

Columbus Nov. 1848.

Columbus Nov. 27 1848. Synod being in Session, Hopewell Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with Prayer.

Present R. Chamberlain, Moderator -
S. H. Talmage D. D. F. Bowman; A. Lafford;
R. Hooker, F. R. Goulding, & E. P. Rogers, Ministers.
with Nathan Holbrook, Athol, and Benj. Wall
Augusta Elders.

Rev. Richard C. Ketchum presented a certificate of dismissal from the Presbytery of Charleston, and a recommendation to this body. After a satisfactory ~~re-examination~~ examination he was received as a member of this Presb.

Julio Delaunay made request in writing to be dismissed from this Presb. to put himself under the care of the Charleston Presb. His request was granted, & he was recommended to the Charleston Presb. as a Licentiate in good standing.

The committee on the Narrative made a report which was adopted & sent to the Synod.

Wm. N. Thompson, a Licentiate, was received under the care of this Presb. on certificate of Dismissal & recommendation from the Flint River Presb.

It was determined to hold an adjourned meeting of Presb. at Lincolnton, on Saturday before the 2^d Sabb. in March next, for the purpose of ordaining Brother Thompson, according to a petition received from the Lincolnton Church.

Adjourned to meet in Lincolnton on Saturday before the 2^d Sabb. in March at 11 O'clock A. M.

Classed with Prayer -

R. Chamberlain Moderator
Francis Bowman. Stated Clerk.

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Lincolnton, March, 10th - 1849. Saturday
11 O'clock A. M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with Prayer.
Present - J. W. Reid, G. N. W. Petrie, H. Safford, and
E. P. Rogers, Ministers, with Robert Fleming, Elder.
Brother Petrie the last moderator present
took the chair. Brother Rogers was appointed
temporary clerk.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of
Brother Thompson for Ordination.

He was examined on experimental Religion -
his motives for desiring the holy office of the Ministry.
On the Greek, Latin & Hebrew Languages - Natural
& Moral Philosophy; on Natural & revealed Theology,
Church History, Ecclesiastical Polity - & the Sacraments.
He read a sermon on the Divinity of Christ, from
I John 5:20. "This is the true God and eternal Life"

All these parts of trial were sustained.

The way being clear, Presbytery determined to or-
dain him, sine titulo, to morrow, at the close of the
morning service. Brother Petrie was appointed to
preach the ordination sermon; Bro. Reid to preside
& put the constitutional Questions, & offer the ordaining
Prayer, & Bro. Safford to give the charge to the Evan-
gelist.

Presbytery took a recess until Sabbath
morning 11. O'clock. At that time the ordination
services took place - according to appointments Thompson
and Brother ^{Thompson} was, by Prayer, and ^{with} the laying on of the Ordained
hands of the Presb. solemnly ordained to the holy office
of the Gospel ministry. The right hand of fellowship
was given, & he took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet in Macon on Thursday
before the third Sabb. in April at half past 7. O'clock
P. M. Concluded with Prayer.

G. N. W. Petrie Moderator
Francis Bowman Stated clerk.

Macon. Thursday, April 12. 1849

Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by Rev E. P. Rogers from Ez. III. 17. After public worship Presbytery was opened with Prayer. Present F. Bowman, J. W. Reid, F. R. Goulding, R. Hooker, W. P. Greedy, E. P. Rogers, R. M. Baker, & W. H. Thompson, ~~J. B. Cartledge~~ Ministers; with Joseph Bryan, from Mount Zion, John Cunningham, from Greensboro, John J. Gusham, from Macon, E. L. Newton, from Athens, & Wm. M. Boggs from Sandy Creek, Ruling Elders.

Absent A. Church D. D. N. Hoyt D. D., S. K. Tal-
muge D. D. R. Chamberlain, J. W. Baker, C. P. Beman,
G. H. W. Petrie, H. C. Carter, H. Hender, W. Baird, H. Saf-
ford, R. C. Ketchum, & H. Newton.

After the Roll was completed Presbytery ad-
journed until to morrow morning half past eight
O'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

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

Rev. E. P. Rogers was chosen Moderator.

The minutes of the last stated & subsequent
meetings were read and confirmed.

Messrs R. M. Baker, Goulding, & Bowman,
gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the
last stated meeting.

Messrs Hooker, Thompson & Gusham, were
appointed a committee on the devotional exercises
of the congregation & of the Presbytery.

Rev. J. F. Lanneau of the Charleston Presbytery
and Rev. Thomas L. Hamner of the Presbytery of the
District of Columbia, being present were invited
to sit as corresponding members.

Messrs Goulding and Bryan were appoint-
ed a committee on the minutes of Synod.

Letters were received from Messrs Church and
Hoyt, assigning reasons for absence which were
sustained. Brother Hoyt's request for an adjourned
meeting was put on the Docket.

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The following Committees of review were appointed. viz. On the Session Book of Athens, Reid & Bryan; on that of Guenesboro; Goulding and Gusham; on that of Augusta, Hooker and Boggs; on those of Salem and Sandy Creek, Baker and Cunningham; on those of Lincolnton and Thyatira, Gready and Newton; on those of Ebenezer and South Liberty, Thompson and Bryan; on that of Macon Goulding and Newton; on that of Monticello, Reid and Newton.

Messrs Gready and Newton were appointed a committee on the Narrative, and it was made the order the day for this afternoon immediately after recess to have the free conversation on the state of religion.

Brother Chamberlain was appointed to attend the examination of the Students in the Theological Seminary.

The Treasurer's Report was presented, and referred to Messrs Cunningham and Newton to be audited.

A recess was taken until three o'clock.

Friday afternoon three o'clock.

Presbytery met. The order of the day was taken up, viz, the free conversation, and it was gone thro with

Brother Safford appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness - Brother Chamberlain communicated satisfactory reasons for his absence.

Rev. Messrs Branham & Marshall, of the Methodist E. Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Brother Hamner, Agent of the American S. S. Union, addressed the Presbytery on the subject of his agency, - and Brother Lannear addressed

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the body on the subject of Foreign Missions. After these addresses the following Resolutions were adopted, viz.

I Resolved. That the safety of our country depends upon the universal religious education of the people; and that in this view it is a matter of the deepest interest to every citizen that all our children and youth should be brought under the influence of Sabbath School instruction.

II That this Presb. regards the Am. S. S. Union with high satisfaction as eminently adapted to promote the intellectual and moral culture of the nation, and to perpetuate our republican and religious institutions, and to unite Am. S. S. eminent national prosperity with pure morals. Union -

III. That this Presb. has heard, with sincere gratification, the statements of our Brother Hamner, the Agent, relative to his labors in the South, and to the S. S. Union generally. The Presb. is gratified also to know that his labors among children, are instructive, pleasing, & highly useful in imparting religious truth; and this body cheerfully recommends him to the favorable and kind reception of the churches and families within our bounds.

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

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

A Petition was received from Ebenezer Church requesting Presb. to ordain Brother Cartledge as an Evangelist. It was docketed. Petition.

The committees of review on the Session Books of Macon, Augusta, Athens, South Liberty, Ebenezer, Lincoln-ton, Thyatira Salem, Sandy Creek, Greensboro, and Monticello, recommend the approval of them respectively. The reports were adopted.

Adjourned until to morrow morning half past eight o'clock - concluded with Prayer.

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

William S. Hurd, Elder from Monticello, appeared and took his seat.

The following contributions were received for the Commissioners Fund. viz. Salem 10.00 \$ Madison 5.00 Athens 50.00, (paid to Brother Hoyt) Mount Zion 10.00 - Monticello 5.00. Thyatira 10.00. Sandy Creek 3.72. Lincoln-ton 5.00. South Liberty 3.00. Macon 30.00 Guinesboro: 10.00 Ebenezer 2.00, Lexington 2.00 for 1848.

Brother Goulding, Minister, & Brother John J. Gresham, Elder, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly; - and Brother Reid Minister, and Brother John Cunningham, Alternates.

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

Cartledge's Church, and determined, provided the way be Ordination clear, to ordain Brother Cartledge at the next sta-
determined on. - ted meeting of Presb. Rom. V. 1. was assigned to him for a sermon.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted viz. That this Presb. entertains a very high esteem of the labors and success of Brother Safford in the service of the Am. Tract Society, and would earnestly recommend him to the affections and coöperation of the benevolent generally, believing that the interests of this great and important cause in the State of Georgia cannot be committed to bet-
ter hands.

It was determined to the next stated meet- ing of Presb. at Bethany on Thursday before the fourth Sabb. in September next at 11 O'clock A.M.

Charles B. King, a Licentiate of the Cherokee Presb. asked leave to labor in our bounds. - Leave was granted.

Presbytery took up Brother Hoyts request.

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for an adjourned meeting for the purpose of licensing Thos. A. Hoyt. Presbytery, considering that the examination and Request for licensing of candidates for the holy ministry is the most an adjourned important business. that it ever performs; - Considering meeting, not further that adjourned are usually very thinly attended, granted - and that the next stated meeting will not be long after the candidate will have returned from the Seminary, it was deemed inexpedient to hold the proposed adjourned meeting.

Presbytery heard the written parts of the trials of James L. King, viz - Latin Exegesis, Critical Exercise, Lecture and Sermon, all of which were sustained.

A recess was taken until three o'clock.

Saturday afternoon three o'clock - Presbytery met. Brethren Safford, Rice and C. B. King were appointed to supply each one Sabb. the Pulpit of the Commissioner to the General Assembly, during his absence.

Messrs Bowman and Cunningham were appointed to consider what reduction can be made in the of assessment present assessment for contingent expenses, and report to the next stated meeting.

The Executive committee of Domestic Missions made their Report which was approved. The present committee were reappointed.

Thanks were voted to the citizens of Macon for their kindness & hospitality to the members of Presb.

The Committee on the Narrative made a Report which was adopted.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethany on Thursday before the fourth Sabb. in September next, at 11 o'clock A.M. Concluded with prayer, & the Apostolical Benediction.

E. P. Rogers, Moderator
Francis Bowman S. Clerk.

Bethany, Thursday, September 20. 1849 11 O'clock A.M.

Presb. met. The Moderator being absent, a sermon was preached by S. H. Talmage D.D. from Heb. XII. 1. after which the session was opened with Prayer. Present, N. Hoyt, D.D. R. Chamberlain, H. Safford, S. H. Talmage D.D. W. Baird, J. W. Reid, R. M. Baker, ^{and E. L. Newton} W. P. Greedy, Ministers— with Alexander King, Bethany, Saml. Groves of New Hope, Daniel Kilian of Madison, D. H. King of Concord, James McDonald of New Lebanon, and William B. Johnson of Greensboro, Elders.

Absent, A. Church D.D. F. Bowman, F. R. Goulding, J. W. Baker, C. P. Beman, G. H. W. Petrie, R. Hooker, H. C. Carter, H. Hendee, E. P. Rogers, & R. G. Ketchum.

Rev. W. Baird was chosen Moderator, and S. H. Talmage temporary Clerk.

A recess was taken until half past 2 O'clock—

Afternoon half past 2 O'clock—
Presb. met. A letter was received from J. W. Baker, assigning reasons for absence which were sustained. The Brethren Talmage, Chamberlain, Baird & Newton gave satisfactory reasons for their absence from the last stated meeting.

J. W. Reid, N. Hoyt, and A. King were appointed a Committee on the religious exercises of Presb.

Drs Hoyt, & Talmage, & E. L. Newton, were appointed a committee on the minutes of the Genl. Assembly.

Messrs Chamberlain & Kilian were appointed a Committee on the minutes of Synod.

Thomas A. Hoyt read his Lecture, which was sustained as a part of trials.

An *in sit sanctus Spiritus, Deus?* was assigned ^{Milner's parts} to R. W. Milner for a ^{Latin} ~~critical~~ exercise, and the first 4 of Trial. verses of the 8th chapter of Romans for a critical exercise.

It was made the order of the day for to morrow morning nine O'clock to examine the candidates for Licensure, and the candidate for ordination.

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J.R. Bowman
received.
Parts assigned.

John Rice Bowman, a Graduate of Princeton College, & a member of the Greensboro Church, was introduced to Presb. to be taken under its care as a Candidate for the Ministry. After a satisfactory examination on experimental religion, and his motives for desiring the ministry, he was received. The first ten chapters of the Confession of Faith were assigned to him; "An sit poena scelerum sempiterna"; was assigned for a Latin Exegesis; & the first five verses of the fourth Chapter of Galatians for a critical Exercise.

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

Friday morning nine O'clock.

Presb. met, and was opened with Prayer.

The minutes of the last sessions, which were not here yesterday were read and approved.

Messrs Rogers, Hatchum, and Gaulding, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The order of the day was taken up, viz, the examination of Candidates.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod made a Report, which was noticed on the Docket.

A recess was taken until two O'clock.

Friday afternoon two O'clock.

Presb. met. The Rev. Mr Thornton of the Baptist church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Executive Committee of Domestic Missions made their Report, which was approved.

Candidates

Examined

The examination of the Candidates was resumed. The candidates were G. H. Cartledge for ordination, and T. A. Hoyt, and James L. King, for Licensure. - Their examination on the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew Languages,

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on Theology, on the Arts and Sciences, and on Church History was sustained. Cartledge and Hoyt were examined on the Sustained Sacraments, and Church Government - This was also sustained.

It was made the order of the day to hear the trial sermons - sermons of Messrs Cartledge and Hoyt to morrow morning at 8 O'clock, before the public congregation.

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

Messrs Thompson, Hetchum, and E. L. Newton were appointed a committee on the Narrative.

Presb. adjourned until to morrow morning eight O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

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

According to the order of the day, Messrs Cartledge and Hoyt preached their trial Sermons, which were sustained.

Homer Hendee appeared and undared satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Porter Fleming, Elder from Augusta, and D. C. Darden Elder from South Liberty appeared and took their seats.

Having sustained all the trials of Messrs Hoyt and King, their licensure was made the order of the day for to morrow afternoon.

All the trials of S. H. Cartledge having been sustained, it was determined to have the Ordination services to morrow afternoon at half past two O'clock - Brother Baird was appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon, and Brother Rogus to give the Charge.

Messrs Cartledge, Groves, and McDonald were appointed a committee to organize a church at Cold Water, in Elbert County.

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

Bethany, September 1849.

The Report of the Committee on the minutes of Synod was taken up. It appeared that but two Elders from this Presbytery were present at the opening of the last Session of the Synod. After some discussion on the Report, a recess was taken until half past two O'clock.

Saturday afternoon half past 2 O'clock.

Presb. met, and resumed the consideration of the Report on the Minutes of Synod, when the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, the subject of the attendance of ministers and Elders at our Synodical and Presbyterial meetings has been acted upon by the Synod of Georgia, and an expression given of its judgment as to the duty ~~of~~ of Ministers and Churches in this matter; - and Whereas it is recorded in the Minutes of Synod, that at its last session only two of the ²⁸ Churches in this Presbytery were represented at the opening of the Session; therefore

Attendance of Ministers & Elders on Ecclesiastical meetings.

I. Resolved, ^{that} this Presb. regards it as equally the ~~im-~~portant duty of Ministers and Elders to attend promptly and punctually our Ecclesiastical meetings, and regrets that this obligation seems to be so little felt by some of our Ministers, and many of our Elders.

II Resolved. That in future, in case of the absence of Ministers, and of Elders, who may ^{be} appointed to attend, shall be deemed worthy of special censure, unless excused by the Presbytery.

III Resolved. That if the Stated Clerk find it inconvenient in consequence of ill health, to copy the minutes to be presented to the next meeting of Synod, he be requested to employ some good Scribe to copy them.

S. Clerk -

The Committee on the Minutes of the Genl. assembly made a Report which was adopted, and is as follows - viz.

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Resolved. That the recommendation of the General Assembly, relative to the fund for the support of superannuated Ministers, and the indigent widows and children of deceased ministers, be adopted by this Presbytery. Support of
superannuated
ministers &c.

Brethren Goulding & Thompson obtained leave of absence.

Brethren Reid and King were appointed a committee to confer with Brother J. R. Dow to ascertain whether J. R. Dow. he wishes to be considered still under the care of Presbytery.

The Committee on Assessment was continued, and ordered to report during the meeting of Synod.

Presbytery had a free conversation on the state of Religion -

A Resolution of thanks was adopted for the kindness and hospitality of the community.

Presbytery then adjourned until to morrow afternoon, half past two o'clock to perform the services of Ordination & Licensure. Closed with Prayer -

Sabbath afternoon 2 1/2 o'clock -

Presbytery met. The ordination sermon was preached by Brother Baird. Brother Bartledge, having satisfactorily answered the prescribed questions, was solemnly Ordained to the full work of the ministry, as an Evangelist, by Prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The right hand of Fellowship was given to charge was given to him by Brother Rogers - and he then took his seat as a member of Presbytery. Ordination
of Bartledge -
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Thomas A. Hoyt, and James L. King, were licensed to preach to preach the Gospel as Probationers - Hoyt & King
licensed -

Brother T. A. Hoyt asked for a dismission to put himself under the care of Harmony Presb. His request was granted - and he is affectionately recommended to that Presb. as a Licentiate in good standing. Hoyt & King
dismissed -

Adjourned to meet in Greensboro. during the sessions of Synod at the call of the Moderator - Closed with Prayer.

