

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEW JERSEY.

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NEW GERMANTOWN, HUNTERDON CO., N. J.,

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## SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

<i>Services.</i>	<i>Principals.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
Synodical Sermon,	REV. M. SHEELEIGH,	REV. J. I. BURRELL.
Preparatory Sermon,	" D. KLINE,	" L. D. WELLS.
Sacramental Sermon,	" J. C. DUY,	" E. DEYOE.
Sabbath Ev'ng Sermon,	" L. D. WELLS,	" A. HILLER.
Ordination Sermon,	" E. DEYOE,	" J. C. DUY.
Address on Missions,	" J. I. BURRELL,	" J. W. LAKE.
Address on Education,	" A. HILLER,	" D. KLINE.

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NEW GERMANTOWN, OCT. 23d, 1868.

The Ministers and Lay Delegates comprising the Eighth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey, assembled this evening in the Lutheran Church at New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., N. J., under the pastoral care of Rev. J. C. Duy.

The President, Rev. M. Sheeleigh, preached the Synodical Sermon from 1 Kings vii. 21.

**FIRST SESSION.**

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'CLOCK, Oct. 24th, 1868.

The first session of the 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 of the lay delegates.

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

CLERICAL.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
JACOB C. DUY,	New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., N. J.
EPHRAIM DEYOE,	Ramsey's, Bergen Co., N. J.
DAVID KLINE,	Clarksville, Hunterdon Co., N. J.
ALFRED HILLER,	German Valley, Morris Co., N. J.
MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH,	Stewartsville, Warren Co., N. J.
J. ILGEN BURRELL,	Stone Church, Northampton Co., Pa.
JOHN W. LAKE,	Daretown, Salem Co., N. J.
LAURENT D. WELLS,	Saddle River, Bergen Co., N. J.
SYLVANDER CURTIS,	Ashland, Pa.

CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.
Zion Church,	New Germantown,	BENJAMIN VANDOREN.
Ev. Luth. Church	Ramapo,	LEWIS GOETCHIUS.
Spruce Run Church,	Clarksville, }	GEORGE VOSSLER.
Mt. Bethel Church,	" }	
Ev. Luth. Church,	Stewartsville,	A. B. WELLER.
Zion Church,	German Valley,	ELIJAH DUFFORD.
Trinity Church,	Stone Church, Pa., }	CHRISTIAN HOUCK.
St. Paul's Church,	" }	
Emanuel's Church,	Daretown, }	DAVID SHIMP.
Luther Chapel,	" }	
Ev. Luth. Church,	Saddle River,	CONRAD BUSH.
Ger. Luth. Church,	Bridgeton, N. J.	

#### DELEGATES FROM SISTER SYNODS.

REV. I. K. FUNK, New York Synod.

#### ADVISORY MEMBERS.

REV. J. P. KRECHTING, New York Synod.

REV. J. R. WILLOX, Presbyterian Church, Fox Hill, N. J.

The President then read his Annual Report :

#### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

**BELoved BRETHREN IN THE LORD :—**Under the smiles of a gracious Providence, our lives have been spared to labor another year in the Church, and to meet in this Eighth Annual Convention of our Synod. God has been truly good to us and our congregations ; for which let us here record our grateful praise to his holy name.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF SYNOD.

We have met on a different day from that to which we adjourned at our last regular meeting. The change was agreed upon at the late special session of the Synod, as we had chosen the same day as the Hartwick Synod, with which body it was proper that we should have a representation.

#### MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

October 24th, 1867, I received a letter from Rev. Jacob Bockstahler, formerly pastor of the German congregations at Bridgeton and Millville, stating that he would leave the charge after the next Sabbath, to remove into the neighborhood of Williamsport, Pa.

About New Year, Rev. Laurent D. Wells, a licentiate of the Hartwick Synod, entered upon the duties of pastor at Saddle River ; the former Saddle River charge having been divided into two pastorates, one of which is still served by Rev. E. Deyoe.

May 6th, 1868, I received a letter from Rev. Sylvander Curtis, Secretary

of this body, informing me that he had taken charge of the English Lutheran Church at Ashland, Pa., his labors having ceased at Friesburg, with April. Although now within the bounds of the Synod of East Pennsylvania, he desired to remain a member of our body until its present meeting.

August 15th, I was notified, per letter, by Rev. J. W. Lake, of Knowersville, N. Y., that he had received and accepted a call to become the pastor of our churches composing the Friesburg charge, and intended to remove thither about the 12th of October. He expected to unite with us at our present session.

#### CERTIFICATE OF DISMISSION.

October 25th, 1867, at the request of Rev. Jacob Bockstahler, I sent him an honorable dismission, to unite with some Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Pennsylvania.

#### RECEPTION OF A CERTIFICATE.

February 16th, 1868, I received from Rev. L. D. Wells a certificate of dismission to this Synod, given by Rev. Dr. G. A. Lintner, President of the Hartwick Synod. This paper is herewith presented.

#### CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Last New Year's day I was with Rev. J. I. Burrell at the re-opening of his Centreville church, which had been beautifully frescoed and otherwise improved. I preached on this re-dedicatory occasion, and embraced the opportunity of commending the pastor and people for their zeal in striving to offer the *best* unto the Lord.

The congregation at Friesburg have during the past year been engaged in rebuilding their church. Of the former structure, about a century old, only three walls were preserved. The basement has been for some time finished, and at present affords a neat and comfortable place for worship.

I have heard that some steps have been taken to raise the means to secure and refit an old house of worship, at Mount Bethel, within Bro. Kline's charge, where a congregation and Sunday-school have been organized.

I have incidentally learned that on the 12th of September the corner-stone of a new church was laid at Ramsey's, within the bounds of Rev. E. Deyoe's charge. Perhaps some brethren of the Synod were present. We are glad to know of this evidence of church extension amongst us.

A worthy effort was lately made in Bro. Hiller's congregation, at German Valley, which it is said resulted in securing \$1100, wherewith to purchase an organ for the sanctuary.

