

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
OF
NEW JERSEY,

CONVENED IN
Emanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
FRIESBURG, SALEM CO., N. J.,

OCTOBER 7th to 10th, 1864.

TOGETHER WITH THE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
CONVENED IN

Bion's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
NEW GERMANTOWN, N. J.,

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BURRELL.

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To *New-York Synod*,.....REV. M. SHEELEIGH.
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" *East Pennsylvania Synod*, " J. I. BURREL.

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Synodical Sermon,REV. E. DEYOE.
Preparatory Sermon,.. " P. A. STROBEL.
Sacramental Sermon,.. " M. SHEELEIGH.
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Proceedings
 OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
 OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD
 OF
NEW JERSEY.

FRIESBURG, *Oct. 7th, 1864.*

The Ministers and Lay Delegates composing the Fourth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New-Jersey, assembled in the Lutheran Church at Friesburg, Salem Co., N. J., in charge of Rev. J. N. Unruh, on Friday evening, Oct. 7, 1864.

The Secretary, according to appointment, preached the Synodical Sermon to a large and attentive audience from Ps. 65, 2.

FIRST SESSION.

*Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock,
October 8, 1864.*

The members having spent half an hour in devotional exercises, Synod was called to order, and was opened with the singing of a hymn by the brethren and with reading the scriptures and prayer by the President.

The ministerial roll was called and the absentees noted. The lay delegates were next received on presenting certificates from their respective charges.

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

CLERICAL.

1. JACOB C. DUY,
2. PHILIP A. STROBEL,
3. EPHRAIM DEYOE,
4. J. N. UNRUH,
5. MATTHIAS SHEELEDIGH,
6. ALFRED HILLER,
7. J. ILGEN BURRELL,

POST-OFFICE.

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| New-Germantown, Hunterdon Co., N. J. | |
| Clarksville, " " " | " |
| Saddle River, Bergen Co. | " |
| Daretown, Salem " " | " |
| Stewartville, Warren " " | " |
| German Valley, Morris Co., | " |
| Stone Church, North'ton Co., Pa. | |

LICENTIATES.

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| 8. JACOB BOCKSTAHLER, | Bridgeton, Salem Co., N. J. |
| 9. JOHN W. LAKE, | Dismissed to the Hartwick Synod. |
| 10. RICHARD LAZARUS, | Dismissed to the Maryland Synod. |

LAY DELEGATES.	FROM THE CONGREGATION AT
Col. R. R. HONEYMAN,	New Germantown, N. J.
J. O. HEMION,	Saddle River and Ramapo, N. J.
PETER SIGER,	Friesburg, N. J.
A. B. WELLER,	Stewartsville, N. J.
NATHAN ANTHONY,	German Valley "
JOSEPH STAHLEY,	Stone Church, Pa.

The President read his Annual Report, which was received and laid on the table to be referred to a committee. The following is the report:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In the kind providence of God, we are again permitted to assemble in synodical convention, the present being the Fourth Annual Meeting of our Synod. Another year has passed away amid the convulsions and revolutions of *civil war*.

But as ambassadors of the Prince of Peace, we have been allowed to prosecute our mission without interruption or molestation. While along a line of military movements, reaching nearly across our continent, the people are startled and their associations broken up by the roar of cannon and the tramp of armed forces, we assemble to-day, far from the scenes of deadly strife, for the purpose of devoting a few days to such matters and business as the state of the times and the interests of our churches may demand of us.

We have especial cause for gratitude to the Author of all our Mercies, that we are all of us alive this day, and distant from the scenes of strife and war, surrounded with the rich blessings of peace, and an abundant harvest of the fruits of the earth.

Although it is not our privilege to record unusual prosperity within our bounds during the year, yet some of our churches have enjoyed precious seasons of the outpouring of the Spirit of Grace, and we trust that vital piety is on the increase in our congregations.

In accordance with custom, and the requirements of the Constitution, I proceed to submit to this body a Report of my official acts during the past year.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

May 5th, 1864, Rev. M. Sheeleigh, of Philadelphia, Pa., informed me that he had received and accepted a call from the congregation at Stewartsville, New-Jersey, previously filled by Rev. J. H. Barclay.

Under date of May 20th, 1864, I received a letter from the Rev. R. Lazarus, a licentiate, asking permission to visit a charge in Alleghany County, Md. As there seemed nothing for Brother Lazarus to do within the bounds of our Synod, I granted his request.

June 7th, 1864, I received a letter from brother Lazarus, stating that he had taken charge of congregations in the bounds o

the Maryland Synod. At his own request he has been honorably dismissed to that body.

Under date of June 29th, 1864, I received a letter from Rev. J. W. Lake, a licentiate, informing me that he had received and accepted a call from the congregation at Guilderland, New-York, in the bounds of the Hartwick Synod. At his own request he has been honorably dismissed to that Synod.

I exceedingly regret that these young brothers could not have been retained in our Synod, and employed as Missionaries.

ADMISSION FROM OTHER SYNODS.

July 25th, I received Rev. M. Sheeleigh's certificate of dismissal from the Synod of East Pennsylvania to this Synod.

INSTALLATION.

June 21st, 1864, Rev. Sheeleigh informed me that he wished the appointment of a committee to install him in his congregation. I appointed Rev. Hiller to preach the sermon, Rev. Duy to deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Burrell to charge the congregation. The duty was satisfactorily discharged.

AD INTERIM LICENSURE.

Rev. J. Bockstahler, our Missionary at Bridgeton, a licentiate, having been prevented from attending the last meeting of Synod, through sickness, and his excuse, license, report, &c., failing to reach us in time, being missent, applied to me for a renewal of his license. In view of the circumstances in the case, I granted an *ad interim* license, which expires with this meeting of Synod.

