ruling Elders—
E. S. Newton from Athens.
Joseph Mosely, " Washington,
Saml. Rockwell, " Milledgeville,
Mr. McDowell, " Lincoln
Mr. Hobby, " Augusta,
D. Montgomery, " Rome.

J. S. Davis, Along Church
Wm. Quillin,
Henry Safford,
C. G. Beman,
H. C. Carter,
C. W. Howards, and
H. V. Goulding.

A letter was read from the Rev. John S. Likens assigning reasons for absence, which were sustained. He also requested a dismissal from this Presbytery, to unite with the Presbytery of South Alabama which request was granted. Mr. Richards Hooker a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony S. C. presented a regular dismissal from the care of that body, and was received under the care of this Presbytery.

On motion, Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Brother Baker. This part of trial was sustained, and Presbytery resolved to meet tomorrow night at 7 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of ordaining, and installing him Pastor of the Presbyterian church in Milledgeville.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning. 9 o'clock. Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. Synod assembling, it was resolved to have a recess until the call of the chair.

Sat. night. 7 o'clock. Presbytery met. Present as on yesterday with the addition of D. Brown. Brother Caspels preached a sermon from John 17th. 19th. "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." after which the Moderator proposed the usual questions to the candidate for Ordination, which being answered in the affirmative, he was solemnly set apart, and consecrated to the work of the Gospel Ministry by prayer, and the imposition of the hands of Presbytery. The hand of fellowship being tendered to the newly ordained Bishop, by each clerical member present, the Moderator gave to him a solemn charge, which was followed by a charge to the church and congregation, delivered by Brother Goulding.

On motion, It was resolved, to reconsider the motion passed at the Semi-annual meeting of Presb. to hold the next annual meeting

in Athens. It was resolved, that the next annual meeting of Presbytery, be in Milledgeville, on wednesday before the last Sabbath in March, at 7. oc. P. M. The Rev. Dr. Brown having requested a dismissal from this Body, to unite with the Flint River Presbytery, within whose bounds he now resides; it was therefore, on Motion, Resolved, that his request be granted, and the Clerk be directed to furnish the requisite testimonials. The resolution relating to instructions to Delegates to the General Assembly, which was referred to this meeting for action, was called up, and on Motion, was laid on the Table.

The Rev. Messrs. Carter, Goulding, and Joseph Mosely Elder, were appointed a Committee to confer with a Com. appointed on the part of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, for the purpose of defining the connexion which exists between Newell Presbytery, and that Institution. Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Milledgeville. Monday Morn. Nov. 20th. 1836.

Presbytery met at the call of the Chair. The Moderator was excused from attending the remaining sessions of Presbytery. The Rev. C. P. Beman was called to the chair, and the Rev. Dr. N. Goulding was appointed temporary clerk, in the absence of the Stated Clerk. Presbytery then had a recess untill the call of the chair.

Monday Eve. Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. Present, Dr. Brown, Messrs. Davis, Hoyt, H. Reid, S. K. Dalmadge, Caspels, Beman, Howard, J. W. Reid, Goulding George and Baker Ministers, J. Lumpkin, S. Rockwell, C. L. Newton and W. Hobby Elders. A committee from the Board of Trust of Oglethorpe University presented the following report to Presbytery, to wit, "This Institution was organized at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, by creating the Officers of the Faculty, and the courses of Lectures, and also appointing part of the Faculty, as follows;
Faculty. Rev. C. P. Beman, President, and Professor of Nat. Philosophy and Chemistry. C. A. Nesbit Esq, Vice-President, and Professor of Belles Lettres, and Mental Philosophy. Rev. C. W. Howard, Chaplain and Professor of Moral Philosophy and Evidences of Christianity.
 Rev. S. K. Dalmadge, Professor of Ancient Languages.
 N. M. Crawford, Prof. of Mathematics, and Astronomy.
 Not yet filled - Prof. of Modern Languages; Prof. of Geology, Botany and Mineralogy. Rector of the Midway Seminary, and ex-officio Member

of the Faculty. also a competent number of Tutors.

Provision has also been made by the Board for the delivery, gratuitously of a course of Lectures on each of the following subjects viz, Municipal, Civil, and International Law, Physiology, and Anatomy.

The above report was accepted, and while under discussion, Presbytery, on motion, had a recess till 7oc. this evening -

7oc. P.M. Presbytery met. The Com. of the Board of Trustees appointed to report to Presbytery the names of those, whose term of office expires at this time reported the following persons, viz, S. S. Davis, J. C. Paterson, S. J. Caspels and C. C. Jones Ministers; and J. W. Lumpkin, W. Poe, C. A. Nesbit, W. W. Holt, & B. E. Hand, Laymen. A Com. was appointed to nominate persons for filling this blank, who reported as their nomination the same persons, with the exception of the Rev. C. C. Jones, resigned, he having accepted a professorship in the Theological Seminary South Carolina, in whose place they nominated Rev. J. W. Baker, which nominations were sustained. The Committee also reported a vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of C. P. Jordan Esq. which vacancy was filled by the election of Stephen Clay King Esq. by Presbytery.

On motion, Resolved, That a former resolution of this body found on the 27th and 28th pages of the Records of this Presbytery be so modified as to read thus, Res. That no individual shall be eligible to office in the Faculty of the contemplated College unless he be a member of the Presb. Church in these U.S. in good & regular standing, excepting in case the appointment, do not in the opinion of the Board & the Presb. interfere with the spirit of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a periodical to be published in this place, be discharged from their duties. The following persons were nominated as Delegates to the next General Assembly Rev. Messrs. Palmadge, Davis, Hoyt, Howard, Caspels and Reid; and Messrs Lumpkin, Nesbit, Hines, Rockwell, and Cuthbert Elders. Mr. George was added to the Committee, appointed to confer with a similar committee on the part of the Board.

Rev. Messrs. Henry Reid and George asked, and obtained leave of absence.

Presbytery had recess till tomorrow morning at 9oc. to meet then at Col. Rockwell's Office.

Wednesday Morn. 9oc. Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer - Mr. Thomas Nobby, a candidate for licensure, under the care of this Presbytery, asked permission to exhibit his parts of trial at the present time. His request was granted, and he read a Lecture and a popular sermon, which were on motion, sustained.

Mr. Caspels presented the mutual request of himself, & the church in Washington that the Pastoral relation between them be dissolved, which request was granted, and the church of Washington declared vacant.

D^r Brown, Mr Caspels, & Mr. Newton asked, and obtained leave of absence during

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the remainder of the session. Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Hobby in Theology, Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments and Church Government which examinations were sustained. Presbytery then proceeded to license Mr. Hobby to preach the Gospel according to the form prescribed in the Book of Discipline. The Minutes were read, and the sessions of Presbytery were closed with prayer.

W^m Duillin. Moderator.
H. C. Carter. Stated Clerk.

99th. session of Hopewell Presbytery.

Milledgeville. March 23^d 1837-

Thursday eve. Presbytery met, and opened by a sermon from the Moderator, Rev. W^m Duillin, from Heb. 12:14. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Present - - - - -

Ministers,
W^m Duillin.
H. C. Carter.
J. W. Reids.
C. W. Howards.

Elders,
D^r M^cGunkin, from the church of Salem.
Thomas Mansfield, " " " Livingston.
Sam^l Rockwell, " " " Milledgeville.

James George. and
J. W. Baker.

Rev. C. W. Howards was elected Moderator and having taken his seat, Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

March 23^d 9. oc. Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The Minutes of the semi-annual meeting of Presbytery were read, and confirmed.

A letter from the session of the church called Ebenezer, requesting the continuance of Brother Duillin as their stated supply, and praying for a protracted meeting on the 2^d Sabbath of May next, was, on motion, referred to the Executive Committee on Dom. Miss.

The church of Salem presented a call for the ministerial services of Mr. John Caspels a Licentiate of Harmony Presbytery, together with a request for leave to prosecute the call, in the manner specified in the Book of Discipline.

On motion, it was resolved that Messrs Carter, Duillin, and George be a committee to devise the way, and means for the occasional supply of destitute churches, with the administration of the ordinances. Messrs. George, Baker, Rockwell & M^cGunkin were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds, to be presented to the next Gen. Assembly.

at the request of the church called Enon, its name was changed to Pleasant Green. A mistake having been made in the public prints as to the time of holding the annual meeting of Presbytery, and believing that, on that account a greater number of the Brethren would be assembled on Wednesday next, it was therefore unanimously resolved, that we adjourn to meet in this house on Wednesday next, at 7 o'c. P. M. Concluded with prayer.

C. W. Howards. Mod.

H. C. Carter. Stated Clerk.

99th. session continued. Milledgeville. ~~April~~ March 29th. 1837.

Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. C. W. Howards.

Ministers Present -
Nathan Hoyt,
S. S. Davis.
S. K. Palmadge.
C. P. Beman,
Wm. Quillin.
S. J. Cassels.
H. C. Carter,
C. W. Howards,
F. R. Goulding.
J. George. &
J. W. Baker.

Ruling Elders present -
S. Rockwell. - Milledgeville.
D. Sinton. - Athens.
Thomas Mansfield. - Livingston.

A letter was read from the Rev. Henry Reid, requesting dismission from this Presbytery, to become connected with the Presbytery of Tombecbee, which request was granted, and the Clerk ordered to furnish him with the requisite testimonials.

A letter was read from our Licentiate Mr. James C. Cosby, requesting a dismission from the care of this body, and desiring a recommendation to the care of Georgia Presbytery, within whose bounds he is now laboring; which request was granted. A letter was read from

Mr. James Seay, a candidate under our care, requesting a dismission from his connexion with us, and desiring a recommendation to the care of Bethel Presbytery - the consideration of his request was deferred untill tomorrow morning. A dismission was also requested by the Stated

Clerk, in behalf of the Rev. Robert McCalpin, who desires a connexion with the Flint River Presbytery, within whose bounds, he now resides; which was also granted. A letter was read from the session of the church in Cassville, requesting the opinion of Presbytery, in relation to church members

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frequenting calls &c. which subject was referred to a committee, to report thereon, consisting of Rev. Messrs, Davis, Hoyt and Palmadge.

On motion, resolved, that tomorrow at 3.00 P.M. Presbytery will hear the narratives from the several churches, on the state of Religion.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read, by which it was found, that there was remaining in the Treasury a balance of \$15.00.

It was thereupon resolved that \$10.00 be paid over to the Stated Clerk for monies he paid out for Presbytery to the Stated Clerk of Synod, and the remaining \$5.00 to be given to Mr. Hoyt for E. L. Newton Esq. to liquidate in part a debt due to him by Presbytery -

Brother Caspels being called upon for his Essay, which not being in the house, the reading of it, was necessarily deferred.

Brother Davis being called on for his Essay, expressed a regret, that it was casually displaced, and consequently, he was not prepared to exhibit it at this time. Brother Howard stated that the Essay assigned to him, through a multiplicity of engagements, was not yet prepared.

Whereupon it was resolved, that the two last named be continued.

Other subjects for essays being called for, the following were nominated -

"What is the best mode of conducting Domestic Missions?"

"What are the causes of spiritual declension in our churches?"

"The Office, and duties of Ruling Elders. Is the Baptism of the children of non-professing parents valid?" "The duty of the church in relation to dancing, and other fashionable amusements."

Members were called upon to state whether the resolution of Presbytery in relation to the observance of the 1st Monday in January last, was observed by their respective churches.

The following resolution, which was submitted by the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last General Assembly, at the semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, but action on it having been postponed to the Annual Meeting, which is as follows, Resolved, "That in the opinion of this Presbytery, the term of study, of candidates for the Ministry be changed from two to three years," was taken up, and discussed. In the midst of which,

on motion, it was resolved, that Presbytery do now adjourn, to meet in this place tomorrow morning at 9.00. closed with prayer.

March 30th. 9.00 A.M. Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. It was, on motion, resolved, that the request of Mr. Seay be granted, and that the Stated Clerk forward to him the requisite testimonials. The discussion on the resolution not to adopt the proposed change, recommended by the Gen. Ass., as to the time to be employed in preparation for the ministry,

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was renewed - the vote being taken - ~~and~~ there being a tie, and the Moderator having declined voting, it was lost. Resolved that the Moderator

in connexion with the Pastor, and Elder of this church, be a committee to regulate the publick religious exercises during the meeting of Presbytery.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to examine, and report what portion of the proceedings of the last session of Synod, if any, require the attention, or action of this Presbytery. Col. Rockwell, Rev. N. Hoyt and Rev. C. P. Bemarr were appointed this committee.

As much business was in the hands of committees, and the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University being about to convene, Presbytery had a recess untill 3.00. this afternoon.

