

Richmond Bath. September 20th. 1855

Thursday, 8 O'clock P. M. Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by the Moderator, Dr Davis on the Text, "Love is the fulfilling of the Law." After public worship, the session was opened with Prayer. Present A Church D.D., N. Hoyt D.D., J. K. Talmage D.D., H. Safford, S. L. Davis D.D., J. Bowman D.D., J. W. Reid; R. K. Porter; R. L. Breck Wm. Flinn, Ministers; with Samuel Dowse, Waynesborough and Bath, David L. Adams of first Church Augusta Thomas Bishop, Athens; Johnson Baswell, Woodstock, and Wm. L. Hurd, Monticello, Ruling Elders.

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

Friday morning 9. O'clock.

Presb. met and was opened with Prayer. Dr. Talmage was chosen Moderator, and R. L. Breck, temporary clerk.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr Hoyt, R. K. Porter and Elder Dowse were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

A Communication was received from J. R. Daw's Dow, tendering his resignation as Treasurer for Domestic Resignation Missions. His resignation was accepted. Elders Hurd and Bishop were appointed a Committee to audit his accounts; and Wm. A. Walton Esqr. of Augusta was appointed Treasurer in his place. Should Mr Walton decline the appointment the Committee were authorized to appoint one pro tem. Dr Davis and Mr Daw were directed to pay over such sums as are in their hands, to the Treasurer.

A letter was read from Brother Milner, assigning reasons for absence, and bringing to the notice of Presb. the cases of certain Candidates for the Ministry. His reasons for absence were sustained, and the letter was referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Elder Adams obtained leave of absence

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Rev. E. D. Eldridge of the Hopkinton Association, New Hampshire, applied for admission into this Presbytery as a member. He produced testimonials of his good standing in the Association; and after giving Presb. entire satisfaction respecting his Theological views, he was cordially received, and took his seat as a member.

A Letter was received from Rev. Wm. G. Williams stating that he had not had an opportunity of presenting his letter of dismission to Flint River Presb., and assigning reasons for absence from this meeting. His reasons were sustained.

The Committee appointed to Install Brother Flinn reported that they had, for reasons which were stated, failed to perform that service. Presbytery directed that the Installation shall take place, Providence permitting, on the second Sabbath in October; Brother Axson to preach the Installation Sermon, and Brother Porter to deliver the Charge to the Pastor and to the congregation. Dr. Talmage was appointed Alternate to Mr Axson, and Prof. Smith to Mr Porter.

Presbytery determined to hold its next stated meeting in the City of Augusta, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in April next, at 8. O' clock P. M.

The free Conversation on the State of Religion was made the first order of the day for tomorrow morning.

Brothers Flinn and Hurd were appointed a Committee on the Narrative.

R. K. Porter, Dr. Davis, & Elder Hurd were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of the Genl. Ass.

Minutes of the Assembly, Churches, & pray for the same from the Treasury.

The Committee to audit the Accounts of Mr Dow, reported that they were correct. The Report was adopted.

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R. K. Porter, Commissioner to the Assembly made his Report which was approved.

Dr. Davis, H. Safford, J. M. Reid, and Elder Bishop were appointed a Committee on the Report of the Standing Committee of the General Assembly on Systematic Benevolence, - and on the Resolutions of the Ass. on this subject.

A Recess was taken until half past three O'clock.

Friday half past 3. P. M.

Presbytery was informed that the Bethel Church is reduced to a very small number; that the two remaining Elders live at a great distance from each other so that it is almost impracticable to have a meeting of Session; and that, under these circumstances, the few remaining members desire to connect themselves with the Monticello Church. It was therefore

Dissolution of the Bethel Church

Resolved, that the said Bethel Church be and it hereby is dissolved, and the members are directed to unite with the Church in Monticello. The Session in Monticello are authorized and required to receive the members of the Bethel Church, whenever they shall apply for admission.

The Committee on the minutes of the Ass. reported several items which demanded the attention of Presbytery; - whereupon the following Resolutions were adopted. viz.

1. That Presb. approve the action of the Ass. respecting Statistical Reports, and that the ^{S. Clerk} be directed to furnish all the churches with the forms of such Reports prepared by the Board of Publication. Statistical Reports
2. That Brethren Talmage and Flinn. be a Committee to prepare a Pastoral letter on the subject of Infant Baptism, to be submitted to the ^{or} Infant Baptism Pastoral Letter

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Presbytery at its meeting during the sessions of
Synod in La Grange.

Supernumerary Ministers. 3. That Drs Church and Hoyt, and Elder
Bishop ~~be~~ appointed a Committee on the action
of the Ass. relative to the support of supernumerary
Ministers, to report on the whole subject at the next
stated meeting of Presb.

~~And that Dr. Davis, Mr. Saffer and Mr. Rivard,
Elders Bishop be a Committee~~

Adjourned until to morning nine
O' clock. Closed with Prayer.

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

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence
reported the following Preamble and Resolutions, which
were adopted:

As we must look to the Pastors and Elders
of our Churches to give efficiency, perpetuity, and suc-
cess to the operations of Christian Benevolence among us:

1. Resolved, that it be enjoined on all our
Systematic Churches Sessions, at their earliest convenience, to have
Benevolence. the able, and lucid, and Scriptural Report of the stand-
ing Com. of the Assembly on this subject read from the
Pulpits of their respective congregations, by the Pastor, if
the Church have one; or by one of the Elders if the Church
be without a Minister.

2. That the Resolutions of the Assembly, appen-
ded to the Report, enjoining upon Presbyteries such action
in the premises, as, in the judgment, of the Assembly,
ought to be pursued, be read at the same time, and
pressed upon the of the people.

3. That it be a standing Rule of the Presb.
at each Spring meeting, to inquire how far Ministers

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and Churches have complied with these injunctions of our highest Judiciary

Presbytery expressed its approval of the scheme of Church ^{extension} in Washington City, and commended it to the liberality of our people.

The following Resolution of the Assembly, in relation to the Church of the Waldenses, was adopted by Presbytery: Viz

That this Assembly rejoices in what God has wrought for, and by, the ancient and honored Church of the Waldenses; and, regretting that there is still lacking the sum of \$2000. of the \$20,000, which it was intended to raise in this Country, for the Theological Seminary of this Church, recommends the completion, to the benevolence of all our people, especially to those to whom God has entrusted abundant means.

Presbytery had its free Conversation on the state of Religion

The committee to whom the cases of some candidates for the Ministry, was referred, recommended that the candidates be directed to apply to the standing Committee on Education

The Committee on the Narratives were directed to submit their Report to the Presb. in La Grange in Nov.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in La Grange in Nov. during the Sessions of the Synod at the call of the Moderator

Closed with Prayer, singing and the Apostolical Benediction

J. K. Falmagne Moderator
Francis Bowman. S. Clerk

La Grange Nov. 15 1855

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with Prayer. Present Dr. Talmage, Dr. Beman, H. Safford Dr. Bowman, H. Newton, R. M. Baker, Dr. Davis, R. L. Brock. Ministers, with Wm B. Johnson of Greenboro Church, and J. S. Gresham, from Macon. Elders.

Presbytery was informed that Mr Walter had declined the appointment of Treasurer of the Executive ^{Com.} of Do. Missions. Whereupon Mr Jesse A. Ansley was appointed a member of said Committee, and its Treasurer.

A Communication from the Church Extension ^{Committee.} Board was received and considered - and a Committee of Presbytery was appointed, consisting of Dr. Davis, R. K. Porter, and Elder John Craig.

Brother Hausten returned his Dismissal which was accepted. He requested to be ordained as his field of labor was far from any ordained minister of our Church. In view of the peculiar circumstances of the case Presb. determined to grant his request, and appointed Sabbath Afternoon at three O'clock for this service. He was directed to preach a sermon on 1 Cor. 1:30. The Moderator to preside and give the Charge. As the Candidate had been recently very carefully examined on all the subjects required by our Form of Government, by Presb., previously to his Licensure - it was determined to omit his examination at the present time. At the appointed time, the candidate preached on the subject assigned, and the sermon was sustained as a part of trial. He was then ordained to the whole 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, the Charge was delivered to the Evangelist, he took his seat as member of Presbytery.

La Grange, Nov. 1855

R. M. Baker asked for a Dismission
to join the Cherokee Presb. His request was granted
and he was recommended to that Presbytery as
a member in good standing.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the City
of Augusta on Wednesday before the first
Sabbath in April next at 8 O'clock P. M.
closed with Prayer.

S. K. Falmage, Modr
Francis Bowman, J. Clerk

Augusta, Wednesday, April 2nd 1858. 8 O'clock P. M.

Presbytery met. A Sermon was preached by the Moderator Dr. Talmage. on Ps. I. 2. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his laws doth he meditate day and night." After public worship the session was opened with Prayer - Present, A. Church D.D., N. Hoyt D.D., J. K. Talmage D.D., H. Safford, F. Bowman D.D., J. L. Davis D.D., J. M. Reid, H. Newton, R. K. Porter, R. M. Milner, Ministers; - with Benj. Hall of Augusta, Myles G. Harris of Sparta, Thomas Bishop of Athens, Robert C. Daniel of Woodstock and William^{C.} Dunn of Bethany, Ruling Elders.

Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning nine O'clock. Closed with Prayer -

Thursday Morning, nine O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

Rufus K. Porter was chosen Moderator, and J. M. Reid was chosen Temporary Clerk - Minutes of last meeting were read.

Joseph Bryan, Elder from Mount Zion, and D. C. Campbell, Elder from Milledgeville appeared and took their seats.

It was reported to Presb. that the Installation of Brother Peinn took place at the time appointed.

The Free Conversation was made the Order of the day for tomorrow afternoon, three O'clock - Messrs Milner and Dunn were appointed the Committee on the Narrative -

Rev. Mr. Crumley of the Methodist E. Church, & the Rev. Mr. Bingham of the Presb. of Portage, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members -

Dr. Talmage and Elias Campbell and Bishop were appointed a Judicial Committee.

A communication was received from Rev. Mr. Matthews in reference to the case of Mr. Espy, and it was referred to Dr. Hoyt, H. Newton and Elder Hall.

R. A. Houston was at his own request dismissed to join the Presb. of East Alabama - and was recommended to that Presb. as a member in good standing. Houston dismissed.

H. Newton, and Elders Dunn and Harris were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of Synod -

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Rev. Mr Mann of the M. E. Church, and the Rev. Mr. Ryerson of the Baptist Church being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Dr. Davis, and Elders Campbell and Harris were appointed a Committee to prepare a Report to be sent to the General Assembly, on the subject of Systematic Benevolence.

J. R. Daw.
dismissed.

John R. Daw, Licentiate, was, at his own request, dismissed to put himself under the care of the Charleston Presbytery, and was recommenced to that Presb. as a Licentiate in good standing.

The Committee on the Pastoral ^{Letter} on the subject of Infant Baptism was continued, and directed to report at the next stated meeting of Presb.

Presb. took a recess until 4 O'clock - at that time business was resumed.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Genl. Assembly concerning the support of Superannuated Support of Ministers made a Report which, after full discussion, Superannuated was adopted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to have it published in the Southern Presbyterian - This Report, among other important matters, contained an elaborate argument against the propriety of insuring the lives of Ministers, in Life Insurance Companies.

Presb. had a Recess to allow the Georgia Domestic Society an opportunity to hold its annual Meeting.

Commissioners
elected.

Francis Bowman D.D. Minister, and D. C. Campbell, Elder were elected Commissioners to the next General Assembly; - and G. H. Cartledge Minister, and J. R. R. Cobb, Elder were elected Alternates.

Presb. determined to hold its next stated meeting in Eatonton, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October next at seven O'clock P. M. It also determined to hold an adjourned meeting in Gruningsboro' on Wednesday, the 28th of May at 3 O'clock P. M. chiefly for the purpose of licensing F. N. Bowman.

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

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Friday morning 8 1/2 O' clock -

Presb. met and was opened with Prayers - and other devotional exercises for half an hour -

G. H. Cartledge appeared and unexcused satisfactory reasons for tardiness, F. L. Upson Elder from Lexington. appeared and took his seat in Presb.

Presb. was informed of the death of Brother Cham-berlain, and Drs Salmage and Church were appointed a Com-mitted to bring in a suitable Minute on the subject.

Rev. Robert Logan of the Presb. of South Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member -

The following Committees of Review were appointed; Milner and Dunn on the Records of Mount Zion Church; Church and Campbell on those of Sparta; Bauman and Harris on those of Monticello; Safford and Daniel on those of New Hope Cartledge and Bishop on those Greensboro; Davis and Hall on those of Athens; Hoyt and Upson on those of Bethany; Newton and Dunn on those of Augusta. These several Records were approved.

The following contributions to the Commissioners fund were received: - Mount Zion \$7.00. New Hope 3.00 Athens 28.00 Lexington 5.00 Augusta 50.00. Greensboro 10.00. Sparta 10.00 Woodstock 7.00. Bethany 7.00. Millidgeville 10.00 Monticello 3.00 Washington 14.00. New Lebanon 3.00. Macon 34.00 Madison 5.00.

Francis Bauman, on account of failing health, asked Presb. to dissolve the Pastoral relation between him and the Church in Greensboro. This matter was referred to Brothers Church and Milner - The action of the Church in relation to the request of the Pastor was referred to that Committee - Pastoral Relation dissolved.

A Communication was received from a portion of the Members of the Church of Phytira, asking New Presbytery to set them off and organize them into a separate Church. Presb. being satisfied with the reasons assigned for the request, determined to grant it, and appointed Dr. Hoyt and Messrs Newton and Milner a Committee organized

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to organize the new Church on Saturday before the first Sabbath in May, at 11 O'clock - A. M.

The Committee to whom the papers from the Church in Greensboro were referred, reported that they had examined them, and recommended the Pastoral Relation between the Church in Greensboro and the Rev. Dr. Bowman be dissolved. But while the Presbytery feel constrained to do this, they also express their deep sympathy with their beloved Brother Bowman, in the loss of his health which compels him for the present to cease from his Ministerial labors; and with the Church too, which has been blessed with one who has long and faithfully ministered unto them in holy things. The Report was adopted.

Report on
dissolution
of Pastoral
Relation.

The Committee on education reported that no regular application had been made to them. G. H. Cartledge was added to this Committee.

A recess was taken until four O'clock.

Friday afternoon 4 O'clock.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a Report which was adopted, and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

The Judicial Committee brought before Presbytery the Complaint of Mrs S. F. Goddard against the Session of the Church of Macon, and recommended the adoption of the following minutes: That while the complaint does not come before Presb. in strict accordance with the Book of Discipline there is no reason for taking objection to it on that ground. In view of the Documents accompanying the complaint they sustain the action of the Session in refusing to reconsider her case, and in declining to enter her Protest on the Records of Session; and according to the Records of the Session the Complainant occupies the same relation to the Church that she did before the prosecution against her was instituted. It was adopted.

Presbytery had its free conversation on the state of Religion.

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It was made the Order of the day for to morrow morning 10 O'clock to hear the Rev. Mr Dixon the District Secretary of the Am. S. S. Union for the States of N. & S. Carolina and Georgia, on the subject of his agency.

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

Saturday morning 9 O'clock

Presb. met and spent a half hour in devotional exercises.

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

According to the Order of the day for 10. O'clock the Rev. Mr Dixon was heard on the subject of his agency. After his Address the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presb. has heard with pleasure the statements of Brother Dixon, and cordially commends him and his cause to the confidence and support of the churches and invites him, at his earliest convenience to visit the congregations under our care.

The following minute on the death of Brother Chamberlain was reported by the Committee and was adopted:

In the death of the Rev. Remembrance Chamberlain, we mourn the loss of a most active and venerable member of our body. He was born in Vermont in 1789. He graduated in Middlebury College and spent a portion of his early life in teaching in his native state. He studied Theology in the Princeton Seminary and was employed afterwards, for a season, as Missionary in Kentucky, and settled in Burke Co. Ga. about 1820. He was subsequently employed as Pastor in various places in the interior of the State, principally within the bounds of this Presbytery. Brother Chamberlain was instrumental in organizing a number of Presbyterian Churches in the State. He acted as Agent for various benevolent ^{objects}, and was for several years the laborious and successful Agent of Oglethorpe University. In the death of this venerable father we would listen to the voice of Providence and the word of God, saying unto us, "Work while the day lasts, the night cometh wherein no man can work."

R. Chamberlain's Death.

The Committee on Church Extension were directed to report to the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

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The Committee to whom the case of Jas. W. Espy was referred, reported the following Resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee be directed to present to our Churches, thro' the Southern Presbyterian a brief statement of the facts in the case, and request them to Mr Espy's case. him out of their ordinary collections for the poor small sums, amounting in the aggregate to \$40.00 and correct accounts which, when collected shall be remitted to the Rev. W. Matthews for the of liquidating Mr Espy's debt.

