

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod,

OF NEW JERSEY,

CONVENED AT

SADDLE RIVER, BERGEN CO., N. J.

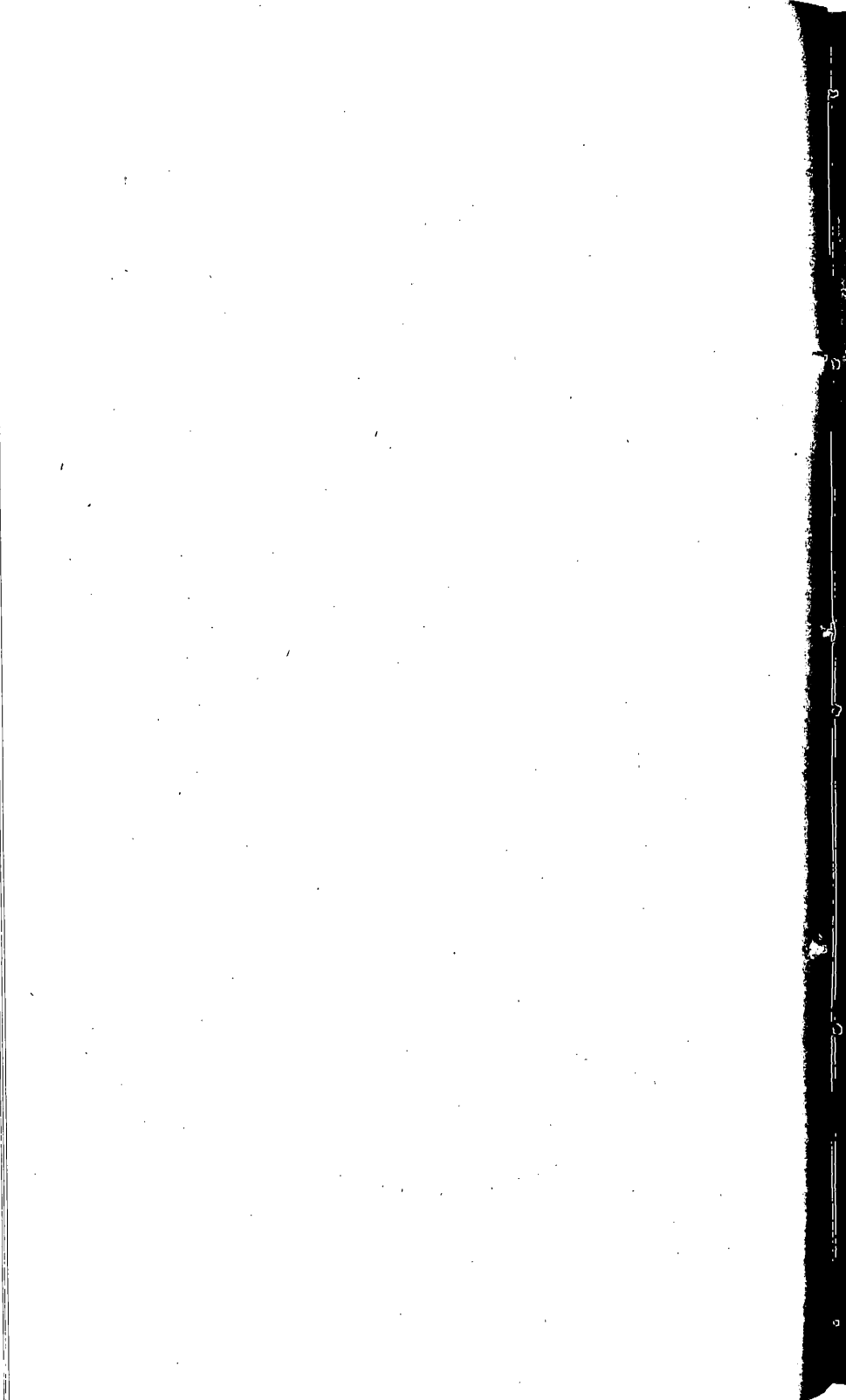
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The Ministers and Lay Delegates composing the Seventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey, assembled in the Lutheran Church, at Saddle River, Bergen county, New Jersey, on Friday evening October 11th, 1867. In consequence of the Synod meeting in the charge of the President, the Rev. J. I. Burrell, the Secretary of Synod, had been appointed to preach the Synodical Sermon. In his absence, the opening sermon was preached by the Rev. D. Kline, from Ps. li. 6.

