

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
OF
NEW JERSEY.

FRIESBURG, SALEM CO., N. J.,
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CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.
Zion Church,	New Germantown,	
Ev. Luth. Church,	Ramapo,	
Spruce Run Church,	Clarksville, }	
Mt. Bethel Church,	" }	
Ev. Luth. Church,	Stewartsville,	Geo. H. Weller.
Zion Church,	German Valley,	Sylvester Lake.
Trinity Church,	Stone Church, Pa., }	Joseph Kieffer.
St. Paul's Church,	" }	
Emanuel's Church,	Daretown, }	Henry Mickle.
Luther Chapel,	" }	
Ev. Luth. Church,	Saddle River,	George Esler.
Ger. Luth. Church,	Bridgeton, N. J.,	Jacob Kienzle.

DELEGATES FROM SISTER SYNODS.

Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, East Pennsylvania Synod.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. G. W. Enders, Hartwick Synod.

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., delegate from the Synod of New York, stating that he would be unable to attend the sessions of the New Jersey Synod on account of serious illness.

The President then read his Annual Report :

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

BELOVED BRETHERN :—Our Heavenly Father has once more permitted us to meet in Synodical session, and it becomes us to-day, to acknowledge his continued goodness and mercy. During another year it has been our exalted privilege to labor in the vineyard of our blessed Lord ; and as his gracious smiles have not been withdrawn, nor his precious favors intermitted, it becomes us to-day under a renewed sense of increased obligation, to present to him our annual offering of grateful praise and thanksgiving.

About the middle of September, I, as the Secretary of Synod, received the following communication from the Rev. M. Sheeleigh, President elect of this body. This document will not only explain itself, but will also account for my occupying my present position as President, pro tempore of Synod.

Rev. A. Hiller, Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey.

MY DEAR BROTHER :—Having felt it my duty within the current Synodical year, to accept a call to the pastorate of a charge within the bounds of another Synod, conformity to order makes it necessary that I should,

notwithstanding your kind request to the contrary, resign my office as President of your Synod, and transfer the duties of the same to your hands. I therefore hereby respectfully tender to you my resignation and transference. With this act I submit to you a record of the several items which have come under my notice as President thus far within the year.

November 26th, 1868, the church edifice at Saddle River, which had been re-modeled, was re-consecrated to the Divine service. The Pastor, Rev. L. D. Wells, was assisted on the occasion by Rev. J. C. Duy and Rev. E. Deyoe. *At the same time*, Bro. Wells was installed as Pastor of the Saddle River congregation; the brethren Duy and Deyoe performing the usual services. An unexpected duty requiring my presence in my own congregation, rendered it impossible, to my regret, to be in attendance.

January 10th, 1869, Rev. Prof. L. W. Heydenreich commenced his labors as Missionary of the Synod in the German congregation in the city of Bridgeton.

April 7th, the corner-stone of a church was laid by the Bridgeton congregation. It is to be a substantial frame building, which is rapidly approaching completion. A debt of Fourteen Hundred Dollars will probably remain when this sanctuary is opened.

Early in April the Officers of the Synod recommended an application from the German congregation at Bridgeton, to the Church Extension Society, for a loan of \$500. Previous drafts on the Treasury, however, I am sorry to state, prevented the desired aid from being realized.

April 27th, I relinquished the charge of the Stewartville church and removed to the White Marsh pastorate in Montgomery Co., Pa.

July 29th, upon application of Rev. S. Curtis, now pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Ashland, Pa., I gave him a certificate of honorable dismission to the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

August 2nd., I received a letter from Prof. Heydenreich, informing me of his resignation of the Bridgeton Mission, in view of his accepting a professorship in the Female Seminary at Hagerstown, Maryland.