3.00. Presbytery met, present as in the morning, with the addition of Col. Zacariah Williams Elder from Mount Olivet, Mr. Stoval from Lincolnton, and Mr. Turk from New Lebanon, who assigned reasons for tardiness, and took their seats. Mr. Bowman a member of West Hanover Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, which was to hear the narratives of the state of religion in our churches.

Statistical reports were made the order of the day for tomorrow at 4.00. P.M.

The churches were called on for their contributions - The church at Athens contributed for Domestic Missions \$24 26/4. for Commissioners fund \$20.00. and for incidental expenses \$15.00.

The church at Milledgeville contributed

"	"	"	Mount Zion,	"	\$7.00.	for D. M.	&	\$5.00.	for Com. fund.
"	"	"	Lexington,	"	\$10.00.	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	New Lebanon,	"	\$12.00.	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	Hebron.	"	\$10.00.	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	Salern.	"	\$17.00.	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	Mount Olivet.	"				\$6.00.	for Com. fund.
"	"	"	Lincolnton.	"				\$5.00.	" " "

On Motion, Resolved, that churches which have habitually neglected the duty of sending Delegates to Presbytery, be addressed by the Moderator, who shall affectionately, and earnestly exhortate with them on the subject of their neglect, and urge them to the faithful discharge of their duties. A committee, consisting of Rev. S. S. Davis, and Col. Lumpkin were appointed to provide for the contingent expenses of Presbytery.

The following persons were elected Delegates to the next General Assembly Rev. C. W. Howard, Principal, and Rev. N. Hoyt alternate. Col. Lumpkin Elder, Prin. and James McDowell Esq. alternate.

The session books were called for, and the following committees appointed to examine them, viz, the session book of

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- Athens — Rev. J. R. Goulding, and Col. Jac. Williams.
- Washington — Rev. H. C. Carter, and D.^r Linton.
- Lincolnton — Rev. J. W. Baker, and Rev. S. J. Caspels.
- Greensborough — Rev. S. S. Davis, and Col. J. W. Lumpkin.
- Milledgeville — Rev. J. George, and Thomas Mansfield.
- Monticello — Rev. S. J. Caspels, and Rev. C. P. Beman.
- Mount Olivet — Rev. W. D. Quinn, and Thomas Mansfield.
- New-Lebanon — Rev. N. Hoyt, and Rev. H. C. Carter.
- Washington — Rev. W. D. Quinn, and Mr. Turk.

It was ordered that \$8.50. be paid to E. L. Newton Esq. to liquidate the debt due to him, for money paid by him, for the publication of Minutes of Synod. Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 1/4 past 8. oc.

1/4 past 8. oc. Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the preceding day were read, and approved. The Committee to whom was referred the letter from the session of Casville church reported as follows; viz —

"The subject of 'fashionable amusements,' among which dancing holds a prominent place, has frequently claimed the attention of the judicatories of our church from the General Assembly, down to the church session, and so far as is known to this body, has uniformly been brought to the same decision, to wit, that fashionable amusements, and dancing in particular are the appropriate amusements of the world, and that as such, are neither expedient, nor lawful for christians, who are solemnly enjoined to be 'not conformed to this world; but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds.' Our church has uniformly exhorted, and warned her members to come out from the children of this world, and be separate in relation to this matter. Nor does our branch of Zion stand alone, in assuming this ground. Every evangelical denomination of christians in our land accords with us in principle, and in action, and have decided in their respective judicatories, that fashionable amusements, including dancing cannot be countenanced by professing christians, without dishonouring their profession, and rendering themselves deserving of the censures of the church.

In this opinion, this Presb. fully concurs, and return to the church at Casville the following resolution, as an answer to the enquiry submitted to them — to wit, Resolved, That in the judgement of this Presb. attendance upon dancing assemblies, and other fashionable amusements is contrary to the spirit, and precepts of the Gospel, and is therefore a violation of the doctrine, and order of our church, and should be

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carefully avoided, by all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, and who regard the peace and prosperity of religion". The above report was accepted, adopted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish the church at Cassville with a copy. The several committees appointed to examine the sessions books of Athens, Washington, Lincolnton, New Lebanon, Greensboro, Mount Olive reported, that these books be approved, which reports were adopted.

In the absence of the Chair-man of the Ex. Com. of Dom. Miss. Mr. Hoyt was appointed Chairman, and the Stated Clerk, ordered to put into his hands the funds contributed for that object.

Presbytery then had a recess, to attend the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of Oglethorpe University.

4. oc. P. M. Presbytery met. The Committee, appointed to devise the way, and means of occasionally supplying the destitute churches within our bounds, with the administration of the ordinances, reported,

"That there are 40 churches belonging to this Presbytery; of which number 12 or 14 are entirely destitute of the stated ministrations, and 18 are only partially supplied. Your Committee are aware, that the paucity of ministers connected with this Presbytery forbids the stated supply of all the churches within our bounds with the regular ministrations of the words, yet they feel it to be the imperative duty of Presbytery to see, that the sacraments are occasionally administered in all your churches—

that none be suffered to droop, and to die through want of that nourishment derived from the "milk of the word," without a vigorous effort on our part to supply them. Our excellent form of church government requires, that we should prove a nursing mother; and exercise maternal solicitude over those feeble, infant churches, which have placed themselves, for this purpose beneath our fostering care. While some of our churches have not for years enjoyed administration of the ordinances, they are sitting from Sabbath to Sabbath beneath the droppings of the sanctuary.

Might not such churches occasionally dispense with the usual labors of their Pastors, without any real detriment to themselves, while they would afford a positive benefit to others? Believing that every church, when aware of the destitution which exists among her sister churches, will cheerfully consent to the temporary absence of her Pastor; and that every minister will be solicitous to meet the calls of duty, your Committee would propose the following resolution, viz—

Resolved, that in view of the destitution which exists within our bounds, it be recommended to those churches, which are regularly supplied with the preaching of the word, that they allow their Pastors the privilege of occasionally itinerating for the purpose of supplying

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vacant churches, with the administration of the ordinances.

In conformity with the above resolution, your Committee would suggest the following appointments to be attended by Brethren before the semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, viz, Rev. N. Hoyt, to supply Hyattsville, and Sandy Creek Church one Sabbath each. 2^d Church one Sabbath at New Hope, and two at discretion. Rev. S. H. Palmadge four Sabbaths at discretion.

Rev. S. S. Davis one Sabbath at Louisville, one at Mount Olivet, and two at discretion. Rev. W. Quillin one Sabbath at Cassville, and two at discretion, Rev. H. C. Carter one Sabbath at Cumming and two at discretion, Rev. J. W. Reid one Sabbath at discretion.

Rev. Charles W. Howard four Sabbaths at discretion.

Rev. Francis W. Goulding three Sabbaths at discretion.

Rev. James H. George, " do " " " do

Rev. John W. Baker, " do " " " do

Which report, was adopted, and for the information of the churches interested, ordered to be printed. Mr. Caspels applied for leave of absence after 11 o'clock tomorrow, and also for a dismissal from this body, to join the Presbytery of Flint River within whose bounds he now resides, which requests were granted. D^r Linton Elder from Athens, applied for, and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this body. The Ex. Com. reported the resignation of Mr. Caspels, and Mr. Cunningham as members of the Board.

The receiving of statistical reports, which was the order of the day, was through inadvertence neglected. On motion, Presbytery adjourned until 1st past 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. concluded with prayer.

April 1st 1st past Dec. Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Statistical reports were called for, and presented. The Stated Clerk was directed to address a letter to the Rev. Thomas P. C. Shelman enquiring affectionately into into the reasons of his non-attendance at our ecclesiastical meetings, and to request him to report, where he is laboring, and what he is doing.

Resolved, That the semi-annual meeting of Presbytery shall be in the town of Athens, on Wednesday, at 1st past 7 o'clock P. M. before the 3^d Sabbath in September. Messrs Reid, and Goulding were appointed a Committee to examine the session book of Salem church. The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Synods reported, which was in part adopted, and the remainder referred to the same committee for correction. The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, reported vacancies in that Board occasioned by the resignation, or removal from Milledgeville of the following persons, viz, Col. Phillips,

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Col. Mills, and Mr. Howard; and nominated Mr. Nichols, Mr. Grieve, and Mr. Harris, to fill these vacancies, which nominations were sustained. The Committee appointed to examine the Session Book of Salem church, reported, recommending its approval to — page, which was adopted. On motion, Resolved, That our Commissioners to the General Assembly, be appointed to attend the convention, which is to meet in Philadelphia on the week preceeding the meeting of the General Assembly. Resolved, That Rev. S. S. Davis attend this Convention, if our Clerical Delegate to the General Assembly, should decline attending. Presbytery had a recess to meet this afternoon at 4.00.

4.00 P.M. Presbytery met. The Ex. Com. of Dom. Miss. reported, which was accepted.

On motion, It was resolved, that Presbytery when they adjourn, will adjourn to meet on Friday before the 4th. Sabbath, in April, at 11.00 in Salem church for the purpose of ordaining Brethren Hooker and Cassels, provided their examinations shall be sustained, and Presbytery shall then deem it practicable. John 8:12. was assigned to Mr. Hooker for a trial sermon. The Rev. F. N. Goulding was appointed to preach the ordination sermon; the Rev. J. W. Meigs to preside, & Rev. S. S. Davis his alternate. Rev. J. W. Baker to give the charge & Rev. S. K. Falmage to be his alternate.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Res. 1. That addresses be delivered, and a collection taken up for Dom. Miss. in the Presbyterian church tomorrow night.

Res. 2. That Athens be the centre of Dom. Missionary operations, and that the following persons be added to that Committee, to wit, A. Church D. D. Dr. Linton, W. Dearing Esq, C. L. Newton Esq, W. L. Mitchel Esq, Col. Lumpkin, and Rev. F. N. Goulding.

Res. 3. That this Com. communicate to delinquent Churches, the request that they take up collections, as soon as possible, for Dom. Miss. and forward them to C. L. Newton Esq, Athens, Treasurer of Ex. Com. of Dom. Missions.

Res. 4th. That Mr. W. Shear, and Mr. W. J. Hobby, be also added to the above committee, and that this Committee be requested to act likewise as a Board of Education, and Augusta be the seat of its operations.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to pay over to the Commissioners to the Gen. App. the amount in his hands, contributed for that purpose. Rev. F. N. Goulding was appointed Treasurer of Dom. Miss. pro tempore. Presbytery had a recess to meet this evening at 1/2 past 7.00.

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At past 7.00. Presbytery met. The Minutes were read, and corrected. The Committee appointed to provide for contingent expenses of Presbytery reported, which report was adopted, and is as follows; The Committee appointed to devise measures for raising the requisite funds for defraying the contingent expenses of the Presbytery would report the following resolution to be adopted by Presbytery. to wit; Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to address a letter to all of the churches within the bounds of this Presbytery, provided with the stated ministrations of the Gospel, which have failed to send up contributions; urging them by direction of Presbytery to take up, as speedily, as possible, contributions for this purpose, and to forward them to the Treasurer of Presbytery; and as it would be unjust to our Stated Clerk, who has faithfully performed his laborious duties, to withhold his compensation, the Committee would recommend that the sum now due to our Stated Clerk, be raised by the voluntary contribution of the members present.

On Motion, Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to report to the General Assembly the decisions of this body on those points referred to them for action. The Committee on the Narrative of the ^{State} of religion, reported, which was accepted, amended, and adopted.

Mr. W. Shear of Augustas was elected Treasurer of Presbytery, in the place of Joseph Brian Esq, resigned.

On Motion, Resolved, That the thanks of this body be presented to the citizens of Milledgeville, for their hospitality, and politeness to the Presbytery during their present sessions, and that the Pastor of this church be requested to publish this resolution to his people.

On Motion, Presbytery adjourned. Its sessions were closed by singing an hymn, prayer, and the Apostolick Benediction.

C. W. Howards. Mod.

H. C. Carter. Stated Clerk.

Approved in Synod 14th Nov 1837 with
exceptions specified in report of Committee which is directed
to be given to Stated Clerk of Presbytery

Saml K. Talmage,
Moderator

continued.

The committee appointed to review the Minutes of Hopewell Presbytery report, that they have discharged that duty, & would recommend the approval of the Records to the page 55th. with the following exceptions, viz. on page 25. the Presbytery resolved to ordain the Mr. J. W. Goulding as an Evangelist, without specifying the reason to be for the purpose of laboring in Frontier & destitute settlements agreeably to the Constitution Chap. 15. Sec. 15.

On the same page it is recorded that the Presb. received the Rev. John S. Likens on his presenting a dismission from the Union Presb. with a view to join that of South Alabama instead of that of Hopewell.

