

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEW JERSEY.

CENTREVILLE, NORTHAMPTON CO., PA.,

OCTOBER 14th to 18th, 1870.

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OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, &c.

Home Missions and Education Society.

REV. DAVID KLINE, PRESIDENT.
REV. ALFRED HILLER, SECRETARY.
REV. JACOB C. DUY, TREASURER.

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Executive Committee for Home Missions and Education.

REV. JACOB C. DUY, CHAIRMAN.
REV. E. DEYOE. MR MORRIS NAUGHRIGHT.
REV. A. HILLER. MR JOSEPH KIEFFER.

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Examining Committee.

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

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Directors in Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

REV. J. I. BURRELL. MR. F. H. LANE.

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Delegates to the General Synod.

PRINCIPALS.	ALTERNATES.
REV. A. HILLER.	REV. J. R. SIKES.
MR JOSEPH STAHLY.	MR SAMUEL KLOTZ.

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Delegates to the District Synods.

PRINCIPALS.	NEW YORK SYNOD.	ALTERNATES.
REV. J. R. SIKES.		REV. J. C. DUY.
	EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.	
REV. J. W. LAKE.		REV. J. I. BURRELL.
	WEST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.	
REV. J. I. BURRELL.		REV. D. KLINE.

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Speakers for Next Year.

SERVICE.	PRINCIPALS.	ALTERNATES.
THURSDAY EVENING,	REV. J. W. LAKE.	REV. E. DEYOE.
SYNODICAL SERMON,	" D. KLINE.	" A. HILLER.
PREPARATORY SERMON,	" G. W. ENDERS.	" J. C. DUY.
SACRAMENTAL SERMON,	" J. I. BURRELL.	" G. W. ENDERS.
SUNDAY EV'NG SERMON,	" J. C. DUY.	" J. W. LAKE.
ORDINATION SERMON,	" E. DEYOE.	" J. I. BURRELL.
ADDRESS ON MISSIONS,	" A. HILLER.	" D. KLINE.
ADDRESS ON EDUCATION,	" E. DEYOE.	" J. R. SIKES.

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CENTREVILLE, PA., OCT. 14TH, 1870.

IN accordance with change of time and place, as ordered by the President, the Ministers and Lay Delegates composing the Tenth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey, assembled this evening in St. Paul's Church, Centreville Pa., instead of at Ramsey's Station, N. J., on the 7th instant.

An impressive and edifying Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Barclay, of Easton, from Gal. ii., 20.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 15TH, 1870.

The first session of Synod was opened this morning, after prayer meeting, by reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by the President. The roll was called, and the following brethren registered their names :

CLERICAL.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
REV. J. C. DUY,	NEW GERMANTOWN, HUNTERDON Co., N. J.
" E. DEYOE,	RAMSEY'S STATION, BERGEN Co., N. J.
" D. KLINE,	CLARKSVILLE, HUNTERDON Co., N. J.
" A. HILLER,	GERMAN VALLEY, MORRIS Co., N. J.
" J. I. BURRELL,	STONE CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON Co., PA.
" J. W. LAKE,	COHANSEY, CUMBERLAND Co., N. J.
" L. D. WELLS,	SADDLE RIVER, BERGEN Co., N. J.
" G. W. ENDERS,	BRIDGETON, SALEM Co., N. J.
" J. R. SIKES,	STEWARTSVILLE, WARREN Co., N. J.
" AUGUST LEPP,	

CONGREGATIONS.	AT.	LAY DELEGATES.
ZION CHURCH,	NEW GERMANTOWN, N. J.,	ARTHUR B. NOLL.
CHRIST CHURCH,	RAMAPO, N. J.,	DAVID J. CARLOUGH.
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER,	RAMSEY'S, " }	
SPRUCE RUN CHURCH,	CLARKSVILLE, N. J.,	JOSEPH B. FBITZ.
MT. BETHEL CHURCH,	" " }	
FIRST LUTH. CHURCH,	STEWARTSVILLE, N. J.,	GEO. H. WELLER.
ZION CHURCH,	GERMAN VALLEY, N. J.,	JOSEPH H. PARKER.
TRINITY CHURCH,	MARTIN'S CREEK, PA.,	GEO. BAKER.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,	CENTREVILLE, PA., }	
EMANUEL'S CHURCH,	COHANSEY, N. J., }	DAVID SHIMP.
LUTHER CHAPEL,	" " }	
EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH,	SADDLE RIVER, N. J.,	JAMES A. TERHUNE.
GER. " "	BRIDGETON, N. J.,	

Delegate from Sister Synod.