#### MISSION CONGREGATIONS.

As early as October 18th, 1867, I commenced corresponding with our German missionary congregations at Bridgeton and Millville. This was in immediate prospect of the separation of their pastor from them. I desired to learn their wants, and to encourage them to the extent of my ability.—

I communicated with some ministerial brethren, in hope of speedily inducing some one to take charge of the mission. Finally, Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, of Lancaster, Pa., consented to visit the places. That was about the beginning of the present year. Since that time he has been with the Bridgeton congregation every two weeks, as a supply, and has kindly kept me informed of the status of affairs.

On the 29th, 30th and 31st of May, I visited the mission churches of this Synod, as likewise our other churches in South Jersey,—namely, Friesburg and Luther Chapel.

At Millville I found the people enjoying the prospect of soon entering a new house of worship. I ascertained at the same time that a member of the Synod of Pennsylvania had been there, that students had been sent from Philadelphia to preach, and that the congregation had taken action to unite with the Pennsylvania Synod.

At Bridgeton I met Rev. Mr. Rosenmiller, who was making exertions to secure a place of worship by purchasing or building. I did all I could to encourage the people in the effort, being well satisfied that the possession of a church which they could call their own would greatly add to the prosperity and permanency of the enterprise. Bro. Rosenmiller still continues to labor there.

#### SUPPLIES.

As already observed, the Bridgeton congregation has been supplied with the means of grace, during the present year, in the person of Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller. It is hoped that if that congregation can be preserved to us, to whom gratitude and honor ought to bind it, we may soon succeed in securing for it the ministrations of a settled pastor. I have urged the people to send a representative to this meeting of the Synod.

The people at Millville would likewise have been furnished with the means of grace, had they not expressed their preference to wait until they could enter their church.

During a portion of the summer I exerted myself to secure supplies for the vacant congregations of the Friesburg charge. By this means, added to their own exertions, they were frequently blessed with the ministrations of God's house.

On lately learning with sorrow that Bro. Burrell was suffering so much in health as to oblige him to suspend his pulpit duties for a time, several of the brethren have been able to give a few Sabbaths to the good work of ministering to his people. We have more recently learned with gratitude that this esteemed brother's health was much improved.

#### SPECIAL MEETING OF SYNOD.

At the request of the Central Conference, I called the Synod to meet in Special Session, at the church of Rev. D. Kline, Spruce Run, August 28th;

1868, to attend to certain matters specified in the call. The business of the session will be reported here.

#### JUBILEE OF THE REFORMATION.

In October, 1867, as instructed by Synod, I sent to the "Lutheran Observer" an Appeal to the ministers and churches of our Synod concerning the celebration of the Seventh Jubilee of the Reformation. If the plan suggested was not literally followed, it is gratifying to know that some interest on this subject was awakened in the churches. Besides the sermons relating to the Reformation, preached by the pastors, special Jubilee services were held in some of our churches during the year.

Such service was held at Centreville, in one of Rev. Mr. Burrell's churches, on the 6th of February. Bro. Duy was present.

February 11th and 12th, a Jubilee service was held, in conjunction with the Conference, in the church of Rev. M. Sheeleigh, at Stewartsville.

March 10th and 11th, another Jubilee Conference meeting took place at New Germantown, in Rev. J. C. Duy's church.

June 23d and 24th, yet another Jubilee meeting was held by the Conference, in Rev. A. Hiller's church, at German Valley.

At these meetings, the several brethren had special subjects to speak upon assigned them, to guard against repetition, and to secure a larger amount of instruction.

It was designed to hold these meetings in all our churches. It is hoped the plan will be pursued until all are reached.

I am not able to say what amount of special contributions may have been gathered within our bounds as Jubilee offerings. As a plan was prepared by the last General Synod, directing the distribution of cards among the congregations, to aid in collecting the people's contributions, it has been thought well to await the result of that general effort before making a specific report. May all our people consider well the obligations of their stewardship, and devise liberal things!

#### MISSIONARY GROUND OF THIS SYNOD.

With much pleasure I report that Bro. Wells has been preaching, on alternate Sabbath evenings, since the 23d of last February, in the city of Paterson. He assures me that he regards the prospects good for building up a Lutheran church in that rapidly growing city, whose population already numbers 35,000. But this subject will be brought more definitely before you for prayerful deliberation. Bro. Wells lately desired to know my views as to the best method of establishing and sustaining a mission there. As the time for this meeting was so near at hand, I thought it best to defer the question until our meeting; and desired that he would secure the attendance at this Synod of a representative of the Lutherans there.

As I look abroad over the territory of this Synod, and observe the nu-

merous growing towns and cities into which our people are flowing in large numbers, I cannot too earnestly urge upon this body the importance of the home missionary work. This Synod, with all its ministers and churches, ought to be emphatically a living, working missionary organization. What I have thought and done with respect to this interest will be specially in place when the missionary business comes before us for action, at which time we hope the motto will be—*Earnest work!*

#### THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG.

I lately received a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the General Synod's Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, communicating a resolution passed by the Board, requesting each of the Synods therein represented to contribute annually thirty dollars to meet contingent expenses. As our Synod is still very small, this amount might be regarded as beyond our proportion. Still, I doubt not there will be a disposition to give something.

The present condition and growing prosperity of this "school of the prophets" will doubtless be reported to you by your representatives in the Board of Directors.

#### DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

As the General Synod has, for the first time in its history, determined to meet again in *one* year, it will become your duty to elect delegates, at this meeting, to the twenty-fourth convention of that important body.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The General Synod, at the meeting held at Harrisburg last May, framed an amended Constitution for its government, and then referred it to the several District Synods for ratification. I herewith present copies of that document, so that intelligent action may be taken thereon.

#### DELEGATE TO THE NEW YORK SYNOD.

In consequence of the change of time for our meeting, we were left without a delegate to the second annual meeting of the New York Synod. Deeming this very unfortunate, and incidentally learning that Bro. Hiller would attend that body, I consulted upon the subject, as far as opportunity permitted, and was urged to appoint that brother as our delegate. I complied with the request, believing the act would meet with your entire approval.

