

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NEW JERSEY.

HELD AT

STEWARTSVILLE, WARREN COUNTY, N. J.

From September 21st to 25th, 1871.

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THURSDAY, September 21st, 1871, 7½ P. M.

The Ministers and Lay Delegates composing the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey, assembled this evening in the Lutheran church, at Stewartsville, N. J., under the pastoral care of Rev. J. R. Sikes.

Rev. J. W. Lake preached the opening sermon, from 2 Samuel vi. 6-13.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Sept. 22, 1871.

After devotional exercises for half an hour, the first session of Synod was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer by the President. The Synod was duly organized by the calling of the roll and registering the names of the delegates.

The following is a list of the clerical members and lay delegates composing the Synod at its present meeting :

*Clerical.**Post Office.*

JACOB C. DUY,	New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., N. J.
EPHRAIM DEYOË,	Ramsey, Bergen Co., N. J.
DAVID KLINE,	Clarksville, Hunterdon Co., N. J.
ALFRED HILLER,	German Valley, Morris Co., N. J.
J. ILGEN BURRELL,	Stone Church, Northampton Co., Pa.
JOHN W. LAKE,	Cohansey, Cumberland Co., N. J.
J. R. SIKES,	Stewartsville, Warren Co., N. J.
GEORGE W. ENDERS,	Bridgeton, Cumberland, Co., N. J.
W. A. JULIAN,	Saddle River, Bergen Co., N. J.

*Congregations.**Post Office.**Lay Delegates.*

Zion Church,	New Germantown,	P. M. FELMLY.
Christ Church,	Ramapo	} ADOLP. I. SHUART.
Church of the Redeemer,	and Ramsey's,	
Spruce Run Ch., } Mt. Bethel Ch., }	Clarkville,	PHIL. TERABERRY.
Zion Church,	German Valley,	E. M. BARTLES.
Trinity Church, } St. Paul's Ch., } Zion's Church, }	Stone Church, Pa.,	ROBERT G. MORRIS.
Emanuel's Ch., } Luth. Chapel, }	Cohansey,	JOHN HAPNER.
Ev. Luth. Church,	Stewartsville,	JOHN HANCE.
Ev. Luth. Church,	Saddle River,	S. I. GOETSCHFUS.
Ger. Luth. Church,	Bridgeton,	* JACOB KIENZLE.

* Absent.

DELEGATE FROM SISTER SYNOD.

REV. S. HENRY, East Pennsylvania Synod.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

REV. J. KLING, Franckean Synod.

" J. H. BARCLAY, East Pennsylvania Synod.

" A. C. WEDEKIND, D. D., New York Synod.

" G. U. WENNER, New York Synod.

The President then read his Annual Report :

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BELoved BRETHREN: God, in His infinite goodness and mercy, has spared and permitted us to pray, preach, and labor for the salvation of souls, and upbuilding of His cause and kingdom during another year, which has quickly passed away—reminding us that time is short, and that what God has given us to do, we must do with our might, and to meet again in Synodical convention, to take sweet counsel together, to pray with and encourage each other, to devise and adopt such measures as will best promote the cause of God in general and the best interests of that portion of His Zion He, in His providence, has committed to our charge.

I now proceed to present you a written account of the official business transacted by me during the past Synodical year, and such information in relation to the churches as has come to my knowledge, that we may better meet the wants and remedy the evils of our beloved Zion during the year to come.

Shortly after the adjournment of the last Synod, the Rev. L. D. Wells vacated his charge at Saddle River, to take charge of the English Lutheran church at Canajoharie, N. Y., in connection with the Hartwick Synod. At his request I gave him letters of honorable dismissal.

October 30th, the Lutheran church at Mount Bethel, of which I am the pastor, having been refitted and repaired, was solemnly consecrated and set apart to the worship of God. Rev. J. I. Burrell preached the dedication sermon, and was listened to with profound attention throughout by a large and appreciative audience. The consecration service was read by the pastor. The day was pleasant, the house full to overflowing, and a collection taken and pledges given, sufficient to meet the expenditure, if all is paid that is pledged.

INJUSTICE COMPLAINED OF.

Rev. G. W. Enders, in a communication dated December 8th, 1870, complained to me that he had been unjustly censured by the Hartwick Synod for his course in uniting with this body; that it was based upon the assumption that the

President of said Synod, Rev. V. F. Bolton, had neither given him a letter of dismissal nor the promise of one, as by him stated, and that he had thereby obtained his ordination at our hands through fraud. To satisfy this Synod, and all here present that this complaint is not without foundation, I will here quote what may be seen and read in the minutes of the last session of the Hartwick Synod.

The President, in his Synodical report, says, in referring to a request of Brother Enders for a dismissal from that body to this: "Owing to his peculiar relation to this body as student and licentiate, and, having never been examined for the ministry, *I did not comply with his request, but advised,*" &c.

And the President of the Home Mission and Education Society of that body, in his report, says: "He (meaning Brother Enders) was received and ordained by the New Jersey Synod without any dismissal from us, or even the promise of one from our President, or without any examination by either Synod."