August 19th, was informed by the Rev. J. W. Lake, that the church edifice at Friesburg was re-dedicated after being almost wholly rebuilt, at a cost of about \$7,000. I was providentially prevented from accepting a pressing invitation to be present at the time. Rev. G. W. Enders, of the Hartwick Synod, and Rev. J. N. Unruh, of the Melanethon Synod, (a former pastor,) aided in the services. Efforts are now being made, which it is to be hoped will prove successful, early to appoint Rev. G. W. Enders to the charge of the Bridgeton Mission. It may be well here to note that the former missionary reports as having twice administered the Lord's Supper to 58 communicants.

As a Director to the Theological Seminary at Getteysburg, from your

Synod, I would state, that I was not able to attend the last meeting of the Board. Without going in this connection into specific details, I am glad to say that the Seminary is steadily growing in influence, and in the facilities for affording an ample theological education to candidates for the holy ministry. The Seminary has now five Professors, two giving the whole, and three a portion of their time to the Institution. In consequence of my removal it becomes necessary for you to elect a Director in my stead.

During my pastorship at Stewartsville, in a term of a little less than five years, I received into the church, under the blessings of God, forty-three members, and baptized forty-five infants. Although in some places these numbers would appear small, they will compare very favorably with those during the years of former pastors. I suppose all the ministers of the Synod have received a circular from the Lutheran Board of Publication, calling upon the Church for the necessary means to carry forward the work of publishing appropriate books for our people. All our Synods are appealed to through this circular and written letters, to make the Publication Society one of the regular objects of Synodical effort, and with this view to add another column to the Parochial Table, headed "Publication Society." I trust the Synod of New Jersey will at once give the weight of her influence to this movement, which we hope will soon become general.

As the Synod of East Pennsylvania, within whose bounds I am now laboring, will meet before the Synod of New Jersey, good reasons constrain me respectfully to ask you, dear Brother, for an honorable dismissal to the former body. Allow me, in this connection, to express my sincere reluctance to part from your Synod, composed of brethren with whom I have enjoyed five years of intimate Synodical and social relations, in the happy privilege of laboring side by side with them, in our Divine Master's service. I pray for a blessing upon every brother, and hope the Synod will each year advance in growth and prosperity. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

White Marsh, Pa., September 10th, 1869.

M. SHEELEIGH.

By this action of our dear Brother Sheeleigh, according to our constitution, the office of President devolved upon me, until this meeting of Synod, and acting in this capacity, and in accordance with the above request, on the 13th of September, I sent to the Rev. M. Sheeleigh, a certificate of honorable dismissal from this body to unite with the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

SUPPLIES FOR STEWARTSVILLE.

At the meeting of the Central Conference held at German Valley, on the 23rd of June last, arrangements were made by which the brethren of Synod

were to supply this church on every alternate Sabbath, from and after the 2nd Sabbath in July.

CALL ACCEPTED.

In a recent letter from Stewartsville, I was informed that the Rev. J. R. Sikes, of Argusville, N. Y., had received and accepted a call to the Stewartsville charge, and would enter his new field of labor about the 1st of November.

DEDICATION AT BRIDGETON.

Through a notice in the Lutheran Observer, I learned that the new German Lutheran Church in Bridgeton, was dedicated on the 26th of September. The day proving to be stormy, none of the ministers invited were present, except the Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, of Lancaster, Pa. Bro. Rosenmiller says, that a good audience from city and country was present, and over \$1,000 were subscribed toward the new Church. Our German Brethren at Bridgeton deserve a good deal of credit for the enterprise they have shown in erecting this new sanctuary in their midst; and I would here express the hope that they may secure the services of Bro. Enders, and that by his laboring among them, they "may be built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

CHURCH BENEVOLENCE.