And an omission of a record respecting the ordination of Mr. J. W. Goulding noticed by the Stated Clerk in a note but not supplied any where on the Records. see page 26. also an imperfect record on page 27. where a report was adopted, but not recorded. also a similar omission on page 28th.

Adopted in Synod 14th. of Nov. 1837.
Saml. B. Gilmadge Mod.

N.B. The 100th. session of Hopewell Presb. is here omitted, but recorded on the 62^d page. H.C. Carter. S.C.

100th Session of Hopewell Presbytery. Athens. 1837.

September 13th. Wednesday evening. Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened by a sermon from the Moderator, the Rev. Charles W. Howard, from Rev. 11th 15th. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." and was constituted with prayer.

Ministers present,	Elders Present.
Alonzo Church D.D.	W ^m Shear from the church of Augusta.
Nathan Hoyt.	W ^m L. Mitchel " " " " Athens.
Carlisle P. Beman.	Moses Chapin. " " " " Bethel (Gasper.)
Sam ^l N. Galmadge.	Sam ^l Stewart. " " " " Bethel (Morgan)
Hampton C. Carter.	W ^m M ^c Curdy. " " " " Canton.
John W. Meigs.	J. C. Caldwell. " " " " Danielsville.
Theodore M. Dwight.	Joseph M ^c Intire. " " " " Webron.
Charles W. Howard.	John Brownfield. " " " " Hopewell. (Jasper)
Francis K. Goulding.	Joseph H. Lumpkin. " " " " Lexington.
James H. George.	Sam ^l M ^c Near. " " " " Mount Olivet. (Columbin)
John W. Baker.	W ^m K. Hamilton. " " " " Marietta.
John B. Cassels. &	Wiley Lerard. " " " " Livingston. (Flyer)
Richard H. Hooker.	Sam ^l Groves. " " " " New Hope. (Nash)
	W ^m Matthews. " " " " Sandy Creek. (Jackson)
	Isaac M. Guise. " " " " Salem. (Wilks)
	Joseph Moseley. " " " " Washington.
	Sam ^l Baldwin. " " " " Cherokee Corner. (Oyle)

The Rev. Nathan Hoyt being elected Moderator, took the chair, and on Motion, Presbytery adjourned, to meet in this house on tomorrow morning at 1/2 past 8 o'clock. closed with prayer.

Sept^r 14th. Thursday Morn. Presb. met, & was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The Minutes of the Annual meeting were read, amended & confirmed. St^h Church reported the organization of a church, in Clark County, consisting of 12 members, by the name of Ebenezer, and introduced Mr. Benjamin ^{M^cKen} (M^cKie) as a Ruling Elder of that congregation, and a delegate to this body.

The Churches of Clarksville, Gainsville, Etonton & Hickory Grove being reported as almost extinct in consequence of emigration, it was therefore, resolved, that Messrs Carter, Church, Meigs, & Turk be a Com. to enquire into the state of these churches, & to report to the next meeting of Presbytery. The Rev. Francis Bowman from West Hanover Presb. the Rev. Isaac Waddle from South Carolina Presb. & the Rev. John S. Wilson from Flint River Presb. being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members —

The Rev. Robert M. Alpin, who at the last meeting of Presbytery, was dismissed to join the Presb. of Flint River, returned his letter, with the request for a dismission, to unite with the Presb. of South Alabama, within whose bounds he has located himself, which request was granted. Dr. Church, & Wm. L. Mitchel, together with the Moderator were appointed a Committee to regulate the publick religious exercises. Dr. Church & Mr. Mosely were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last General Assembly, & to report what acts, if any, require the attention of this body.

~~The report of our Commissioners to the Gen. Ass.~~

It was made the order of the day, at 2 o'clock P.M. to hear the reports of our Commissioners to the Gen. Ass.

Mr. Howard, being called upon to read the essay, which had been assigned to him, at a former meeting of Presb. rendered a satisfactory excuse for not being prepared; on Motion therefore it was continued.

Mr. Howard, Mr. Talmadge, & Mr. Shear were appointed a Com. to devise some plan, to be presented to Presb. in relation to these essays.

Resolved, That some time during the sessions of this body, there be a publick meeting on the subject of Dom. Miss. & that the Ex. Com. make the requisite arrangements. Yes. That tomorrow morning, at 9 o'clock Presb. will meet for religious exercises, and that Brethren Soulding, Dwight, & Brownfield be a Com. to make the arrangements. Mr. Pafford being present assigned reasons for tardiness, & took his seat.

Brethren were called upon to state whether they had complied with the order of the last Presb. in relation to the occasional supply of destitute churches, when it appeared that they had generally faithfully complied with that order. Rev. Messrs Dwight, George, & Wm. L. Mitchel Elder were appointed a Com. to take into consideration the occasional supply of our destitute churches.

~~Reports on~~ It was made the order of the day, for tomorrow at 11 o'clock ^{A.M.} to hear the reports on the state of religion from our churches - Rev. Messrs Waker, Casely, and Saml. Baldwin Elder were appointed a Com. to write a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds, to be presented to Synod. Rev. C. W. Howard being called upon to state, whether he had performed the duty assigned to him at the last meeting of Presb. of writing to delinquent churches, stated that he was not in possession of the requisite information, & consequently had neglected to discharge it.

It was made the duty of the Stated Clerk to address a letter to the Rev. Thomas C. P. Shelman enquiring affectionately into the reasons of his non-attendance, at our ecclesiastical meetings, & to request him to report himself to Presbytery.

Mr. Lyman W. Corban a Licentiate of Oneida Presb. presented a dismission from that body, to this Presbytery, bearing date March 10th. 1836, but it had failed to reach him untill a few months since; he was therefore, (On Motion) received under the care of this Presb. & at his request, immediately dismissed to connect

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himself with the Flint River Presbytery. The Committee appointed to review the acts of Hopewell Presbytery, & to propose some rules for the government of this body, reported, which report was accepted, and laid on the table for the present. On Motion, Presb. had a recess ~~to read~~ until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

2 o'clock. Presbytery met. Mr. H. M. Mullen, a Kulling Elder in the Phylaxia congregation, and Mr. W. Turk from the New Lebanon congregation, appeared, & having assigned reasons for tardiness, took their seats, as members of this judicatory. The order of the day being called for, the Clerical Commissioner to the Gen. Ass. presented a verbal report, which was accepted. The Committee on the Minutes of the Gen. Ass. reported, which was accepted & laid on the table. A report was received from the Ex. Com. of Dom. Miss. & on motion, was placed in the hands of the Committee appointed to provide for the occasional supply of destitute churches.

Presb. adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning at 1/2 past 8 o'clock.

Sept. 15th. 1/2 past 8 o'clock. Presbytery met, and was constituted by prayer.

Present as on yesterday. Religious exercises being the order of the day they were attended to, in accordance with the arrangement previously made by the Com. appointed for that purpose. Mr. J. P. Phelps, a candidate for the Ministry, under our care, having by letter, requested testimonials from this Presb. and permission to connect himself with the Addison Association of Vermont, it was therefore, On Motion, Resolved, that his request be granted.

A call for the ministerial services of the Rev. Francis N. Goulding from the Church in Washington, was received, and on motion, was put into the hands of Brother Goulding, who signified his acceptance of it. The subject of his installation was referred to a Com. consisting of Rev. S. K. Palmadge & Col. Groves. On motion, Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, which was to hear the reports from the respective congregations, on the state of religion.

On motion, Res. That it shall be the order of the day, to take up the report of the Com. on the Minutes of the last Gen. Ass. at the commencement of the afternoon session. Presb. Then had a recess until 1/2 past 2 o'clock P. M.

1/2 past 2 o'clock. Presbytery met. The chairman of the Com. not being present the order of the day was postponed for a short time. Mr. Charles S. Fodd, a graduate of Princeton College, & a member of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to Presb. by the Rev. C. W. Howards, as one desirous of being received under the care of this Presb. as a candidate for the ministry. Mr. Fodd, having been examined on the subject of experimental piety, and the motives which induced him to desire the sacred office, was, On Motion, received under the care of Presbytery.

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On motion, Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, which was to consider the report of the committee on the Minutes of the Gen. Ass. when a substitute was received, and the discussion on the motion to adopt, was arrested by a motion for an indefinite postponement, which was decided in the affirmative.

A petition was received from New Lebanon, Nebron & New Hope congregations for the Ordination of Mr. James H. Freeman, which subject was referred to a Com. consisting of Brethren Palmadge, Beman & Guise.

Brethren Beman, Howard, & Moseley obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this body. Resolved, That the next annual meeting of this Presbytery, be held in Salem church, Wilkes County, on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in April next, at 11 o'clock A. M. Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. concluded with prayer.

Sept. 16. 9. oc. Presb. met, & was constituted with prayer. The Minutes were read, & amended. Mr. Cunningham Nulling Elder from Greensboro' congregation assigned reasons for tardiness, and took his seat. Mr. Guise Nulling Elder from Salem congregation asked, & obtained leave of absence.

The first 10 Chapters of the Con. of Faith were assigned to Mr. Dodd as a part of trial preparatory to licensure, together with a critical exercise on Heb. 6:1-6 verses inclusive, and "Num anima immortalis sit?" for a Latin Exegesis.

The Com. appointed to make provision for the supply of destitute congregations reported as follows,

The Com. appointed to make arrangements for occasionally supplying our destitute churches, with the ministrations of the ordinances,

Report, and suggest the following appointments to the consideration of Presbytery. Whereas the Brethren have since our last sessions, been able to hold communion seasons in but part of our destitute churches, it is thought advisable by the Com. to confine our present specific appointments principally to those more peculiarly destitute churches, which have not been hitherto thus supplied. viz

The church of Thytira & the churches in Franklin County to be supplied with one communion each by the Brethren Church & Hoyt between them.

Mount Olivet in Columbia County, by Brethren Goulding & Reid. Bethel & Hopewell in Jasper, & the church in Eatonton by the Brethren Bowman & George and those at Milledgeville. The church at Louisville by Br. Dwight.

The church in Lainsville in Hall County, by Br. S. L. Davis with any one else he can procure. In addition to the foregoing specific appointments we recommend that all the Brethren of the Presbytery, spend one Sabbath (& more if convenient) at their discretion, in other situations which may be contiguous to them respectively where Presbyterian preaching is not statedly enjoyed. This report was adopted.

The Com. to whom was committed the petition for Mr. Freeman's ordination, reported that they recommend to Presbytery, that measures be taken for his ordination, & that when Presb. adjourn, that they adjourn to meet at New Hope on Saturday before the 2^d

Sabbath in October - that Isaiah 1: 28th verses be assigned to the candidate for a trial sermon, which if sustained, Dr. Church shall preside, preach the ordination sermon, and give the charge to the newly ordained evangelist - On Motion, Resolved, That Mr. Freeman's examination take place during the present session.

It was further Resolved, That Messrs Safford & Goulding & Dwight be required to attend that ordination. On Motion, Resolved, that the installation of Mr. Goulding take place on the Saturday before the 4th Sab. in October. The Rev. Nathan Hoyt preside and preach the sermon & Mr. J. W. Reid be his alternate, the Rev. Charles W. Howard give the charge to the pastor elect, & Mr. J. H. George be his alternate - the Rev. Saml. K. Palmadge give the charge to the people, & Mr. J. W. Baker be his alternate.

On Motion, it was resolved that Dr. Church be directed to supply Mr. Hoyt's pulpit in his absence on this occasion. The Com. on the Narrative of the state of religion within our bounds, reported, which report was accepted, & referred back to the same Com. with the addition of Messrs Palmadge & Mitchel, with the direction to make certain specifications, and present it to Synod. (This report not being in the hands of the S. C. it cannot be inserted here.) On Motion, Res. That in view of the feeble state of many of the churches within the bounds of this Presb. & more especially the destitution in the Counties embracing the Cherokee Country, this Presb. would earnestly recommend to the churches under its care, to make collections for the support of our Missionaries, and to build up the institutions of the gospel in this section of our state; & that the funds collected for this object be remitted to E. L. Newton Esq. of Athens, Treasurer for the Board of Dom. Miss. of Hopewell Presbytery. Res. Further that those Brethren, who are appointed to visit vacant churches, be required to make collections for this object.

On Motion, Res. That Prof. James Jackson & Rev. S. K. Palmadge be added to the Ex. Com. of Dom. Miss. of Hopewell Presbytery.