MISSIONARY ITEMS.

Early in the spring of 1864, I received a letter from Rev. Lazarus, informing me that he had been in search of the field of labor to which the attention of Synod had been called, and in which he was directed to labor. He found a few European Germans scattered over that part of New Jersey, but as he received no encouragement either from the people, or the neighboring pastor, who promised to aid in the work, the enterprise was abandoned.

Under date of May 2d, 1864, Rev. Lake informed me that the Mission at High Bridge, and in the lower German Valley had failed—the reasons will undoubtedly be given in the Report of the Executive Committee.

Our German Missionary at Bridgeton has been faithfully engaged during the year, he has added quite a number to his little flock. A church is needed very much at Bridgeton.

I would call attention of Synod to the necessity of employing a travelling Missionary for this state, who could preach in both the German and English languages.

CORNER-STONE LAYING.

About the last of June, 1864, the corner-stone of a substantial

brick church was laid at Martin's Creek, in the charge of Rev. J. I. Burrell. The exercises were participated in by Revs. J. C. Duy, of New-Germantown, R. A. Fink, of Lewisburg, Pa., and Luther E. Albert, of Philadelphia. The attendance was large, and about 400 dollars were raised for the benefit of the church. Rev. Albert preached the sermon, and the Rev. J. C. Duy performed the ceremony of laying the corner-stone.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Under date of July 1st, 1864, I received a letter from Rev. Berlin, Secretary of the Alleghany Synod, complaining of certain irregularities on the part of Rev. Lazarus, in taking charge of certain congregations, said to be irregularly detached from old charges, and also of his intention of taking said congregations into the Maryland Synod. I replied that as Rev. Lazarus was no longer a member of the Synod of New Jersey, being dismissed to the Synod of Maryland, I could do nothing for them. Was I correct?

And now, brethren, as the term for which I was elected, as your presiding officer, expires, I return to you the trust with which your confidence invested me, with my thanks for the forbearance which you have exercised towards my infirmities.

And may the great Head of the Church grant unto you his grace, and the guidance and fellowship of his Spirit, during the sojourn and toils of life, and, in the end, unbroken rest in heaven.

Friesburg, }
Oct. 7th, 1864. }

JOHN N. UNRUH,
President of the New-Jersey Synod.

SPECIAL MEETING.

New-Germantown, N. J., Aug. 2, 1864.

Brethren of Synod and members of the Congregation met this evening, according to previous notice, in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Germantown, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. C. Duy. Rev. M. Sheeleigh, of Stewartsville, preached an impressive sermon from Gal. 6, 14. "But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

SYNODICAL SESSION.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 3, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and organized by electing Rev. J. C. Duy, President, pro-tem., who opened the session with singing the 432d Hymn, when the Rev. M. Sheeleigh led us in prayer. The Secretary then called the roll, when the following clerical and lay delegates answered to their names:

LAYMEN.

Rev. J. C. DUY.
" J. I. BURRELL.
" A HILLER.

Mr. JOACHIM GULICK.
" MORRIS, NAUGHTRIGHT.
" WM. FULMER, Stewartsville.

Rev. M. Sheeleigh, upon presenting letters of honorable dismission from the East Pa. Synod, was received into connection with this body. The President then stated the object of this special meeting to be, according to previous notice, "the election of a director or directors to the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg."

After a free discussion of this subject, on motion, Synod *Resolved*, That the churches of this Synod patronize the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to forward \$10 to the Treasurer of the Seminary at Gettysburg.

Resolved, That this Synod now proceed to elect three Clerical and two Lay Directors to the Theological Seminary of the General Synod, at Gettysburg; two clergymen and one layman to be elected for one year, and one clergyman and one layman for two years. The election resulted as follows:

One Year.

Rev. J. I. BURRELL.

" M. SHEELEIGH.

Dr. A. K. SEEM.

Two Years.

Rev. J. C. DUY.

Mr. A. B. WELLER.

On motion,

Resolved, That if the state of our Synodical finances will allow that a part of the expenses of the Directors be paid. Synod adjourned *sine die*. Prayer by the *Secretary*.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rev. M. Sheeleigh prepare a Minute of our proceedings for publication in our church papers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, Messrs. A. B. Weller and R. R. Honeyman were appointed tellers. The election resulted as follows:

Rev. E. DEYOE, *President*.

Rev. A. HILLER, *Secretary*.

Col. R. R. HONEYMAN, *Treasurer*.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER SYNODS.

Rev. Jos. H. Barclay appeared as delegate from the New-York Ministerium, and as such was welcomed to a seat among us and invited to participate in our deliberations.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Papers intended for Synod were now called for and handed in, whereupon the President appointed the following Committees, to whom were committed for examination the various papers and documents on his table:

- No. 1. *On the President's Report.* Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. J. I. Burrell, and Col. R. R. Honeyman.
 " 2. Rev. P. A. Strobel, Rev. J. N. Unruh, and Mr. J. O. Hemion.
 " 3. Rev. J. I. Burrell, Rev. J. C. Duy, and Mr. J. Stahley.
 " 4. Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. M. Sheeleigh, and Mr. Nathan Anthony.
 " 5. Rev. P. A. Strobel, Rev. A. Hiller, and Mr. P. Siger.

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of last year be dispensed with, and that they be referred to a committee.

Minutes of the Special Meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That they be printed with the Minutes of this Session, immediately after the President's Report.

The reading of Parochial Reports being in order, was next attended to.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Synod adopt the form of the Parochial reports of the East Pennsylvania Synod.

Synod adjourned until after preparatory service, this afternoon.
 Prayer by Rev. P. A. Strobel.

SECOND SESSION.