Now, in justice to Brother Enders and ourselves, I deem it my duty to state, *emphatically*, that a letter of dismissal from the Hartwick Synod to this Synod, over the signature of V. F. Bolton, President of Hartwick Synod, was received by Brother Enders, and placed in my hands just after the adjournment of Synod, at which he (Brother Enders) was ordained, and the fact is mentioned in my Synodical report of last year. The cause of this unjust assault I know not, but in justice it deserves, in my opinion, a severe rebuke for such unwarrantable treatment of a young brother, upon whose character all his future usefulness is necessarily dependent.

A CALL ACCEPTED.

In the month of December I received a communication from Rev. Wm. A. Julian, informing me that he had received and accepted a call to the Saddle River pastorate; that on the 20th of November he entered upon the duties of said charge under very promising circumstances, and that he had met with a very kind and affectionate people.

SYSTEM OF BENEVOLENCE.

The new system of benevolence adopted by our Synod last year, if my experience is any criterion, has not worked well, or, at least, has not accomplished all that might and should have been done. My own opinion is that the mite-box plan is far preferable and should be adopted by this Synod.

A short time since, the Rev. Wm. A. Julian, pastor of Saddle River charge, placed in my hands a letter of honorable dismissal from the Franckean Synod of New York, to this Synod, with which he desires to connect himself at this session.

MISSION FIELDS.

The large and important fields of missionary ground lying within our borders, referred to last year, remain waste for want of cultivation, which we, as a Synod, cannot do without the necessary implements, which are men and means. O, that God in His mercy would bless us spiritually, as He ever has done, and is doing temporally, and thus cause the hearts of our people to overflow with gratitude and love, and a *benevolence* equal to their means; then might the waste places of our beloved Zion soon be made to rejoice and blossom as the rose.

And now may the great Head of the Church be present with and preside over us, that this convention may prove both a happy and prosperous one, and its blessed effects produced upon us be carried back to our respective charges, and the coming year made one of great ingathering of souls and of rejoicing in the Lord. Amen.

DAVID KLINE, President.

Stewartsville, Sept. 22d, 1871.

Resolved, That the President's Report be received and referred to the appropriate committee.

Adopted.

The Rev. W. A. Julian, pastor of the Saddle River congregation, having presented a certificate of honorable dismissal from the Franckean Synod.

Resolved, That Rev. W. A. Julian be received as a member of this Synod.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. Kling, of the Franckean Synod, be received as an advisory member.

Adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, Rev. E. Deyoe and Mr. P. Teraberry were appointed tellers, who announced the result of election as follows:

REV. D. KLINE, *President*.

“ A. HILLER, *Secretary*.

“ J. W. LAKE, *Treasurer*.

Resolved, That Rev. J. C. Duy receive a vote of thanks for faithfully serving this Synod as Treasurer for nearly seven years.

Adopted.

Resolved, That this evening be devoted to the consideration of Foreign Missions and Systematic Beneficence.

Adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. J. I. Burrell be excused for his absence at the opening of this morning's session.

Adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter the names of delegates be returned upon the roll, whether present or absent.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Synod open at 8½ o'clock, A. M., for devotional exercises and 9 o'clock for business, and adjourn at 11.45 A. M., and that the afternoon sessions be held from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Adopted.

Resolved, That to-morrow morning be devoted to the reading of the parochial reports.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of last year be dispensed with, and a committee be appointed to examine the same.

Adopted.

☆ Synod adjourned until this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Duy.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock, Sept. 22, 1871.

Prayer by Rev. J. Kling. Roll called. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following committees, to whom were referred for examination the various papers, etc., on his table.

No. 1. *President's Report*.—Rev. J. I. Burrell, Rev. J. W. Lake, Mr. John Hance.

No. 2. *Minutes of last Year*.—Rev. G. W. Enders, Rev. W. A. Julian, Mr. P. Teraberry.

No. 3. *Letter from Bridgeton*.—Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. J. I. Burrell, Mr. E. M. Bartles.

No. 4. *Statistics of Contributions, etc.*—Rev. J. W. Lake, Rev. G. W. Enders, Mr. P. M. Fehny.

No. 5. *Minutes of Hartwick and New York Synods*.—Rev. J. R. Sikes, Rev. E. Deyoe, Mr. A. I. Stuart.

No. 6. *Memorial Church, etc.*—Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. J. R. Sikes, Mr. S. I. Goetschius.

No. 7. *Pennsylvania College Circular*.—Rev. W. A. Julian, Rev. J. C. Duy, Mr. R. G. Morris.

No. 8. *Minutes of General Synod*.—Rev. J. I. Burrell, Rev. J. C. Duy, Mr. J. Hapner.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Duy, presented his report, which was received and referred to an Auditing Committee. Committee, Rev. E. Deyoe, Mr. P. Teraberry, and Mr. R. G. Morris.