REV. W. W. GULICK, NEW YORK SYNOD.

Advisory Members.

REV. M. OFFICER, SECRETARY HOME MISSION SOCIETY, GENERAL SYNOD.
 " S. HENRY, EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.
 " J. R. FOCHT, " " "
 " G. L. SCHOFFER, M. E. CHURCH, RICHMOND, PA.
 " L. B. BROWN, M. E. CHURCH, MOUNT BETHEL.

Received this Session.

Rev. J. R. Sikes, by certificate from the Frankean Synod.

Rev. August Lepp, recently from Mission House, Basel, Switzerland.

The President then read his Annual Report:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BELOVED BRETHREN:—Assembled once more in Synodical Convention, under manifold tokens of Divine goodness, we should feel prompted, by a grateful sense of past favors, to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Life and health have been granted to us to perform the labors of the past year; and we now meet (an unbroken band of brethren) in Synodical Convention, to survey the past, improve the present, and prepare for the future, by looking to the Great Head of the Church for wisdom and grace that we may adopt such means and measures as will best develop the resources, and promote the spiritual and temporal interests of our beloved Lutheran Zion, which we have the honor to represent, and in which we labor.

I now proceed to lay before you an account of the business transacted during the past year, and such information in relation to the churches as has come to my knowledge.

Shortly after the adjournment of the last Synod, Brother G. W. Enders received and placed in my hands a letter from the President of Hartwick Synod, in which Brother Enders is favorably recommended to this body. This letter, it will be remembered, he expected to present at that meeting, but it failed to reach him in time.

In a letter, dated November 15th, 1869, Rev. J. I. Burrell informed me that Rev. G. W. Enders was duly installed, on the fifth of said month, as pastor of our Mission church at Bridgeton, and that they had a pleasant and profitable season together. In connection with this, I incidentally learned that Brother Burrell is quite extensively engaged in the arduous work, besides serving two congregations, of teaching and preparing young men for college, among whom are those looking to the ministry.

Rev. J. R. Sikes, who had received and accepted a call to the Stewartsville congregation, about the time of the last meeting of Synod, entered upon his duties in November last; and in a communication to me, dated January 21st, 1870, he says, Our prospects here are brightening—there are signs of increasing interest—our prayer meetings are better attended—the congregation is increasing, and some are beginning to ask, “Lord what wilt thou have me to do?”

I think it was in March last I learned that a Convention had been held at Hudson City, N. Y., of which Dr. Pohlman of Albany, was chairman, composed of representatives from the New York, Hartwick, and Frankean Synods, to consider matters of interest connected with Hartwick Seminary, and the educational interests of the Lutheran Church. This gave rise to a curiosity, not alone in my mind, but in that of others of the New Jersey Synod, as we had been solicited and had contributed largely, according to our means, in aid of the above Institution, why we were not asked to appoint a delegation to represent us and take part in the deliberations of that convention? I accordingly addressed an official letter to the chairman (Dr. Pohlman) asking an explanation. In answer to which I received a communication, dated March 21, 1870, in which he (Dr. Pohlman) says,—“I presume that no discourtesy was intended towards your Synod; and, acting upon the expressed opinions of many of the members of that Convention, and in order that the oversight may be remedied as far as possible, I am authorized, as President of the Convention, to invite you, as President of the Synod of New Jersey, to appoint five clerical, (yourself being one,) and five lay delegates, to attend the adjourned Educational Convention, to be held at Hartwick Seminary, on the last Wednesday (29) in June, 1870; and to assure you that you will be joyfully welcomed,” &c., &c. Subsequently, Rev. J. H. Heck, Secretary of said Convention, repeated said request. Accordingly, at a meeting of Conference held at my place, I appointed such a delegation to represent us in said Convention, seven of which attended, and a report will be made this body at its present meeting.