Saturday, 4½ o'clock, P.M., Oct. 8, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. J. N. Unruh. Minutes of former session read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer read his Annual Report, which was received and referred to an auditing committee. Committee, R. R. Honeyman, J. O. Hemion, N. Anthony.

The following is the Report:

A. B. WELLER, in account with the Synod of New-Jersey.

Dr. To cash received from

Rev. J. C. Duy, New-Germantown,	\$26 65
" J. N. Unruh, Friesburg,	40 08
" P. A. Strobel, Spruce Run,	13 00
" A. Hiller, German Valley,	56 00
" E. Deyoe, Saddle River and Ramapo,	8 50
" J. H. Barclay, Stewartsville,	6 00
" J. I. Burrell, Stone Church,	31 90
Missionary Society " "	23 00
Miss Mary Fritts for Missions,	1 00
Cash, Balance in Treasury,	60 42
Collection at Stewartsville,	3 14
Rev. J. I. Burrell,	15 00

Amount, \$284 69

Cr. By Cash paid for *Domestic Missions*,
 " " " to Rev. J. Bockstahler,\$68 00

By Cash paid for *Educational Purposes*,
 " " " to J. W. Lake, 31 00
 " " " " G. B. Miller, D.D.,..... 58 40
 " " " " E. Dutt,..... 48 00
 " " " " George Enders, 20 00

By Cash paid for *Synodical Purposes*,
 " " " to Printing Minutes,\$25 75
 " " " " Rev. J. C. Duy, 7 85
 " " " " E. Deyoe,..... 1 25
 " " " for Incidentals,..... 0 75
 " " " " Theol. Sem. Gettysburg, ... 15 00

Whole amount paid out,.....\$276 00

Ballance in Treasury,.....\$8 69

A. B. WELLER, *Treasurer.*

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	Entered the Ministry.	Churches.	Stations.	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Admission to full Membership by						Removal by			Sunday Schools.						Benevolent Contributions.					RESIDENCE OF PASTORS.
					Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Cert. from Luth. Church.	Other Denominations.	Restorations.	Death.	Letter.	Excommunication.	Number of Communicants.	Funerals attended.	Lutheran.	Union.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Catechumens during Year.	Prayer Meetings.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	
1. Rev. J. C. Drey.	1886	1	1	Zions.	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$31.76	\$7.00	\$38.00	New-Germantown.
2. " P. A. Strobel	1838	4	3	Spruce Run, { Saddle River and Ramapo, { Emanuel and Luther Chapel, {	17	4	3	1	4	4	3	1	140	16	1	3	45	350	1	5.00	5.00	28.30	5.00	10.00	Spruce Run.
3. " E. Deyoe.	1842	2	1		7	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	190	9	1	10	60	1	3.00	12.08	36.88	Saddle River.
4. " J. N. Unruh.	1851	2	2		1	3	4	2	5	7	2	1	204	11	3	1	45	185	4	5.00	47.50	5.00	43.65	25.00	Friesburg.
5. " M. Sheeleigh	1852	1	3		7	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	148	4	1	2	25	190	1	5.00	80.00	6.50	5.00	\$450.00	Stewartsville.
6. " A. Hiller.	1857	1	3	Zions.	10	3	10	1	5	1	1	1	164	20	1	1	14	150	8	3.00	10.00	41.08	10.00	300.00	German Valley.
7. " J. I. Burrell.	1859	2	3	{ St. Paul's and Mount Sinai,	25	5	30	8	3	10	1	1	375	16	1	5	40	200	8	5.00	10.00	44.09	10.00	4000.00	Stone Church, Pa.
		9	16		93	15	51	13	28	11	7	1508	95	10	13	206	1802	16	1933	129.58	193.61	80.65	4450.00	448.00	

REMARKS ACCOMPANYING PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. J. C. DUY.

I have nothing of special interest to communicate in regard to my charge. During the past year we collected \$38 for the American Bible Society, and various amounts for other benevolent purposes.

The attendance at church is increasing. The Sunday school is good, the prayer meeting languishes. May the Lord revive his work.

REV. P. A. STROBEL.

While there has been no special work of grace in my charge during the year, there have been several hopeful conversions, and some few additions to the membership. The state of piety is far below what it should be, yet God has not forsaken us. There are in our midst some causes of discouragement, growing out of the embittered feelings which have been engendered by the present unhappy condition of the country.

Nevertheless, we have much cause for gratitude that our discouragements have been gradually diminishing, and are not without hope that the spirit of Christ, which is a spirit of love and peace, and good will, may yet possess more fully the hearts of all who profess to be the disciples of Jesus, and that cultivating "the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace," we may enjoy that prosperity which the blessing of God always secures.

Our Sunday Schools have not been as flourishing as they should have been. Parents do not realize fully the importance of this institution, in the religious training of the rising generation, and in its relation to the building up of the church.

The school at Spruce Run is held throughout the year. This school takes thirty-five copies of the Sunday School Herald.

Our contributions are not as large as they should have been. But the demands for money in the way of large bounties for substitutes and volunteers for the army have fallen heavily upon the people, and hence the diminution. During this year the congregation gave \$10 to the American Bible Society.

The children in my congregation have sent to the U. S. Christian Commission about one hundred housewives and a box of stores. We thank God for any tokens of His favor which we have enjoyed, and for any measure of good which we have been enabled to accomplish.

REV. E. DEYOE.

We have a prayer meeting in each of our congregations, and the sabbath schools we believe are doing a good work, and we have no reason to complain of the attendance upon the public service of the sanctuary; but there seems to be a want of power in the word—the people do not seem to be moved by it, as they

have been in former years. Men do not seem to be in sympathy with the preaching or with the preacher. And this makes preaching hard work. Oh, that God would send us Aarons and Hurs to hold up our hands and strengthen our hearts in His service. Then we would no longer in sorrow of heart, have to ask, "who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" But notwithstanding these discouragements, we still trust and pray that the Lord will look upon us, and restore to us the joy of His salvation.