On Motion, Res. That the following subjects be assigned to Mr. Iverson, as parts of trial preparatory to licencensure, (to wit,) Matt. 5th. 33rd to the 37th inclusive, for a critical exercise, Ps. 42: 1 & 2nd verses, for a popular sermon, together with the remaining chap. of the Con. of Faith. On Motion, Presb. proceeded to examine Mr. Freeman on the subject of Theology, which being arrested, Brethren Reid, Casels, Gerard & McCurdy asked and obtained leave of absence for the remaining session of this body. Presb. then had a recess untill 1/2 past 2 o'clock. P. M.

1/2 past 2. oc. Presb. met. The examination of Mr. Freeman on Theology, was, on Motion, sustained and the remaining parts of trial, (viz,) Church government, & the sealing ordinances, were deferred to the next meeting of Presb. Res. That we have an adjourned meeting at Augusta, during the session of Synod, at the call of the Moderator. Res. That the thanks of this body be presented to the citizens of Athens for their kind hospitality to its members during its sessions - & to the trustees of the Baptist church for the use of their house. On Motion, Presb. adjourned, to meet on the Saturday before the 2nd Sab. in October next at New Hope church.

The sessions were concluded with singing, prayer & the Apostolic Benediction. N. Hoyt. Mod.

100th Session of Hopewell Presbytery. Salem Church.

April 21st 1837. 11 o'clock. A. M. Hopewell Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. J. W. Reid.

Presents, J. W. Reid, F. N. Goulding, & J. W. Baker, Ministers, and Charles Gresham Elder of Salem congregation. Rev. J. W. Reid was elected Moderator, & Rev. F. N. Goulding Sen. Clerk. Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial sermon assigned to Mr. Hooker, from John 8th. 12th. which was sustained.

Mr. J. B. Caspels a Licentiate of Harmony Presb. having requested to be received under the care of this Presb. & presenting satisfactory testimonials of a regular dismissal, was accordingly received under the care of this body, and Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial sermon previously assigned to him from John 10:28. which was sustained. Presb. then had a recess to meet at the call of the chair.

3.00. P. M. Presb. met, & proceeded to examine the candidates for ordination upon their experimental acquaintance with religion, and their knowledge of Philosophy, Theology, Ecclesiastical History & Church Government, which examinations were sustained. Tomorrow at 11.00. A. M. was appointed as the time for their ordination. Presb. adjourned to meet at the church on tomorrow, at 1/2 past 10.00. A. M. concluded with prayer.

April 22nd

Presbytery met. Mr. N. H. Hooker, & Mr. J. B. Caspels were solemnly set apart & consecrated to the work of the gospel ministry by ^{prayer &} the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery. The Moderator presided & proposed to the candidates for ordination the usual questions, and offered the consecrating prayer, the Rev. F. N. Goulding preached the sermon from and the Rev. J. W. Baker delivered the charge to the newly ordained Evangelists. They were then invited to seats as members of this judicatory and Presb. adjourned to meet in Athens on the 13th of Sept^r. next. concluded with prayer.

J. W. Reid Moderator.
H. C. Carter Stated Clerk.

102.^d Session of Hopewell Presbytery. Augusta. 1837.

November 10th. Thursday Morn. 1/2 past 8 o'clock. Presbytery met at the call of the chair, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Present, Nathan Hoyt, S. K. Palmadge, C. P. Beman, Henry Safford, H. C. Carter, J. M. Dwight, C. W. Howard, J. W. George, J. W. Baker, J. R. Goulding, R. H. Hooker, J. B. Casely, Ministry.
Sam^l Groves, W.^m McMullen, D.^r M. Eunkin, & Mr. Paul, Ruling Elders.

The Rev. Francis Bowman of West Hanover Presb. Virginia, presented a dismission from that Presbytery, to become connected with this.

He was accordingly, on Motion, received as a member of this Presb.

Presb. then had a recess untill the call of the Chair.

1/2 past 2. oc. Presbytery met. The Rev. John Warnock presented a dismission from Flint River Presb. to become a member of this body, and was accordingly on Motion, received. The Statistical report of Presb. to Synod, was presented to Presb. by the Stated Clerk, & on Motion, was adopted.

A call for the ministerial services of the Rev. John Warnock, from the church in Cassville, was presented; read, & on Motion, was put into his hands. Presb. then had a recess untill the call of the Chair.

Nov. 11th. 1/2 past 1. oc. Presb. met, and on Motion, held an interlocutory meeting for a short time, & then had a recess to meet at the call of the Chair.

Nov. Presb. met. It was stated to Presb. that divisions existed in the church in Cassville, growing out of the call now in the hands of Mr. Warnock. Various resolutions were proposed, & after some discussion the following minute was adopted, (viz) The call from the church in Cassville to Mr. Warnock, being irregular in consequence of there not being a minister to preside at the meeting & moderate the call according to the form of government Chap. Sect. Therefore resolved, That the church of Cassville be requested to take up this matter anew; and that Mr. Hoyt, and Mr. Carter be a Com. to write to the session of that church on this subject. The sessions of Presb. were then concluded with prayer.

Nathan Hoyt. Moderator.
Hampden C. Carter. Stated Clerk.

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Geo. Howe, Moderator.

Washington, Milkes Co. April 12th. 1839, 7 O'clock P. M.

Hopewell Presbytery met according to adjournment, & was opened with a sermon by the last Moderator, the Rev. John W. Baker, on John 15:22-24. Constituted with Prayer.

Present, Ministers, Edward Pharr, Alonzo Church, D. D. Saml. S. Davis, Francis Bowman, Hampden C. Carter, John Harrison, Henry Gafford, John W. Reick, Francis R. Gaulding, John W. Baker, Richard Hooker, Alexander N. Cunningham, & James Freeman; -

Elders, Porter Fleming, Elizur L. Newton, James Long, John Cunningham, George M. Dudley, John M^c Dawell, Otis Childs, Joel Kelsey, W^m. Matthews, Augustus Clemens, Waticus D. M^c Junkin, Joseph Moseley, F. D. Boatfield.

Absent, Nathan Hoyt, Carlisle P. Beman, Charles M. Howard, James Gamble, Theodore M. Dwight, John Warnock, James A. George, W^m Quillen

The Rev. Saml. S. Davis was chosen Moderator.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning, 9 O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Saturday morning, 9 O'clock, Presbytery met, & opened with Prayer. Rev. Nathan Hoyt, & Rev. Saml. K. Talmage, appeared, & assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Minutes of the last sessions of sessions of Presbytery were read & confirmed.

Resignation
of the
Stated Clerk.

The Rev. Hampden C. Carter offered his resignation of the Office of Stated Clerk of Presb. it was accepted, & the thanks of Presb. were tendered to Mr. Carter, for the fidelity with which had ~~performed~~ performed the duties of that office.

Choice of
S. Clerk

The Rev. Francis Bowman was chosen Stated Clerk, in place of Mr. Carter. The Rev. James Gamble, communicated by letter his reasons for absence from this meeting, which were sustained.

The Rev. John Breckenridge, D. D. of the Baltimore Presb.; Rev. Mr. Petrie of Harmony Presb.; the Rev. Dr. Mercer, of the Baptist Church; the Rev. Mr. Magruder of Charleston, & the Rev. Mr. Cook of the Congregational Church being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. R. J. Montgomery, thro Mr Hoyt, presented to Presb. a paper, purporting to be a dismissal from the Union Presb. & a recommendation to this Presb. which was referred Messrs Hoyt, Talmage, & Newton.

Messrs A. N. Cunningham, Petrie, & Moseley were appointed a com. to make arrangements for preaching during the sessions of Presb.

Messrs Baker, Gaulding & Newton were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the devotional exercises of Presb. this afternoon at 4 O'clock.

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The reception of Reports from the churches was made the order of the day for Monday morning, 9 O'clock.

The Treasurer of Presb. made his Report, which was approved.

The Rev. Dr. Breckinridge, Agent of the Assembly's Board of Foreign was invited to address the Presb. on the subject of his agency, this afternoon at 3 O'clock.

The Board of Oglethorpe University made their Report which was approved.

The following Committees, to examine Session Books were appointed, viz. On the Session Book of Augusta Messrs Church & Cunningham,

"	"	"	Athens	"	Baker & McDowel,
"	"	"	Washington	"	Church & Dudley,
"	"	"	Greensboro	"	Talmage & Newton,
"	"	"	Lincolnton	"	Hayt & Kelsey,
"	"	"	Salem	"	Gaulding & Childs,
"	"	"	Wt. Lion	"	A. N. Cunningham & Fleming,
"	"	"	Milledgeville	"	Lafford & Matthews,
"	"	"	Sandy Creek	"	Hooker & Newton,
"	"	"	South Liberty	"	Reid & McFinkin,
"	"	"	New Lebanon	"	Carter & Dudley,

Messrs Church, Bowman, & J. Cunningham were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Church & Mr George M. Dudley were elected Commissioners to the next Gen. Assembly; Messrs Hayt & Davis were appointed Alternates to the former, & Messrs Newton & J. Cunningham, Alternates to the latter.

Pres. O. Utz.
mod. ex officio.
Mem. Board.

On Motion of Mr Talmage, Resolved, That the Constitution of the Oglethorpe University be so altered, as to make the President of the University, ex officio, a member of the Board of Trustees.

A communication was received from Messrs Gildersleeve & Smith, asking the concurrence of this Presb. in a proposal to defer the division of the Synod of S. Carolina & Georgia for one year. It was referred to Messrs Hayt, Talmage, & Bowman.

Mt Olivet
Chh. extinct.

The Presb. was informed that there is now ~~one~~^{no} male member of the church, heretofore called Mount Olivet; whereupon that church was declared to be extinct, & the remaining members were directed to apply for admission into such churches as may be most convenient.

Presb. was informed that Mr Warnock's Installation did not take place according to the arrangements made at its last meeting, whereupon it

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was ordered that the matter be deferred until the next stated Meeting of Presb. Messrs Cunningham & Hooker being called on for the Essays which they were appointed to prepare, informed Presb. that they had not prepared them, & assigned satisfactory reasons for the failure. They were directed to have them ready at the next stated meeting of Presb.

The Executive Committee of the Domestic Missionary Society, made their Report, which was approved, & ordered to be filed among the papers of Presb.

The Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Society made his Report which was referred to Messrs J. Cunningham & Baker for examination.

The following Churches paid their respective Quotas to the contingent fund of Presb. viz:

Danielsville	--- \$3.00
Lexington	10.00
Greensboro	.. 15.00
Newhope	-- 5.00
Mount Zion	--- 5.00
Lincolnton	-- 5.00
Washington	.. 15.00
Dahlonega	... 2.00
Hebron	2.00
New Lebanon	2.00
Sandy Creek	5.00
Athens	00.00
Ebenezer, Clarke.	5.00
Madison	.. 2.00
Canton	.. 2.00
Milledgeville	15.00
Marietta	-- 5.00
South Liberty	5.00
Tryon	... 5.00
Harmony	-- 1.00
Mars Hill	.. 2.00
Bethany	-- 10.00.

The following Churches are delinquent viz. Bethel, Morgan 2.00. Burke 15.00. Concord 2.00. Cassville 5.00. Cumming 5.00. Hopewell 3.00. Livingston 5.00. Monticello 5.00. Salem 10.00

The stated clerk was directed to write to the Sessions of the delinquent Churches, earnestly requesting them to send their respective quotas to the Treasurer of Presb. Mr William Sheen, of Augusta.

Presb. took a recess until half past 2 o'clock.

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After recess Presb. met. At 3 O'clock the Rev. Dr Breckinridge addressed the Presb. on the subject of Foreign Missions.

At 4 O'clock Presb. engaged in devotional exercises according to the mode recommended by the Committee.

After spending some time in these exercises, Presb. resumed its business.

It was resolved to hold the next stated meeting of Presb. in the City of Milledgeville on Friday before the last Wednesday in October next at 7 O'clock P. M.

The Committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer, reported ~~that~~ of the Domestic Missionary Society, reported that they found the account correct, accompanied with the proper vouchers, & recommended that it be approved, which report was adopted.

Presb. adjourned until Monday morning half past 8 O'clock, & concluded with Prayer.

Monday Morning, Presb. met according to adjournment, & was opened with Prayer.

The Committee on the Session Book of the Milledgeville Church reported, & recommended that it be approved, with a direction to the Session to be more careful in keeping their Records in future, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Session Book of Mt Lion Church, reported, & recommended the Records be sent back to the Session for correction, which was adopted.

The Committees on the Session Books of Augusta, Athens, Lincolnton, Greenestown, Salem, & New Lebanon Churches, reported, & recommended that the Books respectively be approved; which Reports were adopted.

Presb. proceeded to the order of the day, viz, a free conversation on the state of religion. Messrs, Talmage, Baker, & Childs were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative, to be sent to the next assembly.

