

Milledgeville February 8th 1860.

Wednesday evening 7 P.M.
Presbytery of Hopewell met in compliance
with the call of the Moderator, which is
as follows. Having been requested by the
Constitutional number to call a meeting of
Hopewell Presbytery you are hereby notified
that there will be held at Milledgeville
Wednesday 7 o'clock P.M. February 8th 1860. a
pro re nata meeting of the same to consider
the request of the Macon Church ^{for leave} to prosecute
a call for the pastoral services of Rev. David
Wills before the Presbytery of South Carolina
Wm. Flinn Moderator

Present.

S. K. Talmage. D.D.

C. W. Lane.

Wm. Flinn

Elders.

Washington Poe Macon Church

Thomas J. Windsor Milledgeville Church

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator
and opened with Prayer

On motion leave was granted to the
Macon Church to prosecute their call before
the South Carolina Presbytery for the services
of Rev. David Wills

On motion the stated clerk was directed
to furnish a copy of this action of Presbytery
to the delegate in attendance

Presbytery adjourned

Closed with prayer

Wm. Flinn, Moderator

T. J. Windsor, Temp. Clerk

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Wednesday Evening 7 o'clock. April 4th
Presbytery of Wapville met according to
adjournment. A sermon was preached by the
Moderator. Rev Wm Flinn from 1 Cor. 4: 1. 2.

"Let a man so account of us as of the minis-
ters of Christ and Stewards of the mysteries
of God. Moreover it is required in Stewards
that a man be found faithful."

After sermon Presbytery was opened with
prayer. & on the call of the roll the
following members answered to their names: viz

Ministers Present.	Ministers Absent
A. Church D.D.	N. Hoyt D.D.
S. W. Talmage D.D.	W. Safford
S. S. Davis D.D.	W. Newton
J. W. Rice.	R. C. Kitchum
Ch. P. Beman D.D.	J. G. W. Cartledge
R. W. Porter	C. B. King
R. W. Milner	J. S. K. Anson
Wm Flinn	C. W. Lane
Joseph R. Wilson D.D.	Thomas Hendon

Churches. Represented	
Augusta	David L. Adams
Athens	David L. Adams.
Milledgeville	Thos. Bishop
Waynesboro & Bath	Thos J. Windsor
Helton & New Lebanon	Gideon Dorsey
New Hope	Wm Furk
Mount Zion	J. A. McCurdy
	Jos. Bryan

Churches not represented.			
Lexington,	Woodstock,	Sandy Creek,	J. Macon
Minton,	Carnesville,	Greensboro,	J. Shatto
Pleasant Hill,	Thyatra,	Eatonton	J. Washington.
Lincolnton.	Clarksville,	Concord	Monticello.

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Churches not represented.

Danielsville.
 + South Liberty.
 Pheasant Grove
 + Madison
 Bethany 2
 Harmony
 + Goshen.

A Church D.D. was chosen Moderator, +
 Rev R. W. Milnor temporary Clerk, after
 which Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow
 morning at 9 o'clock, closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9. o'clock
 April 5th Presbytery met and was opened
 with prayer.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting, +
 of the Pro Re nata meeting in Millidgeville
 were read and approved.

Miss J. Little Elder from Sparta Church, +
 Dunn from Bethany Church appeared
 and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.
 Absentees from the last stated meeting
 were called upon for their excuses, which were
 rendered and sustained by Presbytery as
 satisfactory.

Rev G. P. Boman D.D. Rev J. W. Reid +
 Elder J. J. Windsor were appointed a com-
 mittee on Devotional exercises.

Mr F. P. Mullally, a candidate under the
 care of Presbytery was introduced, and Pres-
 bytery entered upon his examination with a
 view to his licensure. Dr Joseph R. Wilson
 was on motion added to the Committee
 on Theology.

Mr J. J. Gresham Elder from the Mason
 Church appeared, and rendered satisfactory

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reasons for tardiness.

Rev. Mr. Kaufman from the Presbytery of Baltimore being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The hour for public worship having arrived, on motion the examination of the Candidate was arrested, and Presbytery took recess until after preaching, after which the examination of the Candidate was resumed and continued until, on motion Presbytery took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met and proceeded with the examination of the Candidate, on Theology, Church History and the Sacraments, which was sustained as satisfactory.

On motion the Latin Exercises, the Critical Exercises & the Popular Sermon were placed in the hands of Committee for examination. And it was ordered that the Candidate deliver the popular Lecture before Presbytery & the Congregation tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Application was made to Presbytery for the ordination as evangelist of our Licentiate, prof. James Woodrow, and he was introduced with a view to his examination for the same.

Whereupon on motion the following resolution was adopted: viz. Prof. Woodrow having, at the last stated meeting of this Presbytery, been carefully examined on all the parts of trial necessary for Licentiate & they having been sustained, Resolved That we now take steps for his ordination.

Communications from Bros. Anson and Cartledge were received presenting reasons for their absence from the meeting of Presbytery which were sustained as satisfactory.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the Moderator: viz:

On Bills and Overtures.

Porter, Newton Lane & Elder Bishop.

Mullally
Examined

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Anson &
Cartledge
Excused

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Judicial Committee.
Messrs. Talmage, Wilson, Benman, & Elders
J. J. Cushman of Birmingham.

On The Narrative.
Porter, Meiser, Elder Am Turk.

The Report of the Committee on Domestic
Missions was read and referred to
a committee consisting of Messrs. Wilson,
Porter & Thinn.

It was made the order of the day
for tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock to hand
in Special Records, Statistical Reports,
and contributions to the Commissioners fund.

Brethren. Newton & Houston appeared &
rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.
also J. Morgan from South Liberty, and J.
Cunningham from Greensborough.

Commissioners to
Assembly,

Dr A. Church was chosen principal
clerical commissioner to the General
Assembly, and Rev. G. H. Barthage his
alternate. Lay Commissioners:
Col Gideon Dorse principal: D. C.
Campbell, alternate.

Time & place
of next meeting

The time and place of next meeting of
Presbytery were taken up. Hebron Church was
chosen as the place of meeting; and Thursday
before the 5th Sabbath in September, 7 o'clock
P.M. as the time.

A communication was received
from Lafayette Lamar Elder from Goshua
Church signing reasons for absence
from the Meeting of Presbytery which
were sustained as satisfactory.

Presbytery then took recess until 7 1/2 o'clock

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11 o'clock. Presbytery met to hear the sermon on the religious instruction of the colored people.

Mr. Ellington, Elder from Washington Church appeared and rendered excuse for tardiness. Rev. J. B. Dunwoody of the Charleston presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Southern
Presbyterian

A communication was received from the editor of the Southern Presbyterian was read and referred to a committee consisting of Drs Joseph R. Wilson, S. S. Davis, Rev. Wm. H. H. & Elders. Cunningham & J. J. Windsor.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Friday morning 9 o'clock

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Dunwoody
received

Rev. J. B. Dunwoody presented a letter of dismission from Charleston Presbytery, and after satisfactory examination was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The order of the day was then called and Sessional records were presented and referred to committees.

Fund for dis-
abled minis-
ters.

The roll was then called and the members required to state whether in obedience to the order of Presbytery they had taken up collections in the churches for the relief of disabled ministers & the families of deceased ministers, when it appeared that the order had not been complied with to any extent. Whereupon the order was continued.

The Committee appointed to arrange

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Woodrow's
Ordination

for the ordination of Prof. Woodrow, reported the following order viz:

1. That the probationer preach a trial Sermon tonight before Presbytery on Acts 4: 12. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

The further recommend provided the exercises are sustained, that when the Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Millersville Church on Sabbath morning next at 10 o'clock (5th Inst.) to ordain the candidate.

2. That Rev Professor Lane introduce the religious exercises by invocation, singing, reading the word and prayer.

(2) Rev. J. R. Wilson D.D. to preside, preach the sermon, propose the constitutional questions, & offer the ordaining prayer.

(3) Rev. Wm. Stim to deliver the charge to the newly ordained Evangelist.

The next order of the day was then called, viz. Reports from Church Sessions on the state of religion within our bounds, after the presentation of which the Roll was called for additional verbal statements in regard to the spiritual condition of our Churches.

The hour having arrived Presbytery proceeded to hear the Popular Lecture of Mr. Mullally, our candidate, after which, took recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

3 o'clock. Presbytery met.

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev J. B. Dunwoody, from the Washington Church was presented, and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. R. H. Porter and Elder Thos Adams. who reported the call to be in due form and recommended that

Call from
Washington
Church for
Dunwoody.

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it be placed in the hands of Bro. Dunwoody.

The Committee to whom was referred the the Semiannual Report of the Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, submitted the following paper, viz:

Your Committee beg leave to report.

That the paper presented for their consideration is the Semi-annual ~~Report~~ Statement by the Presbytery's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, of the existing condition of the enterprises under their superintendance. Its tone is that of sadness. It deplores the humiliating fact that our churches are not fully alive to the importance of this work. It anticipates some difficulty in the way of collecting sufficient funds, to meet the expenses of the year for even the small pecuniary demands to be made upon the Committee. It mourns over the conclusion that so far as man can ^{see} the future efficiency of this important arm of Presbyterian & Christian Service is to be as lame as ever. It points us to the apparent impossibility, in short of securing men suited to the field, and of adopting any method in connection with the pastors and ministers we already have, of securing the great ends of a Domestic Missionsary work.

In view of all the facts we would recommend the passage of the following Resolutions, viz.

Resolved 1. That the Pastors and stated Supplies of this Presbytery be earnestly implored to use all their efforts to awaken a missionsary spirit among the people to whom they respectively minister in such a way as to secure to this work their prayers and gifts so that we may in expecting answers to the one & Gods approval of the other, hope for better days in this section of Georgia in the matter of our Churches greater increase.

Domestic
Missionsary
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Resolved 2. That we take measures to place ourselves in such a connection with the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions as shall give the Board the privilege of commissioning for our field such Missionaries as our Executive Committee may recommend for the purpose provided 1st That the Board be required to pay our Missionaries the Salaries recommended by Presbytery: 2nd That the funds collected by our Churches be retained as now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Executive Com; to be drawn out upon drafts to the Missionaries from the Board; and 3rd That if the amount collected be more than sufficient to meet the expense of sustaining our Missionaries the surplus be sent to the Board at Philadelphia to be used for the general field; and if our collections be under our demands that we have the privilege of expecting the deficit to be made up by the Board.

Resolved 3rd That the Executive Committee be remodelled and be made smaller - to consist of seven, making three a quorum.
Respectfully Submitted,

Brother Dunwoody having signified to Presbytery his acceptance of the Call from the Washington Church, the Committee to whom the Call had been referred was directed to make arrangements for his Installation. The following report was submitted and adopted. viz

Order for
Dunwoody's
Installation

That the Installation take place on the first Sabbath in June: That Rev Josph P. Wilson preach the Sermon & Rev C. P. Beman D. D. be his alternate.

Rev. J. W. Reid deliver the charge to the people and Rev David Miles be his alternate. Rev R. K. Porter deliver the charge to the pastor & Rev. Wm. A. Link be his alternate.

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The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Editor of the Southern Presbyterian, presented the following report, which was adopted. Viz.

Resolutions
touching
Southern
Presbyterian

Whereas, it is the unanimous opinion of this Presbytery that the Southern Presbyterian is not, and under its present management, cannot be made, (so far as we can see) acceptable to our churches, as the organ of their communication with the public. Therefore -

Resolved - That we, as a presbytery decline to take any action with respect to this newspaper, at present, having to the individual Christians under our oversight to act, as they personally direct in the premises -

Resolved; That our conviction of the indispensability of a denominational newspaper, of a high order - within the bounds of the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina, is such, that this Presbytery will joyfully hail the day which shall give to us the kind of newspaper which we ought to have, and which in some way we feel that we must have -

Resolved - That the Stated Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this paper, to the Editor of the Southern Presbyterian without unnecessary delay -

Respectfully Submitted -

The Committee to whom the Latin Exegesis, critical exercise and popular sermon of Mr. Mullally were submitted reported recommending that they be sustained as parts of trial.

Grassboro
Female College

A communication was received from the Trustees of the Female College at Grassboro asking aid - On motion a committee composed of - Bro. J. P. Wilson D.D. J. M. Reid & Col. G. Dowse was appointed to devise means for the liquidation of the debt of the Institution,

R. C. Moor

A letter was received from Mr. R. C. Moor a Licentiate under care of Presbytery requesting to be dismissed to put himself under care of Lombrocker Presbytery: Whereupon the following resolution was adopted. Viz.

Resolved. This Presbytery do now withdraw its license from R. C. Moor.

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Resolved - That a copy of the above letter and this action be sent immediately to the Session of Aberrin, ^{Miss} another to the State Clerk of Tombseker Presbytry, and also to the address of R. C. Moon at Aberrin.

Resolved, That said letter be recorded and published in the Minutes -

(Copy)

Bundtts. March 13th 1860 -

Rev. Wm. Allen -

Dear Brother -

Yours of the 7th Inst. reached me via 'Painter Post' to day - I left Painter Post last Aug. and am now pastor of Presbyterian Church, Bundtts Schuyler Co. N.Y. In the same Presbytry - I have been two years State Clerk of our Presbytry - and we have now had a licentiate by name of Richard C. Moon, under our care. Since your suspicions and impressions about the genuineness of that certificate are well founded, I never signed or gave any certificate to such a person - To the best of my knowledge we have dismissed no licentiate for two or three years and have none now under our care - It is a sad case and I comply with your request and reply promptly to your letter -

Truly yours -

Charles C. Carr, State Clerk -
of Presbytry of Chemung -

Dr. Falmage asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytry.

On Motion the examination of Mr. Mullally - on all his parts of trial was sustained as satisfactory - and Presbytry resolved to license him this evening immediately after public worship -

An Motion Presbytry took recess till 7 1/2 o'clock -

7 1/2 o'clock Presbytry met - it being the order of the day to hear the Sermon of Prof. Woodrow as trial for examination. After the Sermon Presbytry proceeded to license Mr. F. P. Mullally - to preach the Gospel as a

Order to License
Mullally -

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probation. At his own request a letter of recommendation was given him to put himself under the care of Charleston Presbytery.

On Motion it was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning 9 o'clock to discuss the question of the Religious instruction of the colored People.

Church Extension Committee

A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Committee was read and on motion the following brethren were constituted a church extension committee for Hopewell Presbytery - viz - Bro. Wm. Hinn, C. W. Lane and Elders D. C. Campbell

Leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Presbytery was granted to Bro. J. M. Reid and Elders Ellington Adams and Dorsey.

Narrative

The Committee on the Narrative presented their Report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly - viz -

In reviewing the condition of our Church in the bounds of this Presbytery we find abundant cause of gratitude to God and encouragement for our own hearts, that all has not been done that might, that much has been done that might have resulted differently and that we have ample ground for humility, confession, and repentance is evident, y^t. with but little exception God has been good to us in the baptism of His Spirit. Building his people, encouraging ministers and elders - and exciting all to more earnest, undivided and extended effort, for the advancement of His Kingdom.

In some of our Churches we have had precious and extensive revivals of Religion, in nearly all showing evidence of the presence and power ^{of God} though often in a more limited degree.

Sabbath Schools are generally cared for with great fidelity, the Standards of our Church being the great textbooks of our instruction - Nearly every one of our Churches is giving laborious and increasing attention to the

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religious instruction of the coloured people. They are in most instances, collected in Sabbath schools, earnestly taught by faithful men and women. Much special preaching is devoted to them, and God is largely blessing these prayer meetings and labours, by adding to his church many of them, perhaps more than ever before, for the same time, in the history of this Presbytery.

Our churches generally are growing in the grace of giving, and we hope that they will all so long contribute of their means more readily up to the measure of their ability.

Upon the whole, then, we would fervently thank God - take fresh courage, and rededicate ourselves to his service.

Respectfully Submitted

R. H. Porter, Chairman

Bro. Jos. B. Wilson D.D. obtained leave of absence after this evening session.

The Committee on Supplies for vacant churches made the following Report. viz - Goshen Church - Bro. Abram Jemwoody & Bird each one Sabbath at discretion, For Danville Church, S. A. Church & Bro. C. W. Lane, each one Sabbath at discretion.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, closing with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the previous session were read and corrected. Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz -

Religious Instruction
of the
Coloured
People

The conference on the Religious Instruction of the coloured people. The Roll was called and the members presented their views on the subject. Presbytery passed an order to refer the whole matter to the Domestic Missionary Committee, and ordered that the Session of all our churches be instructed to send all the information on this subject which they can collect, to the committee in time for them to report to Presbytery at its next meeting.

Bros. Hum & Windsor obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. Presbytery then took recess until after Divine Service, after which it resumed business.

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A resolution of thanks to the Citizens of Mount Zion for their generous hospitality was passed and ordered to be read from the Pulpit. The Minutes were then read and corrected and Presbytery adjourned to meet in Milledgeville tomorrow morning 10 o'clock. Closed with Prayer -
Milledgeville Sabbath Morning April 8th

Ordination of Prof. Woodrow

Presbytery met according to adjournment and proceeded to the ordination of Prof. James Woodrow. In obedience to the order of Presbytery, Rev. J. R. Wilson D.D. presided, preached the sermon and proposed the Constitutional questions and made the Ordaining prayer. And Rev. Wm. Hinn gave the charge to the Evangelist. Presbytery took recess till tomorrow afternoon 3 o'clock -

Monday Afternoon 3 o'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer - In the absence of the Moderator - on motion Rev. W. Hinn presided and T. T. Windsor acted as clerk pro tem.

Reception of David Mills

Rev. David Mills presented a letter of dismission from the presbytery of South Carolina and after examination was received as a member of this Presbytery - And he having signified his acceptance of the call from the Macon Church, a committee consisting of Rev. C. M. Lane and Elder T. T. Windsor was appointed to make arrangements for his installation as Pastor of the Macon Church - The committee subsequently reported the following order

- 1st That the Installation take place on the 4th Sabbath in May -
- 2 Dr. Church as principal and Dr. Salmage as alternate - to preside - propose the constitutional questions and deliver the charge to the Pastor -
- 3 Rev. Wm. Hinn, as principal and Rev. R. H. Porter as alternate to preach the Sermon -
- 4th Rev. C. M. Lane as Principal and Rev. James Woodrow as alternate to deliver the charge to the people -

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Herbron Church on Thursday before the fifth Sabbath in September at 7 o'clock P.M.

Wm. Hinn Moderator -
T. T. Windsor Temp. Clerk

Milledgeville July 1860

Presbytery of ^{met} Keapewell in the
 Presbyterian Church of Milledgeville
 at 10 o'clock A.M. in obedience to
 the call of the moderator, by a cir-
 cular issued according to the
 direction of our form of government.
 The object of the Pro Re Natus
 meeting being, as set forth in the
 Circular, to consider the request of
 the Churches of Eatonton & Madison
 for leave to prosecute a call before
 the Presbytery of Baltimore for the
 pastoral services of Rev Henry J. Kauf-
 man.

Present. Rev. S. K. Falmage D.D.
 Rev. W. H. Himm. C. W. Lane, James
 Woodrow. Elders. J. J. Windsor of the
 Milledgeville Church & Cal Young
 of the Eatonton Church.

In the absence of the moderator
 the Rev. S. K. Falmage was requested to
 take the chair. Opened with prayer
 On motion leave was granted to the
 Church of Eatonton, & to the Church of
 Madison to prosecute a call before the
 Presbytery of Baltimore for the pastoral labours
 of Rev. H. J. Kaufman.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish
 said Churches with a copy of the
 above resolution.

Presbytery adjourned.
 Closed with Prayer.

S. K. Falmage D.D. Moderator

W. H. Himm. Stated Clerk

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Thursday, Sept. 26th 1/2 past 7 o'clock P. M. Presbytery of Wapewick according adjournment and was opened with a sermon by Rev. George Church D.D. the moderator from Ephesians 3:10. "to the intent that now unto the principalities & powers might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."

Presbytery was constituted by Prayer.

On calling the roll the following ministers answered to their names.

Present	Absent
A. Church D.D.	A Hoyt D.D.
Henry Safford.	J. H. Calmage D.D.
R. C. Ketchum.	S. S. Davis D.D.
G. W. Cartledge	J. H. Reid
R. H. Porter	C. P. Reman D.D.
H. W. Milner	Henry Newton
Wm. Allen	C. B. King
James Woodrow.	C. S. H. Axson D.D.
	C. H. Sand
	Jos. C. Wilson D.D.
	Homar Hedges.
	Re A Houston
	David Hills
	J. B. Dunwoody

Churches represented.

Athens. J. Kirkpatrick, Thyatis D. Mc Burns Hebron & New Lebanon
 P. C. Key. ^{New Hope} Reading Hill J. P. Hopkins. Sandy Creek & Brighton
 Danielsville H. J. Song.

Rev. C. H. Milner has chosen Moderator, and Rev. C. C. Ketchum Temporary Clerk.

On motion the reading of the rules was dispensed with.
 Rev. G. W. Cartledge and ruling Elder P. C. Key were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises

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Presbytery adjourned to meet at this place at 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning 8½ o'clock. Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last stated meeting, and of the adjourned pro re nata meetings were read.

Absentees from the last meeting were called on for their reasons for absence. The committee on Domestic Missions presented their report which was referred to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs Woodrow, Safford, and Ruling Elder H. P. Song.

The Churches were called on to state the reason for their delinquency in sending up a written report in reference to the religious instruction of the colored population.

Manford Deery Ruling Elder from the Harmony Church appeared, rendered reasons for tardiness and took his seat.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the Moderator On Bills and Overtures. At Church D. D. Jas Woodrow, and Ruling Elder J. P. Hopkins.