**FIRST SESSION.**

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The first session of the Synod was opened with singing, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer by the President. On motion, the Rev. S. Curtis was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. The Synod was duly organized by the calling of the roll, and the registering of the lay delegates.

The following is a list of the clerical and lay delegates composing the Synod:

## CLERICAL.

JACOB C. DUY,  
 EPHRAIM DEYOE,  
 DAVID KLINE,  
 ALFRED HILLER,  
 MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH,  
 SYLVANDER CURTIS,  
 J. BOCKSTAHLER,\*  
 J. I BURRELL,\*

## POST OFFICE.

New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., N. J.  
 Saddle River, Bergen Co., “  
 Clarksville, Hunterdon Co., “  
 German Valley, Morris Co., “  
 Stewartsville, Warren Co., “  
 Daretown, Salem Co., “  
 Bridgeton, Cumberland Co., “  
 Stone Church, Northampton Co., Pa.

## LAY DELEGATES.

WM. SUTTON,  
 DAVID CARLOUGH,  
 PHILIP S. WISE,  
 MORRIS M. FRITZ,  
 HIRAM W. TEMPLIN,  
 WILLIAM LOVELAND,  
 PETER G. POWELL,

## FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AT

New Germantown, N. J.  
 Ramapo and Ramsey's, N. J.  
 German Valley, N. J.  
 Spruce Run, N. J.  
 Stewartsville, N. J.  
 Friesburg, N. J.  
 (Commissioner,) Saddle River, N. J.

\* Absent and excused.

Excuses were received from the Rev. J. I. Burrell, and the Rev. J. Bockstahler. On motion, these brethren were excused.

The President then read his Annual Report, which was laid on the table, to be referred to an appropriate committee.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

BELOVED BRETHREN: Time, in its rapid flight, has brought us to the Seventh Annual Convention of our Synod. Another year of labors and cares, incidental to the office of the ministry, has quickly passed away. And for health and strength, to labor in the Vineyard of the Master, and, especially, for any degree of success that may have attended our imperfect labors, we have great reason for gratitude to Him, whose blessing maketh rich and addeth no sorrow.

## INSTALLATION.

Shortly after the adjournment of the last meeting of our Synod, at Stewartsville, in company with Bro. Duy, I visited Friesburg, for the purpose of attending to the installation of our esteemed

brother, the Rev. S. Curtis, as pastor of that interesting charge. After an appropriate sermon, by the Rev. J. C. Duy, on Sabbath morning, November 18th, 1866, the installation took place, and the pastor and people were duly charged. These exercises took place in the presence of a large and deeply interested congregation.

Our brother evidently enjoys the confidence of the people of that community, and has a field of great usefulness before him. May this connection prove a mutual blessing.

#### A VISIT TO OUR MISSION FIELD.

After the installation above referred to, in accordance with the instructions given at Synod, Brother Duy and myself visited our mission field at Bridgeton and Millville. We were kindly received by our missionary, the Rev. Jacob Bockstahler. After preaching at Bridgeton, on Sabbath evening, November 18th, Brother Duy found it necessary to return home. I remained, and preached at Bridgeton on the evening of the 19th of November, and at Millville, on the evening of the 20th.

The people of both these places treated us kindly. They manifested a commendable interest in the preaching of the Word. And Christians of other denominations seem ready to cooperate with us in efforts to improve the moral and religious condition of the Germans in their midst. And if we had a man to labor in this field who could preach and converse in both German and English, I would have great hope of building up self-sustaining congregations in both these growing places. I would say more in reference to this matter, if it were not that Brother Bockstahler has applied for a letter of honorable dismissal from the Synod of New Jersey, that he may connect himself with the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, in the bounds of which he expects to labor. This application awaits the action of this body. The Synod should do all it can for the congregations of Bridgeton and Millville.

#### EXTRA SESSION OF SYNOD.

By a request of a number of the brethren of this body, I called an extra session of the Synod of New Jersey, which Convention was held in German Valley, in the charge of the Rev. A. Hiller, commencing on the 4th of June, 1867.

## THE STATE OF OUR CHURCHES.

The congregations connected with this body have all, (with the exception of the one in which we are now assembled), enjoyed, and are still favored, with the services of the sanctuary, by settled pastors, who are pursuing the even tenor of their way, laboring in peace with the people of their respective charges. This congregation has been vacant since the first of May, of this year. It is to be hoped that this interesting field will soon be supplied with a faithful teacher, a pastor to go in and out among them, and break to them the bread of life. Arrangements should be made, (if desired by the people), at our present meeting, to supply them with preaching for a time, expecting that they will call and settle a minister among them at as early a day as they conveniently can.