The Treasurer would respectfully report to Synod, that he has received during the past year the following sums, for the purposes named:

J. C. DUY, *Treasurer*, in account with the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY. DR.

	Synod.	Home Missions.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	General Synod.	Publishing.	Orphans.
October 14, 1870.							
Rev. J. R. Sikes, - - - -	16 60	34 61	10 00	9 20		7 00	
" G. Enders, - - - -	5 00	5 00					
" J. W. Lake, - - - -	12 00	29 50	10 00	15 00			
" A. Hiller, - - - -	10 00	16 04	20 00	46 00			
" L. Wells, - - - -	5 00	15 00	5 19				
" D. Kline, - - - -	10 40	15 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
" J. C. Duy, - - - -	17 00	20 00					
" J. I. Burrell, - - - -		75 00					
" E. Deyoe, - - - -	10 00	11 00					
Collections (at Centreville) -		24 00					
Rev. G. Enders, - - - -		20 00					
Jan'y. 26, 1871, borrowed of Mr. V. Doran, - - - -			50 00				
Rev. J. Duy, - - - -			2 40				
	\$85 60	290 15	112 59	80 20	5 00	12 00	5 00

And he has disbursed the sums following, viz.:

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	Synod.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	General Synod.	Orphans.
October 14, 1870.						
Rev. M. Officer, - - - -		271 15				
" Deyoe's bill, - - - -	5 00	75 00				
" G. Enders, - - - -						
" L. Wells' bill, - - - -	3 68					
" J. I. Burrell, for son, - -				25 00		
Mr. Dunbar, - - - -				35 00		
M. M. Buehler, - - - -			80 20		5 00	
A. F. Ockershausen, - - - -				12 00		
J. K. Shryock, - - - -						5 00
Rev. Willard, - - - -						
Dec. 1870, Rev. Enders, - -	8 00					
" Printing Minutes - - -	56 97					
Jan. 26, 1871, blanks, - - -	5 00					
Postage and blank books, - -	2 18					
	\$80 83	346 15	80 20	72 00	5 00	5 00

Respectfully,

JACOB C. DUY, *Treasurer*.

Resolved, That Rev. Joseph H. Barclay be received as an advisory member.

Adopted.

DELEGATE FROM EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

The Rev. S. Henry appeared as the delegate from the East Pennsylvania Synod, presented the fraternal greetings and sympathy of the Synod which he represented, and was appropriately responded to by the President of Synod.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Your delegate to the above named body attended their meeting in Philadelphia on the 13th ult., and was received in a fraternal manner. The brethren of this Synod are evidently prosecuting the Master's work with a commendable zeal. Rev. M. Sheeleigh, of White Marsh, Pa., is their President.

J. W. LAKE.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Your delegate appointed last year to represent this Synod at the 25th convention of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, which was held in the 1st English Lutheran church in the city of Dayton, Ohio, would respectfully report: That but one of the two delegates elected was in attendance. The lay delegate, Mr. Joseph Stahly, was prevented from going by indisposition, and his alternate, Mr. Samuel Kletz, owing to the short notice given, was not able to arrange his business so as to leave home for so long a time. The undersigned, however, was present during the whole convention, and also attended and participated in the spirited and delightful prayer meeting held in the evening before the opening of the session of Synod, which prayer meeting all felt was a most auspicious introduction to this jubilee convention of the General Synod. The meeting, as you have all doubtless learned from the church papers, was very harmonious, and was regarded as one of the most promising that this body has ever held. This fact, together with the beautiful city of Dayton, the splendid church edifice in which the sessions of Synod were held, the artistic and appropriate music by the church choir, the cordial and hearty hospitality of the good people of Dayton, and the untiring efforts in this same direction by the pastor of the church, with whom the undersigned was for several years associated as class-mate and room-mate while in the Seminary, all com-

bined to make the attendance of your delegate most delightful and pleasant. The Synod was composed of 119 delegates, 68 clerical and 51 lay, representing 21 District Synods. There were also in attendance as visitors, 56 Lutheran ministers, and 14 from other churches.

While attending this convention, your delegate was impressed with the idea that the Lutheran Church, as represented by the General Synod, is now fully organized and prepared for most efficient work. With our missionary operations concentrated in the parent societies—with a German paper, the *Lutherische Kirchenfreund*, to represent the General Synod among the Germans, and a Swedish paper, *Zions Banner*, to represent us among our Scandinavian brethren—with this work of the church properly laid out, and a mature plan for developing the resources of the church by systematic benevolence, and with our whole organization, not only Lutheran and scriptural in doctrine, but so eminently adapted to our age and government, it seems to us that the Lutheran church in this country, as represented by the General Synod, has a bright and glorious future, if her membership will now only heed the command of our Lord, Go, work in my vineyard. Inasmuch as the minutes of the General Synod are now in the hands of a committee who will report during the present meeting of Synod, I will call your attention to only one or two of the many items of business transacted:

1. The Committee on the General Synod's German Paper reported that the paper was in debt to the amount of \$808. A successful effort was made to pay this debt by pledges from the different Synods, when your delegate pledged this Synod for the sum of \$25, this sum to be paid to the Treasurer of the General Synod immediately after our present meeting.

2. A resolution was passed urging all the congregations in the General Synod to take up annual collections about the 1st of April, for the treasury of the General Synod, and that the amounts so collected be *immediately* forwarded to the *Treasurer of the General Synod*, No. 380 South street, New York, to pay the traveling expenses of the delegates to the General Synod.

I would also call the attention of this Synod to the action of the General Synod in reference to prolonging the *sessions* of the General Synod hereafter, so that delegates be requested to make arrangements to spend two Sundays away from their people. In connection with this, it was

“*Resolved*, That the District Synods be requested to appoint only such delegates as can and will remain till the close of the convention.”