Brother Burrell, in a letter dated April 11th, 1870, informed me the Methodists wished him to unite with them in building a Union Church at a point about six miles from him; and, after having

remarked that Union Churches were generally a nuisance, asked, What shall I do? I replied by endorsing his remark, and advised that he should be governed by circumstances, with which he of course was better acquainted than I. Of what he has done in the case will no doubt accompany his parochial report. I recently received a letter from him, saying said church was to be dedicated the first of this month.

The following resolution, passed by the Board of Directors of Gettysburg Seminary, and sent to me by their Secretary, is herewith submitted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board, it seriously effects the interests of the Seminary and the Church, for Synods, or individual ministers, or congregations to encourage students to leave before they finish their full course.

RESIGNATION.

Brother Wells recently informed me that he had resigned his charge at Saddle River, on the third of August last, to take effect the first of November next, when he expects to remove to and take charge of a Lutheran Church in Conajoharie, New York.

This good Brother leaves his people, among whom he has lived and labored so pleasantly, with no small degree of sorrow. The Lord accompany this young Brother to his new charge, and give him great success therein; and send to the charge he vacates a man after His own heart to go in and out among them, and break to them the bread of life.

SUPPLIES FOR SADDLE RIVER.

As this charge is soon to be vacated, I would recommend that some measures be adopted, by which, if required and necessary, they can be regularly supplied, until such time as they shall be able to settle a suitable pastor among them.

CHANGE OF TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

Inasmuch as the *time* to which we adjourned at our last meeting, was the same as that of the New York Synod, and as an exchange of delegates with that body is desirable and pleasant, it was suggested by some of the Brethren, that we change the *time* of our meeting to the present. The change of *place* was made necessary in consequence of Brother Deyoe's inability to have the New Church, at Ramsey's Station, completed and ready for dedication, which made it inconvenient to have us meet there, as per resolution.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE.

The corner stone of our new Church at Spruce Run, (which is rapidly approaching completion, and which will be ready for dedication, as we trust, about the holidays,) was laid in August last, with appropriate ceremonies. Dr. Pohlman, of Albany, was present, and preached a very able discourse upon the occasion. Brother Hiller, of German Valley, and other neighboring Clergymen were also present and took part in the exercises.

CHURCH REPAIRS.

Our Church at Mount Bethel is now undergoing repairs, and will, we trust, soon be ready for dedication. To compass this much desired and praiseworthy object, I have visited and solicited aid from all our Churches within the bounds of this Synod, most of whom have responded quite liberally. May the Lord reward them.

MEETING OF CONFERENCE.

The Central Conference of New Jersey Synod met at my place, in June last, when Rev. G. W. Enders, the pastor of our Mission at Bridgeton, gave us a very interesting and encouraging account of matters connected therewith, and of the rapid progress he was making, through the blessing of God, in building up our Lutheran Zion in that place. Brother Enders, having obtained leave of absence for a few months, and suitable supplies for his pulpit during said absence, sailed, shortly after, for Europe, in pursuit of his health, which, by means of excessive labor, had become somewhat impaired. And as a kind Providence has granted him a safe journey to the land of his nativity, so may He grant him a safe return to us and his people at Bridgeton, again to enter upon his duties with renewed energy and zeal.

A VISIT TO BRIDGETON MISSION.

I was recently at Brother Lake's, when, through his kindness, I was enabled to visit and preach for Brother Ender's people at Bridgeton. I found them all in good spirits, and fully corroborated the statements made at our Conference meeting. I learned, also, that Brother Enders is exceedingly popular as a preacher, not only among his own people, but among the citizens of Bridgeton generally.