## OUR NEW UNDERTAKING.

Our enterprise at Ramsey's Station, is progressing. We had hoped that we would have been ready to lay the corner-stone for our church at that place during the time of this meeting of Synod; but while our desires in this will not be realized, we still expect to be ready for this part of the work at an early day. We hope to get the church inclosed and the basement fitted-up for a place of worship during the coming winter. There are but few to bear the burden of this undertaking. Still it seems to me to be an enterprise of promise. The place is improving, and with the blessing of the Lord upon the use of proper means, there are fair prospects of building up a congregation. The enterprise is certainly deserving of the attention of this body.

## THE ANTICIPATED DISSOLUTION OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

The principal causes which led to the formation of this Synod, are supposed to have been:

1. The remote points at which the Ministerium of New York with which most of us were connected, held many of its Synodical conventions.
2. The Ministerium had become so large a body, that it was found impossible to entertain its members in many of the congre-

gations; hence these congregations could never have the pleasure of having a Synodical convention in their bounds.

3. The Ministerium had become largely German, so that it became necessary and proper under the circumstances, that much of the preaching and business connected with its meetings, should be in a language which a considerable portion of its members did not understand.

These causes having been removed, by a division of the Ministerium, and the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York, it seems to be expected that the Synod of New Jersey will be dissolved; and as our action in this matter seems to have been anticipated, it might be proper for us to give the subject our serious consideration.

This will be the time to elect our delegates to attend the next meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to be convened in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the month of May, 1868.

The term for which I was elected to the Presidency of this Synod, now expires, and having been honored by the members of this body, by three successive elections, the time of my serving you in this office now expires, by constitutional limitation. Sincerely thanking you for your forbearance toward one little accustomed to preside over deliberative bodies, I return to your hands the office with which you have invested me.

And now, may the great Head of the Church smile upon us, and our dear people. May He imbue us with that wisdom which is from above; prepare us for all life's duties and changes; guide us by his counsels while here, and afterward receive us into his people's rest; and to the triune God shall be the praise.

E. DEYOE, *President of Synod.*

*Saddle River, October 12th, 1867.*

Adopted.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The result of the election was as follows:

REV. M. SHEELEIGH, *President.*

“ S. CURTIS, *Secretary.*

“ J. C. DUY, *Treasurer.*

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

No. 1. *On the President's Report*—Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. A. Hiller, and Mr. H. W. Templin.

No. 2. *On Minutes of Hartwick Synod*—Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. D. Kline, and Mr. Wise.

No. 3. *On Minutes of Melancthon Synod*—Rev. D. Kline, Rev. J. C. Duy, and Mr. M. Fritz.

No. 4. *On General Synod's Minutes*—Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. E. Deyoe, and Mr. Templin.

No. 5. *On Minutes of Last Session of this Body*—Rev. A. Hiller, Rev. D. Kline, and Mr. Loveland.

No. 6. *On the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York*—Rev. D. Kline, Rev. A. Hiller, and Mr. P. G. Powell.

No. 7. *On Minutes of Synod of Northern Illinois*—Rev. A. Hiller, Rev. E. Deyoe, and Mr. Wise.

No. 8. *On Minutes of West Pennsylvania Synod*—Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. D. Kline, and Mr. Loveland.

No. 9. *On the Historical Statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York*—Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. S. Curtis, and Mr. Loveland.

The Treasurer of Synod read his annual report, which was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Rev. A. Hiller, Rev. D. Kline, and Mr. Morris M. Fritz.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Synod would respectfully report that during the last year he has received the following sums, viz. : for

Synodical Fund.....	\$ 39 00
Home Missions.....	136 69
Education.....	66 59
Foreign Missions.....	88 01—\$330 29

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing Minutes.....	\$ 60 00
St. Louis Mission .....	50 00
General Synod's Home Mission Society.....	25 00
Bills Paid .....	29 40
Home Missions, &c.....	212 30—\$376 70
	<u>\$330 29</u>

Leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$46 41  
 JACOB C. DUY, *Treasurer.*

On motion, the following order adopted last year, was adopted for the regulation of Synod this year:

*Resolved,* That the sessions of Synod open at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and that they close at 12 M. and 4 P. M. Also that fifteen minutes of each morning session be devoted immediately before the close of the Synod to the reading of the Scriptures, singing, and prayer. The services to be led by some member of the Synod designated by the President.