I would suggest that at this meeting of Synod, a plan be adopted by which the *benevolence* of the church may be more effectively developed. The claims of the different objects of benevolence on the church should be more regularly presented to our people, and a system adopted by which, if possible, every member of our congregations, old and young, male and female, may be led to contribute something every week to the Lord's treasury. By thus getting our people more prayerfully, and more systematically to work for Christ, their own souls will be blessed, our treasury will be replenished, young men will be educated for the ministry, new mission fields will be sought out and occupied, our Synod will grow in numbers and in power, sinners will be converted, and the name of our God will be glorified.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that they may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." And now with an unshaken confidence in the word of God, with an implicit reliance upon the promised grace of Christ: and realizing that the time for us to work for Christ is *short*; may we enter upon the coming Synodical year, my brethern, with

renewed earnestness and zeal. May we and all our dear people, ever enjoy a precious sense of the Saviour's presence, and be kept in the true faith unto life eternal. "And unto him, who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

A. HILLER,

President pro. tem., of Synod of New Jersey.

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

Rev. George W. Enders, having declared his intention to unite with this body, and that he was in daily expectation of a letter from the President of the Hartwick Synod, granting him a letter of honorable dismissal, of which dismissal he has already received verbal promise; it was resolved that he now be received as a member of this Synod.

Upon motion of Rev. E. Deyoe, the congregation at Ramsey's Station, N. J., was received into connection with this Synod.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following brethren were elected officers to serve during the ensuing year :

REV. D. KLINE, *President*,
 " L. D. WELLS, *Secretary*.
 " J. C. DUY, *Treasurer*.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

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

No. 1. *On President's Report*—Rev. J. I. Burrell, Rev. J. C. Duy and Rev. L. D. Wells.

No. 2. *On Minutes of General Synod*—Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. A. Hiller and Mr. Sylvester Lake.

No. 3. *On Minutes of New York Synod*—Rev. J. I. Burrell, Rev. J. W. Lake, and Mr. George Esler.

No. 4. *On Minutes of Last Year*—Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. A. Hiller and Mr. George H. Weller.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Saturday, P. M.—Preparatory Sermon, by Rev. D. Kline. Text, John xvi, 31.

Saturday Evening.—Synodical Sermon, by Rev. A. Hiller. Text, Acts xvi, 27—31.

Sabbath Evening.—Sermon in Pres. Church, (Daretown) by Rev. J. I. Burrell.

Sabbath Evening.—Sermon by Rev. L. D. Wells. Text, Rev. ii, 10, (last clause.)

Monday Evening.—Ordination Sermon, by Rev. J. I. Burrell. Text, 1st Cor. xiv, 18.

SERVICES AT BRIDGETON.

Sabbath A. M.—Sermon (German) by Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller. Text, Psalm cxxvii, 1.

Sabbath P. M.—Sermon by Rev. George W. Enders. Text, Luke xix, 13.

Sabbath Evening.—Sermon by Rev. A. Hiller. Text, Acts xvi, 27—31.

Resolved, That Synod meet at 9 o'clock A. M., and spend half an hour in devotional exercises.

Rev. G. W. Enders gave notice of his intention to apply to this body for ordination.

Synod adjourned until 2½ o'clock this p. m., for divine service. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Duy.

Sabbath A. M.—Sacramental Sermon, by Rev. J. C. Duy. Text, John xii, 21.

Sabbath A. M.—Sermon in Pres. Church, (Daretown), by Rev. L. D. Wells. Text, 1st Cor. iii, 13.

Sabbath P. M.—Sermon in Luther Chapel, by Rev. E. Deyoe. Text, Rev. iii, 20.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, 9½ O'CLOCK, A. M., Oct. 18th, 1869.

Prayer by Rev. E. Deyoe. Minutes of former Session read and approved. Parochial reports were now presented. Pending the reading of the reports, Mr. Christian Cook, of Bridgeton, was received as delegate, vice Mr. Jacob Kienzle, providentially detained from this morning's Session. Reading of the Parochial reports resumed and finished.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST YEAR.

Your Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Minutes of the last meeting of this body, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to say that so far as they have been able to discover, this document contains a correct account of the business transacted, and its appearance is creditable to the Secretary and Printer. We would remind the Brethren of the resolutions passed at our last meeting in relation to affording aid to our Missions at Bridgeton and Ramsey's Station. This is all we find in the Minutes claiming our attention at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

E. DEYOE,
A. HILLER,
GEO. H. WELLER.

Report adopted.