REV. J. N. UNRUH.

Nothing of special interest has occurred in my charge during the present synodical year. The attendance upon the means of grace is good. There were a number of conversions during the year, mostly among the young. The Sunday schools, as a general matter, are in a very good condition. The kindness of my people still remains undiminished, of which you yourselves had a practical demonstration yesterday. May their lives be long and useful. "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

REV. M. SHEELEIGH.

Having taken charge at Stewartsville on the 1st of June, my report embraces only four months. Divine service is well attended. The Sunday school contributed \$15 of the collections to Synod, to be appropriated to Home Missions. In April, Rev. H. L. Baugher, of Wheeling, West Virginia, visited the congregation for aid towards building a house of worship in that city, and collected \$49.

In August we took up a collection in the church for the American Bible Society, amounting to \$14.65, to aid in furnishing each of our soldiers in the army from the State of New Jersey with a beautiful copy of the New Testament. On the National Fast Day, in August, appointed by President Lincoln, the Presbyterian congregation of our village united with the Lutheran in our church, in observing the day. During the services the sum of \$25 was collected in the name of the Ladies' Aid Society for the U. S. Christian Commission. In the afternoon of the same day, several boxes and barrels were also packed with various articles for the comfort of our brave soldiers.

The remaining debt on the parsonage, being \$400, which was the only incumbrance on the church, was liquidated a few days before the arrival of the present pastor.

Mr. John Kease, a pillar in the church from its beginning, desiring, while lying on his death-bed, that the congregation might be free of debt before he should go hence, made a liberal offer, and asked that the complement be met by the church. His proposition and request were promptly regarded. It is designed that a house better suited to the convenience and comfort of the

Pastor and his family, shall soon be provided, either by building or purchasing.

REV. A. HILLER.

The past synodical year with us in the Valley has been marked by sunshine and shadow. Last winter we enjoyed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The church was revived, and fourteen persons professed conversion, thirteen of whom united with our church. But while we thus have had our season of rejoicing, we also have had our trials. Five of our brethren have been removed by death—four of our aged fathers have fallen asleep, and one young brother who united with the church last spring, and who promised much for the church in the future, was suddenly called home. Besides these losses, we have felt the effects of the war more seriously during the past year than heretofore. Quite a large number of our members, including myself, were drafted; and others in order to fill the last call for men, put substitutes into the field in advance of the draft, at a heavy expense. This, in a measure, accounts for the small collection for Synod. Besides the money reported, I would gratefully acknowledge a purse of \$57 received last spring, and \$300 collected to pay for my exemption from military duty, which, in addition to a bounty of \$300 granted by the township, enabled me to place a substitute in the field for three years, at an expense of \$1000. Of the amount reported for foreign missions, \$31.98 were collected last fall, and \$1.50 recently sent to Rev. M. Officer, contributed by Mrs. Hiller's Infant Sunday School Class.

REV. J. ILGEN BURRELL.

The past synodical year marks an epoch in our history as pastor and people, not soon to be forgotten. The effects of the war have been severely felt by us. Heretofore we *read* of the invasion of states, the burning of towns, and of indiscriminate slaughter and rapine. During the past year such scenes were enacted upon the soil of our own State. The invasion of our State by an enraged and relentless foe—the burning of one of our principal towns—the convocation of our State Legislature, and the passage of a very stringent military bill, making a soldier out of every man capable of bearing arms; caused an excitement that for the time being seemed to absorb the attention of all. A withering blight seemed to have fallen on the cause of Christ. The devil in the form of wicked men accused the church and the clergy of originating the great strife between the North and South. As of old, many of Christ's disciples followed afar off. The love of some waxed cold. The infidel was held in more esteem for maligning the church than the follower of Christ. Whoever declared his conviction that *God* could save the nation and the church, did it at the risk of his reputation, if not of his life. But thanks be unto *God*, who giveth us the victory, the scene is changed. The foe has been driven

from our soil, sacred to freedom and to God. And while he was yet lurking sullenly upon our southern borders, confidence in God and His truth began to return. The announcement of victory after victory has revived the drooping hope of all truth-loving citizens, and silenced the mutterings of the unfaithful. All good and intelligent men with us are now boldly asserting their belief in the Union, the church, and God.

Notwithstanding the troubles named, we have reason to be thankful to God for manifold blessings. We have not been without the manifestations of the especial presence of the spirit of God. During the year about forty-five have professed to have experienced a change of heart. Thirty-eight have united with the church. God has been good to us, and our prayer is that He may continue to work as a wonder-working God, until truth shall swell its gladdening waves over island, sea, and mountain, and hush a jarring world to peace.

ENDOWMENT OF OUR INSTITUTIONS AT GETTYSBURG.

Whereas it is proposed to make efforts for the proper endowment of the Theological Seminary and College, at Gettysburg, and whereas all synods which are in connection with the General Synod, and are represented in the Board of Directors of said institution, have been invited to co-operate in this endowment movement,—

Resolved, That we heartily approve of this effort to establish a permanent endowment for the Institutions at Gettysburg, and that we will cordially welcome into our congregations any agent who may be appointed to collect funds for this purpose.

Resolved, That we will appoint two delegates—one clerical and one lay—to attend the convention to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., on Tuesday, October 18th, “to originate plans and inaugurate efforts for the immediate accomplishment of this most desirable end.”

DELEGATES TO HARRISBURG.

Rev. J. I. Burrell and Mr. William Fulmer were appointed delegates to attend the meeting, at Harrisburg, on the 18th inst.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG, PA.