Statistical Reports were received from the following Churches viz. Athens Greenestown, Augusta, Lincolnton, Marietta, Harmony, New Hill, Canton, Milledgeville, Washington, Salem & New Lebanon.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Assembly's Board of Education, recommended the adoption of the following Resolution. Viz. Resolved, That the Circular be committed to the Stated Clerk, with directions to furnish the Assembly's Board of

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Education with all the information upon the above subject, which he can obtain either from the Records of the Presb. or from other sources. The Report was adopted.

The term of service of the following Members of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, expiring at this time, viz. Thomas Goulding D.D. Trustees of C. W. Howard, J. M. Baker, Ministers; & M. Grieve, T. Alexander, R. J. Nichols. O. University J. L. Harrison, & T. B. King, Laymen, they were all reappointed, with the exception of Professor Howard, who declined a reelection. In his place N. A. Pratt was appointed. With the exception also of T. Alexander, in whose place J. S. Thomas was appointed. Judge William Law, was elected in the place of B. C. Hand, deceased.

Presb. had a recess for the purpose of affording the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society an opportunity of holding its annual meeting.

After recess Presb. resumed its business. The Committee, to whom was referred the dismissal of R. J. Montgomery reported, That, according to a Resolution, passed at its last meeting, this Presb. cannot consistently receive Mr. Montgomery upon his certificate of dismissal from Union Presb. as he is not here to be examined. And, inasmuch as the Union Presbytery has withdrawn from the General Assembly, Mr. Montgomery cannot apply to that Body for a ^{new} dismissal; & as it is not convenient for Mr. M. to meet with us, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution viz.

Resolved, That the dismissal of the R. J. Montgomery be returned to him, with the advice of this Presb. that he apply, as soon as possible to the Flint River Presb. within whose bounds he is laboring, to be received into that Body, in such manner as said Presb. shall think most judicious. The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Mr Cook addressed the Presb. in relation to the circulation of the bound Volumes of the Am. Tract Society. After which the following resolution was adopted. viz. Resolved, That the Am. Tract Society in its several departments of Tract visitation; Vol. circulation, & Foreign distribution is an important instrumentality, for difusing the Gospel; - & from the experience of the influence of its Evangelical Volumes, circulated within our bounds, this Presb. cordially recommends the Volume Enterprise to the Churches under its care.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Communication from the Brethren in Charleston. reported that they cannot view the reasons assigned by these brethren for a postponement of the division of the Synod of S. Carolina & Georgia, as valid. The Committee therefore recommend that our Delegates to the next General Assembly be directed to vote for an immediate division of our Synod, according to the Resolution of that Body. The Report was adopted.

Resolved That this Presb. has heard with great satisfaction that the Rev. Dr. Hoage of Princeton has undertaken to write a History of the Presbyterian

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Church in the United States, & that the work be recommended to the attention & patronage of all our members, & to those who would become acquainted with the History of our Church.

Presb. resolved to hold an adjourned meeting in Dahlonga on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in May next for the purpose of ordaining Mr Templeton. — Mr Templeton was directed to prepare a sermon on Luke 24: 26.

Mr Talmage was appointed to preside & give the charge, — Mr Bowman his alternate; — Mr Hoyt was appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon. — Mr Carter, his alternate.

The Rev. A. M. Edgerton, presented, thro Mr Talmage, a certificate of dismission from the Harmony Presb. to join this Presb. whereupon he was received.

The Treasurer of Presb. was directed to pay Mr Carter, for his Salary, as stated Clerk. thirty Dollars.

Resolved. That this Presb. continues to regard the cause of Foreign Missions as one which deserves to be peculiarly dear to the heart of every friend of the Savior; & in which, it should be considered a privilege to engage, by every one, who desires the universal spread of the Gospel.

2nd Resolved, That this Presb. has full confidence in the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, & earnestly recommends to every church under its care, & to every member of the church, to come forward with renewed zeal, to ^{aid} said Board in accomplishing the great & good work which it has in hand. And in order, that the churches may act with more efficiency it is recommended that some systematic method of collecting funds be adopted, so that each member of the church may have the privilege & benefit of contributing something to send the Gospel to those who are perishing.

3. Resolved also, That the Missionary Chronicle, be recommended to the members of the church, & especially to the Elders.

The Rev. Messrs A. N. Cunningham, & S. S. Davis, with Messrs William Shear & John Cunningham, Elders, were appointed to attend the examinations in the Theological Seminary agreeably to a resolution of Synod at its last meeting.

The Committee on the Session Book of Washington Church, reported & recommended that the Records be approved with certain exceptions. — The Report was adopted. — Presbytery adjourned to meet in Dahlonga on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in May next. Concluded with Prayer & the Apostolic Benediction.

Samuel S. Davis. Moderator
Francis Bowman. Stated Clerk.

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On the 25th day of May, the day appointed for the meeting of Presbytery in Dahlonga, for the purpose of ordaining Mr Templeton, the Rev. H. C. Carter & James W. Freeman Ministers, & Frederick Boatfield, & William Turk, Elders appeared. A quorum not being present, they adjourned from time to time until Monday morning. As no other persons member came, they adjourned until Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in July at 11 O'clock. A. M.

Dahlonga, July 13th 1839. Saturday, 11 O'clock A. M. Presb met according to adjournment & was opened with Prayer. Present Edward Pharr, Francis R. Goulding, & Francis Bowman, Ministers, & Frederick Boatfield, Elder.

Francis R. Goulding was appointed Moderator. - Mr David Finley was introduced to Presb. & desired to be taken under its care as a Candidate for the Ministry. He produced satisfactory evidence of his being a member of the Church in good standing; he was ~~was~~ examined on his experimental acquaintance with religion, & as to his motives in seeking the sacred office. Presb. being satisfied on these points, received him. He produced testimonials of his having pursued a regular course of study in College. He was then examined on Language & science, & the examination was sustained.

Mr Finley desired to be licensed at this time should Presb deem him qualified. Altho he had not ^{been} formally under the care of Presb. yet, as it appeared to Presb. that he had studied two years in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, Presb. determined to hear his several parts of trial & to examine him on those subjects which our Form of Government prescribes.

Mr Finley then presented a Latin Exegesis on the subject. An Christus sit verus Deus? He read a critical exercise on Gal. 3:13. & a Lecture on Matt 13:24-30. & preached a sermon ^{on} Heb. 13:9. All of which were sustained as parts of trial. He was then examined on Theology & Ecclesiastical History, which was also sustained. Whereupon

At Dahlonga, on the 13th day of July 1839. the Presbytery of Hopewell, having received testimonials in favor of David Finley; of his having gone thro' a regular course of literature; of his good moral character, & of his being in communion of the church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for Licensure; & he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; & as to his proficiency in divinity & other studies, the Presb. did, & hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial; & he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, & do hereby license him, the said David Finley to preach the Gospel of Christ.

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as a probationer for the holy ministry within the bounds of this Presb. or wherever else he may be orderly called.

Presbytery then took measures for the ordination of Mr Templeton. This Presb. having but one year since, examined Mr T. on all the subjects requisite for ordination, except ecclesiastical History, Church Government, & the Sacraments, it was determined, being pressed for time, to dispense with a reëxamination on those subjects, & to examine him on Ecclesiastical History, Church government, & the Sacraments. The examination on these subjects was sustained. The candidate then read a sermon on the text assigned him, which was also sustained. Presb. being satisfied, it was resolved to proceed with the ordination. Mr Gauding preached the ordination Sermon. Mr Bowman presided & put the prescribed questions, which, being answered in the affirmative, he did, by prayer, & with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly ordain the said Joseph Templeton to the holy office of the Gospel ministry, as an Evangelist. A charge was then given to the newly ordained Evangelist, & he took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Milledgeville on Friday the 25th of October next at 7 O'clock P.M. Concluded with prayer, & the Apostolical Benediction.

Francis R. Gauding Mod.
Francis Bowman Stated Clk.

Milledgeville, October, 25th. 1839. 7 O'clock P. M.

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. The Moderator being absent, a sermon was preached by Francis Bowman. The Rev. John W. Baker, the last Moderator, took the chair & opened the meeting with prayer. The following members were present, viz. Edward Pharr, Carlisle P. Beman, Francis Bowman, Francis A. Goulding & John W. Baker, Ministers; & B. P. Stubbs, Elder from the Church of Milledgeville.

Presbytery deferred the election of a Moderator until morning, & adjourned to meet to morrow morning, 9 O'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, 9 O'clock. Presb. met & was opened with prayer. Samuel N. Talmage, & Charles W. Howard appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Francis A. Goulding was chosen Moderator.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, & of the intermediate meetings were read & confirmed.

Messrs Howard & Beman assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the last stated meeting of Presb. Mr J. S. Davis communicated, by letter, satisfactory reasons for his absence from this meeting, & also his Report as Commissioner to the last General Assembly, which was approved.

A communication from the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions was laid before Presb. & referred to Messrs Baker, Pharr & Howard.

Messrs Talmage & Baker were appointed a Committee to examine the minutes of ^{the Assembly} ~~Synod~~, to ascertain whether there be any thing in them requiring the attention of Presb.

Messrs Howard & Pharr were appointed a Committee to examine the minutes of Synod to ascertain whether there be any thing in them requiring the attention of Presb.

A communication was received from Mr Warnock, & one of the Elders of the Church of Sardis, expressing their desire, for reasons assigned, that the pastoral relation between Mr Warnock & that Church should be dissolved; - but as Mr Warnock was never regularly installed, as Pastor, Presb. ordered that he should return the call, which is in his hands to the Sardis Church. Mr Warnock also asked leave to labor, the present year out of the Board of this Presb. which was granted.

Presb took a recess until 3 O'clock this afternoon, after the expiration of the recess business was resumed.

Mr W. B. Harrison's Latin exegesis was laid before Presb. & referred to Messrs Beman & Howard.

The committee to whom was referred the Circular from the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions reported, & recommended that the Circular be referred to the Ex. Committee of the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society, with the request that they will furnish the Assembly's Board such information as

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may be in their power, & as soon as practicable.

Presbytery determined to hold its next stated meeting in Lincolnton on Friday before the second Sabbath in April next at 11 O'clock A.M.

Mr John Cunningham, Elder from the Greensboro Church, & Mr Joel Kelsey, from the Mount Lion Church, appeared & took their seats. Their reasons for tardiness were sustained.

Presb. ordered, that the Treasurer of Presb. pay to the Treasurer of the General Assembly one hundred Dollars, toward defraying the expenses which were incurred in conducting a Lawsuit, ^{which} was instituted against the Trustees of the General Assembly.

The committee, to whom was referred Mr Harrison's Exegesis, reported, & recommended that it be sustained as a part of trials. The Report was adopted.

Presbytery adjourned until Monday, 3 O'clock P.M. Closed with Prayer.

Monday afternoon, 3 O'clock, Presb. met & was opened with Prayer.

A letter was received from Mr Hoyt assigning reasons for absence from this meeting, which were sustained. A letter was also received from Calvin W. Bryan, a candidate under the care of this Presb. giving reasons for his absence, which were sustained.

Adjourned until Wednesday morning, 9 O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Wednesday morning 9 O'clock Presb. met & was opened with Prayer. There being no business Presb. adjourned to meet in Augusta, during the sessions of Synod at the call of the moderator. Closed with Prayer.

Augusta, Nov. 29, 1839. Presb met agreeably to adjournment at the call of the Moderator, & was opened with Prayer. Present F. R. Gaulding, Moderator, J. N. Talmage, T. M. Dwight, Joseph Templeton Ministers; & Paul Eve, of the Augusta Church, Elder.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, was presented by a Committee of said Board, recommending to the Presb. a transfer of the University to the Synod of South Carolina & Georgia; & on Motion, was, for the present, laid on the table, to be taken up & acted on, so soon as a full meeting of the Presb. can be convened. The members of the Committee of the Board were invited to sit ^{in Presb. for the purpose of conference,} ~~on the case~~ ~~conferencing~~ ~~with the Presb.~~

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

At eleven O'clock A.M. the Moderator convened the Presb. Messrs Howard, Carter, & Bowman, Ministers, & Messrs Bryan, of Mt. Lion Cunningham, of Greensboro, & Mitchell of Athens, in addition to those present in the morning, appeared & took their seats.

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The communication from the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University was taken up. The committee of the Board were heard in support of the recommendation; & after full discussion by the Presb. it was Resolved, That the request of the Board of Trustees be granted, & the Synod respectfully requested to take the Oglethorpe University under its care & control.

Samuel H. Talmage, Joseph Bryan, & John Cunningham, were appointed a committee on the part of the Presb. to unite with the committee on the part of the Board of Trustees, to bring this subject before Synod.