Washington Baird, Moderator
Francis Bowman Stated Clerk.

Examined and approved at the Session of
the Synod of Georgia, at Greensboro'
Oct^r 1849.

N. C. Pratt

Moderator —

John S. Wilson States Clerk —

Greensboro. October 26. 1849.

The Presbytery was called by the last Moderator present, during the meeting of the meeting of the Synod, October 1849, and was opened with Prayer. Present S. H. Talmage D. D. N. Hoyt D. D. P. Chamberlain; F. Bowman, A. Safford, C. P. Beman, R. Hooker, H. Newton, W. P. Gready, H. Hendee, E. P. Rogers, R. M. Baker, W. H. Thompson, R. C. Ketchum, Ministers, with J. Cunningham, A. King, J. Bryan, Elders.

The committee on assessment reported and recommended that the assessment on the Churches be reduced 33 & 1/3 percent, The Report was adopted.

The Treasurer was directed to pay John R. Daw, the amount of his expenses in attending the General Assembly in 1846.

Matt. 7:13, 14 were assigned to L. R. Bowman for a Sermon, and I John 3:1, 2, 3, for a Lecture.

Rev J. M. Parsons presented a Dismissal from the Flint River Presbytery, with a recommendation to this body, He was examined and received.

A certificate of dismission of Charles B. King a Licentiate of Flint River Presb. with a recommendation to this Body, was presented, whereupon he was received under our care.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Madison on Thursday before the third Sabbath in April next at 11. O'clock A. M. Closed with Prayer.

E. P. Rogers. Moderator
Francis Bowman. S. Clerk.

* I was at this meeting, but my name seems to be omitted by the clerks

G. H. Cartledge

Madison. Thursday, April. 18. 1850. 11 O'clock. A. M.

Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by Rev. W. Baird, the Moderator, on Deut. 32: 9-12. After divine service the Session was opened with prayer. Present. N. Hoyt, D. D. F. Bowman, H. Safford, J. W. Reid, F. R. Goulding, J. W. Baker, G. H. W. Petrie, R. Hooker, H. Hendee, E. P. Rogers, W. Baird, R. M. Baker, W. H. Thompson, Ministers, with Roswell Hulbert Greensboro; Wm. A. Correy, Bethany; Tho: J. Windsor, Milledgeville; E. A. Nisbet, Macon, and C. W. Richter, Madison Elders.

Rev. F. R. Goulding was chosen Moderator.

Messrs R. M. Baker, Richter, and Nisbet were appointed a Committee on the devotional Exercises of the Congregation and of the Presbytery.

A recess was taken until half past two O'clock.

Thursday afternoon half past 2 O'clock.

Presb. met. The Minutes of the last stated meeting, and of the adjourned meeting, were read and approved. Wm Turk of New Lebanon and Archibald McDonald of Hobson appeared & took their seats. Messrs Bowman, Petrie, and Hooker, rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last stated meeting. Brother Talmage gave reasons in writing for absence from this meeting which were sustained.

John R. Bowman's Latin Exegesis, was presented and referred to Messrs Reid and J. W. Baker. His Critical Exercise was read and referred to Messrs Hooker, Petrie and R. M. Baker.

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

E. P. Rogers, Minister, and Benj. Hall, Elder, were appointed Commissioners to the next Genl. assembly; and Henry Safford, Minister, and C. L. Newton, Elder, were appointed Alternates.

H. Carter, and G. H. Cartledge appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Matt 13: 24-30. was assigned to Mr Milner for a Lecture, and John 3: 18 was assigned to him for a sermon.

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The Committee appointed to confer with John R. Dow. to ascertain whether he wishes to continue under the care of the Presb. as a candidate for the Ministry, reported that he does wish to continue under its care, and that he expects to prosecute his studies.

E. L. Newton, Elder from Athens, and A. J. Harwell, Elder from Mount Zion, appeared and took their seats.

The following Committees of Review were appointed; viz. Thompson and Corey on the Records of the Greenerboro' Church; Safford and Hulbert on those of Augusta; Reid and Newton on those of Macon; Rogers and Turk on those of Washington; J. M. Baker and ~~those~~ Richter on those of Athens; Petrie and Harwell on those of Milledgeville; Thompson and McDonald on those of Bethany; Baird and Corey on those of Thyatira; Carter and Windsor on those of Madison; Hoyt and Nisbet on those of Mount Zion; R. M. Baker and Hulbert on those of New Lebanon.

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 of Review on the Records of Athens, Mount Zion, Augusta, Greenerboro', Madison, Bethany, New Lebanon, and Thyatira, reported and recommended that the Books respectively be approved. The Reports were adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, recommended that this service be held to morrow afternoon at three O'clock in the following order, viz. 1. Hymn by Moderator; 2. Prayer by Br. Reid; 3. Address by Br. Hoyt; 4. Prayer by Br. Petrie.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and was referred to Messrs Harwell and Turk.

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Rev. W. Baird presented a request from W. P. Gready to be dismissed to join the Flint River Presbytery. Brother ^{Gready} was accordingly dismissed and recommended to the Flint River Presbytery as a member in good standing.

The Committees to whom the Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise of J. R. Bowman were referred reported, and recommended that they be approved as parts of trial. The reports were adopted.

Letters were received from Brethren Church and Kitchum, assigning reasons for absence from this meeting which were sustained.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at half past two o'clock to have the free conversation on the State of Religion, and Messrs Petrie, J. W. Baker and Windsor were appointed a committee on the Narrative.

Messrs Baird, Hooker, and Nisbet, were appointed a Committee on Bills and Overtures.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting at Mount Lion on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in October next at seven o'clock P. M.

The following contributions were made to the Commissioners Fund. viz. Washington \$13.00. Macon 33.50. South Liberty 3.55. Madison 3.00. Newhope 3.00. Ebenezer 1.00. Athens 33.35. Hobson 2.00. Bethany 5.00. Millidgeville 10.00. Greensboro 10.00. Salem 7.00. Mount Lion 10.00. New Lebanon 3.00. Sandy Creek, 4.50. Thyatira 5.50.

Messrs Safford, Hender and Turk were appointed a committee on the Minutes of Synod.

A communication was received from the Session of the Church in Columbus, informing Presb. that Chas. B. King is supplying that Church, and requesting this Presb. to ordain him sine titulo. It was determined to take measures for his ordination during the present session. Psalm 111: 9 was assigned to Br King for a sermon as part of trials.

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The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overtures No 1, 2, and 3.

Overture No 1 was taken up. It is as follows:

Overture. Can a stated supply and one Elder try delinquents? The following answer was given. viz. 1. Every ordained Minister is by virtue of his ordination, competent to sit judicially, in any ecclesiastical body of which he is a member.

2. A stated supply of any church recognized by the Presb. and being chosen by the Session, is properly the Moderator of that session.

3. The inference from Chap. 9 Sec. 2. that when, in any church, there is only one Elder, the stated supply, with such Elder constitutes a proper tribunal, before which to take up and issue cases of discipline.

Overture No 2. was taken up and is as follows. viz. When, in any church, there are cases calling for discipline, but in that church there is no minister and only one Elder, what action should be taken in such cases? Answer. Upon information being duly communicated to Presb. of said state of things, it becomes the duty of Presb. under whose care said church is, to constitute a session *pro tanto*, by delegating one of its ministerial members to proceed to the place and, by the regular steps, to bring such offender to trial.

Overture No 3. was taken up, and is as follows viz. Is it lawful for ministers, Elders, Missionary Boards, and private members, to be stock holders in those Corporate Companies that violate the Sabbath? The following answer was adopted viz.

The desecration of the Sabbath by incorporated companies, in pursuit of ordinary business on that day, for profit, is sinful, and profoundly to be deplored; and it is the duty of ministers, Elders, and other members of the church, holding stock in such companies, to make strenuous and persevering efforts to prevent such desecration.

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Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Brother King for Ordination. He was examined on experimental Religion, Theology; Ecclesiastical History; Church government and the Sacraments, all of which was sustained. The hearing of his trial Sermon was made the order of the day for half past ten O'clock tomorrow morning.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported that there was nothing in them requiring the attention of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned until half past eight O'clock to morrow morning. Closed with Prayer.

Saturday morning 8 1/2 O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Wm. P. Gready appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery had a free (convulsion) on the state of Religion within our bounds.

Brother King preached his trial sermon and it was sustained as a part of trials. It was then determined to ordain him to morrow afternoon at three O'clock. Brother Rogers was appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon; Brother Bowman to preside, and put the Constitutional Questions, and offer the ordaining Prayer; and Brother Hays to give the charge.

J. Lawrence King presented, in writing, a request to be dismissed, to put himself under the care of the Flint River Presb. He was dismissed accordingly, and recommended to that Presb. as a Licentiate in good standing.

The committee of review on the Records of the Macon Church, reported the following exceptions in the trial of Miss Lane Irwin.

It does not appear from the Records that previous

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to commencing prosecution, there was any compliance with the injunction of our Saviour, Matt 18:15.

2nd. The witnesses in the case were admitted in a body, and heard each others' testimony.

3. The testimony of each was not, after being reduced to writing, read to the witness, nor the inquiry made whether that was his or her testimony.

4th. The Record in the case is defective. The admissions of the parties show that, the full testimony, and the whole action of the Session, do not in all cases appear.

The first three your committee regard as irregularities, to which exceptions should be taken. The 4th is a neglect, injurious at once to the parties, and to the Court of review, before which the case must come.

Still your committee are not prepared to say that these irregularities and grounds of exception, vitiate the proceedings so as to affect the result of the trial. They however believe that there are peculiarities in the temperament, and diseased state of Miss Sevin, as also in several circumstances of the case, as should mitigate, in measure, the severity of the sentence. They, therefore, recommend that Presbytery request the Session to restore her to her former standing in the Church, so soon as, in their judgment, the spirit, by her manifested, shall render such restoration proper.

The Report of the committee was adopted, and the Session was directed to enter it in their minutes. With the foregoing exceptions, the Records were approved.

R. M. Baker was appointed to supply the pulpit of the Commission to the General Assembly on the 2nd Sabbath in May; F. Bowman the 3rd G. H. W. Petrie the 4th; F. B. Goulding the 1st in June.

The ^{3rd} Committee of Domestic Missions made their semiannual Report which was approved, and referred to Messrs Hooker and Carter.

Presbytery at three o'clock engaged in devotional exercises.

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The devotional exercises being concluded business was resumed. The Committee to whom the Report of the Executive Committee of Do. Missions was referred, reported the following Resolutions which were adopted, viz.

I. Resolved, That it be recommended to Parent Board to commence, under the supervision of the Ex. Com. the work of Missions to the colored people in our bounds, ~~as~~ far and as fast, as the field shall be opened by Providence, and suitable men can be provided for the work.

II. Resolved, That it be hereafter, a standing rule to appoint some one to preach, at the fall meeting of Presb. on the subject of Domestic Missions. ✓

Brother Petric was appointed to preach on this subject at the next fall meeting.

The same Executive Committee was reappointed.

The Treasurer was directed to pay to the Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly such sums as may be necessary to defray their expenses.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted viz. That this Presb. feels the deepest conviction of the importance of disseminating the doctrines of the Christian faith as they are presented in the Publications of the Assembly's Board, throughout our state, and that we tender a cordial welcome to the Rev. Mr. Mahon, the Agent now laboring among us, in the prosecution of the objects of the Board of Publication.

The following minute was adopted viz. Whereas, information has been received by this Presb. that there are cases requiring discipline in the Danielsville Church, and that there is but one Elder, and no Pastor, or stated supply in said Church; Therefore, Resolved, That H. C. Carter be appointed to go to Danielsville, constitute a session, and take up and issue all cases demanding discipline.

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

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Presbytery took a recess until tomorrow afternoon, three o'clock, the time appointed for the Ordination of Brother King. The Presb. met at the hour appointed, three o'clock Sabbath afternoon. Brother Rogers preached the Ordination Sermon. The candidate having answered, in the affirmative, the Constitutional Questions, he was, with Prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, ordained to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry. A solemn charge was given to the Evangelist and he took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

At his own request, Brother King was dismissed to join the Flint River Presbytery, and was recommended to that Presbytery as a member in good standing.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Mount Zion on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October next, at seven o'clock P. M. Concluded with Prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

Francis R. Goulding, Moderator.

Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk.

A pro re nata Meeting.

A special meeting^{of} Presb. was called by the Moderator, according to the provision of the Constitution, at the request of the Rev. E. P. Rogers who wished to bring to the notice of Presb. various reports which were circulated in Augusta, injurious to his character. This meeting was held, agreeably to the Call, in the Lecture room of the Presbyterian Church in Augusta on Tuesday the 2nd day of July 1850, at 9 O'clock A. M. The following members were present, viz. A. Church D.D. J. H. Palmage D.D. R. Chamberlain. F. Bowman, F. R. Goulding R. M. Baker, H. Handee, E. P. Rogers, W. H. Thompson, Ministers, with John Cunningham, of Greensboro; Benj. Hall of Augusta; Wm. S. Mitchell of Athens, and Francis F. Fleming of Lincolnton. Elders. The session was opened with Prayer.

A statement was made by Br. Rogers, of the reasons which had induced him to request this special meeting. His statement was, in substance, that his attention having been called to certain rumors current in the city of Augusta, calculated to injure his reputation and impair his usefulness as a Christian Minister - rumors appearing to be founded upon certain repeated expressions of opinion highly unfavorable, to his character, tho' containing no specific charge, from a prominent individual in this city, he deemed it to be his duty to call the attention of the Presb. to the subject, in order that, thro' their investigation, he might be fully exonerated from censure.

The Session of the Church were then called upon to communicate such facts as had come to their knowledge, in regard to the rumors aforesaid. They stated that they had used great diligence in tracing their origin

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and could find no source from which they could have arisen, except the expressions of ~~an~~ unfavorable opinion on the part of the individual above referred to. They also stated that, in their opinion, no credence was given to these rumors, and that they could not affect injuriously the reputation of Brother Rogers, nor impair his usefulness, in this congregation.

A call was then made by the Presb. on the members of the members of the congregation present for any communications which they might choose to make in reference to the subject under consideration.

The Hon Charles J. Jenkins then arose and stated that the remarks which he had to make referred to the expressions of opinion highly unfavorable to the Rev. Mr Rogers, which had emanated from the individual already referred to, and who was understood to be Col. Wm. Cumming of this City, and that for the sake of being perfectly understood, he had committed to writing his remarks, and with the permission of Presb. he would lay before it the following statement.

To the Moderator and Members of Hopewell Presb. sitting at Augusta, July 2nd 1850.

Impelled by an ardent wish to promote the ends of truth and justice, desiring the preservation of social and individual tranquility, and privileged (as he hopes) by circumstances which have connected him with the subject matter under consideration, the undersigned respectfully craves permission to present to this Ecclesiastical Tribunal the following Paper:

Having an abiding confidence in the innocence of the Rev. gentleman, who has sought ⁱⁿ this mode a vindication from imputations cast upon him; and a no less settled conviction that the author of those imputations could never have made them unless deceived by misrepresentations, or ~~by~~ misled by delusive appearances, I determined, they consenting, to become the organ of communication between them, the medium thro' whom whatever of

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misunderstanding, or mistake, might exist, should be corrected without unnecessary publicity or painful excitement. Accordingly, in a spirit of candor, and a just conception by each of what was due to the other, the communication proceeded, and aided by other information, happily accessible, led to the result which it is my pleasure to offer for your consideration.

Having been furnished by Col. Wm. Cumming with a description of an incident which had induced frequent expressions of opinion by him unfavorable to the character of Mr Rogers. I submitted it for the consideration of the latter.

Mr Rogers promptly recognized the incident referred to, and authorized me to say, that upon a careful review of the particulars presented, he perceived, as he had not done before, and admitted, that the appearances were such, as, to the apprehension of Col. Cumming, uninformed of other attending circumstances, might seem to warrant the suspicion of an improper design on his part. At the same time he insisted that a thorough knowledge of the facts would have vindicated him, not only from the imputation of improper act, but even from that of imprudence.

Col. Cumming, after a candid consideration of additional facts, brought to his knowledge, made the following statement:

"Wm. Cumming thinks that he was fully justified, at the time, in regarding the appearances referred to, as furnishing grounds for a most unfavorable opinion of Mr Rogers. But justice now requires him to state, that he has recently obtained (not from that gentleman), an exposition of circumstances, which under those appearances entirely compatible with the innocence of Mr Rogers. To make this known, Wm. Cumming considers not less due to his own character, than to the other party."