Judicial Committee. Rev Messrs H. Safford & H. Bartledge and Ruling Elder J. Kirkpatrick.

On the Narrative of the State of Religion, Rev Messrs Jas Woodrow, R. H. Porter, and Ruling Elder D. McBurns.

The report of the Commissioners to the last General Assembly was presented by Dr Church.

A committee consisting of Rev R. H. Porter and Ruling Elder J. Kirkpatrick were appointed to report on the minutes of the last General Assembly.

Time & place of next meeting Canton was chosen as the place for the next stated meeting of the Presbytery. The time selected is the Wednesday before the Second Sabbath in April next at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Remodelling. On Motion it was Resolved. That a committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be to remodel the several committees for the examination of candidates, and to nominate these committees at the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Churches were called on to ascertain what had been done in taking up collections in behalf of disabled ministers and the families of deceased ministers and it appearing that the churches had been generally delinquent, on Motion the whole matter was referred to a committee consisting of Rev Messrs Woodrow Flinn and Ruling Elder D. McBurns.

Presbytery then had a recess until 2½ o'clock.

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Presbytery met at 2 1/2 o'clock

David H. King, Ruling Elder from the Concord Church, and Robert Alexander Barnesville, appeared rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took their seats.

Conference

On Motion it was Resolved to continue the same subject of conference for the next meeting of Presbytery viz. The proper observance of the Sabbath and that Rev R. H. Porter be appointed to preach the sermon and Rev Jas Woodrow his alternate.

Fund for disabled ministers

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the order of Presbytery in reference to the collection to be taken up in behalf of disabled Ministers and the families of deceased ministers reported the following which was adopted. Whereas it appears that the order of Presbytery involved in the following resolution passed at the meeting in Greensboro viz. Resolved has been generally disregarded by both ministers and churches notwithstanding the immediate claims of two families upon the fund therefore Resolved *

The reports from the churches on the State of Religion were read, and the usual conversation on the religious condition of the churches was held.

John Lane Candidate

Rev J. H. Cartledge then introduced to the Presbytery Mr John G. Lane a member of New Hope Church with a view to his reception under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He was examined on personal piety, and his views in seeking the Gospel Ministry: and this examination proving satisfactory he was received under the care of Presbytery.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported the reports was adopted and is as follows.

Candidates to report to Presbyteries.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly beg leave to report.
1st We recommend Presbytery to adopt as its own the resolution on page 21.
2nd With Reference to resolution on page 25. we recommend the adoption of the following resolution. That the Candidates under our care be enjoined either in person or by letter to give to the Presbytery at each meeting a report of their progress in their studies, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to furnish them with a copy of this resolution.
3rd That the Stated Clerk be authorized to order a copy of the proposed new Book of Discipline for each Minister of this Presbytery and that he draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds.

* That the order be continued and that the Stated Clerk be directed to call the attention of the Ministers and churches to the subject by Circular Letter.

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Saturday Morning 8 1/2 o'clock. Presbytery met and opened with prayer
The report of the Committee on the Report of the Executive
Committee of Domestic Missions reported - their report was adopted and is
as follows.

Report of
Committee
on Domestic
Missions

1st Resolved that the Rev Messrs of R. Wilson D.D. Chairman R. H.
Porter, and S. S. Davis and Messrs of A. Husley, Porter Fleming, W^m Shear
and D. S. Adams be hereby appointed members of the Committee on
Domestic Missions.

2nd Resolved that this Committee be directed to carry into effect the
resolution adopted by this Presbytery at its last Meeting at Mt Zion
relating to our connection with the Board of Domestic Missions of the
General Assembly.

3rd Resolved that the Committee be directed to continue to endeavor
with all due diligence to secure the services of an itinerant to labor
under their supervision in our destitute churches, and in what-ever other
unoccupied field they may direct.

4th Resolved that the order of Presbytery passed at its last
meeting, requiring the sessions of all our churches to send all the
information on the subject of the religious instruction of the colored
people they can collect to the Committee on Domestic Missions be
continued; and that they send their reports before 1st March

On Motion it was resolved, That the Stated Clerks be instructed
to communicate to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Domestic
Missions all action of Presbytery at each of its sessions concerning its
organizations and duties.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion reported, which
report was adopted and is as follows.

Many of the reports from the churches are so meagre, and so many
other churches have not reported at all, that your committee are unable
to give a full and satisfactory view of the state of Religion within our
bounds - As far as they have anything positive to present, it is of a very
cheering character, and that for which devout thanksgiving should be rendered
to the giver of such rich blessings. Several of your churches, which have
been visited by our Synodical Evangelist, report that they have enjoyed
the special outpouring of the Spirit of God. It was stated in one of
these that all of the baptized children of the church above twelve years
of age, with but a solitary exception, had been received into the full
communion of the church. Aware, as your committee are of the danger
attending hasty admissions into the church during protracted meetings and
times of unusual excitement, they record as worthy of imitation the practice

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mentioned in one of the reports of taking persons desiring admissions on such occasions under the care of the Session as Catechumens to remain under their special guardianship and instruction until ample time shall have elapsed to avoid as far as possible the dangers alluded to.

In many other churches there are evidences that the graces of God's people are reviving even where there are not as yet unbelievers found inquiring after the way of life. One of these evidences is the continually increasing interest manifested in the religious instruction of the blacks. In many places Sabbath Schools for this class are maintained; and in some there are what may be termed family Sabbath Schools, where the servants of a family are instructed from week to week by members of the family.

Your Committee regarding this as the best kind of Sabbath Schools should earnestly direct attention to this subject: for this, they think, is a mode by which our servants can be best taught: one which is free from all the objections sometimes urged against public Sabbath Schools, and one which affords to the young and zealous members of our churches, while discharging their natural duties, the means of engaging actively in our Masters work.

While your Committee do not approve of committing the religious instruction of servants to those of their own color as a general thing they mention with gratification the labors of a colored man under the direction of the Session of the Church, where the number of colored communicants has increased within a year from one to twenty chiefly through his instrumentality. These are all the material facts in the possession of your committee.

On Motion it was Resolved that the Stated Clerk be instructed to write again to Rev G. B. King to inquire why he has not answered the last letter ordered by us, and why through so many meetings he does not report himself to this Presbytery.

On Motion Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the Citizens of this vicinity for their hospitality to this body during the present Session.

On Motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at Catontow on Wednesday before the Second Sabbath in April 1861. at 7 1/2 o'clock. Closed with Singing Prayer and Apostolic Benediction.

Rev. R. W. Milner, Moderator
 " Wm. Minn, Stated Clerk

Examined in Synod and approved thus far with the exception that on page 449 the minute does not state that the sessions of Presbytery were closed with prayer

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J. W. Baker
Moderator

Milledgeville March 1861

In obedience to a call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Hopewell held a pro re nata, meeting at Milledgeville March 14th 1861 to take into consideration a proposition to change the time of holding ~~its~~ its regular Spring sessions from the second Wednesday of April to the first Wednesday. Present S. K. Talmage D. D. H. Safford. W. Plim, & C. H. Lane. On motion H. Safford took the Chair. Opened with prayer.

On motion it was resolved the change as to the time of meeting, proposed in the call of the moderator, be made, & that Presbytery be ordered to convene at Eatonton on Wednesday the 3rd day of April, at seven o'clock.

On motion Presbytery adjourned.
closed with prayer

Rev Henry Safford Moderator
" Wm Plim, Secy. Clerk.

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3rd 1861. 1 1/2 P.M. Wednesday, April

The Presbytery of Keopewell met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. R. W. Milner, from John 16:7. "nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you;" and was then constituted with prayer

On the calling of the roll the following members answered to their names: viz.

Ministers

- S. K. Salmage D.D.
- Henry Safford
- * J. W. Reid
- G. H. Cartledge
- R. K. Porter
- R. W. Milner
- Wm. Funn
- James Woodrow
- Gas. A. Wilson D.D.
- L. M. Lane (2)
- J. B. Danwody (2)
- H. P. Beman D.D. (2)
- J. S. K. Anson D.D. (2)

Ministers Absent,

- A. Church D.D.
- N. Hoyt D.D.
- S. S. Davis D.D.
- R. C. Kitchum
- Henry Newton
- Walter Munde
- R. L. Houston
- David Mills
- C. B. King

Ruling Elders

- Athens Church. Thos Bishop
- Woodstock. W. J. Danie
- Helbron & New Libanon. Wm Turk
- Waynesboro & Bath. Edmunda Byne
- Shady Creek. S. Tenney
- Edisto. A. C. Mason
- Millidgeville. T. J. Windsor
- Augusta. J. W. Bones
- Greensboro. Geo Cunningham
- Monticello. N. B. White
- Madison. D. M. Robertson
- Cashen. L. Lamar
- Sparta. T. S. Little (2)
- Macon. J. J. Gresham (2)
- Mt. Zion. A. J. Hearwell (2)
- Swinton. R. L. Story (3)

Churches not represented.

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Rev. R. H. Porter was elected Moderator and Rev. Jas. Woodrow, Temporary Clerk. On motion the reading of the rules was dispensed. The Rev. C. H. Skillman of the Presbytery of Albany, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed, consisting of Rev. C. H. Skillman, S. K. Talmage D.D. & Eld. A. C. Mason.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet on Thursday morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning 9 o'clock
Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. On motion it was resolved to spend half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Lecture room of the Methodist Episcopal Church having ^{been} tendered for the use of Pres. On motion it was accepted and Pres. ~~ad~~ ~~joined~~ repaired thither.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting, & of the Pro Re Mato meeting held March 14th were read & approved.

S. K. Talmage D.D. J. W. Reid & Jos. R. Wilson D.D. gave reasons for their absence from the last stated meeting which were sustained. S. S. Davis D.D. & Rev. R. A. Weston by letter gave reasons for their absence from the last & the present meeting of Presbytery which were sustained.

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Reports from the candidates for the ministry under the care of Presbytery were received.

A Letter was received from Rev. Charles B King assigning reasons for continued absence from all the meetings of Presbytery, and read, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. S. R. Wilson D.D. H. Safford & Elder, L. Lamar

C B King for absence of Comm appointed

The Rev. Mr. Wynn of the M & E Church, the Rev. Messrs. Edmondston & Marshall of the Baptist Church were invited to sit as corresponding members

The Committee appointed at the last stated meeting of Presbytery to remodel the Committees on the examination of candidates, reported, making the following nominations

Remodeling Comm on Examination Candidates

	1. Languages.	2.	3	4
	C. P. Beman D.D.	Ment & Mor Phil.	Math Nat Science.	Logic. Belles L & G
	J. W. Reid	J. S. K. Axson. D.D.	C. W. Lane	A. Church D.D.
Committees	Wm. Flinn	R. K. Porter	A. Church D.D.	S. K. Talmage D.D.
	S. K. Talmage D.D.	H. Newton	R. A. Houston	R. B. Ketchum
	G. H. Bartledge.	R. A. Houston	H. Newton	J. B. Dunwoody
		D. Wills	J. Woodrow.	R. K. Porter
			J. J. Simpson.	W. H. Adams.
	5.	6	7	8
	Theology.	Ecc. History.	Sacraments.	Church Govnt.
	W. Flinn	S. K. Talmage D.D.	A. Hoyt. D.D.	S. S. Davis D.D.
	J. R. Wilson D.D.	R. W. Milnor	D. Wills	J. R. Wilson D.D.
Committees	A. Hoyt D.D.	R. K. Porter	J. R. Wilson D.D.	W. Flinn
	H. Safford	H. Newton	J. W. Reid	C. W. Lane
	C. P. Beman D.D.	R. C. Ketchum	J. S. K. Axson D.D.	J. B. Dunwoody

On motion the report was adopted

Place of Meeting

Lexington was chosen as the place, and 7 1/2 P. M., on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September as the time, for holding the next stated meeting of P'y

The Churches were called upon to report whether they had obeyed the order of P'y to take up collections for the support of disabled ministers and the families of deceased ministers; when it appeared that the Mill-edgeville & Sparta Churches alone had complied with the order. On motion, it was resolved that these two Churches be authorized to distribute the amounts collected at their discretion

Disabled Ministers and families Deceased Ministers

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Observ^e of Sabbath Sabbath was made the first order of the day for Friday afternoon

Ex^e. Com. Dom. Missions The report of the Ex Committee on Domestic Miss^{ns} was made the first order of the day, & the election of Comm^s to the Genl. Assembly, the second, for Friday morning

J. J. Simpson. Records and Reports for order of the day.

The examination of J. J. Simpson was made the first, and the reception of the Sessional records and statistical reports from the Churches, the second order of the day, for Thursday afternoon

Ex^m. Bro G. Lane

Bro G Lane was examined on the Latin & Greek languages, and his examination was sustained

On motion. P'y took a recess until 2 1/2 P.M. Thursday 2 1/2 P.M.

P'y met and spent half hour in dev^on exercises C. W Lane. C. P. Berman D.D. J. B. Dunwoody & J. S. K. Ayson D.D. & Ruling Elders J. J. Gresham. Macon Church, J. I. Little Sparta Church & A. J. Harwell Mt Zion Church, appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness

order of the day.

The first order of the day was taken up and J. J. Simpson was examined upon the Languages, Arts & Sciences & Theology

Standing Committees appointed

The following Standing Committees were appointed

<u>Bills & Overtures</u>	<u>Judicial</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
H. Safford	S. K. Talmage D.D.	J. B. Dunwoody
G. H. Cartledge	R. W. Milnor	J. W. Reid
L. Lamar. Elder	A. B. White Elder	A. C. Mason Elder

order of the day.

The second order was then taken up and the following Comm^s were appointed

(on Sessional records. see Paper B. No. 2. Filed)

On motion P'y adjourned to meet to morrow, at 8 1/2 AM - closed with prayer

Friday morning 8 1/2 O'clock.

order of the day

P'y met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. It was made the third order for this morning to hear reports from the Churches on the State of religion

Report Com^s on Records

The Committees on the Sessional records of the following Churches reported, recommending that the records be approved, viz; Harmony, Eatonton (with exceptions)

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Report on Records Madison, Athens, Washington, Hebron, Augusta, Milledge^c, Waynesboro & Bath, New Lebanon, Sandy Creek, Macon, and Sparta.

J. J. Simpson J. J. Simpsons Critical exercises and Latin Exegesis were received and referred, the former to Comm^o J W Reid & J J Gueham; the latter to C P Beman D.D. & L Lamar.

Comm. appointed on Report Ex Com Dom Miss^o The report of the Ex Com on Dom Missions (the first order of the day) was read and referred to a Committee consisting of C W Lane, H Safford, J S K Axson D.D. J W Bonin & A J Harwell.

Election of Comm^o to Genl. Assembly The second order of the day (the Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly) was taken up: when on motion, it was resolved that the election of Clerical Commissioners be without nomination, which resulted in the choice of S K Talmage D.D. & L Lamar as principals and J W Reid & W L Mitchell as Alternates.

Division of Church On motion, an interlocutory meeting was held for the purpose of exchanging views on the subject of the division of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S. of Am

Leave of Absence Leave of absence was granted after the present Session of P'y to J. J. Little and after the session of to night to S K Talmage D.D. J W Reid Jno Cunningham & W. J. Daniel

P'y took a recess until 2 1/2 o'clock.

2 1/2 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met.

Arrival of Delegates Ruling Elder R L Story from the Church at Irwinton appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

order of day postponed On motion the first order of the day was postponed until tomorrow morning. The third order for this ditto taken up morning was taken up and reports from the Churches were received and free conversation held upon the state of religion

Standing Rule for Sessions Church Sessions be opened with prayer in all cases to be opened with prayer except when immediately following religious exercises, and that they be also closed with prayer or the apostolic benediction; and that the fact be stated in the Sessional record

The Committees to which the critical exercises

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J. J. Simpson

and Latin Exegesis of J. J. Simpson had been referred, reported recommending that they be approved as parts of trial which report was adopted. J. J. Simpson was then examined upon Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments, and Church Government. P'y took a recess until 7³/₄ o'clock, P. M.

7³/₄ P. M. P'y met. and heard J. J. Simpson's popular lecture and sermon, when it was resolved that the examination of J. J. Simpson be sustained, and the parts of trial approved, & that P'y do proceed to license him to preach the Gospel as a Probationer.

On motion, it was resolved that the Moderator inform J. J. Simpson that the Presbytery expect & require that he complete the three years course in the Seminary, if Providence do not interpose to prevent. & he was then licensed in due form. It was resolved that our probationer, J. J. Simpson, be directed to labour in our domestic missionary field during his summer vacation at such points as the Executive Committee on Dom Missions & Presbyterial Evangelist may advise.

P'y then adjourned to meet at 8¹/₂ o'clock to morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning 8¹/₂ A. M. Presby met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The Committee to which was referred C. B. King's letter reported as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. C. B. King report the following viz
That the Stated Clerk be directed to write to Bro King informing him that in the judgment of Presby the reasons assigned in his letter for his habitual absence from the meetings of Presby cannot be received as satisfactory. The duty of a member of Presby to attend all its meetings is defined and determined in his ordination vows; and Presby has not the power to dispense with these obligations. Presby therefore orders that for the future do take pains to be present, as a matter of solemn and covenanted duty obligation, at all the meetings of this body; or if that should prove to be impossible

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then that he do send, by letter, to Presbytery at each of its stated meetings a distinct statement of the reasons for his absence from that ~~body~~ meeting, together with a full report of his labours in the work of the Ministry from one meeting to another

Order of the day postponed

On motion the report was received and adopted
On motion the order of the day was postponed for 20 minutes, to confer with reference to the Greensboro Female College.

Order taken up

The order of the day was then taken up and the conference held on the proper observance of the Sabbath.

Comm^e on S^o Plymt S. P. Review

On motion it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to present to Presbytery the claims of the Southern Presbyterian & the S. P. Review Committee J R Wilson D D. J I Gusham & S W Bone

Subject for Conference next meeting

The family observance of the Sabbath was chosen as the subject for conference at the next stated meeting of Presbytery. on motion the Rev C W Lane, was appointed as Principal, and the Rev C P Beman as Alternate to preach upon the subject

Order of the day

The report of the Committee on the report of the Executive Committee on Domestic Missions was made the order for the day for this afternoon

J H Kaufman as supply

On motion leave was granted given to the Churches at Monticello and Madison to employ the Rev J H Kaufman as their supply after the present session

Leave of absence was given to D M Robertson from after the present Session

P. M. took a recess until 2 1/2 O'Clock P.M.
Saturday 2 1/2 O'Clock P.M.

Presbytery met and spent a half hour in devotional exercises

Rept. Ex Com Dom Miss^{ns}

The order of the day was then taken up and the report of the Committee, on the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions was received and adopted, as follows.

The Ex Comm^e of Dom Missions for the Presbytery of Hopewell beg leave to report
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Dom Missions

that during the six months closing 1st of April 1861. our Missionary operations have been as successfully prosecuted as could have been expected. we have been enabled to secure the services in part, of two additional Missionaries, and the entire time and energies of our general evangelist. The reports of these brethren, as to the state of religion within their respective fields of usefulness, and as to the prospects of still better times to come, are sufficiently encouraging. They lead us to believe that the Head of the Church smiles upon ~~the~~ efforts we are making for the advancement of His Kingdom throughout our Presbyterial bounds. We feel that the Presbytery has reason to be thankful for the past and hopeful for the future.

It will not be considered invidious if we take this occasion to say, that the two brethren who have for so many years occupied and extended a large area of Missionary operations in the upper portions of our territory, have continued to prove themselves worthy of our highest esteem and of our heartfelt approbation, we allude to Brothers Cartledge & Milnor, whose fidelity to their Masters appointed work, whose persevering assiduity of labour amid many difficulties and drawbacks, call for this tribute to their invaluable worth.

And we sincerely trust that Presbytery will, by all its Churches, not fail to give to them the benefit of its prayers, and of all other kinds of ministerial encouragements. We need not say that our Presbyterial Evangelist Rev^d J. W. Reid has already begun a good work among the numerous small and scattered vacancies which have for so long a time been vainly crying to us for help. The character of this excellent brother gives us the assurance that his work will be prosecuted with all the vigor possible. We are especially gratified with the interest which he is taking in the religious welfare of the blacks. This is a branch of our Missionary enterprise to whose cultivation we

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cannot look with too much favor, especially at the present period of our history, when God seems to be so wonderfully defining the mission of our Southern people with reference to this most interesting class of population. It will be a glad day for Christianity, when she shall have succeeded in giving to our slaves that spiritual elevation, which will result from impressing their minds with gospel truth such as our Church is so well calculated to impart and enforce. Your Committee will therefore continue to regard them, as one of the chief objects of the Churches solicitude.

It is with regret that we learn the purpose of the Rev^d Mr Skillman to leave the post he now occupies, we trust that it will soon be filled by another of equal efficiency.

The increase of our Missionary labors, has rendered necessary a corresponding increase in the contribution of the Churches to this cause, and in order to effect this increase of income, it is essential that there be an augmentation of the Missionary zeal in the hearts of our people. We have wealth enough in the Presbyterian Church in this portion of Georgia to accomplish for God, this noble work, in a manner the most satisfactory. This wealth needs only to be touched by the sanctifying hand of the Divine Spirit, and it will flow in a stream of liberality which will leave nothing to desire.

The Expenses of our Missionary operations during the current year will be something over \$2500-. The first two quarters salaries have been paid, or are ready to be paid, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer for the third quarter. We will, however, be crippled in our pecuniary arm toward the close of the year, unless an unusual effort shall be made by all the Pastors and Stated supplies to supplement the contributions already made, to increase above

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former years the annual contributions yet to be made
The abstract of the Treasurers report is as follows.