Resolved That this Report shall be published with said Statement.

It was made a Standing Rule, that at each Stated meeting of Presbytery, some topic of practical piety, Ecclesiastical Polity, or Doctrinal Truth, shall be discussed. Standing Rule. The subject for discussion shall be appointed at each stated meeting for the ensuing meeting; the Moderator, presiding at said meeting, to introduce the discussion, and each Member shall be called on according to the Roll.

The following subject was appointed for discussion at the next Stated meeting: - The personal piety of a Minister as affecting his usefulness. Subject for Discussion.

In the Afternoon Presbytery spent an hour in devotional Exercises.

The following members were absent from the meeting: - Dr. Beman, W. P. Greedy, R. Hooker, Absentees. R. C. Kitchum, C. B. King, R. L. Breck, J. S. K. Axson; Wm Flinn; E. D. Eldridge; W. G. Williams.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Greensboro' on Wednesday the 28th of May next at half past three, O'clock. P. M. Closed with Prayer

R. V. Porter, Moderator.

J. W. Reid, Secy. Clerk

Francis Bowman Stated Clerk

Greensboro: Wednesday, May, 28. 1856.

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer by the Moderator, at 3 O'clock P. M. Present N. Hoyt D. D. Henry Safford, J. S. K. Axson, J. W. Reid, and R. K. Porter, the Moderator, with Elders John Cunningham of Greensboro, D. M. Burns of Thyatira, and R. C. Daniel of Woodstock.

J. W. Reid was appointed temporary clerk.

Rev. H. ^{Dwigg} Pivaigo, of the Associate Reformed Church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A letter was received from Rev. G. H. Cartledge asking for a dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between him Cartledge and the Churches of Hebron and New Lebanon. Presbytery Letter deferred action on this request until the next Stated meeting, and appointed Dr. Hoyt to write to Brother Cartledge on the subject, and also to the Churches.

Rev. John Jones presented a certificate of dis- Jones rec: mission from the Georgia Presbytery, and after the customary examination was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Rev. Robert Logan presented a certificate of Logan rec: dismission from the South Carolina Presbytery, and as he was formerly a member of this Presbytery, he was received without examination.

Francis H. Bowman, a Candidate for Licensure, was examined ^{on} Languages, Arts, and Sciences; on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and the Sacraments. These Examinations were sustained. His Latin Exegesis was Examination referred to J. W. Reid, his Critical Exercise to John Jones; his Lecture to R. Logan and H. Safford. A Recess was taken until 8 O'clock this evening, at which time the Candidate preached his popular Sermon on Rom. 14:17. The Sermon was sustained as a part of trials. The several Committees on the written parts of trials, reported and recommended that they be sustained. The Reports were adopted.

All the parts of trial having been sustained, and he having answered in the affirmative the questions required to Licensure be put to candidates, the Moderator, after Prayer, licensed the said Francis H. Bowman to preach the Gospel, wherever God in his Providence may call him.

INSURE WITH THE
Home Insurance Co. New York.

Dear Bro.

Please give the
information de-
sired by Dr. B,
M. Smith,

I enclose the
postal -

No special news -

Yours in Ch. -

J. P. Chubb

Greensboro, May, 1856.

call— A call from the Church in Greensboro for the
Pastoral labors of the Rev. J. S. K. Axson, was received and
put into his hands.

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

Thursday morning 9. O'clock—

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer—
There being no business it adjourned to meet in Eatonton
on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October next at
seven o'clock P. M. Closed with Prayers.

R. K. Porter, Moderator—

J. W. Reid, Sec. Clerk—

Francis Bauman Stated Clerk—

Examined and approved by the Synod at
Atlanta November 13th 1856

Samuel D. Campbell Moderator
of the Synod of Georgia

Eatonton, October 9th 1858. Thursday, 7 O'clock, P.M.

Presbytery met. A sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. R. K. Porter on Romans Chapt 1: 18. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness, & unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."

After public worship the sessions were opened with Prayer. Present A. Church D.D., H. Safford, F. Bowman D.D., R. C. Kitchum, G. H. Cartledge, R. K. Porter, R. L. Buck, Wm Flinn, E. D. Eldridge, Robert Logan, and John Jones, Ministers; - with Wm. B. Johnson, of Greensboro, Nathure Holbrook of Athens, G. Dause of Waynesboro and Bath, Robert Woods of New Hope, Archibald McDonald of Hebron and New Lebanon, D. C. Campbell of Millidgeville; Thos. C. Little of Sparta, Joseph Bryan of Mount Zion, John Craig of Augusta, Wm B. Robinson of Pleasant Grove, and Alfred Mason of Eatonton, Ruling Elders.

Absent A. Hayt, D.D., J. K. Talmage D.D., J. S. Davis D.D., J. M. Rice, C. P. Bemis D.D., R. Hooker, W. P. Gready, C. B. King, R. W. Milner, J. S. K. Axson D.D.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 O'clock concluded with Prayer.

Friday morning nine O'clock

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer

Rev. Wm Flinn was elected Moderator, and Rev. R. C. Kitchum, temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the ^{last} sessions were read and confirmed.

Absenters from the last meeting rendered satisfactory excuses.

The Committee on the subject of Infant Baptism not being now prepared, were directed to make their Report to the Presbytery during the meeting of the Synod.

Dr. Bowman and Elder D. C. Campbell were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The Committee appointed to organize a new Church in Jackson Co. reported that a church was organized ^{New} Church called Pleasant Grove, consisting of 18 members, and that John ^{Organized} L. Cheatham, John Baird, Wm B. Robinson and John Arnold were elected Ruling Elders.

Dr. Hayt communicated, in writing, satisfactory reasons for absence from this meeting

Eaton, October, 1850.

The Committee to whom the request of Brother Cartledge was referred, reported, and the Report was referred to a special Committee consisting of Rev. John Jones, and Elders D. C. Campbell.

A letter was received from Brother Gready, giving reasons for absence, and asking leave to labor a part of his time out of the bounds of this Presbytery. His reasons for absence were sustained and his request granted.

Presbytery determined to hold its next stated meeting in Madison, on Wednesday before the second Sabb. in April next, at 7 O'clock P. M.

A Recess was taken until half past two O'clock,

Friday Afternoon, half past two.

Presbytery resumed its business.

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

The Church at Sparta sent a request to Presbytery to hold an adjourned meeting in that place on Friday before the 5th Sabb. in Nov. next at 7 O'clock P. M. for the purpose, if the way be clear, of receiving the Licentiate of the Flint River Presb. Mr. Simonton; ~~and~~ of ordaining him, and installing him Pastor of that Church. It was determined to grant the request. The Rev. Wm. Flinn was appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon, Mr. Breck his Alternate; Dr. Bauman to preside and put the constitutional Questions; - Dr. Boman, his Alternate; Dr. Talmage to give the Charge to the Pastor, Dr. Axson his Alternate; Rev. R. V. Porter to give the Charge to the people, and Rev. John Jones his Alternate.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported, and recommended the adoption by the Presbytery, the Resolutions of the Assembly respecting the Installation of Ruling Elders. It was adopted.

The Resolutions of the Assembly respecting the support of disabled Ministers; and on the subject of Systematic Benevolence; and the recommendation on the subject of Deacons, were referred to a special committee consisting of Dr. Church, Rev. Messrs. Porter and Breck, and Elders D. C.

Eatonton October, 1858.

Campbell and G. Daise.

The Discussion of the subject appointed at the last meeting was made the order of the day for three o'clock, Saturday afternoon.

Presbytery was informed that the Green Street Church in Augusta has no Ruling Elders, it was therefore

Resolved. That the said Church be dissolved, and that the members are hereby transferred to the First Church of Augusta; and that the Session of the latter are directed to receive them on application.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Brother Cartledge for the dissolution of his Pastoral Relation, presented the following Resolutions which were adopted:

1. Resolved, That Brother Cartledge retain the care of his Church, devoting to them one half of his time.

2. Resolved, That Presbytery direct our ~~Presbytery~~ Missionary Committee to employ the other half of Brother Cartledge's time as a Missionary, in our bounds, at a Salary of \$400. payable semi-annually.

3. Resolved, That Presbytery will not continue this Salary beyond one year, if the Churches under Brother Cartledge's care, shall fail to pay him their promised salary of \$300.00.

4. Resolved That Presbytery does respectfully urge upon said churches the duty of making up to Brother Cartledge the deficiency of Salary for past labor.

5. Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent by the Stated Clerk, to said Churches.

Rev. Wm. G. Williams, at his own request, was dismissed ~~to~~ join the Presbytery ^{of Tusculum} and was recommended to that Presbytery as a member in good standing.

Mr. Heard, Ruling Elder from Monticello, appeared and took his seat.

Dr. Talmage appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

Messrs Jones, Brock, and Church obtained leave of absence.

Eatonton, October, 1856.

The special Committee to whom some subjects in the Minutes of the Assembly were referred, reported the following Resolution on the subject of systematic Benevolence, which was adopted.

Systematic Benevolence
 Resolved, That Presbytery will continue its efforts to carry fully into effect the recommendations of the Assembly in relation to Systematic Benevolence, and enjoin it upon all the Pastors and Stated supplies, to attend to this matter, and report to the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery. Brother Rice was directed to attend to this matter in the Churches of Lexington and South Liberty; Dr Dalmage in those of Eatonton and Jewinter; De Beman in that of Bethany; Brother Titchener in those of Turkey Creek, and Pleasant Hill; Brother Cartledge in that of Concord; Brother Eldridge in that of Monticello; Brother Safford in that of Lincolnton; Brother Newton in that of Pleasant Grove; and Dr. Hagt, in that of Sandy Creek.

On the subject of Deacons, ^{the Com. recommended} the adoption of the Assembly's Resolution, subject to such modifications as circumstances in the Presbytery may render expedient. It was thus adopted.

A Petition was received from the Church in Eatonton for the ordination of Brother Lane, sine titulo. It was determined to grant the request, and to take steps for his ordination at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

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

Saturday morning 9 O'clock

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer.

J. L. K. Axson, D.D., appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery held its free consultation on the state of Religion in its bounds. Dr Dalmage, R. V. Porter, and D. C. Campbell were appointed the committee on the Narrative.

Messrs Cartledge, Safford and Little obtained leave of absence.

Eatonton, October, 1850.

Dr. Bowman, and Elders D. C. Campbell, Commissioners to the last General Assembly, reported that they attended all the sessions of that Body, and referred the Presbytery to the published Minutes of the assembly. Their Report was approved.

At three o'clock Presbytery entered upon the discussion of the subject of Conference, viz, "The personal piety of the Minister as affecting his usefulness." This being finished it was

Resolved, That the ^{Roll} be called to ascertain what has been done by the Churches in raising their respective assessments for the endowment of Oglethorpe University.

The following subject of Conference at the next Stated meeting was adopted: viz, "The practical bearings of the Doctrine of Election".

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Atlanta during the Sessions of the Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

.. . . Closed with singing, Prayer, and the Apostolical Benediction.

William Flinn, Moderator,

R. C. Ketchum, Sec. Clerk

Francis Bowman, Stated Clerk

Atlanta Nov. 1856.

Presbytery met in Atlanta, Nov. 13. 1856 at the call of the Moderator. The session was opened with Prayer.
 Present, Wm. Flinn Moderator, Dr. Church, N. Lafford, Dr. Baerman, Dr. Talmage, R. C. Kitchum, R. K. Porter, R. L. Breck, Dr. Beman, Henry Newton, Dr. Axson, G. N. Cartledge, John Jones, Ministers, - J. J. Gresham of Macon, D. C. Campbell of Millidgeville, Russell Hulbert, Greensboro, Alexander Harwell, Mount Zion, Alexander Scudder, Athens, and Benj. Hall Augusta, Ruling Elders.

Frank N. Baerman at his own request was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Georgia Presb. and was recommended to that Presb. as a Licentiate in good standing.

Mr Francis P. Mallally was introduced to Presb. for the purpose of being taken under the care of Presb. as a Candidate ^{for the Ministry.} After a satisfactory examination as to his personal piety, and his motives for seeking the office of a Minister, and it appearing that he was a member of the Mount Zion Church, he was received. He was directed to pursue his studies, for the present under the care of Dr. Beman.

The Committee on the subject of Infant Baptism, reported; Presbytery adopted ^{the Report,} and then determined to present it to the Synod, with the request that that Body should adopt it and send down to the Churches as its Pastoral Letter on the subject.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Sparta on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in Nov. at 7 O'clock P. M. closed with Prayer.

William Flinn Moderator

Francis Baerman Stated Clerk

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Wednesday 7 o'clock P.M. April 8th 1857.
Presbytery met. a sermon was preached
by Rev Wm Hlinn the Moderator, on Titus.
II: 15. "These things speak and exhort
and rebuke with all authority. Let
no man despise thee."

After publick worship, the Session
was opened with prayer. Present:

Ministers.	Elders	
Francis Bowman	D. D. I. Speed	Madison
R. C. Ketchum	Alexander Darwell	Mt Zion
R. H. Porter	E. L. Newton	Athens
R. L. Breck	David Adams	Augusta
E. D. Eldridge	Sidon Dowse	Waynesboro
Robt Logan	J. F. Groves	New hope
Wm Hlinn	W. B. Robinson	Pleasant Grove

Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow
morning nine o'clock. Closed with
prayer.

Thursday morning 9 o'clock
Presbytery met & was opened with
prayer

Thomas C. Little, elder of the Church
in Sparta appeared & having rendered satisfac-
tory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Rev R. L. Breck was chosen Moderator &
Rev R. C. Ketchum temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read.

Dr Beman's
Letter of excuse. A letter from Rev Dr Beman was
read, assigning reasons for his absence from
the present Session of this body, which
were sustained. Rev Mr Spaulding of
the Baptist Church was invited to sit
as a Corresponding member.

A letter from Rev John Jones was read,
assigning reasons for his absence & asking
a dismissal to join the Presb. of Cherokee.

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Rev. John Jones } The reasons for absence were sustained &
Dismissed } The dismissal granted.

An application from the Church of South Liberty for a recommendation from the Presb. to the Church Extension Committee, for aid in erecting a house of worship, was read.

On motion it was referred to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs Logan, Porter & elder E. S. Newton.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon 1/2 past 2. to receive the statistical reports - records of Church sessions & Commissioners fund.

It was reported to Presb. that a quorum of Presb. was not present at the adjourned meeting in Sparta, & that consequently the ordination of Bro: Simonton did not take place. The members of Presb. were called on to state the reasons for their absence from that meeting & a committee appointed to bring in a minute on the subject. The Committee consisted of Rev Messrs Flinn, Bowman & Elder, Adams.

Mr. A. L. Harvey. Mr. A. L. Harvey was received as a candidate under our care from the East Alabama Presb.;

Rev Mr Kelsey of Metho: Epis: Church South, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The report of the Ex: Com- mittee of Domestic Missions was read - accepted & referred to a committee - Rev. Mr Flinn & Messrs Dorse & Newton.

The Treasurers Report was received & referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs Starwell & Adams.

Dr Bowman } Rev Dr Bowman resigned his office
Dismissed. } of stated clerk & requested a dismissal to join the Presb. of Georgia.

A committee consisting of Messrs Logan Porter & Speed was appointed to bring

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in a minute expressive of the sentiments of this Body to Dr Bowman for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office & that his request be granted

It was made the 1st order of the day for tomorrow afternoon to have a free conversation on the state of Religion.

It was made the 2nd order of the day for this afternoon to elect a states clerk in the place of Dr Bowman resigned.

The Committee on Devotional exercises was appointed consisting of Rev Messrs Ayson, Flinn & Mr Speed

The time for conference was referred to the committee on Devotional Exercises.

An application for the ordination of Mr Simanton was referred to the committee already appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the failure of the meeting of Presby: in Sparta.

Presby: had a recess until 1/2 past 2 o'clock

Thursday afternoon 3 1/2 o'clock

Presby: met. The 1st order of the day was taken up. viz - the presentation of the Statistical Reports - sessional Records & Commissioners fund.

The following Churches contributed the sums annexed to them - to the Commissioners fund -

Mount Zion	\$ 7.50.	Sparta	\$ 10.00
Macan	34.00	Washington	14.00
South Liberty	3.00.	Madison	5.00
Clarksville	3.00.	Hyattsville	7.00
Augusta	50.00.	Sandy Creek	3.00.
Waynesboro & Bath	10.00 -	Lexington	3.00
Millersville	10.00 -	Hoodstock	5.00
Athens	34.00 -	Bethany	5.00
Greensboro	10.00 -	Monticello	3.00 -

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Rev S. S. Davis D.D. Rev Henry Newton
Rev J. S. K. Ayson D.D. John Cunningham
Elder of Ch: of Greensboro. Simeon Ellington
Elder of Ch: of Washington, appeared, rendered
satisfactory reasons for tardiness & took their
Seats.