REMARKS ACCOMPANYING PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. J. C. DUY.

The sixteenth year of our Pastorate in this place has not passed without some tokens of the Divine presence and blessing. During last Winter and Spring we were favored with a season of special religious interest, when a number of young and promising persons were added to the communion of the church. Our Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition, and our Prayer meeting was never better attended. We have taken up our usual contributions for various religious objects. Besides the payment of the regular salary, my people, during the last Winter, made me a donation of a purse of One hundred and thirty-five Dollars. (\$135.00)

REV. E. DEYOE.

Though we are not able to speak of any special work of grace in the congregation, still we have reason to believe that there is a deep and abiding interest for the church among our members, and that their faithful attendance upon the means of grace, in looking to God for his blessing, will not be in vain. Some \$200 have been expended in church improvements, and in the purchase of a Cabinet Organ. Besides paying the salary, the congregation gave us a very generous donation visit last December, and have shown themselves uniformly kind toward their pastor.

We feel to thank God, and redouble our efforts in labors to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Our church enterprise at Ramsey's Station is making very encouraging progress. Sometime last March we had the pleasure of commencing to use the lecture room of our church as a place of worship. This was a decided improvement over the school house we formerly occupied. On the 27th of March we organized an Evangelical Lutheran congregation, under the Corporate name of *The Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of the church of the Redeemer, of Ramsey's, Bergen Co., N. J.*, and since the first of May we have had regular Sabbath services in our lecture room, alternating from morning to afternoon. The regular Sabbath services are well attended and in favorable weather our large room is comfortably filled. In our communions we have been joined by numbers of christian friends of other churches. Our Sabbath school is large and deeply *interesting*. We raised \$70.00 with which to purchase a Library for the school, also \$125.00 to purchase a Cabinet Organ; so that in these departments of christian labor a great degree of interest has been manifested.

The Sabbath-school sends \$500 to Synod, to be applied to Domestic Mission. We have paid on our church building, since our last Synodical meeting, over \$2200. The community in which the church is being built have shown us a great deal of sympathy, and seem anxious to see the enterprise go forward. But we cannot tell what we can do here, while we are

deprived of the use of the audience room of the church: We cannot expect that people will be satisfied to use a basement room as their only place of worship for any great length of time. Our members have been doing liberally, and still continue to do so; but as they are not over much blessed with the things of this world, they sometimes feel like asking if some help can be obtained for them, in this their time of need. To God be the praise for the success that has thus far attended our efforts.

REV. D. KLINE.

The attendance upon divine worship is good. Peace and harmony prevail among us. We have planted and watered to the best of our ability; looking to God for the increase. We need and pray for a baptism of the Holy Ghost. The building of a new church is contemplated, and it is hoped the coming year will witness its completion. Our Mission church at Mt. Airy is evincing a healthy growth—I preach for them three Sabbaths out of four in the P. M. Their Sabbath School is large, well attended and well conducted. I have visited a few of our churches asking aid to repair their house of worship, and intend visiting all the churches within our bounds; and should the success of my future efforts equal that of my former, the enterprise will be consummated in due time. My people continue to evince the same kind and liberal spirit towards their pastor as heretofore. May the Lord shower his grace upon us, and make us a peculiar people, zealous of good works—may he keep us faithful unto the end. Amen.

STEWARTSVILLE CONGREGATION.

The church at Stewartsville is at present without a pastor. The vacancy however, is soon to be supplied, as a call tendered to the Rev. J. R. Sikes, of Argusville, New York, has been accepted, and this Brother expects to enter upon his new field of labor about the first of November. The people have been supplied with preaching by the Conference of the New Jersey Synod, also by Rev. Mr. Henry, of St. James Church, Rev. E. Belfour of Easton, and by clergymen of other denominations.

