

Milledgeville. Thursday. April. 7th 1842. 7 O'clock P. M.

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. A sermon was preached by the Rev. N. A. Pratt, on Psalm xc. 16. "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, & thy glory unto their children" The Presb. was then opened with Prayer. Present. Bishops, R. Chamberlain, S. H. Talmage, F. Bowman, J. W. Baker, H. Safford, N. A. Pratt.

Elders. - Otis Childs, Milledgeville; C. L. Newton, Athens; Roswell Hubbert, Greensboro; Henry A. Clemens, South Liberty.

Absent. E. Pharr, J. Harrison, A. Church D. D. S. S. Davis, N. Hoyt, D. D. A. N. Cunningham, J. Gamble, C. P. Beman, J. W. Reid, G. H. W. Petrie, F. R. Goulding, R. Hooker, J. W. Freeman, W. Quillen, & J. Templeton.

Presb. adjourned until to morrow morning half past 8 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning half past 8 O'clock.

Presb. met & was opened with prayer. The Rev. N. A. Pratt was chosen Moderator. The last semiannual meeting were read & confirmed.

Letters were read from Messrs N. Hoyt, ^{D.D.} A. Church, ^{D.D.} J. Gamble & G. H. W. Petrie, assigning reasons for absence, which were sustained.

Rev. Isaac W. Waddell, presented testimonials of dismission from the Presb. of South Carolina, & a recommendation to this body, whereupon, after a brief examination, he was received as a member of this Presb.

James W. Freeman, applied by letter, for a dismission from this Presb. to join the Presb. of Concord; whereupon it was Resolved that he be, & hereby is, dismissed, & recommended to the Concord Presb. as a member in good standing.

Rev. Mr Mann, a Minister of The Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A. N. Cunningham, appeared & ~~was~~ rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The following Committees of review were appointed by Messrs Talmage & Clemens on the Session Book of Athens.

" Safford & Newton on that of Milledgeville

" Baker & Hubbert on that of Roswell

" Waddell & Childs on that of Greensboro.

Statistical Reports ^{were} made the order of the day for this afternoon 3 O'clock.

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The free conversation on the state of Religion was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock. Messrs Lafford & Waddell were appointed a committee to prepare a Narrative for the Genl. Assembly.

Messrs Baker & Talmage were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the devotional exercises of Presb.

F. Bowman, one of those appointed to supply the pulpit of the Commissioner to the Genl. Assembly, rendered satisfactory reasons for failure to perform that service

The resolution, introduced at the last stated meeting respecting the formation of a new Presb. in the Cherokee country, which was postponed to this meeting, was taken up, & after some discussion, it was postponed to the next stated meeting of Presb.

Rev. J. J. Davis appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A Reces was had until half past 2 o'clock, at which time business was resumed.

The Committees on the Session Books reported, & recommended that the Books respectively be approved: - The Reports were adopted.

Presb. determined to hold its next stated meeting at Raswell on Thursday before the 3^d. Sabbath in September next, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Rev. A. N. Cunningham presented a request for leave to resign his pastoral charge; - Whereupon it was resolved to hold an adjourned meeting of Presb. in Augusta, on Saturday before the 3^d. Sabb. in May next at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of considering Mr C's request; & it was ordered, that the congregation be cited to appear, by their commissioners, at that time, to show cause, if any they have, why the Presb. should not accept the resignation.

The Rev. S. H. Talmage, Bishop, & Mr Samuel Field, Elder, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly; & the Rev. G. N. W. Petrie, & Mr John Dumwoody, alternates.

The following sums were paid into the contingent fund of Presb. viz. Greensboro 15. Milledgeville 15. South Liberty 5. Raswell 10. Thyatira 10. Sandy Creek 5. Ebenezer 2. Athens 4.00 Marietta 5. Marshall 2.

Statistical Reports from a few churches were received. Presb. had a reces to allow the Domestic Missionary Society an opportunity of holding its annual meeting.

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

Dr Hoyt's letter was taken up & referred to the Domestic Missionary Society.

Adjourned until to morrow morning $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock.
Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 o'clock, Presb met & was opened with Prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The order of the day for 9 o'clock this morning, viz. the free Conversation on the state of religion was postponed until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr Waddell was appointed a committee on the minutes of Synod.

The following protracted meetings were appointed viz At Hickory Flats, Cherokee County, to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabb in September, to be attended by Messrs Pratt, Waddell, Petrie & Bowman.

One at Dahlonega, to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Sabb. in August, to be attended by Messrs Quillen, Gaillarding, McKorkle & Safford.

One at Cumming, to commence on the 5th of May, to be attended by Messrs Pratt, Quillen & Dunwoody; & the Rev. John S. Wilson, of Flint River, is invited to attend.

The Com. on the minutes of the Synod made a report which was accepted & laid, for the present, on the table.

Presb had a recess until after public worship, when the order of the day was taken up, & Presb. held a free Conversation on the state of Religion.

It was resolved, that the Installation of Mr Pratt be performed at the next stated meeting of Presb. - Dr Church was appointed to preach the Installation Sermon. Mr Baker his alternate; - the Moderator to preside & put the prescribed questions; Mr Waddell to give the charge to the Pastor, & Mr Bowman to give the charge to the people.

The Report of the Com. on the minutes of Synod was taken up & adopted, & is as follows. viz. Resolved that in accordance with the injunction of Synod, this Presb require all its ministers to preach on the subjects of Education, Foreign & Domestic Missions, in the course of the

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current year; & that on the 1st Sabb. in June, the necessity of sustaining Domestic Missions be cogently presented to the churches, & previous notice being given, that each member of the church be urged to come prepared to contribute something, however small the amount, to the furtherance of this object.

The following resolution was adopted viz. That Drs Church & Hoyt & Mr E. L. Newton be a Committee to whom it shall be the duty of any brethren of other Presbyteries, coming to labor in our bounds, to present their Credentials; & said Committee are fully authorized to grant such brethren leave to labor in our bounds until the next meeting of Presb. if they believe it to be in order. - And such of our Churches as may wish to employ stated supplies during the recess of Presb. are requested to confer with this Committee.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Augusta on Saturday, the 14th May next at 11 o'clock A.M. - Closed with Singing, Prayer, & the Apostolic Benediction.

N. A. Pratt. Moderator.

Francis Bowman S. Clerk.

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Thomas Goulding. Moderator

Roswell. Thursday, September 15th. 1842. 7 O'clock P. M.

Presbytery met. A sermon was preached, at the request of the Moderator, by the Rev. J. W. Waddell, on Heb. II, 5. What is man? After which the Session was opened with Prayer. Present, Bishops, Nathan Hoyt D.D. Francis Bowman, J. W. Baker, N. A. Pratt; J. W. Waddell,

Elders E. L. Newton, Athens; James Mays, Canton; R. McDonald, Cumming; James Hoge, Lafayette; Otis Childs, Milledgeville; John Dunwoody, Roswell; & J. Tenny, Sandy Creek. *

Isaac W. Waddell was chosen Moderator. Presb. adjourned until tomorrow morning 1/2 past 8 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning 1/2 past 8 O'clock. Presb. met & was opened with Prayer.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read & confirmed.

Harmony Church.

It was reported to Presb. that a church, called Harmony, which had been under the care of the Etowah Presb. had withdrawn from that body, & requested to be taken under the care of this Presb. Whereupon, the request was granted. James Heise, an Elder from the said Harmony Church, then took his seat as a member of Presb.

A letter was received from Brother McCorkle, which was committed to Messrs Hoyt, Pratt, & Dunwoody.

Dismissal of J. Templeton

Joseph Templeton applied by letter for a dismissal to join the Presb. of Muhlenburg. It was resolved that he be, & hereby J. Templeton is, dismissed, & recommended to the Presb. of Muhlenburg, as a member in good standing.

A letter was received from F. R. Goulding stating a reason for absence which was not sustained.

Letters were received from Dr Church, & J. Gamble, assigning reasons for absence, which were sustained.

Dr Hoyt was appointed in the place of Mr Baker, to preach the Sermon at the Installation of Mr Pratt.

Messrs Pratt, Dunwoody, & Mays were appointed a committee to make arrangements for devotional exercises.

* Absent, C. Phan, A. Church D.D. S. S. Davis, S. R. Talmage, John Harrison, N. Safford; J. W. Reid, R. Chamberlain, F. R. Goulding, James Gamble; B. Hooker, A. N. Cunningham, G. P. Berman, G. N. W. Petrie; J. Templeton.

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It was made the order of the day for this afternoon, immediately after public worship, to hold a free conversation on the state of Religion; & Messrs Baker & Hoge were appointed to com. to prepare a Narrative for the Synod.

Messrs Bowman & Newton were appointed a committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

✓ The first subject on the Docket, viz a Petition to Synod for the division of this Presbytery was taken up; It was moved that the Resolution on this subject, which ^{was} presented at the meeting of Presb. in Marietta, - which then postponed to the next meeting, at Milledgeville; & was then postponed to this meeting, be adopted. After spending some time in ^{the} discussion of it, a recess was taken until $\frac{1}{2}$ past two o'clock.

At the expiration of the recess business was resumed. Joseph D. Shumate, Elder from Marietta, & John Orr, Elder from Marshall, appeared & took their seats.

The discussion on the subject of a division was continued for some time when the Resolution was indefinitely postponed.

At the close of public worship Presb. engaged in the free conversation on the state of religion - & went thro with it.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery, at Madison, Morgan County, on Thursday before the 3^d Sabbath in April next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

J. W. Baker was appointed to bring in a minute in reference to members of this body, who do not regularly & punctually attend its meetings.

The Committee on the minutes of the Genl. Assembly made a report which was accepted.

R. Chamberlain & J. K. Talmage appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Commissioner to the Genl. Assembly made a report which was accepted.

It was ordered that the Installation of Mr. Pratt be performed on Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Adjourned until to morrow morning, 8 o'clock. concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning 8 o'clock.
Presbytery met, & was opened with Prayer.

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The minutes of the last session were read. The committee on devotional exercises made a Report, which was adopted.

The following Preamble & Resolution were adopted. viz. Whereas, rumours are extensively circulated respecting difficulties in the Augusta Church, of a serious character; - Therefore, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the subject, & report to this body whether any action should be taken on the subject by Presb. Messrs Hoyt, Baker & Childs were put on that committee.

The Committee to whom the letter from Mr McCockle was referred, made a Report which was adopted.

The Report of the Com. on the minutes of the Genl. Assembly was taken up. The Resolutions of the Assembly relative to the support of aged & distressed ministers & their widows & orphans, were referred to a committee consisting of Messrs Talmage, Hoyt, & Newton, to take this subject into consideration, & report to the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Resolution of the Assembly relative to unemployed ministers was referred to Messrs Pratt & Dunwoody.

The acts of the Assembly on the subject of hasty ordinations &c. were referred to Messrs Chamberlain, Pratt, & Newton.

The Assembly referred to the Presbyteries, whether the following section shall be added to the 15th Chap. of our Form of Gov^t. viz. "The office of a minister of the Gospel is perpetual, & cannot be laid aside ^{at} with pleasure; yet any minister may, with the permission of his Presb. demit the exercise of his office. If he shall not be permitted to sit as a member of our Ecclesiastical judicatories. And any minister having so demitted the exercise of his office, may, on personal application to the Presb. which allowed him to demit it, if said Presb. think proper, be, by it, restored to the exercise thereof, & to all the rights incident thereto." On motion the Presb. decided unanimously against the proposed addition.

Resolved, That Presbytery cordially concur in the following Preamble & Resolutions of the Assembly. viz.

Whereas, it is believed by this Assembly, that there are ministers, & churches, & private Christians, within our bounds, holding the same doctrines & maintaining the same church order with us, but who, from a misapprehension of the

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acts of the Assembly of 1838, are not in our communion; & whereas as it expressed in act II, adopted by that Assembly, it was never the intention of the Genl. Assembly to cause any sound Presbyterian to be permanently separated from our connexion, but it is, ~~is~~, always was, the desire of the church, that all, who really embrace our doctrine, love our order, & are willing to conform to our discipline, should unite themselves with us; & moreover, as the Genl. Assembly has no idea of narrowing, but would rather expand its geographical limits, so as to unite, in bonds of the most intimate fellowship, every evangelical church likeminded with ourselves, throughout every portion of our beloved country, therefore

I Resolved, That it is hereby declared by the General Assembly, that in requiring an adherence to our church on the basis of the Assemblies of 1837 & 1838, they did not create, nor introduce, any new basis of Presbyterianism, but required an adherence to the true & only basis of our organization, & communion, viz, the doctrinal standards & constitution of our Church, as founded on the word of God, a deplorable departure from which had been suffered thro the operation of the plan of Union.

2 Resolved, That it was not then, & is not now, required of those, who would adhere to us, as a branch of the Church of Christ, that, as a term of membership in this Church, they should approve the Acts of the Assembly of 1837 & 1838; but simply that they should recognize the Church as then & subsequently constituted as the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, & acknowledge their subjection to its judicatories.

The Committee to bring in a minute relative to the attendance of ministers & Elders on the stated meetings of Presb. made the following Report which was adopted, viz

Whereas, some of the ministers of this Presbytery have not, for years past, attended its meetings; & others are very irregular in their attendance, therefore,

I Resolved, That this Presb. holds it to be the duty of all its members to attend, regularly & punctually, its meetings, unless prevented by a necessity which they cannot control.

II Resolved, That we highly disapprove of the conduct of those brethren, who absent themselves from the regular meetings of this body without rendering satisfactory reasons for so doing.

III Resolved, That it be earnestly enjoined upon the

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Session of each Church under the care of this body, to send a Delegate to every stated meeting of the Presb. & of the Synod.

Messrs Talmage, Hoyt, Waddell, Chamberlain, Childs, Newton & Dunwoody, were appointed a Committee of Education, to seek out suitable young men for the ministry, &, if they need assistance, to make provision for their support.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the difficulties in the Augusta Church, made the following Report which was adopted. viz.

Several important communications from individuals in Augusta have been placed in the hands of your Committee, together with other documents of rather an extraordinary character. We have read all these papers & discussed their contents, & agree to recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

I Resolved, That, in view of the difficulties which manifestly exist in the Presbyterian Church of Augusta, a Committee of five be immediately appointed whose ^{duty} it shall be to visit Augusta, & investigate this whole business, & to report thereon to this Body, at its meeting in Athens during the Sessions of Synod in November next. ¶

II Resolved, That said Committee shall be authorized to call for witnesses & to take Depositions in reference to the solemn business hereby committed to them.

III Resolved, That Presb. will adjourn, at the close of its present Session to meet in Athens, at the call of the Moderator, or in case of his absence, of the stated Clerk, during the Sessions of Synod.

A recess was taken until 3 O'clock.

At 3 O'clock Presb. engaged in devotional exercises, according to the plan recommended by the Committee.

After the devotional Exercises, Presb. heard statements from the General Agent, & from the President of Oglethorpe University relative to the condition & prospects of that institution. It was then Resolved, That this Presb. feel deeply interested in the success of the Oglethorpe University, as an object of vital importance to the Church, & pledge themselves to endeavor to raise \$750.00 per annum, for the support of a Geo. Professorship, & that we earnestly urge it upon every church, & every member of the Church to participate in the work.

¶ The Committee consisted of Messrs Hoyt, Bowman, Chamberlain, E. L. Newton, & John Cunningham

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The Committee on the Narrative made a Report which was adopted, & ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The Committee, to whom was referred the action of the Assembly relative to hasty ordinations, made the following ^{Report} which was adopted. viz We cannot but admire the solicitude & zeal of the Assembly for the purity & prosperity of the Church of Christ; - but we are of the opinion, that the recommendations of the Assembly in the matter referred to us, are by no means important, or in any way calculated to increase our usefulness, or safety as Presbyterians. The Confession of Faith, to which we feel greatly attached, we believe, is sufficiently full in its directions to meet any case likely to occur among us. We do, therefore, recommend that Presbytery do not adopt the aforesaid recommendations & directions of the last Assembly any further than they are contained in the Confession of Faith. [See minutes of Assembly 1842. pp. 28. 29.]

The Committee to ^{whom} the Resolution of the Assembly relative to unemployed ministers, ^{was referred}, reported that there are no unemployed ministers belonging to this Presbytery. The report was adopted.

Presbytery took a recess until Sabbath afternoon, 3 O'clock. At which time the Installation of Mr Pratt took place according to the order previously adopted.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Athens during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the moderator. Closed with Prayer, & ^{the} Apostolical Benediction.

Isaac W. Waddell, Moderator.

Francis Bowman, S. Clerk.

Athens. Friday. Nov. 18th. 1842. 11 O'clock A.M. Presbytery met.

agreeably to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, & was opened with Prayer. Present, Bishops, J. W. Waddell, H. Safford, F. R. Goulding, J. W. Reid; & F. Bowman: - Elders, Saml. Groves, ^{new people} (Sunday breth), Silas Stephens, Bethany; E. L. Newton, Athens; & W. D. M'Junkin, Salem.

No business was regularly proposed, but there was some informal conversation, after which Presb. took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

The same day at 7 O'clock P.M. Presb. met at the call of the Moderator. N. Hoyt D.D. A. Church D.D. R. Chamberlain, J. W. Baker, & G. H. W. Petrie were present in addition to those above named.

The Committee appointed to visit the Augusta Church, reported that, for reasons satisfactory to them, they did not visit the said church. The reasons were stated, & the Report was adopted.

The Moderator informed Presb. that Hampden C. Carter of the Etowah Presbytery, had expressed to him his desire to be again connected with this body, provided he still enjoys the confidence of his brethren. Whereupon it was Resolved that Mr Carter be informed that Presb. is ready to confer with him on that subject. Mr Carter was then introduced, & having satisfactorily answered the questions which were asked him, he was received as a member of this Presb. & took his seat.

Mr W. D. Harrison, at his request, was dismissed, & recommended to the care of the Bethel Presb. as a Licentiate in good standing.

Rev. Alexander B. M'Cookle, presented a certificate of dismissal from the Lexington Presbytery, & a recommendation to this body; - after examination, he was received.

A recess was taken to meet again at the call of the Moderator.

Monday evening 7 O'clock Presb. met at the call of the moderator. The Rev. Dr Lelana, of the Charleston Presb. & the Rev. John C. Baldwin of the Florida Presb. being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resolved, That the following charges be tabled against the Rev. A. N. Cunningham on the ground of public Rumour. viz.

I. Habitually preaching the sermons of other men.

II. General charge. Unchristian conduct.

Specification first. Duplicity in concealing from

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the Presb. & from the congregation the true reasons for resigning his Pastoral charge in Augusta.

Specification. 2^m Causing to be circulated a written Address to the congregation in Augusta, after having resigned his Pastoral charge, calculated unnecessarily to agitate & distract the congregation; & containing slanderous charges against some members of the Session of the Augusta Church.

Resolved, That Presb. will meet at Greensboro' on wednesday before the 3^d Sabbath in December next, at 11 O'clock A.M. for the purpose of entering on the trial of Mr Cunningham.

The Stated Clerk was directed to issue the necessary Citations.

Messrs Safford, Petrie, Reid, & John Cunningham were appointed a Commission of Presb. to go to Augusta to take the testimony in the case.

Presb. adjourned to meet in Greensboro' on wednesday before the 3^d Sabbath in December next at 11 O'clock A.M. Classica with Prayer & the Apostolical Benediction.

Isaac W. Waddell Mod.
Francis Bowman. S. Clerk.

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John S. Witsow, Mod.