Your delegate was also appointed on a Committee of Appeal on Systematic Benevolence, with the request that he secure such facts as shall be necessary to inform the Synod of the amount of money expected from each Synod for all purposes, to explain the system of benevolence adopted by the General Synod, and urge its adoption by every church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HILLER.

Report received.

LUTHERISCHE KIRCHENFREUND.

Resolved, That this Synod appropriate \$25 to redeem the pledge of our delegate to the General Synod for the *Lutherische Kirchenfreund*.

Adopted.

Resolved, That we recommend the *Lutherische Kirchenfreund* to the German families among us, and that we use our influence to secure subscribers for the above paper.

Adopted.

WEST JERSEY CONFERENCE.

This Conference held its first meeting February 6 and 7, 1871, at Luther Chapel, in my charge.

J. W. LAKE, Secretary.

SECOND MEETING OF THE WEST JERSEY CONFERENCE.

This Conference held another meeting June 1st, 1871, at Stewartsville, in Brother Sikes' charge.

Adopted.

J. W. LAKE, Secretary.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of Conference hereafter submit their record and books to Synod for examination.

Adopted.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

PASTOR'S SALARY.

Resolved, That hereafter lay delegates be called upon to report the amount of salary paid their pastor, and if said salary is paid according to agreement.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

Committee No. 2 respectfully report that they have examined the minutes of this Synod of last year, and find the following claiming our attention :

1. On page 9, we find that a committee was appointed to prepare blanks for parochial reports, to be ready for present session of Synod. Have the blanks been prepared?

2. On page 21, we find a resolution transferring all matter relating to Home Missions and Education to the Executive Committee of Home Missions and Education. We therefore recommend that the Home Mission and Education Society be discontinued, and that its business be hereafter transacted in open Synod.

G. W. ENDER,

WM. A. JULIAN,

P. TERABERRY.

Report received and considered *seriatim*, and adopted as a whole. Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. S. Henry.

 THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Sept. 23, 1871.

After devotional exercises, Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. I. Burrell. Roll called, minutes of former session read and approved.

Resolved, That the Rev. G. U. Wenner, of the New York Synod, be received as an advisory member.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.

Your committee in whose hands was placed the President's Report, would respectfully report that they have examined said document and found it a very superior paper in every

particular. It gives a very complete account of the doings of Synod during the past year, and yet it is brief and terse.

Several items claim the attention of Synod. 1st, The item in relation to the license and ordination of Brother Enders should be understood by the brethren.

In the estimation of your committee an attempt is made on the part of the President of the Hartwick Synod to injure and bring into ill repute Brother Enders, an esteemed member of this Synod, and that, too, by the greatest misrepresentation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. BURRELL,
J. W. LAKE,
J. HANCE.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the last item in the report of the delegates to the General Synod be adopted.

Brother G. U. Wenner, of the New York Synod, being present, by request explained the working of the General Synod plan of Systematic Beneficence.

Resolved, That Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., be received as an advisory member.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the plan of Systematic Beneficence recommended by the General Synod be adopted, and the "Lord's Treasury" be introduced into all our churches.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the report of the delegate to the General Synod be adopted.

Resolved, That the reading of parochial reports be made the special order for Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Rev. Wm. Laurie, of the Presbyterian Church, be received as an advisory member.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE WITH THE NEW YORK SYNOD:

Your committee, appointed to confer with a similar committee from the New York Synod, on the propriety of forming a union of the two Synods, would respectfully report that they met the

New York brethren, in Zion's Church, New Germantown, N. J., on the 2d of November, 1870, when the following resolution was unanimously passed :

Resolved, That in view of the substantial benefits of united action in the work of the Synods of New York and New Jersey, we would recommend to our respective Synods immediate union, on such basis as may be further agreed upon at the next meeting of the Synods.

Your committee respectfully recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to prepare and present a basis or plan of union during the present session of Synod.

J. I. BURRELL,
J. C. DUY,
G. W. ENDERS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 7.

Your committee No. 7 have placed in their hands a circular issued by the Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania College, in which they earnestly ask of the Synods and churches in connection with the General Synod, a cordial reception of their agent, Rev. J. F. Probst, and the most liberal contributions to the endowment of the institution.

Accompanying the circular, is a communication from the agent, Rev. Probst, reminding a member of this body of a promise made by him ; namely, to try to get the ministers of this Synod to open the doors of their churches for his reception. Your committee would simply refer the matter to this body for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. JULIAN,
JACOB C. DUY,
R. G. MORRIS.

Adopted.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee to examine the Treasurer's account would beg leave to report that they find the same, with the vouchers, all correct, with a balance in the Treasurer's hands of one dollar and thirty-six cents.

E. DEYOE,
W. A. JULIAN,
R. G. MORRIS.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. F. Probst, the financial agent of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, be cordially invited to visit the churches within the bounds of our Synod, in the interests of the college.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned until after the preparatory service this afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. E. Deyoe.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 23, 1871.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Lake. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. E. Deyoe was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Resolved, That the Secretary be excused for non-attendance this afternoon.

Adopted.