The undersigned, elected as one of the representatives of this Synod in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, would respectfully report:

I attended the meeting of the Board, at Gettysburg, on August 9th. The five Synods of Pennsylvania, the two of Maryland, and that of New Jersey, were represented on the occasion; indicating an encouraging interest in that cherished school of the prophets.

After the great battle which has made Gettysburg classic ground, a circular was sent out to our churches, appealing for the means to repair the damages sustained by both the Seminary and the

College buildings and grounds. This met with a liberal response, and the most needful work has generally been effected.

The report of the professors showed that the Institution is comparatively well attended by students, and that in all respects there is much reason for encouragement.

The most important item of business was the presentation and acceptance of Dr. S. S. Schmucker's resignation as professor of theology, and the election of a successor. Dr. S. was the first professor in the Institution and had now, for a period of thirty-nine years most ably and faithfully served the church in training ministers for her pulpits. Nearly four hundred men had during that time issued from the Seminary, among whom we count nearly the whole of our own number as a Synod.

It was only after Dr. Schmucker's declaration that it was fully his purpose to withdraw at that time, that the Board was prepared to act. Nearly all the ministerial members present in the Board were of the number of his pupils; and it may well be presumed that those were solemn moments in which they heard that familiar voice read the resignation. A response was framed by a committee, in which utterance was given to the great regard and gratitude universally due to the retiring Professor. The Board also, as a token of their high esteem, resolved that the name of Dr. Schmucker be retained upon the catalogue of the Seminary during the remainder of his life, as Professor Emeritus.

In consequence of a few constitutional points, doubts arose as to the legality of immediately filling the vacancy. Rev. James Allen Brown, D.D., was then unanimously chosen as temporary Professor, to occupy the place of Dr. Schmucker; and his name was placed in nomination for his permanent election, at a future meeting, to the same position.

Altogether, the friends of the Seminary have much to encourage them in reference to the future of this important school of our church. Let this ever be one of the institutions that shall prominently command the affections of our hearts and the energies of our hands. May the King of Zion still more extensively bless it to the glory of his name in the salvation of men!

Respectfully submitted,
M. SHEELEIGH.

Approved and adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. C. Duy.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Friday Evening.—Synod having met in the church of the President, the Secretary preached the Synodical Sermon. Text, Ps. 65, 2.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Sermon by Rev. J. C. Duy. Text, Mat. 26, 26—28.

Saturday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. M. Sheeleigh. Text, Mk. 7, 31—37.

Sabbath Morning.—Sacramental Sermon by Rev. J. I. Burrell. Text, John 3, 16.

Sabbath Afternoon.—An interesting meeting of the Sunday schools was held in the church, when addresses were delivered by Revs. Sheeleigh, Strobel, and Deyoe.

At the same time preaching in Luther Chapel by Rev. J. H. Barclay. Text, Mat. 27, 22.

Sabbath Evening.—Sermon by Rev. P. A. Strobel. Text, Mat. 7, 21.

THIRD SESSION.

Monday Morning, Oct. 10th, 1864.

Synod met at 9 o'clock, opened with singing, followed with prayer by Brother Sheeleigh. Minutes of former session read and approved. The President being absent, Rev. P. A. Strobel was appointed President, *pro-tem*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.

On the President's Report.

Committee No. 1, to whom the President's Annual Report was referred for examination, would beg leave to report:

They have examined the document entrusted to them, and take pleasure in stating that it indicates on the part of the retiring President a proper attention to the business required of him during the past year.

As we believe the case of alleged interference brought to notice by the Secretary of the Alleghany Synod has been correctly disposed of, we deem further action on our part unnecessary.

The President calls the attention of Synod to the necessity of employing a travelling missionary for this state, who could preach in both the German and English languages. We regard this a very important item, and take pleasure in seconding the suggestion of the document. We ask the action of the Missionary Society on this subject.

We return to you the paper committed to us and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

M. SHEELEIGH,
J. I. BURRELL.
J. O. HEMION.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

The committee on minutes of Corresponding Bodies, have had under consideration the minutes of the following synods:

1. *Alleghany Synod of Pennsylvania.*—This body held its

22d annual convention at Williamsburg, Pa., from the 3d to 8th Sept., 1863. This synod embraces 39 ministers and 31 pastoral charges. The officers elect were, Rev. S. Yinkling, Pres.; Rev. S. I. Berlin, Sec., and Mr. J. B. Hileman, Treasurer. Large additions were made in the churches by confirmation, and the congregations appear to be in a healthy and prosperous condition. Considerable zeal and liberality were displayed in supporting the cause of missions and the other benevolent enterprizes of the church.

2. *Hartwick Synod of the State of New-York.*—This body met at Canajoharie, on the 25th of Sept., 1863. It embraces twenty-six pastors and thirty-one churches. The officers are Rev. A. P. Ludden, Pres.; Rev. E. Belfour, Sec., and Rev. I. Lefler, Treas. Nearly two hundred members were added to the churches. The contributions for foreign and home missions and education were quite liberal. This is one of the most energetic Synods in our connection, and the brethren appear to be actively engaged in promoting the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

3. *Synod of West Pennsylvania.*—This Synod met at Newville, Pa., on Sept. 10th, 1863. It embraces forty-three ministers, seven of whom are without pastoral charges. There are 36 pastors who have the charge of 97 congregations. The officers elected were Rev. E. Breidenbaugh, Pres., Rev. Wm. Kopp, Sec., Rev. Wm. M. Baum, Treas. The additions to the churches by confirmation were 577. The communicants are nearly 12,000—800 persons were under catechetical instruction; \$630 were raised for Home Missions, \$733 for Foreign Missions, and nearly \$1500 for education. There is nothing however in the minutes of either of these Synods requiring the special action of this body.