A letter was read from the delegate of the East Pennsylvania Synod, presenting the fraternal regards of his Synod for our body, and presenting the reasons for his inability to meet with us in our present Convention.

Synod adjourned until Monday morning, 9 A. M.

## PREPARATORY AND SABBATH SERVICES.

On Saturday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Sheeleigh preached the preparatory sermon from John i. 29. On Saturday evening, the Rev. J. C. Duy preached from Acts iv. 33, last clause. On Sabbath morning, the Rev. A. Hiller preached the sacramental sermon from Matt. xxvi. 29. On Sabbath afternoon, the Sabbath-school was addressed by the Rev. M. Sheeleigh and the Rev. S. Curtis. On Sabbath evening, the Secretary of Synod preached from 2 Peter iii. 14.

**SECOND SESSION.**

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Duy. The minutes were read and approved. A circular from the Lutheran

Board of Publication was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. A. Hiller, S. Curtis. and Mr. P. G. Powell.

Committee No. 5, on the minutes of the General Synod, made the following report:

Your Committee would respectfully report:—

The document committed to us is a copy of the Proceedings of the Twenty-second Convention of the General Synod, held in Fort Wayne, in May, 1866.

We do not deem it essential that we should now indulge in any extended observations, inasmuch as the work of that convention has already been extensively considered, and as your own delegation gave you, one year ago, a long and satisfactory report of the prominent acts of that body. In looking over the pamphlet, which assumes the dimensions of a book, we are reminded anew of the General Synod's extended sphere of usefulness. We cannot but remember in this connection the great things accomplished by the General Synod, during the last half century, in giving *character, strength, and efficiency* to our Church in this land. Notwithstanding the note of discord lately struck, we do not entertain the least fear, that the Synod will in any wise deviate from the important mission which the Head of the Church has appointed her. God has established her, and he will be her guide and defence.

The pamphlet before us is important; also, as it contains the newly amended constitution of the Synod, and likewise the constitutions of most of the general benevolent societies. In conclusion, your committee would offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That as the Treasury of our General Synod will be largely dependent upon special contributions from our Churches, we call the attention of all our pastors and church officers to the resolution in the minutes of the General Synod, calling upon all the congregations connected therewith, to take up a collection about the first of April, annually, for the purpose of aiding that body in meeting all necessary expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DUY,

E. DEYOE,

H. W. TEMPLIN.

The report was received and adopted.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee for examining the Treasurer's account, would respectfully report, that they have attended to the work assigned them, and find the account all correct. Leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$46 41. Respectfully submitted,

A. HILLER,  
DAVID KLINE.

## REPORT OF DELEGATE TO NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

Your Delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York, would respectfully report: That he attended the 72d annual convention of that body, in the city of Albany, and was received in the usual form.

During the session of Monday, September 2d, a resolution was passed to dissolve the connection of the Ministerium with the General Synod, by a vote of 58 to 28. Upon the adoption of this Resolution the ministers and lay delegates who desired to remain in the General Synod, were invited to meet in the evening for consultation, which meeting took place in the lecture-room of Dr. Pohlman's Church.

At this meeting it was resolved to present a request for permission to withdraw from the Ministerium, provided all overtures for an amicable arrangement of the difficulties arising in consequence of the separation from the General Synod were rejected.

These overtures were rejected; when thirteen ministers and ten lay delegates obtained permission to withdraw, with a view of forming a new Synod. These ministers and lay delegates met in the lecture-room of Ebenezer Church, September 3d, 1867, and formed what is now termed the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York. The officers of the new Synod are:

Rev. H. N. POHLMAN, D.D., *President*.

“ G. NEFF, *Secretary*.

“ A. C. WEDEKIND, D.D., *Treasurer*.

Dr. Wedekind was appointed a delegate to this body, and Rev. I. K. Funk, of Brooklyn, alternate.

In conclusion, your Delegate would inform the members of this

Synod that the brethren of the newly formed Synod of New York, are very anxious that we should discontinue our organization, and unite with them. And this, on various accounts, seems to your delegate to be politic and desirable. The matter, however, is left for your wisdom to decide.