#### QUESTION OF DISBANDING THIS SYNOD.

This is not a question of small moment. Although not originated within our bounds, it has been so pressed upon our notice that it may at this session become necessary to give it more than usual attention.

One argument has been that as this Synod is very small, union with the New York Synod, which is likewise small, would be an advantage to both.

Let it, however, be well understood that if this Synod should be induced to close its history as a separate organization, even its littleness could not possibly be preserved intact. It is just as certain as certainty itself, to those who *know* this ground, that this Synod could not be absorbed as a whole, but that any change would be the signal for a literal *breaking up*. One fragment would go to the New York Synod; another, to the East Pennsylvania; and possibly yet another, somewhere else. Such a result, which would surely come, could scarcely be regarded as definitely adding any territory to any other body; much less could it result in swelling such organization either in numbers or importance. How, then, could the death of this Synod sensibly contribute to the advantage of any other?

Again, let the subject be viewed for ourselves *within* the body. If we abandon this Synod to the fate of being torn to shreds and scattered to the winds, shall we have acted as faithful stewards for the Lord and his church? I fear we shall not. The organization of this Synod was entered upon with the view of effectually developing this field for Christ. It is the child of many prayers. Let us not, Hagar-like, cast the fainting little one aside: there may be some well of water at hand to raise it up in due time to consciousness and greatness.

While this Synod is continued, a bond of close sympathy and co-operation will be maintained between the several pastors and churches within the State. The wants of the territory will be better understood, more deeply felt, and more earnestly considered by the ministers and congregations thus associated, than could possibly be expected from any body whose centre was somewhere outside of these bounds. Besides, the help which some have suggested as available to develop this territory, if we were united with another body, would probably not soon be realized; for it must not be forgotten that that other body would have its own proportion of missionary ground already; and when *this* territory should call for notice, it would most likely not get back any more bread than the crumb it gave. But should the mistake then be discovered, it would be too late to undo the harm; for in case of a failure in the present attempt to maintain a Lutheran Synod here, the next half century would probably not witness the organization of another.

Furthermore, ought we not at least to be admonished to labor and pray together a little longer in patience and hope? Already a new life is apparent. How rarely before the birth of this Synod, for the last century, was a new Lutheran church established on this territory! Yet, now, although progress seems to be slow, we behold the germ of several new congregations. Still, the Synod is only eight years old—is yet in its very infancy, and has already met and withstood great trials. Can we not afford to stand still a little longer, that we may see the salvation of God? Can

we not do this, especially in view of the fact that absolutely almost nothing was done on this territory for the extension of our church during the experiment of a hundred years under the old regime to which we are urged to return, when this fair and promising territory, lying between the largest cities of the land, was little else than a roaming ground for the spoiler so far as our beloved Church was concerned? If in one hundred years nothing was here done for her, in another hundred years *twice* nothing might be realized under the same economy. But if we continue our little Synod, that we may labor and pray and weep together for the church, God will regard our tears, he will answer our prayers, and he will cause Zion to rejoice and her sons to multiply.

I therefore recommend, in view of all the circumstances, the following action :

*Resolved*, That this Synod continue its existence, that we consider a union with the New York Synod inexpedient, and that we unitedly seek grace from on high to make us and our churches more earnest and self-denying in organizing and sustaining new congregations amongst us.

May we now be baptized by the Spirit of all wisdom and grace, to prepare us for a patient and faithful consideration of those subjects which shall claim our attention while here assembled! May we truly take counsel together as brethren, greatly enjoy these days of synodical re-union as a season of affectionate and elevated Christian fellowship, and receive encouragement to return to our several spheres of labor with renewed zeal and self-consecration in the Master's work!

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

M. SHEELEIGH,

*President of Synod of N. J.*

*New Germantown, N. J., Oct. 24th, 1868.*

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

Rev. L. D. Wells, and Rev. J. W. Lake were received by certificate from the Hartwick Synod. Rev. J. P. Krechting, of the New York Synod, was received as Advisory member.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, the President appointed Rev. J. I. Burrell and Mr. B. Van Doren, tellers. The election resulted as follows :

REV. M. SHEELEIGH, *President.*

" A. HILLER, *Secretary.*

" J. C. DUY, *Treasurer.*

*Resolved*, That we adjourn as a Synod at 11½ o'clock, to hold a Ministerial Session.

*Resolved*, That at the commencement of each evening service, Synod hold a short prayer-meeting.

*Resolved*, That Synod meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12, and meet again at 2 P. M., and adjourn at 5 o'clock.

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

*Resolved*, That the reading of Parochial Reports be made the special order for Monday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Duy, presented his Report, which was received and referred to an Auditing Committee. Committee, Revs. J. I. Burrell and J. W. Lake, and Mr. E. Dufford.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey, for the year ending October 23, 1868 :

#### *Received.*

Synodical Fund, .....	\$51 57
Home Missions, .....	84 89
Education, .....	15 00
Foreign Missions, .....	38 11—\$189 57

#### *Disbursed.*

Rev's. E. Deyoe and S. Curtis' bills, .....	\$15 75
Rev. Bockstahler's appropriation, .....	10 00
M. Buehler, for Foreign Missions, .....	18 00
Postage, .....	10
Rev. S. Curtis, for Minutes, .....	45 59
Postage, .....	86
Express charge for Trunk, .....	90
Bill for Pamphlets, .....	47 75
Stationery for Synod, .....	25
Synodical Expenses, .....	40 94—\$180 14

Leaving a balance in the Treasury of..... \$ 9 43

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB C. DUY, *Treasurer.*

#### REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE NEW YORK SYNOD—1867.

Your Delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York would respectfully report: That he attended the First Annual Convention of that body, held in Red Hook, New York, and was received in the usual form. This Synod, which has grown out of the unhappy disruption in our church, is a young and vigorous body, and promises to do much to extend the kingdom of Christ in the field of labor in which it is called to operate.