(Filed among reports Letter A)

We think it is unnecessary to add anything more.
The Committee to whom this paper will be entrusted
will find sufficient information embodied in it,
and hints given, to enable them to suggest that action
to Presbytery which may be deemed judicious.

by order Commr. J. R. Wilson Chm

Report of Committee
on Report of Ex
Comm. Dom. Missions

The Committee upon the reports of the Ec Comm^e
of Domestic Missions, beg leave to submit the following
report. That they are cheered with the indications
of prosperity in our Domestic Missionary work which
the report of the Ec Comm^e exhibits. Your Comm^e
are highly gratified at the appointment of Rev
J. W. Reid as Presbyterial Evangelist, and at
the growing interest manifested in the religious
instruction of servants alluded to in the report.

Your Committee hope that the churches within
our bounds will make vigorous efforts to bring
their contributions up to a level with the heavy
but necessary pecuniary obligations assumed by
the Executive Committee

Respectfully submitted

Southern Presbyterian

The following report from the Committee on the
S^o. Presbyterian & the S^o. P^o Review was received and
the resolutions were adopted

1st Resolved. That the high character of the S^o. Presby^{terian}
as it is now ably and efficiently
edited by the Rev^d A. A. Porter commends it to our
heartiest confidence

2^d. Resolved. That we as Ministers & Elders of the
Presbyt^{ry} of Hopewell hereby pledge
ourselves to make an immediate effort to place the
Southern Presbyt^{erian} in every family of our respective
Congregations, as an admirable means of promoting
among our people a new interest in the current history
of our beloved Church, and of furnishing them with
additional impulses in their Christian duties

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Southern Py Review 3^d Resolved. That we cordially approve of the management of the Southern Presbyterian Review, and deem its wide circulation among our ministers & laymen. very important as a medium of communicating to Gods People, the best thoughts of some of the best Southern Christian writers, and we trust that this excellent quarterly, will hereafter meet among us with all the favour it so richly deserves.

Narrative State Religion The Narrative upon the State of religion was received and adopted. (Filed)

Change time of meeting The time of meeting ^{of Presbytery} was changed from 7 1/2 O'clock Pm to 10 O'clock AM (Thursday)
(The minutes had not been written up at the time the notice for the meeting was inserted in the S^d Presbytry and the above change of time was overlooked)

Missionary Sermon On Motion J R Wilson D.D. was elected to preach a sermon on the subject of Domestic Missions before the Presbytry, at its next meeting on Thursday evening at 7 1/2 O'clock

to pay Delegates to Assembly On Motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay \$75⁰⁰ to each of our Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Vote of thanks The usual vote of thanks was then passed to the Citizens of Eatonton for their generous hospitality and to the Methodist Church for the use of their Church for preaching and their Lecture Room for the regular meetings of this body.

Adjourned to meet at Lexington at stated time. Closed with singing Prayer and apostolic Benediction.
for Wm. H. Linn Secy

Lexington September 1861

Presbytery of Hopewell met according to adjournment at Lexington Sept 19th at 7 1/2 P.M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev J R Wilson D.D from Luke 3rd 1-11.

The Moderator being absent, the next Moderator present Rev R W Miller called the Presbytery to order and opened its session with prayer.

The election of Moderator was deferred till tomorrow morning.

Rev Jas Woodrow was chosen Temporary Clerk

Ministers present

- W Hoyt D.D
- J K Talmege D.D (3)
- Henry Safford
- J J Davis D.D (2)
- J W Reid
- H P Beman D.D
- G W Bartledge
- R W Miller
- J S K Axson D.D
- C W Lane (2)
- J R Wilson D.D
- R A Womets (2)
- Jas Woodrow
- David Wills (2)

Ministers absent

- A Church D.D
- Henry Newton
- R C Kitchum
- R H Potter
- C B King
- Wm Wender
- Wm Flier
- J B Dunwoody

Churches not represented

- Trinitan
- Lincolnton
- Pleasant Hill
- Woodstock
- Carnesville
- Thyatira
- Clarksville
- Catonsville
- Chillicothe
- Spartan
- Chillicothe
- Washington
- Danielsville
- South Liberty
- Pleasant Cove
- Chillicothe
- Warren
- Chillicothe
- Goshen

Churches represented

- Lexington - G F Platt
- Athens - E L Newton
- Weldon & Lebanon - J Johnson
- Waynesboro & Bath - G Jones
- Sandy Creek - J Tenney (4)
- New Hope - J Hopkins
- Augusta - C A Rowland (2)
- Concord - J E Caldwell
- Greensboro - W E Johnson
- Monticello - N B White (2)
- Bethany - W Lowry (2)

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock -
Closed with prayer.

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Friday Morning - 20th Sept 1861 -

Presbytery met - opened with prayer. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following members appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness -

Ministers

S J Davis D D

C W Lane

R A Houston

J Wills

Elders

W B White

W Curry

C A Rowland

W E Johnson

Rev S E Axson being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev C P Beman D D was chosen Moderator.

Letters were read from Rev A Church D D, Rev W Bender, and Rev C B King giving reasons for absence from the present meeting of Presbytery which were sustained.

Rev C B King asked to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Georgia, and Rev W Bender to the Flint River Presbytery. On motions these requests were granted.

Moderator announced the following standing committees.

On Bills & Ordinances - Lane - Reel - Johnson

Judicial Committee - Cartledge - Axson - Curry

On the Narrative - Lane - Axson - White

Devotional Exercises - Miller - Reel - Platt

On motion Rev Dr Davis - it was Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed to report as to what action should be taken by Presbytery on the relations of the Church.

Messrs Davis, Wilson, Hoyt, Douse & Newton were appointed that Committee. On motion, Rev G W Cartledge was added to the Committee, and on motion of Rev Dr Davis, the Moderator was appointed to serve in place of Dr Davis.

The Minutes of the special meeting held in Athens on the 6th of August were read and approved.

The report of Rev G W Cartledge delegate to the

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Atlanta Convention was accepted, and he was authorized to draw five dollars from the Treasury to pay the allowance on this Presbytery for the publication of the Minutes of that Convention.

Rev Jas Woodrow was appointed to perform the duties of Stated Clerk in the absence or Chaplain in the Army of Rev Wm Thim; and Rev R A Houston was appointed Temporary Clerk.

It was resolved to hold the next regular meeting of Presbytery at ^{beginning} ~~Chatham~~, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in April 1862 at eight o'clock P.M.

The report of Ex Commr Domestic Missions was presented by Dr Wilson Chairman. On motion, referred to a Committee consisting of ^{beginning} ~~Wright~~, Houston & Newton.

The abstract of the report is as follows

"Our official action during the opening part of the year was upon a larger scale than formerly. We resolved to support entirely or in part, five Missions one of whom was to be a Presbyterial Evangelist. Up to the close of the first Quarter of the year, we enjoyed every prospect of securing easily and promptly an amount of money sufficient to pay the salaries of all the brethren acting under our Commission. We however find ourselves at the close of the third quarter considerably in debt to our Evangelist, with no immediate funds that we can rely upon for securing his payment. We urge upon Presbytery the propriety of ordering our Churches to take up second collections for the purpose of meeting the existing deficiency, and we recommended the turning over to your Committee the residue of the Commission funds which may remain unexpended in the hands of our Treasurers after meeting the expenses of our delegates to Atlanta, and of our Commissioners to the Genl Assembly in December next.

We earnestly beg of Presbytery to take such action as may prevent the necessity of retrenchment in our operations. Especially are we unwilling to give up our present Evangelist."

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Candidate for Lane presented a report of his studies for the last six months, which was accepted.

Presbytery then took a recess till 3 o'clock P.M., to afford an opportunity for a meeting of the Geo Missiary Society.

3 o'clock P.M. - The Madison & Monticello Churches asked and obtained leave to employ Rev. J. W. Kaufman as Stated Supply till the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

On motion the free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds, was then held.

Ruling Elder J. Tenney of Sandy Creek Church appeared, and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A Synodical prayer meeting was then held; after which a recess was taken till after public service at night.

9 o'clock P.M. - On motion Resolved that the action of the Geo Domestic Missiary Society, contemplating a charter of incorporation, to be under the control of Hopewell Presbytery be hereby approved by this Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on the relations of the Church was made the first order of the day for tomorrow morning - the report of the Committee on the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions the second order, and the report of the President of the Greenboro Female College, the third order.

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Presbytery was granted to Elder J. Tenney.

Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

closed with prayer by the moderator.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.

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

Rev. Dr. Salmage appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The report of the Committee on the relations of the Church was received and after amendment was adopted as follows -

"The Committee on the state of the Church beg leave to submit the following resolutions as their report.

Resolved, that this Presbytery do hereby reaffirm the action of the special meeting held in Athens on the 6th day of August last, which action separated this Presbytery from the General Assembly in the

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United States of America, and absolved our churches from obedience to that jurisdiction, without in any way affecting our relations to our Sister Presbytery of the South, and to the Synod of Georgia.

Resolved - that we take great pleasure in endorsing the resolution of that Special Meeting, touching the recognition of Dr of Leighton Wilson, as the receiver of all money intended for the cause of Foreign Missions, and to act as the head of this department of our benevolent operations until the meeting of our Southern General Assembly.

Resolved - that this Presbytery cheerfully commends the action of our delegates to the Advisory Convention of Ministers and Elders, which convened in Atlanta Geo on the 15th day of August last.

Resolved - that the Proposition submitted to the various Presbyteries by that convention, which suggests to them the propriety of adopting a Specific Act, declarative of their adherence to a given constitution, is deemed wise and timely; and that we accordingly declare our continued adherence to the "Confession of Faith, the Catechisms the Directory for the worship of God, and the plan and form of Government and Discipline" under which we acted, when connected with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, with the single change of the word "United" to "Confederate" wherever the phrase occurs "The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America".

Resolved - that this Presbytery heartily approve of the action of the Atlanta Convention, in advising the call of a General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America, to meet in the city of Augusta Georgia on the 4th day of December next, and that accordingly we will as soon as possible, proceed to the election of two Commissioners to represent us in the proposed Assembly.

Resolved - that we further concur in the action of the Atlanta Convention, which suggests the names of Rev Dr Waddell and Gray of the Presbytery of Memphis, and Dr Joseph Jones of Augusta Ruling elder, as a Commission to examine the credentials of all those who may present

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themselves as authorized to attend said Assembly, and that we approve of the selection of Rev Dr Palmer of New Orleans & Rev Dr Wilson of Augusta, as principal and alternate in preaching the opening sermon before the proposed General Assembly, and in presiding over that body until a Moderator can be chosen."

On motion the Presbytery then proceeded to elect two Commissioners and their Alternates, to the proposed General Assembly at Augusta; whereupon the Rev J R Wilson D.D. was chosen principal Ministerial Commissioner, and the Rev Dr Hoyt his alternate; and Wm J W Sumpter principal lay Commissioner - Wm E A Christ his first alternate, and W L Mitchell Esq his second alternate.

Rev Dr Hoyt presented the report of the Committee upon the report of the Ex Comm of Domestic Missions. The report was amended and adopted as follows - "The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, together with such other action to carry on the Missionsary operations, as Presbytery may deem proper.

Resolved 1st That those churches which have failed to take up collections in behalf of Domestic Missions be directed to do so immediately.

Resolved 2nd That the subject be presented a second time to those churches which have contributed to this cause, with a statement of the embarrassed condition of the funds, and if the Session deem it advisable, another collection shall be taken up.

Resolved 3rd That the Presbytery regard it of the utmost importance to sustain our Evangelist Rev Mr Reid; that we ought to make a special effort to accomplish this result; and that the Ex Comm be instructed to employ him next year, confiding in the sanctified wealth of the Church for his support.

Resolved 4th That the Treasurer of the Presbytery be ordered to pay over to the order of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, such money belonging to the Commissioners fund, as shall remain in his hands after paying the expenses of the delegates to the Convention at Atlanta and of the Commissioners to the General Assembly to be held in

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Augusta in December next, and other contingent expenses of the Presbytery, which usually come out of that fund.

Resolved 5th that these resolutions be published in the Southern Presbyterian for the information of those concerned.

Leave of absence from the remaining session was granted to Brethren Josie Woodrow Curry and Rowland.

Presbytery then took recess till 3 o'clock P.M.

Saturday 3 o'clock P.M. On motion the subject for Conference - the family observance of the Sabbath, and the sermon thereon by Rev C^W Lane was postponed until the next stated meeting of Presbytery. The sermon on Domestic Slavery to be preached by Rev Dr Wilson, was postponed until Thursday night of the next regular meeting of Presbytery. The Narrative was read and adopted, and ordered to be enlarged, sent up to the Assembly and published in the Southern Presbyterian.

The Narrative enlarged is as follows.

"The Committee on the Narrative beg leave to report that there is at present a painful death among our churches, with a few cheering exceptions. At several points where our Evangelist has laboured during the year, the Spirit has manifested his gracious presence; some have been added to the Church, and some are still inquiring. In the reports from a few of the churches, slight indications of the quickening presence of the Spirit are alluded to. It is worthy also of special notice that one of our churches, temporarily deprived of its pastor who is in Virginia as a Chaplain, seems to be in a healthy condition chiefly through the instrumentality of a zealous devoted elder who when no ministerial help can be obtained, conducts the services of the Sanctuary, revealing a stream to the congregation. With these exceptions, nothing indicative of growth or advancement, appears at present within our bounds. The absorbing interest which all feel in the war now waged against us, is in part the reason why sin languishes. It is quite possible that we as a Church, have sinned in being content with a diminished faithfulness, and activity for Christ in these troublous times. We have promptly rallied around our country with contributions of men and treasure, but have not half as earnestly sought to bear aloft the banner of the Cross. The times demand a more than ordinary zeal for Christ. Evil influences are proverbially

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more active in a time of war; the number of souls likely to perish unless soon converted, is increased; and the Church itself is in more than usual danger of withering. The promises of God are as true in trouble as in peaceful times. He teaches us both in his word and in the surey drops above noticed, that he only waits for us truly to come up to the help of the Lord, to gladden and enlarge our churches with spiritual blessings. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" —

The third order of the day was then taken up. After a statement by Rev R A Weston President of the Gooenboro Female College — a Committee consisting of Rev J W Reed Rev Dr Wilson and Elder W^m B Johnson was appointed to consult with the creditor, and ascertain what could be accomplished, looking toward a relief of the Institution from its debt. —

Presbytery then took recess till after public worship at night.

9 o'clock P.M. — On Motion, the thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the Citizens of Lexington for their hospitality, and kindness to its members, and to our Methodist brethren for the use of their church.

On motion resolved — that when Presbytery adjourns it adjourns to meet at Charlotte during Synod at the call of the moderator. The Stated Clerk Pro Tem was ordered to have such parts of the minutes as are of general interest published in the Southern Presbyterian.

Presbytery then adjourned after reading and correcting the minutes.

Closed with prayer by Rev Dr Hoyt, and the Apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

Jas Woodrow Stated Clerk Pro Tem
(remembered for him)

Marietta Nov '61

Presbytery met according to adjournment. The moderator being absent, Rev Dr Wilson was called to the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev D Wills was requested to act as temporary clerk.

Rev C W Lane was elected stated clerk pro tem in place of Rev Jas Woodrum resigned.

A letter was read from the Danville church asking for a preacher - which on motion was referred to the Ex Comm of Domestic Missions.

The stated clerk was directed to send up to the Genl Assembly at Augusta the statistical report & narrative adopted at the last Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned with the Apostolic benediction to meet at Macon, April 2nd '62 at 8 o'clock P.M. -

C W Lane Stated Clk Pro Tem

The Candidate John Godfrey Lane named in the preceding records was graduated from Oglethorpe University in the Spring of 1861 and immediately joined the army of Va in the 4th Reg. Ga. Vol. and after passing unscathed through many hard fought battles was killed by a random picket-ball during Gen. J. A. Early's Campaign in the valley of Virginia in the year 1864.

G. H. Cartledge

Historiographer of Augusta Presbytery

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Wopwell Presbytery met according to adjournment at Macon April 2nd 1862.

Rev R W Milner, the last Moderator present took the chair. Presbytery was constituted with prayer. Brethren Safford, Wills, Milner and Houston, and Elder N B White of Monticello were present. - Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10^{1/2} o'clock. -

Thursday morning April 3rd 10^{1/2} o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met - was opened with prayer. Rev J W Reid was chosen Moderator and C A Rowland temporary clerk.

The inclemency of the weather having prevented the Presbytery and Congregation from hearing the opening sermon by Rev Dr Beman the late Moderator, at the time appointed for that service - on motion - Dr Beman was requested to preach to night.

Ministers Present

- J S H Axson D.D. - 2
- C P Beman D.D.
- R A Houston
- C W Lane - 2
- R W Milner
- J W Reid
- W Safford
- J H Talmage D.D. - 2
- J Wills
- J R Wilson D.D. - 2
- R T Ketchum - 2

Churches Represented

- Waynesboro & Bath - Elden G Byrnes
- Augusta - " C A Rowland
- Milledgeville - " J T Windsor
- Macon - " C A Hiebit
- Athens - " E L Newton
- Monticello - " N B White
- Washington - " Edlington 2

Ministers Absent

- G W Cartledge
- A Church D.D.
- J J Davis D.D.
- J B Dunwoody
- Wm Filim
- N Hoyt D.D.
- W Newton
- R K Porter
- J Woodrow

Churches not Represented -

- Livingston
- Hebron & New Lebanon
- Sandy Creek
- Concord
- Goussboro
- Clarksville
- New Hope
- Thyatira
- Easton
- Bethany
- Irwin ton
- Woodstock
- Cornsville
- Pleasant Hill
- Spartan
- Alt Zion
- Danielville
- Pleasant Grove
- Madians
- Warmong
- Goshen
- South Liberty

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The minutes of the last regular meeting of Presbytery, and of the meeting at Marietta were read and approved.

Excuses for absence were read and sustained from Drs Davis and Church.

A letter was read from Licentiate F. J. Simpson giving an account of his studies & labors.

Rev A. W. Pitzer of the Presbytery of Highland, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

It was resolved that Rev Mr Pitzer be allowed to labor within the bounds of this Presbytery, and especially for the churches of Mt Zion and Sparta.

It was resolved that our daily sessions be from 9 A.M. till one o'clock - thus a recess from one until three - and that the first half hour of the morning session be given to devotional exercises.

Greenboro was chosen as the place - and Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September at 7 o'clock P.M., as the time, for holding the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Resolved that the 1st order for tomorrow be the selection of Commissioners to the Genl Assembly - the 2nd order, the reports of the churches.

The report of the Ex Comm of Domestic Missions was made the 1st order for tomorrow afternoon.

Rev Mr Goulding of the Presbytery of Georgia, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A prayer meeting in behalf of the army and country was appointed to be held at 4 o'clock on Friday Afternoon.

Presbytery then took recess -

Thursday 3 o'clock P.M. -

Rev R. C. Ketchum and Elder Ellington appeared and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

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

Rev Mr Reid, of the Committee on the Greenboro College reported that the principal creditor had agreed to let the matter rest till a more auspicious time should come.

The Committee were on motion discharged.

Wm. E. A. Hisset and C. W. Lane were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's books and report.

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Presbytery authorized its Treasurer to pay \$11.00 to the Contingent fund of the Guild Assembly.

Bro Evans of the Methodist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Bro Warren of the Baptist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

+ The usual standing Committee, and Committee upon the Sessional records were appointed, and at various times made their reports which were accepted & adopted.

Presbytery closed with prayer by Dr. Axson. —

Friday 9th Oct.

Presbytery met — prayer by the Moderator — devotional exercises for half an hour. Minutes of yesterday read & approved.

The following resolution was adopted in reference to Rev Mr Pitzer's labor, in lieu of the one adopted yesterday.

— Whereas a request has been made by the churches of Mt Zion and Sparta, for permission to engage the ministerial services of Rev A W Pitzer till the first of next year — Resolved that the request be granted.

Rev W Safford and Elder T J Windsor were appointed principal Commissioners to the Guild Assembly, — Rev J W Reid and Elder Washington Poe, alternate Commissioners. It was ordered that the Commission be issued for Memphis, or Montgomery or wherever the Assembly may meet.

Reports of the churches were then called for. The Stated Clerk was directed to call upon the churches which had sent up no statistical reports, to do so at once.

The following report of the Committee upon the Treasurer's book was received and adopted.

"The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's book beg leave to report that they have examined the book and find that it was last audited three years ago — that vouchers for only a portion of the expenditures since the last auditing are present with the book — and that the Treasurer has inadvertently omitted to charge himself with \$165⁰⁰, paid thro' Dr Wilson, two years since. Making this correction, we find a balance in hand of \$90⁴².

Respectfully Submitted
C W Lane }
E A Herbert }
Comrs

+ The list of these Committees did not come into the hands of the Stated clerk.

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The Stated Clerk was directed to forward a copy of the preceding report to the the Treasurer - Elder Peter Fleming of Augusta.

The reports of the churches on the state of religion were read, after which the free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds was held.

An invitation was received and accepted, for the Presbytery to visit the Asylum for the blind.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay \$50⁰⁰ for travelling expenses, to each of the Commissioners to the Genl Assembly.

Presbytery then took recess till 3 o'clk -

Friday 3 o'clk P.M. -

Dr Wilson Chairman of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, made a verbal report, in behalf of the Committee - stating that under the pressure of the times, and the condition of the Country, Bro Reid our Evangelist had concluded to withdraw from the field - that the Committee approved of his course whilst lamenting the necessity for it - that we are still indebted to Bro Reid about \$400⁰⁰ - that it is proposed still to continue Brothers Bartledge and Milner in the field, and that the Committee, without enlarging its operations, will need \$1500 to meet its liabilities for the present year.

Brothers Wills, Houston and White were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions.

Bro Reid made a verbal report in regard to his labor as Presbyterial Evangelist.