By invitation of Brother Barclay, the new Synod will meet in regular convention in the Church at Red Hook, on Friday morning, at ten o'clock, on the 18th of the present month.

J. C. DUY.

On motion, the report was adopted, with the understanding that so much of the report as refers to a union of this Synod with the New York Synod, be passed over until a later hour.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 4.

Your Committee on the Minutes of last Synod would respectfully call the attention of Synod to the following items of unfinished business, which have not been noticed in the President's report:

1. On page 19, the resolution of last year in reference to the Belvidere mission.

2. On page 25, the resolution authorizing the delegates to the last meeting of the New Jersey Sunday-school Convention, to explore the city of Newark, with a view of ascertaining definitely what prospects and encouragements there are to build up an English Lutheran Church, in that important point on our territory.

3. The resolution authorizing the Secretary to have blank parochial reports printed. The Minutes, we believe, are all correct, except some few typographical errors, and a notice of the religious services at Stewartsville.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HILLER,

WILLIAM LOVELAND,

The report was adopted.

On motion, so much of the Report as refers to Missions, was referred to the Missionary Society.

On motion, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:

*Whereas*, Our President, who is the Secretary of the General Synod, has received a communication from the Rev. Dr. Brown, the President of that body, consulting in regard to the propriety of changing the time of meeting of said Synod at Harrisburg, in May, 1868, from the third Thursday of the month to the first Thursday, in consequence of the Old School General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, having selected the former day to meet in the same city, therefore

*Resolved*, That we express our entire concurrence with the suggestion that the time for the assembling of our General Synod, be fixed two weeks earlier than the time indicated at the time of the adjournment of its last convention.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

*Resolved*, That seeing the great importance of a Church paper in the German language, to advocate the principles and interests of the General Synod, we sincerely express our hope that some competent person, or persons, will at an early day, engage in furnishing such publication from some central point; and that should this not be realized before next spring, our delegation to the next meeting of the General Synod be instructed to advocate such measures in that body as shall speedily inaugurate amongst us a vigorous paper in the mother tongue of our Church, to meet the necessities of those who retain that language.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 8.

To this Committee was referred the Minutes of the Forty-second Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania.

The Minutes in our hands contain an account of the proceedings of this large and active Lutheran Synod, held at York, Pennsylvania, from the 13th to the 17th of September, 1866.

This body has in its connection fifty-two ministers, and is actively engaged in all the Christian enterprises of the day—manfully doing the work of the Lord, and an example to many of our Synods, in deeds of benevolence. Finding nothing in these Minutes

requiring the special action of this body, the above is respectfully submitted.

E. DEYOE,

W. LOVELAND.

The Rev. Dr. Wedekind, delegate of the New York Synod, and Rev. E. Hoffman, delegate of the New York Ministerium, appeared and were received as delegates from their respective bodies. These brethren presented the fraternal regards of their respective Synods for our body. Dr. Wedekind, in a speech of some length and of great interest, presented the sad state of things in our Church in the great Empire State, and the causes which led to the formation of the Synod from which he is a delegate. The President made appropriate replies to these delegates; and, whilst he returned in a courteous manner the fraternal greetings of the delegate from the New York Ministerium, he, at the same time, expressed our hearty approval of the course of the New York Synod, and assured the delegate of this Synod that our sympathies were with them in their new organization. The President, in giving this expression of approval for those who had separated from a body who had elected to separate from the great bond of union of our Church in this country, expressed the sentiments of the entire Synod.

The Synod adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Wedekind.

### **THIRD SESSION.**

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. Deyoe.

The Parochial Reports of the pastors of the churches were presented.



## REMARKS ACCOMPANYING PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. J. C. DUY.

Five hundred dollars were subscribed in my congregation for the benefit of Hartwick Seminary, besides the usual contributions for the Sunday-school and Bible society.

REV. E. DEYOE.

Besides paying my salary punctually, the people of my charge have given me and my family tokens of their regard; showing and making us feel that we are not forgotten by them. The attendance upon the preaching of the Word is uniformly good. There has been a growing interest in the Sabbath-schools. The number of scholars has largely increased during the past summer. We live in peace, and are permitted to pursue the even tenor of our way. We feel to thank God for the past, and trust him for the future.

REV. S. CURTIS.