About three hundred dollars was realized from a festival given by the ladies of the congregation, which is now being used in repairing the church edifice and fences. The ladies are also engaged in newly papering the parsonage, that it may be more home-like on Bro. Sike's arrival. In consequence of rainy Sabbaths, our Synodical collection has not been taken. It will be attended to at an early day. Our Sabbath-School is in a more prosperous condition than formerly. During the past summer, through the efforts of our librarian, Bro. R. Hance, and others, about one hundred dollars was procured by subscription with which to purchase a new library. A new system of conducting the school and letting the books has been adopted. Although we have not enjoyed any special season of

refreshing from the presence of the Lord during the year, we still pray that we may be guided by his infinite wisdom, and that gracious outpouring of his Holy Spirit may be speedily manifested in our midst, and throughout the entire community.

REV. A. HILLER.

During the past year my people have raised my salary from \$700, to \$1000, and I would here also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a purse of \$50, a surprise from the young members of my charge, which I found suspended upon the Christmas tree, on the occasion of the anniversary of our Sunday-school. Peace and harmony prevail amongst us, and the attendance upon the preached word is good. We need a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and may he speedily revive his work in our midst.

Of the amount reported for Home Missions, \$50 were contributed to the Mt. Airy Church, within the bounds of Brother Kline's charge, and \$10 were contributed by the Sabbath-school. Of the amount reported for Foreign Missions, \$10.30 were contributed by the Sabbath-school and \$2.40 are the contents of little Katy Bartle's missionary box. For local objects, \$40 were paid for lightning rod on the parsonage; \$1245.00 for a new organ in the church and \$88.53 were expended for the Sabbath-school.

REV. J. I. BURRELL.

This charge has probably never been in a more prosperous condition. At St. Pauls, we enjoyed a precious season of grace, during which upwards of sixty souls were hopefully converted. The people are becoming more attached to their own church, and manifest an increasing desire to promote the interests of the churches and institutions of the General Synod. During the past summer, a parochial school in the lecture room of St. Paul's Church, was largely attended. Three young men are now members of the junior class at Penn College, who were prepared here. Four are in course of preparation for college at the present time. The desire of many of the parents of the church to educate their sons and daughters at Lutheran institutions, and the willingness of many to give their sons to the work of the christian ministry is both gratifying, and we think indicative of true christian development. Being greatly encouraged by the past and present, we are hopeful for the future. In humble reliance upon our Heavenly Father for help, we take courage and go forward.

REV. J. N. LAKE.

The past year has been marked with many cheering evidences of the Divine pleasure. There has been a growing interest in the preached word, and all other means of grace. Our Sabbath-school, and our prayer meetings are in a most flourishing condition. There is one portion of my congregation worthy of special note, and that is the young people. Their uniform kindness to their pastor, their readiness to co-operate with the church in all

her enterprises and interests, and their general deportment show us clearly that the church at Friesburg has before her a bright and glorious future.

REV. L. D. WELLS.