WE NEED MORE ENLARGED LIBERALITY,

For there is much land yet to be possessed and cultivated within this State, which requires our immediate attention. God is saying to us, go up and possess it: "Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields. Behold! for they are white already unto the harvest." "The Lord send us help from the Sanctuary." There are Belvedere, Phillipsburg, Somerville, Bound-brook, Paterson, Dover, &c. &c. But what shall we do? and what can we do? The necessary requisites, where are they? *The Lord help us.*

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Brother Sikes, having taken charge of the Stewartville congregation, recently placed in my hands his Certificate of honorable dismission from the Frankean Synod of New York, to unite with this body. That Brother, no doubt, will apply for admission at our present session.

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS.

Brother Funk, of Brooklyn, in a letter addressed to me, dated September 25th, 1870, says,—I was appointed at the meeting of the New York Synod last year, to confer with the Brethren of your Synod upon the subject of uniting the two Synods. That he had been unable to attend to the above, as he had expected, and wished to know our feelings upon the subject, and whether we were willing to unite upon any conditions. And if so, what conditions? And closed with the *supposition*, that we form a Synod, by breaking up our old organizations, under the name of the New York and New Jersey. And, subsequently, I received a letter from Dr. Pohlman (President of New York Synod), dated September 29th, 1870, saying,—“If we are to have a union of the New York and New Jersey Synods, some definite action must be taken. I shall, therefore, suggest to my Synod next Thursday, the appointment of a committee, consisting of three clergymen and two laymen, to confer with a like committee to be appointed by your Synod, as to the terms upon which a union may be effected. The joint committee thus appointed could meet sometime during the Autumn at New Germantown, and I have no doubt that great good to both Synods will be the result of their deliberations,” &c. &c. I, therefore, recommend and urge the appointment of a committee, by this body, as suggested above, to meet the New York Synod's committee at New Germantown, at a time mutually agreed upon, to deliberate upon the question of uniting the two Synods.

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 Dayton, Ohio, in the month of May next.

And now, may the Great Head of the Church preside over all the deliberations and transactions of this Synodical meeting, and make them conducive to the great end for which He died and rose again, and to His name be all the glory now and forever, Amen.

DAVID KLINE,

President of Synod of New Jersey.

CENTREVILLE, OCTOBER 14TH, 1870.

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

Resolved, That Rev. J. R. Sikes, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Stewartville, be received as a member of this Synod. Adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. August Lepp, of Neckarbischofsheim, Germany, be received as an advisory member. Adopted.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, resulted as follows:

REV. DAVID KLINE, PRESIDENT.

" ALFRED HILLER, SECRETARY.

" JACOB C. DUY, TREASURER.

Delegate from East Pennsylvania Synod.

The Delegate of this Synod, Rev. M. Sheeleigh, not being able to attend our present meeting, presented "the most fraternal greetings" of the Synod he represented, by letter, in which he states that the late meeting at Harrisburg was full of encouragement. A large amount of business was transacted. All the efforts put forth appeared to spring from the one idea, to become more active and effective for good. Particular attention was given to the interests of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Extension, Publication Society, Orphans' Homes, and the support of disabled Pastors. Evidences were apparent that the spirit of liberality is increasing throughout the churches. Much work was prepared for the coming year. As one instance, about twenty beneficiaries are supported by the Synod.

The letter, of which the above are extracts, was read with a good deal of interest, while at the same time, Brethren experienced a feeling of disappointment in not seeing our dear Bro. Sheeleigh in our midst, to receive and carry back to his Synod our Christian greetings and assurance of sympathy and affection.

Letter from Dr. Brown.

A letter from the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Gettysburg, in reference to the Evangelical Review, was read by Brother Burrell, and referred for future action.

Mr Noll gave notice that he wished to present a resolution in reference to Christian work among the Roman Catholics.

Resolved, That the Minutes of last year be referred to a committee to report on any unfinished business. Adopted.

Committee,—Rev. J. I. Burrell, Rev. G. W. Enders, Mr George Baker.