With this exculpation, voluntarily furnished as above stated "by the gentleman from whom emanated the imputations referred to, I cannot surpass that this Presbytery, convened at the instance of a

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Clergymen affected by them, for an investigation, would desire a detail of circumstances, in my opinion properly withheld, when not demanded for the purpose of justice. Nor is it believed that a just and generous public will feel any prurient curiosity concerning an incident of no moment whatever, except as having excited suspicions, now happily removed. Since the vindication of the only party suspected, has been obtained, it were wanton cruelty to make public reference to others, needing no vindication. Upon this subject I have to say, for Mr Rogers, that while he did not ask that the facts be withheld from the public, and would not desire it from considerations personal to himself, he, nevertheless, for the cogent reasons above alluded to, acquiesces in that course.

This is all that duty to the parties requires of me; and here, perhaps, I ought to stop. But in view of the information obtained, in virtue of my confidential position, and of the sacred relation subsisting between one surrounded by circumstances so peculiar, and the many who worship stately in this temple, may I not presume a little further on the kind indulgence which has granted me a hearing?

With, I trust, a sufficiently exacting estimate of clerical purity and propriety of demeanor, I have subjected the conduct of Mr Rogers - as exhibited in all the facts ascertained and carefully collected - to a severe scrutiny; and I solemnly affirm, that I can perceive no shade of culpability, no ground of even the mildest censure. And if my reverend friend and pastor will pardon the liberty, I will add my humble testimony, that his whole conduct and bearing, while passing thro this trying ordeal, have strikingly and beautifully illustrated the character of the Christian minister.

Respectfully submitted by

Charles J. Jenkins.

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The following was appended to the foregoing paper:

I have ^{examined} the within statement, purporting to have been made by me, and hereby verify it.

E. P. Rogers.

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I have examined the within statement, purporting to have been made by me, and hereby verify it.

Wm. Cumming.

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No further communications being offered. Presb. appointed Messrs Church, Falmage, Chamberlain, Cunningham, and Mitchell, a Committee to bring in a minute on the subject, and then took a recess until half past 5 o'clock P. M. At that time the Committee made the following Report:

The Committee have directed their attention, first, to certain vague rumors which have been recently in circulation in the City of Augusta, injurious to the Christian character of brother Rogers; and, secondly, to the reported expressions of opinion, by Col. Wm. Cumming, unfavorable to him, but containing no specific charge against him.

As to the rumors referred to, your committee after careful consideration, can see in them nothing which calls for further investigation, or which can injuriously affect the reputation, or disturb the peace of Brother Rogers.

As regards the opinions expressed by Col. Cumming, your Committee having examined the paper this day presented by Mr. Jenkins, are of the opinion that it clearly and fully exonerates Brother Rogers from all unfavorable imputations. Putting that matter in the strongest possible light against him, it would amount simply to this, that there were appearances, which, while unexplained, were such as were calculated to excite in the mind of Col. Cumming, injurious suspicions; and who is there occupying any public station, who is

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not, at some time, exposed to this peril? It is enough to say, that information subsequently obtained, not from Mr Rogers, but from other sources, changed the character of those appearances, and made them entirely compatible with his innocence, in the opinion of Col Cumming himself.

Your Committee are happy in the belief that the inquiry, which has been instituted, affords abundant assurance that the confidence of the Church and Congregation in Brother Rogers, is in no way impaired, and that, as his character cannot suffer, so his usefulness will not be diminished.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

I. Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Presb. there is no ground for any charge against the Rev. E. P. Rogers, and that there is nothing affecting his christian character, or which is likely to impair his usefulness; and that we fully and cordially exonerate him from all censure.

II. Resolved, That the paper, presented by Mr. Jenkins, be entered on the minutes of this Body, and that it be published in connection with this Report.

The Report, having been read and considered, was unanimously adopted. This called meeting was then closed with Prayer.

Francis R. Goulding Moderator.
Francis Bowman Stated Clerk.

Mount Zion, Thursday October 10. 1850.

Presb. met. 7 O'clock. P. M. A sermon was preached by the Rev. F. R. Goulding, the Moderator, on II Cor. v. 20. After Public worship, the Session was opened with Prayer.

Present. A. Church, D.D. N. Hoyt, D.D. R. Chamberlain, F. Bowman, F. R. Goulding, C. P. Beman, H. Newton, W. Baird, R. C. Ketchum, R. M. Baker, G. H. Cartledge, Ministers; - with A. H. Harwell, of Mount Zion, W. B. Johnson, Greensboro, James Norwood, New Lebanon; John M. Alexander, Hebron, David McClusky, Concord, Joseph B. Long, Newhope, John Brighton, Sandy Creek, Ruling Elders.

Rev. R. C. Ketchum was chosen Moderator. The reading of the Minutes was deferred until tomorrow morning. Messrs Bowman, Church and Harwell were appointed a committee on the devotional exercises of the Congregation.

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

The absentees were J. K. Talmage, N. Safford, J. W. Reid, J. W. Baker, G. H. W. Petrie, R. Hooker, H. C. Carter, H. Hendee, W. P. Gready, E. P. Rogers, H. U. Parsons, and W. H. Thompson.

Friday Morning, nine O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Brother Safford appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting, and of the Pro. re nata meeting, were read and confirmed.

R. Chamberlain, C. P. Beman, and H. Newton rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last stated meeting.

Rev. John F. Lanneau, of the Cherokee Presbytery, and Agent of the Assembly's Board of

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~~Board~~ of Foreign Missions, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A letter was received from Brother Gready, assigning reasons for absence from this meeting which were sustained. He also informed Presb. that he feels still unprepared to avail himself of the dismissal that was granted him, as he is "not sure of remaining long in his present field of labor;" and says "that he thinks it better to hold his connexion with this Presbytery until he feels himself more permanently settled." It was therefore.

Resolved, That the Dismission of Brother Gready be, and it hereby is, revoked.

It appeared that the Committee which was appointed at the last meeting to visit the Danielsville Church, had not, for reasons, which were stated, performed that service. The same Committee was continued.

Messrs Baker, Chamberlain and Johnson, were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The Free Conversation on the state of Religion in our Bounds, was made the order of the day, for this after noon at half past three O'clock. Messrs Gaulding, Beman, and Norwood were appointed a Committee on the Narrative.

Brother Lanneau was requested to address the Presb. on the subject of Foreign Missions, to morrow morning at 10 O'clock.

Edwin Wiley, Elder from Mount Zion took his seat as Principal, in the place of Brother Harwell the Alternate.

A recess was taken until half past 2 O'clock.

Friday half past 2. P. M.

Presbytery met. Myles G. Harris, Elder from Sparta appeared and took his seat.

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It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery in Milledgeville on Wednesday, the 16. day of April next at 7. O'clock P. M.

Presbytery entered on the order of the day for three O'clock, viz. the free conversation on the state of Religion and went thro' with it.

E. L. Newton one of the Commissioners to the General Assembly, made a report which was approved. His expenses were \$89.65.

Brother ^{Church} obtained leave of absence after the sessions of today.

Robert W. Milner, and John Rice Bowman candidates for Licensure were examined on the Languages and on the arts and sciences. It was ordered that J. R. Bowman preach his Popular Sermon to night at 7. O'clock.

Brother Petrie, who was appointed to preach on the subject of Domestic Missions, not being present, it was determined to have several addresses made on the subject to morrow at 11 O'clock, and Brothers Gaulding, Baird and McCusky were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

A recess was had until seven O'clock. At that time J. R. Bowman preached his trial sermon. Mr. Milner, after the public worship, read his trial sermon.

Paul David^{son} appeared, an Elder from South Liberty, and took his seat.

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

Saturday morning nine O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Mr. Milner read his critical Exercise. J. R. Bowman read his Lecture. Milner's Latin Exegesis was referred to Messrs Cartledge and Goudding. He read his Lecture.

The committee on the minutes of the Assembly made a Report which was put on the Docket.

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S. K. Talmage appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

At ten O'clock Presb. was addressed by Brother Lanneau in relation to Foreign Missions

At 11 O'clock the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Do. Missions made a verbal statement relative to the doings of that Committee which was received instead of the semiannual Report in writing. After that, several addresses were made to the congregation which produced a very happy effect.

A recess was taken until half past 2 O'clock.

Saturday. P. M. half past 2 O'clock.

The Candidates for Licensure were examined on Natural and Revealed Theology, and on Ecclesiastical History.

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

The Committee, to whom Mr Milner's Latin exegesis was referred, recommended that it be sustained. The recommendation was adopted.

All the parts of trials, and the several examinations of these Candidates were sustained, and it was determined to License them to night after public worship.

A recess was taken until after public worship to night.

Saturday night Presbytery met.

Licensure of Milner and J. R. Bowman
 John Rice Bowman and Robert W. Milner, having exhibited all the parts of trial, and having been examined on all the subjects, required by our Form of Government, Hopewell Presbytery expressed its approbation of all these parts of trial; and they having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and having satisfactorily answered the Questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery

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did, and hereby does license them, the said John Rice Bowman, and Robert W. Milner, to preach the Gospel of Christ as Probationers for the the Gospel Ministry, within the bounds of this Presb. or wherever else they may be orderly called.

The Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly was taken up and adopted, as follows: viz.

In view of the recommendation of the Assembly to Presbyteries to take measures to have our congregations supplied with the Confession of Faith.

Resolved, That this is a matter of vast importance, and Resolution that it be enjoined on all our Pastors, and on the Elders of va-
cant Churches, to take speedy and effectual measures supply of
for ascertaining who among the members of our churches families
are destitute of this work, and for having them supplied. with Confes-
sion of Faith

The following minute was adopted.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the mem-
bers of our Churches and especially to heads of families, to sub-
scribe for the "Home and Foreign Record," and also for the "For-
-eign Missionary," which is designed especially for children
in the family and Sabbath School. They are both published
monthly. The first at fifty cents a year; the other at 12 1/2
cents, or 20 copies for 2.00.

Adjourned to meet in Augusta during the
sessions of the Synod, at the Call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, Prayer, and the Apos-
tolic Benediction.

Richard C. Ketchum, Moderator.

Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk.

Examined and approved
at the 6th Session of the Synod of Georgia.
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James C. Patterson Moderator.

Augusta, Monday, Nov. 25, 1850. The Moderator called the Presbytery together, and there being no business it adjourned to meet in Milledgeville, according to previous appointment, on Wednesday the 15. day of April next at 7. o'clock P.M.

Closed with Prayer.

Francis Bowman Stated Clerk.

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O'clock P. M. Presbytery met. Rev. E. P. Rogers, the last Moderator present, preached a sermon on Rom. 10: 3, 4. "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God: for Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." After public worship the session was opened with Prayer. Present, N. Hoyt D. D. J. W. Talmage D. D. A. Safford, F. Bowman, J. W. Reid, Richard Hooker, H. C. Carter, E. P. Rogers, R. M. Baker, J. W. Parsons, G. H. Bartledge, Ministers; with E. L. Newton of Athens, Joseph Bryan, of Mount Zion, John J. Gresham of Macon and B. P. Stubbs of Milledgeville, Elders.

The Election of Moderator was postponed until tomorrow morning, nine O'clock, to which time Presbytery adjourned. Closed with Prayer.

Thursday morning nine O'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with Prayer. Rev. N. Hoyt was chosen Moderator. The minutes of the last sessions were read.

Brethren Rogers, Reid, Hooker, Carter & Parsons, rendered satisfactory reasons ^{for absence} from the last stated meeting

Brother Baird and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. The Rev. Mr Daniell of the Baptist Church, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member

The following standing Committees were appointed viz. On devotional Exercises, Talmage, Reid and Stubbs.

On the Narrative, Rogers, Safford, & E. L. Newton. On Bills and Ordinances, Talmage, Carter and Gresham. Judicial Committee, Baird, R. M. Baker, & Bryan.

The Treasurer's Report was presented, and referred to Newton and Gresham.

A communication was received from the ~~De~~ Committee of Domestic Missions of the Cherokee Presbytery expressing the thanks of that Presbytery for the aid which has been granted them from our Missionary funds, and stating their need of continued ^{aid}. It was referred to the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society.

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The free conversation on the state of Religion was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning, 11 O'clock

Presbytery was informed that it is the purpose of the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions to publish a Presbyterian Ecclesiastical Map of the United States, and Territories, and that they wish to have the Boundaries of Presbyteries as correct as possible, and, therefore, desire the aid of the aid of the Presbyteries. This matter was referred to the Stated Clerk.

R. M. Baker, Minister, and B. P. Stubbs, Ruling Elder were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly. H. C. Carter, Minister, and John Cunningham Ruling Elder were appointed Alternates.

Brother Parsons was directed to supply the Pulpit in Madison on the second Sabbath in May; Brother Hoyt on the third, and Brother Rogers on the fourth Sabbath.

Messrs Safford, Hooker, and E. L. Newton, were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported Overture No. 1.

The following Committees of Review were appointed, viz. on the Records of Athens, Cartledge and Stubbs; on those of Augusta Parsons and Reid; on those of Milledgeville, Rogers and Gresham; on those of Macon, Carter and Bryan; on those of Sandy Creek, Baker and Newton; on those of New Hope Baird and Safford, on those of Salem, Hooker and Gresham.

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

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

The Committees of Review reported, and the Records were approved respectively.

The following contributions to the commission-er's fund were made in Presbyteries. viz.

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Mount Zion, 7.00, Athens 34.00 Mueen 34.00. Newhope 8.00; Ebenezer 1.00, Bethany 7.00, Sandy Creek, 3.00, Salem 7.00 Greensboro' 10.00, Madison 5.00. Washington 15.00. Milledgeville 10.00, Sparta 10.00.

The Presbytery urges the Churches who have not sent up their contributions to this meeting to forward them soon to the Treasurer of Presbytery, Porter Fleming, of Augusta.

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

The Order of the day, viz, The free conversation, was taken up and gone thro with.

The Rev. J. L. Kennedy of the South Carolina Presbytery, and the Rev. Thomas L. Hammer of the Presbytery of the District of Columbia, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The following Resolutions were adopted viz -

Standing Rule

I That it be a standing Rule of this Presbytery, that Inquiry be made annually of our churches as to the promptness and fidelity with which they discharge their pecuniary engagements to their ministers.

II. That a committee be appointed who shall prepare a Report on this subject to be presented at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Messes Hayt, Rogers, Gresham, & Newton were appointed the committee under the above Resolution.

The committee on the Synodical Minutes, reported that there was nothing in them requiring the action of Presbytery.

The committee to whom the Treasurer's ^{account} Report was referred, reported that they find from the entries and vouchers, that the account is correct leaving a balance of ninety Dollars in the hands of the Treasurer. They find however that many of the churches fail to send up the full amount of their assessments, and they would call the attention of the Ministers & Elders to this fact, and request that they be more particular hereafter to see that each church does its duty. The Report was adopted.

A recess was taken until three O'clock.

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Friday afternoon three O'clock.

Presbytery met. C. P. Bowman appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Rev. Joseph C. Stiles, D.D. of the third Presbytery of New York City, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A letter was received from Brother Goulding, assigning reasons for absence from this meeting which were sustained. He also stated that it will not be in his power to act hereafter, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions informed Presbytery that he is not able to make a written Report. Brother Rogers made a verbal statement in regard to the action of that Committee which was accepted instead of a written report. The present Committee was reappointed, and Brother Rogers was appointed Chairman. The members of the Committee are E. P. Rogers, Chairman, Benj. Hall, Paul F. Eoe, John R. Dow, Andrew J. Miller, Porter Fleming, Nathan Hayt, E. L. Newton, F. Bowman, John Cunningham, R. Hacker, E. A. Nisbet, C. H. W. Petrie.

Presbytery was requested to change the name of the Salem Church to that of Woodstock, the Church being at Woodstock. The request was granted and the name changed.

Church
Name
changed.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery at New Hope on Wednesday the first day of October next at 7 O'clock P. M.

The Committee on the Devotional exercises of Presbytery, recommended that they be held tomorrow afternoon at half past three O'clock, in the following order, 1. Psalmody by Moderator, 2. Prayer by Brother Petrie, 3. Scripture and Psalmody by Brother Hooker, 4. Address by Brother Parsons, 5. Prayer by Brother Carter, 6. Psalmody & Address by Brother Stiles, 7. Benediction by Moderator.

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Brethren Chamberlain and Petrie appeared and urged satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

Overture No 1 was taken up. It is as follows: Is it proper for a Minister of the Presbyterian Church to commune with the body known as the Campbellite Church.

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

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

Brother Petrie presented a request to Presbytery for the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between him and the Washington Church. A communication was at the same time received from the Washington Church, expressive of their deep regret at parting with their Pastor, and also declaring their concurrence in his application for a dissolution of the Pastoral relation. This subject was referred to a Committee, consisting of Brethren Rogus, Chamberlain, and Safford.