I am enabled to report through the blessing of the Most High, a year of peace and prosperity at Saddle River. God's banner over us has been love. Soon after the adjournment of our last Synodical meeting on Thanksgiving day, the Brethren Duy and Deyoe were with us and assisted in the services of re-dedicating our house of worship, and also installed the Pastor over his charge. A debt of \$600 had been incurred in repairing the church building, of which amount, \$370 was canceled upon the day of re-dedication, a day joyous indeed with gladness and thanksgiving. In addition to this sum, about \$256 have been raised during the past Synodical year, leaving a small balance of \$64.00. Inasmuch as repairs were not then fully completed, we held a Fair and Festival last September, from which was realized about \$280, which amount is now being applied to painting, cushioning the seats, &c. My people have evinced commendable zeal in *beautifying the Lord's house*, and in striving to make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Having honored God with our substance, the Lord in due time visited us with substantial blessings, even the presence and power of his Holy Spirit. During the months of January and February, I held a series of extra services, looking to the quickening of the church, and urging those who were interested in the preaching of the word, and awakened as to their own personal duty, to *prompt and decided action* in embracing Christ. Seventeen professed faith in the Lord Jesus, of whom fourteen united with the church, and I believe are holding on their way rejoicing. I gratefully thank God and take courage. I was much disappointed in procuring assistance from the brethren of Synod, and was obliged to labor almost alone for five weeks. Brother Deyoe and neighboring clergymen afforded me a little respite, which is here gratefully acknowledged. On Easter sabbath came our *Feast of in-gathering*, when eleven souls entered into solemn covenant with Christ and his church. At our last communion three more were added to the number. God grant they may be kept unto eternal life. The people at Saddle River have done well during the year past, in the way of contributions for local purposes and home missions, as will appear from the table of parochial reports; still I could wish that a much deeper interest were felt in the cause of Foreign Missions. While improving our churches at home, we ought not to forget those who have no churches, no gospel, and in a great measure no Christ. During last winter I was kindly remembered in a generous visit. My salary has been paid *promptly* and recently increased, *without my seeking it*, which is not very fashionable, but very acceptable, since it is an encouraging token that my labor is not in vain in the Lord. I have been preaching during the summer on sabbath after-

noons at a station five miles from the church, with the view of supplying the spiritual wants of the people, and also as an experiment in the field of progressive Lutheranism. At present I can simply report progress.

The Treasurer's Report was received and referred to an Auditing Committee. Committee, Revs. A. Hiller, J. W. Lake and Mr. Joseph Kieffer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey, for the year ending October 23, 1869 :

Received.

Synodical Fund,.....	\$112 22
Home Missions and Education,.....	301 28
Foreign,.....	32 15—\$445 65

Disbursed.

Stationery and Postage,.....	\$ 4 25
Printing of Minutes,.....	59 00
Rev. A. Hiller's bills,.....	17 40
Foreign Missions,.....	32 00
Home Miss. Society of Gen. Synod,.....	10 00
Gettysburg Seminary,.....	5 00
Rev. Heydenreich,.....	125 00
Luth. Church, Bridgeton,.....	92 00—\$344 65

Leaving a balance in the Treasury of..... \$101 00

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB C. DUY, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The report of committee on the President's Report was presented and ordered to be laid on the table, to be taken up seriatim at 2 o'clock this P. M.

Pending the debate on resolution offered, relative to the ordination of Rev. G. W. Enders, it was resolved that the question of ordination be referred to the Ministerium, and that it be made the order of business for this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M., OCT. 18th, 1869.

Prayer by Rev. A. Hiller.

Minutes of former session read and approved.

The reading of the President's Report being in order, it was taken up *seriatim*.

Under item relative to the Publication Society of the General Synod, the following action was taken :

Whereas, The Publication Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church has of late become very effective, is ably managed and bids fair to become a great engine for good, therefore :

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, give the Publication Society our entire endorsement and hearty co-operation, that we will patronize the Book-store to the extent of our ability, and contribute of our means, whenever necessity may demand.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to add a column in our blanks headed "Publication Society," and that our congregations be requested to make annual contributions to the society.

Under item relative to the promotion of general benevolence in our churches, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to propose some plan for the furtherance of this object. The President appointed as such committee, Revs. Hiller, Duy and Lake.

President's Report was then adopted as a whole. Synod adjourned to hold a ministerial session of half an hour. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Lake.

Upon adjournment of the Ministerium, the Synodical session was resumed. Prayer by Rev. J. I. Burrell.

After considerable debate upon the question of the management of our Home Mission funds and operations, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of our Home Mission Society be directed to confer with the officers of the General Synod's Society relative to the expediency of transferring funds and missions to their direction.