I have not been able to hold a meeting in my congregation during the year in consequence of my health. My people, if I understand things rightly, have become accustomed to depend upon special efforts for the increase of the congregation. Whilst we worshipped in our old Church the attendance upon divine worship was uniformly good. Since we have been obliged to worship in a small school-house the attendance has not been so large. During the year we have received many expressions of regard from our people. Their gifts have been many and continued through the year. We hope next year to be able to report a better state of things among us spiritually.

REV. D. KLINE.

Although during the past year we have been made to pass through trials, deep and afflicting in their character, occasioned by circumstances we could not control; yet through the protecting

care of a kind Providence, who is ever on the side of right, we are enabled to report that our feet stand (in spite of him who goeth about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour), within Jerusalem's gates, and that peace and prosperity still reign within her walls and palaces.

The services of the sanctuary are fully and uniformly attended. Our Sunday-schools, four in number, are in a prosperous condition, all of which are superintended by good and faithful members of our Church.

Among the contributions by the Spruce Run people are, \$20 25 for the American Sunday School Union, and a subscription of \$600, or in that neighborhood, for Hartwick Seminary.

On Mount Airy, three miles from my house, stands an old church, formerly occupied by the Albright Methodists, but now owned by a Mr. Castner. By the solicitation of the people, I was induced to make an appointment there. I have preached there during the winter, once in four weeks, and since, once in two weeks. I have organized a church there, with a view of purchasing the church and repairing it. We have here a large and flourishing Sabbath-school. As the people in this neighborhood are in limited circumstances, we shall have to seek help from abroad, to assist in buying and repairing.

It is with pleasure I acknowledge during the past year, donations to the amount of \$600. May the Lord reward! Amen.

REV. M. SHEELEIGH.

Although the Word has been plainly and earnestly preached, the apparent results have not been as great during the past year as we could have expected. But the seed is sown, and we believe the Lord will yet cause it to bring forth fruit to his praise. Owing to a greater home expenditure during the past year, less than usual has been done for external objects. But now, since the burden of building the parsonage at a cost of nearly \$4000, is about removed, we trust general objects will receive more attention.

By the direct efforts of the Pastor, the amount of over \$400 was raised within the year;—by means of a Christmas-tree for Sunday-school, \$20 00; by collecting for parsonage, \$110 50;

and by excursion on railroad to New York, chiefly for parsonage, \$279 41; making in all, \$409 91.

REV. A. HILLER.

The past Synodical year has been one long to be remembered in the Valley, on account of the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In the month of January, during the week of prayer, I began a protracted meeting in my church, which I continued about six weeks, notwithstanding the incessant storms and almost impassable state of the roads. As the result of the meeting, seventy-five persons sought, and professed to have found peace in Jesus, of which number, fifty-five have united with our church. I was assisted during the meeting, by the brethren, Kline, Glen, and Ludden. Much precious fruit was gathered in from the Sabbath-schools, during this revival,—nearly every child who had reached the proper age, having been brought to Christ. Of the monies reported under the head of Local Objects, \$75 were paid for an organ for our Sabbath-school, \$52 81 for singing books, catechisms, etc., for the Sabbath-school. The amount reported last year for rebuilding the parsonage was afterwards found to be underrated \$400, which accounts for that amount under Local Objects, this year. Under External Objects, \$1000, were subscribed for Hartwick Seminary Endowment fund; 35 95 were paid to the American Sunday School Union; \$13 50 to the American Bible Society. Our Sabbath-school contributed \$31 96 for Missions—\$1 15 are the contents of little Katie Bartle's missionary box.

REV. J. I. BURRELL.

It affords me much pleasure to state that the relation between myself and the people of my parish continues to be very pleasant. I have lately received renewed evidence of the good will of my people. The accessions to the church have been very large, and the prospects for the future are very encouraging.

Committee No. 7 made the following report: The documents placed in our hands are the proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Northern Illinois, held at Lena, Stephenson Co., Illinois, August 29, 1866. This body contained, at its last meeting, twenty-five ministers, and twenty-one churches. The min-

utes indicate a healthy activity on the part of the brethren connected with this Synod. But we find nothing in these minutes claiming the attention of this body.

Respectfully submitted.

A. HILLER.

E. DEYOE.

P. S. WEISE.

On motion the request of Rev. J. Bockstahler to be dismissed from our Synod to the Synod of Pennsylvania was granted, on the condition that he vacate his present field of labor before his letter of dismissal is given him.

The President's report was taken up, and Item No. 1, in reference to the Bridgeton and Millville Mission, was referred to the Missionary Committee.