Presby: proceeded to the 2nd order of the
Rev. Wm. Glinn day, viz, the election of stated clerk - the
Election Stated Rev Wm Glinn was elected.
Clerk.

The Committee appointed to prepare
a minute expressive of the feelings of
this Presby: in reference to Dr Bowman's
resignation, presented the following Paper.

"The committee appointed to bring in a
minute in reference to the resignation
of Dr Bowman, our stated clerk, beg leave
to report the following. Resolved - That Presby:
in accepting the resignation of Dr Bowman
are duly sensible of the valuable service
which he has rendered to this body, during
the long period during which he has acted
as their officer; and, they render to him
their grateful acknowledgements of their
obligations to him for the faithfulness
which he has always manifested in the
discharge of the duties of stated clerk.

His long connection with the body as
permanent clerk has made him in
many instances their organ; and, the
Presby: take pleasure in bearing testimony
to the ability with which he has sus-
-tained them as their officer.

In no instance has any irregularity
occurred growing out of a failure on
his part.

In the meetings of Presby: Dr B -
has been one of its most active and
efficient members. They regret that
in future they will be deprived of
his judicious counsels. In the

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Providence of God Dr Bowman having
been duply afflicted by the failure
of his health, Presby: assure him of the
deep and heartfelt sympathy which
they have entertained for him, and,
here tender to him their congratulations
on his restoration to comparative health
& vigor: and earnestly pray that in his
new field of labor he may be abun-
dantly blessed in body & soul & that he
may long live to see the work of the
Lord prospering in his hands.

Respectfully submitted,

The following Committees were
appointed by the Moderator

Narrative E. D. Eldridge - E. L. Newton.
Minutes Athens. R. K. Porter, David Adams.
" Millisville. R. Logan, J. C. Little
" Greensboro. Dr Davis, A. Starwell
" Mt Zion. J. S. K. Ayson, H. B. Robinson
" Macar H. Newton, J. F. Groves
" Augusta H. Flinn, G. Douse.
" Madison H. Newton, H. B. Robinson
" Sparta R. K. Porter, S. Ellington
" Haynesboro & Bath. Dr Davis, David Adams
" Learksville. R. Logan, David Adams.
" Pleasant Grove. H. Flinn, J. Cunningham.
" Bethesda. Dr Davis, J. F. Groves
" New Hope. E. D. Eldridge, S. Ellington
" Thyatira. E. D. Eldridge, J. C. Little.
Minutes of Synod. R. K. Porter, J. Cunningham
Supplies Vac: Churches: S. K. Palmage, G. Douse.

The Committees on Sessional records
reported & the books were severally approved.
The Committee appointed to audit the
Treasurers Report, reported that the accounts
were correct. Report accepted & adopted.

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The Committee appointed to take into consideration the application of South Liberty Church reported. The report was accepted & adopted, & is as follows.

"The Committee to consider the application of the South Liberty Church for aid from the Church Extension fund, report that they have considered the claims of this Church, and, being well assured that the amount asked will pay the entire indebtedness of the Church, & that the title is received in due form, recommend that the request be granted; and, that we hereby recommend that Church to the Church Extension Committee for an appropriation of \$100.

R. Logan

E. L. Newton.

It was made the 15th order of the day for to-morrow to examine Prof. Lane with reference to his ordination.

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod reported, which Report was adopted & is as follows.

"The Committee to whom was referred the minutes of Synod report.

1st That Presby: earnestly desire the Brethren appointed by Synod to visit the Churches within our bounds which have not yet responded to the call for Oglethorpe, as soon as they may be able,

2nd That Presby: during its present Session call on its Ministers & Elders to know what they have done towards carrying out the Resolutions & Plans of the last meeting of Synod, on Systematic Benevolence: and, that a Committee be appointed to embody the matter, thus contributed, in a Report (to be approved by Presby:) for the approaching meeting of the General Assembly."

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Delegates to
Genl Assembly.

The Committee appointed under 2nd
Resolution consists of R. K. Porter & Mr. Mrs.
Lunningham. Rev. H. Filmer & Ruling
Elder G. Dorse were appointed delegates
to the next General Assembly. Rev. Logan
& Thos R. R. Cobb alternates

Time & place of
next meeting
Wednesday

The time & place of next meeting
selected. Athens was chosen as the place
& Thursday 1/2 7 P.M. before the last
Sabbath in September was fixed upon
as the time for our next states meeting.

Presby: then adjourned until 9 o'clock
to-morrow morning. Closed with Prayer.

Friday Morning 9 O. Clock.

Presby: met & was opened with
prayer. The Minutes of the previous
meeting were read. Rev. A. Hoyt D.D.
appeared & having rendered satisfactory
reasons for coming late took his seat.

D. L. Adams, Elder of the Church of
Augusta asked & obtained leave of
absence from the further sessions of this
body. Also Mr Harwell of the Church
of Mt Zion.

satisfactory

A letter from Rev G. H. Leathridge
assigning reasons for absence was read.

An application from Turkey Creek
Church for states preaching was referred
to committee on Supplies

Mr Patterson, Elder of the Church of
Monticello appeared, & having rendered
satisfactory reasons for tardiness took
his seat. Dr S. K. Dalmage also app-
eared & having rendered satisfactory
reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Ordination
of Prof. Lane

The 15th order of the day (viz)
the examination of Prof. Lane for
Ordination was prosecuted & sustained
by the Presby: Text of Ord: Sermon 13: 34. John

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Arrangements for the ordination service were referred to the Committee on Religious exercises.

Dr Wilson's
Letter.

A letter from Rev Dr Wilson, stated Clerk of Synod was read & referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Lunningham & Harwell. This Com: Reported - The Report was accepted &

adopted & is as follows - "The Com: to whom was referred the application of Dr Wilson asking for the payment of the assessment of 40 dollars for Synodical purposes for 1856. Report. That they believe it has been customary to pay this, like all other such calls, by the Treasurer of Presby: They learn from the act which was avoted, by this body, on yesterday, that an amount nearly equal to this call was in hand, & that the Treasurer pay this amt: as soon as he is informed so to do -"

The Presby: had a recess until after public worship. After Public worship Presby: met. Rev J. H. Reed appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for coming late & took his seat.

W. A. Leary Elder from the Church of Bethany rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness & took his seat.

The Committee on religious exercises reported. The following order for the services connected with the ordination of Prof. Lane. The Moderator to preside & propound the Constitutional questions.

Rev R. L. Ketchum preach the sermon.

Rev S. K. Dalmage D.D. deliver the charge to the evangelist.

Failure of
meeting, &c.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the failure of the adjourned meeting at Sparta, in connection with the installation & ordination of Mr Simonton reported - The Report was accepted & adopted, & is as follows.

"The Committee appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the failure of the adjourned meeting in Sparta - Report - That such failures on the part of Presby: to meet its own appointments are to be deplored. 1: The bad effects of such

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failures are felt by the Church - by the Community - by the Minister - by the members themselves. It disappoints the Church & sets them an example of neglect of duty. By failure to meet our own appointments it leads the Community to think that we are not governed by a high sense of Responsibility; & that we are indifferent to the interests of the Church under our care. It mortifies & humbles the Minister before his Church, & the Community, by exhibiting what looks like a want of fraternal sympathy & interest in his work, and, it begets a feeling of indifference to our duty as members of Presby: In a word, it is injurious to all parties & in all respects. Therefore,

Resolved - that in the sense of this Presby: it is the duty of all our Members, Ministers & Sessions to be present at all our adjourned Meetings as at our regular stated meetings, unless unavoidably prevented.

Resolved 2: That Presby:, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet at Sparta on Saturday morning 9 o'clock - before the 3^d Sabbath of June - for the purpose of receiving, ordaining & installing Bro: Simonton - if the way be clear.

That the following Brethren be appointed to the following parts in the Ordination &c. Dr Bernan to Preside, Bro: Logan, alt: Rev H. Flinn, preach Ord: Sermon. Rev R. L. Brock his alternate Dr S. K. Dalmage, give charge to the Pastor Dr J. S. K. Ayson, his alternate Rev R. K. Porter, give charge to the People Rev J. W. Reid his alternate Presby: had Recaps until 1/2 past 2 o'clock.

Adjourned Meetings.

Ordination of Rev L. A. Simonton.

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Half past 2 O'clock -

Presby: met. The Committee on the Session Books of Madison & Monticello Reported, recommending their approval.

Report adopted. Mr Bro: E. DuBose was candidate. introduced to Presby: by Dr Dalmage. with a view of his being received under the care of Presby: as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. It appearing that he is a member of the Presbyterian Church in regular standing, he was examined as to his personal piety & his views in seeking the Ministry. Presby: being satisfied with examination received him under its care.

Presby: then proceeded to the order of the day - viz - a free conversation on the state of Religion in our Churches.

The hour having arrived Presby: proceeded to the 2nd order of the day - viz. to hear Prof. Lane's Sermon - as part of trial for ordination. The Sermon having been heard by Presby: it was sustained as a part of trial.

Mr Little asked & obtained leave of absence. Rev Dr Axson also received leave of absence.

Presby: had a recess until 7 O'clock this evening.

7 O'clock P. M.

Presby: met.

The Ordination Services were conducted according to the arrangement recommended by the Committee & adopted by Presby:

Rev Rob. Logan & E. D. Eldrige obtained leave of absence. The Committee on the Narrative read it & it was accepted & adopted - as follows -

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Narrative.

"The Presby. of Hopewell on the state of Religion in the Churches within its bounds— Reports— that the Churches which are blessed with the regular ministrations of a Pastor are generally enjoying a large share of prosperity. The Prayer meeting, Sabbath school, & Bible Class are well sustained. In some of them the Monthly concert has been held and contributions generously made in aid of benevolent objects, as recommended by Synod. Nearly all have been more or less refreshed by the descent of the Holy Spirit, & in one or two instances they have shared largely in revival influences.

The Reports of those Churches which have only an occasional or partial supply, have been various. In some of these by the labors of an efficient & faithful eldership the Church with its institutions have been kept in a healthful & vigorous condition. In others, for the want of such fidelity the Church has languished; and, the Committee think it a matter of vital importance, that in every Church which has not a Minister on the ground, the Elders should themselves sustain the Prayer Meeting & other institutions of the Church.

This, where there is but a partial Ministry or none at all will strengthen the things that remain.

Death & removals are making sad changes in one or two of our feeble Churches. These Churches, with their afflicted members, the Committee would especially commend to the sympathy & prayers of all who love Zion. On the whole, while much has been reported which we could—

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wish to have been otherwise, yet refreshed by so much that is cheering in the Reports of Brethren & fellow-laborers we have reason, we think, to thank God and take courage".

Presby: then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, closed with Prayer.

Saturday April 11: 9 o'clock. a.m.

Presby: met & was opened with Prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The Committee on the Sessional records of Macan Church reported & the Report was adopted. Rev C. H. Lane obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presby:

The subject appointed for Conference was postponed until the next meeting - viz - "The Practical bearings of the Doctrine of Election" & Rev H^m Glimm appointed to preach a sermon on the subject & the Conference take place after the delivery of the sermon.

The Committee on the Report of Domestic Missions - reported, which Report was adopted & is as follows -

Committee on Domestic Missions "The Committee to whom was submitted the Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, & recommend the following resolutions.

- 1: That Rev R K Porter be appointed Chairman of the Missionary Committee in place of Dr Davis resigned.
- 2: That in answer to the enquiry in the Report as to the funds raised for Domestic Missions, it be ordered that all monies contributed by our Churches for the cause of Domestic Missions be placed in the hands of the Committee to enable them to carry on the Missionary

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operations within our bounds, and that whatever funds may remain, after our own wants are supplied, be sent to the Parent Board.

3: That the same Committee be reappointed & Rev R. L. Breck be added & Rev H. M. Plim & J. A. Ansley.

4: That the Ex: Com: be authorized to defray the travelling expenses of the Committee, incurred in attending the meetings, out of the general fund.

Presby: had a recess until after Public Service -

After Public Worship Presby: met, the Committee on the recommendation of the General Assembly in reference to systematic Benevolence. Reported. The Report was adopted & is as follows.

Systematic Benevolence.

"Presby: of Hopewell report to the General Assembly on systematic Benevolence - We beg leave to report that Presby: is making some good progress in this direction - some of our churches have already adopted the plan of the Assembly - in many others different but very wise plans have been for years in operation. We believe that our Ministers, Elders & Members, are gradually coming to a nearer & discharge of our duty. We cannot, however, but confess & mourn over the imperfect conviction of duty that obtains in many quarters, resulting in much fewer & smaller contributions than our ability authorises. Presby: would beg leave to testify more deep sense of the importance of this whole matter, and their determination to bring ourselves, as nearly as possible, to the full measure of duty"

R. R. Porter Chairman

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Presby: had a recess until 3 o'clock
Saturday afternoon
3 o'clock

Presby: met. It was ordered that
\$100 be paid to each of the Commissioners
to the General assembly. The stated Clerk
was directed to write to the Churches that
had not sent up their assessments to the
Commissioners fund to transmit the
amount as soon as practicable to Mr
Porter Fleming the Treasurer of Presby: at
Augusta.

The Committee on supplies of vacant
Churches reported. The report was received
& adopted & is as follows.

Turkey Creek - Rev R. L. Kitchum }
Rev L. H. Lane } one Sab-
Rev G. H. Bartholomew } each - at
Rev W. P. Brady. } discretion

Washington Church. Dr Davis }
Dr Ayson } one Sab-
Rev Mr Reid } at discretion

Appling Church Rev Mr Reid }
Rev R. K. Porter } at disc:
Dr Ayson }

The following persons were appointed
the Chi Extension Comm: of this Presby:

Rev Drs Hoyt, Church - Mr E. L. Newton.

A Com: was appointed to confer with
the Faculty & Trustees of the female
College in order to devise some prompt
& efficient means for advancing the
interests of that Institution & that the
Committee consist of.

Rev Dr Hoyt.

Rev Mr Reid.

Mr Newton.

Mr Dorse.

Mr J. A. Anshy.

Mr E. A. Stubbet. Mr John Adams

Mr Rob. Campbell

Mr Corrie.

and that the Chairman of the Com-
-mittee be authorized to supply any
vacancies in the Com: & to enlarge the
Com: at discretion

The vote of thanks —
Resolved, that the thanks of Hopewell
Presby: be tendered to the Citizens of
Madison for their generous hospitality,
and to the Baptist & Methodist Churches
for the offer of their houses of worship —
and that the Pastors of the three Churches
be requested to communicate this vote
in such way as they deem best" —

After singing, Prayer & Apostolic Bene-
-diction Presby: adjourned.

Rev R. L. Breck Moderator

Rev ~~How~~ Filmer Stated Clerk —

R. G. Ketchum Sec. Clerk —

Sparta.

Sparta. June 20: 1857

Saturday morning 9 o'clock

Presbytery of Skopewell met according to adjournment & was constituted with prayer, by the Rev R. L. Breck, Moderator.

Ministers present - R. L. Breck.

A. K. Porter

William Flinn

H. Safford

Dr Falmage,

Dr Beman.

R. Logan

Mr L. A. Simonton presented a letter from Flint River Presbytery, certifying that he was a licentiate under the care of that body in good & regular standing, & desiring him with the view of putting himself under the care of this body.

On motion he was received as a Licentiate under our care.

A call from the Sparta Church for the Pastoral labours of Bro: Simonton was presented & being found in order was put in his hands. Bro: Simonton having signified his acceptance of the Call - Presby: proceeds to examine him with a view to his ordination. The Examination was continued on the various branches until 12 o'clock. Presby: had recess until 2 1/2 o'clock afternoon.

After recess Presby: met & proceeded with the examination of Bro. Simonton - after passing through all the parts & having heard the sermon - Presby: by a unanimous vote sustained the Examination as satisfactory.

Presby: then resolved to proceed to the Ordination & if the way be clear, to the Installation of Bro: Simonton on 20-morrow morning 10 1/2 o'clock.

Sparta.

Sabbath morning
10½ O'clock.

Presby: met & proceeded to ordain Mr L. A.
- Scrimshaw & to install him as Pastor of the
Sparta Church.

Rev R. Logan Presider & proposed Constitutional Evening.

Rev R. L. Back preaches the sermon

Rev Dr Salmage gave the Charge to the Pastor

Rev R. K. Porter gave the Charge to the People.

Presby: then adjourned to meet in Athens.

R. L. Back Moderator
William Flinn stated clerk.

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Sept. 23. 7 1/2 P.M.
Wednesday

Presbytery of Hopewell met according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church in Athens, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Wm. Shinn, the last Moderator present, from Romans 8:6. "But to be Spiritually minded is life and peace."

After sermon Presbytery was constituted by prayer. The following Ministers were present viz.