Synod adjourned until to-morrow, A. M. 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. L. D. Wells.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M., OCT. 19th, 1869.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Duy. Minutes of former session read and approved. Mr. Geo. Esler was excused from further attendance at Synod.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

As delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, I would respectfully report, that I attended the late meeting of that body, held in the city of Washington, D C. There was a very large attendance, and the proceedings were characterized by entire harmony and good feeling. Remarkable zeal and activity were manifested for the advancement of the interests of the various enterprises of the church. As a copy of the proceedings of the General Synod is in the hands of a Committee of this body it is useless to particularize the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Report adopted.

J. I. BURRELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Your committee, to whom was referred the minutes of the last General Synod, held in Washington, D. C., would report, that according to the document placed in their hands, the General Synod now consists of Twenty-two (22) District Synods, Five hundred and Ninty-one (591) Ministers, Nine hundred and Ninty-seven (997) Congregations, and Ninty-One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty (91,720) Communicant members. It appears that our Delegate, Bro. Burrell, attended to the duties of his appointment. The next meeting of the body is to be held at Dayton, Ohio, the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1871. There is nothing in the minutes that seems to call for any action on the part of the Synod at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DUY,
A. HILLER,
SYLVESTER LAKE.

Report Adopted.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, would respectfully report, that they have examined the report, and compared it with the vouchers, and find the account all correct, leaving a balance in the Treasury of one hundred and one dollars (\$101,00.)

A. HILLER,
J. W. LAKE,
JOS. KIEFFER.

Report Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF NEW YORK SYNOD.

The document placed in the hands of Committee No. 3 is a copy of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of New York. Your Committee would respectfully report, that they have examined said document, and have found nothing in it requiring the action of this body.

J. I. BURRELL,
J. W. LAKE,
GEO. ESLER.

Report Adopted.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

The Report of the Delegate to the Synod of East Pennsylvania was presented verbally and adopted.

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolved. That we as a Synod, highly commend the activity of the people of Bridgeton, and will continue to aid them as their necessities may require.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDING A PLAN FOR
SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.**

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the President's report in which he recommended that a plan be devised for the more effective and systematic development of the benevolence of the church; would respectfully report :

FIRST, That each pastor provide himself with several blank books.

SECOND, That he visit all the families in his congregation, and ascertain how much each member of the family is willing to contribute per week for the cause of Home and Foreign Missions and Education.

THIRD, That he enter these sums, with the names of the respective donors, in the blank books.

FOURTH, That the congregations be divided into several districts, and a blank book be provided for the names of the persons in each district.

FIFTH, That a Collector be appointed for each district, who shall take charge of the book containing the names of the persons in his district, and collect the sums therein recorded every month.

SIXTH, The Collector shall pay over the sums collected into the hands of the pastor, and receive a receipt for the same.

In addition to the above, we would suggest, that annual collections be taken up in our churches for the following objects:—viz., Publication Society, Church Extension Society, General Synod's Treasury and Orphan's Home at Loysville.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. HILLER.

J. C. DUY.

J. W. LAKE.

Report adopted, with this amendment, That Revs. Hiller and Duy perfect this plan, and send blank books, properly prepared, to each pastor, at the expense of the Synod, at their earliest convenience. Also, that each pastor present this plan and object before his people at his earliest opportunity.

Rev. J. I. Burrell was elected Director in the Board in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

Synod instructed the Treasurer to pay Rev. G. W. Enders, our Missionary at Bridgeton, \$300, if it be necessary, to make up the amount of \$600, for his salary.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Resolved, That we as a Synod, in common with our Christian brethren, of all names and in all lands, observe the first week of January as a week of prayer for the conversion of the world.

Resolved, That during this week we hold special services in our churches, and on each day present to our people the specific subjects of prayer for that day.

CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.

Whereas, The children and youth of the congregations are the most hopeful hearers of the Word, therefore :

Resolved, That we as a Synod, recommend that special Children's Meetings be held in our churches, at least three times a year.

Resolved, That at these meetings, the singing, the sermon, and all the exercises be arranged with special reference to the children.