P. A. STROBEL,
J. N. UNRUH,
J. O. HEMION.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 5.

On Minutes of General Synod.

The General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, held its 21st Convention in the town of York, Pa., commencing on May 5th, 1864.

This Synod embraces in its connection twenty-four District Synods, all of which were represented at the last convention by over 100 delegates. The Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D., was chosen President, Prof. M. L. Stoeber, Sec., and Mr. A. F. Ockershausen, Treas. Nearly 100 visiting brethren were present, and delegates were received from several corresponding bodies.

All the benevolent operations of the church seem to have received a due share of attention, and it is gratifying to know that there was a manifest increase in the zeal and liberality of all our Synods. One of the most important events which occurred was the with-

drawal of the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, consequent upon the admission of the Frankean Synod. Without expressing any opinion as to the propriety of admitting the Frankean Synod, it is questionable, whether the action of the Pennsylvania Synod's delegates in withdrawing from the General Synod is justifiable under all the circumstances. In our humble judgment, it is establishing a very dangerous precedent, and one which may not only tend to the disintegration of the General Synod, but may possibly furnish a plea for political secession, which we presume the brethren of the Pennsylvania Synod would be loth to do.

Your committee are not able to present any statement of the progress which the church in the U. S. has made, in the absence of all statistical tables. It is greatly to be regretted that these tables have been omitted, as we are thus left without much information in reference to the progress of our Zion, which would have encouraged our faith, and strengthened our hearts in the prosecution of the work to which the Master has called us. Several amendments have been proposed to the constitution of the General Synod, which we presume will be officially communicated to this body.

We commend the General Synod in all its enterprises to the continued confidence of our churches, and to the protection and blessing of God.

P. A. STROBEL.

A. HILLER.

P. SIGER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 4.

Committee No. 4 beg leave to report: the paper placed in their hands, is a letter from Prof. M. L. Stoever, Secretary of the General Synod in relation to:

Amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod.

Amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod, which were framed at the late meeting of that body, and referred to the district Synods for adoption:

"1. Amendment to Article II., in relation to the ratio of representation. Strike out the second paragraph of said Article, and insert the following:

'Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod containing eight ministers may send one; if it contains sixteen, two; if twenty-four, three; if thirty-two, four; if forty, five; if fifty-five, six; if seventy, seven; if eighty-five, eight; and if it contains one hundred and upwards, nine delegates of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay representative.'

"2. Amendment to Article III., Sec. 3, in relation to the admission of Synods. Strike out said Sec. 3, and insert the following:

'All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding with the Evangelical Lutheran church of our fathers the Word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word, and of the faith of our church founded upon that Word, may at any time become associated with the General Synod, by complying with the requisitions of this Constitution, and sending delegates to its convention, according to the ratio specified in Article II.'"

In regard to the above we offer the following :

Resolved, That the Synod of New-Jersey, approving of the foregoing contemplated amendments, now hereby ratify the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DUY,
M. SHEELEIGH,
N. ANTHONY.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE NEW-YORK SYNOD.

Your delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium, of New-York, would report that he attended the late meeting of that body, held Sept. 3d, in Zion's Church, in the city of Utica, N.-Y. He was most cordially and fraternally received, and found that already large and influential Synod still enlarging her borders and strengthening her stakes. There was no business transacted having a particular reference to our Synod. But there is a "new measure" introduced into that body, to which it might be well to refer in this connection, by way of putting our people on their guard, inasmuch, as a precedent from so large and influential a body might have its effect upon our young Synod. What I refer to, is a special meeting of the lay delegates. Yes, these laymen, without consulting their ministerial brethren, held a meeting in the lecture-room, appointed their own chairman, and unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that in these times of high prices of all the necessaries of life, ministers' salaries *ought* and *must* be raised to keep pace with the onward and upward tendency of the times. This, you will see at once, was a bold and arbitrary movement on the part of the laymen. Indeed, is it not an almost unheard of proceeding? Is it not un-lutheran? Is there any authority for such a proceeding in our confession of faith? Is it not a new measure movement, which ought to be *seriously* considered, inasmuch as it is calculated to have no little effect upon the ministry and the church? Yet, notwithstanding the arbitrary character of this measure, it seemed to receive the unanimous and hearty approval of the ministerial brethren. During the season, four young men were licensed to preach the gospel, and six were ordained to the gospel ministry. Rev. J. H. Barclay was ap-

pointed delegate to our Synod. Their synod meets next year in Brother McGee's church, Valatie, Columbia Co., N.-Y.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HILLER, Delegate.

The report was accepted.

INCREASE OF MINISTERS' SALARIES.

The following resolutions were read and approved.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to our congregations the necessity of making such additions to the Salaries of their Pastors, as will enable them to meet the increased price of living and that our church officers be requested to bring this subject immediately to the consideration of the congregations.

Resolved, That some church officer read the above resolution to each congregation at the earliest opportunity, and urge proper action upon it.

DELEGATE FROM NEW-YORK MINISTERIUM.

Rev. J. H. Barclay, delegate from the New-York Ministerium, presented the friendly and christian greetings of that body to our Synod, and was fraternally responded to by the President in behalf of Synod..

DELEGATES TO PENNSYLVANIA AND EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNODS.

Resolved, That whereas brother Duy failed to attend the last meeting of the Pennsylvania Synod, he be excused for his failure. We regret that we were not represented at the Pennsylvania Synod, and shall be glad to welcome a delegate from that body hereafter.

Resolved, That inasmuch as Brother Burrell, our delegate to the East Pennsylvania Synod, was providentially prevented from attending the recent meeting of that body, he be excused. At the same time we regret that he was not able to attend to the duty assigned him, and trust that at our future meetings it may always be our privilege to welcome among us a delegate from the East Pennsylvania Synod.