Aluzo Church D.D. Nathan Hoyt D.D. H. Safford H. Newton R. C. Ketchum G. H. Cartledge P. W. Porter P. W. Milner Wm. Shinn G. W. Lane L. A. Simonton	(Churches Represented) Athens. Elden J. H. Lumpkin Mount Zion. Samuel Wiley Thyatia. D. M. Burns Newhope Jackson Hopkins Sandys Creek. L. J. Sharp Concord. David King Pleasant Grn. Wm. D. Robinson Greensboro Wm. B. Johnston Churches not represented. Augusta, Macon, Washington, Lexington, Millhazville, Bethany Danielsville, Lincolnton Madison, Monticello New Lebanon, South Liberty Eatonton Hebron Turkey Creek, Ebenezer. Sparta Bethel Clarksville Pleasant Hill Waynesboro, Bath Irwinton.
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Absentees.

Ministers absent.

S. H. Galmage D.D. S. J. Davis D. D. C. P. Beman D. D. J. W. Reid R. Hooker R. L. Breech J. S. H. Arson D. D. E. D. Eldridge Robt. Logan	
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Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the Sunday School Room. Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9 o'clock. Sept. 24.
 Presbytery met according to adjournment. + opened with prayer. The minutes of the last stated meeting, + also those of the adjourned meeting at Sparta were read and.

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approved. Presbytery then proceeded to the election of officers. Rev. R. C. Ketchum was chosen Moderator & Rev. R. H. Porter Temporary Clerk.

Rev. Mr. Harris of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell, alternate delegate from the Athens Church, in the absence of J. H. Lumpkin, principal, took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Absentees from the last stated meeting, & also from adjourned meeting at Sparta were called on for reasons of absence. Drs Church & Hoyt & Bros. Milner, Newton, Ketchum & Safford were excused. On motion the call for reasons of absence from the adjourned meeting was suspended.

Dr. N. Hoyt and Elder Wm. Mitchell were appointed as the Committee on doctrinal Exercises.

Rev. C. W. Lane, and Samuel Wiley were appointed Committee on the Narrative.

Rev. Messrs Cartledge and Milner, and Elder D. M. Burns, were appointed committee on supplies.

A letter was received from Rev. W. P. Gready aping reasons for absence, & requesting a letter of dismission from this Presbytery to join South Carolina Presbytery. His reasons for absence were sustained, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him a letter of dismission.

Rev. Wm. Hiram & Rev. L. A. Simonton with Elder Hopkins were appointed committee on the minutes of the General Assembly.

Free conversation on the state of Prelegion in our bounds was made the first order of the day for tomorrow morning.

Rev. W. P. Gready
Dismissed.

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The committees appointed at last meeting, to supply vacancies were called upon to report.

The chairman of the committee on Domestic Missions made a verbal statement of the operations of the committee since the last meeting. Pending the discussion on which, Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

3 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met & resumed the unfinished business. A call to Rev. C.W. Lane to the work of an evangelist in our bounds was read, & adopted by Presbytery as their call to him, promising him (\$1000.) Sixteen hundred dollars per annum, as compensation for his labors. The call was signed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk, & placed in the hands of Bro Lane.

Resolution
in reference
to Domestic
Missions

The following Resolution was adopted with reference to our Domestic Missionary operations.

viz. Resolved. That in order to promote the efficiency of our Domestic Missionary operations, it shall be a standing rule of this Presbytery, that the Moderator, at each Annual meeting of Presbytery, appoint a committee on Supplies, the duty of which shall be to report the amount of Missionary labour to be provided for the ensuing year, to aid the evangelist provided for in a previous Resolution; and that it shall be the duty of the churches to give up the Pastors and stalla supplies, and of all our ministers to aid him from time to time, according to the appointment of Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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Friday morning Sept. 25th 7 o'clock.
 Presbytery met according to adjournment.
 opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterdays
 sessions were read and approved
 Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day
 viz. free conversation on the state of religion
 within our bounds. The roll was called and
 statements were heard.

Elder W. B. Johnson ^{appeared} and rendered satisfact-
 ory excuse for tardiness. Presbytery took receipt
 for public worship

After public worship Presbytery met. Rev. H.
 Safford obtained leave of absence from the remaining
 sessions of Presbytery. The unfinished business was
 then resumed viz. free conversation on the state of
 religion within our bounds.

Elder D. M. Burns obtained leave of absence from
 the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The report of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions was
 read, and on motion referred to the Committee on
 Domestic Missions.

Dr Davis Letter.

A letter was read from Rev. S. S. Davis D.D. apixing
 reasons for absence which were sustained.

Presbytery took receipt till 3 o'clock P.M.

Friday afternoon 3 o'clock.

Time & place
of next meeting.

Presbytery met. The time and place of next
 meeting of Presbytery was taken up. New Hope
 Church was selected as the place, and Wednesday
 before the second Sabbath of April 1858. at
 8 o'clock P.M. as the time of our next an-
 nual meeting.

Dr Kirkpatrick's
Letter.

Elder Wm Mitchell read a letter from the Rev
 J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. requesting that steps be
 taken to secure a wider circulation of the
 Southern Presbyterian. On motion the letter
 was referred to a committee consisting of
 Elders Wm Mitchell & Mr Hopkins.

The chairman of the Committee on the
 Minutes of the Assembly (who was also one

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of the Delegates of Presbytery to the last Assembly made his report. After which Presbytery took recess ~~until~~ for one hour to unite with the congregation in devotional exercises.

After Recess Presbytery met. The report of the committee on the minutes of the General Assembly was taken up. and its resolutions adopted. viz.

1. That Presbytery endorse the action of the General Assembly on Systematic Benevolence.

2. That Presbytery adopt as our own the recommendation of the Assembly to the Elders of our Churches in reference to Sabbath services in our vacant Churches. & ordered the same to be published with our minutes.

The subject of the connection of this Presbytery with the Board of Domestic Missions at Philadelphia, was taken up discussed at some length & laid on the table till tomorrow.

Rev. R. H. Porter obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock. Sept 26.

Presbytery met. opened with prayer.

Elder J. Hopkins obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery.

The committee on the communication from the Editor of the Southern Presbyterian reported the following resolutions which were adopted. viz.

Resolved. That this Presbytery recommend to all our members and friends The Southern Presbyterian, and urge them to become subscribers if they are not already such: and to this end it is recommended that some active Elder of each session take upon himself this labour of love, so as to put this weekly religious sheet, now so indispensable to us as a denomination in every Presbyterian family within our bounds.

Systematic
Benevolence.

Presbytery &
The Board of
Missions.

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Your committee would also recommend for the consideration of Presbytery this additional Resolution viz

Pastors &
Peoples Journal

Resolved that we commend to our churches the Pastors and Peoples Journal, a monthly Periodical published within our own bounds by two of our able ministers, as a work which is calculated to do great good, by discussing and defending the distinctive features of Presbyterianism, and that simultaneously with the effort to procure subscribers for the Southern Presbyterian the same Elders endeavor to extend the circulation of the Pastors and Peoples Journal.

Mr Hoyt
received under care
of Presbytery.

Mr Henry H Hoyt ~~was~~ introduced as a young man desiring to be taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. After examinations as to personal piety & his views in seeking the ministry he was duly received under care of Presbytery and the following parts assigned him for trial viz:

For Popular Lecture Philipians 2: 1-4.

For critical Exercise Collopians 3: 1-4

For Popular Sermon Hebrews 2: 3

Latin Recesis. " Au Sit Christus Deus? "

Organization of
two Churches

The application for the organization of two churches on the Sugalo River, the one in Hart Co, and the other in Habusham Co. was granted, and Rev G. H. Carthage was appointed to organize the same, aided by R. C. Kitchum in Habusham and by Rev R. W. Milner in Hart Co.

Supplies.

The committee on Supplies reported. Their Report was adopted and is as follows. viz. For the Church at Lincolnton. Rev J. W. Reid two Sabbaths at discretion Rev. R. Logan & Rev N. H. Porter Each one Sabbath at discretion

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Turkey Creek Church. Rev. R. C. Kitchum,
Rev. R. W. Milner and Rev. G. H. Cartledge
each two Sabbaths at discretion.

Presbytery then assembled in the church to
hear the sermon of Rev Wm. Hill on the
subject assigned viz the practical bearings of
the doctrine of Election. After sermon presbytery
took recess until 3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Saturday Evening 3 1/2 o'clock

Presbytery met & proceeded to discuss the
question assigned for conference viz the practic-
al bearings of the doctrine of Election.

Subject for
Conference.

The subject selected for conference at the next
meeting of Presbytery: "Who are the proper sub-
jects for Baptism?" Dr Hoyt was appointed to
preach a sermon on the subject at that time.

The committee on the narrative presented their
report which was adopted and is as
follows. viz.

Narrative

The general condition of our Churches has not
materially altered since the last meeting of Presbytery -
A portion of them are growing in numbers and in Piety
and two new Churches will probably be shortly organized
in the north eastern portion of our Territory -

A few Churches have enjoyed gracious outpourings of the
Spirit, but the majority of them have been without any
special reviving influences.

It is with deep regret that your Committee learn that
in some sections home piety is declining & that family
prayer is neglected, some by officers of the Church -
Intemperance also is on the increase within our bounds
as it is generally throughout the Country.

Whilst there we have much to awaken Gratitude
and Thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church, We
have urgent need of new diligence in Labor & Prayer that
your may arise from her languishing, the Glory of the
Lord having risen upon her.

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A letter having been read from the Pres. of the Board of Trustees of Ferrisboro College and it being too late in the session for deliberate action by the Presbytery, on motion the letter was referred to Synod.

The subject of the relation of the Ex. Comm. to the Board of Domestic Missions was taken up and deferred till the next meeting of Presbytery.

On motion the thanks of the Presbytery were presented to the citizens of Athens for their hospitality, and to the pastors of the Methodist Churches for their courtesy in lending their houses of worship.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at New Hope on the Wednesday before the second Sabbath in April at 10 o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

Rev. R. C. Ketchum Moderator
Rev. Wm. Hillman, Stated, Clerk

The Committee on the Minutes of Hopewell Presbytery, report, that they have examined said minutes, & find them regularly kept and recommend their approval up to page 372.

J. L. Rogers
Chairman
Thus far examined & approved
in Synod at Rome Nov. 1857.
John S. Wilson
Moderator

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New Hope. Wednesday evening 8 o'clock
 April 7th 1858. Presbytery met and was opened
 with a sermon ~~given~~ by the Moderator, from John
 1 chapter & 33 verse. I knew him not, but he
 that sent me to baptise with water, the same said
 unto me. upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit de-
 scending and remaining on him the same is he
 which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

After the sermon the Presbytery was called to order,
 and the services commenced with prayer.

The following members of Presbytery were present
 viz

Ministers,
 Rev. J. N. Galway D.D.
 " H. Newton
 " R. C. Kitchum
 " G. H. Cartledge
 " R. K. Porter
 " R. W. Milner
 " J. S. K. Arson D.D.
 " W. H. Kim
 " L. A. Simonton

Ruling Elders. Churches
 Porter Fleming Augusta
 J. B. Long. New Hope
 R. Hurlbut. Granston
 M. G. Harris. Sparta
 Joshua Morgan. South Liberty
 J. McDonald. Pleasant Hill
 M. Upery. Harmony.

Absent.
 Rev. A. Church D.D.
 " N. Hoyt D.D.
 " Henry Safford
 " J. S. Davis D.D.
 " J. W. Reid
 " C. P. Beman D.D.
 " C. B. King
 " R. L. Brock
 " E. D. Elariday
 " R. Logan
 " C. W. Lane.

Churches not represented
 Lexington Monticello
 Athens Concord
 Irwinton Danielsville
 Lincolnton Ebenezer
 Canton Madison
 Woodstock Bethany
 Sandy Creek Pleasant Gap
 Thytown
 Mt. Zion
 Clarksville
 Hebron & New Lebanon
 Washington
 Waynesboro & Bath
 Macon
 Milledgeville
 Turkey Creek.

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Rev. L. A. Simonton was chosen Moderator & Rev. R. C. Ketchum Temporary Clerk.

Rev. Joseph R. Wilson D. D. on presentation of a regular dismission from Lexington Presbytery, and the usual examination, was received as a member of this body.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place tomorrow morning 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning, 8 o'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last Session were read and approved.

The absentees from the last meeting of Presbytery were called ~~upon~~ to assign reasons for absence.

A letter from Rev. H. Davis D. D. assigning reasons for absence from the present Session of this body was read. The reasons stated were sustained as satisfactory.

The ministers appointed at the last meeting to supply vacant Churches were called on to say if they had attended to the duty assigned.

The free conversation on the state of Religion, & the presentation of Statistical Reports was made the order of the day. for tomorrow morning 7 o'clock.

The Special Records were severally referred to the following Committees. viz

Records of the 1st Presbyterian Church Augusta. Rev. J. H. Galway D. D. & Ruling Elder J. B. Long.

- of Wagnersboro & Bath. Rev. Henry Newton & Ruling Elder R. Hurlbut

- of Madison Church Rev. Henry Newton & Ruling Elder R. Hurlbut.

of Washington Church. Rev. G. H. Carthage & Ruling Elder Miles G. Harris.

of Sparta Church. Rev. J. S. H. Ayson & Ruling Elder J. McDonald.

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The Records of Greensboro Church. Rev J. S. M. Arson
D.D. & Ruling Elder J. McDonald
of Pleasant Hill. Rev R. H. Porter & Ruling Elder
Joshua Morgan
of Mt Zion Rev J. R. Wilson D.D. & Ruling Elder
M. Ussery.

Rev E. W. Boggs on presentation of a regular
dismission from the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, & a
satisfactory examination was received as a
member of this body.

Rev. G. H. Cartledge & Ruling Elder Porter Shining
were appointed a committee to prepare a
narrative of the state of religion within
our bounds.

Rev. R. W. Milner & Ruling Elder R. Huoltat
were appointed a committee on the min-
utes of Synod.

Rev. R. W. Milner & Ruling Elder J. B. Long were
appointed a committee on devotional exer-
cises

A letter from Rev. Robert Logan was read
asking a letter of dismission from this Pres-
bytery to unite with the Presbytery of Flint
River. The request was granted and the
Stated Clerk of Presbytery was directed
to forward the desired dismission to him.

The following Commissioners to the General
Assembly were appointed; viz
Rev. J. S. M. Arson D.D. Principal
Rev. G. H. Cartledge Alternate;
Lay delegates
Thos. R. R. Cobb Principal
Miles G. Harris Alternate.

On motion a committee on Bills and Over-
tures was appointed consisting of Rev. Messrs
R. H. Porter, & E. W. Boggs & Ruling Elder Porter
Shining

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Rev. Messrs S. H. Axson D.D. Jos. R. Wilson D.D. & Miles G. Harris Ruling Elder were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurers report.

The Rev. W. Fleming & Ruling Elder Porter Fleming Revision of & Miles G. Harris were appointed a committee to revise the apointments on the churches for defraying the expenses of communion & the fund & the contingent expenses of Presbytery.

A call from the 1st Presbyterian Church of Augusta for the Pastoral services of the Rev. Jos. R. Wilson D.D. was presented, which by order of Presbytery was placed in his hands. Dr Wilson having signified his acceptance of the call, Presbytery appointed the Rev. S. H. Lalmage D.D. to preside and propose the constitutional questions & deliver the charge to the Pastor. Rev. S. H. Axson to preach the sermon; & Rev. R. H. Porter to deliver the charge to the people. The first Sabbath of May was designated as the day for the Installation.

Time & place of next States meeting

The Presbytery Resolved that its next stated meeting should be held in South Liberty Church. On Tuesday morning Nov. 16. 1858.

The Report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions was read by the Chairman Rev. R. H. Porter. The Report was accepted, & made the order of the day for this after-noon at 3 o'clock.

Wilson J. Bird Ruling Elder from Danielsville Church, & D. M. Burns, from Thyatira Church appeared and redced satisfactory reasons

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for tardiness.

The question as to the relation of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions of this Presbytery, to the Assembly's Board, which had been postponed from the last stated meeting, was taken up & a committee was appointed to bring in a minute expressing the views of Presbytery in the matter of this matter. The Rev. Messrs. Himm, Porter, & Ruling

Elder J. McDonald were appointed that committee. — Presbytery took recess until after public worship.

After public worship Presbytery resumed its sessions and on motion took recess until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

3 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met. The Sepimal Records of Turkey Creek Church were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Henry Newton & Ruling Elder J. McDonald

Those of the Athens Church were referred to the Rev. R. W. Milner & Ruling Elder J. McDonald

Those of Harmony Church were referred to Rev. L. H. Ayson D. D. & Ruling Elder J. Simpson.

Rev. Messrs. Henry Safford, & C. W. Lane & Ruling Elders E. L. Newton of Athens Church; James Higgins of Woodstock; J. S. Shyander of ^{New Lebanon} Hebron Churches appeared & rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The order of the day, viz the farther consideration of the report of the Executive Committee on Domestic Missions, was then taken up.