As the New York Synod is our nearest northern neighbor, and in fraternal sympathy with us on the great vital questions that have agitated so extensively our church, it will, no doubt be pleasing to them, and useful to us, to continue the exchange of delegates, and thus maintain the present happy relation. Respectfully submitted.

S. CURTIS.

#### REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE NEW YORK SYNOD—1868.

Your Delegate to the Synod of New York, would report that he was present at the Second Annual Convention of that body, which was held on the 15th of this month, in St. Paul's church, Wurtemberg, N. Y., under the pastoral care of Rev. George Neff. Your Delegate was most cordially and fraternally received by the brethren of that Synod, and was assured by the President, in behalf of the Synod, that they cherished the kindest feelings towards us of the New Jersey Synod. That body at present numbers 19 ministers, there having been added, at their recent meeting, two by licensure and one by ordination. The President, in his report, recommended that they make propositions to our Synod to form a union with them, but the Synod decided that it was not expedient for them to do so at present. Your Delegate, having no authority to speak officially on this subject, had no suggestions to make in regard to the proposed union. Rev. I. K. Funk, of Brooklyn, is the delegate to attend our present meeting, and Rev. Dr. Pohlman was appointed delegate for next year. The brethren of this Synod are actively and earnestly engaged in the Master's work, and their Parochial reports, as a whole, indicate encouraging progress in their respective charges. The present officers of Synod are, Rev. Dr. Pohlman, *President*; Rev. George Neff, *Secretary*; Rev. Dr. Wedekind, *Treasurer*. They adjourned to meet again on the Third Thursday in October, 1869, in Rev. I. K. Funk's church, Brooklyn. Respectfully submitted.

A. HILLER.

*Resolved*, That we now hold a Ministerial Session.

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### SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M., Oct. 24, 1868.

Prayer by Rev. J. I. Burrell. Minutes of former Session read and approved.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Committees, to whom were referred for examination the various papers, documents, &c., on his table:

No. 1. *Minutes of Last Year*—Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. S. Curtis and Mr. A. B. Weller.

No. 2. *On President's Report*—Rev. J. I. Burrell, Rev. J. C. Duy and Mr. E. Dufford.

No. 3. *On Minutes of General Synod*—Rev. J. W. Lake, Rev. J. I. Burrell and Mr. George Vossler.

No. 4. *Minutes of New York Synod*—Rev. S. Curtis, Rev. L. D. Wells and Mr. D. Shimp.

No. 5. *Minutes of East Pennsylvania Synod*—Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. A. Hiller and Mr. L. Goetchius.

No. 6. *Minutes of the Allegheny Synod*—Rev. D. Kline, Rev. J. C. Duy and Mr. A. B. Weller.

No. 7. *Minutes of Central Illinois Synod*—Rev. L. D. Wells, Rev. J. W. Lake and Mr. C. Houck.

#### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts have attended to their duty, and have found the same correct, leaving a balance of \$9.43 in the Treasury. Respectfully submitted.

J. I. BURRELL,  
J. W. LAKE,  
E. DUFFORD.

Report adopted.

Synod adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Mr. A. B. Weller.

#### RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

*Friday Evening.*—Synodical Sermon by Rev. M. Sheeleigh. Text, 1 Kings vii. 21.

*Saturday Afternoon.*—Preparatory Sermon, by Rev. J. W. Lake. Text, John xv. 5.

*Saturday Evening.*—Addresses on Missions and Education, by Rev. D. Kline, Rev. L. D. Wells and Rev. A. Hiller.

*Sabbath Morning.*—Sacramental Sermon, Rev. S. Curtis. Text, Num. x. 29—32.

Sermon in Methodist Church by Rev. D. Kline. Text, Zeph. iii. 17.

*Sabbath Afternoon.*—Interesting Sunday-School Meeting in the Church. Addresses by Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. J. P. Krechting and Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

*Sabbath Evening.*—Sermon by Rev. J. I. Burrell. Text, Lev. vi. 13.

*Monday Evening.*—Ordination of Rev. L. D. Wells. Sermon by Rev. J. C. Duy. Text, 1 Tim. iii. 1.

**THIRD SESSION.**

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 26, 1868.

Synod opened at 9 o'clock with prayer by the Rev. A. Hiller. Minutes of former session read and approved.

**REPORT ON MINUTES OF LAST YEAR.**

Your Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of the Seventh Convention of this Synod, have examined said document and find it to contain a correct account of the business transacted. The getting up and printing are creditable.

There is no mention made in the minutes of the appointment of speakers for this meeting.

We would call attention to that portion of a resolution on the 19th page, relative to congregations instructing their delegates to this Convention on the subject of forming a union with the Synod of New York.

E. DEYOE,  
S. CURTIS,  
A. B. WELLER.

Report adopted.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO HARTWICK SYNOD.**

Rev. D. Kline, of the Committee appointed by this Synod to attend the recent meeting of the Hartwick Synod, and present our appeal from the action of the first Conference of that Synod, read an able and satisfactory report, which was adopted and ordered to be placed on the Protocol.

**REPORT ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.**

Your Committee for the examination of the Minutes of the General Synod, would respectfully report that they have done so, and find nothing in them claiming the action of this body, aside from that which is referred to in the President's Report.

We are happy, however, to find said Minutes gotten up in such a neat and systematic style.

J. W. LAKE,  
J. I. BURRELL,  
G. VOSSLER.

Adopted.

Rev. I. K. Funk appeared as delegate from the New York Synod.

Rev. J. R. Willox, of the Presbyterian Church, was received as an advisory member.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom be referred the settlement of the financial business in which Bro. Kline and Mr. Vossler are concerned. Committee: J. I. Burrell, J. C. Duy and E. Deyoe.

**REPORT ON MINUTES OF NEW YORK SYNOD.**

Your Committee would respectfully report, that the document placed in their hands is the "Proceedings of the First Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York" This body held its First Annual Convention at Red Hook, N. Y., in the charge of Rev. J. H. Barclay, from the 18th to the 22d of October, 1867. The Synod is composed of sixteen ministers and ten churches.