Resolved, That Mr. P. Teraberry, delegate from Spruce Run, be excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Synod.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 5, ON MINUTES OF THE NEW YORK AND HARTWICK SYNODS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the minutes of the New York and Hartwick Synods, would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find but one item in each claiming the special attention of the Synod. These items are:

1. The one in the minutes of the New York Synod, relative to the union of Synods, as mentioned in the President's Report, on page 9; and, also, by resolution on page 17.
2. One in the minutes of the Hartwick Synod, relative to Brother Enders, as mentioned in the President's Report on page 5, also, in the report of their committee on the Ministers of our Synod, as found on page 38, and again on page 42.

As these items will likely be brought before the Synod in the reports of other committees, in a proper form, we therefore refrain from any special suggestions to the Synod in this report concerning them. These Synods seem to be actively engaged in the proper measures for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. In these we would most heartily join them, and bid them God speed.

We hope to welcome the arrival of a corresponding delegate from the New York Synod in our midst ere the close of the present session of Synod.

J. B. SIKES,
E. DEYOE,
A. J. SHUART.

Resolved, That Mr. Martenis be received on the funds of this Synod, and be referred to the Education Committee.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the matter of difficulty existing between Brother Enders and the Hartwick Synod be referred to a committee to report to Synod.

J. I. BURRELL.
J. C. DUY,
E. DEYOE.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION WITH THE NEW YORK SYNOD.

Your committee appointed to present a basis of union between the New York and New Jersey Synods, respectfully presents the following:

Resolved, 1. That the title of the body when united shall be *The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New Jersey*.

2. In the event of a union of the two Synods, the New Jersey Synod shall constitute a conference embracing its present territory, together with such additional territory as the united Synod shall determine.

3. The Synod shall be governed by such Constitution and By-Laws as the united Synod shall adopt.

4. Until the consummation of the proposed union by the ac-

tion of the Synods in joint session, each Synod retain its present status and the control of its own funds.

5. Should the above basis be adopted by the respective Synods, we recommend that a joint session be held at some central point, and at as early a date as practicable, time to be determined by the Presidents of the two Synods.

J. R. SIKES,
J. C. DUY,
G. W. ENDERS.

Adopted.

Resolved, That a copy of this plan of union be laid before the New York Synod at their next meeting, by our delegate.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 4, ON STATISTICS.

Your committee would report that the document submitted to them is a statistical report of the contributions of this Synod for missions and education from 1861 to 1871, embracing ten years. These statistics are based on the parochial reports of the printed minutes of Synod, and hence contain the pith of our official statements in reference to our work in missions and education. These statistics furnish us with the following facts:

1. During this ten years the New Jersey Synod has had an average membership of about 1,488.

2. The average contributions have been about \$128.62, or about twenty-nine cents per member.

3. The net gain of membership during this time has been at the rate of nine per annum.

4. The average contributions have increased at the rate of about \$4.31.

5. The average contributions from the different pastoral charges ranges from six cents to fifty-four cents per member.

This report does not embrace the churches at Ramsey's and Bridgeton, these being missions. Your committee feel confident that these parochial reports do not embrace all that has been given during this time for missions and education, and therefore we recommend that hereafter greater accuracy be

sought in giving our congregations credit for what they do in these respects.

J. W. LAKE,
G. W. ENDERS.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 3.

Committee No. 3 would report, that the paper placed in their hands is a letter from the Council of the German Lutheran Church at Bridgeton. There are two items the committee would bring to the notice of Synod :

1. The church officers request that the appropriation voted by Synod for their benefit for several years past, be continued for another year.

2. The letter contains an urgent and cordial invitation to hold the next meeting of Synod in their church.

Report accepted.

J. C. DUY,
J. I. BURRELL,
E. M. BARTLES.

Synod adjourned to meet after service this evening.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Julian.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, Sept. 25, 1871.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Enders.

Resolved, That Mr. Scott be received on the funds of Synod, and be referred to the Executive Committee.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the two young brethren receive two hundred dollars each.

Synod adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. E. Deyoe.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock—Sept. 25, 1871.

After prayer meeting, Synod was opened this morning at 9 o'clock with prayer by the Rev. J. R. Sikes. Roll called. Minutes of former session read and approved.

Resolved, That no member of this Synod be permitted to speak more than twice on a question, nor more than ten minutes at a time, during this session.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 8, ON MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Committee No. 8 have in their hands the minutes of the General Synod. They have examined said document and would respectfully report that they find nothing in it requiring the attention of this Synod at this time.

J. J. BURRELL,
J. C. DUY,
J. HAPNER.

Adopted.

REMARKS ACCOMPANYING PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. J. C. DUY.

During the past summer our church has been painted inside, and otherwise altered and improved. The cost has been about \$400.00. Our sanctuary was closed and the regular services interrupted for more than two months. The Lord's treasury boxes have been introduced, and so far the plan has worked well. Twenty-two boxes have been issued and are in use: of these eighteen have been opened for the quarter ending Oct. 1st, the contents of which were \$36.85, averaging two dollars a box. This did not hinder our other usual collections.

REV. E. DEYOE.