Presbytery had a recess to meet at the call of the moderator. Tuesday 2 O'clock Presb met at the call of the Moderator. A certificate of dismission of the Rev: G. W. Petrie from the Harmony, ^{Presb} to unite with this Presb. was received, whereupon Mr Petrie was examined according to the standing rule of Presb, & was then received. A call from the church in Washington, to Mr Petrie, to become their Pastor, was communicated to Presb, & put into the hands of Mr Petrie. Mr Petrie having signified his acceptance of said Call, it was ordered that his Installation take place, Providence permitting, on the fourth Sabbath in Dec. next; & that Mr Hoyt preach the Installation sermon, & put the usual questions to the Pastor elect, & to the congregation; that Mr Bowman, give the charge to the Pastor, & Mr Safford the charge to the people.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Lincolnnton on Friday before the second Sabbath in April next at 11 O'clock ^{A. M.} Concluded with Prayer.

Francis A. Goulding, Mod.
Francis Bowman, Stated Clk.

Lincolnton, April 10th, 1840. 11 O'clock A.M. Friday.

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. The last Moderator being absent, a sermon was preached by Joseph Templeton; after which, Saml. S. Davis took the chair, he being the last Moderator present, & opened the meeting with Prayer.

The members present were, Saml. S. Davis, Francis Bowman John W. Reid, Henry Safford, Joseph Templeton, & George W. H. Peirce, Ministers; - & Robert Fleming of the church at Lincolnton.

John E. Caldwell	Danielsville
Porter Fleming	Augusta
Jacl Kelsey	Mt. Zion &
Samuel Groves	Newhope - Elders.

Members absent, Edward Pharr, A. Church D.D. N. Hoyt S. K. Salmage J. Harrison, F. R. Gauding, J. W. Baker, R. Hooker, A. N. Cunningham, C. L. Beman, J. Gamble, J. Warlock, J. W. Freeman, W. Tuillen.

Presbytery took a recess until half past 2 O'clock.

At half past 2 O'clock Presb. convened. Henry Safford was chosen Moderator. The minutes of the last sessions were read & confirmed.

Messrs Templeton, Safford, & Reid rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery.

Messrs Reid & Robert Fleming were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the congregation.

The reception of Statistical Reports from Churches, was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning, 10 O'clock.

Messrs Reid & Caldwell were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of Synod to ascertain whether there be any thing in them, requiring the attention of Presb.

It was reported to Presb. that a Presbyterian Church has been organized at Roswell, Cobb County, called the Church of Roswell, consisting of 15 members; that Messrs ^{Joseph} Dunwoody, Barrington King, & Archibald Smith, were Ruling Elders of said Church; - & a request was made, that it be taken under the care of this Presb. which request was granted.

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The Roswell church was assessed for the contingent fund, \$20.00.

The free conversation on the state of religion was made the order for tomorrow morning immediately after the reception of the Statistical Reports. Messrs Cunningham & Templeton were appointed a Committee to take notes, & prepare a Narrative to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

A circular letter was received from the Cor. Secretary of the

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Assemblys Board of Education, & referred to Messrs Petrie & Porter Fleming.

A letter from a member of the Capville Church, relating to the condition of that church, was read, & referred to Messrs Davis, Semplinton, & P. Fleming.

David Finley, presented thro' Mr Reid, a request to be dismissed from this Presb. to be taken under the care of the Presb. of South Alabama. ~~His req~~ Whereupon it was Resolved, that his request be granted, & that he be, & hereby is dismissed from this Presb, & recommended to the Presb. of South Alabama, as a Licentiate in good standing.

To morrow afternoon, at 1/2 past 3 O'clock was fixed on as the time for the Devotional Exercises of Presb.

Augustus N. Clemens, a Ruling Elder of the Church at South Liberty, appeared & took his seat.

Contributions to the Contingent fund were called for, & the following churches paid their respective Quotas. viz:

Greenstons	---	\$15.00
Newhope	---	5.00
Mount Lion	---	5.00
Washington	---	15.00
South Liberty	---	5.00
Lincolnton	---	5.00
Danielsville	---	3.00
Ebenezer (Clark)	---	2.00.

The Treasurer of Presb. was ordered to pay the stated clerk of Presb. thirty Dollars for his salary.

The following Committees on sessional Records were appointed, viz. Messrs Petrie & Caldwell on the Session Book of Lincolnton Church.

Messrs Reid & R. Fleming on the Session Book of Augusta. And Messrs Davis & Groves on that of Mount Lion.

Adjourned until to morrow morning, 8 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning, 8 O'clock.

Presbytery met & was opened with Prayer.

The Committee to whom the "Circular" from the Assemblys Board of Education was referred reported, & their Report was adopted.

The Committees on the Session Books of Augusta, Lincolnton & Mount Lion, reported & the Books were severally approved.

Mr A. N. Cunningham appeared, & rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness

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The Treasurer's Report was received & referred to Messrs Davis & Groves.
The following persons were elected commissioners to the next Genl. Assembly, viz. Ministers, Nathan Hoyt, Principal, & Henry Safford, Alternate Elders, Elizer L. Newton Principal, & William Shear Alternate.

The following Preambles & Resolutions were offered & adopted, viz. Whereas, it is known to this Presb. that three of its members, viz. Charles W. Howard, James H. George, & Hampden C. Carter, have united in forming a separate & independent Presbytery, & have published their declaration of Independence to the world, therefore

Resolved, That the names of these Brethren be erased from the Roll of members of this Presbytery: And Whereas it is also known to this Presb. that the Rev. J. M. Dwight, who has been some time the Stated supply to the Waynesboro Church in Burke County, has, with his church, renounced his connection with this Presb. therefore,

Resolved, That his name also, & the name of said church, be erased from our Roll.

Presbytery determined to hold its next stated meeting in Greensboro on Thursday before the 3^d Sabbath in October next at 7 o'clock P. M.

The Rev. Mr Chamberlain of the Flint River Presb. being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day for 10 o'clock, viz. the reception of Statistical Reports. The following Churches reports, viz. Canton, Marietta, Lincolnton, Augusta, Washington & Greensboro.

Presbytery then entered upon the free conversation on the state of religion in our bounds - & went thro' with it.

Mr Davis introduced the following preamble & resolution, which were adopted, viz.

Whereas, it is an object of great importance, that the members of our Church should be extensively acquainted with ^{the} doctrines & order, & that ^{the works of} our Standard authors be diffused among them; & whereas it is the leading object of the Publication Board to furnish, at a cheap rate, such works as afford the desired knowledge, therefore

Resolved That efforts be made to establish a Depository of the Books of the Board of Publication, at Augusta; & that it be recommended to the Churches to take up collections for this purpose.

Messrs Cunningham, Davis, & Shear, were appointed a committee to attend to this business.

The committee appointed last fall to instal Mr Petrie.

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as Pastor of the Church in Washington, reported that they were prevented from doing it by the inclemency of the weather; - whereupon ^{it was ordered that} Messrs Davis, Hoyt, & Bowman, be a Committee to instal Mr. Petrie, & that they perform this service, Providence permitting, on the third Sabbath in this month.

Messrs Reid & Groves were appointed a committee to report to Presb. some method for furnishing supplies to the destitute churches under our care. Presbytery took a recess until 1/2 past 2 o'clock.

The time of recess having expired, Presb. resumed its business. The Committee appointed to report some method for supplying the destitute churches, made a Report, which, after being amended, was adopted, & is as follows: - Whereas, there is, in the bounds of this Presb. a large number of small & destitute churches, asking of this body supply of ministerial labor, therefore, Resolved, That each Minister spend at least three weeks in the course of the ensuing summer, in laboring among our destitute churches.

Resolved that a meeting, in behalf of Domestic Missions be held to morrow afternoon, & that a collection be taken up for that object.

At half past three o'clock Presb engaged in Devotional exercises. At the close of these it resumed its business.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported that they could not obtain a copy of said minutes, & asked to be discharged. They were accordingly discharged.

The Committee to whom the letter from a member of the Caspville Church was referred, reported & recommended that a letter be addressed to that church, informing them of the measures adopted by this Presb. for supplying our destitute churches. Mr Davis was appointed to write the letter.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Presb. it is exceedingly desirable to have Brother Templin continued, as a Missionary, in the Cherokee Country, & that the Missionary Board at Athens be earnestly requested to procure his services for that field if practicable.

A communication was received from the Rev. Charles W. Howard, which was ordered to be filed among the papers of Presb.

Mr Talmage, in a letter, assigned reasons for his absence from this meeting of Presb. which were satisfactory.

Mr Homer Hendee, Junior, was introduced to Presb. for the purpose of being taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. His examination on experimental religion, & his motives for seeking the ministry was sustained. It appeared to Presb. that Mr H. was a regular member of the Presbyterian Church, & that he is pursuing a course of studies in the Oglethorpe University. He was received under its care.

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The Stated Clerk was directed to write to Robert Louison, a candidate under the care of this Presb. in reference to his present purposes relative to the ministry.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Greensboro; on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October next, at 7 O'clock P. M. Concluded with Prayer.

Henry Safford Modr.

Francis Bowman Stated Clerk

Greensborough, Thursday, October, 15th, 1840. 7 O'clock P.M.

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. A sermon was preached by the Moderator, the Rev. Henry Safford, from Phil. 2nd: 21. "For all seek their own; not the things which are Jesus Christ's." Presbytery was then opened with Prayer. - Present, A. Church D.D. Nathan Hoyt, John W. Baker, John W. Reid, Francis Bowman, Henry Safford, James W. Freeman, George W. H. Petrie, & Francis R. Gaulding, Ministers; * Ana, Elizer L. Newton, of Athens, Robert Rea of Greensboro'; Francis F. Fleming, of Lincolnton; Dr. McJunkin of Salem; Joseph Bryan of Mount Zion; William Turk of New Lebanon, Thomas Johnson of Sandy Creek; & James Orr of Thyatira, Elders. Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning 9 O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Friday morning 9 O'clock, Presb. met & was opened with Prayer. The minutes of the last Session were read. The Rev. Nathan Hoyt was chosen Moderator, & the Rev. Mr. Petrie, was appointed assistant clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The Rev. S. S. Davis, & Messrs William Shear of Augusta; & William McHenry of Lexington, appeared & took their seats. They offered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Commissioner to the last General Assembly made a verbal report which was accepted.

The Committee appointed to instal Mr. Petrie, reported that they performed that service at the time appointed.

Messrs Hoyt, Church, Gaulding, Freeman & Baker, offered reasons for their absence from the last stated meeting, which were sustained.

Messrs Davis & Shear were appointed a Committee to examine the minutes of the General Assembly.

Presbytery resolved to hold an extra meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Millidgeville on Saturday the 7th Nov. next at 7 O'clock P.M.

Mr. Dodd, applied by letter for a dismission from this Presbytery, to put himself under the care of the Presb. of Georgia, whereupon he was dismissed & recommended to the Presb. of Georgia, as a Licentiate in good standing.

A Letter from the Rev. B. M. Palmer addressed to this Presb. was read, & on motion was laid on the table.

Messrs Davis, Baker, Cunningham, Bryan, & Newton were appointed a committee to take into consideration the condition & wants of our destitute churches, & * Absent, E. Pharr, S. S. Davis, Saml. K. Salmage, John Harrison, Richard Hooker, Alex. Cunningham, C. P. Beman, J. Gamble, J. Warnock, J. Templeton, W. Quillen.

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the best means of supplying them.

A Letter from the Session of the Mars Hill Church; one from an Elder of the Canton Church; & one from the Rev. N. A. Pratt, were received, & referred to the Committee on destitute churches.

The request of Mr Pratt to labor within our bounds, was granted.

A letter from the Rev. John S. Wilson, on behalf of the Flint River Presb. was received, asking this Presb. to unite with that, in a request to Synod to set off to that Presb. a portion of the territory belonging to this Presb. & was referred to Messrs Hoyt, Shear & Turk.

Mr Alexander King, Elder from Bethany, appeared & took his seat.

The ministerial members were called on to state what they had done in compliance with the order of Presb. concerning their preaching to destitute churches, since the last meeting of Presb.

Presb took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon. At half past two o'clock, Presb resumed its business.