Resolved, That the Revs. G. L. Schaffer and L. B. Brown, of the M. E. Church, at Richmond and Mount Bethel, be received as advisory members. Adopted.

The President then appointed the following Committees:

On the President's Report,—Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. L. D. Wells, Mr A. B. Noll.

On Minutes of Sister Synods,—Rev. E. Deyoe, Rev. J. W. Lake, Mr D. J. Carlough.

Resolved, That the reading of Parochial Reports be the special order for Monday morning. Adopted.

Resolved, That we meet for prayer at half-past eight A. M., and that Synod meet at nine o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at twelve, and meet again at two P. M. and adjourn at five o'clock. Adopted.

Blanks for Parochial Reports.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare Blanks for Parochial Reports, and present them at the next meeting of Con-

ference, and that the Conference be authorized and empowered to adopt them for Synod. Adopted.

Committee,—Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. A. Hiller, Rev. J. W. Lake.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Duy, presented his Report, which was received and referred to an Auditing Committee.

Committee,—Rev. J. R. Sikes, Mr J. H. Parker, Mr D. Shimp.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey, for the year ending October 14th, 1870:

RECEIVED.

Synodical Fund,.....	\$149 00
Home Missions,.....	251 45
Education,.....	27 00
Foreign Missions,.....	40 09
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	\$467 54

DISBURSED.

Synodical Fund,.....	\$94 72
Home Missions,.....	225 00
Education, ..	158 00
Foreign Missions,.....	40 09
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	\$517 81

Leaving the Synod indebted to the Treasurer,..... \$50 27

JACOB C. DUY, TREASURER.

Synod adjourned until Monday morning, nine o'clock.
Prayer by Rev. J. C. Duy.

Religious Exercises.

Rev. Dr. Barclay preached on Friday evening. Text, Gal. ii. 20
The President, Rev. D. Kline, preached the Synodical Sermon on Saturday evening. Text, 1 Cor. x. 33.

Sunday Morning, Sacramental Sermon, Rev. J. W. Lake. Text, Mk. xii. 30.31.

Sunday Evening, Rev. D. Kline preached in the Lower Mount Bethel Church. Text, Ex. xiii. 21. The Secretary preached from Lev. xvi. 8, last clause. Rev. L. D. Wells preached in the New Church at Ackermanville. Text, Gen. vii. 1. Rev. G. W. Enders preached in the M. E. Church, at Richmond. Text, Mat iii. 9. Rev. E. Deyoe preached at Columbia Station. Text, Mark x. 21.

Monday Evening, Interesting Sunday School Meeting. Addresses by Rev. S. Henry, Rev. J. R. Focht, Rev. W. W. Gulick, Rev. L. D. Wells, and Rev. M. Officer.

Tuesday Evening, Missionary and Education Meeting. Addresses by Rev. G. W. Enders and Rev. M. Officer.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, OCT. 17TH, 1870.

Prayer by Rev. E. Deyoe. Roll called. Minutes of former session read and approved.

Resolved, That Rev. M. Officer be received as an advisory member. Adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. W. W. Gulick be received as a delegate from the New York Synod. Adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. M. Officer hold a conference with Synod, in reference to Home Missions, after the question of dividing the Synod into two Conferences be considered by Synod. Adopted.

Parochial Reports being in order were read by the brethren.

REMARKS ACCOMPANYING PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. J. C. DUYP.

Although we cannot speak of much visible progress during the past year, yet with gratitude to the "Giver of all Good" we can say that the Condition of the Church is peaceful and harmonious. Attendance at public worship is about as usual. Our Sunday School is flourishing. Our prayer meeting has been more than commonly well attended, and interesting. Besides the contributions named in my report, we have taken up collections for various other purposes. The sum of \$90.00 has been collected and spent for an addition of 120 volumes to our Sunday School Library—included in this number is the "Fatherland Series" issued by our Publication Board. Of the amount reported for Home Missions, \$75.00 were contributed towards the new Church at Ramsey's Station.

REV. E. DEYOE.