After a short recess the prayer meeting in behalf of the Army and Country was held.

Subsequently, leave of absence was granted to Dr Bennett, Rev J W Reid and Rev R W Milner.

Presbytery then took recess till 7 1/2 o'clk -

Friday 7 1/2 o'clk. Presbytery met in the body of the Church. Rev Dr Wilson preached according to appointment, the sermon upon Domestic Missions from Daniel 9th 25th. After which Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clk. -

Closed with prayer.

Saturday - 9 o'clk

Presbytery met. Rev R W Milner the last Moderator present, took the chair and opened the meeting

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with prayer. A half hour was spent in devotional exercises. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, the thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Dr Wilson for his able and appropriate sermon before the Presbytery, last evening.

"The proper observance of the Sabbath" was chosen as the subject for conference at the next meeting of Presbytery and Rev D Wills was appointed to preach a sermon on the subject. Rev D Wills presented the following report, from the Committee upon the report of the Ex Com Don Ellipine, which was received and adopted.

"The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Ex Com Don Ellipine, respectfully recommend the approval of said report, and as the subject embraces the very essence of the great commission, which the blessed Master gave his blood-bought church - Therefore

Resolved - 1st That this Presbytery, profoundly impressed with a sense of the magnitude and importance of its mission, address itself with renewed faith and zeal to the work of repairing the waste places within our bounds, and that all our pastors make it a point of conscience frequently and faithfully to spread before their congregations, the desolations and demands of the home field.

2nd That the signs of the times call upon us in a voice louder than a thousand thunders, to give renewed attention to the religious instruction of our Colored population, and that whilst the Southern Church has done much for the evangelization of the blacks, a still greater work remains to be done for their spiritual and eternal well being.

3rd That the Committee be ^{instructed} ~~authorized~~ to devise means to pay the balance of salary due Rev Mr Reid as the Evangelist of this Presbytery. "

Respectfully Submitted

The Commissioners to the Genl Assembly were authorized to pay whatever balance might be due of our portion of the contingent fund of the Genl Assembly, and to draw upon the Treasurer of Presbytery for the amount.

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Dr. Talmage announced the sudden death of Elder D. C. Campbell at his residence near Milledgeville on yesterday, and on motion led the Presbytery in prayer in behalf the afflicted family of the deceased.

Prof. Woodrow's excuse for absence was read and sustained.

On motion - it was resolved that Rev. C. W. Lane, Rev. Dr. Talmage and Rev. Prof. Woodrow be appointed a committee of this Presbytery to prepare and publish a pastoral letter to the churches, whose object shall be to present to our Christian people the necessity of endeavoring to meet our prospective alarming want of ministers.

The records of the following churches were present at Presbytery - committees were appointed to examine them - the committees reported - their reports were approved and entered in the respective session books. To wit

- Washington Church
- Monticello "
- Macon "
- Augusta "
- Milledgeville "
- Spartan "
- Waynesboro & Bath "
- Clarksville "
- Columbus "
- Macon "
- New Hope "
- Athens "

Rev. C. W. Lane was appointed to preach at the next meeting of Presbytery on the subject of Domestic Missions.

Presbytery took recess - till 7 o'clock - partly to give an opportunity for the Geographical Society to meet - and partly to attend the exercises preparatory to Communion - appointed for the afternoon.

Saturday 7 o'clock -

The Committee on the Narratives reported, and their report was accepted as follows. "The reports from all parts of our bounds, of the state of religion therein, presents the usual features, with some important modifications. The prospect is made up of lights and shadows. While some indications show that God's

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Spirit is abroad encouraging his people, and raising from the grave of sin and death a few precious souls, and are thus a cause of gratitude and rejoicing, there are others, deeply afflictive and distressing to the pious heart. It is a somewhat instructive and cheering fact that altho' multitudes have been drawn from all our Communities in defence of the Country in most Congregations the attendance is nearly or quite as good as formerly. Still we have no great outpourings of the Spirit. The interest however, manifested in the attendance upon the means of Grace - the occasional altitudes made to the Church from the world, & the unusual recognition of dependence upon God encourage us to believe that the Spirit has not been entirely withdrawn from us. In most of our Churches, even in the absence of pastors who are now chaplains in the army regular services have been kept up. Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings have been generally well attended. The condition of our servants has excited great interest among members of Presbytery, and there is a widespread and growing concern on the part of the people for an amelioration of their spiritual condition. The eye of the Church is now distinctly turned to this subject. Sorrow for the negroes are multiplied, and the interest in their salvation is on the increase. Presbytery hail these indications with gladness as tokens of good. On the other hand there is an alarming increase of profanity, Sabbath breaking, intemperance and extortion, against which we protest and plead with uplifted hands.

On the whole we feel called upon to humble ourselves in the dust, and repent heartily for our sins and unprofitableness - at the same time we are encouraged to gird up the loins of our minds, to lay aside our weights and to enter in and occupy the fields which are open to our labour, trusting in the grace and assistance of God in Christ Jesus, to lengthen our cords, strengthen our stakes, and build up the walls of Zion even in these troublous times". — Respectfully Submitted

Leave of absence was granted to Dr. Palgrave and Elders Windsor and Payne.

A unanimous vote of thanks ^{was passed} to the people of Macon for their hospitality, and to our Baptist and

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Methodist Brethren of Macau for the use of their churches.

The Messrs & Ministers of the churches asked and obtained leave, to retain the services of Rev Mr Kaufman until the next stated meeting of Synod.

The minutes were read and approved. ~

Rev Mr Vetchum offered the closing prayer.

The Moderator then announced that Synod stood adjourned to meet at Greenboro on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September at 7^{1/2} o'clock. ~

O W Lane Acting Stated Clerk.

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Wopenell Presbytery met according to adjournment at the
Presbyterian Church at Greensboro, Sept 25th 1862 at 7th P.M.
The opening sermon was preached by Rev J W Reed the last
Moderator from Matthe 14th 31st.

Presbytery was then constituted with prayer. —

Ministers Present. —

G W Cortledge
R A Womets
L W Lane
R W Milner
W Denton - 2
J W Reed
W Safford
S K Talmage D.D. - 2
J R Wilson D.D. - 2
J Woodrow - 2

Ministers absent

J S K Axson D.D.
L P Bemau D.D.
J S Davis D.D.
J B Dunwoody
W H Flinn
W Hoyt D.D.
R C Ketchum
R H Porter
J Wills

Churches Represented

Albans - E L Newton
Monticello - W B White
Washington - J E Ellington
Sandy Creek - W M Boggs
Greensboro - J Cunningham
Mt Zion - A J Norwell
Eatonton - J A Wingfield - 2
New Hope - J F Gove - 2
Augusta - J W Bomer - 2
South Liberty - J E Darden - 2
Woodstock - Wiggins - 2

Churches Not Represented

Waynesboro and Bath
Milledgeville
Macon
Lexington
Hebron & New Lebanon
Concord
Clarksville
Thyatisa
Bethany
Brunswick
Carnesville
Pleasant Hill
Sparta
Danville
Pleasant Grove
Warmong
Goshen
Madison

Presbytery being constituted - on motion it adjourned to meet tomorrow
morning at 8th o'clk. Closed with prayer

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Friday morning Sept 26th - 8^{1/2} o'clock. Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. After calling the roll, Presbytery proceeded to the election of a moderator. Rev Prof Woodrow was elected moderator. Rev G. H. Cartledge was elected Temporary Clerk. The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and confirmed. Absentees from the last stated meeting were called on for their excuse for absence. The Churches of Sandy Creek, Woodstock, and Mount Zion gave satisfactory reasons for not being represented. The Moderator announced the following Committees. On Devotional exercises, - Rev R. C. Houston, Rev J. W. Reid, elder John Cunningham. - Judicial Committee - Rev J. W. Reid, Rev C. W. Lane, and elder C. A. Kingfield. - On Bills and Overtures, - Rev G. H. Safford, Rev R. W. Miller, and elder C. L. Newton. - On the Narrative, Rev J. R. Wilson D.D., Rev G. H. Cartledge, and elder J. C. Ellington. - On the Minutes of the Gen Assembly, - Rev C. W. Lane, Rev R. W. Miller, and elder A. B. White. - Rev S. W. Galmage D.D. and elder C. A. Kingfield from the Catawba Church appeared and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats. Rev J. H. Mansfield from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and Rev. C. L. Kline from the Presbytery of Maryland being present were invited to take seats as corresponding members. The report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. On W^{ed} H. Adams a member of the Washington Church was introduced to Presbytery with the view of putting himself under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. After an examination as to his personal piety and his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry, he was upon motion received under our care as a candidate. Presbytery then proceeded with his examination in the arts and Sciences and in the Latin, Greek and Hebrew languages. The examination was sustained. Presbytery then on motion took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M. Three o'clock P. M. Presbytery met. Rev G. H. Newton, elders J. G. Groves, of the Church at New-Hope, and D. E. Darden of South Liberty and J. W. Bones of the Augustus Church, appeared in Presbytery, gave satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner, and took their seats. Rev J. S. Davis D.D. and Rev R. W. Porter by letter gave reasons for absence from this meeting and Rev R. W. Porter also from the last two stated meetings, which were sustained, and Brother Porter also requested supplies for his church at Greensboro, which request was put on the Docket. A letter was

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read from N. J. Bird and J. N. Skinner elders of the Church at Danielsville, requesting Presbytery to hold a called meeting at Danielsville, embracing the first Sabbath in November next, to ordain G. G. Simpson our licentiate and also three elders. The request was put upon the Docket. The order of the day (to wit) the appointment of the time and place of the next ^{annual} meeting was taken up. Washington was chosen as the place, and Thursday evening before the first ^{Sabbath} in April next at 7 o'clock was appointed as the time. On motion Res. G. G. Safford, Res. J. N. Wilson D. D., Res. S. M. Galanage D. D., and elder J. A. Kingfield were appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the death of Rev. A. Church D. D. On motion Presbytery resolved to hold an interlocutory meeting in common with the Sanctus, tomorrow afternoon immediately after the devotional exercises of Presbytery, to consider the interests of the Greensboro' Female College, ~~On motion Dr. Galanage, Res. G. W. Lane, and elder J. A. Kingfield were appointed a committee to bring in a minute in reference to the death of~~ ~~Rev. A. Church D. D.~~ After which Presbytery proceeded to examine the candidate Wm. H. Adams on Theology. After making considerable progress, the examination was arrested for the present and Presbytery took a recess until after Public Worship tonight. After public worship, Presbytery resumed the examination of the candidate in Theology. On motion the examination was suspended, and Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Methodist Church tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning 8 o'clock. Sept 29th. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected. ~~On motion Presbytery reconsidered the resolution appointing the committee to bring in a minute in reference to the death of~~ ~~Rev. A. Church D. D.~~ On motion, leave of absence after this morning's session was granted to elder C. L. Newton. The request of the Danielsville Church for a called meeting of Presbytery to ordain G. G. Simpson, and also a call from the same church for for the pastoral services of G. G. Simpson, also a request from the Sandy Creek Church for the ordination of brother Simpson were taken up. After consideration, Presbytery placed the call from the Danielsville Church in the hands of brother Simpson, who declined to accept the call. Presbytery then, on motion resolved to proceed, now, with the examination of our licentiate G. G. Simpson with a view to his ordination as an evangelist if the way be

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clear. It was further resolved that Brother Simpson preach a sermon this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the text Phil. 111-14th. "I press toward the mark &c." Presbytery then heard the report of Rev. G. Safford as our commissioner to the Gen. Assembly. On motion Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting at Danielsville, commencing on Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M. before the first Sabbath in Nov. next, for the purpose of ordaining Brother Simpson, if the way be clear, and that Rev. J. W. Reid preside and propound the constitutional questions, and Rev. J. B. Danwody be his alternate, - Rev. G. H. Cullledge preach the sermon when Rev. G. Safford be his alternate, and Rev. R. W. Miller give the charge to the newly ordained evangelist, and Rev. G. H. Newton be his alternate. The examination of Brother Simpson on Theology &c. was deferred to take place at Danielsville before the adjourned meeting of Presbytery. The special order for 10 o'clock, the report of the Executive Committee of domestic Missions was taken up, - the Treasurer's report read, and a verbal report of the condition of the missionary work in our bounds was made by Rev. D. Wilson, Chairman &c. The report was received and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. C. W. Lane, Rev. G. H. Newton, and elder J. H. Bous. The examination of Mrs Adams upon Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments and Church Government was then taken up, completed, and sustained. The committee appointed to bring in a minute in regard to the death of Rev. D. Church reported, and their report was accepted and was as follows: - ^(see Appendix for close of minutes)

The following as parts of trial were assigned to Mrs Adams, - 1st Latin essay &c. ^(see Appendix B) The free conversation on the state of religion was then introduced upon, continued for a time, and then suspended in order to take a recess till 3 o'clock P. M. Three o'clock P. M. Free conversation on the state of religion was resumed and completed. The committees to whom were referred the Latin Exegesis and critical exercises of Mrs Adams respectively reported, recommending their approval as parts of trial. The reports were accepted and the parts of trial sustained. Leave was granted to the Churches of Madison and Mount Airy to employ the ministerial services of Rev. J. G. Kaufman and to the Churches of Mount Zion and Sparta to employ the services of Rev. C. Pitred until our next stated meeting.

The Subject for conference (to wit) the proper observance of the Sabbath, and also the sermon on the same subject by Rev. D. Wills was continued (on motion) until our next stated meeting.

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On motion, the Committee appointed at the last meeting (to wit) (Res. C. W. Lane, Res. D. G. Galmage and Res. Prof. Woodrow) to redress a pastoral letter to the Churches in reference to the prospective alarming destitution of ministers was continued and they enjoined to discharge the duty appointed.

Presbytery then heard the ordination sermon of the licentiate J. J. Simpson, after which in accordance with a previous order, Presbytery took a short recess and repaired to the Greensboro Female College Chapel, where an interdenominational meeting was held in connection with the trustees of the College. After considerable conference Presbytery took a recess to meet again in the church at the hour of public worship in order to hear the popular sermon of the candidate Wm. G. Adams.

Saturday evening 7 o'clock. Presbytery met. On motion Presbytery resolved to proceed with the examination of Res. J. G. Kaufman, a member of the Presbytery of Baltimore, with a view to his reception as a member of this body. On motion, Presbytery resolved to dispense with the usual dismission required in such cases, in accordance with the action of the last assembly in as much as the Presbytery of Baltimore is not in our connection. After examination which was sustained Res. J. G. Kaufman was received as a member of this body. Presbytery heard the popular sermon of Wm. G. Adams, after which on motion the sermon and lecture were sustained as parts of trial and Presbytery proceeded to license Mrs. Wm. G. Adams as a probationer for the Gospel ministry. It was then resolved that the licentiate Wm. G. Adams be directed, if the way be clear to preach once a month to the Church of Greensboro' in accordance with Bro. Porter's request and also that Res. Prof. Woodrow preach two Sabbaths at discretion to the same church between this time and the next meeting of this body, it being understood that the Church pay their travelling expenses. The Committee on the Narrative made their report, and the Narrative was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod. (see Appendix D.)

On motion, it was resolved that our licentiate Wm. G. Adams be required, if Providence open the way to spend at least two years in the Theological Seminary.

The sermon of J. J. Simpson was sustained as a part of trial for ordination. The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee of Dom. Missions made their report which was adopted. (see Appendix E.)

The Committee appointed on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly re-

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reported that they found nothing in the Minutes requiring the notice of this body, which report was accepted.

A vote of thanks to the people of Greensboro; and to the authorities of the Methodist Church, for their hospitality and kindness was unanimously adopted.

After reading and correcting the minutes of the day, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Danielsville on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in Nov. next at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with singing, prayer, and apostolic benediction. Re W. Lane Stated

Appendix A.

Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a minute in relation to the death of Dr. Church.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in relation to our departed brother Rev. Elouso Church D. D. beg leave to report as follows, viz

1st The deportment of Dr. Church, in all the relations of life, as a gentleman, a Christian, and a minister of the Gospel, was calculated to secure the love and respect of all with whom he had any intercourse.

2nd Such were his qualifications as a scholar and a disciplinarian, as to give a high character to Franklin College, as a Literary Institution, over which he presided for so many years.

3rd He entertained a tender regard for those who were in distress, and was ever ready to extend to them, all the relief in his power.

4th He took a lively interest in those benevolent societies, whose object it is to send the word of God and a preached Gospel to those who sit in the region and shadows of death in our ^{own} and other lands, and contributed liberally for their support.

5th As a minister of the Gospel, he made great sacrifices that he might break the bread of life to the destitute churches within his reach, and never failed to secure their affectionate regards.

6th Having served his generation, by the will of God, nearly 70 years, after a week of distressing sickness, he fell asleep in Jesus, and entered, as we have every reason to believe, on the possession and enjoyment of that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Let us pray earnestly that the vacancy thus made in our body may soon be filled, and that we may be enabled to give earnest heed to the Saviors injunction "Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. Safford Chairman of Committee.

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Appendix B.

Latin Essay &c. Parts of trial of Mrs William H. Adams. -

I

Latin Essay.

An vere et proprie Christo loco nobis iustitia Dei satisfecit.

II

Critical Exegesis.

Romans 7: 4-12 v.r. Wherefore brethren ye are become dead to the law.

III

Popular Lecture.

Philippians 3. 20. 1st clause. "For our conversation is in heaven," - with exegesis of the context.

IV

Sermon.

Daniel 12. 3rd. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

Appendix C.

Report of the Committee upon the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions. -

The Committee upon the report of Executive Committee of Domestic Missions beg leave to report that they have considered the report submitted to them and recommend, -

1st That it be earnestly enjoined upon our churches especially those which have taken up no collection for Domestic Missions since April, to exercise the grace of giving to this noble cause, before the next meeting of Presbytery.

2nd That the ministers of the Presbytery be requested to urge upon their respective charges that they ^{hardships of the} times will surely be followed by hardness of heart, if all Gods people make the calamities that are upon us, and the extraordinary outlays of money, thought, and anxiety that these times call for, an excuse for withholding our contributions, our efforts and our prayers from the work of the Lord.

3rd That the Executive Committee be elected annually at the spring meeting of Presbytery to continue in office until their successors are elected.

4th That it be a standing order of Presbytery to receive the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, at each meeting of Presbytery immediately after the approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting

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of Presbytery.

Appendix D.
Narrative.

The Presbytery of Hopewell beg leave to report to the Synod of Georgia, that the state of religion within our bounds is more encouraging than it was one year ago. At that period the attention was absorbed by the new and distressing condition of public affairs caused by the war. Parents were parting with their children, or pursuing them with anxious thought to the scene of hostilities, - churches were mourning over the absence of their youth from the restraints of the sanctuary, - and every heart was looking out with apprehension upon the storm which threatened all the material interests of the land with desolation. It was therefore impossible to give much heartiness to the efforts which were still feebly exerted for the glory of the Redeemer. But gradually the people of God have been enabled to roll their cares and distresses and bereavements upon the faithful arm of Jehovah whose promises are applicable to the worst state of our public and domestic affairs. Prayer now begins to be the breath of every true heart. Eternity is becoming prominent in the view of the worldly, whose earthly all is so uncertain amid surrounding desolation. Affliction is producing its fruits of humility, faith and hope. The grand result of this reaction from undue activity toward a proper dependence upon God is seen in the renewed interest of preachers and people in the blessings of the Gospel as expressed in the various reports from our churches. It would seem that the great salvation has become more and more precious, as the troubles of the nation have rendered means things more and more evanescent. Accordingly we learn of considerable religious interest in different communities within our bounds, especially among our country charges, where the excitement due to a state of war is more subdued than it is in the towns. At Woodstock, at New Lebanon, at Hebron, at Bethany, at Ghyattins, at Mt Zion, there have been encouraging indications of the divine presence, and many souls have been hopefully converted. Nor is this unwonted interest confined to the white population. The increased attention which many faithful brethren have given to the colored people in our families and on our plantations has been more or less significantly blessed. Numbers, too, of our young men who are in the Army

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of the Confederacy, have been turned to Christ, as a fruit of the prayers offered up for them at home; while those of them who were communicants at the period of their entrance into the ranks, have mostly maintained their Christian integrity. All these signs are hopeful, and call for gratitude to the blessed Master. But alas! there is still a vast amount of evil in our churches. Worldliness is yet vigorous in the hearts of professors. Unfaithfulness to Christ is seen in every path of life pursued by those who claim to be His best friends. Sinners are dying in their sins, and suffered to die with but little exertions on the part of Christians. Many of the congregations are still deadened by unbelief and carelessness. We are not yet as the garden of the Lord. Our Domestic Missions languish, from lack of zeal, and from a want of liberality, and from a sad ignorance of duty. We are not yet brought to see as distinctly as we ought what is so plain, that Christ's Kingdom is superior to every worldly Kingdom, and that the affairs of the soul are above the affairs of the flesh. And Oh may God enable us to employ for the spiritual good of our fellow-men, the stormy providences which are intended and calculated to drive us away from ourselves to our Lord.

Danielville Nov '62

Saturday Nov 1st 11 o'clock A.M.

After preaching Hopewell Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by Rev J. W. Reid who had been previously appointed to preside. Numbers present as follows. Rev J. W. Reid, Rev R. W. Milnes, Rev G. H. Cartledge, ministers; with the elders, - John M. Skinner from Danielville, John G. Gross from New Hope, Walter Carson from Hebron and New Lebanon, William M. Boggs from Sandy Creek. Rev G. H. Cartledge was appointed temporary clerk. The roll having been completed, Presbytery, on motion resolved to proceed in the examination of the candidate. G. J. Simpson on the Sacraments and Church Government. Hearing made some progress in this business, Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met, resumed and finished the examination on the Sacraments and Church Government. When, on motion, the examinations were sustained as parts of trial. Presbytery then on motion resolved to dispense with any further examination, inasmuch as the candidate had been so recently examined by us for licensure on all the other subjects prescribed in our book. It was then resolved that the ordination services take place in this house tomorrow evening, commencing at 10 1/2 o'clock. Adjourned with prayer.