We are still, as pastor and people, pursuing the even tenor of our way in peace, laboring together to build up and extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. Beside paying their stipulated

salary, my people have made me a very liberal donation during the past year. One man gave me a very fine family sleigh, and I have received other substantial remembrances which indicate kind feelings, and encouraged us in thinking that our labors are appreciated. Our church at Ramsey's Station has recently been finished, and we had the pleasure of dedicating it to the worship of the Triune God, on the 6th day of September; so that after the many inconveniences and trials of the past three years, we, for the two past Sabbaths, have worshipped in as neat and cosy a little room as we could desire. And our people are very grateful to the friends and congregations that so kindly aided them in their struggle to build their church. In less than two weeks from the time it was dedicated, nearly every desirable seat was rented, and, from present appearances, a number more could be rented if we had them. We have raised and paid out \$1,500 during the past year. Our church has cost us about \$5,800; about \$900 remains to be paid. It has pleased the Lord to favor this enterprise, and for His favor we would desire to be truly grateful. Our people have been giving and giving in finishing and furnishing their church, so that I could not press them at this time for contributions abroad, but hope to do more liberally another year; each of my Sunday-schools have contributed \$5 for home missions.

REV. D. KLINE.

Although we have had, during the past year, no special outpouring of God's spirit among us, yet we trust we have been advancing in the divine life. As to church enterprise, I think I can say we are fifty years in advance of what we have been. We have now a beautiful church, made every way comfortable and attractive, and, the consequence is, a greater interest is manifest, a much larger attendance secured, and, as we trust, more good is done. Already our pew rents amount to nearly three hundred dollars more than the salary at present promised to the pastor, and I have incidentally learned that the church council intend voluntarily to raise their pastor's salary. Our Sunday-school, though not large, has, during the

summer, been quite interesting. The fact that in the immediate neighborhood of the church, there are but few children to be gathered, makes it difficult to get up and maintain the interest that might be secured in a school of greater numbers. Nor can we continue it during the winter season. Our church at Mt. Bethel does not succeed as rapidly as we had hoped, in a spiritual sense, but we shall continue to pray and look for better times in the future. As my people have been heavily taxed in support of home enterprises, I report but \$50 for missions and education, to be appropriated as I might see proper, except two dollars given by Mr. Charles Force, which were given for foreign missions. I continue to receive many tokens of my people's kind regards and affection, in substantial gifts and donations. Nor can I, in justice to the ladies of my congregation, neglect to mention the fact that they, on learning that my daughter Jennie, afflicted with lameness, anticipated a visit to Philadelphia, surprised her by the presentation of a purse of \$ 5, as an evidence of their Christian regard and sympathy. May the good Lord reward them abundantly. Amen.

REV. A. HILLER.

During the past Synodical year we have been trying to promote systematic benevolence among our people, and to this end have followed the plan recommended by the General Synod, and introduced the missionary boxes, or "Lord's Treasury," in our congregation. About seventy of these boxes have been distributed, and, at a recent missionary meeting, forty-eight of these boxes were returned, the contents of which amounted to \$99.31. Of the amount reported for foreign missions, \$13.96 were contributed by the Sunday-school, \$3.21 were the contents of Miss Katie Bartle's missionary box, 57 cents were contributed by little Louis Dufford, and \$2.98 is the separate contribution of Mrs. M. Nunn and her little Sunday-school scholars. Of the amount reported under local objects, \$450 were expended in carpeting, varnishing, painting, and recushioning the church, and \$67.86 were paid for a new library for the Sunday-school. Last winter we had

a course of popular lectures in the church, which proved to be very instructive, and entertaining, and, beside paying expenses, brought about \$70 in the Sunday-school treasury. We need a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. May He speedily revive His work.

REV. J. I. BURRELL.

The Lord's Treasury Boxes were introduced after the year had expired, and as yet we have no returns.

During the past year we were specially favored with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Almost one hundred were added to the different churches. A new congregation was organized at Ackermanville. The church built at the latter place is a neat, substantial edifice, with spire, bell, and stained-glass windows, and cost six thousand dollars. Three young men from the charge are at Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, and one at the Theological Seminary. We thank our Heavenly Father for His favors and are encouraged to go forward.

REV. J. R. SIKES.

The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Still we need and pray for more divine power and vital piety.

REV. WM. A. JULIAN.

Beloved Brethren in Christ.—In person I am a stranger to this body, but I trust not in law and faith. Allow me to submit the following report in a form as condensed as possible.

On the twelfth of October, 1870, I received and accepted a call to the Saddle River pastorate, made vacant by the removal of Rev. L. D. Wells.

On the twentieth of November I entered upon the labors of said pastorate, of which I immediately informed the President of this Synod. My reception to the charge was not only a pleasant but a joyful one. Many bright faces adorned the parsonage, and a splended supper graced the dining-room, which was very refreshing to the new pastor and his family after a journey of a whole day, and part of the night.

One thing, among others, which was an indication of their high regard, was a beautiful large cake in the centre of the

table, with the inscription in large letters. "Welcome home." The occasion I shall always remember with grateful acknowledgments.

My work as Pastor during the Year.—I have preached twice on Sabbath, morning and evening, instructed a class in the Sabbath-school, conducted two prayer meetings during the winter, visited nearly all the families of the congregation, and others who are not of the fold, and held a series of meetings in the month of February, which resulted, we trust, in much good.

Outpost.—I preach at Westwood twice in the month, on Sabbath afternoon; have the consent of the people in the shape of a resolution to build a Lutheran church at that point. A handsome building lot donated, eleven hundred and fifty dollars subscribed, and two hundred and forty-five dollars paid in for the purchase of an organ, is the result already.