This Synod has entered upon its new life with much promise of usefulness, and bids fair, in its state of separation from its old association, to accomplish much for our Zion in the Empire State.

Respectfully submitted,

S. CURTIS,  
L. D. WELLS,  
D. SHIMP.

Report adopted.

The President read a letter from our Mission Church at Bridgeton. The letter contained \$5.00 for Synodical fund.

**REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

The committee appointed to examine the President's Report would respectfully return said document with the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President's Report be taken up *seriatim*, to be acted upon by Synod.

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

Report adopted.

The President's Report was then read and considered *seriatim*.  
Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. I. K. Funk.

**FOURTH SESSION.**

MONDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M., Oct. 26th, 1868.

Prayer by Rev. J. R. Willox.

Minutes of former Session read and approved.

*Resolved*, That the order for this afternoon be suspended, and that we hear Bro. Funk, the delegate from the Synod of New York.

**DELEGATE FROM NEW YORK SYNOD.**

Brother Funk then presented, in an interesting address, the friendly and fraternal greetings of his Synod, and assured us that his Synod cherished the kindest feelings towards us, and that, as far as practicable, they would co-operate with us in the work assigned us by the Master.

The President, in behalf of Synod, reciprocated these friendly feelings

and good wishes, and was followed by some remarks by Bro. Duy, who, for twenty-two years, had been a member of the New York Synod, as it *was*.

Consideration of the President's Report was again resumed.

#### **SPECIAL SYNOD.**

The minutes of the Special Synod, held at Spruce Run, August 28th, 1868, were read, approved and ordered to be placed upon the Protocol.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR HOME MISSIONS AND EDUCATION,**

Rev. J. C. Duy, Chairman ; Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. A. Hiller, Mr. Morris Naughtright and Mr. Benjamin Van Doren were appointed the Executive Committee for Home Missions and Education.

After a free discussion on the subject of establishing an English Mission in the city of Paterson,

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. J. I. Burrell and Mr. E. Dufford, constitute a committee to present a plan for raising money for Home Missions.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.**

*Resolved*, That Synod contribute \$5.00 to the contingent fund of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

#### **CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.**

The proposed amended Constitution of the General Synod, as framed at Harrisburg, was taken up and unanimously adopted.

The President's Report having been read and considered *seriatim*, it was adopted as a whole.

#### **REPORT ON MINUTES OF ALLEGHENY SYNOD.**

Committee No. 6 would respectfully report that the document placed in their hands is the Minutes of the Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania. This Synod reports forty-five clerical members, who are evidently prospering, and blessed of God in the great work of furthering our Master's kingdom. Your Committee find nothing in their minutes claiming the attention of this body.      Respectfully submitted,

DAVID KLINE,  
JACOB C. DUY,  
A. B. WELLER.

The Report was adopted.

Parochial Reports being in order, the following reports were presented:



## REMARKS ACCOMPANYING PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. J. C. DUY.

Collections have been taken up during the year for the American Bible Society, the New Jersey Sunday-School Association, and various other benevolent objects. The Sunday-School is in a flourishing condition, and peace and harmony prevail amongst us.

REV. E. DEYOE.

Under the smiles of a gracious Providence, we have been permitted, during the past Synodical year, to pursue the even tenor of our way, to labor in peace.

During the early part of Spring we were favored with a very pleasant season of awakening, in connection with a series of meetings, in which we were assisted by Brothers Burrell, N. Wert and Wells. As a result of this meeting, eighteen persons united with our church. Our Sunday-school has been well attended during the summer. Late in the season, we commenced taking up penny collections from the children, and as a result of this step, we are enabled to give \$5.00 for Home Missions. This \$5.00 is from the Sabbath-school of the Lutheran Church of Ramapo.

Besides paying their salary punctually, my people have shown me great kindness, and evinced themselves interested for the comfort of their pastor and his family.

The stated services of the sanctuary have been well attended.

We are at this time raising money in the congregation for painting the church, and the purchase of a Cabinet Organ, which may account for our not bringing a larger amount to this meeting.

Our enterprise at Ramsey's Station is progressing, and we hope, at no very distant day, to have there a comfortable place of worship.

God has greatly blessed us during the past year as a congregation, and for His blessings we would desire to be truly grateful.

REV. DAVID KLINE.

In consequence of removals beyond the bounds of our church, we report an unusual number of such as have been dismissed by letter.

Although there is not as much zeal evinced as we should like to see, on the part of all our membership, yet the services of the sanctuary have been equally as well, if not better attended, than any previous year since we have been among them. Our Sabbath-schools are in a prosperous condition.

Our newly organized congregaton on Mt. Airy (now called Mt. Bethel, alluded to in our remarks last year,) has, during the past year, purchased and paid for the old church, by means of a church festival, and subscription papers which were circulated in the immediate neighborhood. The church

needs repairs throughout, to render it a suitable place for worship. In fact, it can be of no utility without it. I told the people of that place, that I was authorized by Synod to say to them, that if they would purchase and pay for the property in its present condition, Synod would aid them in repairing it. This they have done, and it now remains for Synod to do its part. I have an appointment there every other Sabbath afternoon.

On every Sabbath afternoon, during the last summer, a Sabbath-school has been held, numbering ten teachers and eighty scholars. It has an excellent library of its own purchasing.

The liberality of our people at Spruce Run, during the past year, has been, as formerly, such as to cheer our heart, and encourage us to labor and pray with renewed energy and zeal. May God's grace be sufficient for us! May his blessing rest upon us, and we be permitted to see His pleasure prospering in our hands! Amen.

REV. M. SHEELEIGH.

While some circumstances, which have always surrounded my church, prevent a very rapid growth, there are still many encouraging features. The Sunday-schools are good, and some of those laboring therein are faithful and unwearied in their exertions. Much more, however, might be done in this and other interests of the church, if all the members, to whom God has given goodly talents, would faithfully co-operate. The sum of eighty dollars was raised in the Sunday-school during the year to enlarge the library. Thirty dollars were given in the congregation to aid in erecting the new building for the Preparatory Department of Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg.