The Committee on the Narrative made a Report which was adopted, and the Narrative was ordered to be sent, by the Commission, to the General Assembly.

Brother Stiles, the special Secretary of the American Bible Society, for the South, made an address on the subject of his Agency, at the request of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess until three O'clock.

Saturday afternoon, three O'clock.

Presbytery met. Brother Hammer Agent of the American Sunday School Union, by request, addressed the Presbytery on the subject of his Agency.

The following minute was adopted viz -

Whereas, the late census of the State of Georgia, discloses the fact that there is a large number of blind

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prisons in this state, for whose education no proper provision has been made; therefore

I Resolved, That this Presbytery deeply & tenderly sympathizes with ^{this} greatly afflicted class of our fellow beings, and entertains a deep sense of the importance of establishing a permanent Institution for their instruction.

II. Resolved, That Presbytery has been highly gratified to learn that Mr Fortisquien, himself a blind man, educated in the most approved modes of instructing the blind in Philadelphia, and bringing with him ample and high testimonials of character and qualifications, has come into this state, for the purpose of establishing and conducting such an Institution.

III Resolved, That Presbytery regards this project with high favor, and commends it to the consideration and patronage of all who have hearts to sympathize with those of our fellow citizens, who are suffering so great a privation.

Presbytery spent some time in Devotional Exercises.

The Committee, to whom the request of Brother Petrie was referred, made the following Report, which was adopted. viz.

~~Resolved~~ Resolved, That we regard the Pastoral relation as a bond of peculiar tenderness and sacredness, not to be lightly formed, nor lightly broken; and that we desire to bear our testimony to its incalculable value as one of God's appointed means for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of His Son in this ruined world, and our conviction that, ^{evidence} none but the clearest ~~convictions~~ that it is the will of Providence, should warrant its dissolution.

Dissolution
of Pastoral
relation
between
Petrie &
Washington.

Resolved, That we regard the indications of Providence as having been made in this case, and therefore consent that the Pastoral relation between the Rev. G. H. W. Petrie and the Church at Washington be dissolved in the usual form.

Milledgeville April 1851.

Resolved That in parting with our Brother Petrie as no more to labor with us in this part of the Master's Vineyard, we desire to express the high estimation in which we hold him as a Minister and a man; our deep regret at his leaving us, and an earnest Prayer that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may follow him and his family to his new field of labor. We rejoice, however, that he will retain his connection with this body, and hope that we may still welcome him to our regular meetings

Resolved That we sympathize with the church at Washington in the grief which they have felt, and so well expressed in the sundring of those ties which have bound them to their Pastor, and in the prospect of losing those labors, counsels, sympathies and prayers, which they have profitably enjoyed for thirteen years; and that it is our prayer, that God will soon send them a man after his own heart to go in and out before them, and break unto "the bread of life."

Adjourned, to meet at New hope church on wednesday the first day of October next at seven O'clock P. M. Closed with singing, prayer, & the Benediction
Nathan Hoyt. Moderator
Francis Bowman. Stated Clerk

New Hope Church. Wednesday Oct. 1st 1851.

7 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by the Moderator on II Cor. 2:16. - After public worship the session was opened with prayer.

Present - A. Hoyt, D.D. - H. Safford - F. Bowman - H. Newton - R. M. Baker - J. U. Parsons - R. C. Ketchum - Groves H. Cartridge. - Ministers: - with E. L. Newton of Athens - W. C. Alexander of Thyatira - David King of Concord. - Samuel Groves of New Hope. - and Wm M. Boggs of Sandy Hook - Ruling Elders.

Absent - A Church D.D. - J. K. Palmage D.D. - R. Cham-berlain - J. W. Reid - F. R. Goulding - J. W. Baker - C. P. Beman - S. H. W. Petrie - R. Hooker - H. C. Carter - H. Wendee - H. P. Sready - E. P. Rogers - H. Baird - H. H. Thompson.

The choice of a Moderator was postponed until morning. Bros. Cartridge, Parsons and E. L. Newton were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises of the Presbytery and the congregation.

Presbytery adjourned until morning - 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning - 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

Francis L. Upson - Ruling Elder from Livingston appeared and took his seat.

Rev. H. Safford was elected Moderator.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Bros. H. Newton - Reid - Baird - + Ketchum rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the ~~last~~ ^{last} meeting of Presbytery.

Letters were received from Bros. Thompson - Baird and Reid - giving reasons for absence ^{from this meeting} which were sustained.

Bro. R. M. Baker, one of the Commissioners to the Genl. Assembly - reported that he attended the sessions of that body, and that his expenses were \$61.00.

Bro. Cartridge informed Presbytery that he had organized a Church in Elbert County by the name of Pleasant Hill, consisting of 8 members and two Ruling Elders - Daniel M. Johnson and Robert Hem- Pleasant Hill Church

person - and that they desire to be taken under the care of this Presbytery. Their request was granted and the assessment for the Commissioners fund was fixed at \$2.00.

It was determined to have the free conversation on the state of religion this afternoon, and Bro. Parsons - Hoyt and E. L. Newton were appointed the Committee on the narrative.

Five dollars were received from the Lexington Church for the Commissioners fund.

The subject of the place and time of the next stated meeting of Presbytery was taken up and postponed until to-morrow morning.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock.

Thursday Afternoon - 2 o'clock.

Presbytery met. R. Chamberlain - John E. Caldwell, Elder from Hebron - Daniel M. Johnson, from Pleasant Hill - and James Long from Danesville - appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery entered upon the free conversation on the state of religion - and went through with it.

H. C. Carter and Wm B. Johnson - Elder from Greensboro appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 1/2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning 8 1/2 o'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Samuel Johnson - Elder from New Lebanon appeared and took his seat.

Brethren Kitchum and Wm B. Johnson were appointed a Committee to review the Records of the Session of New Lebanon Church.

Presbytery determined to hold its next stated meeting in Greensboro on Thursday - April 29th at 7 o'clock.

Clock P.M.

The Committee on the records of New Lebanon Church reported and recommended that the records be approved.

The Report was adopted.

A Communication was received from the Lakeside Presbytery respecting aid from the funds of the Geo. Som. Miss. Society. It was referred to the Executive Committee of that Society.

Presbytery took a recess until 8 o'clock.

At two o'clock Presb. met and there being no business before the body, it adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday Morning. 10 o'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the New Hope Church and congregation, for their kindness and hospitality to its members.

Adjourned to meet in Greeneboro - on Thursday April 29th at 7 o'clock P.M.

Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

Henry Safford Moderator
Francis Bowman Stated Clerk.

Synod of Georgia at Griffin

Nov. 21st 1857 -

Examined and approved thus far.

John B. Woff -

Moderator -

A "pro re nata" meeting was regularly called to consider the application of Brother Hooker for a dissolution of the Pastoral relation between him and the Macon Church. Presbytery accordingly met in the City of Macon, on the 11th day of Feb. 1852, at 7 o'clock P.M.

Present. Henry Safford, R. Chamberlain, S. K. Talmage D.D., G. W. Parsons, R. Hooker, John W. Baker, Wm P. Gready, & Homer Stedee Ministers, and Washington Poe Elder, from the Macon Church.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by the Moderator. Homer Stedee was chosen temporary clerk.

Brother Hooker presented, in writing, his reasons for asking the Presbytery to dissolve his Pastoral connexion with the Macon Church. Washington Poe, presented a Paper, adopted by the Church and congregation, in which they express their warm attachment to their Pastor, and their deep sense of the value of his Pastoral labors. They also declare their acquiescence in the application of Brother Hooker, and consent to the dissolution of the Pastoral relation.

Dissolution of relation between Hooker & Macon Ch.

After due deliberation, it was resolved that the Pastoral relation between Richard Hooker, and the Macon Church shall cease, according the request of the parties, on the first day of May next.

Presbytery adjourned, closed with Prayer singing, and the Apostolical Benediction.

Henry Safford Mod.
Francis Bauman, S. Clerk.

Greensboro Thursday, April 29, seven
O'clock P. M. 1852. Presbytery met. A sermon was
preached by the Rev. John W. Baker, on Psalm 119: 89. "For ever
O. Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven!" After public
worship, the session was opened with Prayer. Present
A. Church D.D. N. Hoyt D.D. F. Baerman, H. Safford
J. W. Baker, J. W. Reed, E. P. Rogers, R. M. Baker, &
Groves H. Cartledge, Ministers; — and E. L. Newton
of Athens, John Cunningham of Greensboro; Joseph
Bryan Maund Lion, J. Sped of Madison, Benj. Hall of
Augusta, and Joseph B. Long of New Hope, Ruling Elders.
Absent, S. K. Talmage D.D. R. Chamberlain,
F. R. Gaudling, C. B. Beman, G. H. W. Petrie, R. Hooker,
H. C. Carter, Horns Hender, Henry Newton, W. P. Geady,
W. Baird, J. M. Parsons, W. H. Thompson, R. C. Ketchum.
Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning
8 1/2 O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Friday morning 8 1/2 O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer. Rev. J. W.
Baker was chosen Moderator.

The Minutes of the last session were read and
confirmed.

A. Church, J. W. Baker and E. P. Rogers, rendered
satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting.

Rev. E. P. Rogers reported to Presbytery, that a
Presbyterian Church has been organized in the City of Greensboro
called "The Green Street Church," with John R. Daw and of Greensboro
Andrew S. Brighten Ruling Elders; & that it asks that Church
to be taken under the care of Presbytery. The request was
granted, and the assessment for the contingent fund
was fixed at \$10.00.

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Andrew J. Brighton, Elder from the Green St. Church was present and took his seat.

Henry Newton appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A certificate of dismissal of Rev. James L. Rogers, from the Cherokee Presbytery, with a recommendation to this body, was received. After examination, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Rev. Joseph Mahon, of the New Brunswick Presbytery and Rev. Wm. L. Hughes of the Charleston Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A Petition was received from the Madison ^{Church} Presbytery to ordain our Licentiate John Rice Bouman, 'sine titulo'. Presbytery determined to grant their request, and proceeded to examine him on Church Government, the Sacraments, and other subjects until Presbytery was satisfied. Heb. 4:15. was assigned to the Candidate for a trial sermon.

Presbytery determined, provided the way be open, to have the Ordination service on Sabbath afternoon at 3 O'clock. Brother Hoyt was appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon; Brother Rogers to deliver the Charge, and the Moderation to preside, put the Constitutional Questions & offer the Ordaining Prayer.

Brethren Rogers, Hoyt, & Bryan, were appointed a committee on the Narrative.

The following Committees of Review were appointed. Viz. Messrs Hoyt & E. L. Newton on the Records of the Augusta Church; J. L. Rogers & Long, on those of Green Street Church; Church & E. L. Newton on those of Madison; E. P. Rogers and Benj Hall on those of Greensboro; Safford & Speed on those of Ebenezer; R. M. Baker & S. Cunningham, on those of Pleasant Hill; Reed and Brighton on those Newhope; H. Newton & Hall on those of Athens; Castlejck and E. L. Newton on those of Thyatira; Safford and Windsor on those of Sandy Creek; J. L. Rogers on those of Sparta.

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The Treasurers Report was presented and referred to Messrs Church, ~~Spencer~~ Birmingham, & E. L. Newton.

H. C. Carter, having removed into the Bounds of the Cherokee Presbytery sent, in writing, a request to be dismissed to join that Presbytery. It was resolved that his request ~~was~~ granted, and that he be, and he hereby is, dismissed, and affectionately recommenced to the Cherokee Presbytery as a member in good standing.

Presbytery took a recess until three O'clock.

Friday afternoon, three O'clock, Presbytery met.

The Committees of Review reported and the Records were respectively approved.

Francis L. Wason Elder from Lexington, and T. J. Windsor Elder from Sparta appeared & took their seats.

The Committee to whom the Treasurers account was referred, reported that they find the account correct. The Report was adopted.

The Executive Committee on Do. Missions made a report which was approved & after which the following Resolutions were offered and adopted. viz.

I. Resolved that the duty of supplying the destitute parts of our ~~own~~ ^{own} field with the preaching of the Gospel is one which is first in the natural order of duty, as well as first in importance; and that as churches and as individuals, we cannot neglect this duty, without proving recreant to our personal obligations to our Divine Savior, and our responsibilities as his professed friends.

II. Resolved, that the Report of the Ex. Committee of Do. Missions on the subject of the amount of contributions from the Churches within our bounds, to this cause furnishes occasion for profound humiliation, and sincere penitence and confession of sin before God, and shows that the standard of zeal and labor is deplorably low, in relation to this department of Christian duty, and

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activity, in most of our Churches.

III Resolved, That while we have the fullest confidence in the piety, wisdom, and efficiency of the Board of Domestic Missions, at Philadelphia, and would still continue to aid them in their great and good work, and do not contemplate any separation from them, we are of the opinion that more would be actually accomplished in supplying our own destitutions, if the contributions of our Churches were solicited for and expended first directly upon our own destitute fields.

IV Resolved, That the Ex. Com. be authorized and directed, with the consent of the Board of Missions, to use the funds which are contributed by our Churches, together with such as may be placed at their disposal by the Georgia Do. Missionary Society, in payment of the Missionaries, commissioned by the Board of Missions to labor within our bounds, and that they be directed to remit whatever funds may remain over and above such appropriations, to the Treasury at Philadelphia, to be used in the general support of their operations.

V. Resolved, That the Ex. Committee be appointed to address to the Churches within our bounds a Circular Letter on the subject of Do. Missions, and that it be enjoined on each Session to have such Letter, ^{read} to the Church over which they are placed in the Lord.

VI Resolved That, the Ex. Com. be directed to make an annual Report to Presbytery of all receipts and expenditures and of their doings generally.

Rev Wm L. Hughes of the Charleston Presbytery asked leave to labor within our bounds. His request was granted.

The following ^{contributions} to the Contingent fund were handed in. Viz. Madisa 5.00. Spartan 10.00 Newhope 3.00 Mount Zion 7.00 Millidgeville 10.00 Woodstock 8.00. Pleasant Hill 2.00 Ebenezer 1.00. Athens 34.00 Green Street Church 10.00 Lexington

for 2 years 10.00. Thyatira 7.00. Greenesboro 10.00.
Washington 14.00.

A recess was taken until 8 o'clock to night.
At that time Presbytery met, and heard the trial sermon of the Candidate for Ordination. The sermon and the previous examination were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning
8 1/2 o'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Saturday morning, 8 1/2 o'clock. Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Dr Church and Mr Hall obtained leave of absence.

Presbytery had its free conversation on the state of religion in our bounds.

A Recess was taken until 2 1/2 o'clock this afternoon at which time Presbytery met.

Presbytery had an interdictory meeting in which information was given to Presbytery, that there are reports in circulation in Athens, Griffin, and other places injurious to the Ministerial and Christian character of Brother Parsons. These reports seemed to Presbytery to be of so serious a nature, that it was deemed necessary to take some step in reference to them. It was, therefore, Resolved Drs. Noyt and Church & Messrs E. L. Newton and Wm L. Mitchell be a Committee to collect the facts in the case, to confer with Brother Parsons, & to require him to attend the next stated meeting of Presbytery, to make such explanations in regard to these unfavorable reports as may be in his power. If however, it should, in the judgment of this committee, seem important for the Presbytery to act further in the matter before the time of the stated

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meeting; or if Brother Parsons, should desire an investigation by Presbytery before that meeting, then this committee is authorized to ask the Moderator to call a meeting at such time and place as they may designate.

Presbytery determined to hold its next stated meeting in Athens on Wednesday the 22nd day of September next at 7 O'clock P.M.

Rev. John W. Baker, and Nathan Hayt D.D., ministers, and Joseph Bryan and Wm L. Mitchell Ruling Elders were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly. S. W. Rice, & E. P. Rogers ministers, with S. J. Windsor and John Cunningham Elders were appointed Alternates.

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

The Hebrew Church was reported as delinquent in regard to paying their minister, and Brother E. P. Rogers was appointed to address a kind letter to the Session of that Church in relation to this matter.

A recess was taken until Sabbath Afternoon 3 O'clock. At that time Presbytery met & performed the Ordination services. Dr Hayt preached the ordination sermon; the Moderator put the constitutional Questions, and these being answered, John Rice Baerman, was solemnly ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist, by Prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. A solemn charge was then given by Brother E. P. Rogers - and the newly ordained Minister took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Athens on Wednesday the 22nd of September next at 7 O'clock P.M. Closed with Prayer, singing, and the Benediction.

John W. Baker, Moderator
Francis Baerman Stated Clerk

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seven o'clock, P. M. Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by the Rev. John W. Baker, the Moderator, on Matt. v. 20. "Ye are the light of the world." After public worship the session was opened with Prayer. Present. A Church D.D. N. Hoyt D.D. R. Chamberlain, F. Beaman D.D. J. W. Baker, F. R. Goulding, G. H. W. Petrie, Henry Newton, R. M. Baker, R. C. Kitchum, W. H. Thompson, Groves H. Cartledge, J. U. Parsons, and J. R. Bowman, Ministers; with Wm L. Mitchel of Athens; D. M. Burns of Thyatira, John C. Caldwell of Hebron, James McDonald of New Lebanon, and John Brighton of Sandy Creek, Ruling Elders.