Greensboro. Wednesday December 14th 1842. Presbytery met &

was opened with Prayer by the Rev. S. K. Tolmage, the last Moderator present. Present Ministers. Mathan Hayt D.D. A. Church D.D. S. K. Tolmage, N. Lafford: F. Bowman, G. N. W. Petrie, A. N. Cunningham = ham, F. R. Saulding, Elders. John Cunningham, Greensboro; C. L. Newton, Athens & Doctor McJunkin: Salem.

Rev. S. K. Tolmage was chosen Moderator.

Presbytery resolved to take up & consider the charges, preferred against Rev. A. N. Cunningham on the ground of public Ramor. It appeared that all the requisite citations had been duly served, Mr Cunningham was present & declared himself ready for trial.

The Commission appointed to take testimony in the case, reported that they met in August at the time appointed; - that they found the Session of the Augusta Church ^{engaged} in the trial of Wm Shear, on charges brought against him by Rev. A. N. Cunningham; in which trial the greater part of the testimony needed by the Presb. in the trial of Mr Cunningham, was taken by the Session. This is also the testimony which Mr C. informed the Commission he will need in his defence. The Commission, therefore, refer the Presb. to the authenticated Records, which are present, for testimony in the trial of Mr Cunningham.

In addition to the Records, the Commission ^{reported} also some testimony on the part of Mr Cunningham.

Every thing being ready for trial, the Charges were read, & Mr C. was called on to say whether he were guilty or not guilty. Mr C. replied ~~is~~ ^{I will}

That as he understood them, he pleads, Not guilty.

Presbytery took a recess until half past two O'clock, at which time business was resumed.

Rev. R. Chamberlain, Saml. Groves Elder from New Hope, C. P. B. Martin, Elder from Madison, & John Davidson, Elder from Bethel, appeared & took their seats. Rev. John C. Baldwin, of the Florida Presb. being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery proceeded to the reading of the testimony. Rev. J. W. Baker appeared & took his seat. The reading of the testimony was not finished, when Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning 9 O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Thursday morning, 9 O'clock Presb. ^{of Day} met & was opened with Prayer. Present as on yesterday.

The reading of the testimony was completed, & is as follows.

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Dr Paul F. Eve being sworn testified that the last of March 1842 he was requested ^{to meet the Session} with the injunction to let no one know of it. It was at that meeting I was informed of Mr Cunningshams having made too free use of the Sermons of the Rev. Mr Barnes. He met there the fair acting Elders of the Church in Session. Mr Shear stated he suppressed ^{the} witness knew the object of the meeting. He then made mention it had now become known our Pastor had used other men's Sermons, & witness was requested to read from a copy of Barnes's Sermons, & did so, & he was convinced that the sermon shewn had been preached the preceding Sabbath.

The following Correspondence between Session & Rev Mr Cunnigham, was received in evidence.

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Dear Sir,

It is with deep regret that we feel ourselves compelled to address you at this time touching a matter so unpleasant to us as members of your Session; but a sense of duty leaves no alternative. Rumors have existed for some time past in the Congregation, that a number of your Sermons lately delivered did not bear the stamp of your own preparation, but were believed to be productions of some other minds. Reports of this nature have been privately made to several of us from different sources during the past winter, but which at first were not received with credit. Circumstances, however, of late have forced upon our minds the painful conviction that these reports were not without some foundation in truth. - We, in consequence as members of your Session cannot help being alarmed lest this state of things should become public in the Congregation & Community, as its doing so would assuredly bring upon us all a reproach. - We therefore, avail ourselves of this opportunity to solicit an interview with you in reference to this matter, where your own as well as our views may be more fully explained.

You can signify when & where it will be convenient for your meeting to be held. With due respect

James M^d Dowall

Wm Shear

Paul F. Eve

Porter Fleming.

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To the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Augusta.

Dear Brethren,

Your communication of the 2^d inst has just come to hand. In regard to the proposed interview, I would say that it would suit my convenience to meet you this afternoon at 4 O'clock in the Lecture Room.

Yours respectfully

A. P. Cunningham.

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To the Session of the Presbyterian Church.

Dear Brethren,

You will pardon me for communicating with you this medium, rather than in person, as I had intended when I gave notice of the meeting. My apology is a wish to save my own feelings as well as yours from the pain which a personal interview, under existing circumstances, could not fail to inflict. The facts to which you allude, I acknowledge with deep & painful mortification, have been to a certain extent, true. I did, during the last winter take undue liberties with several of Barnes' Practical Sermons. The same is true of three or four of the Sermons in the National Preacher. But beyond this, I affirm, no one can, in truth, charge me with borrowing other men's labors. I have got most of ^{my} the sermons in manuscript either written out in full, or in part, which any one is welcome to examine at his leisure, or put in print if needs be. I say this not for the purpose exculpating the impropriety of taking the liberties I have done with any, but as an act of justice to myself, knowing as I do how natural it is for the mind to indulge in surmises, that if one has been borrowed, all have been. Although it would be useless for me to offer apologies, for as already observed, I acknowledge my error, still to Christian Brethren in the charitable feelings may I not say a few words in extenuation of my error. The labors expected of me here, I found beyond my abilities to sustain. A large portion of my time was required for visiting among my people, the balance of my time was cut into fragments, by a constant round of company at my house, so that the whole, or almost the whole time required for pulpit preparation was consumed, & I found it often

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difficult to prepare one sermon in the week with the requisite care. Until the last winter, I could fall back upon the stock of sermons which I had prepared during the previous part of my ministry, when my time was consumed as above stated; but when these became exhausted, as they did a few months since, my only alternative was, when my hours of study were all taken from me, to go into the pulpit unprepared, or take a skeleton from some other sermon, which I thought would be more edifying & acceptable to my people. In this way I was seduced into the fatal error of taking the plans & the leading thoughts from a very few of the sermons in the national Preacher, & some two or three of Barnes. I do not allude now to the Sermons preached to Professors of Religion. The leading thoughts in these were taken from Barnes, because I thought they were much needed here & eminently fitted to do good. How much of the language I used I know not. My course was to read them over carefully about twice & take a skeleton from them on a side of paper.

I have thus dear Brethren, made a frank & full disclosure to you of this whole matter, because I deemed it due to you & necessary to relieve my own feelings. What measure of censure you may award to me is left entirely with yourselves. That I did wrong I feel & own, but that my object & desire, at the time, was to do good & the most good, my conscience bears me witness. That I have made a full disclosure of all so far as I have any knowledge or recollection, I can appear to my Judge for the truth of. My resignation accompanies this, which I wish to take effect at Presbytery. The path of duty is perfectly clear to myself, as it must be to you. The only thing I now desire is to leave in the manner most likely to promote the honor of religion & the interest of your Church, as well as my future usefulness. And I submit to you whether all these interests will not be promoted by keeping the subject of this communication sacredly within your own bosoms; & if the facts which have acknowledged be known to others without or beyond the Session, would it not be for the glory of God, & the honor of religion, & the interests of your own church to see these individuals privately & enjoin it upon them to let it go no farther. I might here urge my own character & feelings, & usefulness, (if I am ever to be of any use in the Church), as

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additional reason why the ~~matter~~ ^{whole} of this matter should be, if possible, prevented. My all depends upon it, & I am willing to commit all that is dear to me in the hands of brethren, in the behalf of each of whom, I would cheerfully have sacrificed my life, if it had been necessary. The course you have taken I approve. You had no alternative left. The only thing in this cause which I have to regret is, that you did not communicate with me sooner on the subject. And now, brethren, I take my leave of you, & ask you to deal with your unworthy, & deeply humbled minister, as the glory of God, & the honor of his church shall seem to demand. I never expect to be associated with brethren to whom I shall be more sincerely & tenderly, attached. If I should ever be called to labor in any other part of the Lord's Vineyard, the rock on which I have here split, shall act as a beacon to warn me for the future.

Yours affectionately

A. N. Cunningham.

William T. Gould Esqr. being sworn testified, that Mr Cunningham called at Witness' house, his family being in the country a long private conversation took place. It is, of course, impossible to recollect the precise language used by Mr Cunningham, but the impression on the mind of witness, from the whole conversation was, that the only Sermons of other authors ever preached by Mr Cunningham, were one from the National Preacher, & two from "another work," which was not named, & the title of which witness did not then know. Mr Cunningham's Sermons to Professors of Religion, were the subject of general remarks among his hearers when preached.

William T. Gould

James W. Davis being sworn testified.
Some time in the month of December last (1841) I think it was the latter part of the month, I met with Mr Shear in the street & asked him if he had seen the volume of Practical Sermons by Mr Barnes of Philadelphia, published a short time since: - he replied that he had not, & did not suppose there was a copy in the City. I stated that I had a copy of the work, & had discovered that our Minister, Mr Cunningham had been using or was using to an improper extent some of those sermons as I thought. He intimated that I might be mistaken, & I thought, appeared

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to be incredulous as to the fact. I said to him, that he had better look over the volume, & if he wished to do so, I would bring the book to him. - I also mentioned the Sermons that Mr Cunningham had used. He said he would be glad to see the book, & in the course of a few days I handed it to him.

Mr Cunningham had preached a part of one of the Sermons & two others substantially entire before I handed the book to Mr Shear. - In a short time I saw Mr Shear again when he remarked that what I had told him in relation to Mr Cunningham was too true, & that he had preached another of the Sermons on the last Sabbath. He inquired of me how many persons knew of what Mr Cunningham had done. I told him not more than two or ~~perhaps~~ three of my own family. He requested that I would endeavor to have the matter kept secret, & I promised that I would. He expressed astonishment & regret, at the course Mr Cunningham was pursuing in this matter, & expressed a hope that he would not continue it.

The first Sermon which was observed as having been used by Mr Cunningham was noticed by a member of my family; a portion of it was read to me without any intention of the design. I immediately remarked that what had been read was certainly a part of the Sermon preached by Mr Cunningham on the last Communion Sabbath. I then took the book, & read the Sermon with attention & recognized a striking similarity between two or three pages of it & the discourse preached by Mr C. The text of Mr C's Sermon was not the one used by Mr Barnes.

His text was I think the 7th & 8th verses of the 5th Chapter of Romans & the part of the discourse in the book which struck me as having been used by him, was the part beginning with the 2nd head of the 2nd general division of the Sermon page 32, & continuing on to the end of three verses of poetry on the 35th page. This is the 2nd Sermon in the volume. - I think the next Sermon preached by Mr Cunningham was the third, & to the best of my recollection at the time, he preached substantially the whole of it.

The next Sermon observed was the 6th in the book. I had read this Sermon before hearing it from the pulpit, & also read it immediately afterwards, & to the best of my recollection he preached the whole of it.

The next Sermon preached by Mr Cunningham, was, I think,

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The 5th in the book, & was after I had handed the book to Mr Shear. Not having the book, I could not compare the Sermon preached with the printed one, but having previously read it with great attention I can say that he preached the whole, or much the larger portion of it.

I recollect that he preached two series of discourses. One of the two Sermons on making a profession of religion, from the text as in the book, & three discourses addressed to Professors of religion also from the same text as in the volume of Mr Barnes. I recognized many parts of these Sermons when preached. I recollect that after he had preached the first of the 2nd series, he gave notice that the subject would be continued in the afternoon, & expressed regret at the thin attendance in the afternoon generally; that while he had no particular claim upon the attendance of such as were not members, he nevertheless would be pleased to see them there in the afternoon, but that, inasmuch as these discourses were prepared, or that as he had prepared these discourses, (I will not say certainly which form of expression was used) expressly for the benefit of professors of religion, he thought he had some right to urge their attendance at least.

Cross examined by Mr Cunningham.

I cannot undertake to say how long it was after the preaching of the part of the 2nd Sermon testified to on the direct examination, before it was discovered:— it was not many days. In relation to the part of this discourse in question, I will not say positively that Mr. C. preached it verbatim as in the Book; but the train of thought, & much of the language were so similar & the incidents mentioned in relation to the present King of France, & Washington, were recollectea so distinctly I could not avoid the belief, at the time, that he had preached the greater portion, if not all of the part referred to. It is possible, however, that I may be mistaken to some extent.

I do not recollect that when Mr C. gave the notice in relation to the attendance of the congregation in the afternoon, testified to on the direct examination, he said that these sermons had cost him great labor; I think if he had used that form of expression I would have recollected it.

I have read the 7th Sermon in the volume, & I do not recollect having recognized any parts of it as having been preached by Mr Cunningham.

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Robert A. Rice being duly sworn says he recollects having heard Mr Cunningham preach a part of the 2nd. sermon in Barnes Book or Practical Sermons viz on page 32. commencing with (2nd) "But no man has ever manifested such love as this is" and ending with the poetry on page 35.

The Rev. Mr Cunningham admitted that he had preached from Barnes' Book the following sermons viz. Nos 3. 5. 6. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 19. & 23.

James McDowalls Testimony

James McDowall being duly sworn testified that sometime early in January last (according to the best of my recollection) Mr William Shear informed me that he was of the opinion that Mr. Cunningham had been preaching some Sermons to his congregation which were not of his own preparation. This statement surprised me. I thought Mr S must have been mistaken, & so I think I expressed myself to him. He in the course of a few days handed me a volume of Barnes' Practical Sermons, & requested me to peruse certain discourses which he pointed out to me, stating that he had read them, & was well convinced that Mr C. had delivered them from the pulpit recently. The sermons pointed out were Nos 2. 5. & 6. (Mr Cunningham acknowledged, as above - having preached Nos 5. & 6.)

Witness says, No 2. I did not recollect as distinctly as the other two - altho some of the heads & a good deal of the language I also recollect. The latter part of this sermon I believe had not been preached. To the best of my recollection this discourse No 2 (at least what was delivered of it) was presented to the congregation on Sabbath forenoon the 14th November. Just about this time & if I mistake not, the first Sabbath I had been perusing those sermons just referred to. Mr C announced to the congregation on Sabbath forenoon, at the close of the service, that it was his intention to deliver a course of sermons prepared more especially for professors of religion, & would commence delivering the course the ensuing Sabbath. -

On Sabbath forenoon January 16th, according to the best of my recollection, Mr Cunningham had his text from 2nd. Corinthians 5th Chap. & 17 & 18 verses, which is as

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follows. Therefore come out from among them & be ye separate &c which is the text to Sermon No. 11 in the book, & delivered the Sermon in thoughts & words as in the book, as nearly as I could recollect. after reading it over immediately after coming home.

The following Sabbath, January 23^d. 1842 Mr C. preached the other Sermon in Barnes book, which is No 12. both from the same text as No. 11. On ^{Sabbath} January 30th. Mr C read his text from Phil. 3 Chapter 4 18th verse. "For many walk of whom I have told you often, & now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the Cross of Christ," which is the text from which Mr Barnes wrote his Sermon No 13 in the Book. This discourse Mr C. delivered in the forenoon of that day. I distinctly recollect, at the close of the Sermon this day, Jan. 30th, that Mr C. announced to the congregation that he would preach another Sermon from the same text in the afternoon; & as he had bestowed much labor in preparing these discourses, he thought he had a right to claim the attention of professors in the congregation more especially in the delivery of them; & would be glad to see as many others as could conveniently attend. Mr C. accordingly read the same text as in the morning, & preached the Sermon No. 14 in the afternoon of the same day. On the Sabbath following, Feb. 5th Mr C. Commencing his discourse read the same text as the one attached to Nos 13 & 14, & which is in the Book No 15. & preached this Sermon also. On Sabbath morning, Feb. 13th Mr C. read the text from Romans 12th Chap. 4 2^d verse, & preached the Sermon from the Book. This is Sermon No. 16. On Sabbath forenoon, Feb. 27th Mr C. read his text from Jeremiah 8th Chapter 4 20th verse. This text is affixed to the Sermon in Barnes' volume No 23. & was preached by Mr C. - On Sabbath forenoon 27th March Mr C. Read his text from Exodus 20th Chapter 4 8th verse. Remember the Sabbath day &c. This text is attached to Sermon No 19 in Barnes' Book, & which Mr C also preached from the Book, dividing it, one part in the forenoon, the other in the afternoon of same day. To the latter division a considerable part was added beyond what was in the book. When these discourses were delivered by Mr C. viz Nos. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 19 & 23. the Book was accessible to me either on the Sabbath they were preached, or very early in the same week, when each discourse was carefully read over; indeed a number of them were read by me before they were delivered.

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Mr McDowall cross examined by Mr C.
 Witness took Barnes Book to church two or three times, in order to satisfy his own mind regarding the Sermons. Mr C. was preaching from it - Had no doubt at the time he took the Book to church but that Mr. C. was making an improper use of it, but merely, as already stated, to satisfy his own mind. During the delivery of the Sermons from Barnes Book I generally looked over the book as they were recited or preached.

James McDowall.

The foregoing testimony was copied from the Records of the Session of the Augusta Church, which was taken by the Session on the trial of Mr Shear, & which was before Presbytery - & is all that was deemed important in relation to the charge of Plagiarism against Mr Cunningham.

William Shear was sworn in Presbytery - His testimony is substantially that of Mr McDowall.

As to the first specification under the 2nd. general charge, The Rev. Henry Safford was sworn, & testified, that Mr Cunningham, when he applied to Presbytery for leave to resign his ^{pastoral} charge, stated as his reasons for wishing to do this, were that his health was giving way, under the arduous labors; that his time was so occupied by his pastoral duties, that he was obliged to neglect his children; that he felt, that could he be relieved from such great labors, his life would be prolonged, & that he could be more useful in the end were he to occupy some field where his labors would be less; & that he stated no reason, that lead any one to suspect what have since been known to have been the true reasons for his resignation.

Rev. J. W. Baker & R. Chamberlain were sworn. Their testimony was in substance the same as Mr Safford's.

Mr Porter Fleming, an Elder of the Augusta Church was sworn, & testified, that in giving reasons to the congregation for resigning his Pastoral charge, Mr C. acted according to the advice of ^{some members of} the Session to him, & that members of Session thought that this course was best for the interests of religion & Mr C's future usefulness.

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James McDowall being sworn testified that the concealment of the true reasons of the resignation was desired by Mr. C. & that it was not the advice of the Session to him but witness concurred.

Here the testimony was closed. And Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning nine o'clock, Presbytery met & was opened with Prayer. William McBarley appeared, an Elder from the Lenoxton Church, & took his seat.

Mr. Cunningham commenced his argument in his defence continued until the time for recess. Doctor Church obtained leave of absence. Presb. took a recess until half past two o'clock - when Mr. C. continued with his defence, & closed it.

The Presbytery determined to suspend farther proceedings in the trial of Mr. C. for the present for the purpose of taking up and considering the Reference from the Session of the Augusta Church of charges brought against William Shear Rev. A. N. Cunningham

The following is the Resolution of the Session which refers this case to this body. Viz. "Resolved, that the Session now proceed to the trial of William Shear on the charges preferred against him by the Rev. A. N. Cunningham, & that when the testimony shall have been taken, the whole case be referred to the Hopewell Presbytery for a final decision." Mr. Shear plead not guilty.

Presbytery heard all the testimony contained in the Records of the Session. As the charges against Mr. Shear, before the Session embraced the substance of the written address of Mr. Cunningham to the congregation, the circulation of which is the second specification under the second general charge against Mr. Cunningham, he, in his pleadings commented fully on the testimony touching that matter.

Mr. Shear entered upon an argument in his defence. After some time Mr. S. gave way, & Presbytery took a recess until seven o'clock, at which time Mr. Shear resumed & finished his argument.

Mr. Cunningham then made some further comments on the testimony.