Mr Samuel Yarney Ruling Elder from Sandy Creek Church appeared in presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Report of Ex. Com. of Do- The Report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions was approved after a general expression of opinion in reference to the necessity of diligent and energetic and wise efforts in the Missions.

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Report of
the Ex. Com.
of Domestic
Missions

The Report was ordered to be printed with the minutes and is as follows. viz.

Your Committee respectfully report that since our last report we have given ourselves as actively as possible to the work you have committed to us. We have to regret the declination by Bro. Lane of the call presented by Presbytery at its last meeting, for his services as Evangelist in our bounds. With a still growing conviction of the necessity of securing an Evangelist we engaged for that work Bro. Humphrey a licentiate of Flint River Presbytery, for a good portion of last year labouring acceptably in the Church in Augusta.

Early in this year he entered on the work. Your Committee took this step with some reluctance; but only because Bro H. was so little known to our pastors & churches. Yet with much confidence that when he is known they will cordially endorse our action. We could not rid ourselves of the necessity of getting an Evangelist. Bro. H. was the only man of whose usefulness ~~in~~ this work we had high expectations whom we could hope to get. And at a large sacrifice of more flattering and distinguished positions and offers he has gone into the laborious self-denying work before us. We commend him most affectionately to your prayers and assistance. His work is to explore the field - seek out scattered members - examine for new congregations and preach the gospel as opportunity offers. Bro H. is yet unordained. Your Committee request his ordination may take place in the Presbyterian Church in Augusta at the meeting of Presbytery for the installation of Bro. Wilson

Reports from your other Missionaries

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were received up to the close of last year, of a most encouraging character. Bro. Cartledge's year under which Presbytery ordered its arrangement with him, his pastoral charge & itself through the Executive Committee at Canton, closed with the end of the last year.

Your committee assumed the responsibility of continuing this arrangement, subject to the decision of Presbytery at this meeting. I would now call the attention of Presbytery to its 3rd Resolution on page 343. and say whether it endorse our action for the whole year.

Our pecuniary obligations are three times as large as they were last year. Our receipts last year were 100 per cent over any other preceding year, enabling us to pay our missionaries, and to remit seven hundred dollars to the Board at Philadelphia. Since we assumed our obligations for this year the pressure of money affairs has somewhat discouraged us. Yet we are strong in the conviction of the willingness of our Churches to do all that is wisely asked of them.

We beg Presbytery to ask its ministers and Elders, to a still more vigorous prayer and effort among their Church Members.

We respectfully ask Presbytery to add Bro. Jos. R. Wilson D.D. to the Executive Committee.

And we earnestly ask that this whole subject be fully discussed and considered.

The Committee is unwilling to regard itself as any other than the instrument in carrying out the will and plans of Presbytery. We must have a full knowledge of the sentiments of Presbytery - a full statement of its desires, and as full a system & details as you can adopt. The success of this whole great business under God depends on our ministers and Elders. On you depends the all important business of directing your committee in carrying on to a glorious accomplishment this most blessed

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work. The times and the seasons, now more than ever are encouraging, God is calling us now as perhaps never before, to a mighty exertion. We must put it forth.

Respectfully Submitted

R. H. Porter, Ch. Ex. Com.

It having been recommended in the Report that Bro. Humphrey be ordained in Augusta on the 1st Sabbath of May, a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the same consisting of Rev. E. W. Boyce, R. H. Porter & Ruling Elder R. Hurlbut.

A Committee was appointed to arrange the supplies to act in conjunction with our Evangelist in Missionary labour, consisting of Rev. Messrs W. Hiram, J. R. Wilson D.D. & Ruling Elder S. J. Alexander.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock closed with prayer.

Friday morning 8 o'clock.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Rev. A. Hayt D.D. appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

D. H. King Ruling Elder from Concord Church appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Call from
Washington
Church for the
labours of Mr
Boyce

A call from the Presbyterian Church of Washington for the pastoral services of Rev. E. W. Boyce was laid before Presbytery, & ordered to be placed in the hands of Mr Boyce, who requested time for farther consideration before giving a definite answer.

The adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Augusta for the examination of Bro Humphrey was appointed to take place on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath of May.

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Installation
of Dr Wilson

at 11 o'clock A.M. in the Lecture Room of the
Presbyterian Church.

The committee appointed to make the neces-
sary arrangements for the Ordination of Mr
Humphrey, (provided the way be clear,) reported
& their report is as follows: viz.

Ordination
of Humphrey.

1. That Gal. 6:14. be assigned to Mr Humphrey as a
text for his trial sermon.
2. That Rev. Wm. Thinn preach the sermon, & Rev. Jos. R.
Wilson D.D. be his alternate.
3. That Rev. J. H. Galway D.D. preside and propose
the constitutional questions.
4. That Rev. N. Hoyt D.D. give the charge to the
newly ordained evangelist, & the Rev. E. W. Bogg
be his alternate.

Rev. J. M. Arson asked and obtained leave of
absence after this morning's session. The following
members also obtained leave of absence. viz.

Messrs Joshua Morgan, R. Shurlcut & Rev. Henry
Sufford

Parts of trial
for H. Harvey

Rev. R. H. Porter was appointed to designate
suitable parts of trial for Mr H. Harvey preliminary
to licensure and reported the following: viz.

1. An Latin Exercise: "Utrem homo popit me-
roro vitam Eternam sine gratia."
2. Litical Exercise. Job 6: 4-6.
3. Popular Lecture: John 6: 47-51.
4. Sermon John 3: 19.

On motion it was resolved, that the stated clerk
be authorized to furnish blank forms for Statistical
reports, to the clerks of Synod.

Mr. J. H. Kuth General agent of Colportage
for the Synod of Georgia addressed the
Presbytery. On motion a committee was
appointed to bring in a minute expres-
sion of the views of this body, on the subject
of his agency. The committee consisted of

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Rev. Messrs Milbur. Porter & Elder D.M. Burns.

The order of the day, viz. the free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds was then held.

Presbytery had recess until after public worship.

After public worship Presbytery met. Rev. J. R. Wilson D.D. & Ruling Elders, Porter Fleming & M. G. Harris asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Rev. N. Hoyt D.D. & M. S. Falmage D.D. were appointed a committee to bring in a minute expressive of the feelings of this body in reference to the death of Rev. P. Hooker, a member of this body.

Death of
Rev. P. Hooker

The Sessional Records of Hebron Church, were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. C. W. Lane & Ruling Elder J. B. Long.

Answer to
Overture

Touching a
member who
absents him-
self from the
Lord's Supper.

The committee on Bibles and Overtures reported the following which was laid on the table, viz. In reply, to the question "what course should be adopted towards a member of the Church who perseveringly absents himself from the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?" We reply.

1. Earnest & faithful and repeated personal prayer & conference on the part of the pastor & Session with the delinquent member, affectionately and simply presenting faith in the Lord Christ, & obedience to his commands as essential to membership in the Church of God on earth & to final salvation. After time & labour have demonstrated the failure of these, we answer
2. It is the duty of the Session to proceed promptly and faithfully to the administration of discipline.

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On motion Presbytery then had recess until 3 o'clock. P. M.

Friday afternoon 3 o'clock.

Presbytery met. The Special Records of New Lebanon Church were referred to a committee consisting of Rev G. W. Boggs & Ruling Elder D. M. Burns.

Presbytery then took recess until after the meeting of the Georgia Missions Society.

Presbytery resumed its business. The Committee appointed to revise the appointments on the Churches for the Commissioners fund, & the contingent expenses of the Presbytery. Reported the following which was adopted. viz

Augusta	\$ 50.00	New Lebanon	\$ 5.00
Macon	50.00	Sandy Creek	5.00
Athens	50.00	South Liberty	5.00
Washington	20.00	Eatonton	5.00
Grainsboro	15.00	Leoneva	3.00
Lexington	10.00	Hebron	3.00
Milledgeville	20.00	Turkey Creek	3.00
Bothany	10.00	Sparta	10.00
Woodstock	10.00	Clarksville	5.00
Mount Zion	10.00	Pleasant Hill	2.00
Hyattsville	10.00	Waynesboro & Bath	10.00
Danielsville	5.00	Irvington	3.00
Madison	5.00	Pleasant Grove	2.00
Monticello	5.00	Harmony	2.00
New Hope	5.00	Goshen	5.00

On motion Resolved that it be a standing Rule of this body, that the reports on the state of Religion be hereafter submitted in writing, having been first presented to the Synod for adoption that the statement as to this matter may come before Presbytery as their carefully prepared view.

Reports on
State of Religion.
Standing
Rule.

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The Question and answer reported by the Committee on Bills and Ordinances, was taken up and adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Synod reported that those Minutes were not present, & asked that the Committee might be discharged.

The Churches were called on to know whether they had met their pecuniary obligations to their Pastors? in accordance with a standing rule of Presbytery.

Rev. G. W. Boggs & Ruling Elder J. J. Simpson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute defining the relations of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions of this Presbytery to the Assembly Board of Domestic Missions presented the following report which was adopted. viz.

That said Committee have no official relations with any other body besides this Presbytery, which created it.

Mr. A. Wemy obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Rev. Henry Newton was added to the Committee to examine the Synodal records of New Lebanon.

Ruling Elder J. McDonald obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The Committee on Supplies reported the following resolution. viz. That each

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of Dom. Miss.
&
Ap. Bo^d

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Member of Presbytery give 4 sabbaths during the year to missionary work outside of his own congregation, which was adopted.

On motion Presbytery adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock
Presbytery ^{met} and was opened with prayer.
The minutes of the previous sessions were read.
The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds to the General Assembly, reported the following, which was accepted and adopted viz.

Resolved Presbytery in presenting to the General Assembly the Annual Narrative of the State of Religion within our bounds would first of all acknowledge with profound gratitude, the beneficence of a kind Providence in the bestowment of general health, peace and prosperity upon us and our charges.

But although the pestilence has not come nigh our dwellings & our barns have been filled with plenty, yet we have had during the past year great reason to mourn in view of the fearful spiritual drought which seemed to be wasting the vineyard of the Lord. Grief has long languished and their desolations had become wide spread and mournful. But there have been amongst us all the while some who mourned over these frightful desolations of our Zion and who sighed and cried for all the abominations done on the land, and we trust that those sighs & cries have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath, & that he is about to visit us and our charges with a precious season of refreshing from his presence. Already the clouds seem to be gathering. Good of our Churches report precious words now

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in progress. Several other signs of awakening such as increasing & serious attendance on the preaching of the word on the Sabbath and daily meetings for prayer in the week. And nearly all our churches appear to be looking & praying for a gracious visitation. Oglethorpe University has been recently signally blessed.

In about half our churches Sabbath schools and weekly prayer meetings are sustained. In some of our congregations the colored people are well instructed; in others they are not wholly neglected, but are not adequately and fully provided with the means of gaining religious knowledge, which in a few places they are wholly neglected.

The minds of our ministers & people seem to be waking up to a more lively interest in the great work of home evangelization, & now our great want is a general and copious outpouring of the Spirit from on high."

The Committee on the several Annual Records reported

The general Statistical report of the Presbytery to the General Assembly was reported upon by the State Clerk, from which it appeared that there had been a shameful neglect on the part of the Churches in sending up their statistical reports. The report was adopted.

The Presbytery then heard the sermon on Infant Baptism appointed to be preached by Rev. Dr. Hoyt, after which the subject for conference was discussed. Ruling Elder, E. L. Newton obtained leave of absence from the remaining sittings of Presbytery.

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Subject for Conference at the next stated meeting of Presbytery is "The duties of Ruling Elders." + Rev. P. H. Porter was appointed to preach a sermon on that subject.

Rev. Messrs Hinman and Simonton obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

Saturday afternoon 3 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met. On motion Resolved that the Thanks of Presbytery be given to this community for its kind hospitalities to this body during its present sessions.

Board of Publication and Colportage

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of this body in reference to the operations of the Board of Publication as represented by Rev. W. J. Keith reported the following resolutions which were adopted, viz:
1. That the Presbytery has heard with pleasure the statements of Bro Keith.
2. That we hail as an auspicious omen the great success which Bro Keith has met in the distribution of the Books of the Board.
3. That we cordially recommend Bro Keith to the prayers of our churches, + commend his work to their aid + support.

The minutes were then read, + there being no further business, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Augusta on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in May at 11 o'clock A. M. in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church

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Closed with singing, prayer & the
apostolic Benediction.

Rev L. A. Simonton Moderator

Rev. P. C. Kitchum, Temp. Clerk

Rev. W. H. H. Status Clerk

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Saturday morning 9 o'clock May 1st 1858. Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Lecture Room of the 1st Presbyterian Church Augusta. In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. R. H. Porter was called to the Chair & Rev. G. W. Boggs was requested to act as Temporary Clerk. Constituted by prayer. Present Rev. S. H. Galvayne D.D. J. R. Wilson D.D. Rev. R. H. Porter Rev. G. W. Boggs & Ruling Elder Porter Fleming from the 1st Church Augusta.

Presbytery proceeded at once to the examination of Mr J. C. Humphrey with a view to his ordination. He was examined on experimental Religion & his motives for seeking the gospel ministry; on natural mental and moral Philosophy; Theology; Ecclesiastical History; Church Government & the Sacraments; Hebrew & Greek Languages. It was moved and seconded that his examination on all these points be sustained as satisfactory. Presbytery took recess until 5 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Five 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met & proceeded to hear the sermon of Rev. J. C. Humphrey, on the subject assigned him.

The sermon with all the parts of trial having been sustained, it was Resolved, that Presbytery proceed to ordain Bro Humphrey as an Evangelist, at the 1st Presbyterian Church on tomorrow at half past three o'clock P.M.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet

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at the 1st Presbyterian Church, tomorrow morning at half past ten o'clock A. M. closed with prayer.

Sabbath Morning May 2nd
 Presbytery met according to adjournment & proceeded to instruct Rev. Joseph R. Wilson pastor of the 1st Church Rev. J. H. Asem D.D. Preached the Sermon from Mat. XIX: 27-29
 Rev. J. H. Galmage presided, propounded the constitutional questions, & delivered the charge to the Pastor.
 Rev. A. W. Porter delivered the charge to the people.

Half past three o'clock P. M.
 Presbytery convened & proceeded to the Ordination of Bro Humphrey.
 Rev. William Thimms preached the Sermon from 1 Cor II: 23. "But we Preach Christ Crucified"
 Rev. J. H. Galmage presided and propounded the constitutional questions & made the ordaining prayer.
 Rev. G. W. Boggs charged the newly ordained evangelist.

Presbytery ordered the Treasurer to pay out of funds in his hands a bill made by Dr Bowman for printing minutes of Presbytery.

The following additional members appear in Presbytery. Rev. J. S. Davis D.D. Rev. J. H. Asem D.D. and Rev. W. Thimms
 The business which had called the Presbytery together having been transacted

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Presbytery adjourned to meet at
South Liberty Church on Tuesday
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closed with prayer & the
apostolic benediction

Rev. R. H. Porter Moderator
Rev. W. Boyce, Temporary clerk
Rev. Wm. Gillin, Stated clerk.

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Tuesday morning 11 o'clock, September
21st 1858.

Presbytery of Hopewell met on
the call of the Moderator, and was
opened with singing & prayer.

Present, the following Ministers and Ruling
Elders, viz

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. S. K. Galmage D.D.	J. J. Gresham, Macon Ct Col. G. Dowse, Traynston MS
" R. L. Breck	
" R. H. Porter	
" Wm. H. Hinn	
" L. A. Simonton	
" G. W. Lane	

The Moderator announced that the first
business before Presbytery was, the applica-
tion of Rev. R. L. Breck to be released
from the pastoral charge of the Macon
Church.

Mr Breck commenced to make a
statement of his reasons for making the
request to be released from his pastoral charge,
when he was interrupted. After some
discussion a motion was made, that in
view of the excited feelings of some of
the members Presbytery spend half an hour
in prayer for divine guidance, which was
carried.

On the expiration of the half hour
Presbytery resumed business.

A motion was made that Mr Poe be
permitted to make an enquiry of Presby-
tery in reference to his appearing on
the floor as consuspicioner of the Church
of Macon. Leave was granted and
in reply to his statement to Presbytery
the Moderator decided that in as
much as the Church had by a vote

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Authorized the Synion to conduct the matter, and the Synion has appointed Bro Gresham as their delegate to Presbytery. Bro Poe could not appear in Presbytery as representative of the Church.

On motion, the papers containing the resignation of Mr Breck, together with the action of the Church thereupon were read. A motion was then made by Mr Gresham, that the request be granted without allowing any farther statements in reference to the matter. Which motion was lost.

After this a motion ~~motion~~ was made that Presbytery sit with closed doors, to hear the statements of Bro. Breck. This motion was lost, the Moderator refusing to give the casting vote.