Absent. J. K. Talmage D.D. H. Safford, C. P. Beaman J. W. Reid, R. Hooker, Homer Hurdie, W. P. Gready, E. P. Rogers, W. Baird, J. L. Rogers.

The Roll being completed, Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning nine o'clock. Closed with Prayer.

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

Rev. G. H. W. Petrie was chosen Moderator. The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

R. Chamberlain, F. R. Goulding, W. H. Thompson, G. H. W. Petrie rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting. Brother Gready sent, in writing, reasons for absence from this meeting which were sustained.

H. Safford appeared, and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery entered upon the consideration of the Reports in circulation unfavorable to the character of the Rev. J. U. Parsons. The Committee appointed at the last meeting on this subject, made their Report, which was accepted. It was made the order of the day for to morrow morning, immediately after the opening of the session, to hear Brother ^{Parson's} explanation respecting these Reports.

A certificate of dismission of the Rev. Daniel McNeill Turner from the Presbytery of South Carolina, with a recommendation to this body, was presented, and, after a satisfactory examination, he was received.

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Presbytery took a recess until three o'clock this afternoon, at which time business was resumed. Joseph B Long a Ruling Elder from Newhope appeared and took his seat.

A Call from the Churches of Hebron & New Lebanon to George H. Cartledge to become their Pastor was presented. It was placed in the hands of Brother Cartledge, and he declared his acceptance of it. Presbytery appointed Dr. Church and R. C. Kitchum a Committee to instal the Pastor Elect at Hebron on the third Sabbath in October next. ~~Dr. Church~~ ^{Bro. Kitchum} to preach the sermon, and ~~Bro. Kitchum~~ ^{Dr. Church} to deliver the charge to the Pastor & the congregation. Messrs Bowman and Newton were appointed Alternates.

A Communication was received from the Church in Chattanooga, Tenn. and it was referred to Messrs Church Gauding, & Mitchell.

Mr Norman Terry was introduced to Presbytery for the purpose of being taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. He was examined on experimental Religion, and on his motives for seeking the ministry. But Mr Terry, coming from the bounds of another Presbytery, had not the testimonials which our Form of Government requires in such cases, Chap 14. section 2^d. Presbytery, therefore, could not receive him.

John Cunningham Elder from Greenboro' appeared and took his seat. Saml. K. Talmage D.D. 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 afternoon immediately after Recess. John R. Bowman and J. Cunningham were appointed a Committee on the Narrative.

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

Friday morning nine o'clock.

Presbytery met & was opened with Prayer. Robert Handerson, Elder from Pleasant Hill appeared and took his seat.

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Rev. James L. Rogers presented in writing a request to be dismissed to join the Presbytery of Cherokee. Resolved that his be granted, and that he be, & he hereby is, dismissed and recommended to the Cherokee Presbytery as a member in good standing.

A Call from the Church in Washington to the Rev. Daniel McNeill Turner to become their Pastor, was received and placed in the hands of Brother Turner. He declared his acceptance of it. Measures were taken for his installation. Rev. B. M. Palmer of the Charleston Presbytery was invited to preach the Installation Sermon. Dr Hoyt was appointed to preside, put the Constitutional Questions, and deliver the charge to the people; and J. W. Reid was appointed to deliver the Charge to the Pastor. J. W. Baker was appointed the Alternate of Dr Hoyt. The Installation to take place on the first Sabbath in November next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Brother Parsons commenced making his explanations of the Reports to which reference has been made. After making some progress it was suspended.

Brother Turner obtained leave of absence. A recess was taken until three o'clock.

Friday afternoon three o'clock.
Presbytery met.

Alexander Harwell Elder from Mount Zion appeared and took his seat.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed and Brother Parsons proceeded with his explanations. This was, after a while, suspended, and Presbytery entered upon the Free Conversation and went thro with it.

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

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

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The Rev. Wm. G. Williams of the Georgia Presbytery, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member—
 Presbytery took up the unfinished business and Brother Parsons finished his explanations. The whole matter was then referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs Mitchell, Bowman, and Palmage; to recommend such course for the Presbytery to take as may seem to the Committee to be most proper.

J. W. Baker, Wm. L. Mitchell, & Dr. Hayt, Commissioners to the General Assembly reported that they attended the sessions of that body, & that their expenses were, each, \$21.00. Their Reports were approved.

The Committee to whom the Communication from Chattanooga was referred, made a Report, recommending that a Letter, a draught of which was read, be forwarded to that Church. The Report was adopted and the Committee was directed to sign said Letter & send it.

The Committee on the Narrative reported. The Narrative was adopted, & ordered to be forwarded to the Synod.

Brothers Thompson, Petrie and Gauding obtained leave to labor out of our bounds.

The special Committee in Brother Parsons' case made the following Report, which was adopted, viz.

That after the labored Report made by the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Presb. and the investigation and the investigation now had before this body touching said Report, and the protracted remarks and comments on the same, by Mr Parsons, no doubt can be left on the mind of a single member, that it is the duty of the Presbytery to take steps to put Rev. John U. Parsons on his trial. They recommend, therefore, the following Resolution.

Resolved, That process be issued against the Rev. John U. Parsons, in the name of Common Fame, and that a committee be appointed to put the charges and specifications in proper form & report to Presbytery at its present sessions, and that the trial take place

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The Report was adopted, and Messrs Mitchell, Hoyt and Church, were appointed the Committee.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery in Athens on Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in April next, at 7 O'clock. P. M.

Dr Falmage & Mr Harwell obtained leave of absence.

Presbytery adjourned until 10 O'clock Monday morning. Concluded with Prayer.

Monday morning 10 O'clock.

Presbytery met, & was opened with Prayer.

The Committee appointed to put the charges against Brother Parsons in proper form, made a Report which was adopted, and is as follows:

Public Reman, which first reached the ears of Presbytery in April last, charges the Rev. J. U. Parsons with conduct totally unbecoming a Christian, and especially a Christian Minister.

Specification I. In the years 1849-1851. Mr. Parsons improperly retained in his hands large sums of money belonging to the Southern Mutual Insurance Company, and made use of them when he ought, in all honesty, to have paid these monies over to the Treasurer of said company. The sums thus retained up to the time when Mr Parsons was dismissed from his office, as General Agent, amounted to about three thousand dollars. And as to a very large proportion of this money, probably more than three fourths, Mr Parsons had never, so far as his own books, & the books of the company show, charged himself with it. In September of 1849 after the Office of the Southern Mutual Insurance Company, had been removed from Griffin to Athens, the Directors of said Company, while examining the Books, as kept by Mr Parsons, while in Griffin detected numerous errors in his

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cash accounts. Mr Parsons was found to be in debt to the Company beyond what had been reported over \$1500.00. The following list of money paid to Mr Parsons by sundry persons, and which was not accounted for to the Company, at the time of receiving the same, and subsequently ordered by the Directors, to be charged to him, from Feb. 1851. to 1st April 1852.

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| A. W. Hill's Draft per report 1851. | \$ 151. 49. |
| T. C. Miller paid for premium & policy (No 3695. Dec. 1849) | 13. 00 |
| W. M. Morton " " issued in Dec. 1849. | 57. 50. |
| Greenwood & Norris | 171. 65. |
| E Remington | 58. 00 |
| J. E. & H. Thompson | 25. 00 |
| H. Norton | 90. 00 |
| W. H. H. White | 19. 19 |

Amount received on sundry open Policies during the year 1851. and not hitherto accounted for, and ordered to be charged to him by the Directors, upon the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate his account.

235. 97.

Amount received of sundry persons & not charged before

149. 60

Premiums received of ^{the following} ~~sundry~~ persons and not accounted for, were charged to Mr Parsons in August 1851, to wit. B. R. Gardner, Wm L. High & Co.

A. H. Hansel, John T. Martin, O. W. Wakefield
J. Brannon, and John T. Jackson.

136. 79.

The following amounts of cash premiums received by J. U. Parsons and have come to the knowledge of the Board of Directors since the first of January 1852 and ordered to be charged to Mr. Parsons.

No 1459. Hightower on Transfer Sep. 21. 1849. Sep. 21.

1854 \$1000.00 cash premium paid 14. 00

This risk was taken by Mr Nutting, and he says he reported it to Mr Parsons

No 3951. A. W. Cunningham Dec 25. 1849 Dec 25

1854 \$200.00 cash paid 21. 00

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Witnesses, the President, Mr A. Hull, and the Directors of the Company, the Secretary, Mr. A. Chase, the Book-keeper, Mr Wm. F. Bass, and the Books of the Company.

Specification II.

In December 1849. Mr Parsons took a risk on property for Wm. M. Morton for one month and reported the same to the Company. In January 1850 he insured the same property for five years from the first date, the cash of which amounted to \$57.50. This he did not report. Mr Chase, two or three times, called his attention to this omission, but still he did not report it, nor charge himself with the cash. About October 1850 Mr C. F. McCay could not find any Record of this Insurance upon the Register. But some time afterward it was discovered, by Mr Chase, that Mr Parsons had interlined and inserted the Insurance in his report of December 1849. but without altering the footing upon the Register, and without charging himself with the \$57.50. This money was never charged to Mr Parsons until about May 1851.

Witnesses - C. F. McCay, Wm. F. Bass, and a Report of a Committee of the Company which met on May 5th 1851.

Detailed Specifications. III.

No. I.

Mr Parsons was grossly and culpably negligent while Secretary in 1848 & 1849. in keeping no full and regular record of cash received and paid out by him for the Insurance Company, and by making out every month the amount of his indebtedness in a complex manner, depending on the cash received by him, & by the Agents. in his and their Commissions, his and their expenses, his and their collections, his and their notes given for cash dues, and on their

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indebtedness to the Company at the beginning and end of the month, he knowingly adopted a mode of keeping his accounts, which, without any check, must almost by inevitable necessity, have wronged the Company. Thus, instead of saying, I have received from A. B. & C. so much money, I have paid out to H. G. I. so much, & have on hand ~~so much~~ the balance; he reported that A. B. & C. & himself had received so much cash for Insurance, that they were entitled to so much for expenses; so much for Commissions; so much for losses; that he had collected so much on bills receivable of the Company; that he had invested so much by taking notes; and that the Agents owed so much at the beginning and so much at the close of the month; & that thus the balance ~~the~~ a difference of all these items was due by him. Thus his account would be got wrong by every omission of his to enter a Policy issued by himself, (and he forgot many;) by every omission to enter a Report of an Agent, (and he omitted several) by omitting to enter any irregular reports of Agents between their usual reports (and he omitted several) by every error in their Commissions, (& he made many;) by every error in entering the amounts paid for losses, & as in almost every claim there was some deduction for interest, settlement, premium &c. (& he made several); by every error in notes taken for cash dues of the Company; (& here he was liable to get a note on the wrong side of the account as he actually did;) by every mistake in the unchecked additions of long columns of all these items of cash premiums, commissions, expenses, losses, dues of Agents & bills receivable. (and very many such errors were made.)

Witnesses. C. F. McKay, A Chase. &
this report in September 1849.

No II.

Mr Parsons wronged and deceived the Insurance Company by signing himself as Agent for the Oglethorpe University, when he was not Agent.

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by giving the Company a note for the University, and by pretending, when he issued the policy, that the Company had a lien on the property for the note, when he knew this was not so.

Witnesses R. Chamberlain, & E. L. Newton.

No. III

Mr Parsons wrongfully took a note belonging to the Company, and deposited it for collateral security with Mr Hopping for a loan for himself, and made false and inconsistent statements with regard to this note. viz

- 1st That it was given for collateral security.
- 2nd That it was put in Mr Hopping's hands for the purpose of effecting a change in the parties to the Insurance.
3. That it was placed in his hands for collection.

Witnesses Y. L. G. Harris & C. F. McCay.

No. IV

Mr Parsons made a false statement concerning a risk taken by him from Judge Bronson in ~~St. Augustine~~ ^{# St. Augustine #} Fla. in this, that when told that he had taken the risk too low, in the estimation of Mr King, he stated to the Directors that he remembered well the position and exposure of the property, and that it was not exposed by any other building, when, in fact, it was exposed by several.

Witnesses C. F. McCay & A. Chase.

No. V.

Mr Parsons made a false statement to Mr. Bass in regard to marine premiums in his hands, by stating that he had none to report, when he had.

Witness. Mr. J. Bass.

No. VI

Mr Parsons, after his removal, as General Agent, to the wrong of the Company and the parties he had insured, refused and neglected to report to them certain risks he had taken.

* April 21st 1853. Correction made by consent of Mr. Parsons.

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Witnesses C. F. McCoy, N. Hoyt DD. A Church DD.
and Hon. A. Hull.

No. VII

Mr Parsons received, at very many times, more
= exp which he did not account for.

Witnesses Wm F. Bass, & A Chase.

No VIII

Mr Parsons received a report from C. W. Hill,
containing a Draft, which he did not record, and
when Hill referred to it subsequently, Mr Parsons
wrote to Mr. Chase that he had found the Report,
but that there was no mark on it of money being sent,
although Mr Parsons had already collected the check.
Witness Mr. Chase.

Specification IV.

On the 23^d day of May 1851. Mr Parsons received
from the Mutual Insurance the insurance money
due to J. McDonough, for one fourth of a Steam Saw
Mill which had been burnt, \$750.75. which more than
paid six notes which McDonough had given Par-
sons, and which notes were at the time this money
was paid lying in the hands of E. S. Hopping Esqr.
as Collateral security to protect Mr Hopping against
damage from a note in Bank signed by him as
indorser for Mr Parsons. Altho. these notes were now
thus fully paid by the written agreement between
Parsons and McDonough, dated Feb. 28, 1851 (which
see) yet never till March 8th 1852. about ~~two~~ months
and a half, did Mr. Parsons inform Mr. Hopping
that these McDonough notes had been paid. He
suffered the notes to lie in Mr Hopping's hands as good
security, during all that time. Mr Hopping being
perfectly ignorant of said payment. thus dealing
unjustly with McDonough, who was entitled

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to his notes when paid, and unfairly with Mr Hopping.

Witnesses. E. S. Hopping, Mr. M'Donough, Mr Parsons letter of March 5th 1852, the Agreement between Parsons and M'Donough, and the Books and Secretary of the Southern Mutual Insurance Company.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Athens on Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in April next at seven O'clock P. M. Closed with Prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

G. H. W. Petrie, Moderator.

Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk.

Examined and approved at Savannah 25 Nov 1852 with the following exceptions; on page 263 it is recorded that Presbytery received under their care a church formed in the city of Augusta without a previous order or consent of Presbytery.

2^d Presbytery at its last session tabled serious charges against one of its members and then adjourned without ordering a copy of the charges to be put into the hands of the accused or citations to be issued for the witnesses.

Nathaniel Hoyt Moderator

Athens. April 19. 1853. Presbytery met, at seven o'clock P. M. ~~meeting~~. A sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. G. N. W. Pitrie, on John VII. 17. "If any man will ^{do} his will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God." After Public Worship the Session was opened with Prayer. Present A. Church D.D. N. Hoyt D.D. F. Bauman D.D. R. Chamberlain, H. Safford, J. W. Reid, G. N. W. Pitrie, Wm. P. Greedy, R. C. Kitchum, G. N. Curtledge, J. U. Parsons, and John Rice Bauman, Ministers, with Wm L. Mitchell, of Athens, Russell Keilbert of Greensboro' and John Johnson of Hebron & New Lebanon. D. M. Johnson of Pleasant Hill, Ruling Elders.

Rev. John R. Bauman was chosen Temporary Clerk.

Members absent - S. K. Talmage D.D. J. W. Baker, C. P. Beman, F. R. Goulding, R. Hooker, H. Hindee, Henry Newton, E. P. Rogus, W. Baird, R. M. Baker, W. H. Thompson, J. L. Rogus, D. McMill Turner, & William G. Williams.

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

Wednesday morning nine o'clock -
Presb. met and opened with Prayer. 20

Rev. John W. Reid was chosen Moderator.

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

Rev. Mr. Mann of the Methodist E. Church being present was invited to a seat in Presbytery.

Messrs Hoyt, Chamberlain, & Mitchell were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Brother Reid rendered a satisfactory excuse for absence from the last meeting.

Presbytery proceeded to the trial of Brother Parsons. Whereupon the Moderator solemnly enjoined the Presbytery to recollect and regard their high character as Judges in a Court of Jesus Christ, and Prayer was offered for special direction and guidance.

It appeared that a copy of the Charges and specification had been, in due time, put into the hands of the accused, and he had been regularly cited.