The arguments were here closed, and Presbytery determined to take up for ^{consideration} ~~deliberation~~ and decision, in the first place, the charges against Mr. Cunningham.

The calling of the Roll for remarks of members was commenced. After making some progress, it was suspended, and Presb. adjourned until tomorrow morning nine o'clock. Closed with Prayer.

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Saturday morning nine o'clock. Presbytery met, & was opened with Prayer.

Presbytery proceeded with the calling of the Roll; before it was finished. Presb. took a recess until three o'clock, when business was resumed, & the calling of the Roll was gone thro' with.

The Roll was then called for the vote.

The first charge was unanimously sustained, as it regards three or four months of Mr Cunningham's ministry, embracing the close of the year 1841, & the early part of the year 1842.

The first specification under the second general charge was not sustained by a unanimous vote.

The second specification was sustained with only one negative vote.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted.
 I Resolved, That in accordance with the universal sentiment of the Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery bear their strong and unqualified testimony against the practice of preaching the Sermons of other men, & that they consider the man, who is guilty of plagiarism in the pulpit, as chargeable with the same deception & fraud which attach to him who publishes the writings of another, as his own.

II Resolved, That no pressure of labors, nor state of health, will justify, or palliate the offence above condemned, which in all possible cases, we regard as highly culpable, & as calculated to prostrate the influence, usefulness, & mental improvement of the ministry.

III Resolved, That the Rev. Alexander N. Cunningham, being found guilty of the above named offence, be, & he hereby is, suspended from the exercise of the Gospel ministry until the Spring Session of this Presbytery, in April next, & if at that time he gives to the Presbytery satisfactory evidence of repentance, the sentence ^{of suspension} shall be removed.

Presbytery then proceeded to take up the reference from the Augusta Session.

The Roll was called for remarks & vote, & Mr Sherr was acquitted on every charge. On the first charge the vote stood Yeas 2. Nays 12. On the second. Yeas The second charge was ruled out for want of witnesses. On the third, Yeas 1. Nays 13. On the fourth, Yeas 2. Nays 12. On the fifth Yeas none. Nays 14

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On the sixth. Nays, none, Yeas 14. On the seventh. Yeas 3. Nays 11. On the eighth. Yeas 1. Nays 12 non liquet 1. On the ninth Yeas none. Nays 14.

Presbytery adjourned until Monday morning nine o'clock. concluded with Prayer.

Monday morning nine o'clock Presbytery met & was opened with Prayer.

The clerk was directed to publish the two Resolutions on the subject of plagiarism, & that no other part of these proceedings be published.

Mr C. P. B. Martin who has been for several years a candidate for the Ministry, but who has, to a considerable extent, been prevented from prosecuting his studies, by ill health, informed Presbytery that he now feels able & desirous to pursue his studies preparatory to Licensure, whereupon Presbytery assigned him the following parts of trial, viz. Matthew 4: 1-11 for a critical exercise; John 15: 1-15 for a Lecture; & John 17: 17 for a sermon.

Messrs Bowman, Hoyt, Petrie, E. L. Newton & J. Cunningham were appointed a committee to address a Letter to the Session & Church in Augusta in relation to the action of this Body.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Madison on Thursday before the third Sabbath in April next at seven o'clock. P. M. Concluded with Prayer, & the Apostolical Benediction.

Samuel K. Talmage. Moderator
Francis Bowman. Stated Clerk.

Note. The testimony, taken by the Augusta Session in the trial of Mr Shear, is very voluminous, & by the direction of said Session, has been carefully & accurately, recorded in a Book by itself; entitled a "Supplementary Record" of that Session; into which Book also the whole proceedings of this Presbytery in these cases have been copied. They have been examined by the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, & found to be correct.

Madison. Thursday, April, 13th, 1843. 7 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by G. H. Talmage, on Rom XIII. 11, 12. after which, the Session was opened with prayer. Present, Ministers, G. H. Talmage, J. W. Reid, F. Bowman, & G. H. W. Petrie.

Elders, D. E. Darden, South Liberty; F. C. McKinley, Greensboro; John Davidson, Bethel; Daniel Kilyon, Madison; H. P. Kirkpatrick Monticello; J. L. Orr, Thyatira; & J. M. Smith, Sandy Creek.

Absent, Edward Pharr, A. Church, D. N. Hoyt D.D. J. Harrison, H. Safford; R. Chamberlain; F. R. Goulding; J. W. Baker; R. Hooker; C. P. Bernaw; A. N. Cunningham; H. C. Carter.

G. H. W. Petrie was elected Moderator.

Presb. adjourned until to morrow morning, half past 8 o'clock. concluded with prayer.

Friday morning half past 8 o'clock. Presb. met, & was opened with prayer. R. Chamberlain, H. Safford; N. Hoyt; Ministers; & James McDowall, Elder from Augusta; E. L. Newton from Athens; & D. McFuerkin, from Salem, appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The minutes of the last stated & intermedicate sessions were read and confirmed.

J. W. Reid, G. H. W. Petrie, & H. Safford, appeared satisfactory reasons for absence from the last stated meeting.

Baldwin received
John C. Baldwin, presented a certificate of dismission from the Presb. of Florida, & a recommendation to this Presb. After examination he was received.

A letter was received from Dr Church, giving reasons for his absence from this meeting, which were sustained.

Cunningham's communication
A communication was received from A. N. Cunningham, expressing his feelings in relation to the offence for which he was suspended, and a desire that the suspension should be removed, which was referred to Messrs Safford, Hoyt, & Newton.

Messrs Reid, and Kilyon, were appointed a committee on the devotional exercises of Presb. & of the congregation.

Committee Review
Messrs Hoyt and McKinley, were appointed a committee on the Records of the Salem Church. Talmage & Newton on those of Augusta. Reid & McDowall on those of Thyatira. Baldwin & Kilyon on those of Sandy Creek. Chamberlain & Orr, on those of Madison. Safford & Darden on those of Bethel & Monticello.

The committee to whom the communication from Mr Cunningham was referred made a report which ~~was~~ was accepted & made the order of the day for this afternoon immediately after recess.

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Messrs Reid, Baldwin and Newton, were appointed a committee on the supply of our destitute churches.

Groves H. Cartledge, a student of Oglethorpe University, was introduced to Presb. with a view to his being taken under the care of Presb. as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. He was examined on his experimental acquaintance, a Candidate with religion; & his motives for seeking the ministry. The examination was sustained, and Presb. being satisfied that he was a member of the church, he was received.

The Rev. Mr Round, a minister of ^{the} Methodist E. Church, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

"An Christus sit Deus" was assigned to Mr Cartledge for a Latin Exegesis.

A recess was taken until half past two O'clock. at which time business was resumed.

Mr Charles S. Dod, a Licentiate of the Georgia Presbytery, presented, by letter, a request for leave to labor within our bounds during the present year. Leave was granted.

The report of the Committee on Mr Cunningham's communication was taken up. A substitute was offered, & adopted. & is as follows.

Cunningham's Whereas, the Rev. A. N. Cunningham, in his communication to Presb, says: -
restoration. "In regard to the offence which constituted the ground of my suspension, I have experienced & expressed but one feeling, viz that of deep and unfeigned sorrow & regret." Therefore, Resolved, that, in view of his expression of sorrow for his offence, this Presb. does hereby remove from Mr. Cunningham the sentence of suspension; & restore him to the full exercise of the functions of the Gospel ministry.

Messrs Hoyt & Bowman were appointed a committee to address an affectionate letter to brother Cunningham.

A free conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for to morrow morning, & Messrs Talmage and Kirkpatrick were appointed a committee on the Narrative.

Messrs Talmage and McJunkin were appointed a committee to examine Mr Martin on Language & Science, & to examine his Latin exegesis.

Mr Martin was examined on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and the Sacraments. The examination was sustained.

The committees of review on the Records of the Churches of Bethel, Monticello, Thyatira, Sandy Creek, ~~Sandy Creek~~, Salem, Augusta, and Millageville, recommended that the books respectively be approved. The Reports were adopted.

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The Committee on the Records of the Madison Church, reported that no records had been put into their hands. The Com. was discharged.

Mr Darden obtained leave of absence.

A recess was taken until after public worship to night, when business was resumed.

The Report of the Treasurer of Presb. was received and referred to Messrs Chamberlain & McKinley.

J. W. Baker, and Otis Childs, Elder from Milledgeville, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The committee on the devotional exercises of Presb. made a report which was adopted.

G. N. W. Petrie, Bishop, and D. Boatfield, Elder, were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly, - an Francis appointed Bowman, Bishop; & Jamis McDowall, Elder, Alternates.

The Committee to whom was referred, at the last stated meeting of Presb. the Resolution of the Assembly, relative to the support of aged and distressed ministers, reported that they were not prepared to recommend any plan. The committee was discharged.

The Committee on Education was continued, consisting now of Messrs Talmage, Hoyt, Chamberlain, Childs, and Newton.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning, half past 8 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning half past 8 O'clock Presb. met, and was opened with Prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Rev S. I. Davis applied by letter for a dismission to join the Presb. of Albany. Whereupon it was Resolved that he be, & he hereby is, dismissed, & affectionately recommended to the Albany Presbytery as a member in good standing.

Messrs Talmage & McKinley were appointed a Committee on the ^{minutes of} Synod

Presbytery entered on the free conversation on the state of religion, & went thro with it.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer, reported, that \$367.99 have been paid into the Treasury, & that the same amount has been paid out; and they recommend that the treasurer's report be approved. The report was adopted.

The committee on the minutes of Synod, reported that there is nothing in them requiring the action of Presb.

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Contingent fund.

The following sums were paid into the contingent fund viz. Greensboro. \$12.50. Millersville 15.00. Ebenezer, Clark Co. 2.00 Sandy Creek 5.00 Youth Liberty. 5.00. Salem 6.75. Bethel 1.00 Thyatira 10.00. Monticello. 5.00 Madison 5.00.

The Treasurer was directed to pay \$100.00 to the clerical Commissioner to defray his expenses; also to pay the salary of the stated Clerk; & the balance due to Mr Gildersleeve.

Mr Martin read his critical exercise, Lecture, & sermon, which were sustained as parts of trial.

The committee on the supply of destitute churches made a report which was laid on the table.

A recp was taken to allow the Domestic Missionary Society to hold its annual meeting. Business was resumed.

Messrs Hagt, Talmage, Newton, & McKinley were appointed a committee to report some plan for promoting domestic missions.

Devotional exercises

Presb. took a recess until half past seven O'clock, when Presb. engaged in devotional exercises according to the order recommended by the committee. Presb. then adjourned until Monday morning eight O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Monday morning eight O'clock Presb. met, & was opened with Prayer. The committee on the Narrative had leave to prepare it after the rising of Presb.

The committee to examine Mr Martin on Language & Science & to examine his Latin exercises, recommended that those parts of trial be sustained. They were sustained.

Licensure of Martin

At Madison, the 17th day of April 1843. the Presbytery of Hopewell, having received testimonials in favor of Carlisle P. B. Martin, 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 his licensure; & he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity & other studies; the Presb. did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and 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, & hereby do, license him, the said Carlisle P. B. Martin to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presb. or wherever else he may be orderly called.

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The committee on domestic Missions made the following Report, which was unanimously adopted.

- Domestic Missions
1. Resolved, that the subject of domestic missions is of paramount importance, to the interests of vital religion within our bounds.
 - 2^d. Resolved, that this momentous subject has for the last few years been too much neglected by this body, & the churches under our care.
 3. That, by the grace of God, we will hereafter endeavor to strengthen the hands & encourage the hearts of the Board of Directors by a more cordial & faithful cooperation.
 - 4th That all our churches which have not this year taken action on this subject, be requested to take up a collection as soon as convenient, to the amount, at least, of fifty cents for each member.
 - 5th That the sessions of our churches be charged with the prompt execution of this business.
 6. That the Board of directors of our Society be requested to take measures forthwith or as soon as the state of the funds will warrant it, for procuring the services of several efficient zealous missionaries, who may enter our extended & whitening fields.
 7. That that the Pastors of our churches be requested occasionally to visit our destitute churches, with a view to stir them up to a sense of the importance of their making more efforts to secure the regular means of grace.

Inasmuch as it is a matter of great importance that, in singing the praises of God in religious worship, the composition employed should have the approbation of the church, therefore

Psalms
&
Hymns.

Resolved, that this Presb. strongly recommend to the churches, to secure for themselves copies of the Psalms and Hymns about to be published under the sanction of the General Assembly.

Adjourned to meet in Washington, on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October next at seven O'Clock P.M. Closed with Prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

G. W. W. Petrie. Moderator
Francis Bauman S. Clarke

Washington, Thursday, October 12, 1843. Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by the Rev. John W. Reid on Mark 16: 20; after which the Session was opened with Prayer. Present

| Ministers | Class |
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| N. Hayt D.D. | Nathan Holbrook, Athens. |
| R. Chamberlain | James McDowall, Augusta. |
| F. Bowman | Stephen Stovall, Lineolnton. |
| John W. Reid | Charles Gresham, Salem. |
| Richard Hooker | Gilbert Gattin, Bethany. |
| Geo. N. W. Petrie, | R. H. Randolph, Macon. |
| Nampden C. Carter. | A. L. Lewis, Washington. |
| | J. F. Phinizy, Lexington. |

Absent. Edward Pharo, A. Church D.D., S. K. Falmage, J. Harrison, Henry Gafford, F. R. Goudding, J. W. Baker, C. P. Beman, A. N. Cunningham, John C. Baldwin.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning nine o'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Friday morning nine o'clock Presb. met, and was opened with Prayer. R. Chamberlain was elected Moderator.

Absentees from the last meeting gave reasons for absence which were sustained.

A circular was received from the Assembly's Board of Publication, and was laid on the table.

Messrs Carter and Randolph were appointed a committee on the devotional exercises of Presb.

Messrs Petrie and McDowall were appointed a committee on the minutes of the General assembly.

Papers, purporting to be an Appeal of Charles N. Higgins, from a decision of the Session of the Macon Church, were received, and referred to Messrs Bowman, Stovall, & Lewis.

Mr Henry Newton, a graduate of Franklin College, was introduced to Presb. for the purpose of being taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. After a satisfactory examination on his experiential acquaintance with religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry; & being satisfied that he is a member of the Church, Presb. received him under its care.

An Spiritus Sanctus sit Divina Persona, was assigned to Mr Newton for a Latin Exegesis; and the first three verses of the ninth chapter of Romans for a critical exercise.

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Joseph Bryan, Elder from Mount Zion appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The free conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at 11 O'clock: and Messrs Reid and Phinizy were appointed a committee on the narrative.

The committee on the devotional exercises made a Report which was adopted.

A communication was received from A. N. Cunningham expressing a desire to be dismissed to join a body in connexion with, what is called, the constitutional assembly; and was referred to Messrs Carter and Hooker.

Presb. took a recess until half past two O'clock, when business was resumed.

John C. Baldwin, minister, and Henry A. Clemens Elder from South Liberty, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Letters were received from H. K. Talmage, and F. B. Goulding, assigning reasons for absence from this meeting which were sustained.

The Commissioner to the last Assembly made a Report which was approved.

Members of Presb. were called on to state what they had done relative to the Resolutions adopted at the last meeting on the subject of Domestic Missions.

The committee to whom the communication from Mr Cunningham was referred made the following Report which was unanimously adopted, viz

Resolved, That, while we regard the Rev. A. N. Cunningham as a brother in good and regular standing, and desire to exercise towards him sincere Christian courtesy, we, at the same time, deem it necessary to decline granting a letter of dismissal, and a recommendation to the body mentioned in his letter, on this ground alone, that is thought to be contrary to the constitution and usage of our church to dismiss and recommend a member to an Ecclesiastical body not in our connexion.

Messrs Carter, Reid, and Randolph were appointed a committee on the supply of our destitute churches.

The Rev. Mr Weir of the Baptist Church, and the Rev Mr Wade of the Methodist E. Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Presb. determined to hold its next stated meeting at Mount Zion on Thursday before the second Sabbath in April next at eleven O'clock A. M.

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Documents on Shear's trial. Presbytery was informed that two of the Documents which were given in evidence on the trial of Mr Shear before the Session of the Augusta Church, and which were before Presb. have not been returned to the Session nor to this body, but are in the possession of Mr Cunningham the prosecutor; and that these are needed to complete the Records of that trial; and that Mr Cunningham has refused to give them up: It was therefore

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of this Presbytery be directed to demand these papers of Mr C. and transmit them when received to the Clerk of the Session of the Augusta Church.

Call to Hooker. A Call from the Macon Church to the Rev. Richard Hooker was received and placed in the hands of Mr Hooker. He signified his acceptance of the Call, and the following Committee were appointed to install him on the third Sabbath in November next; viz. Messrs Baker, Talmage, & Church. Mr Talmage to preach the sermon; Mr Baker to give the charge to the Pastor; and Dr Church the charge to the people.

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly made a report which was adopted.

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

Saturday morning nine O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Supply of destitute Churches. The committee on the supply of destitute churches, made the following Report which was adopted, viz That they are pained in surveying the extent of destitution which now exists in our comparatively limited bounds. There are churches which have been for 18 months without the ministrations of Gospel ordinances. There are others which are supplied only occasionally. Unless Presb. with sympathy towards them, and make an effort to supply them, there is to fear that as Presbyterian churches they will cease to exist. - Your Committee would suggest that the Executive committee of Domestic Missions be directed to employ, if possible one or two Evangelists to visit these churches, & administer the ordinances. That brother Carter be directed to labor as an Evangelist among these churches, and to engage in this service as soon as practicable; the Board of Missions to make provision for his support. -

They further recommend that a sacramental meeting be held in Lexington by brethren Reid & Petrie; one at ~~Macon~~ New Lebanon by brethren Hayt & Church; and brethren Bourman, Gauding and Petrie spend at least one Sabbath each with some vacant congregation.

Washington. October. 1843.

Higgins
Appeal. The committee to whom the appeal of Mr Higgins was referred reported that the Appeal was in order, and recommended that it be taken up and issued according to the Book of Discipline. The report was adopted, and Presb. proceeded to the consideration of it. The appellant was not present. The sentence appealed from was read. The reasons of the appellant for his appeal, and the whole record in the case were read. The vote was taken, and the appeal was not sustained. The vote was unanimous.

The free conversation on the state of religion was gone thro' with. It was determined that at the close of the present sessions Presbytery will adjourn to meet in Augusta, during the sessions of Synod at the call of the moderator.

The committee on the circular of the Board of Publication made the following Report which was adopted, viz.

Board of Publication Resolved, That the proposed publication of "all the minutes of the General Assembly from its organization in 1789 to the year 1842 inclusive" is highly approved by this Presb. & that it is recommended to the of every minister and Church Session in our bounds.

Board of Publication Resolved, That the circular of the Board be published in connexion with this minute, and that subscribers be requested to forward their names and subscriptions to the Stated Clerk of Presb. during the sessions of Synod.

A recess was taken until seven O'clock at which time Presb. engaged in devotional exercises according to the plan recommended by the committee

At the close of these exercises Presb adjourned to meet in Augusta during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the moderator Closed with Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

Remembrance Chamberlain. Mod.
Francis Bowman Stated Clerk.

Augusta Dec. 1843

Augusta Friday Dec. 1st 1843 12 O'clock Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer. Present. Ministers. A. Church. D.D. R. Chamberlain N. Hayt D.D. J. K. Falmage, F. Bowman, N. Safford, F. R. Goulding, R. Hooker G. H. W. Petrie. — Elders. John Cunningham, Greensboro; E. L. Newton Athens; Daniel Kilian, Madison; James McDowall, Augusta.