A motion was then made by those voting in the affirmative that the vote be reconsidered, & that Col Dowe who had declined to vote on the ground that he had been unable to hear the discussion, be again to vote: which motion was carried. He then cast his vote in the affirmative on the motion to sit with closed doors. Thus reversing the decision of Presbytery previously made.

On motion Presbytery adj recess until four o'clock P. M.

4. O'clock P. M. Presbytery met. Bro Breck proceeded to make a statement of his reasons for wishing to be released from his pastoral charge over the Macon Church. and was followed by Bro Gresham in behalf of the Synion in reply. After both parties had been fully heard, on motion

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The request to dissolve the pastoral relation was granted, and Bro Brock was dismissed to join the Presbytery of New Albany, Ind.

Presbytery on motion then adjourned. Closed with Prayer and the apostolic Benediction.

Rev. L. A. Simonton Moderator
" Wm. Shinn, Stated Clerk.

The following exceptions were taken to these records, by the Committee of review & sustained by Synod. On page 390, in the meeting for the Installation of Dr. Wilson pastor of the Augusta Church, on the 2nd of May, the members present are not mentioned. Dr. J. S. H. Arson is represented as taking part in the installation services while there is no record of his appearance in Presbytery.

On the same day which was the sabbath, there was an order passed to the Treasurer of Presbytery to pay a Bill for the printing of the minutes of Presbytery - an item of business not proper to be attended to, on the sabbath.

In the pro re nata meeting held in Macon on the 21st of September last - the minutes furnish no evidence that the meeting was constitutionally called. The circular issued by the moderator calling the meeting, should have appeared in the records.

With these exceptions this Book was thus far approved at the Session of the Synod of Georgia, Augusta Nov. 22nd 1858.

John Jones, Moderator of Synod.

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Tuesday morning 11 o'clock Nov. 16. 1858
 Presbytery of Hopewell met according
 to adjournment and was opened
 with a sermon by the Rev L. A. Simon-
 ton, the last Moderator from Mat. VIII: 2, 3.
 And was then constituted with prayer.
 The following members were present viz.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. Safford	Athens. Am. Scudder
" G. P. Beman D.D.	Waynesboro & Bath. C. D. Rose
" G. H. Bartholomew	Milhaquille. D. C. Campbell
" R. H. Porter	Augusta. John Craig
" R. W. Milner	South Liberty. Dr. Davidson
" W. Shinn	Cosken. L. Lamar
" L. A. Simonton	Pleasant Hill. Jno. Johnson
" Jos. R. Wilson D.D.	New Hope. Joseph Long
	Grassboro. W. B. Johnson

Ministers absent.	Churches not represented
Rev. A. Church D. D.	Lexington Pleasant Grove
" N. Hoyt D. D.	Burinton Madison
" J. H. Lummage D. D.	Lincolnton Bethany
" S. Davis D. D.	Eatonton Harmony
" J. W. Reid	Woodstock Mount Zion
" Henry Newton	Sandy Creek
" R. C. Ketchum	Hyattsville
" G. B. King	Clarksville
" J. S. N. Arson	Hebron & New Lebanon
" E. D. Eldridge	Macon
" G. W. Lane	Turkey Creek
" G. W. Boggs	Concord.
" J. C. Humphrey.	Sparta
	Monticello
	Danielsville
	Ebenezer

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The minutes of the last stated meeting, of the adjourned meeting in August, of the Pro Re Nata meeting in Macon will read and corrected.

Rev Joseph P. Wilson D. D. was chosen Moderator and Rev. R. H. Porter temporary Clerk.

Absentees from the last stated meeting, the adjourned meeting and the Pro Re Nata meeting were called upon for their reasons for absence; which were sustained.

Time & Place of next meeting

The subject of the time and place of next stated meeting of Presbytery was then taken up, & Grunsboro and Millageville were nominated. Millageville was unanimously chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath of April next at 7 o'clock P. M. the time for next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Subject for conference postponed. } The subject for sermon & conference viz "The duties of the office of Ruling Elder" was called up and on motion was continued ~~until~~ to the Spring meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery then took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

Tuesday 3 o'clock P. M.
Nov 16. Presbytery met!

The following committees were announced: viz

1. Committee on the Narrative:

Rev R. H. Milner
Rev H. Safford & Elder John Craig.

2. Bills and Courtures:

Rev L. A. Simonton,
Rev H. Safford & Elder D. C. Campbell

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3. On devotional Exercises:

Rev. C. P. Beman D.D.
Rev. S. H. Cartledge, and Elder D. C. Campbell.

4. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.
Elders D. C. Campbell, G. Dowse & Rev. H. Safford.

The Rev. R. A. Houston of East Ala. Presbytery being present was invited to sit as corresponding member.

The report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions was read, - referred to a committee consisting of Rev. G. A. Simonton, Elders John Credig Gideon Dowse, & made first order of the day for tomorrow.

Mr. Lane rec'd as candidate.

Mr. Jas. G. Lane was introduced to Presbytery, as a young man desiring to be taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. He was examined as to his knowledge of experimental Religion and his views in seeking the Ministry; which examination being satisfactory, he was received under care of Presbytery.

Committee on Education

Rev. J. W. Rice was made Chairman of the Committee on Education and Mr. Lane was recommended to their care.

Goshen, put upon the Roll of Churches.

On motion, the new Church Organized by order of Presbytery, called Goshen & Mr. G. Lamar took his seat as representative from said Church.

Mr. Davis letter

A letter from Rev. Wm. H. Davis was read, requesting leave to labour within our bounds. Leave was granted. The narratives from the Missions showing the state of

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of religion in four churches, were called for, read and placed in the hands of the committee on the narrative to Synod.

Amendment to
Standing Rule
on Synodal Reports

On motion it was Resolved to amend the Standing Rule of Presbytery requiring the reports from the churches on the state of religion to be sent to Presbytery in writing, so as to require: "those Synods" which cannot be represented in Presbytery, to send up by mail or otherwise, their report on the state of religion signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod.

It was moved to reconsider the ~~motion~~ Resolution making the consideration of the Report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions the first order of the day for tomorrow, which motion was carried. It was then moved and carried to take up the Report of the Committee at once. The Executive

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Committee was ordered to systematize a plan of labours for the members of Presbytery, including Pastors in the plan. The Report of the Executive Committee was then adopted.

It was Resolved, that when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in August at the call of the Moderator.

On motion it was Resolved that the Secy to Rev. C. B. King (stated) Clerk be ordered to write to Rev. C. B. King in reference to his long absence from the meetings of Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess until after public worship, to night.

8 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met. An application was received from sundry members of the Presbyterian

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Order to organize a church at Appling. } Requesting that a Presbyterian Church be organized at Appling. The request was granted and Rev Messrs Rice & Porter with Ruling Elders Dr Davidson & L. Lamar were appointed a committee to carry out their wishes.

The following named Ruling Elders appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness. viz. J. B. Long, New Hope. John A. Johnston, Pleasant ~~Place~~ Hill. Wm B. Johnston, Gransboro.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. closed with prayer.

Wednesday Morning 9 o'clock Nov. 17. Presbytery met. opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Hearney's applic. } Mr H. L. Hearney, a candidate under care of Presbytery presented himself for License. } making application for license to preach the gospel.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly. reported.

It was ordered that the Churches include in their narrative to Presbytery at its Spring Sessions, a report of what they have done in reference to systematic benevolence.

Demission Question } It was resolved that the consideration of the question of Demission of the Ministry be postponed till Spring Session of Presbytery.

Day of Special Prayer for Colleges } It was resolved that the last Thursday in February, be observed as a day of special prayer for schools and Colleges.

It was ordered that the attention of our Church Sessions be specially called to Section 3. Chapter

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Chapt. 22. (Form of Government), which reads thus: "In order, as far as possible, to procure a respectable and full delegation to all our judicatories, it is proper that the expenses of ministers and Elders in their attendance on these judicatories, be defrayed by the bodies which they respectively represent." and that Sessions be called on at each meeting to say whether they have carried out the provisions of that section.

Standing Rule

Examination of Harvey

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Harvey. 1st On Latin Greek and Hebrew Languages. 2nd on the arts and sciences. on Natural Philosophy, and Chemistry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The Examination was at this point suspended.

Note of Thanks

A vote of thanks to the members of South Liberty Church for their generous hospitality to the members of Presbytery, was unanimously passed.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9 o'clock in the lecture room of the 1st Presbyterian Church Augusta. Closed with prayer.

Augusta Thursday 9 o'clock A.M.
Nov. 18. Presbytery met in the Lecture room of the 1st Presbyterian Church, according to adjournment, & was opened with prayer. No business being before the body, Presbytery took recess until 11 o'clock.

Examination of Harvey

11 o'clock Presb met, and proceeded with the examination of Mr Harvey. He was examined on Mathematics, Rhetoric, Logic, Mental &

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Moral philosophy. His Latin Exegesis was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. H. Safford & Elder. D. C. Campbell. His critical Exercise: to a committee consisting of Rev. L. A. Simonton & Elder. S. Lamar. Rev. Messrs Lockridge, & J. C. Crawford of Cherokee Presbytery being in the house were invited to sit as corresponding members.

It was on motion Resolved, to take the vote on sustaining the examination on mental and moral philosophy, Logic & Rhetoric, in the absence of Mr Harvey. He having retired. Presbytery voted not to sustain the examination on these branches.

Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr Harvey on Theology. On motion Presbytery took recess until 4 o'clock P. M.

Thursday 18. 4 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met. The Committee on the Narrative reported. The report was adopted and is as follows: viz. The

Narrative

The Presbytery of Hapeville report to the Synod of Ga. that the State of Religion within our bounds, is in many respects truly encouraging. Our field of labors has at many points been greatly blessed during the year, and it is with feelings of devout gratitude to our blessed Lord, that we record the ingathering of large numbers into our Churches.

The Spirit has been poured out on a goodly number of our Churches. Gods people have been greatly refreshed, and weak and desponding Churches, strengthened, encouraged and enlarged.

Early in the year we secured the labours of

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Narrative
to
Synod

Bro J. C. Humphrey as an evangelist in our bounds. Abundant blessings have accompanied his ministrations in almost every quarter he has visited. But while engaged in the severe and arduous duties of his mission, he was stricken down by disease, and the very harvest he seemed about to reap is left for other hands.

In addition to his services, we have had also employed in distant portions of our field, two Missionaries who have met with a good degree of success, in building up and establishing our feeble Churches. We would specially notice with thanksgiving extraordinary outpourings of the Spirit on several of our Congregations, as Athens where about sixty have been added to the number of believers, and a religious awakening pervaded that whole community, and a rich harvest still invites the reaper to persevering activity and labor. Also Bethany, New Lebanon, New Hope, Canton and various other places under our charge have had most gracious visitations and large numbers have been added to the Churches. A

most encouraging feature in all these revivals is the unprecedented activity of our lay membership. Our Elders have in many instances gone before the ministry into distant neighbourhoods and prepared the way for the preaching of the word by their faithful labours with the people.

In Athens they have taken the conduct of the services and by their efforts in prayer meetings have greatly helped the good work.

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Reviewing these circumstances of interest, we are encouraged to look forward for still larger measures of blessings. All which is submitted.

Presbytery then proceeded with the examination of Mr Harvey until the hour to close when Presbytery took recess until after public worship. tonight.

9 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met after public worship & proceeded with the examination of Mr Harvey. Rev P. C. H. [unclear] appeared and rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness. On motion Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning Nov. 19.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Presbytery proceeded with the examination of Mr. Harvey on Church History and Church Government.

The hour for public worship having arrived Presbytery took recess until after public worship.

1 o'clock. After public worship

Presbytery met and resumed business. Mr Harvey asked leave to withdraw his application for Licensure, which was granted. He ~~also~~ asked leave to withdraw from under the care of Hopewell Presbytery & put himself under the care of East Alabama Presbytery. The Stated Clerk was authorized to furnish him with the desired certificate when it should be called for.

Application withdrawn.

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Col. D. C. Campbell introduced the following paper on Personal Representation which was unanimously adopted and is as follows: viz

Resolved.

That in as much as by our Book of Discipline, it is made an imperative duty of each Church in the Presbytery to be represented by a ruling Elder in every meeting of Presbytery; and in as much as the churches demand the united counsels and efforts of all its members, and especially of its office bearers, that it be a Standing Rule of this Presbytery, that each Church if it fail to send a delegate to Presbytery, forward a written excuse; and that at each meeting of Presbytery, the roll of the churches be called, when reasons shall be assigned; and their validity considered for delinquency at any previous meeting of Presbytery. And in the event any church shall, for two successive meetings of Presbytery, fail to send a representative, or a written excuse that shall be approved, that the Stated Clerk shall specially report to Presbytery such defaulting church; when such action shall be taken as to the Presbytery may seem right and proper.

Resolved.

That a committee of three be appointed to address a circular letter to each and every ruling Elder within our bounds, furnishing him with a copy of the above stated

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Rule, earnestly, faithfully, and affectionately calling upon them to see to it that this rule be not disregarded.

Elders D. C. Campbell, C. Douse and W. H. Mitchell were appointed Committee under the 2nd Resolution.

On motion Presbytery then adjourned to meet on the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

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Presbytery met. Opened with prayer.

Hender
Record

Rev. H. Hender presented a certificate from Ala. Presbytery, & on examination was received as a member of Hopewell Presbytery.

The following supplies were ordered for applying viz.

Dr. S. K. Lalmage.	Jan'y	2 nd Sabbath
Rev. G. W. Baggs	Feb.	" " "
Rev. J. R. Wilson D.D.	March	" " "
Rev. Hemen Hender	April	

It was ordered, that the Treasurer of Presbytery pay to the Clerk of Synod the amount apewed on Hopewell Presbytery out of any monies which may be in his hand.

It was ordered that Goshen Church be apewed for Communioners fund. \$5.00

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Pres.^l Church Millersville on Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath in April. A.D. 1859. at 7 o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer & the apostolic Benediction
Rev. J. R. Wilson Moderator
Rev. W. H. Hender Staba Clerk

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(The following Report of the Executive Committee on Domestic Missions, was inadvertently omitted at the proper place.)

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 In making the usual report your Committee would again reiterate its increasing sense of the magnitude of the work in which the Presbytery is engaged and the solemn responsibility under which you have placed us as a Committee we are sure we only give expression to the conviction of every member of Presbytery when we say that this work of Domestic Missions, instead of being in any sense exceptional or extraordinary, is our primary and most important charge. Emphatically a missionary institution the only divinely appointed missionary institution - the great business of the Church is the preaching of a pure Gospel for the ingathering and edification of Gods elect, and beyond all question the call for the execution of this unspeakably important trust on the part of any specific portion of the Church is primary and most obligatory from the destitutions of that portion of the great field in which it is immediately located, and we are but applying the admitted scriptural doctrine of Christian Stewardship in the declaration that for carrying out this great mission of the Church, each individual from the most gifted and renowned minister through every gradation of office or ability to the obscurest and most unlearned believer is responsible, responsible up to the full measure of all that he is, and all that he has: with a divinely appointed work in bringing back a rebellious world to the rule of its rightful Lord.

noble but infinitely solemn relation is it

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them which as members of the body of Christ we hold to the world to each other and to the Master Himself. Your Committee is sure that nothing short of a deep and abiding sense of this personal responsibility not only on the part of Ministers, but especially of the Eldership and People will ever put this Presbytery forward and faster still on its glorious way and it is with gratitude to God and no ordinary measure of encouragement that your Committee sees in looking over the Presbytery what seem to be hopeful signs of the coming of this most blessed result.

Into a number of our settled congregations as well as several missionary quarters new life, and power, and hope and prayer have come by fresh baptisms of the Holy Spirit. Ministers and in not a few cases Elders and private Christians have laboured this year with an energy and success which offer us every inducement to yet stronger and more extended effort. In every quarter where we know of missionary effort having been put forth there seems to be a preparedness an expectancy accompanied in many instances with ^{earnest} ~~urgent~~ and ^{urgent} ~~earnest~~ desire for the Gospel at our hands. The Harvest whitening more and more for our sickle.

In January Brother Humphreys entered on his work as Evangelist & continued with slight interruption, travelling and preaching until September. He found it impossible even by most constant effort to meet the pressing demands made on him much less to cover even a few times the destitutions of the Presbytery. He reports to us a lamentable absence of Gospel preaching and the prevalence of irreligion of every phase in many extensive regions - an almost heathen ignorance of the scheme of salvation

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and multitudes attending no religious preaching whatever - Yet he has met with much to encourage us. every where the people are ready and waiting to hear. crowds attending on his preaching and craving a continuance of the meetings - under his auspices a Church has been organized in Lincoln County In Rabun, Hart & Columbia Counties most interesting fields are open to us. From a severe experience he testifies no one Evangelist can begin to do the work before us. He found tenfold more than he could accomplish.