Adopted.

Sundry resolutions on Church discipline were presented to Synod and made the special order for this afternoon.

CANDIDATES AND LICENTIATES.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby adopt the first three of the four resolutions, relative to Candidates for the Ministry and Licentiates, passed by the General Synod at York, as printed on the 41st page of the Minutes, in the following words:

Resolved, That the District Synods instruct their licentiates,

in taking charge of churches, to attend to the regulation which requires permission from the President to do so in advance of any steps towards it.

Resolved, That the Synods abstain from receiving into the Ministry, either by licensure or ordination, applicants who have been under the care of other Synods.

Resolved, That the rejected of one Synod should not be received by another."

Furthermore, be it

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod do not adopt the fourth resolution of the series, as we are not prepared to renounce the system of licensing candidates preparatory to permanent induction into the sacred office, believing that sufficient reason has not yet appeared for abandoning a usage of our fathers which has long proved to be a wise safeguard to the purity of our ministry.

Adopted.

DISCIPLINING UNCHARITABLE MEMBERS.

On the 40th and 41st pages of the General Synod's last minutes appear the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this General Synod most unqualifiedly reprobates and condemns the course, so frequently pursued, of denouncing each other as cold formalists on the one hand, and on the other, as traitors to the Lutheran Church.

Resolved, That this Synod most earnestly recommends to the District Synods, and urges them, to call to account any of their members who may be guilty of denouncing their brethren on account of their differences of views on the non-essential features in the Augsburg Confession."

In regard to this decided action be it

Resolved, That the Synod of New-Jersey heartily approves of the above resolutions, and adopts the same as a rule of discipline, praying that God would make them effective in shielding us from such rashness and folly as tends to disturb the peace of Zion, to impede the growth of spirituality, and to subject the Church of Christ to the reproaches of the world.

Accepted and adopted.

CONCERNING THE GENERAL SYNOD'S NEW LITURGY.

It is known to the members of this Synod that the General Synod is preparing a new Liturgy for the use of our Church. At the late convention of that body, held at York, Pa., last May, the committee who had the preparation of the work in charge, reported, through Dr. S. S. Schmucker. They presented the result of their labors in printed form for the purpose of facilitating its examination. The report was received, and the following action was adopted:

"WHEREAS, so important a measure as the adoption of a new

Liturgy for the Church should not be taken, until after the most careful and mature deliberation, therefore

Resolved, That the new Liturgy, prepared and printed by the committee, be referred to the District Synods, and churches for examination, and that a committee of five be appointed to whom the action of the several Synods shall be submitted, which committee shall adjust and, as far as possible, endeavor to harmonize said action, and report the same to the General Synod; and also that this committee be authorized to make any amendments which their judgment may approve."

The committee appointed under the above resolution consists of the persons whose names follow: S. S. Schmucker, D.D., H. N. Pohlman, D.D., J. G. Morris, D.D., S. Sprecher, D.D., T. Stork, D.D.

Now, with the view of availing ourselves as a Synod of the privilege provided for in the foregoing resolution, be it

Resolved, That, regarding the subject hereby called to our notice as one involving elements of deep interest to the whole church, there be a committee of three appointed carefully to examine the proposed Liturgy, for the purpose of presenting to this Synod, at its next annual meeting, such amendments or additions as may be deemed desirable.

Accepted and adopted.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on the New Liturgy to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

Rev. M. SCHEELEIGH.

" J. C. DUY.

" A. HILLER.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of Synod assemble on Friday evening before the full moon of October, 1865.

The Synod was invited to meet at German Valley, Stewartsville, Saddle River, and Lower Mt. Bethel, Pa.

The election resulted in the choice of *German Valley* as the place of next meeting.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. Hiller.

FOURTH SESSION.

Monday, 2½ o'clock, P.M., Oct. 10, 1864.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Barclay.

Minutes of former session read and approved.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to sister synods:

To New-York Synod,	Rev. M. SHEELEIGH.
“ Pennsylvania Synod,	“ P. A. STROBEL.
“ East Pennsylvania Synod,	“ J. I. BURRELL.

Resolved, That Rev. M. Sheeleigh be hereby appointed on the Examining Committee, in the place of Rev. J. H. Barclay, who has moved beyond the bounds of our Synod.

RESOLUTION ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

After a prolonged and general discussion of the subject of Church discipline the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, As the deliberate judgment of this Synod, that it is the solemn duty of our pastors and church councils to see that our church discipline is more generally and rigidly enforced against all members who may be found walking contrary to the plain precepts of the Gospel.

Other resolutions on particular subjects of church discipline were referred to a committee to report next year.

Committee: Rev. P. A. STROBEL.
“ M. SHEELEIGH.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this evening the President return to the congregation the thanks of Synod for the kind and christian hospitality extended to us during our sojourn among them.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. C. Duy.

FIFTH SESSION.

Monday, 10 o'clock, P.M., Oct. 10, 1864.

Immediately after the Missionary meeting Synod was called to order, when the following brethren were appointed:

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

<i>Synodical Sermon,</i>	Rev. E. DEYOE.
<i>Preparatory Sermon,</i>	“ P. A. STROBEL.
<i>Sacramental Sermon,</i>	“ M. SHEELEIGH.
<i>Ordination Sermon,</i>	“ J. C. DUY.
<i>Address on Education,</i>	“ P. A. STROBEL.
“ “ <i>Missions,</i>	“ M. SHEELEIGH.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 3.

Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the East Pennsylvania Synod, the Pennsylvania Synod, and the New-York

Ministerium, beg leave to report, that the minutes of said Synod evince that the churches under their jurisdiction enjoy a high degree of prosperity. Many of the ministers have had the especial blessing of God resting upon their labors. Numerous additions to the various churches have been made and the kingdom of Christ signally advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. I. BURRELL.