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The way for trial being open, the charges and specifications were all read, and Brother Parsons pleaded Not guilty. Elder Wm. L. Mitchell was assigned as his Counsel.

The subject was then taken up, and Specification I. was read. ^{Dr. Hoyt was appointed to conduct} the prosecution.

In reference to this Mr Parsons has admitted that the sums stated were correct or nearly so. But he denied the inferences, & the motives alledged.

Mr A. Chase, being sworn testified as follows. It is true that Mr Parsons retained large sums of money from time to time in his possession, and believes that ~~being~~ ^{being} ~~cross~~ the charges in this specification are substantially correct.

Being ~~cross~~ examined he said - The deficit of \$3000. was not a deficit at any one time.

The knowledge of the deficit of \$1850. was obtained from the monthly Reports made to Mr Parsons, compared with the Reports sent to the Office by Mr Parsons.

The knowledge of the deficit of \$1144. was obtained by inquiries addressed to persons who had insured, and by the renewals of Policies.

Mr Parsons has generally consented to be charged with the items, and has satisfied all these claims.

The amount of property insured according to the 2^d Annual Report, was \$3,892,000. Amount of Cash receipts \$46,000. Premium account \$157,000.

According to the first annual Report, the amount of property insured \$2,000,000. Amount of premium notes \$55,000. Cash fund \$18,000.

Open Policy is one issued to a merchant to insure merchandise by allowing the entries to be made by the Merchant himself, usually in the presence of an Agent, and then reported to the Company and entered on the Books. He cannot insure above 10 per cent on the invoice of the mer-

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Chardize. The premium on Open Policies is paid on each entry, or at the end of the month.

Mr C. F. McKay.

Being sworn testified as follows. He was one of the Committee to examine Mr Parsons' Reports for 1849. In that year Mr Parsons reported fully his accounts with each Agent. The sum of these items was the amount of his indebtedness to the Company. On examining these items they did not correspond with Mr Parsons' monthly statement. Does not know that any monthly Report was in favor of the Company.

Cross examined.

The examination referred to, took place September 1849. All the papers had passed thro' Mr Parsons' hands. Mr. Parsons' statements are made up of 2 sets of items; 1st Business done by all Agents; 2^d the business done by himself. Mr Parsons, at this time, was both Secretary and Agent.

Mr Parsons never gave the particulars of any monthly Report as Agent; but this had nothing to do with the discrepancy in question. The witness is impressed with the belief that there were errors in all the Reports. There were errors both in favor of Mr Parsons and against him, but does not know accurately the proportion between the errors in his favor, and against himself. The first balance against Mr Parsons was about \$2500. which was first reduced to about \$2100. and then reduced to \$1800 by facts that came to the knowledge of the Company, of a character generally not to implicate Mr Parsons.

Many of the additions of the 12 monthly Reports were incorrect. The sum of all the errors in addition were against Mr Parsons, ~~was~~ tho' some of the items were in his favor. This sum was \$52.92 and placed to Mr Parsons' credit.

Much of the amount of deficit was in Mr Parsons' hands for some time.

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Mr William F. Bass being sworn testified as follows. Mr Miller of La Grange was insured and the Cash premium amounted to \$12.00 and the Policy was \$1.00. Mr Miller wrote that he had sold out, and wished his Note, and on turning to the Register the number was left blank. In looking for the number of this Policy in Mr Parsons' Report, he discovered an interlineation in Mr Parsons' handwriting of a Policy issued to Mr Wm. M. Morton in Dec. 1849. The Cash premium of which was \$57.50 and yet the footing of the column on the Register was unchanged.

Cross examined.

This interlineation is in Mr Parsons' own book of Reports. It is entered on the Register in Regular form. Does not know when this interlineation took place. He discovered it in Jan. 1851. about one year after the issuing of the Policy.

Mr A. Chase recalled.

This transaction with Mr Morton was known to him, and he asked Mr Parsons why he did not enter this on the Book.

Specification II.

Mr A. Chase testified.

That this Specification ~~is~~ ^{is} substantially correct.

Cross examined.

There were loose sheets of memoranda. These contained the cash receipts from Agents. These sheets were not recorded nor filed. These matters were not put in a Book until after Dec. 1849. He thinks he mentioned this transaction with Mr Morton to the President of the Company. Mr Parsons never denied that he had issued the Policy to Mr Morton.

Mr Wm Bass, recalled, testifies.

That this Specification is substantially correct.

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Detailed Specifications ~~III~~.

No 1.

The facts contained in this No. were admitted by Mr Parsons.

No. 2.

A paper was read by Dr Hayt. and the statement of facts admitted as such by Mr Parsons.

No 3.

Mr C. F. McBay testified.

That he understood Mr Parsons to have made the statement ^{to him} contained in the 2nd & 3rd items of this No. but knows nothing of the 1st.

Cross examined.

This note belonged to the company. The agents took cash and cash-notes. The Company forbade them to do so. This note was made before this interdiction, and, when presented, it was the property of the Company. Mr Parsons had right to the custody of this note for collection.

No 4.

Mr C. F. McBay testified

That Mr Parsons said the buildings were not exposed.

The Company received a plat of the buildings and grounds in which the buildings appeared by the plat to be exposed.

The witness's impression is that the distance of the buildings did not exceed 30 feet. No orange trees represented on the plat.

There is sometimes a difference of opinion among men as to the exposure of buildings. Dow does not remember that there was any scale of measurement on the plat. The Company were satisfied from the plat, that the buildings were exposed. The plat professed to be drawn by Mr Branson.

Mr Bass testified

That he showed Mr Parsons-

which purported to be a plat of Judge Bronson's buildings. Mr Parsons admitted to the witness that he did not go on that side of the dwelling, nor did he see certain buildings as represented on the plat.

No 5.

Mr Bass testified.

That the Company had ascertained that Greenwood & Morris had reported to Mr Parsons the business done by them under an open Policy, and Mr Parsons was requested to report. Mr Parsons stated he had nothing to report of that kind, but a few days afterward reported.

Cross examined.

This conversation occurred after the Board had refused to allow him to issue Marine, or open Policies. Mr Parsons had, before this issued 30 or 40. Witness thinks this to Greenwood and Morris was included in Mr P's monthly report.

Mr Parsons went out of Office in October 1851. All Mr Parsons Reports for the year 1851. have been examined by him.

No 6.

Rev Dr Hays, having been sworn, testified that the reason ^{assigned} by Mr Cobb, the legal counsel of Mr Parsons, why Mr Parsons did not report the risks &c. was that he, (Mr Cobb,) advised him to this course. This statement by Mr Cobb. was made in the presence of Mr Parsons.

Mr Parsons admitted that he did refuse but under the advice of legal counsel.

No 7.

Admitted by the defence that monies were frequently, but not accounted for at the time to the Company, but accounted for afterward when brought to his notice.

No 8.

Admitted verbatim.

Specification IV

The facts admitted.

Mr Wm M. Morton, introduced by Mr Parsons, having been sworn testified as follows.

Witness was Agent of the So. Mutual Insurance Company. He took both notes and cash for Policies. When the Company was first organized Policies were issued for five years. One fifth of the premium is paid in cash and credited on the note, and the remainder in cash notes, and all credited. The premium note bore no interest, but subject to assessment. The premium notes were deposited with the Company; the cash notes were kept by the Agent. The Company refused to receive them, insisting that he should collect them, but that in a final settlement Mr Parsons took them as Secretary of the company as cash and Mr Morton was released as Agent.

The Treasurer, under the direction of the Board, was in the habit of lending money on interest.

Witness was a Director in 1849. He effected a Policy with Mr Parsons in Dec. 1849. This Policy was first issued for one month. The Policy was afterwards prolonged for five years, and increased 1,000\$. This was a public transaction, as were all Mr Parsons transactions with him. Witness transacted much business with Mr Parsons. This was labor connected with the Company and the office of Secretary.

Cross examined.

The Policy was extended because Witness expected to sell his Merchandise during the month for which the Policy was first issued, but as he did not, he extended the term. The Policy was renewed about the close of the month for which it was first issued, but that month was included in the five years.

Mr Asbury Hull, introduced by Mr Parsons, having been sworn testified as follows.

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When the sum of \$1850. was against Mr Parsons, Mr Parsons gave his Note for this on the 25th April 1850. Mr Parsons paid interest on this note, & the note has been fully cancelled.

The investigating Committee commenced their investigations in the fall of 1849, and continued them during the fall and winter of 1849 & '50.

Witness was made President & Treasurer in the fall of 1848.

The Board of Directors did not authorize the Agents to take Notes in lieu of cash, and they declined generally to receive them.

The Testimony in the case was here closed.

Mr Mitchell addressed the Presbytery on the part of the defence - and Dr Hayt made some remarks on the part of the Prosecution. Mr Parsons made some explanatory statements.

The Roll was then called to allow each member an opportunity of remarking on the case.

The Presbytery did not take up the Specifications, one by one, and give its judgment on each separately. But the following Paper was proposed as embodying the judgment and decision of the Presbytery on the whole case. viz

The Presbytery, having carefully and patiently listened to the evidence and arguments in the case of Rev. John U. Parsons, are satisfied that he has not been guilty of moral turpitude, intentional fraud, or other acts indicating of moral delinquency, while the Presbytery are convinced from the Testimony and the admissions of Brother Parsons himself, that he has, from inexperience in business, and a want of training, and knowledge of Book-keeping, committed many errors, and made divers omissions, which show him, in these respects, incompetent.

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fully to discharge ~~the~~ his whole duty in the vast and complicated business, which the Southern Mutual Insurance Company created from its first organization.

Objections were made by some members of the Court to this Paper. They could cordially vote to acquit Brother Parsons of all intentional fraud in these transactions, but they were not prepared to declare him entirely free from all moral delinquency. The Presbytery have undeclined to alter the Paper so as to remove these objections.

The vote on the adoption of the Paper was taken in voce, and no one voted against it. It was adopted as the judgment of the Presbytery in the case.

Those who were not satisfied with the paper, as a whole, but approved of it so far as the acquittal of the Defendant from intentional ~~fraud~~ ^{fraud} was concerned, offered the following ~~the~~ Paper, which was admitted to record. viz.

I. Whilst, ~~the~~ ~~as~~ ~~signed~~ in the judgment of the Undersigned, there was not sufficient evidence adduced to convict Mr Parsons of intentional and deliberate fraud, yet, the evidence was not such as to satisfy us that there was no violation of that high moral principle, in the numerous acts of business, with which he was connected, which should characterize christians, and especially christian ministers.

II. Whilst we believe that Mr Parsons, was, thro' lack of the necessary experience, incompetent to discharge the duties of his office, requiring as they did, correct knowledge of book-keeping, yet, in our opinion, this theory alone will not account for all the errors committed by him. as they appear in the evidence before Presbytery.

R. C. Hitchum

Nathan Hays.

Francis Baumer

~~John~~ John Brighton

G. N. W. Petrie.

Reswell Helbert

John Rice Baumer

D. M. Johnson

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The proceedings of the Presbytery in the trial of Mr Parsons have been inserted without the interruptions of other business which actually occurred in the progress of the trial.

The other business of the Presbytery will now be recorded in the order in which it took place.

During the Wednesday morning session - Henry Newton, & John Brighton, Elders from Sandy Church, and took their seats.

Brothers Chamberlain, & Baird, Ministers and John Cunningham & Phinney, Elders, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly. Brothers Rogers & Safford, Ministers, and W. L. Mitchell, & D. M. Burns Elders, were appointed Alternates.

A Letter was received from Rev Hopper Hender, asking a Dismission from this Presbytery, to join the Presbytery of Florida. He was, accordingly dismissed, & recommended to the Presbytery of Florida as a member in good standing.

Mr C. P. B. Martin, a Licentiate, applied by letter for a dismission to put himself under the care of the Flint River Presbytery. His request was granted, & he was recommended to that Presbytery, as a Licentiate in good standing.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery in Clarksville, on Thursday before the 3^d Sabbath in September next at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Committee appointed to instal Bro. Turner, reported that they performed that duty.

A Letter was received from the Rev Dr Wilson informing Presb. that \$30.00 are still due from this Presb. for printing the minutes of Synod. It was ordered that this be paid out of the first money that comes into the Treasury.

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The Committee to instal Brother Cartledge reported that they performed that duty.

Messrs Cartledge and Burns were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of Synod.

Brother Lafford obtained leave of absence after to day.

The free conversation on the state of Religion was made the order of the day Friday morning 10 O'clock. Messrs Petrie and Mitchell were appointed the Com. on the Narrative

A recess was taken until 2 O'clock.

Wednesday afternoon two O'clock. Presby. met and resumed its business. The afternoon was ~~occupied~~ devoted to the trial of Mr Parsons. Before this was finished Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning, nine O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Thursday Morning nine O'clock.

Presbytery met & was opened with Prayer -

The following Committees of Review were appointed - Cartledge and Hubert on the Records of Woodstock Church; - Greedy and S. Johnson on those of Greensboro; - Chamberlain & Mitchell on those of Phytia; - Greedy and Crighton on those of New Lebanon; Church & D. M. Johnson on those of Hebron; Newton and Wilhight on those of Pleasant Hill; - Rogers and Hubert on those of Newhope. Bauman and Dause on those of Augusta. Cartledge and Johnson on those of Greenstreet.

Joseph B. Ling Elder from Newhope appeared and took his seat.

Rev. E. P. Rogers appeared and assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting and for tardiness at this.

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Mr Rufus H. Porter, a Licentiate of the Charleston Presbytery, presented a certificate of dismission from that Presbytery, and recommendation to this, whereupon he was received as a Licentiate under the care of this Presbytery.

Rev. Wm S. Williams presented a certificate of dismission from the Georgia Presbytery with a recommendation to this Presbytery - after a brief examination he was received.

A request, in writing, from the Waynesboro and Bath Presbyterian Church, to be taken under the care of this Presbytery, was received, and the request was cordially granted - and that church was taken under our care.

A Petition from the Waynesboro and Bath Church was received, asking Presbytery to ordain Mr Rufus H. Porter to the work of the Gospel ministry at this meeting, sine titulo whereupon it was ordered that his examination be the order of the day for 9 o'clock to morrow morning, and that 2 Chron. 18: 33. be assigned him for the subject of a trial sermon.

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

Friday morning 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with Prayer.

The Report of the Treasurer was received and referred to Messrs Mitchell and Bullent.

A Petition was received from the Newhope & Danielsville Churches, requesting Presbytery to ordain our Licentiate R. W. Milner, sine titulo. It was determined to grant the request, and to examine him with Mr Porter - Ps 119: 18 was assigned for a trial sermon.

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The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported that there was nothing requiring the action of this Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of the candidates for Ordination, and went thro' with it. Their examination on all the subjects required in our Book was sustained.

Elder D. M. Burns obtained leave of absence.

Rev. Mr Lee of the Presbytery of Connecticut being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

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

A Recess was taken until 2 1/2 O'clock.

Friday P. M. 2 1/2 O'clock - ²²

Presbytery met.

Mr Millon read his sermon, and it was sustained as a part of trial for ordination.

Mr Porter was directed to preach his sermon to night - at 8 O'clock.

It was determined, if the way be clear to receive these brethren, on Sabbath Afternoon, and that Brother Pouch preach the Ordination Sermon and put the Constitutional Questions - and that Brother Rogers give the Charge.

Presbytery had its free conversation on the state of Religion.

Brother Reed obtained leave of absence, and Brother Petrie took the chair.

The Committees of Review reported and the Records were approved respectively.

There was a recess until 8 O'clock at which time Presb. met and heard the trial ^{sermon} of Mr Porter. The sermon was approved.

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The Rev. Robert Logan, whose certificate of dismission from the Concord Presb. was read to Presby- at its last meeting, being now present, was, after a brief examination, received as a member of this Presbytery.

The following sums were paid into the Commissioner's fund. viz.

Newhope \$3.00. Danielsville 3.00. Sparta 10.00
 Millidgeville 10.00. Lexington 5.00. Woodstock 7.00.
 Madison 5.00. New Lebanon 3.50. Hebron ^{2.00} 3.00 Pleasant
 Hill 2.00. Clarksville 3.00. Sandy Creek 3.00. Thyatira 7.00
 Greensboro 10.00. Bethany 7.00. Green Street 10.00.
 Athens 34.00. First Church Augusta 40.00.

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

Saturday morning 9 o'clock. ²³

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

The Committee on the Narrative presented their Report, which was adopted.

Brethren Cartledge, Greedy, & Johnson, were appointed a Committee on Missionary supplies.

Presbytery took a recess to allow the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society an opportunity to hold its annual meeting. The recess was continued until 4 o'clock.

Saturday 4 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met. The committee on Missionary supplies made a Report which was adopted.

The Domestic Missionary executive Committee were reappointed.

Rev. John D. Matthews, of the Presbytery of Muhlberg, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A recess was taken until Sabbath afternoon 3 o'clock.