Sabbath morning 10 1/2 o'clock A. M. Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. According to previous appointments made at the late session in Greensboro, Rev G. H. Cartledge preached the sermon from Isaiah 61 - 1829 - and Rev J. W. Reid presided, asked the Constitutional questions and made the ordaining prayer, when G. J. Simpson was solemnly set apart and ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry, and Rev R. W. Milnes gave him a solemn charge. After which bro Simpson took his seat as a member of Presbytery. On motion, Presbytery resolved to adjourn, to meet in the city of Mason during the sessions of General at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

C. W. Lane Stated Clk

Examined in Synod and approved as far as written, -
 suggesting that the paper should be numbered -

Macm Nov 21st 62

S. M. Higgins
 Moderator

Presbyterian Lecture Room - Macm Nov 22nd 62.

Hopewell Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. Opened with prayer.
 Rev R A Houston was appointed Temporary clerk. On motion Presbytery
 proceeded to examine Rev A W Pitzer of Highland Presbytery with
 a view to his reception as a member of Hopewell Presbytery. The examination
 was sustained as satisfactory, and he was on motion received.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Washington April 2nd 63. Closed
 with the apostolic benediction.

R A Houston Temporary Clk. -

C W Lane Stated Clk.

Washington Co April 2nd 63.

Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church of Washington at 7 1/2 P.M.
The opening sermon was preached by the last Moderator Rev J Woodrow from Joshua
13th 1st "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed"

Presbytery was then constituted with prayer.

Ministers present

- ✓ J S K Appleton D.D. - 2nd day
- ✓ W Safford
- ✓ J W Reed
- ✓ J B Dunwoody
- ✓ G W Bartledge
- ✓ R W Milner
- ✓ C W Lane
- ✓ R A Hornum
- ✓ R W Porter
- ✓ J Will
- ✓ J R Wilson D.D. - 3rd day
- ✓ J Woodrow
- ✓ A W Pitzer
- ✓ F J Simpson

Churches Represented

- ✓ Augusta - J A Anely
- ✓ Athens - E L Newton
- ✓ Washington - J J Robinson
- ✓ Greensboro - R Koubert
- ✓ Mt Zion - A C Kearnell
- ✓ Sandy Creek - J Tenney
- ✓ Monticello - N B White
- ✓ Waynesboro & Bath - G Douse
- ✓ South Liberty - J E Garden

Ministers absent

- ✓ C P Reman D.D.
- ✓ J S Davis D.D.
- ✓ W Hoyt D.D.
- ✓ J K Talmage D.D.
- ✓ R C Kitchum
- ✓ W Newton
- ✓ W M Flinn
- ✓ J W Kaufman -

Churches not represented

- ✓ Millidgeville
- ✓ Macon
- ✓ Lexington
- ✓ Hobson
- ✓ New Lebanon
- ✓ Concord
- ✓ Clarksville
- ✓ Thytaria
- ✓ Bethany
- ✓ Uniontown
- ✓ Carnerville
- ✓ Pleasant Hill
- ✓ Sparta
- ✓ Danville
- ✓ Pleasant Grove
- ✓ Harmony
- ✓ Goshen
- ✓ Madison
- ✓ Woodstock
- ✓ New Hope
- ✓ Centon town - Appling.

Rev R A Hornum was chosen Moderator, and Rev A W Pitzer Temporary Clk.
It was resolved to defer the reading of "the rules for the government of

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Judicature until tomorrow morning. Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clk. Closed with prayer.

Reading of
the rules &
minutes

Friday April 3rd - 9 o'clk. Presbytery met - was opened with prayer. The roll was called and the rules for the government of judicature were read. Minutes of the last regular meeting of Presbytery - of the meeting at Danielville, and of the meeting at Macon were read and approved.

Absentees

Absentees from the last meeting of Presbytery were called on for excuse for their absence.

Letters were read from S^r Talmage D.D., S^r Davis D.D. and Rev J^r Ho Kaufman assigning reasons for absence, and their excuse were sustained.

The following ministers were invited, being present, to sit as corresponding members, to wit -

- Rev Geo Latham - of the Geo Presbytery
- Rev Mr Grogan " " Mt. E Church
- Rev Mr Dickey " " " " "
- Rev Mr Reynolds " " " " "
- Rev Mr Davis of S^c Presbytery
- Rev Mr Hoyle " " " "

The Moderator announced the following Committee
 On Devotional Exercises - Messrs Dummerdy, Robertson, & G. S. Newton
 " Narratives - " Wills, Milner, and Douse
 Bills & Ordinances - " Woodrow, Potter, & Ansley
 Judicial Committee - " Reid, Cartledge, & Simpson

On Church Records

- Washington Church - Messrs Lane and Hoarnell
- Athens " " Safford & Hurlburt
- Augusta " " Cartledge & Robertson
- Columbus " " Milner & Newton
- Mt Zion " " Potter & Tenney
- Spartan " " Reid & Douse
- Woodstock " " Cartledge & Robertson
- Northon and New Lebanon " Woodrow & Safford
- Milledgeville " Milner & Newton
- Macon " Tenney & Simpson
- Waynesboro " Dummerdy & Ansley
- Sandy Creek " Wills & Douse
- Madison " Newton & Ansley
- Monticello " Lane & Tenney

The statistical reports, from the churches were then called for.

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Postponement of standing rule On motion it was Resolved that the operation of the standing rule requiring the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions to be presented immediately after the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery be suspended in consequence of the providential absence of the Chairman of the Committee; and that this report be made the first order of the day for tomorrow.

Time to place next meeting Richmond Bath was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Presbytery, and Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September, ^{at 7 o'clock} as the time of meeting.

Commissioners Gen Assembly Rev C W Lane and Elder W L Mitchell were elected principal Commissioners to the Gen Assembly - and Rev J Wills and Elder J A Ansley Alternate Commissioners. -

The handing in of the written narratives from the churches, and the free conversation on the state of religion were made the first of the day for this afternoon.

Roll of ministers &c A letter was read from J Wilson D D, Stated Clerk of Synod requesting Presbytery to make a complete roll of the churches, Ministers, Ruling Elders, belonging to Hopewell Presbytery - together with their PO addresses - and also that said roll be forwarded to Synod at its next meeting - Ordered that the Session of the churches furnish said information to the Stated Clk of Presbytery, before the fall meeting and that he make out and forward the roll to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Fitzger's call Calls were presented from the churches of Mt Sim and Sparta for the pastoral service of Rev A Fitzger - (for half his time for each church) - On motion the calls were placed in the hands of a Committee consisting of Messrs Porter, Reed and Gouse for examination. The records of Presbytery from 1814 to 1826, which had been in the hands of the lamented Rev Dr Church, were brought to the notice of Presbytery by Elder E L Newton, and on motion were placed in the hands of the stated clerk for preservation.

Wills' sermon on the Sabbath On motion Resolved that the sermon of Bro Wills on the Sabbath and the conference upon the same subject be postponed till the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Sessional records Reports upon the sessional records of the following churches were rec'd adopted and entered in the respective sessional record books. Athens, Augusta, Waynesboro & Bath, Woodstock, Macon, Sparta, Mt Sim Milldyville, Washington, Grouseboro, Hebron, New Lebanon, Madison Monticello - Sandy Creek +

Sandy Creek is not on the list of the Temporary Clk, but the Sls think it an accidental omission.

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Free
Conversation

The order of the day was then taken up (after recess till 9 o'clk) - the ~~arrangement~~ ^{narrative} were read and the free conversation held in part.

Devotional
Exercise

The Committee on Devotional Exercises were instructed to invite the Rev Mr Tupper of the Baptist Church, the Rev Mr Reynolds of the M E Church South - and Elder Richardson of the 1st Pres Ch of New Orleans to unite with and address us in our service tomorrow, on the state of the Army & the spiritual condition and wants of our soldiery.

Recess till after worship to-night. -

After worship - 9 o'clk P.M. -

Free
Conversation

Rev J Woodrow - the last Moderator present, in the Chair. The free conversation on the state of Religion was continued. Leave of absence was granted to Elder Woodburn -

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clk tomorrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday - April 4th 63.

Report of
Comm on
Pitger's call

Presbytery met at 9 o'clk A.M. Opened with prayer - roll called - minutes of yesterday and Thursday night read and approved. The order of the day was suspended, and the Committee upon the calls from the Spartan and Mt Zion Churches made the following report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows - The Committee to whom was referred the calls from the Churches of Mt Zion and Spartan for the pastoral service of Rev A W Pitger report - whilst the call from the Mt Zion Church is irregular according to Chap. 15th Art. 7th, other evidence before the Committee shows the desire of the people to be cordial, earnest and unanimous, - we therefore heartily recommend that Presy part the calls from these churches in the hands of Bro Pitger.

2nd That the Churches of Mt Zion and Spartan be enjoined to review the clause in their call providing for the support of their pastor and that they make such changes in it as the altered ^{and the spirit of our constitution may} circumstances of the Country require, and that they report their action to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Hayde & Davis
Leave to labor

Rev Messrs Davis & Hayde obtained leave to labor within our bounds until our next meeting. (Both from S.C. Presbytery)

Comm
on
Assessments

Messrs Reid, Woodrow, Cartledge, Anselby and Douse were appointed a Committee to revise the list of assessments on the Churches for the Contingent fund of Presbytery.

Messrs Porter, Safford, and Sturton were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts and books of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

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Auditing
In Book

They reported that they found the accounts correct and sustained by the proper vouchers - report approved. -

Rev Dr of R Wilson presented verbally the report of the Ex Comm of Domestic Missions - which was read and approved.

Presbytery then took recess to meet immediately in the Methodist Church, and in a few minutes resumed its session there.

After considerable discussion upon the subject of Domestic Missions, the following resolutions were adopted.

Domestic
Missions

1st Resolved - that each church within our bounds be directed to take up one collection every year for Domestic Missions - that the proceeds of these collections be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Ex Comm of Domestic Missions - that out of these proceeds the salaries of our Missionaries and Evangelists be paid, and that the surplus be forwarded to the Assembly's Ex Comm of Domestic Missions.

2nd Resolved - that the Stated Clerks be directed to forward a copy of the above resolution to each church in the Presbytery.

3rd Resolved that the Ex Comm of Dom Miss of this Presbytery be directed to report at the close of each Ecclesiastical year, what has been done under their direction, to the Assembly's Ex Comm, and also to report the amount of contributions to their funds.

4th Resolved - that the Rev Messrs of R Wilson D.D., R K Porter & S P Davis D.D. and Messrs of A Ansel, Porter Fleming, J W Bomer, & S Adams be hereby appointed as the Ex Comm of Domestic Missions for the ensuing year, or until their successors are appointed.

5th Resolved that the Ex Comm be directed to correspond with Rev S E Anson with reference to his becoming an Evangelist to labor within our bounds, and also to appoint one or more additional Evangelists, if the way be clear; all to labor under the immediate direction of our Executive Committee. -

Religious Reading
for the
Army

On motion it was Resolved that a collection be taken up this evening at the close of the services, for furnishing religious reading for the Army - and that all the churches within our bounds be requested to take up a collection for the same object, at some time before the next meeting of Presbytery - and that the funds be forwarded to the Editor of the Southern Presbyterian to be thus applied.

Recess to meet in the Presbyterian Ch at 3 o'clock -

Sunwoody &
Washington Ch
- relation dissolved

Saturday - 3 o'clock P.M. - Presbytery resumed its session. Rev of B Sunwoody and the Washington Church having united in a request to Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations of Bro Sunwoody to the Washington Church - on motion the request was granted, and the Moderator directed to declare

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the pulpit vacant, tomorrow morning after Divine worship. Presbytery then took a recess to give the Georgia Episcopalian Society an opportunity to meet.

After which - Presbytery heard from our licentiate ^{Licentiate} Wm Adams a statement of his labors -

On motion Mr Adams was released from the further prosecution of his studies at the Theological Seminary, and our Ex Comm^o of Dom Miss ^{directed} requested to assign him a field of labor. Took recess till after worship to-night.

After service Presbytery met. The Committee on Assessments reported and their report was adopted, and is as follows -

Augusta	—	\$ 35	Catonsville	—	\$ 2
Macon	—	35	Leonard	—	2
Athens	—	35	Woburn	—	3
Milledgeville	—	15	Carrollville	—	1
Washington	—	15	Clarksville	—	2
Columbus	—	10	Pleasant Hill	—	1
Lexington	—	5	Waynesboro & Bath	—	10
Bethany	—	5	Irwinton	—	1
Woodstock	—	5	Pleasant Grove	—	1
Mt Zion	—	8	Harmony	—	1
Spartan	—	8	Goshen	—	1
Thyatisen	—	8	Appling	—	1
Madison	—	3			
Danielville	—	2			
Monticello	—	2			
New Hope	—	3			
New Lebanon	—	3			
Sandy Creek	—	3			
South Liberty	—	2			

The Committee on the Narrative presented the following paper - which was adopted as the Narrative of the State of Religion within our bounds - "The Committee on the Narrative respectfully report that no very marked changes have occurred in our religious history since the last meeting of Presbytery. A few of our churches have been cheered by gracious visitations from on high, whilst many report a painful want of deep & earnest spirituality. The scarcity of ministers, the common neglect of family religion, the frequent violation of the Sabbath, and the prevalence

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of a spirit of worldliness are some of the matters which we deeply deplore in the presence of God. Some of our most promising young men who were children of the covenant have been slain in battle, and we are called upon to mingle our sympathies and prayers over many a smitten household. One of our most pious and prominent Elders, the late & lamented Gen J R R Cobb, has fallen gloriously at the head of his column and his sudden death has sent a thrill of grief through the Church, as well as through the State and Country. But notwithstanding these things which sadden our hearts, we record with gratitude to God that our Church in this region of Country is making steady progress under the stated ministrations of the word, & in consequence of a growing attachment to the principles peculiar to us as a denomination. The grace of liberality is being cultivated to a greater extent than at any period of our history. The doctrine that giving to the Lord is both a means and an evidence of Grace is being better understood throughout our bounds & is producing happy results wherever it is practically applied. The heavy drain made on our citizens to meet the demands of the Government has not prevented many of our people from contributing liberally and cheerfully, for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. Our Church too is being more and more persuaded with a sense of her solemn obligations to the Coloured population. There is a growing conviction among us that the pressing need of this people, is the Gospel of the Grace of God. The Providential Argument on the subject is now felt to be overwhelming, since God has given us a separate National existence, to the intent that we may conserve and sanctify an institution of his own appointment. In view of all the facts that have been brought to our notice, we feel encouraged in going forward to possess the land which Providence has assigned us. The past, present and future alike prompt us to catch the beautiful and burning words from the lips of the Prophet - "For Zion's sake we will not hold our peace - and for Jerusalem's sake we will not rest, till the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth" "

Narrative }

Respectfully Submitted. —

Expenses of
Commissaries

Uniforms
due to labor -

Our Motion Resolved - that the Treasurer of Presbytery be directed to pay the expenses of our Commissaries to the Genl Assembly, ^{continued} Leave was granted to the churches & Monticello Church to employ Rev of W. Hanfman's services till the next meeting of Presbytery. The thanks of the Presbytery were voted to the people of Washington.

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Thanks - for their abundant hospitality and to the Baptist & Methodist Churches for the use of their houses of worship.

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted to Rev J W Reed and Rev C W Lane that they might hold a meeting at South Liberty tomorrow.

Presbytery then adjourned till after worship Sabbath evening.

Closed with prayer -

Sabbath Evening after worship - Presbytery met - was opened with prayer.

Adjournment - No business presenting itself - Presbytery closed its session with singing prayer and the Apostolic benediction, and adjourned to meet at Richmond Bath on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September at 7 o'clock P.M. +

R A Houston Moderator

C W Lane Stated Clerk

A W Pitzer Temporary Clerk

+ The Stated clk was not present on Sabbath Evening, and no minutes of that meeting were handed to him. The minutes of that meeting as recorded above, are believed to be substantially correct.

Bath Sep '63

Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church at Richmond Bath on Thursday Sep 24th at 7^h P.M. and was opened with a sermon by Rev David Wills from John 3^d 16th For God so loved the world &c. - Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by Rev J Woodrow the last Moderator present.

Ministers present -

- W Safford
- J S Davis D D
- J W Reil
- C P Beaman D D
- W Newton
- R C Ketchum
- G W Cartledge
- R K Porter
- R W Wilner
- J S K Arson D D
- J R Wilson D D
- C W Lane
- David Wills
- J Woodrow
- A W Pitzer
- J W Kaufman

Churches Represented

- Greenboro - W B Johnson
- Waynesboro & Bath - E Byrne - 2nd day

Ministers absent

- J K Palmage D D
- W Hoyt D D
- R A Kerstan
- J B Danahy
- F T Simpson
- W H Flinn -

Churches not represented

- Augusta - Lexington
- Macon - Athens
- Milledgeville - Washington
- Bethany - Woodstock
- Mt Zion - Sparta -
- Thyatoris - Madison
- Danielville - Monticello
- New Hope - New Libanus
- Sandy Creek - South Liberty
- Eastman - Carend
- Helton - Cornwells
- Clarksville - Pleasant Hill
- Irwinton - Pleasant Cove
- Warming - Coker - Appling

Rev David Wills was chosen Moderator & Rev R C Ketchum Temporary Clerk. The reading of the rules for the government of judicatories was dispensed with. Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clk - Closed with prayer.

Friday morning 9 o'clk. Presbytery met - was opened with prayer. It was resolved to spend the first half hour of each session in devotional exercises. Devotional exercises being ended, the minutes of last night's session, and also of the last regular meeting were read and approved. Absentees from the last regular meeting were called upon for the reason of their absence. The Moderator announced the following Committee - on Devotional Exercises - Rev Clifton Porter & Safford and Ruling Elder G. Douse. on bills & overtures Rev Clifton J R Wilson D D

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of Woodrow & A W Pitzer and a Ruling Elder W B Johnson. Judicial Committee - Rev Messrs C P Beman and J D, G W Cartledge, R W Milner. On the Narrative - Rev Messrs I S H Aiken D D, J W Reel, J W Kaufman. On the Minutes of the Assembly, Rev Messrs J Woodrow, C W Lane and J W Reel.

Ex Comm Rep The Executive Committee of Domestic Missions made a verbal report, which was approved.

Rev Messrs Beman & Pitzer & Elder Johnson were appointed a Committee to whom was referred the report of the Ex Comm and the whole subject of Domestic Missions.

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

It was resolved that the conference upon the Sabbath be introduced by an address from the Moderator, and that Messrs Lane, Davis, Reel, Cartledge & Kaufman be appointed a Committee to bring in a minute & prepare of the views of this Presbytery as to the observance of the Sabbath.

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 9 o'clock to receive the written reports of the State of religion in the churches.

Time to place of next meeting (see pg 511)

Presbytery resolved to hold its next stated meeting at Sparta on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in April at 7 o'clock P M.

The Conference upon the Sabbath was made the order for 9 o'clock tomorrow, and the reports & free conversation on the State of religion in the churches the order for 3 1/2 o'clock this afternoon.

Recs till 3 1/2 P M -

- 3 1/2 P M

Presbytery resumed its session, Free conversation on the State of religion in the churches held - Reports from the churches received and referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

Pitzer's Call

The Church of Sparta reported that they had complied with the injunction of Presbytery, and had reviewed their call placed in the hands of Rev A W Pitzer at our last stated meeting. Rev A W Pitzer asked and obtained leave to retain said call in his hands until the next stated meeting of Presbytery. Rev A W Pitzer returned the call of the Mt Zion Church to the Presbytery, which was laid upon the table for the present.

The stated Clk was directed to collect from the ministers

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Standing Rules

the standing rules adopted at various times by the Presbytery - to embody them in a separate form - which rules shall be read at the opening session of each stated meeting & enforced by the Moderator.

Next Conference

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning to hold a prayer meeting for the Country, and a conference on the religious condition of the Army.

The subject for conference at our next stated meeting was selected - to wit - "Family worship" - Rev R C Ketchum to preach the sermon - Rev C W Lane Alternate.

Rec'd till after public worship to night.

After worship, the session was resumed. The order of the day for tomorrow morning was rescinded, and the usual religious exercises were appointed to be held instead of those contemplated in the rescinded order.

Adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock - Presbytery met and engaged in devotional exercises for half an hour. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved. Rev S S Davis D.D. and Elder W B Johnson obtained leave of absence from the remaining session of the body.

The Judicial Committee & the Committee on Psalms & Overtures reported that no business had been laid before them, and thereupon they were discharged.

The Committee on the report of the Ex Comm Don ellip presented their report which was read amended and adopted - and, as adopted, is as follows -

"The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Ex Comm Don ellip, and the whole subject of Don ellip offer the following resolutions for the consideration of Presbytery.

Report

Don ellip

1st That Presbytery learn with thankfulness to God of the labor of the Missions already employed by the Comm, and of the strong probability that the labor of an Evangelist will soon be secured - and of the large contributions made by the churches of our Presbytery to our own Ex Comm, and to the Ex Comm of the General Assembly.

2nd That the Ex Comm be requested to continue their work with their accustomed energy, and to secure if possible the services of another Evangelist & of additional Missions.

3rd That the Ex Comm be requested to increase the salaries

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of its Missions; and that the churches to which these Missions Minister be enjoined to make that increase in the salaries given by them, demanded by the greatly increased prices of all articles of Consumption; and that the Missions be instructed to communicate this action to the churches from a copy of this resolution furnished by the Stated Clk.