The Rev. Mr Glenn of the Methodist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee, to whom the letter from the Flint River, ^{Presb.} was referred, reported. Their report was adopted, & is as follows, viz:

The Committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient, at present, for this Presb. to accede to the proposition of the Flint River Presb. to yield to them a portion of our Ecclesiastical territory. The reasons which, principally influence the Committee in the formation of this opinion, are the following: - 1st Should we give up a large section of our destitute territory, we fear it would exert an unhappy influence upon the Missionary spirit of our older churches, who, by their prayers & contributions have manifested a deep interest in that section of country. And

2nd We think that it would be injudicious, & improper for us to accede to the proposition, until the churches, resident within the territory, proposed to be given up, shall have expressed to us a desire for a change of their ecclesiastical relations.

The Treasurer of Presb. made his Report, which was accepted.

On Motion of Mr Shear, a Committee was appointed to revise the appointment on the churches, & report such alterations, as may seem to be desirable. The Committee consisted, Messrs Shear, Church, Newton, Bowman, & Co.

Mr Freeman reported to Presb. that he had organized a Church in Franklin County, called the Turkey Creek Church, with a request to

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be taken under the care of this Presb. The request was granted.

Presbytery determined to hold its next, stated meeting in Athens on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May next, at 7 O'clock P. M.

Presb. had a recess for the purpose of affording the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society an opportunity of holding its semi-annual meeting. - That having been done Presb. resumed its business.

Rev. Saml. K. Palmage appeared & took his seat, & rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

Presbytery resolved to engage in devotional exercises to morrow night at 7 O'clock. Messrs Bowman, Bryan & Rea, were appointed a committee to report the order of exercises.

Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning 9 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning 9 O'clock Presb. met & was opened with Prayer. The minutes were read.

Rev. A. N. Cunningham appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly, reported several items, which called for the attention of Presb.

It was resolved that the Presb. direct the church sessions to carry out the instructions of the assembly concerning Deacons. Also that the Resolution of the Assembly on this subject, found on p. 306, be printed in connexion with our minutes.

The committee on the devotional exercises, reported an order of services which was adopted.

A Call from the Church in Greensboro' for the Pastoral services Mr Francis Bowman was received, & being in all respects regular, it was placed in the hands of Mr Bowman. He, having considered the subject, expressed his acceptance of the call; whereupon a committee was appointed, consisting Messrs Bryan & Rea, to report on the time and the order for the Instalation service.

It was Resolved that the Churches be requested to comply with the recommendation of the Assembly concerning the observance of the first Sabb. of January, p. 296. & that the Resolution be published with the minutes.

The Committee appointed to report some plan for supplying the destitute Church within our bounds with more frequent ministrations of the word & ordinances, presented the following Resolutions which were adopted: viz.

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1st Resolved, That this Presb. entertain a deep sense of the responsibility devolved upon them by the Great Head of the Church, in having so large & interesting a field of Missionary labor included in their territorial limits; & that they regard this circumstance as constituting a special & urgent call upon the entire membership of the church within their bounds to aid, to the extent of their ability, by their Prayers, & by their pecuniary contributions, in sending the bread of Life to their famishing brethren.

2nd Resolved, That this Presb. therefore, enjoin upon all its churches, to be ever mindful that, by their very constitution as Presbyterian churches, they become local Missionary Associations, possessing a complete organization, through their respective Sessions, whose duty it is, as the Executive officers of these Associations, to see that each member of the church contributes something to this all important cause:-

Further Resolved, That it be earnestly & affectionately urged upon every church session to adopt some systematic plan of operation, by which every member of the church shall enjoy the privilege, & be stirred up to the duty of regularly contributing to this delightful work:- & that this matter may not be lost sight of, or neglected, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, at each annual meeting, of Presb. to call upon the churches, thro' their representatives, to report what they have done in the premises.

3^d Resolved, That in the opinion of this Presb. each settled minister should feel himself called upon to spend not less than one ^{month} every year in laboring among our feeble & destitute churches, until a more general supply of ministerial labor can be obtained.

4th Resolved, That it is the duty of all our churches, favored with the stated means of grace, cheerfully to relinquish the services of their ministers for at least a few weeks, in the course of the year, in behalf of their brethren, who are entirely destitute of the ministrations of the word of Life.

5th Finally Resolved, That it be recommended & urged upon our Board of Missions immediately to send out into this field, now white unto the harvest, not less than three Missionaries, if suitable men can be obtained, relying on the zealous & faithful cooperation of the Church to sustain them in this enterprise.

It was ordered that the foregoing Resolutions be read in all our churches.

Presb. had a recess until 2 O'clock, after which it resumed business.

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The committee on the time & order of the Installation service recommended that the Installation take place on Sabbath afternoon, (to morrow) that Mr Davis preach the sermon, that Mr Hoyt put the usual questions, & give the charge to the people, & that Mr Talmage give the charge to the Pastor. The report was adopted.

On motion it was Resolved, That Messrs Tenny of Athens; John Cunningham of Greensboro; William Shear of Augusta; E. M. Cowles of Milledgeville; George Blatt of Lexington; Mr. Fraser of Marietta; & Mr Russell of Caspville; be recommended to the Board of Publication, as esteemed brethren, officers, or members of our church, who have been requested by this Presb. to procure a supply of the books of the Board for the purpose of diffusing them thro this portion of the church. And further,

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the members of our churches, & congregations to furnish themselves as soon as practicable, with these valuable publications.

The above named gentlemen were requested to act as Agents for the Foreign Missionary Chronicle.

The committee appointed to revise the assessments on the churches reported, & the following assessment was agreed to, viz. Augusta Church \$60.00. Athens 50; Bethany 10; Concord 3; Caspville 3; Canton 3; Cumming 2; Danielsville 5; Ebenezer 2, Hebron 3; Hopewell 3, Greensboro 15, Lexington 15, Lincolnnton 5, Madison 5, Milledgeville 15, Monticello 5, Mount Zion 10, Marietta 5, Mars Hill 2, New Hope 5, New Lebanon 5, Sandy Creek 5, South Liberty 5, Salem 10, Sardis 3, Pleasant Green 10, Harmony 2, Walnut Grove 2, Washington 20, Roswell 10, Lafayette 5, Dahlonega 3, Turkey Creek 5. Thyatira. \$10.00

A letter was received from the Marietta Church, & referred to Messrs Cunningham & Davis who were directed to address a letter to that Church, & also to the other churches who have sent letters to this Presb.

On motion Resolved, That "The Temperance Banner & Total Abstinence Advocate" published in Washington, Md. Co. be recommended to our people as a publication, worthy, in a high degree, of their support, & well adapted to advance the interests of the temperance cause among us.

Adjourned until to morrow afternoon 3 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

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Sabbath afternoon 3 O'clock Presbytery met & was opened with Prayer.

The Instalation service was performed according to the order recommended by the committee.

Presbytery then Adjourned to meet in Millidgeville on Saturday, the 7th Nov. at 7 O'clock P. M.

Concluded with Prayer & the Apostolic Benediction.

Nathan Hoyt Modr.

Francis Bowman S. C.

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A. W. Seland, Modr.

Milledgeville November 7th 1840.

Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church according to adjournment & was opened with Prayer. Present Ministers. Henry Safford. Alonzo Church D.D. C. P. Beman Saml H. Tilmage, & John W. Baker. Elder. Alford M. Nesbet from Milledgeville.

The Moderator being absent, the former Moderator Mr Safford, took the Chair.

Rev. Philo F. Phelps presented a dismission from the Presb. of Troy; & the Rev Joshua Phelps presented a dismission from the Presb. of Philadelphia, with recommendations to this Presb. After an examination they were received as members of this Presb.

The Rev. Mr Dean of Newburyport Mass. presented, thro' Mr Baker, testimonials from the Rev Dr. Woods of Andover, of his good ministerial character, & of his soundness in the faith, with a request for leave to labor in the bounds of this Presb. After deliberation the matter was postponed, in order that Presb. might have an opportunity of examining Mr Dean.

It was determined to adjourn, at the close of the close of the present sessions, to meet in Augusta during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet in this place at the call of the chair. Closed with Prayer.

Tuesday 10th Nov. 3 o'clock P. M. Presb. met at the call of the Moderator, & was opened with Prayer. Present C. P. Beman. J. W. Baker, H. Safford, & F. Bowman

The unfinished business was taken up, by the request of Mr Dean. On further consideration Presb. deemed it unnecessary & inexpedient to examine Mr Dean, & being satisfied as to his ministerial character, it was, on motion, Resolved, to grant his request to labor in our bounds.

Presb. then adjourned to meet in Augusta during the Sessions of Synod at the call of the moderator.

Concluded with Prayer.

Henry Safford Mod.
Francis Bowman. S. Clerk

Note. Messrs Philo F. & Joshua Phelps were set off by the Synod to form a part of the Presb. of Florida. Which Presb. was organized by the Synod in Nov. 1840.

Augusta. Saturday Morning, Nov. 28. 1840. Presb. met at the call of the moderator in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian Church, & was opened with Prayer. Present Ministers N. Hayt, J. S. Davis, J. W. Reid, ~~J. W. Baker~~. N. Safford, G. H. W. Petrie; Elders W. Dearing, M. H. Harris, F. Fleming, & Dr. McJunkin

Presbytery proceeded to examine Richard M. Baker on Theology, Church Government, & Ecclesiastical Polity. Mr. ^{Baker} Read a sermon on Acts 4: 12.

Mr Baker having been recently examined by this Presb. for License, it was resolved, as Presb. was pressed for time, that further examination be dispensed with.

Presb took a recess, to meet at the call of the Chair. Sabbath Morning Nov. 29th Presb. met at the call of the Moderator. J. W. Baker & F. Bowman appeared & took their seats.

Presbytery being satisfied with the qualifications of Richard M. Baker, it was resolved to ordain him as an Evangelist. Owing to the peculiar circumstances under which Presb was convened, it was very inconvenient to have an ordination sermon; it was therefore dispensed with. ~~Resolved~~ Presb. then proceeded to ordain him;

The Moderator presided. The prescribed questions having been answered by the candidate, in the affirmative, he was, by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry. A solemn charge was then delivered to the newly ordained evangelist. & he took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet in Athens on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in May next at 7 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with Prayer

Nathan Hayt. Modr.
Francis Bowman S. Clerk.

Athens, Thursday, April 29th 1841. 7 O'clock P. M. Presbytery met according to adjournment. A Sermon was preached by Rev. Francis Bowman, from Ep. 4: 11, 12, after which Presb. was opened with prayer. Present, Bishops, A. Church D. D. N. Hoyt. F. Bowman, J. W. Reid; J. W. Baker; G. H. W. Petrie, J. W. Freeman.

Elders W. L. Mitchell, Athens. Joseph P. Anderson, Marshall, Arch: Wingfield, Washington; Saml. Johnson, New Lebanon, Nyles G. Harris, Mount Lion; Saml. Groves, Newhope; Wm. Matthews Sandy Creek, John Dunwoody, Roswell, James Orr, Thyetia; James Hoge, Ebenezer, (Walker) & Joseph Marshall, Dahlonega. Absent, J. K. Talmage, A. N. Cunningham, H. Safford, E. Pharr, J. Harrison, F. R. Goulding, R. Hooker, C. P. Beman, J. Gamble, J. Warnock, J. Templeton, W. Quillen

Adjourned until to morrow morning 1/2 past 8 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning 1/2 past 8 O'clock. Presbytery met, & was opened with Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read Rev John W. Baker was chosen Moderator. Henry Safford appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read & confirmed

Rev. Nathaniel A. Pratt presented a certificate of dismission from the Presb. of Georgia, with a recommendation to this Presb. After examination he was received.

A certificate of dismission of the Rev. R. Chamberlain, from the Flint River Presb. & a recommendation to this Presb. was received. Mr C. informed Presb. that important duties rendered it impracticable for him to be present; & he having once been a member of this body; & since his ~~examination~~ connexion with the Flint River Presb. the members of this having had frequent intercourse with him, & being fully satisfied as to his theological views, it was resolved that the rule respecting examination be, in reference to this case, suspended Mr Chamberlain was then, on motion received as a member of this Presb.

Resolved, That the reception of Sessional Records & Statistical Reports be the order of the day for this afternoon immediately after the meeting of Presb.

A call from the Roswell Church to the Rev. N. A. Pratt was presented to Presb. & being found in order, was placed

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in the hands of Mr Pratt, & was, by him accepted.

It was on motion resolved to hold an adjourned meeting of Presb. at Roswell, on Friday before the 2^d Sabb. in August next at 7 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of installing Mr Pratt. Dr Church was appointed to preach the Installation Sermon, Mr Hoyt his alternate; the Moderator to preside, put the prescribed questions, & give the charge to the Pastor, & Mr Bowman to give the charge to the people.

Mr Warnock sent a letter to Presb. stating his reasons for absence which were sustained; & also a request for leave to labor out of our bounds, which was granted.