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Sabbath afternoon ²⁴ 3. O'clock. Presbytery met. ~~to the ordination services~~. The examination of the candidates, & their several parts of trial having been sustained. Presb. proceeded to ordain them. Brother Petrie preached the Ordination Sermon, and put the prescribed Questions to the Candidates. These Questions having been answered in the affirmative, Rufus H. Porter and Robert W. Milner, were solemnly ordained to the whole work of the Ministry, by Prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The Right-hand of Fellowship was ^{then} given, and Brother Rogers delivered a solemn Charge to the newly ordained Evangelists. They then took their seats as members of the Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Blacks ville on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September next at 10. O'clock A.M. Concluded with Prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

John W. Rice, Moderator

Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk

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Presbytery met according to adjournment in Clarksville on Thursday the 22nd of September at 10 o'clock A. M. 1853. The Moderator not being present, the Rev. Dr Hayt preached a Sermon on Luke 23: 24, 25. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him, that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but they delivered Jesus to their will." X

The Session was opened with Prayer. Present N. Hayt D.D. F. Bowman D.D. R. C. Ketchum; G. H. Castledge, and R. H. Porter Ministers; with A. Irvine Clarksville, Archibald McDonald, Hebron & New Lebanon, and Gideon Daws, Waynesboro & Bath - Ruling Elders.

Absent, A. Church D.D. J. H. Talmage D.D. R. Chamberlain. N. Safford, J. W. Baker, C. P. Berman, J. W. Ruid, F. R. Goulding, R. Hooker, G. N. W. Petrie; Henry Newton, W. P. Gready, C. P. Rogers D.D. W. Baird R. M. Baker, W. N. Thompson, J. N. Parsons, John Rice Bowman, D. McNeill Turner, W. G. Williams, R. W. Milner. Robert Logan.

A recess was taken until 4 o'clock P. M. at 4 o'clock Presbytery met.

Rev. N. Safford, E. L. Newton Elder from Athens, and Daniel M. Johnson Elder from Pleasant Hill, Church, appeared and took their seats.

Dr Hayt was chosen Moderator.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read. Letters were received from W. N. Thompson, & Dr Church assigning reasons for absence which were sustained.

A Letter was received from Washington Baird requesting a dismissal to join the Charleston Presbytery. He was accordingly dismissed and recommended to the Charleston Presbytery as a beloved member in good standing.

It contained also his Report as Commissioner to the Assembly. It was approved - His expenses \$44.00. The Treasurer was directed to pay him that sum.

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The Rev. Mr Ketchum and Eldon Irvine were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Rev. Mr Cuntledge, & Eldon Newton were appointed a Committee on the Narrative - to report to the Presbytery during the Synod.

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

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

Rev. Henry Newton, and Elders, John H. Cunningham, of Thyaline, & Benjamin Hall of Augusta appeared & took their seats.

The Committee on Devotional exercises made a Report which was approved.

Rev. F. P. Gauding applied by letter for a Dismission to join the Cherokee Presbytery. He was accordingly dismissed and affectionately recommended to the Cherokee Presbytery as a member in good standing.

A Call from the Waynesboro and Bath Church to the Rev. R. H. Porter was received and put into the hands of Br. Porter. He, having had it before his mind for some time, was prepared, at once, to declare his acceptance of it. Presbytery determined to install him on Saturday before the 2^d Sabbath ^{by a Committee} in October. Dr. Rogers was appointed to preach the Installation sermon; Dr. Hoyt to give the charge to the Pastor and Dr. Bauman to give the charge to the people.

Dr Falmage was appointed alternate to Dr. Rogers, Brothn Turner to Dr. Hoyt; & John Rice Bauman to the other member of the Committee.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery at Lexington on Wednesday the 5th day of April next, at 7 O'clock P. M.

It was also determined to adjourn at the close of the present sessions to meet in Athens

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during the sessions of the Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Dr Rogers assigned, by letter, his reasons for absence from the present sessions. They were sustained.

There being so few members present, the Free conversation on the State of Religion was postponed until the meeting in Athens during the Synod.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Athens during the meeting of Synod in Nov. next, at the call of the Moderator. Classica with Prayer.

Nathan Hoyt Moderator

Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk.

Examined and approved thus far at Sessions of Synod of Georgia in Athens, Nov. 5th 1853, with the following exceptions:

"Brother Petrie, on page 295, is reported as having taken the Chair, in the absence of the Moderator without assigning the Constitutional reason that Brother Petrie was the last Moderator.

Page 291, the votes on the adoption of the paper in the trial of Brother Tansley, is recorded to have been unanimous; and yet a protest is afterwards allowed with 8 signatures, more particularly do we complain that the protest is signed by Dr Hoyt, who was employed as prosecutor in the case, the Constitution forbidding any of the parties any such thing."

John F. Lannean
Moderator.

Athens Nov. 3. 1853.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator according to previous appointment. at 9 O'clock A. M. Nov 3. 1853. Present N. Hoyt, H. Safford, F. Bowman, R. C. Ketchum, E. P. Rogers, J. R. Bowman, R. H. Porter, Ministers, and Benjamin Hall of Augusta, and E. L. Newton of Athens Ruling Elders. The Session was opened with Prayer.

A certificate of Dismission of the Rev. S. J. Davis D. D. from the Harmony was received, and after a satisfactory examination Dr Davis was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Rev. Wm. H. Thompson applied by letter for dismission to join the Presb. of Nashville - whereupon he was dismissed and recommended to the Presbytery of Nashville as a member in good standing.

Rev. J. U. Parsons was, at his own request in writing, dismissed to join the Barnstable Co. Association of Congregational Ministers in Mass. He was recommended to that body as a member in good standing.

Rev. Robert L. Brock of the West Lexington Presb. being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following Resolutions were offered and adopted.

I. Resolved That this Presbytery has heard with profound sorrow the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Rev. W. L. Hughes of the Charleston Presbytery, who for the last two years has been laboring in our bounds as stated supply of the Green Street Presbyterian Chh. in Augusta.

II. Resolved That we desire to express our appreciation of Brother Hughes' Character and qualifications for usefulness, and our satisfaction at learning that ⁱⁿ his illness and death he exhibited good evidence, that, as for him to live was it, so to die was gain.

III. Resolved That we tender to his bereaved family and the Church for which he labored our warm sympathies and our prayers that the event may be sanctified to their spiritual good.

Presbytery had a free conversation on the state of Religion in our bounds, and adopted a Narrative to be sent to the Synod.

Presbytery determined to hold an adjourned meeting in Macon to receive the call of that Church to the Rev. R. L. Beck, at such time as the Moderator shall designate. It then adjourned to meet in Macon at the call of the Moderator Closed with Prayer.

The Presbytery was called to meet in Macon on Saturday before the third Sabbath in Jan^y, 1854. at 7 O'Clock P. M. It met accordingly. Present S. R. Talmage, H. Safford and F. Bowman, Ministers, with Washington Poe of Macon Elder. Brother Safford was called to the chair, and opened the session with prayer.

Rev. J. Lawrence King of the Flint River Presb. being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Robert L. Beck presented a certificate of Dismissal from the West Lexington Presbytery, with a recommendation to this Presb. After a satisfactory examination, he was received. A Call from the Macon Church was put into his hands, and, having previously considered the matter, ^{he} declared his acceptance of it. The Presbytery determined to instal him to morrow morning. Dr. Talmage was appointed to preach the Installation sermon. Br. Safford to give the Charge to the ~~Church~~ Pastor, and Dr. Bowman to give the Charge to the Congregation.

The installation services took place accordingly on Sabbath morning - after which Presbytery adjourned to meet in Lexington on Wednesday the 5th day of April next at 7 O'Clock P. M.

Francis Bowman
Stated Clerk.

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Lexington. April 5th. Wednesday, half past seven O'clock P. M. Presbytery met. A sermon was by Dr. Hoyt, the moderator, on I. Tim. 4:6. If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith, and of good doctrine, wherunto thou hast attained.

The session was opened with Prayer Present Nathan Hoyt D.D. S. K. Falmage D.D. J. Bowman, Henry Safford J. W. Reid, Henry Newton, E. P. Rogers D.D. G. A. Cattleidge, J. R. Bowman, R. K. Porter, R. W. Milner, R. L. Breck, Ministers, Wm. B. Johnson, of Greensboro Francis L. Upson of Lexington John E. Caldwell of Hebron, ~~John Scott~~ John Scott of Woodstock, I. A. McCurdy, of New Hope, Wilson J. Byrd of Danielsville, Wm. C. Alexander of Hyattira, Joseph Bryan, of Mount Zion Ruling Elders.

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

Thursday morning nine O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

R. C. Ketchum appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Henry Newton was chosen Moderator.

Rev Wm. Flinn of the Tuscaloosa Presbytery, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

J. W. Reid and F. L. Upson were appointed a committee on devotional Exercises.

Robert Logan presented a request in writing to be dismissed to join the Presb. of South Carolina. He was accordingly dismissed, and recommenced to that Presbytery as a member in good standing.

S. K. Falmage & Henry Safford Ministers, and John E. Caldwell and Gideon Dause, Ruling Elders were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly.

G. H. W. Petrie presented a request in writing for a dismission from this Presbytery to join the Cherokee Presbytery. His was granted and he was recommended

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Dismissed

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to that Presbytery as a member in good standing.

E. P. Rogers, having received a Call to a Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia requested Presbytery to dissolve the Pastoral relation between him and the Church in Augusta. It appeared that the Church acquiesced in this application. The matter was referred to Messrs Porter, Talmage, & Bryan -
A recess was taken until 3/4 O'clock -

Afternoon half past three O'clock -

Mr Robert A. Houston was introduced to Presb'y.

Houston
Received

for the purpose of being taken under its care as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry. He is a member of the Church at Woodstock, and a Graduate of Oglethorpe University. He was examined on Experimental Religion, and as to his motives in seeking the sacred office. Presb. being satisfied on these points, he was taken under its care. It appeared that the young brother had been pursuing Theological studies for several years since he graduated. He had prepared a Latin Exegesis on, "An sit poena scelerum sempiterna?"; a Critical Exercise on Psalm 139. 1-12. a Lecture on II. Cor. 5: 1-9, and a sermon on Rom. 5: 23.

The Latin Exegesis was referred to Messrs Milner and Hitchum. The Critical Exercise & Lecture were read and they were sustained as parts of trial. -

Gideon Dause Elder from the Waynesboro' and Bath Church appeared and took his seat.

The Treasurer's Report was received and referred to Messrs Cartledge and Johnson.

The Committee to whom the application of Brother Rogers and the Church in Augusta was referred made a Report which was adopted and is as follows: viz.

The Committee recommend that the Pastoral relation between Brother Rogers and the 1st Pres. Church in Augusta be dissolved. The recommend also the adoption of the following Resolutions.

I. That while we believe Providence indicates the

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wisdom of this movement, we cannot but mourn the necessity which is to remove from the Church in Augusta a Pastor so beloved and useful and that we sympathize in the loss it is about to sustain.

II. That in separating from Brother Rogers we lose a beloved friend and faithful ^{to his heart} Co Laborer in the vineyard of our Common Lord, one prized by us as a warm hearted man, a useful member of Presbytery, who, wherever he may go, will carry with him our love, our best wishes and prayers for his happiness and success.

III. That we recommend Brother Rogers to the hearts of God's people every where, bidding him farewell, and a hearty God-speed in his future work. And tho' meeting here no more, praying and hoping in Christ, to meet at last where there is no sin and no separation.

It was determined to hold the next stated meeting of Presbytery at Richmond Bath, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September next, at 7 o'clock P. M.

A Letter was received from the Rev. Dr. McKinney in reference to the "Presbyterian Banner" and was referred to Messrs Talmage, Brock and Caldwell.

The Committee on the Latin Exegesis recommended that it be sustained - It was accordingly sustained.

Messrs Brock and Douse were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of Synod -

Brother Rogers, at his request, was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia - and he was recommended to that body as a member in good standing.

He resigned the office of Chairman of the Ex. Com. of Do. Missions. The present Committee was reappointed with the addition Dr Davis to be the Chairman

Rev. Charles B. King presented a certificate of Dismissal from the Flint River Presbytery, with a recommendation to this Presb. After a satisfactory examination, he was received.

C. B. King
Rec'd

Adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock. Classes with Prayer.

Lescington, April, 1854.

Friday morning 9 O'clock -
Presb. met and was opened with Prayer.

Rev. Daniel McKil Turner appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Daniel Kilian, Elder from Madison appeared & took his seat.

The following Committees of Review were appointed
Turner and Alexander on the Records of the Athens church,
Messrs Kitchum and McCurdy on those of Augusta -
Reid and Upson on those of Waynesboro and Bath - J. R.
Bawren and Dawse on those of Phytira; King and Byrd
on those of Hebron; Porter and McCurdy on those New Lebanon,
Cartledge and Kilian on those of Danielsville, Milner &
Caldwell on those of Mount Zion; Talmage and Bryan
on those of Macon; Safford and Alexander on those of Pleasant
Hill; Brick and Upson on those of New Hope; Hoyt
and Bryan, on those of Madison; Kitchum & Dawse
on those of Greenesboro.

The following contributions to the Commission
is fund were received: Madison \$5. Green H. \$10.
Phytira \$7. Sandy Creek \$3. Woodstock \$7. Pleasant
Hill \$2. New Hope \$3. Athens \$34. Macon \$34. Mount
Zion \$7. Washington \$14. Lescington \$5. Bethany \$7.
Greenesboro \$10. Hebron and New Lebanon \$5. Millage
ville \$10. Sparta \$10. Waynesboro & Bath \$10

The Committees of Review reported and their
Reports were adopted, and the Books respectively
were approved.

Brother Turner having received a Call from
the Church in Tallahassee, asked for the dissolution
of the Pastoral relation between him and the Church
in Washington. It appeared that the Church concurred
in this request. It was referred to Messrs Kitchum and
Hoyt.

Brother King obtained leave of absence after to day.

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Misses Turner Hitchum and Brock were appointed a committee to examine the candidate on Languages Arts and Sciences.

Joseph H. Lumpkin Elder from Athens appeared and took his seat.

The Committee to examine Mr Houston on Languages, Arts and Sciences reported and recommended that the examination be sustained. The Report was adopted.

A recess was taken until three o'clock.

Friday P. M. three o'clock.

Presb. met. The examination of Brother Houston on Theology was commenced & continued until half past three, when he preached his popular sermon. The sermon was sustained as a part of trials.

A Communication was received from the Rev. John W. Baker asking for the dissolution of the Pastoral relations between him and the Millidgeville Church. It was referred to Messrs Brock and J. R. Bowman.

J. W. Baker dismissed

The Committee to whom the request of Brother Turner and the Washington Church was referred made the following Report which was adopted: viz

D. M. Turner dismissed

Resolved 1st That the request be granted, the dissolution to take effect on the 15th of June next.

2^d That this Presb. feels the most tender solicitude in all the Churches under its care - it prays for them; it consults for their welfare, and hears every thing pertaining to their interests with deep emotion, and that it especially sympathizes with the Church in Washington in the prospect of losing the Pastoral services of a man, and a Christian Minister so highly respected & so well beloved for his Christian character & high qualifications as an expounder of the Word of God.

3. That we sincerely pray that the great Head of the Church will soon send to that bereaved Church a man full of the Holy Ghost and of faith to break to them the bread of life.

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Brethren Salmage and Turner were appointed the Committee on the Narrative.

Brethren Hoyt Safford and Bryan were appointed a Committee to report some plan for the collection and preservation of materials for a History of the Presbyterian Church in Georgia, according to the recommendation of the Synod.

Brethren Rice, Cuthage & E. L. Newton were appointed a Committee on the supply of destitute churches.

The Committee on the History of the Church made the following Report, which was adopted:

Resolved That it be made the duty of Pastors, stated suppliers and elders of the churches to collect and write out all the important materials within their reach bearing upon the churches individually and to lay them before this ^{Presb.} at its next Spring meeting.

Resolved the above be read from the pulpits of our churches, & be published in Southern Presbyterian.

The Committee to whom the communication of Brother J. W. Baker was referred, made the following Report which was adopted:

Presbytery being satisfied that the Church in Milledgeville, tho' not represented here, has taken on this subject, and unites with Brother Baker in this application. Therefore

Resolved. That the request be granted, and that the Pastoral relation between him and the said Church be, and it is hereby dissolved. Presbytery would further express its regret at the painful cause of the termination of this long and happy connection, and its sympathy with the afflicted Brother; while we hope and pray that his health may be restored and his usefulness continued.

Brother Turner asked for a dismission ~~from~~ to join the Presbytery of Florida. The request was granted, and he was recommended to that Presb. as a member in good standing.

Pastoral relat.
between J. W. Baker
& the
Milledgeville Ch.

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

Saturday morning nine o'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer -

Presbytery had a free conversation on the state of Religion within its bounds.

The Committee on devotional exercises made a report on the order of these exercises by the Presbytery which was adopted.