On Item No. 2 it was resolved that the minutes of the extra session of Synod held in German Valley, in June, 1867, be inserted somewhere in the printed minutes of this year. On Item No. 3 the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, There has been brought before us the question, as raised beyond our bounds, whether this Synod might not profitably form a union with another neighboring Synod:

*Resolved*, That for good reasons we deem it inexpedient to take any action, at this time, in regard to the suggestion. And we hereby ask our congregations fully to instruct their respective delegates to this Synod, at its next annual meeting, to express the preference of the said congregations concerning this subject.

The President's report was adopted as a whole.

#### DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The following Clerical and Lay Delegates were elected to represent the Synod in the next General Synod.

##### CLERICAL.

*Principals*, REV. M. SHEELEIGH,

*Alternates*, REV. A. HILLER,

##### LAY.

MR. M. F. MARTINUS.

MR. H. W. TEMPLIN.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 6.

Your Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the 71st Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York and

adjacent states and countries, would respectfully report: That this large and influential body met, according to the minutes before us, in St. Matthew's Church, New York, from Oct. 13th to Oct. 19th, 1866. This body, at this time, was composed of sixty-five ordained Ministers and Licentiates, and fifty-three congregations. This Synod, at the time of the above meeting, it would appear from the minutes, was in a prosperous condition, and was efficiently promoting the cause of Evangelical Lutheranism in the Empire State. But since that time great changes have taken place in that body. The minutes contain nothing requiring our special attention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HILLER.

P. G. POWELL.

#### NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

New Germantown was chosen as the place, and Friday evening before the first full moon, in October, 1868, (September 25th,) as the time for holding the next annual meeting of Synod.

#### DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To the East Penn. Synod, Rev. J. I. Burrell.

“ “ New York Synod, “ S. Curtis.

The Delegate to the East Pennsylvania Synod, attended the last Convention of this large and influential body, held at Pottsville, Penna., and was cordially received; and the usual courtesies of corresponding delegates were accorded to him.

In response to the very kind letter of the delegate of the East Pennsylvania Synod, the following preamble and resolutions were presented:

WHEREAS, We have heard a letter from Rev. H. C. Shindle, stating that he was appointed as delegate from the East Pennsylvania Synod to this body, expressing his regret that circumstances prevented his meeting with us at this time, and extending to us the fraternal greetings of his Synod; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we greatly regret the absence of the said delegate from a Synod with which we can most heartily sympathize and co-operate.

*Resolved*, That we again appoint a delegate to the above Synod.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CIRCULAR OF THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the circular of the Lutheran Publication Society, having examined the same, and heartily approving of its contents, we would, therefore, offer the following:

*Resolved*, That each Pastor connected with the Synod be earnestly requested to present the cause of the Lutheran Publication Society to their respective congregations, and take up a collection for the same during the coming Synodical year.

A. HILLER.

S. CURTIS.

P. G. POWELL.

On motion, the Synod adjourned to meet after the close of the Missionary and Education Society this evening. Prayer by Bro. Hiller.

### EVENING SESSION.

The following paper, in reference to the Orphans' Home, at Loysville, was presented and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we have heard with great satisfaction that the Academy property at Loysville, Perry County, Pennsylvania, has been secured, through the instrumentality of Rev. P. Willard, for an Orphans' Home within the General Synod.

*Resolved*, As the purchase money is to be paid in several annual instalments, we unite with the other neighboring Synods in commending this institution to the Christian liberality of our pastors and congregations; hoping that something worthy may be done among us to afford a Christian home for the fatherless and motherless.

*Resolved*, That we call the attention of our families and Sunday-schools to the wants of the Orphans, as an object of benevolence, in the hope that our children, and people generally, may thus be trained to give in aid of every worthy cause of mercy.

*Resolved*, That for the purpose of awakening the hearts of our people to a deeper interest in this branch of the work of benevolence, we urge them to consider more sincerely and prayerfully, as Christians, the spirit and example of the blessed Master, "who went about doing good;" and to make themselves familiar, as Lu-

therans, with the life and labors of Francke, the immortal patron and father of the orphan.

### JUBILEE.

In reference to the Jubilee of the Reformation, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the subject of the Jubilee be committed to the President, who is requested to prepare a concise address and plan of action for the guidance of our congregations.

### ADJOURNMENT.

*Resolved*, That Synod now adjourn to meet in the Lutheran Church in New Germantown, Hunterdon county, N. J., on Friday evening before the first full moon in October, 1868, (September 25th.)