Messrs Hoyt, Petrie, & Mitchell were appointed a Com. on devotional exercises of Presb.

The following sums were paid for the contingent fund of Presb. viz. Lafayette \$2.00. Greensboro. 15.00
Lincolnton 5.00. Milledgeville, for two years, 30.00. New-
hope 1.50. Mount Zion 10.00 Marshall 2.00. South Liberty
5.00. Washington 20.00 Roswell 10.00 Dahlonega 3.00.
Thyatira, 10.00. Gainesville, (two years) 2.00. Sandy Creek 5.00
Ebenezer, (Clark Co) 2.00. Athens 43.00. Salem 10.00.

The stated Clerk was directed to call upon the delinquent Churches, thro' the Charleston Observer, to forward their respective quotas to Mr Shear of Augusta.

John Nicholls, from the Gainesville appeared & took his seat.

Dr Church & Mr Dunwoody were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

Reports on the state of religion within our bounds was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon Messrs Pratt, Safford, & Groves were appointed a committee to prepare a Narrative for the General Assembly.

Messrs Petrie & Wingfield obtained leave of absence after to day. Presb. took a recess until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock.

At $\frac{1}{2}$ past two o'clock business was resumed. C. W. Gresham, Elder from Salem appeared & took his seat.

Regional Records were received, & Committees of review appointed. viz. On the Superior Book of Athens Messrs Safford & Groves; - Sandy Creek, Reid & Wingfield; - Washington Hoyt & Matthews; - Milledgeville, Petrie & Harris; - Marshall, Pratt & Mitchell; - Thyatira, Freeman & Marshall.

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New Lebanon, Dunwoody & Hoge, Dalton, Church & Johnson; - Augusta Church & Gresham.

A. N. Cunningham appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presb. held a free conversation on the state of religion.

The Committee on devotional exercises made a report which was adopted.

A letter was received from Mr Shear informing Presb. that he has procured a supply of the Books of the Board of Publication of the Genl. Assembly.

The Committee on the minutes of the Synod reported that they find nothing in them requiring the action of Presb. their report was adopted.

Rev. Nathan Hoyt, Bishop, & Mr William Dearing, Elder were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly; Rev. J. W. Baker, & Mr William Shear, Alternates.

The Treasurer of Presb. was authorized to pay the amount necessary to defray their expenses of the Commissioners.

Messrs Petrie, Baker, Bowman, & Freeman, were directed to supply the pulpit of the Commissioners one Sabb. each, during his absence.

On motion Presby. determined to hold its next stated meeting at Marietta, on Thursday before the 2nd Sabb. in October next, at 7 O'clock P. M.

Messrs Cunningham, Hoyt, & Dunwoody were appointed a Com. to bring in a minute relative to the day of fasting, and Prayer, recommended by the President of the U. S.

Adjourned until to ^{morning} morning, 8 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning 8 O'clock. May 1st.

Presb. met & was opened with Prayer. The Rev. Alexander B. McKeele, a member of the Lexington Presb. being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committees of Review on the following Session Books viz. Bethesda, Dalton, Augusta, New Lebanon, Washington Milledgeville, Marshall, & Hyattsville, reported, & recommended that the Books respectively be approved. The reports ~~was~~ ^{were} adopted.

A communication was received from Mr Harrison, one of our Candidates, giving reasons for his absence from Presb. & informing Presb. that he had prepared his critical exercise.

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& requested Presb. to assign him his remaining parts of trial. Psalm 23^d was assigned for a Lecture, & John 8:12 for a Popular Sermon.

Presb. took a recess for the purpose of affording the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society, an opportunity of holding its annual meeting. After that business was resumed.

The com. on the day of Fasting & Prayer presented a Report which was amended, & adopted, & is as follows: viz.

Whereas, the agency of an all wise, & sovereign God, in directing the affairs of nations, no less than the destiny of individuals, is not ^{only} an axiom of revealed religion, but a doctrine clearly recognized in the very framework of our Constitution;— And Whereas, the history of the past, & the declarations of the Bible concur in declaring that a people can rationally calculate upon the continuance of their religious, social, & national blessings only in proportion as this great truth is realized, & suffered to exert its appropriate influence upon the heart & conscience of both Rulers & People. Therefore

1st Resolved That while in common with our fellow citizens throughout the land, we feel the loss we have sustained in the sudden & unexpected death of our late Chief Magistrate, Wm. Henry Harrison; as Christians it becomes us to recognize the hand of a righteous God in this national bereavement, & to bow in humble & adoring resignation to his sovereign will, imploring the sanctified influence of this, as well as of his other afflictive dispensations towards us as a people.

2nd Resolved, That we cordially approve the recommendation of John Tyler, President of the U. S. setting apart the 14th day of the present month as a day of General humiliation, fasting & prayer, in view of this painful visitation.

3^d Resolved That it be recommended to all the Churches under our care to abstain from their ordinary, secular avocations on that day, & spend ^{it} in accordance with the above named recommendation, in connexion with such other religious exercises as may be deemed most expedient & profitable.

Messrs Cunningham & Reice obtained leave of absence after this morning session.

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The Com. on the Narrative made a Report, which was adopted, & ordered to be forwarded to the Genl. Assembly.

Presb. took a recess until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 O'clock. After recess business was resumed.

The Com. on the Session Book of Athens reported & recommended that it be approved, with an exception in reference to the action of the Session in the case of one of its members, charged with challenging ~~in~~ a fellow being to fight a duel; In relation to this, the following Resolutions were recommended & adopted viz
1st Resolved That this Presb. bears its strong & decided & unanimous testimony against the practice of duelling, as utterly condemned by the word of God & subversive of the fundamental principles of morality.

2nd Resolved. That in the case alluded to, there were many circumstances calculated to induce the Session to deal as leniently as possible with the offender, - yet, that in the judgment of this Presb. it failed to express a deep & decided abhorrence of the crime committed; & to require a suitable & proper acknowledgment from the delinquent, on his restoration to the privileges of the church; - & that in the judgment of this Presb. any member of the church, who either sends, or accepts, a challenge to fight a duel, should be excommunicated, as the only proper punishment for a crime so abhorrent to our holy Religion.

An hour was spent in devotional exercises. Presb. then Adjourned to meet in Raswell, on Friday before the 2nd Sabb. in ^{August.} September, at 7 O'clock. P. M. Concluded with singing, Prayer, & the Apostolical Benediction.

John W. Baker. Mod?
Francis Bowman. S. Clerk.

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The Presb. of Hopewell, from Providential reasons, ^{having} failed to meet in Roswell according to adjournment, in August. Convened at this place according to appointment for the semiannual meeting. A sermon was preached by the Moderator, on 2 Tim 3:16. All "Scripture is given by inspiration of God", after which Presb. was opened with Prayer. Present Bishops J. W. Baker, S. H. Talmage, & N. A. Pratt; Elders, Saml. Baldwin, Athens, Joseph T. Cunningham, Thyotia, James Mayn, Canton Joseph B. Shumate, Marietta, James Hoge, Lafayette, John Dunwoody, Roswell, Thomas McEver Marshall.

Absent A. Church D.D. J. S. Davis, N. Hagt, J. Bowman, A. N. Cunningham, Henry Laffad, G. H. W. Petrie, R. Chamberlain, C. Pharr, J. Harrison, J. W. Reid, F. R. Gauding, R. Hooker, C. L. Beman, J. Gamble, J. Templeton, William Duillen.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning 9 o'clock.

Presb met & was opened with Prayer. The Rev. S. H. Talmage was chosen Moderator, & Rev A. N. Pratt temporary Clerk.

A letter was received from Dr. Church, assigning reasons for absence, which were sustained: also letters from J. S. Davis, & J. Gamble assigning reasons for absence which were sustained.

A communication was received from Mr Iverson, a candidate, expressing his wish to be dismissed from this body to put himself under the care of the Flint River Presb. Whereupon motion, it was resolved, that he be dismissed & recommended to that body, as a candidate in good standing.

Rev. John Warnock applied, by letter, for a dismission from this Presb. to join the Presb. of South Alabama. Whereupon Resolved, that he be, & he hereby is, dismissed, & recommended to to the said Presb. as a member in good standing.

Messrs Pratt, Dunwoody, & Shumate were appointed a Committee on the devotional exercises of Presb.

Rev. J. W. Waddell of the South Carolina Presb. being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds was made the order of the day, for to morrow morning, 10 o'clock. Messrs Baker, Baldwin, & Cunningham

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were appointed to prepare a Narrative to be sent to the Synod.

Mr Harrison, a Candidate under the care of Presb. was examined on Natural Philosophy, English Literature, the Greek & Latin Languages, & the examination was sustained as a part of trials.

Rev. Mr Carter of the Etowah Presb. was invited to sit as a Corresponding member.

Mr Turk of the New Lebanon Church appeared & took his seat.

Mr Harrison read a critical exercise, & a Lecture which were sustained as parts of trial.

Presb. had a recess until 2 O'clock, at which time, business was resumed.

Mr James B. Dunwoody, having presented testimonials of his dismission from the Presb. of Charleston, was taken under the care of this Presb. as a Candidate for the ministry. It was on motion resolved that his examinations be commenced where they were left by the Presb. of Charleston.

Rev. Alexander M^cBookle, of the Lexington Presb. was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr Harrison delivered his popular Sermon, in the presence of the congregation. After which, he, & Mr Dunwoody, were examined on Natural & revealed Theology, Church Gov^t, the Sacraments, Ecclesiastical History, & the Hebrew Language, all of which were sustained.

The Commissioner to the General Assembly reported & his report was approved.

The persons appointed to supply the pulpit of the Commissioner having failed to perform that service, it was resolved that they be called on for their excuses, at the next meeting of Presb.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning, 9 O'clock.
Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning 9 O'clock.

Presb. met & was opened with Prayer. Some time was spent in devotional exercises.

At 10 O'clock Presb engaged in the free conversation on the state of religion, This was, after a while suspended, for the purpose of hearing Mr Dunwoody's Sermon. The sermon was sustained as a part of trials.

Mr Gauding obtained leave of absence.

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Presb. had a recess until 2 O'clock, at which time business was resumed, & the free conversation was finished.

The General Assembly, having recommended the 1st Sabbath in November to be observed as a season of special prayer for the increase of Candidates for the ministry, it was on motion, Resolved, That it be recommended to all the churches in our bounds, to meet on that day, for the object contemplated in the Assembly's resolution!

Mr Dunwoody read his Latin Exegesis, & critical exercise his remaining parts of trial, which were sustained.

It was resolved to proceed to license the candidates this evening.

The following resolution was offered, & after it was discussed for some time, it was postponed to the next meeting of Presb. viz. Resolved that the Presb. of Hopewell, respectfully request the Synod of South Carolina & Georgia, at its next meeting, to set off that territory, commonly called the Cherokee Country, with the Bishops & churches belonging to this Synod, located there, & erect the same into a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Cherokee;—and, if it meet the views of the Flint River Presb. that the churches of Fairview, Lawrenceville, Goshen, & Decatur, with Bishops, John S. Wilson, & J. J. Patterson, be united with the same.

Recess until after religious services this evening, at which time business was resumed.

At Marietta, the ninth day of October, 1841. the Presb. of Hopewell, having received testimonials in favor of James B. Dunwoody, & W. P. Harrison, of their having gone thro a regular course of literature; of their good moral character; & of their being in ^{the} Communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure; & they, having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature; & as to their experimental acquaintance with religion; & as to their proficiency in divinity, & other studies; the Presb. did & hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial; & they, having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church; & satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be

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licensed; the Presb. did, & here do license them, the said James B. Dunwoody & W. P. Harrison to preach the Gospel of Christ, as probationers for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presb. or wherever else they may be orderly called.

Presb. resolved to hold its next annual meeting in Mil-
ledgeville on Thursday before the 2nd Sabb. in April next at 7
O'clock P. M.

The following resolution was adopted, & the clerk was
directed to send a copy of it to the President of the Board of Do-
mestic Missions, viz.

Resolved, That, as Presb. has ascertained ^{that} the two young
Brethren, just licensed, are willing to labor in the Cherokee
Country, & other adjacent, destitute places for the coming year,
we do earnestly recommend them to the Board of Domestic
Missions, as suitable candidates for that service, & recommend
that they be forthwith sent into that field.

Leave was granted to the Rev. Mr. Waddell, to labor within
the bounds of this Presb.

There being no further business, the Presb. adjourned
to meet in Milledgeville on Thursday before the 2nd
Sabbath in April next at 7 O'clock P. M.

Concluded with singing, Prayer, & the Apostolical
Benediction.

Samuel K. Talmage, Mod.

Francis Bowman, S. Clerk.