The state of religion in the charge we consider good, but might admit of improvement. Divine services in every department are well attended; the Sabbath-school large, and interesting; the prayer meetings not slighted by the lovers of Jesus, and the public services of the Lord's house well attended and respected. No discord, but perfect harmony reigns. My people are kind and liberal, as my parochial report will show. May the Lord bless them.

REV. J. W. LAKE.

We feel very much encouraged to prosecute the Lord's work more vigorously than ever. The Master has richly blessed our labors. Backsliders have been reclaimed; the lukewarm have been aroused; sinners have been converted; God's true people have been richly blessed, and the children flocking to the Sunday-school, have been instructed in the truths and love of Jesus. Our churches have both been greatly relieved from impediments within and croakings without, by the judicious exercise of a wholesome discipline. In short, our labors in the Gospel have never been (as far as we can judge) attended with such ample and permanent results as during the last year.

REV. G. W. ENDERS.

During the Synodical year our congregation has been steadily growing in interest and numbers. Forty-three have been added to the church, and it pleased the Lord to take two of the brethren home. The prospect for this church is growing brighter—old discords are disappearing. The Gospel is gradually doing its legitimate work, and love to God and man are increasing. Still, there is room for improvement. We need above all, a deeper work of God's spirit in the heart. Our services are all well attended. Our Sunday-school continues increasing in interest. We have reduced our church debt to about \$85. Of the money reported under external objects, \$115 were sent to Germany for sick and wounded soldiers. Five dollars of the money reported for home missions is from the Sunday-school, and 58 cents is from our Georgie's missionary box. The church council resolved to introduce the "Lord's Treasury" system into our congregation, immediately after Synod. Two beautiful Christmas trees ornamented our church last Christmas, and yielded gifts and joy for young and old—to me, among other things, a beautiful ice-pitcher and waiter. The church has treated me with uniform kindness, and many and varied gifts speak of their remembrance. For all these they have our cordial thanks. A very neat silver baptismal font has been presented to the congregation by Mr. Jacob Rienze. Our church edifice narrowly escaped being burned down. It was on fire, but, providentially, it was discovered and extinguished. We here record our gratitude to Almighty God for this deliverance, and for all the mercies of the past, and Him alone we trust for the future. Amen.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Resolved, That Rev. J. I. Burrell be excused from further attendance during the present session of Synod.

Adopted.

ON THE DUTIES OF CHURCH ELDERS.

Resolved, That Synod call the attention of church elders to chapter 3, section 6, in our "Formula of Government," which treats of the duties of elders.

Adopted.

LUTHERAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Resolved, That the Synod endorse the project of the Secretary of the Board of Publication, to raise \$100,000 for the endowment of our Publication Society.

Adopted.

BINDING MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have the minutes of the former sessions of Synod bound in one volume, after the joint meeting of the New York and New Jersey Synods.

Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ON LUTHER CHAPEL.

Resolved, (1) That we recommend the congregation of Luther chapel to sever their connection with Friesburg.

(2) That we recommend them to apply to Rev. G. W. Enders, of Bridgeton, for pastoral services.

(3) That we recommend the council of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church of Bridgeton, to permit their pastor to take pastoral care of Luther chapel.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 6.

Committee on paper marked No. 6, would say that said paper contains a plea in behalf of the Memorial Church at Washington, D. C. Said paper reminds us of the action of our late General Synod in relation to the District Synods. This paper asks that we adopt some plan that will secure contributions from our congregations to the Memorial Church. While we regard the enterprise as of very great importance, still, as many other objects are pressing upon us, we do not see our way clear in making any specific provision for the Memorial enterprise at Washington at this time.

E. DEYOE,

J. R. SIKES,

A. J. SHUART.

Adopted.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Balloting for place of next meeting being in order, Messrs. Bartles and Felmy were appointed tellers. Several invita-

tions were received, but when the ballot was taken, St. John's Church, Bridgeton, was chosen as the *place*, and Thursday evening before the full moon in September, 1872, the *time* of next meeting.

PRINTING MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretary have 600 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the different churches.

Adopted.

SYNODICAL SERMON.

Resolved, That the Synodical sermon be preached by the President, at the opening of Synod.

Adopted.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be returned to the people of Stewartville for the generous Christian hospitality shown us while in their midst, and to the choir for affording special interest to the various services in the church by appropriate music.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the report of Committee No. 3 be adopted.

Adopted.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Principals.

REV. A. HILLER.

Alternates.

REV. E. DEYOE.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

REV. G. W. ENDERS.

REV. J. R. SIKES.

DIRECTOR IN SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG.

Resolved, That Rev. J. C. Duy be our director in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CASE OF BROTHER ENDERS AND THE HARTWICK SYNOD.

The committee appointed on the case of Brother Enders and the Hartwick Synod report:

1. That Brother Enders, a licentiate of the Hartwick Synod, appeared before our Synod at Friesburg, being in expectation of a promised letter from the President of the Hartwick Synod recommending him to our body for licensure.

2. After consultation, it was thought best that the application should be for ordination accordingly; he applied and we examined and ordained him.

3. The promised letter being delayed by the mails, came to hand immediately upon the adjournment of Synod and was duly handed to the President.

4. The committee hereby declare that we have undiminished confidence in the integrity and entire Christian character of Brother Enders.