The Synod was closed with prayer by the President.

I certify that the above is a record of the proceedings of the seventh annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey.

S. CURTIS, *Sec'y.*

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## MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

On Monday evening the Missionary and Education Society held its annual meeting. The devotional exercises were conducted by the President of Synod, assisted by Rev. J. C. Duy and A. Hiller. After which the Rev. S. Curtis, the President of the Society, presented the following report:

Report of the President of the Home Missionary and Education Society.

BELOVED BRETHREN:—It has been made my duty by the Constitution of your Society to render to you an annual report. The pleasure of this duty would have been greatly increased if the Society over which you have called me to preside would have furnished us greater and more encouraging results. At our last convention, fields of labor were spoken of where there appeared to be an opening for our Church, and a call for earnest efforts. But I regret to inform you that the year has closed and little, if anything, has been accomplished. The Missions spoken of and taken

under our care, and to which it becomes my duty especially to refer, are

1. The Bridgeton and Millville Mission. This Mission is still under the care of our Home Missionary Society. Bro. Bockstahler our Missionary there is still at his post. At Millville, one of the stations of the Mission, I have been informed they are about to erect a house of worship. At Bridgeton nothing definitely has been done towards building a church; the congregation there appear to be divided among themselves. The pastor of these two Churches is about to transfer his relation to the Pennsylvania Synod. If we would save these congregations to the General Synod, and retain them in our own, it will become necessary to procure another man for that field of labor. I have been making inquiry, but have not yet found a man that I could recommend to them.

2. The Belvidere Mission. It was thought at our last meeting that there was a good opening for our church at this point. A committee was appointed to look after our interests there. I have been informed that the effort to found a Mission at Belvidere has been suspended for the present.

These are the only Missionary points we have had before us during the year. The Education Society has had no student upon its funds during the year. It is to be hoped that more encouraging results may present themselves before the close of another year. For the manner in which the funds of the society have been expended I would respectfully refer you to the report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. CURTIS, *Pres't. of Soc'y.*

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. S. Curtis and the Rev. Dr. Wedekind; after which contributions for the Home Missionary and Educational Societies were solicited by Dr. Wedekind. The Clerical and Lay members of Synod made themselves annual members of the Society by the payment of one dollar each.

The following persons were made life members by the contributions of the congregation and members of the Synod:

Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. S. Curtis, Rev. A. Hiller, Rev. Dr. Wedekind, Mrs. Deyoe and Mrs. Duy.

## EXTRA SESSION OF SYNOD.

An extra session of Synod was held agreeable to a public notice given by the President of Synod, in the Church of Rev. A. Hiller, German Valley, N. J., on the 5th of June, 1867.

All the pastors belonging to the Synod were present, and delegates from the charges of the brethren, Duy, Deyoe, Kline, Hiller, and Burrell.

The Rev. Dr. Scholl of the Hartwick Synod, and the Rev. M. Officer, Superintendent of Missions, were received as advisory members. Mr. Henry Powell was received as a commissioner of the Saddle River Congregation.

The regular order of business was waived, and the Synod proceeded to consider the especial subject that required an extra session. This was stated to be the suit brought in the civil court by the Rev. P. A. Strobel against some of the members of the Synod in consequence of a report received and adopted by Synod, and found on page 26 of the minutes of 1866. On motion the Synod adjourned to hold a short ministerial session. After the reassembling of Synod, a committee of three was appointed to bring the subject claiming the attention of Synod before it in some tangible form. The Rev. S. Curtis, J. C. Duy, and D. Kline were appointed. At two o'clock the committee made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the matter of difficulty, between the Rev. D. Kline and P. A. Strobel, would respectfully report, that, after consultation they would recommend that Rev. Deyoe, Sheeleigh, and Burrell be appointed a committee to prefer charges and specifications before the Hartwick Synod against the Rev. P. A. Strobel.

S. CURTIS,

J. C. DUY, *Committee.*

Rev. Officer made a statement of the condition of Missions in the West. On motion the Treasurer was directed to pay Bro. Officer fifty dollars from our funds, to assist in securing a lot for a church in St. Louis, Missouri. In the evening an address was made by Bro. Officer, and the condition of the Ramsey's Station, and the Bridgeton Mission and the enterprise in Bro. Kline's charge were presented by the Brethren Deyoe, Bockstahler, and Kline.

J. I. BURRELL, *Sec'y.*