The Committee on the Narrative made a report, which was adopted and ordered to be communicated to Synod.

The Committee appointed to install Mr Hooker, reported that they had performed that service.

C. S. Dod received.

A certificate of dismission, of Charles S. Dod, a Licentiate, from the Georgia Presbytery and a recommendation to this, was received and Mr Dod was taken under the care of this Presbytery.

A call to him.

A call from the Augusta Church to Mr Charles S. Dod was received, and on account of opposition to his settlement, from a portion of the Church and congregation, Presb. took some time to consider the propriety of placing the call in the hands of Mr Dod.

Presb. took a recess - & met again Dec. 11th -

After due deliberation Presbytery placed the Call in the hands of Mr Dod.

Order for his ordination.

Another recess was taken, to give Mr Dod time to consider the matter. Met again at 4 O'clock, when Mr Dod signified his acceptance of the call, and Presbytery proceeded to take order for his ordination and Installation. Presb. determined to meet for this purpose in Augusta on Friday before the second Sabbath in January. A. Church was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, N. Hayt, his alternate; G. H. W. Petrie to deliver the charge to the Pastor; F. R. Goulding his alternate; - R. Hooker to deliver the charge to the people; - and F. Bowman his alternate.

Mr Dod was directed to prepare a sermon on Rom 10:10 as a part of trial for ordination.

Adjourned to meet in Augusta on Friday before the second Sabbath in January at 7 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

R. Chamberlain. Moderator
F. Bowman. Stated Clerk.

Augusta January 1844.

Augusta January 12th 1844. 7 O'clock. two members of Presb. met viz. F. R. Gaulding, and G. H. W. Petrie. They adjourned until Saturday three o'clock P. M.

Saturday three O'clock P. M. Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer. Present N. Hoyt D.D. F. R. Gaulding, and G. H. W. Petrie.

N. Hoyt was chosen moderator - and Mr Petrie temporary Clerk.

Mr Dod was examined on experimental Religion; and his motives in seeking the ministry; on Ecclesiastical History; Church Polity; Theology; Philosophy; the Hebrew and Greek Languages; and the Sacraments. Mr Dod read a sermon on the text assigned him.

His examination was sustained. Sabbath half past ten O'clock A. M. was appointed for the ordination and Installation services. and Presb. took a recess until that time.

Sabbath morning, half past ten O'clock. Presb. proceeded to the ordination and installation services. N. Hoyt preached the ordination sermon; presided, and put the constitutional questions to the Pastor elect, and to the congregation. After which by Prayer, with the laying on of the hands of Presbytery, Mr Dod was solemnly ordained and installed to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry. and was installed Pastor of the Augusta Church and congregation. Appropriate charges were then delivered to the Pastor by Mr Petrie, and to the congregation by Mr Gaulding. Mr Dod then took his seat as a member of Presb.

Adjourned to meet at Mount Zion on Thursday before the second Sabbath in April next at 11 O'clock A. M. concluded with Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

N. Hoyt. Moderator
Francis Bowman Stated Clerk.

Mount Lion. April, 1844.

Mount Lion. Thursday, April, 11th 1844. 11 O'clock A. M. Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by the Rev. G. H. W. Petrie, on 1 Cor. 1:21. after which the Session was opened with Prayer. Present

Ministers.
N. Hoyt D.D.
Francis Bowman
Henry Safford
J. W. Reid
Geo. H. W. Petrie
Hampton C. Carter
John C. Baldwin
Charles S. Dod.

Elders
Edwin Wiley, Mount Lion
Samuel Watson, Thyatira
J. W. Robinson, Washington
Samuel Groves, New Hope
Silas Stephens, Bethany
William Shear, Augusta
Daniel Kilian, Madison.

Absent. Edward Pharr, A. Church D.D. S. K. Talmage, John Harrison, R. Chamberlain, F. R. Goulding, J. W. Baker, R. Hooker, C. P. Beman, A. A. Cunningham.

Rev. John W. Reid was chosen Moderator.

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

A recess was taken until half past two O'clock, when business was resumed.

A. Church D.D. and Elders E. L. Newton of Athens, and Otis Childs of Millageville, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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

F. R. Goulding, and R. Hooker appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Messrs Hooker and Newton were appointed a committee on the devotional exercises of Presb.

Messrs Church and Groves were appointed a committee on the minutes of Synod.

Free conversation on the state of religion of religion was made the order of the day for three O'clock to morrow, and Messrs Hooker, Goulding, and Newton were appointed a committee on the Narrative.

J. W. Baker, and William Clark, Elders from Eatonton appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Mr Baker's reasons for absence from the last meeting were sustained.

Mount Zion, April. 1844.

Messrs Goulding, Safford and Newton were appointed a committee on the supply of destitute churches.

J. H. Tolmage, and R. Chamberlain communicated to Presb. reasons for absence which were sustained.

Henry A. Clemens Elder from South Liberty appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery determined to hold its next stated meeting at Thyatira on Thursday before the third Sabbath in August next at eleven O'clock A. M.

The Treasurer made his Report which was referred to Messrs Robinson and Wiley.

Treasurer's resignation tendered & then withdrawn The Treasurer tendered the resignation of his office, whereupon it was Resolved that the thanks of this Presb. be presented to Mr Shear for the faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of the office, and that he be earnestly requested to withdraw his resignation. Mr Shear acceded to this unanimous wish of the Presbytery.

The Treasurer was directed to pay Mr Petrie the balance due him for his expenses in attending the Genl. Assembly.

The committee on the Report of the Treasurer recommended the approval of it. The Report of the Com. was adopted.

Adjourned until to morrow morning half past eight O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning, half past 8 O'clock, Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Committee of Review The following committees of Review were appointed viz. Messrs Church and Childs on the Records of the Washington Church; Safford and Groves on those of Greensboro; Hoyt and Robinson on those of Mount Zion; Petrie, Baker, and Clemens on those of Augusta; Goulding and Shear, on those of Macon; Baldwin and Stephens on those of Madison; Baker and Wiley on those of Athens; Safford & Newton on those of Milledgeville; Baldwin and Groves on those of Sandy Creek.

Mr Bartledge sent his Exegesis, and it was referred to Messrs Safford and Newton.

The committees of review reported, and recommended that the Books respectively be approved. The Report was adopted.

Messrs Newton and Shear were appointed a committee on Finance. — Roswell Hubbert Elder from Greensboro. appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mount Lion, April 1844.

The committee on the Latin exegesis of Mr Bartledge recommended its approval. The report was adopted.

Presbytery took a recess to allow the Domestic Missionary Society an opportunity of holding its annual meeting. After that business was resumed.

Committee
Theol. Sem.

Messrs Petrie, Dod, and Shear were appointed a committee to attend the examination of students in the Theological Seminary.

J. W. Baker, Bishop, and Otis Childs, Elder, were appointed Com-Commissioners missionaries to the General assembly; and G. W. W. Petrie, Bishop, and James McDowall, Elder, were appointed alternates.

Clark
received
as a candidate

William Clark, a graduate of Dartmouth College, a member & Elder of the Watonton Church was introduced to Presb. for the purpose of being taken under its care as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Presbytery, after a satisfactory examination on Experimental Religion, and his motives for seeking the holy office, received him.

"An. Ecclesia infallibilis sit?" was assigned Mr Clark for a Latin Exegesis. - Rom. 5:1-5 for a critical exercise; - Luke 18, 1-8 for a Lecture; John 3:3 for a popular Sermon.

Heb. 7:2,3. was assigned to Mr Bartledge for a critical exercise.

contingent
fund.

The following contributions were made to the contingent fund viz. Sandy Creek \$4.00; South Liberty 5.00; Millidgeville 15.00. Ebenezer Clark Co. 2:00; Salem 10.00 Bethany 5.00; Madison 3.00.

The free conversation on the state of religion was held.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning half past eight O'clock, concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning half past eight O'clock, Presb. met and was opened with Prayer.

R. H. Randolph, Elder from Macon, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Committee
on the
exam.
of Candi-
dates.

The following standing committees were appointed to conduct the examination of Candidates for Licensure and Ordination, viz. On Languages Talmage and Reed; ^{by Bowman} On Arts and Sciences Church, Goulding and Dod; on Theology, Bowman, Petrie, and Baldwin; on Ecclesiastical History, Hoyt, Hooke, and Baker; on Church Government, and the Sacraments, Chamberlain, Safford, and Carter.

The Treasurer was directed to publish the appointment on the churches in the Observer, and request delinquent churches to forward their contributions to him.

Mount Zion. April 1844.

Resolved, unanimously, that we highly approve of the Colporteur system, as it is now prosecuted by the American Tract Society, and that we recommend to all our churches a cordial cooperation with the General Agent, the Rev. Mr Parmelee, and the other brethren, who are engaged in circulating the word of God, and other good books.

Mr Homer Hender, having passed thro a regular course in the Theological Seminary, asked to be licensed. He exhibited all the parts of trial, & was examined on all the subjects required by our form of Government, and all these being satisfactory, he was licensed to preach the Gospel as a Probationer.

Resolved, that it be a standing rule of Presb. that committees of Review shall make their reports in writing of all errors in the Records, and these errors shall be written in those Records, that they may be corrected.

Recess was taken until half past two, when business was resumed.

Mr Henry L. Bullen, a graduate of Dartmouth College, was introduced to Presb. to be taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Evidence of his church membership was presented; he was examined on Experimental Religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry - this examination being satisfactory he was received.

"An sit Spiritus, Divinae Personae" was assigned to Mr Bullen for a Latin Exegesis; Heb. 1. for a critical Exercise; Mark 10:17-23. for a Lecture; John 5:9 for a sermon.

The committee on the supply of the destitute churches made the following report which was adopted, viz: Concord to be supplied by Church, Carter and McBryde; Lincoln by Petrie and Dod; South Liberty by Church, Reid and Petrie; Madison, by Hayt, Bowman and Martin; Danielsville by Hayt, Gafford and McBryde; Crawfordville by Reid and Martin; Louisville by Gaulding and Dod.

At seven o'clock Presb. spent a pleasant and profitable season in devotional exercises, and then

Adjourned to meet at Thyatira on Thursday before the third Sabbath in August next at 11 o'clock A.M. Concluded with prayer and the apostolic Benediction.

John W. Reid, Moderator
Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk.

Thyatira August 1844.

Thyatira, August 15. 1844 Thursday 11 O'clock A.M. Presb. met and a sermon was preached by the Moderator on Rom. 4:20. The session was opened with Prayer. Present

Ministers
Edward Pharr
Nathan Hoyt D.D.
John Harrison
Francis Bowman
John W. Reid.
Henry Sofford
Hampden C. Carter
John C. Baldwin.

Elders
James Orr. Thyatira
E.L. Newton Athens
William Turk New Lebanon
Samuel Groves Newhope
William Matthews. Sandy Creek.

Absent. Church, Talmage, Chamberlain, Gausdery, Baker, Beman, Petrie, Dod.

John C. Baldwin was chosen Moderator.

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

Prayer was taken until two O'clock, when business was resumed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Rev. J. S. McBryde, of the Charleston Presb. being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Dr Church communicated reasons for absence which were sustained.

Mrs Reid and Orr were appointed a committee on the devotional exercises of Presbytery.

The free conversation was made the order of the day for to morrow morning nine O'clock. and Messrs Petrie and Matthews were appointed a committee on the Narrative.

G. H. W. Petrie and C. S. Dod ministers; and Samuel Wilson, elder from Gainesville, and David King of Concord, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Sparta Church organized It was reported to Presbytery that a Presbyterian Church has been organized in Sparta, called the "Sparta Presbyterian Church." It was received under the care of Presbytery.

Messrs Dod, Petrie, and Newton were appointed a committee on the minutes of the Assembly.

Newton's trials. Henry Newton presented an Exegesis, and a critical exercise which were sustained. as parts of trial. Luke 19:1-9 was assigned to him for a Lecture, and Heb. 12:1 for a Sermon.

R. Chamberlain appeared. His reasons for tardiness were sustained.

Thyatira, August, 1844.

Messrs Reed, Chamberlain, and Newton, were appointed a committee on the supply of destitute churches.

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

Friday morning 8 O'clock. Presb. met, and was opened with Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The order of the day was postponed.

Complaint &
Petition

Mr Dod presented a Complaint and Petition from the Pastor and two Elders of the Augusta Church, which after some discussion were withdrawn by Mr Dod.

William F. Neal Elder from Hebron appeared.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presb. at Lexington on Thursday before the third Sabbath in April next at seven O'clock P. M.

The Commissioner to the General Assembly made his report which was approved.

Those churches which have not taken up collections for domestic missions, were directed to do so as soon as practicable.

Pater Fleming Elder from the Augusta Church appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The committee on the supply of destitute churches made the following report which was adopted: viz Lincolnton and South Liberty to be supplied by J. C. Baldwin; Crawfordville by Reed and Martin; Sparta by Bowman, Talmage and Baker; Turkey Creek by Carter and Hender; Hopewell by Chamberlain; Monticello by Bowman; Gainesville by Church; Concord by Saffora; Devilsville by Saffora; Louisville by Doe and Gauding; Clarksville by Dod, Hoyt and Carter.

The committee on the minutes of the Assembly made the following report which was adopted. viz.

Resolved, that this Presb. regard with grief and anxiety the prevalence of Sabbath breaking, and earnestly exhort all ministers and Elders and Churches in its connexion to exert all possible influence of example, instruction and exhortation to promote the holy observance of that day; and that each minister preach on the subject before the next meeting of Presbytery.

The following overture was received. viz Is the requisition of a Pastor for the certification of an Extract from the Session Book a "proper requisition" within the meaning of the Form of Government Ch. 20? Or has the Clerk a right to withhold such certification at his discretion? The first was answered in the affirmative; the second in the negative.

Thyatira. August. 1844.

Adjourned until half past nine O'clock to morrow morning.
Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning half past nine O'clock. Presb. met. and was
opened with Prayer.

Complaint &
Petition against
Petition
granted.

The Complaint and Petition from the minority of the Session
of the Augusta church was brought again before Presbytery. The Prayer
of the Petitioners, which is as follows was granted. "They do respectfully
and earnestly ^{request} the Presbytery to order the Session of the Augusta church
to convene a meeting of the members of said church on the second Monday
of November next, at half past three O'clock in the afternoon, in the church
building; - that the first question proposed to said meeting be; "shall
there be now an election for additional Elders?" to be decided by ballot; if
it be decided in the affirmative, that the second question be, "what number
of new Elders shall be chosen to be ~~decided~~ *decided* viva voce; - that the next
proceeding of said meeting be a nomination by ballot.

Paul F. Eve } Elders
Porter Fleming }
Charles S. Dod. Bishop.

The following Overture was received: viz

Overture
answered

What is meant by the act of a judicatory "confirming their minutes?"
Answer. In the opinion of Presb. it means simply a confirmation of
the historical accuracy of the Record.

\$1000. for
Missions

Resolved that this Presb. will endeavor to raise \$1000. within the
next 12 month for the support of domestic missions.

Adjourned to meet in Lexington on Thursday before the third
Sabbath in April next at seven O'clock P.M. Concluded with Prayer.

John C. Baldwin Moderator
Francis Bowman. Stated Clerk.

Washington. Nov. 1844. Called meeting.

The moderator, at the request of two ministers and two Elders, called a meeting of Presbytery on the 27th of Nov. 1844, at three O'clock ^{P.M.} in Washington, to consider the expediency of receiving the Washington Female Seminary ^{under} its supervision. The Presbytery met accordingly, and was opened with Prayer. Present.

N. Hoyt D.D. R. Chamberlain, F. Bowman, J. W. Reid, G. H. W. Peck, C. S. Dod, J. C. Baldwin. Ministers; - R. H. Randolph of Macon; J. F. Phinizy, Athens; A. S. Wingfield, Washington; C. W. Gresham, Salem. Elders.

The following Overture was laid before Presbytery viz.

"The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church & Washington Female Seminary, respectfully submit to ^{the} Presbytery of Hopewell the following Overture, in correspondence with a Resolution of their body, passed ^{Washington} ^{Female} ^{Seminary} unanimously, Wednesday October 30th 1844: -

"Resolved, That it is the disposition of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church and Washington Female Seminary to place their Seminary under the ecclesiastical supervision and control of the Presbytery of Hopewell, in the following manner; viz. -

That, while we do not propose any alteration in the present management of the pecuniary affairs of the Institution, we offer to the Presb. the confirmation ~~or~~ rejection of our nomination of Principal, and will render to the Presbytery an annual Report of all matters touching the character and interests of the Institution: - And we request, in behalf of the Seminary, their recommendation, and patronage, and influence.

"It is understood that, in relation to the supervision herein requested, no interference with the chartered privileges of the Trustees & their pledges to the public is contemplated."

Signed, by order of the Board

A. L. Alexander, Chairman"

A. S. Wingfield, Secretary.

In reference to the above Overture Presb. adopted the following Resolution: - viz.

Resolved, That this Presb. is fully impressed with ^{the} importance of uniting moral and religious influence with intellectual and culture in the education of the youth of both sexes; and we think ^{it} highly desirable, and even necessary, to have under the care of the Presbyterian Church in Georgia, such an Institution as the Washington Female Seminary.

Washington. Nov. 1844.

II. That we approve the foregoing proposition of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, and Washington Female Seminary, and do hereby agree to exercise the ecclesiastical supervision of said Seminary according to the principles therein expressed.

III. That we have entire confidence in the proper management of this Institution, and do cordially recommend it to the congregations under our care, and to the public; and we engage to it ~~the~~ patronage and influence of this body.

Petrie

The Board of Trustees nominated the Rev. Geo. H. W. Petrie for Principal of the Institution; and the nomination was cordially confirmed by the Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned. Concluded with Prayer.

J. C. Baldwin Moderator

Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk.

Lexington, Thursday, April, 17th 1845. 7 O'clock P. M.

Presbytery met. A Sermon was preached by the Moderator, on Acts 20:21. The Session was opened with Prayer. Present

| Ministres | Elders |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| N. Hayt D.D. | James Dunn. Bethany. |
| A. Church D.D. | Jas. H. Lumpkin, Lexington. |
| J. R. Talmage. | E. L. Newton, Athens. |
| H. Saffra, | Mylo G. Harris, Sparta. |
| F. Bowman, | John R. Dow, Augusta. |
| F. R. Goulding, | J. M. Smith Sandy Creek |
| J. W. Reid, | William Clark. Eatonton. |
| G. H. W. Petrie, | |
| R. Hooker, | |
| J. C. Baldwin, | |
| C. S. Dod. | |

Absent. E. Pharr, J. Harrison, R. Chamberlain J. W. Baker, H. P. Beman, A. N. Cunningham.

A. Church D.D. was chosen Moderator.

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

Friday morning nine O'clock. Presb met & was opened with Prayer. - The minutes of the last stated meeting & of the called meeting were read and confirmed.

H. C. Carter Minister, and James S. Orr, Elder from Thyatira appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Absentees. Messrs Talmage, Goulding, and Hooker rendered reasons called on. for absence from the last stated meeting which were sustained. J. W. Baker communicated reasons for absence from this meeting which were sustained.

A certificate of dismissal of the Rev. S. S. Davis from the Presbytery of Albany, and a recommendation to this Presb. J. S. Davis was received; - whereupon, it was

resolved, that in this case, the Rule, requiring examination, be suspended, and that brother Davis received.

Messrs Reid Petrie and Lumpkin, were appointed a committee on the devotional exercises of Presbytery.