Report

Gen Ass

4th - That Ministers Reid, Cartledge, Kitchum & Miller have leave, and be requested, if the way be clear, to spend one or more months in the Army of Tennessee under Commission from the Ex Comm Gen Ass of the General Assembly.

5th - That all the churches of this Presbytery be enjoined, in view of the foregoing resolutions, to make frequent, stated and largely increased contributions to the funds of the Ex Comm.

6th - That the Stated Clk cause to be published in the Southern Presbyterian so much of the foregoing resolutions as will be necessary to bring the subject fully before all of our Ministers and churches. —

Leave was granted to Rev A J Montgomery to labor within our bounds - Presbytery resolved to meet at Athens during Synod. The Committee on the Minutes of the Genl Assembly reported - report was rec'd adopted, and is as follows. "Your Comm find the following subject in the Assembly's Minutes requiring the attention of the Presbytery. 1st The circulation of the Minutes of the Assembly. On this point your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution - to wit Resolved that the Treasurer of Presbytery is hereby directed to pay annually to the Stated Clk of the Genl Assembly in addition to the apportionment of \$20, a sum equal to one dollar for each minister & one dollar for each church of the Presbytery.

Minutes
Gen Ass

Chaplain
&
Missions

2nd As to Chaplain & Missions for the Army - resolved that Presbytery recommends to the earnest attention of its members, the call of the Gen Ass for Chaplain & Missions to the Army.

Presbytery held its Conference on the proper observance of the Sabbath. Then took recess till 3rd P.M. —

Half past 3 P.M. —

Presbytery resumed its session. The time for the next Stated meeting was reconsidered, and

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times of
next meeting
(see page 17)

Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in April next at 7^{1/2} o'clock P.M., was substituted for the time previously chosen.

Observance
of
Sabbath

The Committee upon the observance of the Sabbath, submitted the following preamble and resolutions which were adopted.

"Whereas frequent and alarming violations of the Sabbath have become common, not only among the people of our nation at large, but also among the membership of our churches

Resolved 1st That the prayerful attention of every Presbyterian within our bounds is earnestly called to the teachings of the Bible and of our Standards, in regard to the obligation to keep the Sabbath holy unto the Lord.

Resolved 2nd That it be enjoined upon each minister of the Presbytery to preach upon the subject as early as practicable, to the church or churches committed to his care."

The Committee on the Narrative reported - their Narrative was adopted and ordered to be published with an abstract of the minutes - The Narrative is as follows -

Narrative

"The Comm on the Narrative report that communications verbal and written have been rec'd from most of the churches within our bounds - the substance of which as bearing on the state of religion, may be condensed and presented in a brief statement of the following facts. - 1st that it has pleased a kind and sovereign Providence thus far to preserve the territory embraced in our bounds from the hostile invasion which has broken up and scattered many

Congregations left far and in their regard - In consequence, opportunity has been furnished for the enjoyment uninterruptedly of the ordinances of the Gospel, the ministrations of the word and the accustomed means of grace - for which, devout & grateful thanks are due & we trust rendered to God. - 2nd They report likewise that whilst the Cong^{regations}

have all of them been necessarily been diminished by the withdrawal of a large proportion of our men into the camp & field, the attendance of worshipping females in the house of God has been uniformly good and in some places more marked by number and an earnest spirit than at ordinary seasons. 3rd Further that altho' there has been no signal and special outpouring of the Spirit, there has been ^{such a} ~~that~~ degree and measure of interest manifested both in the worship of the Sanctuary, and the religious movements

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of the day, as to produce the conviction & warrant the unhesitating assertion that the warmth and vitality of Christian principles remains an efficient power in the heart of the Church, & that notwithstanding the confusion and overturnings of the times, we are not forsaken of the approval and favor of God. - 4th At most of the Church's meetings, it is our privilege to report that in addition to the accustomed religious exercises of a social nature hitherto observed, meetings for prayer with special reference to the calamities which bear down so crushingly upon our beloved Country are regularly held, in which are to be observed week after week the humble confessions & earnest pleadings of a covenant people. We cherish these assemblies of God's elect as the birth place of an important influence which tells powerfully & will continue to tell mightily upon the destinies of our Country. We recognize in them a prime instrument in calling down that effusion of Grace upon the army which has so gladdened & encouraged the Christian heart, and we have an abiding faith that they will prove ultimately as the Sword of the Lord & of Gideon in driving a ruthless invader from our borders & in securing & establishing those civil liberties which the men shedding however profusely, of precious patriot's blood could never obtain for us. -

Narrative

5th It is likewise a pleasing fact which we must not overlook, that in a day when the heart of multitudes seems to be given up to the accumulation of gain, by the favor of God the spirit of liberality is evidently strengthened in the Church at large & constitutes one of the marked features of the times. Never perhaps have the pecuniary means of the membership been more largely, more freely, more continuously contributed for the furtherance of benevolent Christian & religious objects. 6th The Committee would record also as an additional fact pleasing & promising of good, that missionary operations within our bounds have been enlarged during the last six months - new fields have been occupied with earnest & efficient labor - & with favorable reports from the same. 7th It is likewise to be noted with gratitude that whilst in some churches, owing to uncontrollable circumstances, that most important organization, the Sabbath School, has been temporarily suspended, generally it has been vigorously sustained, & a large number of children

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continue to receive from that source faithful instruction in the word of God. Their labors have likewise been extended since our last meeting so as to cover portions of the colored field, which if not hitherto altogether overlooked, has certainly not been efficiently provided for. - 8th ~~The Committee would recommend also as an additional fact~~ We recognize also in the reports laid before Synod, that in several of the Churches there have been encouraging additions of hopeful converts - in one or two of the Churches the number of such has even exceeded what their ordinary history has furnished & there are still those who are inquiring the way of life. 9th On the whole then the general impression respecting the state of the Church within our bounds is, that whilst it has not been favored with that depth of feeling, and that extensive interest in personal religion reported to exist in large portions of the Army - still it is hardly a correct view of the case to consider the Church at home as some have been disposed to write her down - decayed, languishing, dead. - There is life in her - there is love for the Master, for the truth, for souls - there is piety and faith and prayer & liberality, which the great head is cognizant of and approves. Let these things be strengthened & the people of God remember for their encouragement that it is after the manner of God to build up his Kingdom in troublous times.

Narrative

Watchmen & Prayers would be the message of this body to the Church under its care: Be hopeful, be earnest; and guard especially against those sins and delinquencies to which there is particular liability in the days that are upon us. Let the Sabbath be sacredly observed according to the will & usage of God - let family religion be solicitously cultivated - let each man's individual soul be personally and prayerfully cared for; and whilst the mighty hand of God is upon us, let the posture of humiliation be profoundly and habitually kept. We look to be established and exalted thro' that covenant surety pledged to us in Jesus. "After adopting the Narrative Synod took recess till after public worship. -

Session resumed after worship.

On Motion it was resolved that the thanks of Synod be tendered to the citizens of Bath for their abounding hospitality during our sojourn among them. - Adjourned till tomorrow evening after worship closed with prayer. -

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After worship on Sabbath Evening Presbytery met - the Moderator made an ^{parting} address to the body - the exercises were closed with singing prayer, and the Apostolic benediction. Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Athens during Synod.

David Wills Moderator
 R. C. Ketchum Temp. Clk
 C. W. Land A. S. Clk

Note. During the session at Bath - a resolution was adopted expressing great gratification at the desire for Union now manifested among the different branches of the Presbyterian family in the Confederate States; and also expressing the opinion that great caution should be exercised in adjusting the terms of Union, but purity of doctrine be sacrificed.

The resolution did not come into the hands of the Stated Clk for record - but its substance is believed to be as just stated.

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Presbytery met in the lecture room of Dr Lippincott. Some fifteen or more members present - was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Rev A D Montgomery from the Presbytery of South Carolina was received upon examination as a member of the present Presbytery.

The call of the old Line Church for the spiritual services of Rev A W Pitzer was on motion taken from the table and placed in the hands of Bro Pitzer.

Permission was granted to Rev J H Kaufman to labor without and beyond our bounds.

Permission was granted to Rev R H Potter and to all members of Presbytery who might feel called to labor in the army or hospitals, to engage in the great work.

The churches of Sandy Creek and Danville having expressed a desire for the ordination of Licentiate W H Adams as an evangelist - Messrs Woodrow Pitzer & Reed were appointed as a Committee to consider the matter and report to Presbytery during the present Session of Synod.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer

C W Land S. C.

Examined and approved by the Synod of Georgia
in Session at Athens Ga Novem^r 21st 1863

Wm Allen Moderator

Athens Nov 20th - 4 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator - Nearly all of the members in attendance upon Synod were present. The meeting was opened with prayer.

On motion Presbytery took recess till 4 o'clock.

4 o'clock P.M. - Presbytery resumed its Session. Present Messrs Hoyt, Houston, Fleim, Wills, Safford, Pitzer, Miller, Reid, Montgomery, Newton, William Woodrow, Lane, Ministon - and Elders Douse, Mitchell, W B Johnson, Jno A Johnson, Henderson and Tenney.

The Committee to whom was referred the request for the ordination of Licentiate W H Adams presented their report recommending which is as follows - "The Committee to whom was referred the request for the

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ordinations of Probationer W^o Adams. Report that they have learned from Bro Adams that he desires to become an Evangelist, and to continue in his present field of labor - therefore they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions. - 1st That when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Sandy Creek Church on Friday before the third Sabbath in December at 6 o'clock P.M. for the examination of Mr W^o Adams with a view to his ordination if the way be clear. - 2nd That 1 John 3.1 be assigned to the Probationer as the subject of a written discourse to be preached before Presbytery as a part of trial for ordination. -

The report was received, and after discussing the following resolution was adopted as a substitute for the 1st resolution of the report.

Resolved - That Presbytery proceed at once to examine the Licentiate W^o Adams, and, if the way be clear, that his ordination take place in the Presbyterian Church of Athens on next Sabbath afternoon.

The 2nd resolution of the report was adopted. -

On motion it was Resolved that the resolution adopted at the last regular meeting of Presbytery in relation to the circulation of the Minutes of the Genl Assembly be applied to the circulation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Assembly.

Examination of Mr Adams was then begun and continued for a brief season, and then on motion, Presbytery took recess till after worship to night.

After worship - Friday Evening Nov 20th - Presbytery met and adjourned to meet at the call of the moderator. Closed with prayer.

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Saturday 1st P.M. - Presbytery met immediately after the adjournment of Synod. Opened with prayer. Leave of absence was granted to Rev C W Lane. - Recess till 4 o'clock P.M.

4 o'clock P.M. - Examination of Mr Adams continued, Recess to meet at the residence of W S Mitchell Esq at 7th P.M.

7th P.M. - Presbytery resumed its session at the residence of Elder Mitchell. Examination of Bro Adams for ordination continued and concluded. - On motion Bro Porter led the Presbytery in prayer for Divine Guidance. After which on motion, the examination of Bro Adams was sustained on Church History, Church Government, The Sacraments and Theology. The trial sermon of Bro Adams on 1 John 3.1st was then read and sustained.

The examination as a whole was sustained, and Presbytery proceeded to make the following arrangements for the ordination of Bro Adams as an Evangelist in the Presbyterian

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Church of this place tomorrow (Sabbath) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

1st Rev J R Wilson D D was appointed to preach the ordination sermon.

2nd Rev A D Montgomery, to give the charge to the Evangelist.

3rd The Moderator to preside and propound the Constitutional questions.

On motion the time of the next Spring meeting of Presbytery was changed to Wednesday 7th o'clock P.M. before the 1st Sabbath in April.

Adjourned to meet at the ordination tomorrow afternoon. Closed with prayer. —

Presbyterian Church Athens Nov 22nd 63 - Presbytery met and ordained Bro W H Adams as an Evangelist according to the order adopted last evening.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Sparta on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in April next at 7th o'clock P.M. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

David Wills Moderator
A W Pitzer Temporary Clk
C W Lane Acting Stated Clerk.

Sparta March 1864.

Sparta Ga. March 30th 1864.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, in the Presby-
terian Church. Sparta Dist. at 7 1/2 o'clock P.M. The open-
ing sermon was preached by the last Moderator Rev. D.
Hills from 2nd Cor. 4th Chpt. 13th vs. "Therefore seeing we
have this ministry, as we have received mercy we
faint not." Presbytery was then constituted with
prayer. - the roll was called & the following Minis-
ters were present viz:

Present Revs. H. Safford J. W. Rice. J. R. Wilson D.D.
David Hills, R. A. Houston, J. Woodrow, F. J.
Simpson, A. W. Pitzer, C. McLane, A. D. Montgomery
W. de Adams R. K. Porter (3) Henry Newton (3)

Absent. Revs. S. K. Salway D.D. N. Hays D.D. S. S. Davis
D.D. C. D. Beman D.D.; R. C. Ketchum G. H.
Leathager, A. W. Milner, J. S. K. Anson D.D. Wm
Hinn, J. B. Dunwoody; J. de. Kaufman. & C. B. King

Churches represented.

Milledgeville J. J. Windsor; Mt. Zion A. J. Hearwell,
Sparta Mrs. J. Little; Wrensboro. R. Hurlbut.
Athens, W. L. Mitchell (2) Wagnersboro & Bath G.
Downs. Churches not represented.

Augusta, Macon Bethanga; Shyativa; Danielsville
New Hope; Sandy Creek; Eatonton Hebron,
Clarkeville, Arwinton, Harmony, Lexington,
Woodstock, Madison, Monticello New Lebanon
South Liberty, Concord, Carnisville, Pleasant
Hill, Pleasant Grove, Goshaw, Appling, Wrensboro

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at
9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Closed with prayer
by Bro Lane.

Thursday morning 9 o'clock March 31st

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Rev. A. D. Montgomery was chosen Moderator, & Rev. F. J. Simpson Temporary Clerk.

On motion the reading of
the rules for the government of the judicature was
dispensed with, & the minutes of the last
Session of Presbytery were read & confirmed.
The Rev. S. E. Anson of Charleston Presb.

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Rev. W. J. Hardy of the Baptist Church, & Rev. J. T. Moore D.D. of East Hanover Presb. being present were invited to take seats as corresponding members.

Members absent from the last meeting of Presbytery were then called upon for excuses, & gave satisfactory reasons for absence from last. The Church of Washington, Millhaysville Mt Zion & Sparta gave satisfactory reasons for not being represented.

A letter from St. George D.D. was read apigning reasons for absence from the present Session of Presbytery, which was sustained.

The Report of the Executive Com. of Domestic Missions was postponed & made the first order of the day for tomorrow morning, & the time & place of the next meeting of Presbytery was made the 2nd order of the day for tomorrow morning. After which the

Committee Moderator announced the following Committees viz. On Devotional Exercises, Rev. A. W. Pitzer, & Elders A. J. Harwell, & J. T. Little. On the Narratives, Rev. D. Mills & Elder J. T. Little. On Bills & overtures, Rev. J. R. Wilson D.D. J. Woodrow, W. H. Adams & Elders S. Barnett. — Elder W. L. Mitchell appeared and gave reasons for tardiness which were sustained.

The Election of delegates to the Genl Assembly was then taken up. The Rev. Mr. Morris of the M. E. Church being present was invited to take his seat as a corresponding member.

The hour for publick worship having arrived, the Presbytery took a recess, until its close. — After services Presbytery resumed its sittings, the business before the body being

the election of delegates to the General Assembly after nominations were made, ministers J. W. Reid & D. Mills & Elders W. L. Mitchell & S. Barnett were by ballot elected as principals, after which Rev. R. H. Porter was by acclamation elected as alternate to Rev. J. W. Reid & Rev. J. Woodrow chosen as alternate to Rev. D. Mills. Elder E. A. Nisbet was on motion elected as alternate to S. Barnett & J. Calawa as alternate to W. L. Mitchell. Presbytery then took recess until 3 1/2 P.M.

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Thursday 31st P. M. Presbytery resumed its sittings, when the moderator announced the following Committee on Church Records viz.
 Gransboro. Rev. J. R. Wilson D.D. & Elder S. Barnitt.
 Sandy Creek. Riva D. Mills & Elder J. J. Little.
 Danielsville. Riva E. W. Lane. Sparta. Riva R. A.
 Houston. Athens. Riva James Woodrow & Elder R. Hurl-
 bert. Appling. Riva W. H. Adams & J. J. Windsor.
 Washington. Riva H. Saffera & J. J. Little. Augusta
 Riva R. A. Houston & S. Barnitt. Millageville Riva
 A. W. Dilger & J. J. Little; Mount Zion. Riva R. K. Porter
 & Gideon Dowse.

Mr J. D. Cleveland of the Washington Church was introduced to the Presbytery with the view of putting himself under its care as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry. He was then examined by Presbytery as to his personal piety, & motives for seeking the ministry. The examination being satisfactory Presbytery received him under its care. It was then on motion resolved that Bro Cleveland be examined on the Languages & arts & sciences in the presence of the Committee alone.

Robt Carter a Colored Bro was introduced to Presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry, & the advice of Presbytery asked as to what course should be pursued with regard to him.

On motion it was resolved that the first order for tomorrow afternoon be the reception of the Statistical reports & written reports on the state of religion, to be followed, by the free conversation on the State of Religion. On motion Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday morning 9 o'clock April 1st. Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. Riva Mr Brewster of the M. E. Church being present was invited to take his seat as a corresponding member. Riva R. K. Porter. Riva H. Newton, & Elder G. Dowse appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and Riva E. W. Lane then stated the reasons why Riva S. K. Falmage D.D.

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was absent from the present Session of Presbytery, which were sustained.

The following Resolution was then adopted, viz. Resolved, that the records of the minutes of Presbytery be hereafter kept in the journal form, & that this rule also apply to the present Session. Whereupon the confirming of the minutes was deferred, until tomorrow morning. That the Clerk might have time to rewrite them. The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was then presented.

General Order that the Records of Presbytery be kept in journal form.

The Sessional Records of the following Churches were then reported upon, the reports were approved & entered upon the respective Sessional Record Books, viz. Athens, Sandy Creek, Grunstown, Augusta, Sparta, Millgrove, Washington, Appling, Danielsville, Waynesboro & Bath, Mt Zion, & Thyatira.

The unfinished business of yesterday was taken up, & the following overture to the General Assembly was presented. viz. The Presbytery of Hopewell respectfully petitions the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America; to make a deliverance upon the subject of licensing colored exhorters & preachers to labour among our colored population - and if deemed advisable to take some action prescribing a mode of licensure for such laborers, & defining their status when thus licensed.

On motion all the propositions of yesterday relative to the licensure of Coloured persons were laid on the table. The Overture was then adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly.

The following resolution was adopted viz. Resolved, that the State Clerk be directed to write promptly to the Rev. C. B. King to know whether or not he has joined the Georgia Presbytery, in accordance with a letter of dismission granted by this body in Sept. 1861. and if not, that he be required to show reasons therefor at our next fall session, and also for neglecting to report himself at the last four Meetings of Presbytery.

Letter to King

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Rev. J. H. Kaufman was at his own request dismissed to join Presbytery of Cherokee after which Presbytery took a recess until after worship. After services Presbytery resumed its sessions. On motion a Committee was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery. The Committee consisted of Elders M. L. Mitchell & S. Barnitt. Presbytery then took recess until 3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Friday 3 1/2 o'clock P. M. The Committee appointed to examine Bro. Johnston on the languages and the Arts & Sciences reported, and recommended that the candidate deliver his popular sermon to night at the Church at the hour for Divine Services - which report was adopted. The Latin Exercis was put into the hands of the Committee on Languages and the Moderator on motion appointed Rev. J. R. Wilson D. D. R. & Houston & Elder S. Barnitt a Committee to examine the Critical Exercise & Lecture.

Leave of Absence after today was then granted to Revs. H. Safford, G. W. Lane, & Elder H. Kurlbust. The report of the Executive Committee on Domestic Missions was then taken up and the report was read by the Chairman. A Committee was then on motion appointed to report on the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, consisting of Rev. G. W. Lane, J. Woodrow & Elder A. J. Harwell.

The Statistical Report, and the written report on the state of religion followed by the free conversation on the state of religion were taken up & the Statistical and written reports were read. The free conversation on the state of religion was held in which nearly all the members took part.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Presbytery standing. Resolved, that this Presbytery desire to offer to our venerable & beloved friend and brother, Rev. G. P. Beman D. D. Our tenderest & warmest sympathies & prayers in his

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frequent & severe bereavements. May the Good Master give him peace & joy in believing & make his last days his sweetest, holiest & best. Bro Pitzer was requested to Communicate this Resolution to Dr Beman.

The following report was then received and adopted viz. The Committee to which was referred the Report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, beg leave to report that they have Report of learned with pain that many of our Churches Committee have failed to contribute to the funds of this Committee. The recommendation is that these delinquent Churches be again urged to the discharge of their duty in this matter, 2. That the report of the Committee be approved. 3 That the following persons be elected the Executive Committee for the ensuing year & until their successors be appointed viz Broa Messrs J. R. Wilson D. D. R. K. Porter, S. S. Davis D. D. Elders J. A. Ansley, Porter Fleming, J. W. Bone, D. L. Adams. Presbytery took recess until publick worship.

After the Service Presbytery resumed its Session when the sermon of Bro Cleveland was sustained as a part of trial.

The time & place of the next meeting of Presbytery was taken up, & postponed until tomorrow morning that the members of Presbytery might be better prepared to vote. Presbytery then adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock April 2nd 1864 Presbytery met & was opened with prayer. The minutes of Presbytery were read, corrected & confirmed.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz the time & place of next meeting of Presbytery was taken up. Woodstock was chosen as the place & Friday the 30th of Sept 7 1/2 o'clock P.M. as the time.