J. I. BURRELL,

J. C. DUY,

E. DEYOE,

Report adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet on Thursday evening before the full moon in September, 1872, in St. John's Church, Bridgeton, N. J., Rev. G. W. Enders, pastor. The brethren then joined in singing a parting hymn, after which the Synod was closed with prayer by the Secretary.

I certify that the above is a faithful record of the proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey.

ALFRED HILLER, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Thursday Evening—Sermon by the Rev. J. W. Lake.

Friday Evening—Address on Missions and Systematic Benevolence, by the Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D., and G. U. Wener of New York Synod.

Saturday Afternoon—Preparatory Sermon, by Rev. G. W. Enders.

Saturday Evening—Synodical Sermon, by the President.

Sunday Morning—Sacramental Sermon, by Rev. J. I. Burrell. Rev. J. C. Duy preached in the Lutheran church, near Phillipsburg—Rev. S. Henry, pastor. Rev. W. A. Julian preached in the Presbyterian church, Stewartsville, and the Secretary in St. Paul's church, Easton.

Sunday Afternoon—The Secretary preached in College Hill chapel, Easton.

Sunday Evening—Sermon by the Rev. J. C. Duy. The Secretary preached again in St. Paul's church, Easton.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOME MISSION AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

DEAR BRETHREN:—It will be remembered that at the last meeting of this Synod, it was resolved to transfer its mission funds to the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod. This has necessarily placed the President, as well as the chairman of the Executive Committee of this society (Rev. J. C. Duy), in a position which renders their official relations almost, if not quite, unnecessary. I would state, however, that we have but one mission and missionary in all our territory, whose duty requires him to report to the secretary at York, Pa., and not to either of us. Hence my report composes only such information as I have incidentally obtained.

Brother Enders, our missionary at Bridgeton, in reply to a business note, dated Oct. 24, 1870, pertaining to other matters, incidentally remarked as to the state of the mission upon his return to it from Europe: "I find," says he, "the congregation in good circumstances. I preached yesterday morning for the first time again; text, Matt. ix. 1., and in the evening, Matt. v. 21, 22, and had a very large and attentive audience each time. And in January last I received a note, in which he says, touching the mission: "We are getting on nicely in Bridgeton. The church is increasing in membership, and from what he stated I should judge, that as the church increases in members, it increases in Christian charity, which is a good evidence of a healthy growth; that the church is alive and not dead, prospering and not waning, and that, in a short time, with God's blessing, it will be self-sustaining.

In a communication last January, Rev. J. C. Duy says: "Brother Burrell wants \$50 for his son, this session. Mr. Dunbar is waiting for his appropriation, and here we are,

owing \$25 more than we have at present in the treasury, and if the promised contributions do not come in, how are those peremptory demands to be met? Brother B. also says that Martenis wants aid." "*I am perplexed.*"

And, in a letter dated August 29, 1871, he says: "We have no beneficiaries on our *funds, for we have no funds.* There are plenty applications for aid, and trust our treasury will be amply replenished." Amen. So be it; God grant it, is the prayer of the President.

Brother Duy, in stating that we have no beneficiaries on our funds, seems to have forgotten the fact, that at the joint meeting of the Conferences held at Stewartsville, last May, it was resolved, I believe, to take Brother A. Martenis upon our funds. If I am mistaken, so be it; but I think I am not.

And now, in conclusion, I think it nothing more than just that I should state, that from the letters Brother Martenis has written me during the past year, he is worthy of our confidence and aid. They breathe the right spirit; give evidence that he has thought much, and weighed well the subject of the ministry; that he regards it as a very important and responsible calling; evidently feels and believes that both the heart and mind need to be well fitted and prepared for so great a work, and to attain which, says, "I am striving, and hope to be successful."

May God, in His goodness and mercy, not only put it in the hearts of young men to study for the ministry, but also put it into the hearts of His people, to whom He is giving such an abundance every day, week, month, year, to give of that abundance ample means with which to carry on such worthy enterprises, as those of missions and beneficiary education. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID KLINE.

STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE OF APPEAL ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The undersigned member of the General Synod's Committee of Appeal on Systematic Beneficence, whose duty it is "to secure such facts as shall be necessary to inform the Synods of

the amount of money expected from each Synod for all purposes," &c., would make the following statement :

I. The General Synod embraces, in round numbers, 100,000 communicants (101,369.)

II. As far as we can learn, the General Synod will need to carry on her necessary work during the coming year, at the least calculation, the following sums:

1. Board of Publication, \$100,000 to be raised in four years, will require this year, - - - - \$25,000.00
2. The Church Extension Society, - - - - 10,000.00
3. The Foreign Missionary Society, - - - - 14,000.00
4. The Home Missionary Society, - - - - 20,000.00
5. Education by our Synod, - - - - 400.00

To meet this want of the church, will require contributions on the part of our Synod to the amount of \$1,784.70, or about 90 cents from each communing member, as follows :

Publication Society,	- - - - -	25 cents.
Church Extension Society,	- - - - -	10 "
Foreign Missionary Society,	- - - - -	14 "
Home Missionary Society,	- - - - -	20 "
Beneficiary Education,	- - - - -	21 "

May the Lord help us as a Synod and as individuals to do our whole duty.

A. HILLER.