A communication from the Charleston Union Presbytery, was received and referred to Messrs Carter, Talmage, & Lumpkin.

Lexington, April, 1845.

Mr Clark presented his Latin Exegesis, which was referred to Messrs Talmage and Rice. He read his Critical Exercise, and Lecture. He was examined on the arts and sciences; Theology, in Latin, and Greek Languages, Eccl. History, Church Government, and the Sacraments - all of which were sustained, as parts of trial. His Latin Exegesis was sustained.

John Cunningham, Elder from Greensboro, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presb. had a recess until three O'clock - when business was resumed.

The following committees of review were appointed, viz,

Messrs Talmage and Norton on the Sessional Records of the Washington church; Safford and Harris on those of Athens; Gauding and Dow, on those of Hyattsville; Hoyt and Cunningham on those of Augusta; Baldwin and Orr, on those of New Lebanon; Dod and Dunn on those of Sandy Creek; Carter Smith on those of Lincolnton; Talmage and Cunningham on those of Salem.

Francis Bowman, Bishop, and Joseph H. Lumpkin, Elder were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly, and Nathan Hayward alternate to the first.

The committees of review reported and recommended that the Books respectively be approved. The reports were adopted.

Resolved, that Presbytery recommend to all our Churches, that generally, in cases where persons, from a distance, are hopefully converted among them, then, instead of receiving them on profession, they advise such persons to return home and offer themselves for admission into the churches to which they naturally belong; - provided they reside in the neighborhood of Presbyterian Churches where the ordinances of religion are regularly enjoyed.

Presbytery determined to hold its next stated meeting in Athens on the second weansday of October next, at seven O'clock. P. M.

An Appeal of William Shear from a decision of the Session of the Augusta Church, was received. Some progress in the reading of the papers was made, when it was suspended, and a recess was taken until half past seven O'clock, at which time business was resumed.

Mr Clark read a popular Sermon, which was sustained as a part of trials.

At Lexington, the 18th day of April 1845. the Presbytery of Licensed Hopewell, having received testimonials in favor of William Clark, of his having gone thro' a regular course of Literature; of his good moral Character;

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and of his being in communion of the church: proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he, having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presb. did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the question appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby do, license the said William Clark, to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presb., or wherever else he may be orderly called.

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

Saturday morning, half past 8 O'clock, Presbytery met, and was opened with Prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs Gauding and Dow, were appointed a committee on the minutes of Synod.

The appeal of Mr Shear was taken up, and the reading of the Shear's Records in the case was finished. Mr Shear was heard in support of his appeal. A member of the Synod explained ^{the} grounds of their decision. This business was here arrested, and ~~the Synod~~

Presbytery engaged in the free conversation on the state of religion - Messrs Baldwin, Petrie and Harris were appointed a committee on the Narrative.

The organization of a ^{Presbyterian} Church at Clarksville, consisting of seventeen members, with two Elders, was reported; and it was taken organized under the care of Presbytery.

Messrs Carter, Petrie, and Cunningham were appointed a committee on the supply of the destitute churches.

Recs was taken until half past two O'clock, at which time business was resumed.

R. Hooker obtained leave of absence.

Resolved that this Presb. cordially approve the "Memorial" of the Georgia Presbytery in relation to the religious instruction of the negroes, dated April 6th 1844, and would with great confidence request the Assembly's Board of Missions to consider this portion of the charge of this Presb. as a portion of their missionary field; - the Board acting according to their usual mode thro' Presb. or its committee.

Lexington April 1845.

The committee on the supply of destitute churches recommended the following meetings which were ordered viz a three days meeting at Monticello by Hooker and Clark; a three days meeting at Clarksville by Dod and Carter; a Communion meeting at Newhope by Church and Safford. Noyt, Petrie Churches and Talmage were directed to supply the pulpit in Greensboro. one Sabbath each during the absence of the Commissioner to the General Assembly; and Baker and Beman to supply the pulpit at Mount Zion one Sabbath each during the same time.

A. Resolved that it be a standing Rule to appoint at each stated meeting of Presbytery, one or more of the members to prepare each a Presbyterial exercise on some assigned subject to be read at the succeeding meeting.

The following contributions were made to the contingent fund viz.

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| Augusta | \$50.00 |
| Athens | 35.00 |
| Macon | 50.00 |
| Washington | 20.00 |
| Greensboro | 15.00 |
| Salun | 10.00 |
| Mount Zion | 5.00 |
| Phytira | 10.00 |
| Madison | 5.00 |
| Lanay Creek | 5.00 |
| Ebenezer Clark | 2.00 |
| Sparta | 5.00. |
| Lincolnton | 5.00 |
| South Liberty | 3.00 |

The Treasurer was directed to pay to each of the Commissioners one hundred dollars to defray their expenses to the Genl. Assembly.

Charleston U. Presbytery. The committee on the communication from the Charleston Union Presbytery, reported that it is inexpedient to take any action on the communication subject. The Report was adopted.

Resolved that, in view of the great exertions which a few individuals in Madison have made to build a Presbyterian House of Worship in that place, and that in so doing they have incurred a debt of considerable amount which still is unpaid, this Presb. do earnestly recommend to the Assembly's "Committee on Church extension" to afford the Trustees of the Madison Church such aid as it may be in their power to grant.

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The unfinished business, viz. the appeal of Mr Shear, was taken up, and the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted viz.

Resolved. That the case of Brother Benjamin Hall be remitted to the Session of his church.

Resolved further. That while this Presb. are clearly of opinion that his employment in the Post-office is not such a work of necessity as will justify the habitual violation of the Sabbath; still they would recommend great prudence and forbearance by his session in any action which it may become their duty to adopt respecting the matter.

Samuel Groves Elder from Newhope, appeared and urged satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A recess was taken until half past seven O'clock, at which time Presb. engaged in devotional exercises, according to the order recommended by the Committee.

The Committee on the Narrative made a report which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly.

Mr Dox was directed to prepare a Presbyterial Exercise on the subject. "How may a more full and regular attendance of the members of this body, and especially of the Eldership, be permanently secured?" assigned. "Infant Baptism" was assigned to Dr. Mayt to be presented at the next annual meeting. The "Rule of Faith" was assigned to Mr Harker to be presented at the next stated meeting.

The members of the Crawfordville Church desired Presb. to dissolve that church. Presb. therefore, ordered that said church be dissolved; and that those members who were dismissed from neighboring churches, to form that church, be considered as members of those churches, dissolved and the sessions are directed to enrol their names accordingly, and those who have joined that church since its organization, or who were previously members of neighboring churches, are directed to apply for admission into such churches as may be most convenient.

Adjourned to meet in Athens on the eighth day of October next, Wednesday, at seven O'clock P.M. Closed with Prayer, and the Apostolical Benediction.

A. Church, Moderator
Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk.

Approved in Synod at Macon, Nov. 21st 1845.

J. Goulding Moderator

John S. Wilson,

Stated Clerk, Synod of Georgia

Athens, Wednesday, October 8th 1845

Seven O'clock P.M. Presbytery met. The evening was very rainy, in consequence of which, no congregation assembled, and only the following members were present, viz

Presbytery opened.

- | Ministers | Elders |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| A. Church D.D. | Saml. Groves, Newhope, |
| H. Safford. | J. F. Phinizy, Athens, |
| G. N. W. Petrie, | A. J. Harwell, Mount Lion. |
| J. C. Baldwin. | |

There being no congregation the sermon, designed to be preached at the opening of the Session was postponed. Presbytery was opened with Prayer, & then adjourned until to morrow morning nine O'clock, closed with Prayer.

Sermon Postponed

Thursday morning nine O'clock, Presb. met and was opened with Prayer. There were present in addition to those of last night.

- | Ministers | Elders |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| C. S. Dod, | John R. Dow, Augusta, |
| Francis Bowman | Arch. McDonald, Hebron, |
| Nathan Hoyt D.D. | D. M. Burns, Phytzra. |
| F. R. Goulding | |

Absent. S. K. Talmage, D.D. J. Harrison; R. Cham-berlain; John W. Reid; John W. Baker; Richard Hooker; C. P. Beman, H. C. Carter, Saml. S. Davis D.D.

Absentees.

Charles S. Dod was chosen moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. S. S. Davis communicated, for reasons, in writing, for absence which were sustained.

Minutes Read.

Presbytery, having satisfactory evidence that the Rev. A. N. Cunningham has joined an ecclesiastical body not in our connection, ordered that his name be omitted on our Roll.

Cunningham's Name Omitted on the Roll.

Messrs Hoyt, Church, & Phinizy were appointed a Committee on the devotional exercises of the congregation and of the Presbytery.

Messrs Bowman, Petrie, and Dow, were appointed a Committee on the minutes of the last Genl. Assembly.

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Those who were appointed at the last meeting, to supply destitute churches, were called on to state what they had done. It appeared that the order had been complied with.

A communication on the subject of Domestic Missions, & Missions from Dr. Wm. A. McDowell, was received, and referred to the Board of Missions of this Presbytery.

John W. Reid, & Francis F. Fleming, Elders from Lincoln-ton appeared, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

It was ordered that the sermon which was to have been preached at the opening of Presb. be preached to night at seven o'clock.

The free conversation on the state of Religion was made the order of the day for to morrow at three o'clock, & Messrs Goulding, Reid and Fleming, were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative for Synod.

Messrs Petrie and Burns were appointed a committee on the minutes of Synod.

A recess was taken until half past two, at which time business was resumed.

H. C. Carter appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr Doa read a Presbyterial exercise on the subject assigned to him, viz. "How can a more full and regular attendance of the members of this body, and especially of the Eldership be permanently secured?" After which, the following Resolutions were adopted, viz

I. Resolved, That the Stated Clerk keep a Record, in tabular form, of the attendance of ministers, and delegates from the churches, upon the meetings of Presbytery; - and that he report especially to the Presbytery, at each stated meeting the names of Ministers, ^{and churches} that have failed twice in succession to attend.

II Resolved, That a committee be appointed to lay before Presbytery a Circular letter, to be sent to each session in our bounds, urging upon them the importance and the obligation of their attendance upon Presbyterial and Synodical meetings.

III Resolved, That Mr Doa be requested to

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send a copy of his Essay to the Editor of the Watchman & Observer for publication in that paper, and that a No. of the paper, containing the Essay, be procured for each church Session.

Printing
Dod's
Essay.

Messrs Petrie and Groves were appointed the committee under the second of the foregoing Resolutions.

J. W. Baker appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The commissioner to the General assembly made his Report, and the Treasurer was directed to pay him \$25.00 in addition to what had been paid him.

Report
of
Commissioner

Resolved. That a committee of three ministers and three elders be appointed to divide our bounds into convenient districts, according to the number of ministers, assigning one district to each minister; and that it be the duty of each minister to acquire, between the present time and the Spring meeting of Presbytery, all possible information bearing on our Missionary work, in his district; to give at least two Sabbaths to the work of personal visitation and preaching, in his district; and as many days of the week as maybe convenient; and to lay a full report of the same, in writing, before the Presbytery at its Spring meeting.

Division
into
Districts

Resolved. That said committee draft and lay before Presbytery, a letter to be a guide to ministers in prosecuting their investigation, and making their Reports.

Messrs Carter, Reid, Baker, Johnson, Burns, and McDonald, were appointed on that committee.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery in Sparta, on Thursday, the 9th of April next, at seven O'clock P. M.

Place of next
meeting,
and
Time.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning, nine O'clock concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning nine O'clock. Presb. met & was opened with Prayer.

William Turk, Elder from New Lebanon, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr Cartledge read a critical exercise, and as he has not yet completed his literary course in College, and as the subject which was assigned him, is one of great difficulty &

Cartledge's
Critical
Exercise.

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importance, and which requires the best opportunities for investigation; it was referred to him again for further consideration, & he was required to present another piece on the same subject, at some future time.

Subjects assigned to Mr Cartledge; The first Psalm for a Lecture & John 3:17 for Cartledge a Sermon.

S. K. Talmage D.D. sent, in writing, his reasons for absence from this meeting, which were sustained.

Report on the order for Devotional Exercises. The Committee on the devotional exercises of Presbytery made the following report which was adopted, viz,

1. Hymn by the Moderator. 2. Prayer by Br. Carter. 3. Reading Scripture by Br. Goulding. 4. Address to Ministers & Elders by Br. Bowman. 5. Hymn by Br. Baldwin. 6. Address to the people by Br. Baker. 7. Prayer by Br. Petrie.

Death of E. Pharr. Whereas Almighty God, in his wise Providence, has removed from his earthly labors, our venerable & much beloved brother, and faithful minister of Christ, the Rev. Edward E. Pharr, the oldest member of this Presbytery. Therefore

Resolved, that while we mourn the loss, sustained by the Church in the death of this devoted minister, we bow in submission to the will of the great Head of the Church.

Resolved that we sympathize with the bereaved widow and family of our departed brother; & rejoice that they are sustained & comforted with confidence, that, what to them is an irreparable loss, is to him unspeakable gain.

Petition of Hendee. A Petition was received from members of the Presbyterian Church and congregation in Clarksville, desiring Presbytery to ordain brother Homer Hendee as an evangelist. In view of the great need of an ordained minister in that part of our bounds, Presbytery determined to grant their request, & to take the requisite steps for his ordination at this time.

Subject for Sermon. The latter clause of Mark 14:72. was assigned to Mr Hendee for a trial sermon. It was resolved, that, inasmuch as the candidate was licensed by this Presbytery, & was, at that time

On what to be Examined. Thoroughly examined on all subjects specified in our Form of Government, except the Hebrew language, he be, at this time, examined only on the Hebrew language; Church government and the Sacraments.

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It was ordered that, if the way be clear, the ordination take place on Sabbath afternoon. Mr Petrie was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and the Moderator to preside, put the usual questions, and give the charge to Evangelist.

Order for
his
Ordination

Presbytery commenced the examination of Henry Newton for License. He was examined on the Latin, Greek, & Hebrew languages. The examination was then suspended.

Newton's
Examination

Mr Burns obtained leave of absence.

A recess was taken until half past two O'clock, at which time business was resumed.

The order of the day, viz, the free conversation on the state of religion, was taken up & gone thro with.

Free
Conversation

A recess was then taken until seven O'clock, at which time Presbytery engaged in devotional exercises, after which it adjourned until to morrow morning nine O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Devotional
Exercises

Saturday morning nine O'clock, Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Mrs Reid and Fleming obtained leave of absence after the morning session.

The committee on the division of our territory into districts made the following report which adopted viz

Report
on
Division
of
Presbytery
into
Districts.

The Counties of Hall & Habersham were assigned to N. Safford.

Jackson, Franklin & Madison, to Dr Church.

Clark and Morgan to Dr Hayt.

Oglethorpe and Taliaferro to J. W. Reid.

Wilkes and Elbert to G. H. W. Petrie

Lincolnton and Columbia to J. C. Baldwin.

Richmond and Warren to C. I. Dod.

Burke and Jefferson to F. R. Goulding.

Greene and Jasper to F. Bowman.

Baldwin and Wilkinson to J. W. Baker.

~~Nancow~~ to C. P. Beman.

Putnam to J. K. Palmage

Bibb. and Twiggs to R. Hooker

Jones to R. Chamberlain

Hauston and Pulaski to H. Hende

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The attention of the brethren in this work, is particularly directed to the following subjects, viz.

I How many Elders and members belong to the churches in your district? How many of them are colored persons, & how many white males?

II How far are they supplied with the preached Gospel, and how do they spend their vacant Sabbaths?

III What is their spiritual state?

IV Are there Sabbath Schools, Bible classes, or Prayer meetings held in your district?

V What attention is paid to the religious instruction of the colored people? Is the way open for preaching to them, and for oral & catechetical instruction?

VI How is the Sabbath observed?

VII Are the people supplied with religious books, & do religious Periodicals circulate among them?

VIII What is the disposition of the people to contribute for the support of the Gospel, and what seems to be their pecuniary ability? Can you secure any definite, conditional pledges?

IX. Is there in your district any particular field that now requires a Missionary? How many preaching stations, & what would be the probable audience at each? What provision could now be made for the support of a Missionary, and what are the prospects for the future?

X What encouragements and what obstacles may be expected in the prosecution of our domestic missionary work in your district?

Hendee's

Sermon &

Examination

Report on

Minutes of

Assembly.

Mr Hendee preached a sermon on the subject assigned, which was sustained as a part of trials for ordination. His examination on the Hebrew language, on Church Government, and the sacraments, was also sustained.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted; viz

I Resolved, That the decision of the last General Slavery Assembly on the subject of Slavery is highly satisfactory

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to this Presbytery, and, as we believe, to the entire Christian community, of all evangelical denominations at the South.

II. Resolved, That the decision of the said Assembly, in regard to baptism in the Church of Rome, meets with the entire approbation of this Presbytery. Romish Baptism

Mr Newton was examined on Science, Theology, Ecclesiastical History; Church Government, and the Sacraments. He read a Lecture and a Sermon; all of which were sustained as parts of trial. Examined

As the parts of trial having been satisfactory, Presbytery licensed him as follows, on Sabbath afternoon;

At Athens, on the 12th day of October, 1845, the Presbytery of Hopewell having received testimonials in favor of Mr Henry Newton, 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 his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity, and other studies, the presbytery, ^{did} and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he, having adopted the confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby do, license him, the said Henry Newton, to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he may be orderly called. Licenses H. Newton

The committee on the Narrative made a report which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod. Narrative.

N. Hoyt was appointed to address the ministers and Elders, and G. H. W. Petrie to address the people, at the next meeting of the Presbytery - and F. Bowman, & C. L. Dod. alternates. F. Bowman was appointed to preach the missionary Sermon. Appointments

R. Hooker was directed to be ready with his Presbyterial Exercise at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess until three o'clock. Sabbath afternoon, at which time Presbytery, ^{proceeded} to the ordination of Mr Hender. Ordination
G. H. W. Petrie preached the Ordination sermon, the moderator, presided of
and put the constitutional questions, which being answered in the affirmative by the candidate, he was, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, ordained to the work of the work of the Mr Hender.

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ministry as an Evangelist. A solemn charge was given, and he took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned until Monday morning nine o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Monday morning, nine o'clock, Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Presbytery determined to come into auxiliary connexion Ex. Com. with the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions. The following executive of Committee was appointed, the seat of whose operations is to be in Augusta, viz Domestic C. S. Dod, Chairman, Benj. Hall, Dr Paul F. Eve, William Sheer; John Missions. R. Dow; Andrew J. Miller, James McDowall; Porter Fleming; Nathan Hoyt; E. L. Newton; F. Bowman; John Cunningham; R. Hooker; Eugenius A. Nisbet; G. N. W. Petrie; and F. R. Goulding.

This committee is to meet at the call of the chairman, and three members shall constitute a Quorum. It is to be appointed Rules. at each annual meeting of the Presbytery, & it is to make a report at each stated meeting of Presbytery. - John R. Dow was appointed Treasurer.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Sparta, on Thursday, Adjournment the ninth day of April next, at seven o'clock P. M. Concluded with Prayer, and the Apostolical Benediction.

Charles S. Dod Moderator
Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk,

Sparta, April, 9. 1846. Thursday. 7 O'clock P.M.

Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by the Moderator, on 1 Tim. IV. 16. "Take heed unto thyself, & unto the doctrine, continue in them, for in ~~so~~ doing this, thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." The session was opened with Prayer. Present.

| Ministers | Elders |
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| Nathan Hoyt, D.D. | Roswell Hurlbert, Greensboro. |
| R. Chamberlain | John R. Dow, Augusta. |
| Francis Bowman. | D. W. M. Junkin, Salem. |
| John W. Reid. | Jas G. M. Lester, Hyattsville. |
| John W. Baker | James McDonald, New Lebanon. |
| Hampden C. Carter. | Francis F. Fleming, Lincolnton. |
| John C. Baldwin | Henry A. Clemens, South Liberty. |
| Charles S. Dod | Wm. A. Clark, Eatonton. |
| Homer Hendee. | |

Absent, Alonzo Church D.D. Saml. S. Davis D.D. Henry Lafford Francis R. Goulding, Carlisle P. Beman, Richard Hooker, G. H. W. Petrie.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning, half past 8 O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning, half past eight O'clock, Presb. met. and was opened with Prayer.

Hampden C. Carter was elected Moderator.

F. R. Goulding appeared in Presb. and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. — R. Chamberlain rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting. — Messrs Church and Talmage communicated reasons in writing for absence from the present meeting, which were sustained.

The part of Dr Talmage's letter, which related to Oglethorpe University, was referred to Messrs Chamberlain, Dod, and M. Junkin.

Rev. Ferdinand Jacobs, of the Bethel Presbytery, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

John R. Dow, a member and Elder of the Augusta Church, asked to be taken under the care of Presb. as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. He was examined as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and his motives for seeking the sacred office. This examination was satisfactory, and he was received.

Reasons for absence. Dow taken under the care of Presb.

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Joseph Bryan, Elder from Mount Zion appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Louisville Church Organized
Presb. was informed that a Presbyterian Church had been organized in Louisville, called the Louisville Church, with Roger Gamble and John P. Eve Ruling Elders. This Church was taken under the care of Presbytery, and John P. Eve took his seat in Presb. as a Delegate from that Church.

At half past ten, Presb. took a recess for public worship; after which business was resumed.

C. P. Beman appeared in Presb. & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness at this, and for absence from past meetings.

S. S. Davis Dismissed
Samuel S. Davis D.D. made application, in writing, for a dispensation, to join the Harmony Presb. It was ordered that he be and he hereby is dismissed, and recommended to the Harmony Presbytery, as a member in good standing.

It was ordered that the Missionary sermon be preached to ^{morning} morning at 11 O'clock.

Presb. took a recess until half past two O'clock. at which time business was resumed.

The Treasurer's Report was received, and referred to Messrs Goulding and Eve.

Dow's Parts of Trials
The following parts of trial were assigned to Mr Dow. viz
An anima immortalis sit? for a Latin Exercise.
Heb. II. 14-18. for a critical Exercise. Rev. 20: 11-15 for a Lecture.
I Thes. 5: 9, 10. for a Sermon.

Minutes to be Printed.
Resolved, That the Minutes of this Presbytery, to the extent of 150 copies, be published, each year, in pamphlet form, after the semiannual meeting.

Mr Dod obtained leave of absence after this evening.

The Treasurer was directed to pay Mr Dow four Dollars, to defray the expense of printing the Circular Letter adopted at the last meeting.

Committee of Review.
The following committees of review were appointed. viz.
Messrs Hoyt and Fleming on the Records of the Greensboro Church; -
Goulding and M'Lester on those of Lincolnton; Chamberlain and C. James on those of Augusta; Reid and Bryan on those of Louisville; Baker and Dow, on those of Phytaria; Baldwin and McDonald on those of Athens; Safford and Hulbert on those of Sparta; Reid & M'Junkin on those of Macon.

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The Committee to whom The Treasurer's Report was referred, reported that the account is correct. The report was adopted.

Messrs Baker and Bryan were appointed a Committee to consider by what means the contingent fund of Presbytery may be increased and to report.

R. Hooker and H. Safford appeared in Presbytery, & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Executive Committee of Domestic Missions made their Report, which was approved, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the minutes. Report of
Ex. Com. D. M.

The present Executive Committee was reappointed.

The reception of statistical Reports, and the Free Conversation on the state of Religion was made the order of the day for to morrow morning, 9 O'clock. Messrs Baldwin and Dow were appointed a Committee to prepare the Narrative for the General Assembly.

A recess was taken to afford the Domestic Missionary Society an opportunity to hold its annual meeting. The recess was continued until after public worship to night. At that time business was resumed.

Rev. J. B. Pinney, of the Philadelphia Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presb. in Greensboro' on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October next at seven O'clock P. M. Place of
next meeting

It was determined to hold an adjourned meeting in Louisville on Friday before the third Sabbath in May, at half past seven O'clock P. M. Adjourned
meeting.

Adjourned until to morrow morning at half past eight O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Saturday morning half past eight O'clock, Presb. met and was opened with Prayer.

G. W. Petrie appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Committees of Review reported and recommended that the Books respectively be approved. The Reports were adopted.

Presbytery took up the order of the day, and heard reports

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on the state of religion, and received the statistical Reports.

The following contributions were received for the contingent fund viz.

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| Milledgeville (2 years) | \$30.20 |
| South Liberty | 3.00 |
| Lincolnton | 5.00 |
| Phytica | 10.00 |
| New Lebanon | 4.00 |
| Augusta | 50.00 |
| Louisville | 5.00 |
| Sandy Creek | 5.00 |
| Ebenezer | 1.00 |
| Athens | 12.00 |
| Greensboro' | 10.00 |

Dr Brown, Elder of the Sparta Church, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Report of
Washington

Female

Seminary, Berlin, and Bowman.

G. N. W. Petrie, Principal of the "Washington Female Seminary," presented the Report of the Board relative to the condition of that Institution, which was referred to Messrs Cham-

berlain, and Bowman. Samuel K. Talmage D.D. Minister, and Paul F. Eve, Commissioned Elders were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly; - and Nathan Hagt D.D. Minister and John R. Dow, Elder were appointed Alternates.

The Committee to whom the letter of Dr. Talmage was referred, made the following Report which was adopted, viz

Report

Oglethorpe
University

This Presbytery cannot but feel a deep interest in ~~this~~ Oglethorpe University, it having originated with us more than ten years ago, when we expressed our decided opinion that, ^{the} religious Education of our sons was the imperative duty of the Church; - and when we saw clearly, that, unless we raised up religious young men of our ^{our} families, our Churches would not soon be furnished with an efficient ministry. Nearly at the same time our brethren of other denominations, fully convinced that we were right, proceeded to establish universities of their own. And we cannot but be gratified that our University has been received under the care of the ^{Synod of} South Carolina and Georgia; and that the Synod

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of Alabama has come, with great liberality, to our assistance in completing the endowment of it. But our work is not yet done. It is indispensably necessary, that, in addition to the thirty five thousand Dollars, or more, of permanent funds now raised the Georgia and Florida Professorship should be endowed as speedily as possible. This, together with what South Carolina is doing, & with what Alabama has done, the Institution, with the blessing of God, is safe; - and we may then fully realize the delightful privilege of educating our sons in an institution under the care of our own church. Therefore

Resolved, that ^{we} will encourage all our churches and friends to lend their aid to establish and fully to endow Oglethorpe University.

Presbytery took up the several parts of Mr Buller's trials in order to licensure. His Latin Exegesis was committed to C. P. Beman; his Critical Exercise to Dr Brown; the Lecture to J. W. Reid; he read a sermon; he was examined on the Latin and Greek languages; on arts and science; on Theology; and Ecclesiastical History. all of which were sustained. The Committee to whom the parts of trial were referred, recommended their approbation, and they were approved. It was determined to license him on Sabbath afternoon, at three o'clock.

Giles M. Blanchard, a member of the Sparta church, and a graduate of Dartmouth College, was introduced to be taken under its care, as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. After a satisfactory examination as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry, he was received. The first ten chapters of the Confession of Faith were assigned to Mr Blanchard.

A recess was taken until after public worship to night, after which business was resumed.

The Committee on the Narrative made a report which was adopted, and the Narrative was ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Female Seminary; presented the following minute, which was adopted by

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It is with great pleasure ~~that~~ we discover that this Institution is yet in its forward march of doing good. It must be a great cause of gratification to its founders and patrons, to see that the investment of a few thousand Dollars should yield so rich a harvest of good. The religious education of our sons and daughters must be ever be accompanied with the happiest influences both to Church and State. We know not what better this Presbytery can do than to request the Board of Trustees to publish this Report, or such parts of it as they may think best, that our reading community may become more extensively acquainted with the many advantages, which may be enjoyed in that Seminary.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of assessment, made the following Report, which was adopted. viz

I Resolved, that the present assessment be ~~so~~ altered in regard to the following churches. viz. Athens \$50.00. Sparta 10. Lincoln 7.00. and Clarksville 5.00.

II Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Ministers to have the amounts, assessed on their Churches, collected; and that the stated clerk be directed to write to the Sessions of the distitute Churches, to raise the sum required & forward it to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery requested the preacher of the Missionary sermon to prepare it for publication.

Dr Church was appointed to preach a Missionary sermon at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and Mr Dod was appointed the alternate.

A recess was taken until Sabbath afternoon, three o'clock, at which time Henry L. Bullen, all whose parts of trial having been sustained, was licensed to preach the Gospel as a Probationer, in the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever he may be regularly called.

Adjourned to meet in Louisville on Friday before the third Sabbath in May at half past seven o'clock P.M.

Concluded with Prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

Hampden C. Carter Moderator.

Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk.

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seven O'clock P. M. Presbytery met, a sermon was preached by the Moderator on II Cor. II. 15. And who is sufficient for these things? The Session was then opened with Prayer.

Opened.

Present A. Church D.D. N. Hoyt D.D. F. Bowman. R. Chamblain, F. B. Goulding, G. N. W. Petrie, H. C. Carter, J. C. Baldwin. C. S. Dod, Ministers: and John Cunningham, Greensboro; John R. Dow, Augusta; William Turk, New Lebanon, William F. Neal, Hebron, Saml. Groves Newhope; John E. Caldwell, ^{Gainesville?} Danielville; John H. Cunningham Phytia; John F. Phinizy, Athens, Elders.

Members present.

Absent. J. K. Tolmase D.D. John Harrison, Henry Safford, John W. Reid, John W. Baker, Carlisle P. Beman, Richard Hooker, Homer Hendee.

Absentees.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning nine O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday morning October 1st nine O'clock. Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Homer Hendee, and Phineas Matthews Elder from South Liberty, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Nathan Hoyt D.D. was elected moderator.

Adjourned

The adjourned meeting which was appointed to be held in Louisville in May last, was not held in consequence of the failure of a Quorum to attend.

meeting not held.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs Church Bowman, and J. Cunningham, were appointed a committee on devotional exercises.

Com. on devotional exercises

Messrs Chamblain, Petrie and Phinizy were appointed a committee on Bills and Overtures.

Bills and Overtures.

An Appeal of William Shear, from a decision of the Session of the Augusta Church, was presented, and the consideration of it was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning immediately after the opening of the Session.

Shear's Appeal.

Messrs Church, Carter and Turk were appointed a committee on the Minutes of The General Assembly.

Com. on min. Gen. Ass.

Giles Stephens, Elder from Bethany, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Messrs Goulding and Groves were appointed a committee on the Minutes of Synod.

Com on Min. Synod

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Com. on
Narrative.

Messrs Petrie and Dow. were appointed a committee on the Narrative, and the free conversation on the state of religion in our churches, was made the order of the day for this afternoon at three o'clock.

John W. Reid, and Francis F. Fleming, Elder, from Lincolnton, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A recess was taken until half past two o'clock. At half past two o'clock, business was resumed.

Carlisle O. Beman, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Free con-
versation

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz. The free conversation on the state of religion, and went thro' with it.

Next
Meeting.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery, in Augusta on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in April next, at half past ten o'clock, A. M.

Mr Dod made a report respecting his Missionary labors in the District assigned to him.

Thomas Little, Elder from the Mount Zion Church, appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A recess was taken until seven o'clock at which time business was resumed.

Charles W. Richter Elder from Madison appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Carlidge's
Trials. Groves H. Carlidge read a critical exercise, which was committed to Messrs Chamberlain, Reid, and Beman. He also read a Lecture which was committed to Messrs Carter and Dod. His examination on Theology was commenced, and some progress was made in it, when it was suspended.

J. K. Talmage D.D. appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. J. W. Baker communicated reasons for absence which were sustained.

Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning, nine o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning nine o'clock, Presbytery met, and was opened with Prayer.

The committees to whom were referred the critical Exercise & Lecture of Mr Carlidge, recommended that they be sustained. They were accordingly sustained.

William L. Mitchell, who was the Principal

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to represent the Athens Church, appeared and took his seat, and Mr Phinizy, the Alternate, retired.

A Memorial from some members of the Church and congregation of Augusta was received and laid on the table for the purpose of taking up the order of the day, viz the appeal of Mr Shear. Memorial.

The sentence, appealed from, was read. The reasons, assigned by the Appellant for his appeal, were read. Some progress was made in reading the Records in the case, when it was suspended, until after public worship - The reading of the Records was then finished. Shear's appeal.

The Session claimed to be one of the parties, but it was on Motion determined that Mr B. B. Hopkins, and the appellant were the parties.

The appellant was heard in support of his appeal. Mr Hopkins the member of Session, elected as prosecutor, was not present. A paper from the Session, in answer to the appeal, and in defence of its decision, was read. Appellant heard.

The proceedings were here arrested, and Presbytery took a recess, until seven O'clock. Business was then resumed.

Henry Tafford appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery resumed the examination of Mr Cartledge. His examination on Theology was completed. He was examined on Ecclesiastical History and Church Government; on the Hebrew, Greek, and Latin Languages; and on Arts and Science. Examination

Richard H. Randolph, Elder from Macon, appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Adjourned until to morrow morning, nine O'clock concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning nine O'clock. Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz. the appeal of Mr Shear, was taken up. The members of Session were heard. The parties having been fully heard, they withdrew from the house - and the Clerk commenced calling the Roll, to allow each member an opportunity to express his opinion. Some progress was made in calling the Roll, when it was suspended, and a recess was taken until half past two O'clock. At that time business was resumed. Shear's appeal. Session heard. Roll called.

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Narrative The Committee on the Narrative made a Report, which was adopted, and the Narrative was ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted viz
Whereas from the Reports which have presented during the present sessions of this Presbytery, on the state of religion within our bounds, it appears that the past year has been one of peculiar interest; - that in most of our congregations, there have been as we trust, more or less instances of souls converted to God and of the revival of his people, Wherefore

Revivals. for I Resolved, That we desire to call upon ourselves, and ^{upon} all under our care to rejoice in the grace of God which is manifested in the out-pouring of his Spirit, wherever enjoyed, to render unto him that praise and thanksgiving which his wonderful works demand.

II That we feel ourselves called upon by the signal movements of Jehovah's Providence and love towards us and the Churches, under our care to appropriate an hour during our present sessions, to the solemn duties of thanksgiving and prayer.

III That the committee on religious exercises report arrangements for this service.

Shear's Appeal. The unfinished business, viz, the Appeal of Mr Shear, was taken up, and the calling of the Roll was completed. The vote was then taken, and the appeal of William Shear sustained from a decision of the session of the Augusta Church, was sustained by ayes and noes as follow. viz.

Ayes A. Church D.D. J. K. Talmage D.D. F. Bowman, R. Chamberlain, H. Safford, G. N. W. Petrie, J. W. Reid, J. C. Baldwin, Ministers, and John Cunningham, Saml. Grouse, Silas Stephens, C. W. Richter, William L. Mitchell, R. H. Randolph, Elders. - 14.

Nays. C. P. Beman, H. C. Carter, F. R. Gauding, N. Kinsdee, Ministers, and Wm. Turk, Wm F. Neal, John E. Caldwell, John H. Cunningham, Phineas Matthews, J. F. Fleming, Thomas Little Elders. - 11.

A recess was taken until seven o'clock. At that time business was resumed.

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The Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Committee, made a report which was referred to Messrs J. Cunningham & W. L. Mitchell, who reported that it was correct. Report.

The memorial from some members of the congregation and Church in Augusta, was taken up and read. A communication from the Session of the Augusta Church, in reference to said memorial was also read. After some discussion, Messrs Hoyt, Bowman, and Church were appointed a Committee to address a letter to the Memorialists, and the Session. Memorial.
Committee

It was, on motion, resolved, that Presbytery, in sustaining the appeal of Mr Shear, did not intend to pronounce any opinion in regard to the conduct either of Mr Shear or the Session. Explanatory
Resolution.

The Yeas and Nays on the above resolution were as follow. viz.

Yeas A. Church D. D. Carter, Gaudin, Pettie, Reid Ministers - and Turk, Neal, Caldwell, J. H. Cunningham, Matthews, Stephens, Fleming, Randolph, Elders. - 13. Yeas

Nays Talmage, Bowman, Chamberlain, Safford Baldwin, Hendee, Ministers, and J. Cunningham, Groves, Richter, Little, Mitchell, Elders - 11. Nays.

C. P. Beman had obtained leave of absence.

The executive Committee of Domestic Missions made a report, which was approved, and it was ordered, that such parts of it as may be deemed most important, be published in the appendix to the minutes. Report of
Ex. Com.
D. M.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly, reported that there is nothing demanding the action of the Presbytery.

Messrs Dod and Daw. were appointed a committee to attend to the publication of the minutes, and the Treasurer was directed to pay the expense. Publication
Committee.

Mr Cartledge read a sermon. The examination of Mr Cartledge and all his other parts of trial were sustained and it was determined to license him on Sabbath afternoon. C's Trials

Greenesboro, October 1846.

The committee on religious exercises recommended that Prayer & Presbytery meet to morrow morning at half past nine O'clock Thanksgiving in accordance with a previous resolution, for thanksgiving and Prayer. It was agreed to.

It was determined to adjourn, at the close of the present sessions, to meet in Millidgeville, during the meeting of Synod.

A receipt was taken for the purpose of fulfilling the appointments made for to morrow.

Sabbath morning half after nine O'clock Presbytery held a meeting for thanksgiving and Prayer -

Sabbath, afternoon, October 4th 1846. the Presbytery of Hopewell, did and hereby do express their approbation of all the parts of trial of Gross H. Cartledge; and he, having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, license him, the said Gross H. Cartledge, to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Millidgeville, during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the moderator, closed with Prayer singing and the Apostolical Benediction.

Nathan Hayt Moderator

Francis Bowman, S. Clerk.

Approved in Synod Millidgeville
November 23rd 1846.

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

Augusta, Thursday, April 22. 1847. 11 O'clock A.M.

Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by the Moderator, on II. Thess. III. 1. "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified even as it is with you." The Session was opened with prayer.

Present, N. Hoyt D.D. F. Bowman, F. R. Goulding, G. A. W. Petrie, J. W. Reid, C. S. Dod, N. Hender, Ministers - and Members present.

Samuel Fields. Athens. Alexander Harwell, Mt Lion, Myles G. Harris, Sparta, and Paul F. Eve Augusta, Elders.

Absent A Church D.D. S. K. Talmage D.D. R. Chamberlain, Henry Safford, J. W. Baker, C. P. Bernan, R. Hooker, J. C. Baldwin, N. C. Carter. Absentees.

Rev. G. A. W. Petrie was elected Moderator.

A recess was taken until three O'clock.

Thursday afternoon three O'clock.

Presbytery met. The Minutes of the last stated meeting were read & confirmed.