Brother Cartledge has been labouring with great success during that portion of his time employed by Presbytery in Missionary work. He has been blessed with many conversions and as we hear from other sources than himself with increasing acceptance and extending influence we would recommend to Presbytery a continuance of its engagement with him.

It is a great pleasure to the Comm^e to be the medium of communicating to Presbytery that the work of the Lord has been greatly prospered in the hands of the other Missionary Bro Milnor. he states most gratifying and remarkable results attending the opening of a new Mission station, during the year many have been added to the Church and a large and influential community gained to the cause of religion & Presbyterianism; presenting as he states a field in itself sufficiently large and important to engage the entire time and labour of one man. For more particular and interesting details we would refer Presbytery to their brethren themselves.

The Committee report with no little sadness and disappointment that the faithful and acceptable labours of Bro Hemphris

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as Evangelist were brought to a close early in September by his failing health and we would earnestly and affectionately recommend him to the prayers and sympathy of the Presbytery and Churches. When it seemed to him and your Committee that he had just fairly entered on the work and the future opening with bright prospect of blessed success it has pleased God to lay him aside - We cannot better introduce our conviction of the necessity of Presbytery taking steps to supply his place as soon as possible than by an expression of his own in a recent report "It makes my heart sick he says to think of leaving this missionary field just now as I am fairly entered on it. I long to see some zealous man enter on the work which God has taken from my hands. no one who has not travelled traversed this Presbytery as I have can tell what a field lies open here white for the harvest and perishing for want of labourers. Oh! that the Lord of the harvest may send some faithful servant to reap those precious sheaves which I was unworthy to gather"

Your Committee is utterly at a loss where to look: knowing no man unsettled whose qualifications we are sure would be adapted to so important a work - in submitting the whole matter to the wise decision of Presbytery we would venture to suggest as the only course known to us now, in the event of your determining again to put an Evangelist in the field that he will have to be called from a work in which he is already engaged. We would further suggest that Presbytery amend its late order making it obligatory on each of its ministers to do a months missionary work during the year, by requesting a report of such work

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and observations made therein to be sent to the Committee, we will thus receive a large amount of valuable information necessary to intelligent action and additionally able to present to Presbytery a connected view of all the Missionary work done within its bounds.

The Treasurer report which the Comm^e has found to be correct is herewith submitted, it shows a gratifying increase over the Contributions of last year bearing out a conviction formerly expressed by the Committee that the Church will give you all you need and ask for this work. With what is now in the Treasury & definite promises made us, we will end the year with our Missionaries paid and a balance still on hand. We are but a Committee Executive of the will of Presbytery we now respectfully and most earnestly crave your advice and direction for the future Respy Submitted (Signed)

R. K. Porter Chairman

Sparta January 1859.

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Presbytery of Hopewell convened pursuant to the call of the Moderator and was constituted with prayer. The following members were present
C P Berman D.D. Joseph R Wilson D.D. Rev^d Wm. Hillin & Rev^d L A Simonton

Elders Joseph Bryan from Mount Zion Church
" Ellis Harris Sparta Church

The Moderator announced that the business before Presbytery was to consider the united request of Bro Simonton & the Sparta Church for a dissolution of the existing pastoral relation between them

On motion it was Resolved that the request be granted & that the church be declared vacant

The stated clerk was ordered to furnish the necessary certificate of dismissal*

No further business Presbytery adjourned closed with prayer

Wm Hillin, Stated Clerk
Joseph R Wilson D.D. Moderator.

* In the above minute the Stated Clerk failed to state that Rev. L. A. Simonton was dismissed in good standing to join the Presbytery of Flint-River, he having been called to the pastoral office in the Church of Albany Ga.

G. H. Cartledge Historiographer
of Augusta Presbytery.

Milledville April 1859

Wednesday 7 o'clock P.M. April 6th
 Presbytery met according to adjournment, &
 was opened by a sermon by Rev Joseph
 R Wilson D.D. last moderator, from "Ephesians
 6th: 13. "Therefore take unto you the whole
 armour of God that ye may be able to
 stand in the evil day & having done
 all to stand!" After sermon Presbytery
 was constituted by prayer, & the following
 members were enrolled: viz

Minist'rs	Churches.	Elders.
Rev. S. K. Falmage D.D.	Sandy Creek	Well Boggs.
" W. Safford	Waynesboro	Gideon Douse
" G. W. Cartledge	Bath	R Wood
" R. K. Porter	New Hope	J. G. Gresham
R. W. Milner	Marion	D C Campbell
E. D. Claridge	Milledgeville	D L Adams
Wm. F. Linn	Augusta	D. P. Davidson
J. R. Wilson D.D.	South Liberty	Boswell Herbert
G. W. Boggs	Greensboro	A C Mason
G. W. Lane	Eatonton	Wm L Mitchell
	Athens	Wm C Hand
	Monticello	W A Corry
	Bethany	"
	Mount Zion	Joseph Bryan

Adjourned till Thursday morning 9 o'clock - closed
 with Prayer.

Thursday morning 9 o'clock

Lane. Moder-
 ator,

Presbytery met and was opened with Prayer Rev.
 G W Lane was chosen Moderator & G W Boggs tem-
 -porary Clerk. the minutes of the last Session as
 also that of the Special meeting at Sparta was
 read and approved.

Corresponding
 Members,

The Rev. Mr Adams of the Londonderry
 Presbytery Rev. Mr Curtis of the Episcopal Church
 Rev. Mr Knox of the Methodist Episcopal, Rev. R. A
 Houston & Rev. R. C. Smith of East Alaba Presbytery and
 Rev. Mr Warren of the Baptist Church were invited

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to sit as corresponding members of this body

Ru^d J. W. Reid and Elders W. A. Corry and Joseph
Bryant appeared and took their seats after giving
good and satisfactory reasons for tardiness

Mess Talmaage Eldredge & Boggs gave reasons
for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery
which were sustained

The following Churches gave satisfactory
reasons for not being represented at the last
Session of Presbytery. Irwinton Woodstock
Sandy Creek Macon, Monticello Bethany
and Mount Zion

Committee }
on Ebenezer } to enquire into the state of Ebenezer Church and
Church } the condition of the property and report to the next
meeting of Presbytery - Com - Brothers
Safford Cartledge & Mitchell

Death of }
Bro Simon } were appointed a Committee to prepare and
Town } bring in a minute regarding the death of Bro
Simon

Report on }
any labors } Members of Presbytery were called upon
for information regarding the resolution requiring
each Minister to spend one month in missionary
labour. and from their reports it appeared that the
rule had generally been complied with

Time & place }
of meeting } On motion the place of the next meeting
of Presbytery was taken up resulting in the choice
of Greensboro and Thursday evening before the 3^d
Sabbath in October as the time.

Change of }
name } The following churches sent up written
excuses for not being represented in the present meeting
viz Harmony and Turkey Creek and the last named
Church requested its name changed from Turkey Creek
to Carnesville

The Moderator announced the following
Committees on Sessional records
Pleasant Grove. Gresham & Porter
Sandy Creek D. Adams J. W. Reid
Waynesboro & Bath D. Campbell & D. Eldredge

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Committee on Sepional records Thomas

New Hope.	J. G. Gresham	R. K. Porter
Macon	J. R. Wilson D.D.	A. C. Mason
Milledgeville	G. W. Boggs	D. Davidson
Augusta	D. Talmage	Gideon Douse
South Liberty	Robt Wood	Wm. Flinn
Greensboro.	Wm. Boggs	R. W. Milnor
Spauld & Eatonton	D. L. Adams	J. W. Reid
Athens	Wm. S. Hunt	E. H. Cartledge
Monticello	W. A. Curry	H. Safford
Bethany	D. Campbell	E. D. Eldredge
Mount Zion	R. Hubbut	J. W. Reid
Hebron & New Lebanon	do	do

Devotional Exercises

Committee Rev. Wm. Flinn & Elder D. C. Campbell

Bills & Overtures

Committee Rev. C. P. Beman G. W. Boggs & Elder G. Douse

Judicial

Committee Rev. J. W. Reid R. K. Porter & Elder D. C. Campbell

Narrative

Committee Rev. J. R. Wilson D.D. H. Safford & Elder W. L. Mitchell

Systematic Benevolence

Committee Rev. S. K. Talmage R. W. Milnor & Elder Jos. Bryant

Treasurers Report

Committee Elders D. C. Campbell & W. L. Mitchell

Elder D. C. Campbell proposed the following

Resolution on Ruling Elders be delivered this evening and that the
 Sermon on the duties of ruling Elders, } discussion on the subject be the order of the day
 on tomorrow at 10 o'clock A.M. and that the
 Convention of Ruling Elders and Deacons. be invited
 to be present and to take part therein and that
 Presbytery take a recess at 4 o'clock P.M. that
 members may be enabled to be present at the Convention
 The resolution was seconded and passed

The report of the Executive Com^e on Domestic Missions was read by the Chairman and submitted to a special Com^e of five viz Rev. Messrs Safford Talmage Beman & Elders Curry & Mason

Report of Executive Com. on Missions

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It was moved that the first order for this P.M. be the reports from Sessions on the state of religion and the Demission of the Ministry be the second order

Dr. J. R. Wilson & Col. J. J. Gresham
were chosen as principals to represent this Presbytery
in the next General Assembly & Rev^d C. P. Berran and
Wm. S. Hurd were appointed Alternates
Presbytery took a recess till 3 o'clock P.M.

Thursday P.M. 3 o'clock

The first order of the day - to receive the statistical reports and hear the narratives on the state of religion was taken up.

Rev^d H. Newton appeared in Presbytery gave a satisfactory reason for tardiness and was excused. It was moved and agreed to that the examination of Bro Hoyt the Candidate under the care of this Presbytery be made the special order of the day for tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. took a recess until 8 o'clock to hear the sermon on the duties of ruling Elders. met at 8 o'clock and after the services adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock closed with prayer

Friday morning 9 o'clock

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Minutes of yesterday read and approved Mr Thomas J. Little Elder from Sparta church appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness. A letter was read from Rev^d J. S. K. Ayson D.D. giving satisfactory reasons for not attending the Sessions of Presbytery

The first order of the day viz. the examination of the Candidate was taken up. his Latin Exegesis & Critical exercises were referred to the Committee on Languages. also examined in Greek Latin & Hebrew

The hour for the second order of the day having arrived "the conference on the duties of Ruling Elders" was taken up the roll was called for the expression of opinion. pending this discussion the hour for the meeting of the Convention of Ruling Elders and Deacons arrived. Presby took a recess till 3 o'clock P.M.

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Friday 3 o'clock P.M.

Eldridge
dismission
Presbytery met. Bro E D Eldredge applied for a dismission to join the Flint River Presbytery. on motion the stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with the necessary papers

Simpson
received
as Candidate
date
Mr F. T. Simpson a member and Elder of the Washington Church was introduced to Presbytery desiring to be taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry after examination as to his personal piety and motives for seeking the ministry he was rec^d as a suitable Candidate Mess Guntledge Reed & Sturd were appointed a Committee to assign parts of trial to Mr Simpson

Written excuses for not being represented at this meeting were rec^d from Goshen & Madison Churches which were sustained.

The records of the following Churches were approved as far as written Monticello New Hope Athens, Waynesboro & Bath, Mason Millidge Sparta Hebrew Mount Zion New Lebanon, Augusta Bethany South Liberty & Greensboro.

The following proposition was made and adopted.

Porter's Sermon
published
Resolved. That a copy of Bro Porter's sermon delivered before this body on the duties of Ruling Elders be requested for publication in the Southern Presbyterian

Dr. P. Davidson Mr J L Little J. G. Gresham & Rev^d R. K. Porter obtained leave of absence after the Session of to night

The Comm^e appointed to audit the Treasurers report recommended its approval which was adopted

The unfinished business of the morning the conference on the duties of the Elders was taken up and concluded

The Committee on the Latin Exegesis & Critical exercise reported, recommending their approval as parts of trial

The question - dismission of the ministerial office was made the subject first

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order for tomorrow morning

The examination of Bro Hoyt was resumed when he was examined on the Arts & Sciences

Presbytery took a recess until after preaching to night and after service came to order. Miss Douse Heulbut & Mason obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery

The examination of the Candidate was resumed on Mental and Moral Philosophy and Theology in part

Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock closed with Prayer

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Saturday morning 9 o'clock Presbytery met and was opened with prayer the minutes of yesterday were read and approved

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in regard to the death of Bro Simonton made the following report which was on the death adopted

By one of those mysterious Provisions of God, which cause his people to mourn, we are called upon to record the decease of a brother beloved and fellow labourer in the great harvest field of the blessed Redeemer. Bro Simonton was a native of Greene County in this state. His parents were Presbyterians members it is believed of the Bethany Church one of the earliest of the Presbyterian churches in the up country of Ga. He was consecrated to God in the ordinance of Baptism reared up under a strict ^{Presbyterian} discipline he was early taught the principles and claims of religion and doubtless made to feel the duty of piety and consecration to God. He once stated to a member of your committee, that oftentimes in early youth he was the subject of serious impressions and the dark prospects of eternity deeply pained him. It was not however until he had entered upon his College course in Oglethorpe University that he was made a subject of renewing grace during one of those seasons of revival with which this institution of the church has been often visited

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He was constrained to give his heart to the Saviour and subsequently felt it his duty to dedicate his talents and life to the Gospel ministry. In preparations for this responsible and holy work our brother spent the usual term of study at the Theological Seminary in Columbia S.C. that "he might be a workman" "approved of God rightly dividing the word of truth"

In the year 1855 he was licensed by Flint River Presbytery to preach the Gospel and shortly after was called to labour in the churches at Sparta & Mt. Zion

In ~~December~~ of the last year (1858) he was called to be the pastor of the Pres Church in Albany of this state, and in accordance with his own request he was dismissed from his former charge in January last, but our Brother was not permitted to enter upon this new field where an infant church were looking to him as the tender Shepherd to dispense to them the word of life, and many impenitent and worldly men expressed an earnest desire to enjoy the privilege of his ministry. God for wise purposes not yet disclosed to us permitted disease in the shape of a rapid consumption to hurry him to the grave to transfer him from his earthly as we trust to his heavenly home. Our Brother thus cut down in the strength of his years and almost at the threshold of a ministry which promised extensive usefulness was a man of many amiable social virtues which endeared him to the affections of his friends and endowed with abilities of such elevated caste as to command the respect of all who knew him. His preaching talents were of a high character and it was an apparent fact to those who enjoyed the privileges of his ministry and a subject of no infrequent remark that he was a growing man

The closing scene of our brother's life was one of interest to those who were often with him, though all his days though suffering deeply he manifested a meek quiet and uncomplaining spirit while racked with pain he was asked if he had found the Gospel he had preached a comfort! Yes yes was the

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reply "It is a precious Gospel" On another occasion when apparently near his end he was asked if his way was clear, he laid his hand upon his heart and exclaimed with energy "all is bright here no cloud obstructs the view" Almost if not the last words he was heard to speak were the prayer "Come Lord Jesus come quickly" With such sentiments filling his heart our brother has gone to rest we trust in the bosom of our Blessed Saviour

In view of this afflictive dispensation your comm^e would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved 1st That this Presbytery humble themselves before God, and feel themselves called upon by the Providence which removed from their ranks a faithful, an able and an efficient young brother to increase their own efforts in the masters service and to pray the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into his harvest.

Resolved 2^d That this body sympathize deeply with the afflicted widows and bereaved children and commend them to the Divine Care of that being who has promised to be the widows friend and the father of the fatherless

all of which is respectfully submitted

The following parts of trial

Parts of trial

were assigned Bro Simpson by the Committee appointed

Latin Exegesis

An Spiritus Sanctus Sit Deus.

Critical Exercise

Phil 3^d 12. 13 & 14.

Popular Lecture

2^d Peter. 1st 5. 6. 7. 8. 9

Popular Sermon

John 3^d 7th.

The committee on the narrative of the state of religion reported which was adopted, (The Report was mislaid and no record made of it)

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A note was received from Brothm Porter complying with the request of Bro Porter for a copy of his sermon for publication

The order of the day the question as to the demission of the ministerial office was taken up. The roll was called for the expression of opinion when the Presbytery gave a unanimous negative to the overture of the General Assembly with the exception of one member who was excused from voting.

The following ministers were appointed to supply the pulpit of the Clerical Commission to the General Assembly

Third Sabbath in May Rev Dr. Ayson
 Fourth " " " " R K Porter
 Fifth " " " " G W Boggs
 First " " June " H. H. Hendee

The Treasurer of Presbytery is hereby directed to pay Seventy five dollars to each of the commissioners of the General Assembly.

The religious instruction of the colored population was chosen as the subject of conference at the next meeting of Presbytery. Rev G W Boggs was appointed to preach on the subject. Rev J S K Ayson Alternate recess till 3.0'clock

Saturday 3.0'clock. P.M

Presbytery met. The committee on the report of the Executive Committee domestic missions submitted the following report - (Report filed) and the following resolution was adopted

Resolved That the Executive Committee be authorized to change the field of labour assigned to different brethren if they deem it expedient so as best to secure the general good.