The subject of conference viz Family worship was taken up. As Bro Ketchum who was appointed to preach the sermon was absent.

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it was defined to take place on Saturday of the next meeting of Presbytery.

Bro Pitze's Call was taken up, & on motion & on motion Bro Pitze was allowed to retain the Call of Sparta & Nazion Churches in his hands.

The Committee on Latin Exercises reported. The report was adopted.

The following paper was offered by Rev. J. Woodrow, viz. The Committee appointed by the General Assembly to confer with a similar Committee appointed by the United Synod as to the Union of these two bodies, having published their proposed report, so that it might be considered by the Church, this Presbytery would set forth its views on the subject. — We would renew our expression of satisfaction at the prospect of the Union, provided it can be consummated in a way that will not endanger the peace and purity of the Church. But to the Report of the Committee of Conference as a whole we have two insuperable objections:

1. The clause in the preamble, "the dishonour done to religion by former separations," may be understood as disapproving, not merely of the separations which we now seek to heal, but of the so called reform measures of 1837 which immediately led to that separation. Now so far are we from disapproving ~~that~~ of these measures, that we regard them as having been the means under God of preserving the purity of the Church both as to doctrine and order.

2. Altho' it may be claimed that the doctrinal basis of Union is not intended to be an authoritative exposition of the Confession of Faith, yet we believe it would necessarily be so regarded; and on this ground, waiving all consideration of the contents of this basis, we are opposed to its adoption by the General Assembly.

But while we thus object to these portions of the report, we are ready to unite with our Brethren of the United Synod on the adoption by all parties of the Confession of Faith in the

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plain & obvious import of its language, without explanations or reservations.

The following was offered by Rev. A. M. Pitzer as a substitute for the above paper viz. In the matter of the Union between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, & the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the C. S. A. This Presbytery adopts the following Resolution viz. Resolved that this Presbytery would be highly gratified to see a union between these two bodies, consummated ~~between~~ upon the simple basis of the reception of the Confession of Faith as containing the System of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, & the approval of the Government & discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States. 2. That our Commissioners to the General Assembly place a copy of this paper in the hands of that assembly.

On motion the substitute was adopted. The following Clause no 2 of Professor Woodrow's paper was offered to be added to Bro Pitzer's substitute viz. No 2. Altho it may be claimed that the doctrinal basis of Union is not intended to be an authoritative exposition of the Confession of Faith yet we believe that it would necessarily be so regarded, and on this ground, waiving all consideration of the contents of the basis, we are opposed to its adoption by the General Assembly. On motion the clause was laid on the table.

It was then proposed to add Clause No 1 of the same paper to Bro Pitzer's substitute. The Clause reads as follows, viz. "Clause No 1. The Clause in the Preamble 'The dishonour done to religion by former separations' may be understood as disapproving not merely of the separation which we now seek to heal, but of the so called reform measures of 1837 which immediately led to that separation. Now so far are we from disapproving of those measures that we

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regard them as having been the means under
 God, of preserving the purity of the Church both
 as to doctrine and order." On motion it was
 laid on the table. Presbytery took recess until
 3 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Saturday 3 1/2 o'clock P.M. Presbytery
 resumed its sessions. The Committee appointed to ex-
 amine the Critical exercises, & Lecture of the
 Candidate reported. The report was adopted & the
 pieces were sustained as parts of trial.

The Committee on Church History proceeded to
 examine the Candidate; after making some
 progress the examination was ~~terminated~~ ^{adjourned}. The
 Candidate was then examined on Theology.
 On motion the Rev. Mr. Stephens of the Baptist
 Church was invited to take a seat as a
 corresponding member. On motion Rev. J. J.

Simpson was added to the Committee on Meth-
 odical The Sciences; A. M. Pitzer on Ecclesiastical
 History, & W. H. Adams on Logic & Belles Lettres.

On motion the examination of Bro. Cleaveland
 on Theology was sustained. The examination
 as a whole was sustained, [with the understand-
 ing that he be examined on Ecclesiastical
 History, Church Government & Hebrew at ordi-
 nation,] & ordered that the license take place
 immediately after worship tonight.

On motion the time & place of the next meeting
 of Presbytery was reconsidered. Woodstock &
 Millhaysville being in nomination, the former was
 chosen.

On motion the salary of the Stated Clerk
 from the beginning of the present year shall be
 Eighty Dollars (\$80.00)

Permission was granted Rev. S. E. Anson of
 Charleston Presbytery to labour for the next six
 months in our bounds. Presbytery took re-
 cess until after worship tonight. After
 worship Presbytery resumed its sessions.
 The Narrative on the State of Religion within the

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Minutes of Presbytery was read and adopted.
On motion the Commissioners to the General Assembly were ordered to draw funds from the Treasurer of Presbytery to defray their expenses.

On motion the licensure of the Candidate ^{to night} was reconsidered & the Licensure ordered to take place tomorrow night immediately after services.

On motion the report of the Committee on the Books of the Treasurer of Presbytery was adopted.

On motion Resolved that the hearty thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the Presbyterian Congregation & Community of Sparta for their large and generous hospitality, & to the Methodist & Baptist brethren for their Christian courtesy & kindness.

The minutes were then read, & on motion confirmed.

On motion Presbytery adjourned until the time of Publick worship tomorrow night. Closed with prayer.

Sunday night April 3rd 1864

After sermon Presbytery was called to order & licensed J. P. Cleveland as a candidate for the ministry to preach the Gospel.

After singing a hymn & the Apostolic Benediction Presbytery adjourned.

A. D. Montgomery Moderator
C. W. Lane. State Clerk
T. T. Simpson Temporary Clerk.

Woodstock September, 30th 1864.

The Presbytery of Caswell met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church Woodstock on Friday evening 7 1/2 o'clock, September 30th 1864. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. A. D. Montgomery from Psalms 48th 12-14. "Walk about Zion, & go round about her, tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God forever & ever: he will be our guide even unto death."

Presbytery was constituted with prayer. The roll was called & the following members of Presbytery were found to be present. viz.
 Ministers. Revs H. Safford, J. W. Reid, G. H. Cartledge, R. K. Porter, R. W. Milner, J. R. Wilson D. D. W. Filmer, R. A. Hinston, J. Woodrow, A. J. Simpson, A. D. Montgomery, W. H. Adams. Churches represented Washington, S. Barnet, Greensboro, Mrs. Johnston, Woodstock W. J. Daniel, Athens E. L. Newton. Ministers absent. Rev. S. K. Talmaage D. D. N. Hoyle D. D., S. S. Davis D. D. G. P. Beman D. D. H. Newton R. C. Kitchum, S. K. Anson D. D. David Mills, J. B. Danwoody, A. W. Pilger, G. B. King. Churches not represented Augusta Macon Milledgeville Bethany, Mt Zion Thytora, Danielsville, New Hope, Sandy Creek, Eatonton, Hebrew & New Lebanon, Clarksville, Amintan, Harmony, Livingston, Sparta, Madison Monticello, South Liberty, Concord, Camusville, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Grove, Goshen, Appling, Waynesboro, & Bath.

Rev. R. K. Porter was elected Moderator and Rev. W. H. Adams Temporary Clerk. On motion the reading of the rules for the removal of Judicatus was dispensed with. Presbytery then adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the moderator.

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Saturday morning 9 o'clock. Oct. 1st 1864. Presbytery met was opened with prayer and devotional exercises. The Records of the last meeting of Presbytery were read and approved.

A letter was received from Rev. & S. D. Davis, D. D. assigning reasons for his absence from the present meeting of Presbytery, which was sustained as satisfactory.

The list of absentees from the last meeting of Presbytery was then read, and excuses of such members now present were rendered. Those of the following were sustained Rev. & H. C. Cuddeback, R. W. Milner, Wm. Shinn, Churches, Augusta, Hebron, and New Lebanon, Woodstock. On motion of Elder Barnett, the Stated Clerk was instructed to address a letter to the Churches unrepresented, with reference to their duty in this regard. On motion of Dr. Woodrow, a committee, consisting of the Moderator, Rev. J. W. Reid, and Elder Saml. Barnett, was appointed to prepare a pastoral letter addressed to the Churches of Presbytery. The following committees were announced by the Moderator.

On Devotional Exercises

Rev. J. W. Reid and Elder

W. J. Daniel.

On Bills & Articles, Rev. A. D. Montgomery, G. H. Cuddeback, Elder E. L. Horton.

Judicial Rev. J. Woodrow, R. W. Milner, Elder W. B. Johnson

Narrative Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D. A. J. Simpson,

Minutes of Genl Assembly Rev. Wm. Shinn, and Elder Saml. Barnett.

The Stated Clerk was directed to inquire whether the order of last Presbytery, relative to the connection of Rev. C. B. King with Hopewell Presbytery, had been executed, if not, to execute the same. On motion of Rev. J. W. Reid, the conference on the subject of family worship, was made the order of that day, for 3 1/2 o'clock this afternoon.

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A report of the Ex. Com. of the Com on Domestic Missions, was presented, by the Chairman, Dr Wilson, which was on motion, received & adopted - After remarks by Elder Barnett on the duty of Churches, as to the support of the Missionaries, the above motion was reconsidered, and the report of the Committee was referred to a Committee, consisting of Elder Saml Barnett Rev S. J. Simpson and Elder E. L. Newton. The following resolution was offered by Dr Woodson Resolved - That the Ex Com. on Domestic Missions be directed to correspond with the sessions of our vacant Churches, in order to learn from them, to what extent they have been supplied with the preaching of the Word, since their Churches became vacant, and especially during the past year, and that they report to Presbytery at its next regular meeting, some plan by which their Churches, may be regularly visited, by Committees of Presbytery as often as possible, and what efforts they have made to supply themselves - Referred to the Committee last appointed.

The place of meeting of next Presbytery was then considered, and Lexington, selected by unanimous vote.

The time of this meeting, was to be hereafter determined, Presbytery then took a recess, until after public religious services. - which recess was afterward extended to 3 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Saturday P. M. Session of Presbytery was then resumed (3rd Oct.) According to appointment, the Committee on the subject of "Family Friendship" assigned to this hour, was opened by an address from Rev J. H. Reid - upon the solemn importance of the subject, as declared by the Word of God & as relating to parents, children & servants, the community & the country. Remarks were offered by Rev Dr Wilson, Rev Mr Montgomery and Adams. The time of next meeting of Presbytery was then considered, & on motion of Rev R. M. Milner, Presbytery voted to meet at Lexington, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in April 1865 - at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Rev Dr Wilson moved that free conversation on the state of religion, in the Presbytery, be assigned to

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7 1/2 o'clock this evening, by Rev J M Reid's invitation at the
Parsonage. A substitute for the above, appointing the
close of to-nights service, as the time, for such conversation
was lost: - and Dr Wilsons motion prevailed -

Dr Woodrow submitted the following: "Resolved - That
the selection of a subject for conference during the
next stated meeting of Presbytery, be committed to the
Committee, on Devotional Exercises, and that this conference
hereafter, be held in recess of the Presbyterial Session."

After debate, on motions this resolution was laid on the
table, to be taken up on Monday A.M. Presbytery then
heard the report of the Com. on "Devotional Exercises", after
which it took a recess until 7 1/2 o'clock.

Presbytery engaged in a free conversation on the state
of religion, within the bounds of the Presbytery. During
the conversation, the order was suspended, & the following
resolution was offered by Dr Woodrow.

Resolved - That Rev J M Reid and Rev G J Simpson
be authorized, to organize, a Church at Crawfordville
before next Presbytery. Bro Carledge offered the following
amendment, "that these brethren be accompanied by Elders"
accepted - Elders Wm J. Daniel, E J Jarden and Am B
Barnett were appointed, and resolution, as amended was
adopted. - Leave of absence, from further attendance, on
this session of Presbytery, was granted to Rev G H Carledge,
Rev R M Milner, and Elder Saml C Barnett, after prayer
Presbytery then adjourned, to meet on Monday A.M. at 9 o'clock.
Monday A.M. 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment,
after devotional exercises, the records of Saturdays session
was read and approved. The resolution offered by Dr Woodrow,
relative to subject of Presbyterial conference, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Narrative was received,
& adopted (insert 1) The report of the Com. to whom
was referred the report of Domestic Missions was received
& after debate adopted (insert 2) Appointment made

The last resolutions were referred to the following com:
To report during present session of Presbytery - viz -
Rev J M Reid Elder E L Newton Rev H Safford
Dr Woodrow offered the following -

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Resolved - That when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourns to meet at the call of the Moderator during the meeting of the Synod at Augusta - Resolved -

That if it should be impracticable to hold our next meeting at the time, or place, already appointed, it is hereby made the duty of the Moderator, to fix the time & place of said meeting & to give due notice of the same, to the committed ministers of the churches of the Presbytery - adopted -

The Committee on the subject of conference at the next Presbytery reported the following; as the subject selected - viz - The duty & privilege of regular, liberal and scriptural contributions to the cause of Christ - approved.

The Committee on the Pastoral letter reported, and the letter was read, accepted & adopted, & ordered to be published in the Southern Presbyterian and that the Session of each Church be hereby instructed to bring the letter before the congregation - The letter is as following (Inset 3)

The report of Com on minutes of Genl Assembly was received.

On motion of Dr Woodson Presbytery voted to reimburse J. A. Ansley Esq of Augusta for the amount contributed by him to Genl Assembly, as the Presbyterial assessment of Hopewell. On suggestion of Rev Dr Wilson Presbytery entered into an introductory meeting upon the wants & plan of the Southern Presbyterian. Elder Saml Barnett inquired whether Presbyterial action had been taken in reference to superannuated preachers? Rev Dr Wilson moved the appointment of a Standing Committee consisting of one minister & two Elders to receive funds for the support of superannuated ministers and to report upon this subject, at each meeting of Presbytery, the motion was carried and the following appointed upon the committee - Rev A D Montgomery, Elder, Saml Barnett, & J A Ansley.

The order of last year to the Stated Clerk to prepare a digest of the Standing rules of Presbytery, to report at the next meeting. Leave of absence was granted to Rev F P Simpson.

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Presbytery took recess until after religious services
 Presbytery voted to defray the expense of publishing
 in the Augusta secular press, a public notice of this
 meeting at Woodstock. The Committee to whom
 was referred the appointment of ministers to fill
 vacant pulpits by occasional services before next
 Presbytery reported the following

Appling Church to be visited by	Rev J. M. Reid
Cosheo " " " "	Rev F. J. Simons
Harmony " " " "	Rev G. H. Carledge
Pleasant Hill " " " "	Rev R. H. Williams
Pleasant Grove " " " "	Rev H. Newton
Concord " " " "	Rev H. Newton
South Liberty " " " "	Rev J. M. Reid
Irvington " " " "	Rev H. Safford
Bethany " " " "	Rev F. J. Simons
Carnesville " " " "	Rev R. C. Hitcham.
Catocton " " " "	Rev J. M. Simons
Monticello " " " "	Rev C. M. Lane
Madison " " " "	Rev J. M. Reid

The following resolutions was then offered
 and adopted - Resolved, That the thankful acknowle-
 dgments of Hopewell Presbytery be tendered to the citizens
 of Woodstock for their exceeding kindness and generous
 hospitality, by which this meeting of Presbytery has
 been rendered one of especial enjoyment, and long
 to be remembered. Resolved, That the thanks of
 Presbytery be tendered to the Methodist Church in Wood-
 stock for the use of their house of worship

The above record was then read, & on motion approved.
 The hymn beginning "Bless be the tie that binds" &c
 was sung & after prayer by Rev A. D. Montgomery Presby
 was declared adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator,
 during Synod at Augusta in Nov

W. A. R. Porter, Moderator
 " W. H. Adams, Secy. Clerk
 " W. L. Linn, Stated Clerk

Presbyterian Church. Lexington Co.

7¹/₂ O'clock April 20th 1865.

Presbytery met and was opened by a sermon from the Moderator Rev. R. H. Porter, from Romans 1st: 18th "For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness & unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness"

After the sermon Presbytery was called to order & was opened with prayer.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday morning 9 o'clock

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer.

Rev. R. C. Kitchen was chosen Moderator, & Rev. Henry Newton and J. A. Ansley clerks.

Ministers present

Rev. J. R. Wilson

Rev. R. A. Houston

Rev. R. C. Kitchen

Rev. T. H. Milner

Rev. F. J. Simpson

Rev. Henry Safford

Rev. R. H. Porter

Rev. Henry Newton

Rev. A. J. Montgomery

Rev. M. H. Adams.

Rev. John W. Reid and

Ruling Elders.

J. A. Ansley

F. L. Upson

Samuel Barnett

Edmond Byne

W. A. Cury

Augusta Church.

Lexington Church

Washington "

Haynesboro "

Bethany "

The following committee's were appointed by the Moderator

On Devotional Exercises Rev. T. H. Milner & Elder F. L. Upson

On Church Records

Haynesboro & Bath

Washington

Greensboro

Bethany

Lexington

Rev. J. R. Wilson & J.

Elder W. A. Cury

Rev. Henry Safford

Elder J. A. Ansley

Rev. R. H. Porter

Elder F. L. Upson.

Rev. T. H. Milner

Elder E. Byne

Rev. A. J. Montgomery

Elder W. A. Cury

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New Hope - Rev F J Simpson
Elder Saml Barneto.

On Narrative

Wm H Adams.
R. A. Houston
Saml Barneto.

Rev Prof Lane and Rev Wm Thum sent to Presbytery reasons for absence which were sustained. On motion permission was given Rev W A Davis from Pres of M.C. to labor in the bonds of this Presbytery. The appointments of Delegates to Gen Assembly made the first order of the day, for 3 1/2 o'clock this afternoon, 2nd order for afternoon, Free Conversation on the State of Religion. The report of Committee on the support of Superannuated Ministers was made by the Chairman Elder Samuel Barneto, and on motion was accepted & adopted, and is as follows.

The committee appointed to collect & administer a fund for the support of Superannuated Ministers & the families of dec'd Ministers, reported a recommendation that as there was but one beneficiary at present to be provided for, this business should be turned over to the Committee on Domestic Missions, who should be enjoined to collect and disburse funds for the purposes above named.

Wm L Mitchell elder from the Athens Church appeared, assigning reasons for his tardiness, which were sustained.

The report of Committee on Domestic Missions was made the special order of the day for tomorrow.

Reasons for absence of Rev S Hoyt were assigned & sustained.

Presbytery took a recess until after public worship.

After Public Worship Presbytery took a recess until 3 1/2 o'clock this afternoon.

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After recess, Presbytery met at 3 1/2 o'clock.

Rev P A Houston was appointed delegate to Gen Assembly, & Rev David Mills alternate.

J A Ausley was appointed lay delegate to Gen Assembly and W^m L. Mitchell alternate.

The committee appointed to examine the Sessional Records of Greenboro New Hope Belknap, reported that they had examined the same & recommended their approval - also records of Waverboro & Bath - also Church at Albion - Washington & Augusta.

Elder W^m Hoot of Danielsville Church assigned reasons for tardiness which were sustained.

On motion the 1st order of the day was made the 2nd order for to-morrow.

On motion Presbytery adjourned with prayer, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer, the minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

Report of Committee on records of Lexington & Washington Churches were made recommending the approval of same as far as within.

Ordered by Presbytery, that the sessional reports of the Church of New Hope be spread upon their minutes, as a necessity to their regularity & completion.

Report of the Committee of Domestic Missions was read & adopted.

The Chairman of Ex Com' Domestic Missions made a verbal report of the doings of the committee which was accepted & adopted.

Resolved, that the Committee of Domestic Missions be re-elected.

The second order of the day was taken up and the condition of the Churches within its bounds fully discussed.

Presbytery took a recess.

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Presbytery met after recess and resumed business.

The time & place of next meeting of Presbytery was discussed, Bethany Church in Green County was chosen as the place and Thursday the 31st day of August at 11 o'clock as the time for holding said meeting, and that the Moderator be empowered to change the place of meeting as circumstances may require.

Presbytery took a recess to afford the Geo. Armesto Mission Society an opportunity of holding its meeting.

The Geo. Armesto Missionary Committee made its report through Elder W. S. Mitchell, which report was adopted.

Leave of Absence was granted Rev. R. N. Porter, Wm. S. Mitchell and Henry Benton. Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock, 3 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met and was called to order by order of Moderator. The following vacant Churches were ordered to be supplied by the following ministers at their option.

Geo. W. Reid — Danielville Sandy Creek & Bethany.

R. C. Ketchum — Sarett's Bridge & Harmony.

Henry Safford — Turkey Creek } Before this time the name
of the Turkey Creek Church
had been changed to
that of Earnestville, S. C.

G. H. Cartledge — Camerille.

Rev. Wm. H. Adams applied for dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of East Alabama,

granted — permission was granted to Wm. Adams to labor for a few weeks during the summer to the Churches of Danielville & Sandy Creek at his option.

Committee on Narrative submitted the following report — adopted — and is as follows.

"Profoundly Thankful

That the Great Head of the Church has to so great a degree spared this portion of Zion, from the wide spread ravages of the impending war. The Presbytery has further cause for gratitude, that the Divine presence has been vouchsafed to its Churches.