The Presbytery met in Milledgeville at the call of the moderator, during the Session of Synod, & adjourned meeting to meet at New Lebanon on Friday before the 5th Sabbath not held in January, at 7 O'clock. The adjourned meeting was not held, a Quorum not being in attendance. Adjourned

The following brethren, being present, were invited to sit in Presbytery, as corresponding members, viz. Rev. William L. Hughes, & Rev. John F. Launeau of the Chartiston Presbytery; - Rev. E. P. Rogers of the Hampshire Association; Rev. Mr Evans of the Methodist Ep. Church. and the Rev. Silian Bonhomme, of the Methodist Ep. Church and Agent of the American Society for ameliorating the condition of the Jews; and the Rev William P. Brantly of the Baptist Church. Corresponding Members.

Mr Bonhomme was requested to address the Presbytery & the congregation to night on the subject of his agency.

Messrs Goulding, Rogers and Eve were appointed a committee on the devotional exercises of the Presbytery and of the congregation. Com. on Dev. ex.

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Com. on

Min. of Synod

Messrs Reid and Harris were appointed a committee on the Minutes of the Synod.

It was made the order of the day for to morrow morning 10 o'clock to hear reports on the state of religion in our bounds, & to receive statistical Reports - and Messrs Hender & Harwell were appointed a committee on the Narrative.

Dr Church communicated reasons in writing, for absence which were sustained.

A letter was received from F. F. Fleming Supply of on behalf of the Lincolnton Church desiring assistance Lin. Church in procuring a supply of preaching. It was refused to the Ex. Committee of Missions.

Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning nine o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning nine o'clock. Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Henry Safford, John Cunningham, Elder from Greensboro; E. B. Weed, Elder from Macon; and David E. Darden, Elder from South Liberty; appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner - Hampden C. Carter communicated reasons in writing for absence, which were sustained.

The following Committees of review were appointed. viz. Messrs Reid and Field on the records of the Greensboro Church; Hender and Harwell on those of Washington; Gausden and Weed on those of Mount Zion; Hayt and Cunningham on those of Augusta; Safford & Harris

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on those of South Liberty; Messrs Dod and Darden on those of Madison, Safford and Harris on those of Athens.

Mr Bonhomme having addressed the Presbytery on the subject of his Agency. the following Resolution was adopted viz

Resolved That Presbytery has listened with peculiar satisfaction to the statements made by the Rev. Mr Bonhomme, Agent of the American Society for melinating the condition of the Jews; and we rejoice with him and others in the hope that now exists for the banished children of Israel; - and we cordially recommend him and his good cause, and the paper of his Society, the "Jewish Chronicle", to the confidence of our people.

Am. Society Jews.

Nathan Hoyt D.D. Minister, and Henry Merrill, Elder, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly; and F. R. Gauding, Minister and John Cunningham, Elder were appointed Alternates.

Commissioners

The following contributions to Contingent fund of Presb. were received viz.

Contingent Fund.

Macon 50.00\$. Salem 10.00. South Liberty 5.00
Mount Zion 10.00, Madison 5.00. Greensboro 15.00
Thyatisa 10.00, Sandy Creek 5.00 Washington 10.00
Sparta 10.00 Ebenezer 2.00.

The Committee on devotional exercises reported and recommended that those exercises take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, that they be in private, and conducted with the usual informalities of ordinary prayer-meetings.

Devotional Exercises

The Treasurer made his report which was referred to Messrs Cunningham & Wood.

Treasurer Report.

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Treasurer's Resignation Offered. The Treasurer also sent a letter communicating the resignation of his office. This letter was referred to Messrs Hays and Field, with direction to confer with Mr Shear, & if possible, to induce him to withdraw his resignation, as it is the unanimous wish of the Presbytery for him to continue to hold the office which he has long held, and the duties of which he has faithfully performed.

Free communication. The order of the day for ten O'clock was taken up. Statistical Reports were received, & the reports on the state of religion were heard.

The committee on the Treasurer's report reported that the Report is correct. The report was accepted.

Session Books Approved The committee of review reported on the records of Madison, Washington, Greensboro. Mount Zion, Athens, South Liberty, & Augusta Churches, and recommended that they be approved. The reports were accepted.

Rev. R. C. Ketchum, of the Charleston Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Place of next meeting. It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery in Madison on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October next at 11 O'clock, A. M.

Pay of Commissioners. The Treasurer was directed to pay to each of the Commissioners to the General Assembly, seventy Dollars to defray their expenses.

A recess was taken until three O'clock.

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Friday afternoon 3 O'clock.

Presbytery met.

The committee to whom Mr Shear's letter of resignation was referred reported, that Mr Shear, upon due consideration declines acceding to the wish of the Presbytery in regard to the withdrawal of his resignation. Whereupon it was

Treasurer's
Resignation
accepted -

Resolved, That Presbytery tenders to Mr Shear its grateful acknowledgements for his past valuable services as Treasurer, & now reluctantly accepts his resignation.

Thanks
tendered.

Porter Fleming was appointed Treasurer in the place of Mr Shear.

Treasurer
appointed.

The committee on the minutes of Synod brought to the notice of the Presbytery the action of the Synod in relation to Missions. The subject was referred to Messrs Hoyt and Cunningham.

Missions.

Resolved That the proposal of the Synod of Georgia for the establishment of a Religious Paper, to be published in Milledgeville, meets with our cordial concurrence. We feel a deep conviction that our denominational interests imperatively demand that we have a Paper of the kind proposed established among us. And we not only recommend this Paper to our people, but we earnestly suggest to them the necessity of cooperating as generally and promptly as possible, as whatever is done to secure its going into operation, must be done before the first of July.

Religious
Paper
recommended

The committee to whom the subject of Missions was referred, reported the following Resolution, which was adopted. Viz.

Resolved. That all our Pastors and Sessions be requested to have the Report and Resolutions of the Synod of Georgia on the subject of Missions read to their congregations, & that they report to the next stated meeting of Presb. what they have done in regard to this matter.

Resolution
on
Missions

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Overture The following Overture was presented. Viz -
 What is the duty of a Church Session towards one of its members, who has been absent from its meetings for more than two years without giving any reason for such absence?

Supply of
 Hoyt's
 Pulpit. Homer Hendee was appointed to supply brother Hoyt's pulpit on the third Sabbath, J. W. Reed on the fourth, and F. Bowman on the fifth Sabbath in May.

Petition. A request was again made to Presbytery to ordain Henry Newton as an Evangelist. Presbytery therefore, determined to hold an Extra meeting for this purpose at Thyatira on Friday before the third Sabb. in August at 11 O'clock. A. M.

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

Saturday morning nine O'clock. Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Gready received
 William P. Gready a Licentiate of the New Brunswick Presbytery presented a dismission from that body, and a recommendation to this. He was accordingly received, under the care of this Presbytery.

The Board of Domestic Missions made their Report which was approved, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Petition. The Churches of New hope and Danielsville petitioned Presbytery to ordain William P. Gready as an Evangelist. Presbytery, therefore, determined that it will take measures for his Ordination, at its meeting at Thyatira in August next.

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Charles S. Dod asked leave, for reasons which he stated, to resign his pastoral charge of the church in Augusta, and Presbytery being satisfied that the church and congregation do not intend to oppose this application, altho a large major-

Dod's
Resignation

ity of them were opposed to his taking this step, it was Resolved, that his resignation be, and it hereby is accepted, and that the pastoral relation between him and the church and congregation of Augusta be dissolved, and the church declared vacant.

accepted-

The Moderator was directed to announce the above facts to the congregation from the pulpit to morrow.

Mr Dod, then requested to be dismissed from this Presbytery, to join the Cherokee Presbytery - It was

Resolved that brother Dod's request be granted, and that he be, & he hereby is, dismissed, and recommended to the Cherokee Presbytery, as a member in good standing.

Dod's
dismission

In consequence of the dismissal of brother Dod, who was Chairman of the Ex. Com. of Missions, F. R. Gaudin was appointed Chairman in his place.

Chairman
of Ex. Com.

The following Resolution was adopted viz.
Resolved, That, Presbytery return brother Dod, its sincere thanks for his valuable services as Chairman of the Ex. Committee of Missions.

Thanks-

The present Ex. Committee of Domestic Missions was reappointed, consisting F. R. Gaudin, Chairman, Benj. Hall, P. F. Ewe, John R. Dow, Andrew J. Miller; Porter Fleming; Nathan Hayt; E. L. Newton, F. Bauman; John Cunningham; R. Hooker, Eugenius A. Nesbit; G. N. W. Petrie.

Ex. com.
Do. mis.

The Committee on the Narrative reported. This Report was adopted, and the Narrative was ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Narrative.

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Debt due
Hoyt
Whereas it appears from the statement of brother Hoyt, that this Presbytery is indebted to him in the sum of one hundred Dollars, this being the amount which he expended in attending the General Assembly several years ago, and for which he has not been reimbursed. Therefore

Paid.
Resolved, That the assessment on the Athens Church for the contingent fund of Presbytery, being fifty Dollars annually, be appropriated for the next two years, to liquidate this claim.

Order.
The following Order was adopted, viz.
Those of our Churches which have not been represented in Presbytery, for two years, or more, shall be visited for the purpose of ascertaining the reasons why they have not been represented for so long a time, and to assure them that the absence of representatives from them is painful to the Presbytery. To carry this into effect, brother Hender was directed to visit Monticello and Bethel - Wash-
-ing^{ton} was assigned to Brother Petrie; Ebenezer, to brother Hoyt; Turkey Creek, and Clarksville, to brother Greedy; Concord and Gainesville to Bro. Carter.

Answer
to
Overture.
The following is the answer, adopted by Presbytery, to the Overture, which was presented - viz.
Inasmuch as our Constitution provides that Ruling Elders may, in certain cases, cease to act officially, and as it does not specify all the causes, which may justify this step; and as it does not allow the Session to do any thing in such cases where crime is not inferred, without the concurrence of the individual in question, unless by the advice of Presbytery, Presbytery, therefore can only refer Sessions to that provision of the Constitution to guide them as to their duty in such cases.

A recess was taken until half past four o'clock.

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Saturday afternoon. 4 1/2 O'clock.

Resolved. That Presbytery ^{regard} it as the duty of all Attendances its Licentiates to attend the stated meetings of Presbytery of and when they cannot attend, they are directed to make Licentiates a written ^{report} of their labors.

Presbytery adjourned until Monday morning nine O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Monday morning. 9 O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Brother Petrie was appointed to hold a Sacramental meeting at Lincolnton at as early a time as will suit his arrangements. Sacramental meeting.

The Treasurer was requested to write to those churches that have not sent their Quotas to the Commissioners fund, and urge upon them the importance of forwarding these sums to him, as soon as practicable. Delinquent churches.

Brother Church was reappointed to preach a Missionary sermon at the next stated meeting of Presbytery. Brother Hooker was appointed the Alternate. Missionary Sermon.

Adjourned to meet at Thyatira on Friday before the third Sabbath in August at eleven O'clock. A. M.

Concluded with Prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

Geo: N. W. Petrie. Moderator.

Francis Bowman. Stated Clerk.

Thyatira, Friday, August, 13, 1847. 11. O'clock A.M.

Presbytery met. A Sermon was preached by N. Hoyt D.D. on Acts 26: 28. Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. The session was then opened with Prayer. Present,

| Ministers | Elders - |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| N. Hoyt D.D. | E. L. Newton. Athens - |
| H. C. Carter | W. O. Alexander. Thyatira - |
| J. W. Reid. | Sam. Groves Newhope |
| | W. M. Boggs Sandy Creek. |
| | J. J. Alexander Hebron |
| | Wm. Tuck. New Lebanon. |
| | J. E. Caldwell, Danielsville. |

In the absence of the Moderator N. Hoyt, the last Moderator presided. J. W. Reid was chosen temporary Clerk.

A recess was taken until three o'clock. At that time Presbytery entered on the examination of W. P. Gready. He was examined on experimental Religion, Philosophy, Theology, Ecclesiastical History; Greek and Hebrew languages, Church Government and the Sacraments. By direction of Presbytery, he preached a sermon on Gal. II. 16. All these parts of trial were sustained.

A recess was taken to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Saturday morning 8 O'clock Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator -

Henry Safford appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery examined Henry Newton on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and the Sacraments. He preached a sermon on John 10: 11. All these trials were sustained

Phyattira. August 1847.

Presbytery determined to ordain these brethren. ^{morning} to morning at 11. O'clock.

J. W. Reid was appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon; the Moderator, to preside. put the constitutional Questions, and give the Charge to the Evangelists.

Adjourned until Sabb. Morning 11. O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Sabbath morning 11. O'clock.

Presbytery met. and was opened with Prayer.

After the Ordination Sermon, which was preached according to appointment, - the Constitutional Questions were put, and satisfactorily answered. Then William P. Gready, & Henry Newton, were ordained. to the work of the Ministry, as Evangelists, by Prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. A solemn charge was then delivered to the Evangelists - & they took their seats as members of Presbytery.

Gready
and
Newton
ordained.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Madison, on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, at 11. O'clock. A. M. Concluded with Prayer.

Nathan Hoyt, Moderator.
Francis Bowman Stated Clerk.

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O'clock A. M. Presbytery met, & was opened with Prayer.
Ministers present. F. Bowman, J. W. Reid, Homer Hender,
with Benjamin Hall, of Augusta, Henry Merrell of Greensboro
and Daniel Kilian of Madison. Elders.

It being late before a Quorum, was present,
and there being no congregation assembled, it was de-
termined to defer the preaching of the opening sermon
until seven O'clock to night, and a recess was taken until
that hour.

Thursday evening seven O'clock.
The Moderator being absent, the sermon was preached by
Dr Hoyt, the last Moderator, on I. Cor. I. 26-29.
N. Hoyt D. D. N. Safford, H. C. Carter, Wm. P.
Gready, and Henry Newton, Ministers; with C. J. Hope-
sing, Athens; Wm. O. Alexander, Thyatira, J. M. Alexander,
Nebon, Elders were present in addition to those pres-
ent in the morning.

Ministers absent, A. Church D. D. J. H. Talmage
D. D. R. Chamberlain, F. R. Goulding, C. P. Beman, G. H. W. Petrie;
and J. C. Baldwin.

C. P. B. Martin, Wm. Clark, and G. H. Cartledge, Li-
ceniates, were in attendance.

Rev. John W. Baker, was chosen Moderator.

It was determined to hold an adjourned meeting Adjourned
in Marietta, during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of meeting.
the Moderator.

Messrs Hender and Kilian were appointed
a Committee on the devotional exercises of the congregation.
Adjourned until 9 O'clock to morrow morning
concluded with Prayer.

Friday Morning seven O'clock October 15.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.
R. Hooker, J. W. Baker, Ministers, and Joshua Morgan
Elder from South Liberty appeared in Presbytery.

J. W. Baker was chosen moderator.

Minutes
read.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting, and of
the adjourned ^{meeting} were read and confirmed.

Reasons for
absence.

J. W. Baker and R. Hooker rendered satisfactory
reasons for ~~absence~~ from the last stated meeting.
G. H. W. Petrie communicated reasons in writing for
absence from this meeting which were sustained.

Communication
from S. Clerk
of Synod.

A communication was received from the
Stated Clerk of Synod, making known to Presbytery what
Churches under its care were not represented in the last
Synod, and it was referred to Messrs Hoyt, Hooker and
Hopping.

Com. on min.
of assembly.

Messrs Reiel, Carter, and Morgan were
appointed a committee on the Minutes of the last
General Assembly.

Hopewell and
Gainesville
Churches
extinct.

The Hopewell and Gainesville Churches
were reported to Presbytery as having no organization
for want of Ruling Elders; their names were, therefore,
stricken from the list of Churches, and the remaining
members were directed to unite with the churches
most convenient to them.

Next stated
Meeting.

Presbytery determined to hold its next sta-
ted meeting in Washington on Wednesday before
the third Sabbath in April next at seven O'clock P.M.

Report of
Commissioner

Dr Hoyt, one of the Commissioners to
the General Assembly made his report which was
approved. He reported his expenses to be seventy
Dollars, and five Dollars which he gave in aid
of a member; which sums the Treasurer was au-
thorized to pay.

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A call was laid before Presbytery from the Church and congregation in Augusta, addressed to the Rev. Ebenezer P. Rogers, of Northampton, Mass. - Presbytery was informed that Mr Rogers will, probably, be prepared to unite with this body at its meeting in Marietta; and in anticipation of this, the Stated Clerk was directed to retain the Call until that meeting, when the way may be open to place it in the hands of Mr Rogers.

Call to Mr Rogers.

It was ordered that the Missionary Sermon be preached, on Sabbath night.

Messrs Carter, Hooker, Hall, and W. O. Alexander were appointed a committee on the supply of destitute Churches.

The Committee to whom the letter from the Stated Clerk of Synod was referred, made the following Report, which was adopted, viz

1. It appears that nineteen of our Churches were not represented in the Synod at Milledgeville.

2. It is earnestly recommended to these delinquent Churches to attend regularly and punctually to this important duty.

3. The following brethren are appointed to bring the above recommendation, & the letter of the Stated Clerk of Synod, to the notice of these Churches, viz

Catoctor and Sparta by Brother Baker. Washington by Br. Petrie; Newhope by Br. Greedy; Hebron, New-Lebanon, and Turkey Creek, by Br. Newton; Lexington and Clarksville by Dr Hays; Monticello by Br. Hooker; Ebenezer by Br. Safford; Concord by Br. Carter; Salem Bethany, and Lincolnton, by Br. Reid; South Liberty Lanesville, and Bethel by Br. Hender.

Churches.

not.

represented

in last Synod.

Henry L. Bullen, a Licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, presented a request to be dismissed.

Bullen

dismissed

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to put himself under the care of the Mendon Association; - whereupon it was Resolved that his request be granted, and that he be, & he hereby is, dismissed and recommended to the Mendon Association as a Licentiate in good standing.

The Members were called on to state what they had done in regard to the Resolution of the Presbytery at its last stated meeting, in relation to the Report of Synod on the subject of Missions.

Rev. James Woods of Florida Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Benjamin Hall obtained leave of absence after the session this afternoon.

A recess was taken until three O'clock.

Friday afternoon three O'clock.

Supplies of that Sacramental meetings be held in the following
 destitute Churches. viz. at Lincolnton by brother Reid; at Bethel
 Churches. by brother Baker; at Monticello by brother Hooker;
 at Ebenezer by brother Safford; at Clarksville by brother
 Carter; at Louisville by brother Goulding. The Report was adopted.

Messrs Hoyt, Reid and Hender, were appointed a Committee on the devotional exercises of Presbytery.

It was made the order of the day to morrow morning nine O'clock to have the free conversation on the state of religion in our bounds; and Messrs Hooker and Carter were appointed a Committee to prepare a Narrative for the Synod.

The Committee on devotional exercises of Presbytery made the following Report, which was adopted viz.

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They recommended that these exercises take place to morrow, in the following order, viz.

- 1. Hymn by the Moderator.
- 2. Scripture by brother Safford; Devotional Exercises.
- 3. Prayer by brother Reid
- 4. Address to Presb. by brother Hooker;
- 5. Hymn, by brother Carter;
- 6. Prayer by brother Goady.
- 7. Address to the congregation by brother Hoyt; Prayer by brother Newton.

Brother Hoyt, according to previous appointment, read an Essay on Infant Baptism. He was requested, by Presbytery to have it published in the Southern Presbyterian... Hoyt's Essay on Infant Baptism.

Thomas Alexander Hoyt, a graduate of Franklin College, and a member of the Athens Church, was introduced to Presbytery, to be taken under its care as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. After a careful and satisfactory examination on experimental Religion, and as to his motives in seeking the Sacred office, he was received as a Candidate. Thos. A. Hoyt received as a Candidate.