“ J. C. DUY.

Mr. JOS. STABLEY.

Report approved and adopted.

Resolved, That as this Synod at the special session, held at New-Germantown, determined that a part of the expenses of our Directors in the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, should be paid, and as Brother Sheeleigh was the only Director who attended the late meeting of the Board, making, therefore, the sum only a small amount, we pay him the full amount of his expenses.

Adopted.

PRINTING OF MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed four hundred copies of the Proceedings of Synod, and to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of the expense.

ADJOURNMENT.

The session having been prolonged until about midnight, and the business of Synod being finished, it was

Resolved, That Synod now adjourn, to meet in Zion's Church, German Valley, N.-J., on Friday evening, Oct. 6th, 1865.

The President offered the closing prayer.

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

ALFRED HILLER,
Secretary.

MEETING OF THE MINISTERIUM.

The Ministerium held a session on Saturday afternoon, at 1½ o'clock. Session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. N. Unruh.

A colloquium was then held with Brother Bockstahler, after which it was

Resolved, That Brother Bockstahler's license be renewed.

MEETING OF THE HOME MISSION AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Friesburg, Oct. 10th, 1864.

The Missionary and Education Society of the Synod of New-Jersey met this evening, according to appointment, in the above named place. The meeting was opened with singing, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

The chairman of the Executive Committee, the Rev. J. C. Duy, then read the following

REPORT:

The Executive Committee of the Education and Home Mission Society beg leave to present the following report:—

According to the advice given to Mr. Stoeffler at our last meeting, he applied to the Synod of Missouri for employment, and we have heard that he now has charge of a congregation connected with that body, and is usefully engaged in his chosen work.

Rev. J. W. Lake, we learn, has become the successor of the aged Rev. A. Crouse, in his important field of labor, in Albany Co., New-York.

Rev. R. Lazarus has taken charge of a congregation, in Alleghany Co., Md., in the bounds of the Maryland Synod. May the great Head of the church abundantly bless these young brethren in their work of faith and labor of love.

Brother Bockstahler has been laboring in Southern Jersey during the past year, we hope with acceptance to the people and to the furtherance of the interests of our Zion. He is now the only Missionary on our funds—but the question arises: Should we be satisfied with doing so little in the way of occupying new fields of christian enterprise? Is there not yet much land to be possessed? and should we not go forward, and in the name of the Lord, set up our banners, and do what in us lies to gather round them the scattered members of our household of faith?

Mr. George Enders is now supported by the Education Society of the Hartwick Synod.

The trifle due him on the appropriation we made for him last year has been paid. We are in communication with him, and he seems to be making rapid progress in his studies. We have no doubt that in due time he will become an ornament to the ministry of our church.

Brother Dutt, a member of Brother Burrell's church, to whom we have extended some assistance, is pursuing his studies at the Missionary Institute, Selinsgrove, Pa. We have received favorable accounts of his progress in the way of preparation for the Holy Office. He is now the only beneficiary on our education fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DUY,
A. HILLER,
E. DEYOE.

Report was adopted.

The Society and congregation were then addressed by the Rev. A. Hiller, on the Subject of Missions, and the Rev. J. I. Burrell, on the Subject of Education; After which the following persons were made life members by the payment of \$5 each:

Rev. J. C. Duy. Mr. Lewis Hitchner, (paid \$5.)

Rev. J. N. Unruh. By Rev. P. A. Strobel, Mr. Shemp, Joshua Mickle, Wm. Loveland, Samuel Mickle, (paid \$1 each.)

Mrs. Unruh. By Samuel Mickle, Wm. Loveland, Joshua Mickle, Mrs. Sarah Mickle, Mrs. Elizabeth Hitchner, (paid \$1 each.)

Rev. J. I. Burrell. By Rev. J. N. Unruh, Henry Mickle, Rev. J. C. Duy, Mr. Stahley, Andrew Johnson, (paid \$1 each.)

President Lincoln. By Rev. J. N. Unruh, Mr. Schock, Haines Harker, Rev. A. Hiller, Reuben Schock, (paid \$1 each.)

Gen. G. B. McClellan. By Joshua Mickle, Mr. Wm. Van Lair, Wm. Johnson, John Hannon, Peter Siger, (each \$1.)

Rev. E. Deyoe. By Rev. J. I. Burrell, \$1. Elizabeth Mickle, (50 cts.) Mary A. Garson, (50 cts.) Mrs. Unruh, \$1. Nettie Fries, \$1. Julia Johnson, (50 cts.) Mary Garta, (50 cts.)

The following persons made themselves annual members by paying \$1 each.

Rev. J. I. Burrell.

" M. Sheeleigh.

" A. Hiller.

" E. Deyoe.

" J. N. Unruh.

Mr. John O. Hemion.

" Nathan Anthony.

" Peter Seiger.

" Joseph Stahley.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year :

Rev. E. DEYOE, *President.*

" A. HILLER, *Secretary.*

Col. R. R. HONEYMAN, *Treasurer.*

The case of Bro. Dutt was referred to the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That \$50. be paid to Mr. E. Dutt, student at the Missionary Institute, Selins Grove.

Adopted.

Resolved, That \$50. be appropriated to Bro. Bockstahler for the past and coming year.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to make every effort to secure the services of a *travelling Missionary* who can preach in the German and English languages, to look after the waste places of our Zion in this State.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of this Society be held at German Valley, Morris Co., N.-J., on Saturday, Oct. 7th, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

MEETING OF CONFERENCE.

The Central Conference of New-Jersey will convene (D. V.) on the 6th of June, 1865, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Ramapo, N.-J., 7 o'clock, P. M.