REV. A. HILLER.

We have nothing of very special interest to report from our charge, during the past Synodical year. The attendance upon the preached word is uniformly good, and peace and harmony prevail amongst us. Our people are about getting a new organ for our church, and held a fair for this object, in the month of August, from which they realized about \$1,125.

Of the amounts reported under the heads of "Local and External Objects," the sum of \$116.15, was expended for our Sunday-school.

We contributed \$11.75, to the American Bible Society; \$9 33 to the Treasury of the General Synod, and two of our little Sunday-school girls—Gussie Willet and Delia Hiller, collected \$11.93 for the Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa.

Of the amount reported for Foreign Missions, \$1.25 was received from little Katy Bartles, being the contents of her Missionary box.

We held an interesting Jubilee meeting in our church last June. The brethren, Duy, Sheeleigh, Kline and Lake were present and participated in the exercises. I would also gratefully record the manner in which my people opened the present Seventh Semi-Centennial Jubilee year of the

Great Reformation. They brought sunshine into the Parsonage, by gathering there one evening in force, and surprising their pastor with their cheerful presence, and a purse containing \$150.

Encouraged by the past, we are hopeful for the future.

REV. J. I. BURRELL.

We have great reason to be thankful for the prosperous condition of things, spiritual and temporal, in our charge. While we cannot report such large accessions to the church as in some former years, we are greatly encouraged by the increasing zeal, activity and liberality of the people. During the year over one thousand dollars were raised for Hartwick Seminary, and about five hundred dollars for other objects. My salary was raised from seven hundred to one thousand dollars.

Last winter, we received a handsome donation, and during the year were made the recipients of many valuable presents. Lately we were presented with one of Howe's best Sewing Machines.

We thank God and take courage.

REV. S. CURTIS.

During the year the congregation at Friesburg commenced the enlargement and remodeling of their church edifice. On the first Sabbath in January they re-entered their church. A large and convenient basement room is now about finished, and is used for public worship. The dedicatory services of the basement were followed by a series of special meetings, which resulted in the addition of twenty-eight members to the church. The Rev. P. Willard preached the dedication sermon, and the Rev. D. Kline rendered valuable help during the special services. This report only extends over seven months of the Synodical year.

REV. J. W. LAKE.

I have just entered upon my pastoral labors in this interesting charge, and have not been able to do anything more than preach on one Sabbath, and take up a collection for Synod. I was most cordially received among the good people of Friesburg; and have, during the few days in which I have been with them, received much kind attention, and many valuable gifts from them. I am greatly encouraged in my new charge with the prospect of a pleasant and useful career as pastor. In humble reliance upon the help of God we hope to accomplish much for our Master.

REV. L. D. WELLS.

Took charge of the congregation at Saddle River, January 1st. Had been without a pastor eight months. Discouragement has given way to encouragement, hope and zeal, for which we have reason to thank God and go forward. Attendance on the stated means of worship is increasing, and the attention paid to the Word most earnest and gratifying. The Word has

been blessed, and fruit gathered. Have preached eight Reformation sermons, and taken up seven Jubilee collections, amounting to \$61.50, half retained for local purposes. More would have been done in the way of Jubilee offerings, had we not so much to do at home. In the month of May, my people gave me a most welcome and pleasant reception, and gifts to the amount of \$100.00, (room furnished, &c.) The spirit in which this was done made the gifts tenfold precious. \$314.55 have been expended in repairs about the parsonage, &c., and \$195.56, up to the present, for repairs in church, will probably amount to \$500.00 or upwards. In April we realized \$172.00 from the ladies' fair and festival, which amount is to be devoted to interior renovation of the church. We are thus prospering in temporal things, but we are hoping, praying, and looking for spiritual prosperity—for the blessing of the Lord, which indeed maketh rich. We had a good, profitable prayer-meeting last winter, discontinued during the summer. Expect to resume it on my return, and hope for much good from it. Sunday-school has been well sustained. The enterprise at Paterson is waiting the action of this body. We live and labor together in peace and unity. My people are appreciative, kind and generous, and growing in the grace of benevolence.

#### REPORT ON MINUTES OF SYNOD OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Proceedings of the Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Illinois, which convened at Springfield, Illinois, from June 11th to 14th, 1868, would respectfully report that they have performed this duty, and find nothing in said minutes requiring the action of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. WELLS,  
J. W. LAKE,  
C. HOUCK.

Adopted.

#### DISMISSION OF REV. S. CURTIS.

*Resolved*, That Rev. S. Curtis be honorably dismissed from our Synod; to unite with the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. P. Krechting.

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#### FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M., Oct. 27, 1868.

Prayer by Rev. S. Curtis.

#### REPORT ON PATERSON MISSION.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of raising funds for carrying forward the contemplated Mission at Paterson, would respectfully report:

That, in their opinion, the Executive Committee should secure the services of a suitable Missionary as soon as possible, and so soon as this is effected, they shall inform the pastors of the different churches, and request them to send their contributions to the Treasurer of Synod, and that the sum of one thousand dollars, from all sources, be appropriated to this mission.

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

Adopted.

#### REPORT ON MINUTES OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Your committee, No. 5, have in their hands the minutes of the meeting of the Lutheran Synod of East Pennsylvania, held at Pottsville, Pa., September 25th to October 1st, 1867. This Synod has grown to be one of the largest and most influential Synods of our church in this country.

The roll of this Synod has on it the names of seventy-two ministers. This Synod is ready for every good work, and is wielding a mighty influence in the land. The amount of business transacted at the meeting above referred to, may be inferred from the fact that the document which we have on hand consists of ninety pages of printed matter.

We find nothing in this pamphlet requiring any special action on the part of this Synod. Respectfully submitted,

E. DEYOE,  
A. HILLER.  
L. GOETCHIUS.

Adopted.

#### LUTHERAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL HERALD.

*Resolved*, That we express our approbation of the artistic style and workmanlike manner in which the Lutheran Sunday-School Herald is executed, and that we will use our utmost efforts to increase its circulation during the coming year.

#### LUTHERAN OBSERVER.

*Whereas*, The Lutheran Observer is the organ of the General Synod, and the exponent of the true type of Lutheranism, therefore

*Resolved*, That we, as a Synod, deem it the duty of all our members, as far as possible, to patronize this valuable paper.

#### LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

*Resolved*, That the Synod of New Jersey, in common with the Lutheran Church in general, hereby express its interest in the new life and activity manifest in the Lutheran Board of Publication.

*Resolved*, That we have looked with rare satisfaction upon the valuable and beautiful books which have, within the last few months, issued from that source; and congratulate ourselves and the church at large in the pleasing promise that these are only foretastes of what is still to be realized.

*Resolved*, That we are rejoiced to know that great attention is given at the Publication House, to furnishing our Sunday-schools with libraries and other requisites, and that we will do all we can to encourage all our schools and churches to patronize that establishment.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

*Resolved*, That in view of the heavy Home Missionary undertaking of our little Synod, we deem it inexpedient to pay more than ten dollars for the present year into the Treasury of the General Synod's Home Missionary Society.

#### **RAMSEY'S STATION.**

*Resolved*, That we have learned with much pleasure that a new church is in course of erection at Ramsey's, and that it is the sense of this Synod that the people comprising that new organization deserve great credit for their zealous self-denial, and that, if necessary, we will aid the enterprise with means to the extent of our ability.

#### **EXPENSES IN ATTENDING SYNOD.**

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the business of Synods and Conferences relates to the interests of the churches, we would remind the church councils that it is a plain duty of the congregations, (extensively acknowledged and practiced,) to pay the expenses incurred by the respective pastors and lay delegates in attending these ecclesiastical meetings; and that it should be a rule, always understood by the Treasurer of each congregation, that he pay these expenses without being asked for the same, and without any special order, so soon as the minister and delegate return to their homes.

*Resolved*, That the lay delegates now present be urgently requested to lay these resolutions, so soon as printed, before the church councils of the congregations they represent, for adoption, and that we hereby express the hope that the Treasurer of each congregation be directed to write the resolutions in the church account book, as a guide to his duty in the matter indicated.

*Resolved*, That each congregation associated with another, or others, as one pastoral charge, will see the propriety of furnishing the delegate and paying his expenses and those of the pastor in regular rotation.

#### **CENTREVILLE ACADEMY.**

*Resolved*, That we have heard, with much pleasure, that an Academy, under the supervision of the Rev. J. I. Burrell, will soon be established at Centreville, Pa., and that we will patronize and encourage the same to the extent of our ability.

### A COLUMN ADDED TO THE PAROCHIAL TABLE.

*Resolved*, That a column be added to the Parochial Table, to report the annual contributions of congregations to the General Synod's Treasury.

### REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The undersigned, elected at your last meeting, as delegates to the General Synod, would respectfully report: Both were present at the twenty-third convention of that body, held at Harrisburg last May. There was a larger attendance than ever before known in the Synod's history of almost half a century. Twenty-one District Synods were represented, and numerous visitors appeared from far and near.

All present had great occasion to rejoice at the prosperity manifest in the Synod itself, and in the churches belonging thereto. Especially was this gratifying, inasmuch as many unfriendly predictions had been uttered, and corresponding efforts put forth, to accomplish the ruin of the General Synod. Upon the foundations which the fathers laid in a by-gone generation, a superstructure of beautiful and expanding proportions, and borne up by the pillars of truth and charity, now stands forth an object of admiration.

The Synod was in session eight days in deliberating upon the various interests of our Lord's Kingdom, both at home and abroad. The several Societies were encouraged anew in their benevolent operations. Important interests were entrusted to standing committees; such as publishing a German Church-Paper, compiling or revising an English Hymn Book, a German Hymn-Book, an English Liturgy, Explanations on Luther's Catechism, &c.

An amended form of the Constitution of the Synod was produced, and is now referred to the several District Synods for adoption. This document contemplates a closer organization of the Church, for the sake of a more united and efficient co-operation in the Master's work.

Active measures were taken to aid in celebrating the Seventh Jubilee of the Reformation, so as to make the occasion most conducive to the edification of the Church and the development of Gospel benevolence.

But we forbear going into very specific details. The printed minutes, forming a book of 132 pages, are before the whole Church, and will be reported upon by a committee at this time.

We bespeak an increasing attachment on the part of our Synod to the General Synod. Since the dust, caused by the rise of opposition, is clearing away, we are only more confirmed in the conviction that the General Synod must maintain its position as the centre and hope of the Lutheran Church in America.

For the first time in its history, the General Synod adjourned to meet again in *one* year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. SHEELEIGH,  
MORRIS F. MARTENIS.

**RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING MESSRS. KLINE AND VOSSLER.**

*Resolved,* That whereas, upon the presentation of a report by a committee appointed to examine certain accounts of Bros. Kline and Vossler, these brethren donated their claims to Synod; we, therefore, thankfully receive this expression of their liberality, and that we, as ever, hold them in high esteem as brethren in the Lord.

*Resolved,* That we recognize in Bro. D. Kline a worthy christian brother, who enjoys the confidence and respect of this Synod, and that we approve of his faithful discharge of duty in the Strobel affair, as a member of the committee of this Synod, at the recent meeting of the Hartwick Synod, and that we regard his report to this Synod as eminently able and truthful.

**BRIDGETON MISSION.**

*Resolved,* That we have received with pleasure the letter from the Bridgeton Church, enclosing a Synodical collection, and are gratified with their continued union with our body.

*Resolved,* That the peace and prosperity of that church will always be gratifying to us, and that as soon as they commence erecting a house of worship we will welcome an agent from them into our churches to collect means to carry out the enterprise.