Resolved: That these meetings be held on the Lord's day and take the place of the regular services of the church.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Synod, be held on Friday before the full moon in October, 1870, at Ramsey's Station, Bergen Co., N. J.

PRINTING MINUTES.

The Secretary was ordered to have two hundred and fifty copies of the minutes of this Synodical Session printed for distribution among the congregations, and to attend further to the preparation of five hundred blanks for Parochial Reports. Also to prepare an abstract of the minutes to be published in the "Lutheran Observer," and another (in care of Rev. G. W. Enders), to be published in the "Kirchen Freund," and in the Bridgeton and Salem papers.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE LUTHERAN OBSERVER AND THE KIRCHEN FREUND.

Resolved, That we recommend the "Kirchen Freund" to the German, and the "Lutheran Observer" to the English people of our charges.

COMMITTEE ON INSTALLATION.

Rev J. I. Burrell and Rev. J. W. Lake were appointed a Committee to install the Rev. G. W. Enders over the charge at Bridgeton, on the first Sabbath of November.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.**NEW YORK SYNOD.***Principals.*

REV. E. DEYOE

Alternates.

REV. L. D. WELLS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

REV. J. C. DUY.

REV. G. W. ENDERS.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

Rev. J. C. Duy, Chairman; Rev. A. Hiller, Rev. E. Deyoe, Mr. Morris Naughton and Mr. Joseph Kieffer were appointed the Executive Committee for Home Missions and Education.

COMMITTEE ON DRAFTING CONSTITUTION FOR CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. A. Hiller and Mr. Morris Naughton were appointed a Committee to draft a Constitution for the government of congregations that may be formed within the bounds of this Synod needing Missionary aid.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. Deyoe was substituted in place of Rev. M. Sheeleigh on the Examining Committee.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered by Rev. J. W. Lake on next Sabbath to his people, for the kindness and liberality with which they have entertained the members of this Synod.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That Synod now adjourn to meet in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Ramsey's Station, Bergen County, New Jersey, on Friday Evening before the full moon in October, (7th), 1870.

Synod was closed with singing the 649th hymn, and prayer by the President.

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

L. D. WELLS, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIAL SESSIONS.

MONDAY, P. M., 3 O'CLOCK, OCT. 18th, 1869.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Duy.

The Rev. Geo. W. Enders having applied for ordination, it was *Resolved*, That the Rev. G. W. Enders be admitted to a colloquium with the Ministerium, with a view to ordination.

Rev. Mr. Enders came before the Ministerium, and after a conference retired, when the following resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolved, That the application of the Rev. G. W. Enders be entertained, and that he be ordained this evening at 7½ o'clock.

Ministerium then adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. L. D. Wells.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

MONDAY EVENING, 7½ O'CLOCK, OCT. 18th, 1869.

The members of Synod and a large congregation assembled in the church this evening to witness the ordination of our Brother Rev. Geo. W. Enders, to the work of the sacred ministry.

Rev. J. I. Burrell preached the ordination sermon from I Cor. xiv. 8. The President followed with the usual Liturgical service and then, assisted by the Officers of Synod and the Ministerium, solemnly set apart the candidate to his holy work by the imposition of hands.

MEETING OF THE HOME MISSION AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

MONDAY EVENING, OCT. 18th, 1869.

After the Ordination services the Missionary and Education Society of the Synod of New Jersey held its annual meeting. The President of the Society Rev. D. Kline, read his Annual Report, which was adopted. The Rev. A. Hiller addressed the society and congregation upon the subject of Home Missions and Education, after which the following contributions were made by members of the Synod to the Treasury of the Society.

Rev. A. Hiller, \$5.00. Rev. J. W. Lake, \$2.60. Revs. J. C. Duy, D. Kline, J. I. Burrell, E. Deyoe, L. D. Wells, Geo. W. Enders, and Messrs. Sylvester Lake, Geo. Esler, Jos. Kieffer, and Henry Mickel, each \$1.00.

Total paid by Synod \$17.60.