In certain instances additional in membership are to be remarked; prayer meetings & Sabbath Schools are characterized by increased numbers & interests; the spiritual wants of the colored people are more generally recognized and met, there has pastoral

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labor been more assiduously performed, never has there been greater encouragement to entireness of the consecration of God's people to the service of their Divine Redeemer, While thus in general, there is occasion for thanksgiving for spiritual blessings. yet in particular the deeper solicitude ought to be encouraged by the increasing proneness of the Churches to undue absorptions in current political events. There is in consequence of such excessive interests a growing & painful laxity of religious principle & a lack of the spirit of real, ardent, glowing piety. While the magnitude of our revolution involving the dearest objects & principles of individual and national existence should be adequately appreciated, it is yet salutary to bear constantly in mind, that all political convulsions are designed for the establishment enlargement and purification of the Church of Christ, God is overturning until He whose right it is, shall reign; and all objects else are declared by Holy Scriptures subservient to such dominion, Near as our friends home, country, nearer far to the Christian heart should be the cause of Christ. Never should the calls of patriotism render the Church of Redeemer forgetful of its obligations to claims of paramount, pre-eminent importance.

Your Committee would solemnly urge the Churches of this Presbytery, prayerful reflect upon it & resolve against this growing evil & to make the watchword of the army of the cross, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you"

In conclusion your Committee recommend a large increase in contributions to the Churches, for causes of Christian benevolence & would especially importune them to deeper contribution for sin, a renewed consecration of heart and life, true humility and a closer walk with God. Reply submitted

Wm H Adams.

R A Houston

Sam Barnette

Committee on "Narrative"

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Resolved that the thanks of this Presbytery are due and are hereby tendered to the people of Lexington for their very generous hospitality towards the members of this body.

Resolved, that the Presbytery do now adjourn, after prayer by the Moderator, and singing the long metrical psalm, the Presbytery was formally dissolved to meet as before ordered.

J. A. Ausley
Clerk

R. C. Ketchum
Moderator,

Rev. J. M. Stinson Stated Clerk

Bethany Church Green Co.

August 31st 1865 - 11 o'clock

Presbytery met and was opened with sermon from Rev R A Houston last Moderator present - Text 2nd Tim 4: 6-8. - Presbytery was then opened with prayer.

The roll of members then present was made, embracing the following names, viz - Rev R A Houston, G. H. Cullledge, L. J. Simpson Jun: W. Reid, R. H. Milnes Henry Safford, Elders - J. H. Groves, New Hope Church.

H. J. Sum. Bethany "

W. B. Bunn, Nelson and New Lebanon.

J. C. Ellington Washington Church.

On proceeding to the election of officers G. H. Cullledge was chosen Moderator, and R. A. Houston temporary Clerk.

On Devotional Exercises - Rev J. L. Simpson & H. J. Sum. Presbytery then took a recess until after devotional public worship this afternoon.

P. M. - After Public worship, Presbytery met. Elder Newton offered reasons for tardiness and was sustained. Rev A. J. Montgomery also presented reasons for tardiness and being sustained both names were enrolled. Com' on Bills & Controvers.

Rev Henry Safford, J. H. Reid.
Elder E. L. Newton

Subject
of Confer-
ence

The following subject, for conference at our next meeting of Presbytery was selected, viz - "What is the best method of celebrating calling out or forth the efficiency & punctuality of the Eldership of the Church?" Rev R. H. Milnes was appointed to preach a sermon on the subject & Rev J. H. Reid was selected as his alternate.

It was moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of reporting on the relations of our commissioned to the Gen Assembly. Rev R. H. Milnes, A. J. Montgomery & J. C. Ellington constitute that committee. Lettles now read making application for the organization of a Church at Elberton, they were referred to a committee consisting of Rev J. H. Reid and W. B. Bunn.

Bethany Church. August 1865

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Sep 1st 1865

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer Roswell Hurlbut delegate from Greensboro Church being present gave reasons for tardiness which were sustained, his name was enrolled, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved, the reports and free conversation upon the state of religion within our bounds, was made the first order of the day, for this afternoon, Rev R W Milnes & D Montgomery and Roswell Hurlbut were appointed to prepare the minutes, letters were presented including that letter of resignation of Rev R A. Houston of the pastorate of Greensboro Church & the proceedings of the Church in connection thereto, being read, was ordered to be placed in the hands of a committee to report thereon, Rev R W Milnes F S Simpson, & C Ellington were appointed that committee On motion, Rev J E Arson of Charleston Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member, W S Daniel delegate from Woodstock Church appeared and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, his name was enrolled,

Time & place of next meeting

Presbytery then proceeded to the selection of a time & place for its next meeting - Athens was chosen and Wednesday half past 7 o'clock, one before 4th Sabbath of April On motion a recess was taken until after public worship Presbytery met Leave of absence was granted to R Hurlbut & E Arson of Charleston Presbytery asked leave to labor in our bounds during the next six months, leave was granted to him,

The committee on Bills and Minutes, the report is as follows.

Resolved

What is the proper course for a session of a Church having but two elders, and where a case of discipline, in which one of the elders is involved, as accuser or provocator? The committee report "That in the supposed case, the session be authorized to invite some other elder from another Church to aid them," the report on motion was adopted, a recess was taken until after public worship

After public worship Presbytery was called to order by Moderator.

The Committee raised "to consider the relations of our Commissioners to Gen Assembly" made a report, also with regard to the name of Gen Assembly, the reports were accepted & adopted.

The Com. appointed to consider the relations of our commissioners to Gen Assembly & to consider the condition of our Church as to name &c. Report

1st That three commissioners being appointed to represent us in an assembly with which we were in lawful connection must hold their commissions until that body meets, and is dissolved through a Moderator chosen by themselves, and the Committee recommends that Presbytery direct these commissioners to attend the Gen Assembly called by the Moderator of the last meeting. and

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As we are without a name, by the fall of the Confederacy. The Committee recommends that our commissioners be instructed to use their influence in the Assembly, for the adoption of the name of the "Gen Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, South". In order to carry out the purposes of this action the Committee recommends that Presbytery request Dr Wilson the Moderator of last Assembly to call as soon as practicable a meeting of the Assembly. Presbytery met & entered into a free conversation on the state of the ~~congregations~~ religion in the Church. This matter being disposed of on motion the Presbytery adjourned, until to-morrow morning, closing with prayer.

Saturday 9, o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met & was opened with prayer, Minutes of yesterday were read & approved, the Committee raised to report on the letter in reference to organizing a Church at Ellenton made a report, which was accepted & adopted.

Rev Mr Reid presented Mr J F Leung as a candidate being desirous of being taken under the care of this Presbytery - with a view, for preparation to preach the gospel. The Presbytery then proceeded to examine him in Experimental religion, his motives for seeking the office of a minister &c. in view

Organization of Church at Ellenton.

Jenny. Candidate for ministry.

of the facts elicited, the Presbytery on motion received him under its care, as a candidate for the gospel ministry. It was moved that the session of Athens Church be appointed a committee to superintend the education & preparation of Mr. Feunoy, with liberty to call upon any Church in the Presbytery for assistance. The motion was seconded & unanimously passed.

The Com. to whom was submitted the papers, involving the resignation of Rev R. A. Houston of the pastorate of Greensboro Church & the proceedings of the Church, made a report which was discussed.

The Committee report that they can come to no satisfactory conclusions and recommend that the Presbytery appoint a committee to visit that place (Greensboro) & investigate the matter & report to the Presbytery, at Synod - adopted. The committee contemplated in this report to consist of seven - to wit, Messrs Reid, Montgomery, Beman (Minister), Elder E. L. Newton, W. L. Mitchell, Samuel Barnett & Audley. On motion Presbytery took a recess until after public worship. After worship the Presbytery met Tuesday the 26th of September appointed for the Com. by the Pastor & Church of Greensboro, to meet there, to consider the matter presented.

The Com. on Narrative submitted their report which was adopted.

The Committee on Narrative reports that religion in the bounds of Hopewell Presbytery, that generally in our Churches there is great cause for despondency, growing out of the depressed condition of public affairs, and the absorbing interest our people feel in the State of the country, detracting very much from the efficiency of spiritual growth the poverty of the country - effecting as it does the whole Church, is a matter of grave apprehension, occasioning an excuse for neglect of duty, to Pastors and crippling very alarmingly their energy. Worldliness too as a flood, seems to be filling the Church & watering it. While however this is the case, there is something yet very much to brighten the prospect, from some of the Churches here represented, cheering reports come of saints revived and sinners converted to God.

this is our great comfort, his light in our darkness, his joy in our sorrow. May our great Head multiply speedily larger measures of these gracious visitations.

A vote of thanks to the Church & citizens of this neighbor hood for their kind & hospitality was passed, a resolution was offered & passed, that this Presbytery, when it adjourns, adjourns to meet at Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Moved & passed that Presbytery order our Treasurer to pay our commissioners a sum sufficient to defray their expenses to the Gen Assembly.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at the time and place designated - closed with prayer.

G. H. Carledge

Moderator.

R. A. Houston

Temporary Clerk.

Wm. H. H. State Clerk.

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Augusta Ga. - Oct 17th 1865

At the call of the Moderator of Hopewell Presbytery, it
convened & was opened with prayer.

Mr Samuel Gallonay a licentiate of East Alabama
Presbytery, presented a certificate from that body, and was
on motion received under the care of this Presbytery.

The Committee appointed by Presbytery to visit Greensboro Church.
made their report - as follows -

The Pastoral Com' mittee in
Greensboro this day Sep 26th and after a session extending to 29th
inst returns the following report, that there is present
of the Committee Rev A D Montgomery, Chairman, Messrs
E L Newton & A Anely and William Mitchell, elders, that
they proceeded to investigate the questions referred to them,
to wit, the propriety of dissolving the pastoral relation ex-
isting between Rev R A Houston and Greensboro Church.
and after a patient hearing of all the facts, bearing upon
the question, the Committee recommend to Presbytery to dissolve
the Pastoral relation between them. The Committee deem
it unnecessary and inexpedient to detail these facts,
deeming it sufficient to state that under all the circumstan-
ces, it is the judgement of the Committee, as well as the
Pastor and people themselves, that the relationship be dissolved
This is due, upon the express understanding that no charges
are made against the Pastor. He will retire with the
respect & confidence of the members, as a Christian gentleman
and minister & with the warm sympathy of some.

The Committee advise the Greensboro Church to keep the pulpit
supplied, if practicable until the adjourned meeting of Pres-
at Augusta, and authorize them to do so in the name of
Presbytery, and advise Bro Houston to feel at liberty to
exercise his ministerial functions, wherever God in His
Providence may open the way for him, until said meeting
of Presbytery. It is understood that the Pastor has made
and now makes no charge against the Church, to which
he has been greatly attached, this is therefore simply a
question of what is best for the glory of God under all the
circumstances of the case. The dissolution will not reflect
upon either Pastor or people. Respectfully submitted
Greensboro Sep 26 1865. by the Committee

Augusta.

On motion the report was accepted and Committee discharged.
 The pastoral relations existing between Rev R A Houston
 and Greensboro Church was then by vote of Presbytery dissolved.
 Rev Henry Saffold was requested to preach a sermon in the
 Presbyterian Church at Greensboro to inform Rev R A Houston
 of the action of Presbytery and declare the pastoral relations
 dissolved, existing between Rev R A Houston and that Church.
 Presbytery took a recess to meet at call of Moderator.

Saturday evening Oct 21st 1865.

Presbytery met at call of Moderator and their being no business
 adjourned to meet in Athens on Wednesday 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock before
 the 4th Sabbath of April 1866.

R N Porter

Moderator.

J S Simpson

Temporary Clerk.

Wm J. Stearns State Clerk

Athens. April 18. 1866

The Presbytery of Georgia met in the Presbyterian Church.

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Roll, October, 1856.

- ✓ * Alonzo Church D.D., obit 1862
 ✓ \ Nathan Hoyt D.D., obit 1866
 ✓ \ S. K. Falmage D.D., " 1865
 A. Safford
 ✓ + Francis Bourman D.D., Dismissed, to join Presbytery of Geo. April 1857
 \ S. S. Davis D.D., obit June 21st 1877.
 \ J. W. Reid Died 1867
 ✓ \ C. P. Beman D.D.
 ✓ \ R. Hooker Deceased Dec. 15th 1858.
 \ N. Newton
 ✓ + M. P. Gready. Dismissed to join South Carolina Presb. Sept 24th 1857.
 R. C. Ketchum
 G. N. Cartledge
 \ C. B. King. Dismissed to join Geo Pres
 R. K. Porter " " Atlanta 1867
 ✓ R. W. Milner Dismissed to join Cherokee Presbytery April 1866.
 ✓ \ R. L. Brock, Dismissed to New Albany (Ind) Sept 21. 1858.
 \ J. L. K. Axson D.D., Set off. 1866
 * Wm. Flinn
 ✓ \ E. D. Eldridge Dismissed to Flint River April 1859
 ✓ + W. G. Williams. Dismissed Nov. 1856.
 ✓ Robert Logan Dismissed April 1858.
 ✓ + John Jones. (Received from Ga. Presb. May 1858. Dismissed April 1857
 Chas. W. Lane. Ordained (at Madison.) April 10th 1857
 L. A. Simonton. Ordained. (Sparta) June 21st 1857. (March 1859) Obi. 31st
 Jos. R. Wilson D.D. Recd April 1858
 ✓ G. W. Boggs. " " " Dismissed to South Ala. Pres. Oct. 1859 p 425.
 ✓ J. K. Humphrey. Ordained (Augusta) May 1858. Deceased Sept. 1859.
 Homer Hender. Recd from Florida Pres. Nov. 1858. Dismissed
 R. A. Heronston. Recd from East Ala. Pres. 1859.
 J Woodrow - ordained April 61 (at Millerville)
 ✓ J W Kaufman Recd (Greensboro) Sep 62 Dismissed
 ✓ A W Pitzer Recd (Albany) Nov '62 Dismissed
 F J Simpson ordained (Danville) Nov '62.
 J B Denny
 A D Montgomery Recd from Pres of S C Nov 63 at Athens
 ✓ W W Adams - ordained at Athens Nov 63 - Dismissed 1865

Candidates October 1847.

Pilas M. Blanchard, received April 1846. dismissed

Thomas A. Hoyt received October 1847. Licensed ^{Sep.} Oct 1849.

Robert W. Milner. received Oct 1847.

J. L. King received August 1848. Licensed ^{Sep.} Oct 1849.

~~John Purinton received Sept 1849.~~

John Rice Bowman received Sep. 1849

Milner

Licentiated October 1856 and onward.

Francis Henry Bowman. Licensed May 1856. Dismissed Nov. 1856. to the Ga. Presb.

Charles M. Lane. Licensed April 1856.

Assessment on the churches.

The following assessment was made at the meeting of Presbytery at Mount Zion April 1844. Reduced 33 1/3 percent. Reinstated at New Hope April 9th 1858, & reverted to the original assessment.

1	Augusta	\$50.00	34.00	
2	Macon	50.00	34.00	
3	Athens	50.00	Increased to \$50. At Sparta April, 1846. 34.00	
4	Washington	20.00	14.00	
5	Greensboro	15.00	10.00	
6	Lexington	10.00	5.00	
7	Milledgeville	20.00	10.00	
8	Bethany	10.00	7.00	
9	Salem Woodstock	10.00	7.00	
10	Mount Zion	10.00	7.00	
11	Thyatira	10.	7.00	
12	Danielsoville	5.00	3.00	
13	Lincolnton	5.00	Increased to \$7.00 at Sparta April 1846 5.00	
14	Madison	5.00	3.00	
15	Monticello	5.00	3.00	
16	New Hope	5.00	3.00	
17	New Lebanon	5.00	3.00	
18	Sandy Creek	5.00	3.00	
19	South Liberty	5.00	3.00	
20	Eatonton	5.00	3.00	
21	Concord	3.00	2.00	
22	Hebron	3.00	3.00	
X 23	Hopewell Extinct	3.00		
24	Carnyville Trinity	3.00	2.00	
25	Ebenezer Extinct	2.00	1.00	1859. at Transboro.
26	Sparta	10.00	Increased to \$10.00 at Sparta April 1846. 7.00	
27	Bethel Extinct			
28	Livingston Extinct			
X 29	Gainesville Extinct			
30	Clarksville	5.00	3.00	
31	Louisville Extinct	5.00	3.00	
32	Pleasant Hill	2.00	2.00	
33	Green Street, Augusta Extinct	10.00		1850
34	Waynesboro & Bath	10.00		
35	Irwinston	3.00		
36	Pleasant Grove	2.00		
37	Stamondy	2.00		
38	Goshen	5.00		Revd Nov. 1858.

Roll. October. 1845.

Ministers.

Edward Pharr. Deceased.
 Monzo Church D.D. " "
 Nathan Hoyt D.D.
 Samuel K. Talmage D.D. Deceased
 Francis Bowman D.D. "
 John Harrison. Deceased
 Samuel S. Davis D.D. Dismissed
 Henry Safford
 R. Chamberlain Deceased.
 John W. Rice
 Francis R. Gauding Dismissed
 John W. Baker Dismissed
 Carlisle P. Beman
 Richard Hooker
 G. H. W. Petrie Dismissed April 1854
 Sampson Carter, dismissed
 John C. Baldwin Dismissed page 201.
 Charles S. Dod Dismissed page 185.
 Homer Hender. Dismissed.
 Henry Newton
 William P. Gready. Dismissed Sep 24. 1857.
 Ebenezer P. Rogers. Rec. Nov. 1847 Dismissed April 1854
 Washington Baird. P. " .. Dismissed
 Richard M. Baker. " .. Dismissed Nov. 1855.
 Richard C. Ketchum - Rec. Nov. 1848.
 Wm H. Thompson - Dismissed
 Groves H. Cartledge.
 J. U. Parsons. Rec. Oct. 1849. dismissed
 Charles B. King. Dismissed April 21. 1850. Received again April 1854.
 John Rice Bowman. Ordained April 1832. Dismissed Nov. 1854
 James L. Rogers. Rec. April 30. 1852. Dismissed Sep. 1852
 Daniel McKill Turner. Rec. Sep. 1852. Dismissed April 1854
 William S. Williams Dismissed Nov. 1854 Dismissed returned Sep 1855.
 R. K. Porter Ordained April 1853
 Robert W. Milner. Do. Do.
 Robt Lagan. { Rec. Apr. 1853. from Concord Presb.
 Dismissed Rec. again May 1855. Dismissed April 8. 1858.
 Samuel S. Davis Received Nov. 3 1853 from Harmony Presb.
 Robert L. Breck Received Jan. 1854 from West Loxington Presb.
 J. S. K. Aseson Received Nov. 1854 from Georgia Presb.
 Wm. Flinn Rec. from Tusculoosa Presb. April 1855.
 E. D. Eldridge, from Hopkinton Association N.H.

Licentiates

Carlisle P. B. Martin. dismissed April 1853.
 William Clark.
 Henry Newton. Ordained August 13. 1847.
 Henry L. Bullen. Dismissed
 Silas M. Blanchard.
 Groves Harris Cartledge. Ordained Sep. 23. 1849.
 William P. Gready. Ordained Aug 15. 1847
 Julius Delaunay. Dismissed
 Wm H. Thompson Ordained - March 1849
 J. L. King. Li. Sep. 1849. Dismissed April 20. 1850
 Thomas A Hoyt. " " Dismissed Oct. 1849.
 Charles B. King - Rec. Oct 1849. Ordained April 1850
 at Madison April 21. 1850 - Dismissed
 John Rice Bowman - Ordained, May 2. 1852.
 at Greensboro.
 Robert W. Milner. Ordained
 Robert A. Houston. Ordained Nov. 1853 -
 Charles W. Lane. April 1855 page 322
 John R. Daw. Do. Dismissed
 April 1856.

Standing Committees - and Standing Resolutions - on Rules.

Committees on Examination of Candidates.

On Languages, Talmage, Reid, and Beman..

On Arts and Sciences, Church, Goulding and Dod.

On Theology, Bowman, Petrie, and Baldwin.

On Eccl. History, Hoyt, Hooker and Baker.

On Church Gov^t and the Sacraments, Chambelaine, Safford and Carter. (See page 321)

Mount Zion April 1844

Resolved, that it be a standing Rule of Presb. that committees of Review shall make a report in writing of the errors in the Records, and that such errors shall be written in the book of Records, that they may be corrected. See page 148.

Presbyterial Exercises.

Resolved that it be a standing Rule to appoint at each stated meeting of Presbytery, one or more of its members to prepare each a Presbyterial Exercise, on some appropriate subject to be read at the succeeding meeting. Adopted April 1845. at Leesington. See page 157.

Resolved, that the minutes of this Presb. to the extent of 150 copies be published, each year, in pamphlet form, after the semiannual meeting. Adopted April 1846. at Sparta. See page 168.
Revised.

Ex. Com. on De. missions page 166

That it be a standing Rule of this Presbytery that inquiry be made annually of our Churches as to the promptness & fidelity with which they discharge their pecuniary engagements to their ~~Members~~ p. 251.

Candidates -

Thomas A. Hayt. Licensed Sch 1849

J. L. King. Licensed Do

John Rice Bourman -

Milner.

The following Assessment of the Churches was made at
 New Hope. Apr 1858. (See page 383)

Augusta	450.	This assessment revised and reduced at
Macon	50.	Washington April 63 - (see page 504)
Athens	50.	
Washington	20.	
Crossbors	15.	
Lexington	10.	
Millington	20.	
Bethany	10.	
Woodstock	10.	
Mount Zion	10.	
Hyattsville	10.	
Danielville	5.	
Madison	5.	
Monticello	5.	
New Hope	5.	
New Lebanon	5.	Changed to Hebron. at Crossbors. Sept. 1866
Sandy Creek	5.	
South Liberty	5.	
Catonton	5.	
Concord	3.	
Hebron	3.	
Carnesville	3.	
Sparta	10.	
Clarksville	5.	
Pheasant Hill	2.	
Waynesboro & Bath	10.	
Brinton	3.	
Pheasant Grove	2.	
Harmony	2.	
Cosheo	5.	
Appling		
Gainesville		
Ebbston		

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p. 57. Resolution in regard to dancing

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