*Resolved,* That believing that that church will continue loyal in its attachment to this body and to the General Synod, we will aid them in every possible way, to the full extent of our ability.

*Resolved,* That we will do all we can to aid that congregation in searching out a proper minister to take the pastoral oversight of the same.

**STUDENT AT GETTYSBURG.**

*Resolved,* That we receive as a beneficiary of our Synod, Mr. John Wagoner, a member of Brother Burrell's congregation, now prosecuting his studies at Gettysburg, and that we appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars towards his support for the coming Synodical year.

**INSTALLATION APPOINTMENTS.**

Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. A. Hiller, and Rev. S. Curtis were appointed to install Rev. J. W. Lake as pastor of the church at Friesburg, at such time as Brother Lake shall designate.

Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. J. C. Duy, and Rev. E. Deyoe were appointed to install Rev. L. D. Wells, and re-dedicate his church at Saddle River, on the 26th of November.

**TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.**

*Resolved,* That the next meeting of Synod be held on Friday, before the first full moon in October, 1869, at Friesburg, N. J.

**DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.**

The election of Delegates to the General Synod being in order, Brothers Lake and Bush were appointed tellers. They announced the following result:

*Clerical.**Principals*, REV. J. I. BURRELL,*Alternates*, REV. A. HILLER,*Lay.*

MR. GEORGE VOSSLER.

MR. J. P. S. MILLER.

**OFFICERS OF MISSIONS AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.**

The following brethren were elected officers of the Missionary and Education Society for the ensuing year.

*President*, REV. DAVID KLINE.*Secretary*, REV. ALFRED HILLER.*Treasurer*, REV. JACOB C. DUY.**DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.**

## NEW YORK SYNOD.

*Principals.*

REV. D. KLINE.

*Alternates.*

REV. J. I. BURRELL.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

REV. J. W. LAKE.

REV. J. C. DUY.

**PRINTING MINUTES.**

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have two hundred and fifty copies of the minutes of Synod printed, and distributed to the different churches.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary send an abstract of the minutes to the Lutheran Observer.

**VOTE OF THANKS.**

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be returned to the people of this congregation for the kindness and liberality with which they have entertained the members of this Synod.

*Resolved*, That we regard the singing of this church as superior to any other in Synod, and that the performances of the organist have not only been artistic, but highly pleasing, and conducive to the interest of the services.

**SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.***Services.**Principals.**Alternates.*

Synodical Sermon,

REV. M. SHEELEIGH,

REV. J. I. BURRELL.

Preparatory Sermon,

" D. KLINE,

" L. D. WELLS.

Sacramental Sermon,

" J. C. DUY,

" E. DEYOE.

Sabbath Ev'ng Sermon,

" L. D. WELLS,

" A. HILLER.

Ordination Sermon,

" E. DEYOE,

" J. C. DUY.

Address on Missions,

" J. I. BURRELL,

" J. W. LAKE.

Address on Education,

" A. HILLER,

" D. KLINE.

**DIRECTORS IN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG.**

The following brethren were appointed Directors to the Seminary at Gettysburg:

REV. M. SHEELEIGH,

MR. F. H. LANE.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

*Resolved*, That Synod now adjourn to meet in Emanuel Church, Friesburg, Salem county, New Jersey, on the Friday evening before the first full moon in October, (15th,) 1869.

Synod was closed with singing and prayer by the President.

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

A. HILLER, *Secretary*.

**MINISTERIAL SESSIONS.**

SATURDAY MORNING, 11½ O'CLOCK, Oct. 24th, 1868.

The Rev. L. D. Wells having applied for ordination,

*Resolved*, That his application be entertained, and that Bro. Wells be invited to attend a colloquium before this ministerium, to be held this afternoon, immediately after divine service.

Adjourned until this afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. D. Kline.

**SECOND SESSION.**

SATURDAY, P. M., 4 O'CLOCK, OCT. 24th, 1868.

Session opened with prayer by the Rev. J. C. Duy.

After a colloquium with Bro. Wells,

*Resolved*, That Rev. L. D. Wells be ordained on next Monday evening.

Prayer by Bro. Sheeleigh.

**MEETING OF THE HOME MISSION AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.**

NEW GERMANTOWN, SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 24th, 1868.

The Missionary and Education Society of the Synod of New Jersey held its annual meeting this evening. After spending half an hour in devotional exercises, an address was delivered on the subject of Missions by the Rev. D. Kline. Rev. L. D. Wells then addressed the Society on the

subject of Education, and was followed by some practical remarks by the Secretary.

A proposition was then made that the members of Synod raise fifty dollars for Home Missions, when the following brethren paid \$5 00 each : Rev. J. W. Lake, Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. J. P. Krechting, Rev. J. I. Burrell, Rev. A. Hiller, Messrs. Conrad Bush, E. Dufford and D. Shimp. Rev. J. C. Duy and Rev. E. Deyoe \$3.00 each. Rev. D. Kline, C. Houck, G. Vossler and A. B. Weller \$2.00 each. Rev. L. D. Wells, Rev. S. Curtis and L. Goetschius \$1 00 each. Total paid by Synod, \$57 00.

The members of the congregation then paid the following sums : P. M. Felmly, B. Van Doren, J. K. Bartles and A. Howell \$5.00 each. I. Bosenberry, Mrs. P. Bartles and J. Specht \$3.00 each. J. Waldren, B. Van Doren, Jr., Susan Trimmer, C. Gulick and A. Melick \$2.00 each. Peter Lane, C. Van Doren, A. G. Melick, K. J. Welsh, Mrs. Melick, Miss Clara Duy, Mrs. E. Duy, J. D. Todd, Henry Honeyman, Emma Honeyman, Catharine Heldebrandt, Mrs. Dickerson and a Friend \$1.00 each. A Friend \$1.50, and 25 cts cash. Total by congregation, \$52.75.

The next annual meeting of the Society will be held in Emanuel Church, Friesburg, Monday evening, 7 o'clock, October 18th, 1869.