The committee to whom the letter from Dr McHenry was referred, made the following Report which was adopted:

As a Presbytery we regard the circulation of Religious Newspapers as indispensable to guide the Christian to intelligent views of the state of the Church and to proper action in relation to benevolent effort. - Our first duty in this respect is to sustain our local papers, as these are the only convenient media of communication between local Ecclesiastical Bodies and the Churches around them. We, therefore look upon the Southern Presbyterian as a Paper demanding our special support. The Home and Foreign Record is also the special organ, giving us reliable and important information in a cheap and condensed form in regard to the four great schemes; viz Domestic and Foreign Missions; Education; and the circulation of sound Religious reading. For this reason we think that the Record should be generally supported by all the families within our communion. -

To those who wish to avail themselves of a cheap and valuable Paper, giving a large amount of important general Religious information, we cordially recommend the "Presbyterian Banner", which is conducted with great ability and energy by the Rev. Dr McHenry of Philadelphia. -

The examination of Brother Hauster in Theology was resumed and finished. He was also -

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examined on Ecclesiastical History and Church Government. All the parts having been sustained, Presbytery proceeded to license the said Robert A. Houston to preach the Gospel as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry, according to the form prescribed in the Form of Government.

The Committee on the Narrative was directed to prepare it & forward it to the General Assembly by one of the Commissioners.

The Committee on the supply of destitute churches, made the following Report which was adopted:

Reed and Houston to hold a sacramental meeting at South Liberty at discretion. Cattleidge the same at Turkey Creek at discretion; Dr Church the same at Ebenezer, Ketchum the same at Jarratt's Bridge, Dr Hays at Hall County.

R. M. Baker appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness

Presbytery spent some time in Devotional Exercises.

Adjourned to meet at Richmond Bath on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September next at seven o'clock P. M. Close with Prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

Henry Newton Moderator
Francis Bowman S. Clerk

Approved by Synod in session at
Macon, 25th November 1854.

W. M. Cunningham
Moderator
of Synod.

On Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September 1854 at seven O'clock P. M. the hour for the meeting of the Presbytery, there were present Francis Bowman and ~~the~~ Rufus H. Porter, Ministers, with Samuel Dowse of the Weynesboro' and Bath Church, and John R. Dow of the Green Street Church, ^{John Cunningham, born of members} Elders. A Quorum not being present, there was an adjournment ~~was~~ had until the next morning 10 O'clock. At that time there was no additional member present. There was an adjournment until the next day, and as there was not a Quorum at that time, those present adjourned to meet in Macon on Wednesday before the meeting of the Synod, Nov. 22. 1854, at 10 O'clock A. M.

Macon Nov. 22. 1854 10 O'clock A. M. Presbytery met, and was opened with Prayer. Present A. Church D. D. Francis Bowman D. D. W. P. Gandy, G. H. Cartledge, R. L. Breech, and R. W. Milner Ministers; with John R. Dow, from the Green Street Church, and John I. Gresham of Macon, Ruling Elders.

Rev. G. H. Cartledge was chosen Moderator.

John Rice Bowman, at his own request, was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa; and was recommended to that Presb. as a member in good standing.

Presbytery had its free conversation on the of Religion, and Messrs. ^{Porter} and Dow appointed a Committee on the Narrative.

Messrs. Milner and Church were appointed a Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly. G. H. Cartledge, Dr. Hoyt, R. W. Milner, Henry Newton, E. S. Newton, John F. Groves, & Wilson J. Byrd, were appointed a ^{Com. Co} Confer with such candidates for the Gospel Ministry as desire aid from the Board of Education.

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R. H. Porter, Dr. Talmage, R. L. Breck, J. R. Dow, and E. A. Nisbet, were appointed a Committee on the general subject of Education, to report to the Presbytery at its next stated meeting.

Wm P. Gready gave some account of his labors, & asked further leave to labor out of our bounds - and his request was granted.

Dr Talmage, J. W. Ruel, and David C. Campbell Elders from Milledgeville appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr Charles W. Lane, one of the Professors in the Oglethorpe University, was introduced to Presbytery for the purpose of being taken under its care, as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. After a satisfactory examination on his experimental acquaintance with Religion, & his motives for seeking the Holy Office, and knowing that he was a member of the Milledgeville Church, he was received. He was directed to pursue Theological studies under the supervision of Dr Talmage, who was requested to assign him subjects for the usual parts of trial.

Drs Church, Talmage, & Mr Campbell were appointed a Committee to examine the Candidate on the Arts and Sciences.

Robert A. Hauster, ~~dismissed~~, at his own request was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Talladega Presbytery, as a Licentiate in good standing.

John E. Caldwell one of the Commissioners to the General Assembly, made a Report, which was approved, and the Treasurer was directed to pay the balance due him for his expenses, it being \$7.50.

Dr Talmage reported that he had organized a Presbyterian Church at Swinton, Wilkinson County, consisting of eight members. He ordained two Elders, Richard Cockrune, and ^{Richard} Robert L. Story. It was taken under the care of Presbytery, agreeably to their request.

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J. W. Baker
dismissed

John W. Baker ~~made~~ was at his own request dismissed to join the Cherokee Presbytery, & was recommended to that Presb. as a member in good standing.

W. G. Williams
dismissed

Wm G. Williams was also dismissed at his own request to join the Flint River Presb. and was recommended to that Presb. as a member in good standing.

J. S. K. Axson
Received

A certificate of dismissal of the Rev. J. S. K. Axson from the Presb. of Georgia, and a recommendation to this Presb. was ~~presented~~ ^{presented}, whereupon after a satisfactory examination, Brother Axson was received as a member of this Body.

Call from
Washington
Church to
Rev. Axson

A Call from the Church in Washington, to the Brother Axson, was received, and it appearing to have been made out agreeably to ^{the} Form of Government, it was put into his hands.

On putting it into the hands of Brother Axson the Presb. adopted the following minute (viz). Inasmuch as Presb. regards his present field of labor in the Greensboro Female College, one of great importance to the Church, inasmuch as the Synod has declared that his continuance there would afford it no ordinary gratification; and inasmuch as the Trustees are very desirous to retain him at the head of that Institution, where his talents and influence contribute very much to its prosperity & usefulness, the Presb. recommend to Brother Axson not to give his answer to the call until the meeting of Presb. in April next, that he may have adequate time to reflect on the subject.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Woodstock on Thursday before the second Sabbath in April next at seven o'clock P. M. Closed with Prayer.

G. H. Cartledge Moderator
Francis Bauman. Stated Clerk

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O'clock, P. M. Presb. met. A sermon was preached by the Moderator, on Col. I. 14. In whom we have redemption thro his blood, ^{our} the forgiveness of sins. After public worship the session was opened with Prayer. Present A. Church D.D., N. Hoyt D.D., S. S. Davis D.D., H. Safford, J. Bowman D.D., H. Newton, G. A. Cartledge, R. H. Porter, R. W. Milner, J. S. K. Axson, Ministers, with Porter Fleming, 1st Church Augusta, J. R. Daw, Green Street Church, Augusta, Gideon Dawse Waynesboro and Bath, John Cunningham, Greensboro, E. L. Newton, Athens, John E. Caldwell Hebron & New-Lebanon, John Scott, Woodstock, Hiram Dunn, Bethany, John F. Groves Newhope; D. M. Johnson, Pleasant Hill; J. J. Windsor, Sparta, and A. J. Harwell Maun Zion, Ruling Elders.

Absent. S. K. Talmage D.D., R. Chamberlain, C. P. Beman D.D., R. Hooker, W. P. Gready, R. M. Baker, R. C. Kitchum, C. B. King, Wm. G. Williams R. L. Brock-

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

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

Doctr S. S. Davis was chosen Moderator. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It appeared that the failure of a Deacon to attend at Richmond Bath, last September was caused by the prevalence of yellow fever in Augusta and its vicinity.

Rev. William Glinn presented a certificate of Dismission from the Presb. of Tuscaloosa, and was received as a member of this Presb. after a satisfactory examination.

A Communication was received from Brother Hooker giving reasons for his continued absence from our Meetings, which were sustained. Presb. expressed its willingness for him to labor out of our bounds, but desire him to communicate with us at our stated meetings.

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Received

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J. Robertson of Washington, and Daniel Kilian of Madison, Ruling Elders appeared & took their seats.

A communication from Dr. Palmage was received assigning reasons for absence which were sustained. He informed Presbytery ^{agreeably to their request} that he had assigned to Proff. Lane the following subjects for trials: viz. An Christus sit Deus? for a Latin Exercise; Matt. 4:10 for a critical exercise; first Psalm for a Lecture, and Gal. 5:14 for a Sermon.

Brethren Reid, Cartledge and Scott were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises

Presb. determined to hold its next stated meeting at Richmond Bath on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September next at 8 o'clock P.M.

C. W. Lane and J. R. Dow, presented themselves for examination with reference to Licensure. Their Examination Latin Exercises were committed to Messrs Church & Reid. of Their Critical Exercises and Lectures were read & sustained. Lane & Dow. Brother Dow read his popular Sermon, and it was sustained. Messrs Church, Axson, and Johnson were appointed a Committee to examine Mr Dow on Languages, arts and Sciences. They were examined on Theology, Church History, Church Government, and the Sacraments, all of which was sustained.

F. L. Wilson Elder from Lexington appeared and took his seat.

A Recess was taken until three o'clock.

Friday Afternoon, three O'clock.

D. C. Campbell Elder from Millidgeville appeared and took his seat.

The following Committees of Review were appointed: - Safford and Caldwell on the Session Book of Millidgeville - Cartledge & Dunn on that of Pleasant Hill - Milner & Scott on that of Green Street, - Reid & Cunningham on that of Athens;

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Church and Dowse on that of Augusta, - Flinn and Harwell on that of Hebron, - Carllidge and Dunn on that of Phytira, - Porter and Kilian on that of Sparta, - Hoyt and Daw on that of Greensboro, - Newton and Windsor on that of New Hope, - Axson and Grove on that of Waynesboro and Bath, - Safford and E. S. Newton on that of Madison Milner and Robertson on that of New Lebanon.

The Committee on the Latin Exercises, recommended their approval - the report was adopted.

Call from Milledgeville Church for Flinn.

A Call from the Milledgeville Church to Brother Flinn was received, & being in order, it was placed in his hands. He declared his acceptance of it, and Messrs Church, Rice, and E. S. Newton, were appointed a Com. to report arrangements for his Installation.

The following Contributions to the Commission's fund were received, - Mount Zion 7.50 Sparta 10. Milledgeville 10. Pleasant Hill 1. Athens 34. New Lebanon 3. Hebron 3. Phytira 7. Danielsville 3. Green Street 10. New Hope 3. Madison 5. Greensboro 10. Woodstock 7. Lexington 5.

The Treasurer of Presb., Porter Fleming, made his annual Report which was approved, - after being audited by Messrs Campbell and Upson.

The subject of the Call from the Washington Church to Brother Axson, was taken up, and as he had agreeably to the recommendation of Presbytery, withheld his answer until now, he was asked whether Axson's he is ready now to give an answer. In reply he informed Presb. that, in view of all the circumstances of the Washington case he had determined to leave the decision of the Question of his leaving his present field of labor to the Presb. It being thus referred, Presb. heard a Memorial from the Board of Trustees of the Greensboro Female College, urging the importance of retaining Mr Axson in that Institution. After that Delegates from the

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Washington Church were heard. The Roll was called to afford each member an opportunity of expressing his opinion. Presb. came to the following decision:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for Brother Axson to leave the Institution in Greensboro' at present.
Adjourned until to morrow morning 8 1/2 O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Saturday morning 8 1/2 O'clock.
Presb. met and was opened with Prayer.

The Committee of Review made their Reports which were adopted, and the Books respectively were approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the Candidates on Languages, Arts, and Sciences reported and recommended that the examination be sustained: The Report was adopted.

John W. Reid Minister, and John F. Groves Elder were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly; and R. H. Porter Minister, and E. L. Newton Elder were appointed Alternates.

Francis Henry Bauman was introduced to Presb. for the purpose of being taken under its care as a Candidate for the Ministry. It appeared as he was a member of the Church, and a graduate of Oglethorpe University. After a satisfactory examination respecting his personal piety and his motives for seeking the sacred office, he was received.

A recess was taken to afford the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society an opportunity to hold its Annual meeting.

Presbytery then held its free conversation on the State of Religion.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a Report which was adopted.

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The Committee to report arrangements for the installation of Brother Flinn, recommended that it take place on the third Sabbath in May; - R. L. Breck Flinn's to preach the Sermon, Dr Talmage his Alternate; - Installation J. S. H. Axson to give the charge to the people; - Dr Beman his Alternate; - F. Bauman to give the charge to the Pastor and R. H. Porter his Alternate. The Report was adopted. A Recess was taken until 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ O' Clock.

Saturday Afternoon. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ O' Clock.

Presb. met.

A Communication was received from Brother Breck. His reasons for absence were sustained. A part of the Letter related to the endowment of Oglethorpe University. This was referred to Messrs Flinn, Cartledge and Campbell.

The following Standing Committees to examine Candidates, were appointed:

On Languages, Messrs Beman, Reid, Cartledge and King. Standing
Committee
on

On Arts and Sciences, Messrs Church, Ketchum, Baker and Hooker. Examinations

On Mental and Moral Philosophy, Messrs Davis, Newton, Flinn, and Cartledge.

On Theology, Messrs Hayt, Breck, Axson and Safford.

On Ecclesiastical History, Messrs Talmage, Porter, Milner and Flinn.

On Church Government & the Sacraments, Messrs Bauman, Newton, Porter and Milner.

On the general subject of Education the following Resolutions were adopted:

I That we do now appoint a Standing Committee on the subject of Education for the Ministry in our bounds.

II That it be the duty of this Committee to examine Candidates, unable to appear before Presbytery,

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and who desire a recommendation to our Board at Philadelphia; and, if the Committee are satisfied, to make such recommendation. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to use such measures as they may deem best to keep this subject of Education prominently before the Sessions and Members of our Church, and to press its claims for assistance. It shall thoroughly acquaint itself with the character, and all the necessities of our Candidates, and devise means for their relief.

III. In no cases, but those of uncontrollable necessity, to be determined by the Presb., shall this Committee continue its recommendation for any Candidate, who fails to be present in the Presb. at its first meeting after the recommendation was given.

IV. This Committee shall consist of five members, whose Chairman shall report to every meeting of this Presb. Its vacancies shall be filled by the Presb. and three shall constitute a Quorum.

The Committee appointed are Messrs F. Bauman, J. S. K. Axson, R. H. Porter, J. Cunningham, and G. Douse.

The present Committee on Domestic Missions was reappointed, with the addition of R. H. Porter, J. S. K. Axson, Gideon Douse, Wm Shear, and William A. Walton.

Presb. spent some time in devotional exercises. A Recess was taken until seven o'clock, at which time Brother Lane preached his trial sermon. It was sustained.

The several examinations, & all the written parts of trial, of the Candidates, Charles W. Lane, and John R. Daw, having been sustained; and they having answered in the affirmative the questions required to be put to Candidates, they were, after Prayer by the Moderator, licensed to preach the Gospel wherever God in his Providence may call them.

Woodstock April 1855.

The Committee to whom the subject of the endowment of Oglethorpe University was referred made the following Report which was adopted.

Whereas, the Synod did, at its last meeting, resolve to make an effort to raise \$25,000. for the endowment of a fourth Professorship in the Oglethorpe University; and whereas the prosperity of the Presbyterian Church does, in Oglethorpe our judgment, depend, in a great measure, on the prosperity of that Institution; and, whereas, that Institution cannot prosper and accomplish all that is expected of it, without a full endowment; - and whereas, the Synod appointed a Committee to carry out its wishes in the premises, and this Committee has apportioned the amount necessary among the several Churches, therefore, Resolved

I. That we cordially commend the enterprise to the confidence and liberality of all our Churches.

II That we urge and earnestly request the Sessions of our Churches to make an effort to raise the amounts severally apportioned to them, in the way that seems best to each Session.

The following subjects of trial were assigned to F. H. Bowman. Latin Exegesis, An Christus mortuus sit pro peccatis omnium hominum? - Crit. exercise Heb. 6: 1-5. Lecture I Cor. 4: 1-4. Sermon Rom. 14: 17.

The Commissioners to the Ass. were directed to procure a copy of the Minutes of the Ass. for each minister & each Church and draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds to pay for them.

On Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock Presb. met to hear the Missionary Report. An address was made by Brother Lane and a collection taken up.

Adjourned to meet at Richmond Bath on Thursday before the 4th Sabb. in September, at eight o'clock P. M. Closed with Prayer, singing, & the Benediction.

J. S. Davis Moderator.

Francis Bowman Secy

Examined and approved at LaGrange, by the Synod of Georgia
November 16. 1855.

C. P. Benman
Moderator