Rev. J S K Ayson D.D. appeared & having assigned reasons for tardiness which were sustained took his seat. Presbytery then resumed the examination of Mr Hoyt on Theology Church History, Church government & the Sacraments, heard a popular lecture and a sermon on

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subject previously assigned him in all which he was sustained and that his license take place after the close of the sermon to night

The committee on devotional exercises submitted their report

The committee on Systematic benevolence offered the following paper which was adopted ~~and filed~~ Systematic ~~and filed~~ The committee on Systematic benevolence ~~recommends~~ recommend to the Presbytery the adoption of the following as their report to the General Assembly Hopewell Presbytery have a solemn and deep conviction of the importance of systematic benevolence both in promoting the piety of Gods people and advancing the interest of the church abroad on enquiring of our churches we find a growing attention to the duties of benevolence altho we feel that we have hitherto fallen far short of our obligations to Christ in this particular We shall feel it our duty to press this matter upon the hearts and consciences of the members of our churches hoping that the day will arrive when every member of our communion shall feel constrained by his love to Christ to contribute according to his ability systematically to all the boards of our Church. Presbytery took recess till close of services this evening

After sermon the candidate was licensed Minutes read and approved Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction

Adjourned to meet in Greensboro on Thursday P.M. before the 3^d Sabbath of October

L. W. Lane Moderator
Wm. Harris, Stated Clerk
G. W. Boggs Temporary Clerk

W. J. H. L.
Licensed

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7 1/2 P. M. Presbytery met and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator Rev^d C W Lane from Matthew 9th. 37. 38. " Then saith He unto his disciples the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into the harvest. After which Presbytery was constituted with prayer. The roll was called & the following members answered to their names. Rev^d: H Safford J W Reid. R C Ketchum G H Cartledge R W Miller W^m Filim C W Lane Joseph R Wilson D D & Homer Hendee

The following churches were represented by ruling Elders.

Augusta	John Craig	Macon	J. S. Greenham
Athens	W ^m L Mitchell	Greensboro.	Stunningham
Milledgeville	Thos J Windsor	Bethany	W A Corrie
New Lebanon	J. Johnson.	Eatonton	A Bellason
Hetron		Gidion Downe	Goshen
Waynesboro & Bath			

Absentees { A Church D D. A Hoyt D D. H Newton
S K Talmage D D. S S Davis D D. C P Beman D D.
C B King. R K Porter & J S K Ayson D D.

Churches not represented { Lexington Mt Zion. Thyatira Concord
Danielsville Lincolnton. Madison. New
Hope Sandy Creek. Carnesville Sparta
& Clarksville

Rev^d W^m Filim was chosen Moderator & Rev^d R C Ketchum Temporary Clerk. Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock closed with prayer.

Friday. 9 o'clock A M

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer minutes of previous meeting read. S. C. Ellington Ruling Elder from the Washington Church & S. Morgan R Elder from South Liberty appeared & having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took their seats. the minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery were read

The absentees from the last stated meeting were called on for the reasons of their absence

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The moderator announced the following Committees

Judicial

Committee Rev C W Lane. Elders Reid & Elden. J. Craig
Bills & Overtures

Committee Rev G H Bartledge W Saffard & Elden W Lillitchell
Minutes of Assembly

Committee Rev I R Wilson Sr. & Elden J I Gresham
Devotional Exercises

Committee Rev W H Under & Elden J. Cunningham
Narrative

Committee Rev R W Milner & Elden J. J. Windsor

Rev C W Lane introduced Professor James Woodrow, who desires to place himself under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for licensure & it was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock to attend to this application.

The Commissioners to the last General Assembly reported

Mr W. J. Daniel Ruling Elder of the Church of Woodstock appeared in Presbytery & having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat

Rev R A Houston presented a dismission from the Presbytery of East Alabama to connect himself with this Presbytery after a satisfactory examination he was received and his name enrolled

Rev G W Boggs applied for a dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of South Alabama which was granted & the stated Clerk directed to give him the necessary papers

Mr Henry Hoyt licentiate under our care requests a dismission from this Presbytery to place himself under the care of Flint River Presbytery request granted & the stated Clerk was directed to furnish the certificate of dismission

It was made the order of the day for 4 o'clock this afternoon to hear the reports of the Churches on the state of religion & also the statistical reports

The Comm. appointed at the last

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meeting to investigate the condition of the Church of Ebenezer. reported as follows:

That they have attended to the duty Ebenezer assigned them that they found no property belonging Church to the Church and the membership reduced to three (3) dissolved individuals.

The Comm^e recommended that Ebenezer Church be declared extinct & that the members be transferred to the Athens Church. - adopted

It was moved and resolved that we reconsider the vote in reference to Professor Woodrow & that Presby proceed immediately to his examination. Woodrow then stated to Presby his views in reference Examined to seeking the Gospel Ministry, these motives having been considered satisfactory. Presby then proceeded to examine him on Theology & the examination was sustained.

At this point the following Resolution was offered and adopted. By

Resolved. That at 11 o'clock this Presby take a recess until 3 o'clock for the purpose of giving the Convention of Elders & Deacons an opportunity to assemble & enter upon the business before them.

Presby took a recess until 3 o'clock P.M. 3 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met.

A. H. Harwell Ruling Elder of Mt Zion Church appeared & having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Mr Richard C. Moore a licentiate under the care of the Presby of Chemung presented Renewed a dismission from that body to place himself under the care of this body Presby. on motion he was re-

Wordrow's
Examination
Resumed
The examination of Prof Woodrow was resumed on Church History & Government & the Sacraments and was sustained & on motion the further examination was arrested & his examination on the Latin language, the original languages of the Holy Scriptures, the Arts & Sciences, Latin Exegesis, Critical exercise, Lecture & Popular Sermon, were omitted.

On motion it was resolved (to grant the application of) Prof Woodrow for the license

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and that it be made the order of the day for tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock to license him

Place of meeting of Presby
next meeting.

It was resolved that the next stated Place of meeting of Presby be held at Mt Zion Church on the Wednesday before the 2^d Sabbath of April at 7 o'clock ^{PM}

The order of the day for this hour was taken up & the written reports from the churches read & referred to the Comm^e on the narrative.

Rev^d Geo B. Clarke of the Methodist Ep. Church was invited to sit as a corresponding member

The roll was called that the members might have an opportunity of making any additional remarks in reference to the state of religion within the bounds of the Churches

Rev^d A Hoyt. D.D. appeared. and rendered satisfactory reasons for tarding and took his seat.

It was made the order for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear the report of the Comm^e on Domestic Missions

It was made the order for tomorrow at 11 o'clock to attend to the supplies for vacant churches.

The Communication from the Secretary of the Board of Education was on motion referred to a Comm^e consisting of Rev^d C W Lane & Ruling Elder L. Lamar

On motion Presby adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Closed with Prayer

Saturday morning 9 o'clock Presbytery met & was opened with prayer The minutes were read

Conference deferred

As both the principal & alternate appointed to preach on the subject of conference viz the religious instruction of the Coloured people were absent, on motion it was resolved to postpone the consideration of that subject until our next stated meeting & Rev^d R W Milnor was appointed to preach the sermon & Rev^d I R Wilson D.D. the alternate

It having been announced that the Rev^d J. C. Humphrey a member of this body had

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departed this life since our last meeting. a
Comm^e consisting of Rev^s Wm R. Miller & G. H.
Cartledge was appointed to bring in a memorial
minute appropriate to the occasion.

A Communication from Rev^d Dr
Cunningham Editor of the Southern Presbyterian was
read & referred to a Comm^e consisting of Rev^s H. Hender
N. Hoyt & Rufus Eldon. J. Craig

A letter from Rev^d S. S. Davis D.D.
was read assigning reasons for his absence from the
present sessions of this body which were considered
satisfactory.

Rev^d H. Hender Pres^t of the Greens-
boro Female College read a paper before the Presby
& the consideration of it ordered for 3 o'clock this P.M.

The Comm^e on the minutes of the
General Assembly reported as follows. "As to the
General Assemblys direction to the Presbyteries as to
the better observance of the Sabbath. the Comm^e
Minutes recommend that the duty of a strict ^{religious} observance of
of Genl the Sabbath be the subject of a special sermon
Assembly to be preached at the next fall meeting of Presbytery
by Rev^d N. Hoyt D.D. principal & Rev^d H. Hender as
Alternate & of Conference at the same meeting.

Whereas the Genl Assembly has for several years
past urged upon the Presbyteries an order with reference
to the subject of Systematic Benevolence & whereas the
Presbytery of Hopewell has failed to comply with this
order to its full extent & meaning therefore Resolved
Systematic-1st That this Presbytery does with solemn emphasis
ic Bene-urge upon all the churches within its bounds. whether
olence having settled Pastors or not the subject of Systematic
Benevolence and recommend the adoption on the part of
Church Sessions of the Assemblys tabular plan of taking
Collections in behalf of the different objects of Christian
Benevolence.

Resolved 2^d. That the direction of the last General
Assembly be complied with by this Presbytery. to require
the stated Clerks to enter upon the Spring Docket the
calling of the roll of Ministers & Churches to ascertain

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whether they have adopted and carried out any plan for securing the contributions of the people to the objects of benevolence recognised by the Assembly & to report in writing to the Assembly the number of contributions directed to be made by the Presbytery and the number made arranged under the names of the several objects directed

The Comm^e on the Communication from the Secretaries of the Board of Education reported & the Board report was adopted as follows:

of Edu-
cation.

Resolved That the Churches within our bounds be recommended to include the Board of Education among their regular collections (provided that they prefer to cooperate with our board) & that our ministers be requested to bring the subject of aiding pious young men in preparing for the ministry before their respective Churches also

Resolved. That it be recommended to such of our Churches as may find the plan most convenient to send up to each meeting of Presbytery their contributions to our Boards to be forwarded by the Treasurer to their respective places of destination

Mr W. A. Corrie Ruling Elder from the Church of Bethany appeared rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness & took his seat.

Domestic
-ie Missions

The report of the Comm^e of domestic Missions which was the order of the day for this hour was presented and read considered. On motion it was ordered by Presbytery that each minister before the next meeting preach on the duty of parents to consecrate their sons to the service of God in the ministry & a call to the sacred office & also a sermon on the duty of individual Christians to work among the destitutions in their immediate neighbourhood.

Rev^d J. W. Reid, C. W. Lane & Ruling Elder J. S. Gresham were appointed a Comm^e to arrange supplies for the vacant churches

A Committee consisting of Rev^d C. W. Lane & Ruling Elders John Craig & J. S. Gresham was appointed

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to report some action for this Presbytery in reference to the support of disabled ministers and the families of deceased ministers

On motion Resolved that Rev Henry Newton Organiza G H Cartledge & Ruling Elder Bro E Caldwell be a tion of Ch Committee to organize a church in Gainsville provided in Gainsville they may deem it expedient to do so.

The Comm^e on the narrative of the state of religion within our bounds reported the report is on file - (paper D)

The Committee appointed to propose some action for Presby for the support of disabled ministers & the families of deceased ministers brought in the following resolution which was adopted

Disabled Ministers &c Resolved That a collection be taken up in each of the churches within our bounds for the funds to support disabled ministers & the families of deceased ministers the aunts contributed to be sent up to the next meeting of Presby to be applied by the Presby for the objects indicated.

Rev Bro Lane. Gideon Dowse. S Lannar J Morgan & S. C. Ellington asked & obtained leave of absence & Presby took a recess until 3 o'clock this P.M.

3.0'clock P.M. Saturday
Presbytery met. A call from the Greensboro Church for the Pastoral services of Rev R A Houston was presented to Presby & was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev J R Wilson D.D. & J D Neesham

The paper presented by the Trustees of the Greensboro Female College was taken up as being the order of the day for this hour.

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The Committee on the Communication from the Editor of the Southern Presbyterian reported & on motion the report was laid upon the table

The Committee on the call of the Church of Greensboro. for the Pastoral services of Rev^d A. A. Houston reported that the call was regular & recommended that it be placed in his hands. which was done he signifying his acceptance of the same & the same Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for his installation

The Commi.^e appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the death of Rev^d J. C. Humphrey made the following report which was adopted

Death of Rev J. C. Humphrey

Since our last meeting we have heard with deep sorrow of the departure from this life of our beloved brother Rev^d J. C. Humphrey. though this event was not wholly unlooked for by us. as he had been long under the influence of a severe disease. It affects our hearts with not the less pain. we loved him for what he was & for what he did among us. in his short career and we often hoped altho against hope that the Lord of the harvest would spare one who seemed so well fitted to gather many precious sheaves in the field. Our departed brother was a native of the state of New York. a few years ago in early manhood in search of health he came to Georgia engaged in the business of teaching. At this time he was an avowed disbeliever in the Bible. the immediate means of his conversion was the reading of Nelson on infidelity placed in his hands by a good Elder who house for the time was his home. he soon became anxious to preach the gospel precious Saviour whom he had found & whom before he had rejected. As a Candidate of Flint River Presby he attended the Seminary at Columbia where he secured the love and confidence of all who knew him. The faculty then recommended him at the close of his course to the Augusta Church as a supply it being then vacant - notwithstanding the importance & responsibility of the

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charge. after supplying the pulpit there for some time with great acceptance his health failed and he left it to engage in the work of an Evangelist to which he was called and ordained by Hopewell Presby. Full of zeal he went out to preach holding alone and with other ministers protracted meetings in many portions of our bounds. in most of which great good was done. and many souls won to Christ short as was his career we doubt not there are many jewels for his crown. he laboured until stricken down by disease he had to cease. he returned to Newyork to Mrs H.° fathers to rest and recruit but there the Master called and he fell asleep in Jesus on September

The loss of Bro Humphrey was no ordinary one, in him were sweetly blended most of the elements of a ministers power & success. he had talents of a high order but his power was that of the man of God. what he did was by prayer his hearers always felt when he was before them that he had been with Jesus. and they listened to him almost as to one from the unknown world. simple and unostentatious by nature these qualities were sweetened at the cross. his own soul was alive with the influence of grace and he loved to tell of its wonders to others. whatever he did was for God and the Salvation. and he was strong relying on Him. such an one could fear no evil the winter of this well remembers about twelve months before his death when we each thought he was near his end how he made him to feel as in the very presence of the Heavenly throng. we were speaking of his soon expected death. he was asked how he felt in view of it. Calmly he spoke of it as going home the home of his Father & Saviour and so he met it at last. it had no sting. In view of what our brother was doing we wonder at the Providence that took him away so soon. as a Presby we mourn as stricken ones and take the solemn admonition coming from the grave of our loved young brother. "be ye also ready" we mourn for the lost one here but with the assured

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hope, he is at rest at home. We sympathize deeply with the bereaved friends of our brother especially the loved widow, may rich consolation from above be given her - we remember as she went abroad in our destitutions strengthening the loved one for his work though we may not meet here. we pray that we may all be kept to meet together around the throne.

The foregoing was ordered to be published in the Southern Presbyterian & New York Observer and a copy sent to Mrs Humphreys.

The Comm^e of arrangements for the installation of Rev^d R. A. Houston report as follows
Houston
Installation That the installation take place tomorrow morning that Rev^d N. Hoyt D.D. preside & propose the Constitutional questions Rev^d W. Hillm preach the sermon that Rev^d I. W. Reid deliver the charge to the pastor elect & Rev^d G. H. Cartledge deliver the charge to the people

The Comm^e on supplies reported as follows.

That all the pastors and stated supplies be directed to spend at least two sabbaths in preaching to destitute churches & regions in the immediate neighborhood between this time and the next meeting of Presbytery and also that Dr Church be requested to supply the church at Danielsville at least one sabbath in the month & that Bro Woodrow be directed to spend two sabbaths at Irwinton provided he be licensed. Presbytery had a recess until 7 1/2 o'clock

7 1/2 O'clock. P.M. Presbytery met

Woodrow
Licensed

Professor Woodrow was licensed to preach the gospel after having answered affirmatively the Constitutional questions.

Presbytery having finished its business adjourned to meet at Mt Zion Church on Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath of April at 7 o'clock P.M. Closed with prayer & the Apostolic Benediction.

Wm Hillm Moderator
R. L. Ketchum Secy. Clerk
Wm Hillm Stated Clerk

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On Sabbath Oct at 11 o'clock
 Rev R A Houston was installed
 Pastor of the Greensboro Church by
 the Committee appointed by Presbytery
 for that purpose.

Rev N Hoyt ^{D.D.} presided & proposed the
 constitutional questions

Rev Wm Hinn, preached the Sermon

Rev J. W. Reid delivered the Charge to the
 Pastor.

Rev S H. Cartledge delivered the Charge
 to the people.

William Hinn, Stated Clerk.