The following subjects for trials were assigned to him. An sit poena seclatorum sempiterna? for a Latin Exegesis. Rom. 6: 1-4. for a Critical Exercise. Heb. 12: 1-6. for a Lecture. John 3: 3. for a Sermon.

Brother Hooker was appointed to prepare an Essay on the following subject, viz. What are the blessings which the ordinance of Baptism secures to believing parents and their children? Hooker's Essay.

The Rev. M. H. Hebard, of the Methodist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following Resolutions in relation to the Southern Presbyterian were unanimously adopted, viz.

- I Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Presbytery, the Southern Presbyterian fulfils ably and

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successfully the design for which it was established, viz. to meet the general and local wants of the Churches in Southern this part of our land; - that it is worthy of the confidence Presbyterian and patronage of the ^{Churches for the} well selected and valuable mat recommended, and the interesting and useful articles, which appear in its columns; for the strictly religious character which it maintains, by the exclusion of articles on trade, politics, and miscellaneous subjects.

II That it is earnestly recommended to the members of the Churches to take the paper themselves, and to use all proper means for promoting its circulation; - and especially to the Elders of Churches, not supplied with stated preaching of the Gospel, that they should make special exertions for this purpose.

Presbytery then adjourned until to morrow morning nine o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock.
Presbytery met, and was opened with Prayer.

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

Brother Hooker was excused from performing the part assigned him in the devotional exercises to night, and Brother Rice was put in his place.

Eugenius A. Nisbet, Elder from Macon appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The committee on the minutes of the assembly made their Report which was laid for the present on the table - and Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz. the free conversation on the state of Religion. This was gone thro' with.

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Henry Merrell, Elder, one the Commissioners to Report of the General Assembly, made his Report which was approved Commissioners. He reported his expenses to be 25.00\$, which the Treasurer was authorized to pay.

Presbytery was informed that Mr John Adams, an aged and successful Agent of the Am. Sunday school Agent of Am. Union, contemplates a visit to some of the Churches at the South, for the purpose of promoting ^{among} them the cause of Sunday school union, Sabbath Schools; - Therefore

Resolved, That Presbytery cordially invites Mr Adams to visit as many of the Churches under our care as may be in his power. invited.

F. R. Gauding communicated reasons in writing for absence which were sustained.

The Rev. Mr Irving, of the Baptist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. -

The Ex. Committee of Do. Missions made their semiannual Report, which was adopted.

The following order was adopted viz. The Missionaries laboring in our bounds are required hereafter, to send copies of the Reports which they make to the Parent Ch: Ex. Com Board, to the Chairman of the Ex. Committee of Do. Mis. Missionaries to report to the

Robert W. Milner, a student of Oglethorpe University, and a member of the Salem Church, was introduced to Presbytery to be taken under its care, as a Candidate for the Ministry. After a careful examination of Experimental Religion, and as to his motives for seeking the sacred office, he was received. Milner received as a Candidate

A recess was taken until three O'clock.

Saturday afternoon three O'clock.

David McClusky, Elder from Concord, appeared & took his seat in Presbytery.

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Report on
min. of ass.

The Report of the Committee on the minutes of the Assembly was taken up, and disposed of as follows.

Education.

The subject of Education was referred to Messrs Hooker, Baker and Nisbet, who were directed to report to Presbytery during its session in Marietta.

Parochial
Schools.

The subject of Parochial Schools was referred to Messrs Talmage, Church, Hagt, D. C. Campbell and E. A. Nisbet - to report at the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Reference

to by-tories, relating to the addition of two sections to the 15th the Presbyterian Chap. of our Form of government, was postponed to the next stated meeting.

Agent for the
South.

Resolved, That this Presb. does fully concur in the recommendation of the Assembly for the appointment of a Secretary, or General Agent, from and for the South and South-west, who shall superintend the collection of funds, and the location of Missionaries for the Religious instruction of the colored population, in cooperation with the Presbyteries and churches in this section of country; - and we do cordially recommend the Rev. Dr. C. C. Lewis, of the Georgia Presb. as a suitable individual to fill that station.

Rule rescinded.

The standing Rule requiring the Minutes to be printed in pamphlet form, was rescinded.

The devotional exercises took place according to appointment.

Narrative.

The Narrative was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Marietta, during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator. Concluded with Prayer -

John W. Baker, Moderator
Francis Bowman S. Clerk.

Approved at 3^d session Synod of Georgia, at Marietta,
Nov. 19th Nov. 1847.

John S. Wilson
Stated Clerk.

Sam^l H. Talmage,
Moderator

Marietta. Nov. 15. 1847. Presbytery met according to adjournment, at the call of the moderator, and was opened with Prayer.

Present. R. Chamberlain, A. Church D.D. J. K. Talmage D.D. F. Bowman, N. Safford, H. C. Carter, J. W. Baker; J. W. Reid; R. Hooker; C. P. Beman; F. R. Goulding; W. P. Gready, Ministers.

Wm. M. McCarley, Lincolnton; John R. Dow, Augusta; Wm. L. Mitchell, Athens; H. B. Kirkpatrick, Monticello; Joseph Alexander, Sandy Creek, Elders.

Rev. Ebenezer P. Rogers, presented a certificate of Dismission from the Hampshire Association, and a recommendation to this body. After a satisfactory examination he was received. The call from the Augusta Church and congregation was put into his hands, and was accepted by him. It was then determined to instal him on the third Sabbath in December. J. W. Baker was appointed to preach the Installation Sermon. J. K. Talmage his Alternate; - F. Bowman to put the Constitutional Questions, & deliver the charge to the congregation; G. H. W. Petrie his Alternate; F. R. Goulding to deliver the charge to the Pastor, and J. W. Reid his alternate.

A Certificate of dismission of Richard M. Baker, from the Presbytery of Florida, was presented, with a recommendation to this Presbytery. Inasmuch as he was licensed and ordained by this Presbytery, & the members having entire confidence in the soundness of his theological views, it was determined to dispense with his examination, and he was received.

The committee on Education made a Report which was adopted, and ordered to be published in the Southern Presbyterian.

Rev. Washington Baird was received, after a satisfactory examination, on certificate of dismission from the Georgia Presbytery, and a recommendation to this Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet in Washington on Wednesday before the third Sabb. in April next, at 7 o'clock P. M. Concluded with Prayer.

J. W. Baker, Moderator

Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk.

Washington, Wednesday, April 12.

1848. 7 O'clock P. M. Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by Rev. John W. Baker, the Moderator, on Psalm, 13:5. "My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation". After public worship the session was opened with Prayer.

Present, N. Hoyt D.D. F. Bowman, H. Lafford; J. W. Reid, F. R. Goulding, J. W. Baker, R. Hooker, G. A. W. Petrie, H. C. Carter, H. Newton, W. P. Gready, E. P. Rogers, W. Baird, & R. M. Baker. Ministers.

Elizer L. Newton, Athens, Raswell Hubbert, Greensboro', Saml. Groves Newhope, Myles G. Harris, Sparta, Wm. M. Boggs Sandy Creek, F. F. Fleming Lincolnton, and J. J. Robertson, Washington, Elders.

Absent, A. Church D.D. J. K. Talmage D.D. R. Chumbulain, C. P. Berman, H. Hendee, J. C. Baldwin.

Richard Hooker was elected Moderator, & then Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning nine O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Thursday morning nine O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Paul Davidson, Elder from South Liberty appeared and took his seat.

A letter was received from Brother Talmage, assigning reasons for absence, which were sustained.

A letter was received from John C. Baldwin requesting a dismissal to join the Presbytery of Tom = Baldwin's = Bigbee. - He was accordingly dismissed and affectionately recommended to the Presbytery of Tombigbee as a member in good standing. Dismission

A certificate of dismissal of Lulus Delaunay, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Louisiana, & a recommendation to this body, was presented, & he was received under the care of this Presbytery.

Delaunay,
received.

Thos. A. Hoyt read his Latin Exegesis, and a Critical Exercise which were sustained as parts of trial.

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The Rev. Mr. Bonnelle of the Methodist E. Church and the Rev. Mr. Roberts of the Baptist Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Davea McClusky Elder from Concord, and Porter Fleming, Elder from Augusta appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. - Homer Hendee appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Demission.

The reference of the General Assembly, to the Presbyteries, proposing an addition of two sections to our Form of Government, relative to the Demission of the ministerial office, and which was postponed from the last meeting, was taken up.

Before the vote was taken, Presbytery took a recess until half past two O'clock.

Thursday afternoon 1/2 past two O'clock. Presbytery came together -

Review.

The following committees of Review were appointed: - viz. Messrs Hoyt & E. L. Newton on the Session Book of Augusta - Reid and F. F. Fleming on that of Thyatira; - Greedy and Robertson on that of Lincolnton; - Lofford & Herbert on that of Sparta, Hendee & Groves on that of South Liberty; - S. W. Baker & Harris on that of Athens; - Carter & P. Fleming on that of Macon; - Rogers & Boggs on that of Washington; - Goulding & McClusky on that of Madison; H. Newton & Davidson on that of Bethesda; - R. M. Baker & E. L. Newton on that of Milledgeville.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed, and after full discussion the Overture from the Assembly was rejected by a unanimous vote.

Statistical Reports ^{were} received.

Charles W. Gresham, Elder from Salem appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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The Committees of Review reported, and the Records of Sparta, Lincolnton, South Liberty, Athens, Milledgeville, Augusta, Athens & Thyatira were respectively approved:— and those of Washington, Madison, & Macon were approved with exceptions, which were recorded in the Books.

The free conversation on the state of Religion was made the order of the day for to morrow morning 10. O'Clock. Messrs Baird, Carter, & Robertson were appointed a committee on the Narrative.

The Committee, which had been previously appointed on the Devotional Exercises of Presbytery, made the following Report which was accepted viz. That these exercises take place to morrow afternoon at three O'Clock in the following order:— 1. Hymn by the Moderator; 2. Prayer by Brother Baird; 3. Scriptures by Brother Gauding; 4 address to members of Presbytery by Br. Hayt; 5. Prayer by Br. Reid; 6. Address to the Congregation by Br. Rogers. 7. Hymn and Benediction by Moderator.

Adjourned until to morrow morning eight O'clock. Concluded with Prayer —

Friday morning eight O'clock.—
Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer —
Messrs Gauding, Carter & E. L. Newton were appointed a Committee on the supply of destitute Churches.

John 3: 13, 14. was assigned to Br. Delauney for a sermon, as a part of trials for Ordination at some future time.

The following contributions were made to the Commissioner's fund viz. Washington 15.00. Madison 5.00. Lincolnton 5.00. for 1847. & 5.00. for 1848. Salem 10:00. Sparta 10.00. Athens 50.00, paid Br. Hayt. Monticello 5.00. Thyatira 10.00. South Liberty 5.00. Sandy Creek 5.00 Milledgeville 15.00 for 1847. Greensboro: 10.00.

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Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day for 10 O'clock, by the free conversation, and went thro with it.

The Treasurer's Book was presented and referred to Messrs J. W. Baker & J. I. Robertson.

A recess was taken until three O'clock.

Friday afternoon 3 O'clock.

Presbytery came together & according to appointment, spent some time in Devotional Exercises. After this, business was resumed.

Richard Hooker, Minister, and Washington Poe, Elder, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly; - and F. R. Goulding, Minister and E. L. Newton, Elder, were appointed Alternates.

The Chairman of the Committee on Parochial Schools sent to Presbytery a paper on that subject which he had not been able to lay before the Committee, & therefore, was not a Report from that Committee. Presbytery referred this paper, & the whole subject of Parochial Schools to Messrs Hoyt, J. W. Baker, Baird, E. L. Newton, & J. I. Robertson, to report during the present sessions.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery at New Lebanon, in Franklin County, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in August next at 11 O'clock A. M.

The Committee, to whom the Treasurer's Book was referred recommended that it be approved - The report was adopted.

Messrs R. M. Baker, N. Kindee, & M. G. Harris obtained leave of absence after this evening.

The executive Committee of Do. Missions made their annual Report which

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was approved, and the same committee was reappointed.

Wm. H. Thompson a Licentiate of the Flint River Presbytery had leave granted to labour in our bounds.

Adjourned until to morrow morning half past eight O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Saturday morning half past eight O'clock Presbytery met, & was opened with Prayer.

The Committee on Parochial Schools made the following Report which was adopted, viz.

The religious education of the children of the Church, is confessedly one of the great instrumentalities which God has ordained for the transmission of piety from generation to generation, & for the perpetuation and spread of ^{piety} truth thro' the world. as sin, & not piety, is inherited from parent to child it is a gracious appointment that makes it obligatory on Christian parents, and on the Church Parochial to train up their offspring in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. - The directions, "Suffer little children to come unto me." "Feed my lambs" - "Go disciple all nations" - "Train up a child in the way he should go;" - &c are most significant, binding, & solemn commands. - The daily teacher, who comes into intimate contact with the pupil for five or six days of every week, must inevitably, by his character, his example, and his teachings exercise an incalculable influence over the sentiments, the heart, and the life of his pupils, - for the earliest impressions are the strongest & most lasting. - It becomes, ~~so~~, therefore, a matter of momentous importance, and imperative obligation for Christians and Churches to secure, if possible, a system of instruction that will guarantee teachers of true piety and sound doctrine. Can this be done but under the supervision of the Church? Accordingly the early reformers placed great stress upon the organization of their schools, and upon the business of instructing the young.

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Luther and Calvin and Melancthon, and Bucer, and almost all the leading Reformers devoted a considerable portion of their time to the teaching of youth. Some of the Ecclesiastical Bodies, in their distribution of the Christian ministry, designated the Doctor or Teacher to a distinct department. The Belgic and the Scotch churches, introduced a complete system of schools and made it imperative on the different Ecclesiastical Bodies from the Church Session upwards to provide sound religious Teachers, and to supervise the instruction. And are we not as responsible to God for the instruction imparted to children in the school, as we are for the instruction imparted to the parents in the church?

In consideration of the above reasons and facts, as well as well as others that might be adduced, it is by this Presbytery -

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to all our Church Sessions wherever there are not insuperable obstacles, prompt and energetic efforts to provide Parochial Schools within their bounds.

Messrs Baker Petrie and Bowman were appointed to supply the Pulpit in Macon, one Sabbath each during the absence of the Commissioners to the Assembly.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each Pastor and Stated supply to read the Report on Parochial Schools to their congregations.

The following supplies were ordered, viz.

Supplies.

A communion at South Liberty on the 1st Sabbath in July, by Petrie Reid and Thomson. - A communion at Ebenezer by Church and Cartledge - A Communion at Clarksville by Hayt, Rogers, and Baird - A Communion at Monticello, by Baird, Hender & Smith - A communion at Newhope by Gready, Carter & Newton. A camp-meeting at Concord on Wednesday before the fifth Sabbath in July, by Carter, Newton & Gready.

The Narrative was read and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Brother Hooker read an Essay on "The blessings conveyed by the ordinance of Infant Baptism" to be -

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"believing parents and their children:" which was unanimously approved and recommended to be published in the Southern Presbyterian.

Brother Baker was appointed to prepare an Essay on the duty of the Church to its baptized children.

Brother Rogers was appointed to prepare an Essay on the subject, "What is the true doctrine of Ministerial Succession?"

A recess was taken to afford an opportunity for the annual meeting of the Georgia Domestic Miss. Society.

The following Resolution, reported by the Committee on the S. Presbyterian was adopted. viz

Resolved. That we hereby express our conviction that the "Southern Presbyterian" has thus far answered our expectations and hopes, as the organ of our Denomination S. Presbyterian and a family Religious News-paper; that we appreciate the labors of the Editor; that we cordially commend it to our Churches and families; and trust that all suitable exertions will be made for the increase of its Subscribers, and its establishment on a permanent foundation.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Body be presented to the citizens of Washington for their kind hospitality to its members, also to the Trustees of the Methodist E. Church for the use of their House of worship.

Adjourned to meet at New Lebanon, Franklin Co. on Saturday before the first Sabbath in August next at 11. O'clock A. M.

Concluded with Prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

Richard Hooker, Moderator

Francis Bowman Stated Clerk.

New-Lebanon. August 1848. (Home)

Presbytery met, ^{Saturday} August 5th 1848. at New Lebanon according to adjournment. A Sermon was preached by Richard ^{Hooker} the Moderator, on Col. 4: 2. 3. 4. After public worship the session was opened with prayer. Present.

| Ministers | Elders |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| A. Hayt D. D. | Saml. Groves Newhope |
| J. K. Talmage D.D. | E. L. Newton Athens |
| R. Chamberlain | John H. Cunningham Phytaria - |
| J. W. Reid | Wm. M. Roggs Sandy Creek. |
| R. Hooker | James Norwood New Lebanon. |
| H. C. Carter | J. L. Alexander Hebron - |
| H. Newton | |
| W. P. Gready | |
| E. P. Rogers | |

Absent. A. Church D.D. F. Bowman - H. Safford.
C. P. Beman, J. W. Baker, F. R. Gaudin, G. H. W. Petrie,
H. Kinde, W. Baird, R. M. Baker -

Rev. R. Chamberlain was chosen Moderator, and E. P. Rogers, temporary Clerk -

Messrs Hayt, Newton and Norwood were appointed a committee on the religious exercises of the Congregation, and on the devotional exercises of the Presbytery.

Recess until 2 O'clock.

Saturday 2 O'clock P. M.

Presb. met. Messrs Hayt, Carter & Newton, were appointed a Com. on the Narrative.

The free conversation on the state of religion was made the ^{order of the} day for Monday morning half past nine O'clock.

Mr J. L. King, member of the Circular Church in Charleston, S. C. was introduced to Presbytery King to be taken under its care as a candidate for the received. Gospel Ministry. After a satisfactory examination on experimental piety & his motives for seeking

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the ministerial office. he was received.

An Christus Deus? was assigned him for a Latin Exegesis; and Matt 4: 1-11 - ^{for a critical exercise} Matt 26: 36-46 for a Lecture; - and Heb. 2: 3 for a popular Sermon.

Brother Delaunay, having applied for ordination at this meeting, read his sermon, prepared by the direction of Presbytery. The sermon was sustained as a part of trials. Other parts of trials were postponed until Monday morning.

Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Monday morning nine o'clock - Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer - Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz the free conversation on the state of religion, and went thro' with it.

It was determined to hold the next annual meeting of Presbytery in the City of Newcom on Thursday before the third Sabb. in April at half past seven o'clock P. M.

Messrs Hooker, Rogers, Carter and Groves were appointed a Committee on the Southern Presbyterian - This Committee reported the same Resolution, which ^{was} adopted at the last meeting - and it readopted.

Rogers' essay. Brother Rogers read an Essay on the ^{doctrine of} true succession in the Ministerial office; which was requested for publication in the Southern Presbyterian

Essay. Brother Rogers was appointed to prepare an Essay on this subject: "What constitutes valid ordination?"

Brother Hooker, made report of his attendance on the meetings of the Genl. Assembly, which was approved.

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The subject of Justification by faith was assigned to Brother Delaney - Text. Rom. 5:1. He was directed to prepare a Lecture on Jeremiah 17:9. The subject, Total depravity.

It was determined to hold an adjourned meeting in Columbus, during the Sessions of the Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Resolved That the thanks of the Presb. be presented to the citizens of this place for their kind hospitality to its members.

Adjourned to meet in Columbus at the call of the Moderator, during the Sessions of Synod. Closed with singing and Prayer.

R. Chamberlain Moderator
Francis Bowman. Stated Clerk.