All things are moving along peaceably and *harmoniously* in our charge. Public worship is well attended, and the kind feelings of the people towards their pastor are unabated. Beside paying their salary they favored their pastor with a *donation visit*, amounting to about \$150.00. During the past winter we had a series of meetings, which under the favor of God resulted in the hopeful conversion of some fourteen persons. Our Sunday School interests remain unabated. Each of our schools has given \$5.00 for Home Missions. We praise God for the past and trust him for the future.

REV. D. KLINE.

The \$1,000 reported in the Column for Local Objects, are for the repairs of Mt. Bethel Church, of which something over \$300 have been subscribed by the churches of the New Jersey Synod, and will, we trust, mostly be paid, if not all; and the balance will be paid by the members of said church, and the community in which it is located. I am not able to give the exact sum, but it will cost that if not more. The church is to be finished and ready for use by the 30th of this month, when we hope to rededicate it to the worship of Almighty God. Our new church at Spruce Run is rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready for dedication about the 1st of January 1871: and will cost, when done, no less than \$14,000, if not \$15,000. Our Spruce Run people have evidently waked up to a sense of their duty and privilege. The building committee spare neither time, labor, nor expense, to have it built fully up to the spirit of the age in which we live, and are thoroughly backed up by the people. For finish, and style of architecture, it will not have an equal, when finished, in all that country. In April last, for want of a better, we adopted the system of taking collections for Benevolent objects, the first Sabbath of each month, to be divided as circumstances might seem to require: and the result at the end of the Synodical year was found to be \$80, and was divided as given in columns above. The \$25 re-

ported for External objects, are for church extension, \$20, and Orphans Home, at Loysville, \$5. Through the blessing of God we are a united, happy, and prosperous people. Their kindness to their Pastor equals the past, and is in no sense abated. The attendance upon divine worship is large, and is evidently increasing, and we confidently look forward to the coming year as one that will prove to be a season of Divine grace, when God will open the windows of heaven and pour us out such a blessing as there shall not be room enough to receive it.

REV. A. HILLER.

The past Synodical year has not been without tokens of the Divine favor and blessing. During last winter we were favored with a season of especial religious interest. The Church was revived, and quite a number of persons were hopefully converted and added to the Church. Of the amount reported for Home Missions \$120 were subscribed for the new church at Ramsey's Station, \$2.50 were received from Mrs. P. S. Weise, a contribution of 25 cents each from her ten children, \$2.60 were received from Mrs. Elias Bartle, the result of her plan to lay aside 5 cents per week for the Lord's Treasury, \$2.80 are the contents of Kate Bartle's Missionary box, and \$19.94 were contributed by the Sunday School. The \$16.97 reported under the head of External objects were raised to pay the Delegates to the Hartwick Sem. Educational Convention. The \$82.40 reported under Local objects were expended on our Sunday School. Our people held a Fair and Festival last summer which resulted in bringing something over \$700 into the Treasury of the Church.

REV. J. L. BURRELL.

During the past Synodical year the Lord favored us with many tokens of his love. We enjoyed a season of special religious interest in Trinity Church during the winter. A number were hopefully converted and added to the Church, who show by their walk and conversation that they have been with Christ and learned of him. The Benevolent contributions during the year have been in excess of those of any former year by more than one half. St. Paul's Church has five of her young men in Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, and several others expect to prepare themselves for the ministry.

We thank God for past favors and take courage for the future.

REV. J. R. SIKES.

State of religion encouraging.

REV. J. W. LAKE.

A great discrepancy will be seen between the number of communicants reported this year and that of the two former years. This is to be accounted for as follows. On entering the charge. I reported, according to the records of the Church, the same number as my predecessor; but this year, on revising the records, I find that of those formerly reported to Synod, some were dead, some had moved away, others had been drawn into neighboring churches, so

that our actual strength is only as now reported. Of the money reported for Home Missions \$63.64 were contributed to the Bridgeton Mission sometime in February, and \$65 were contributed to the Mt. Bethel Church per Bro. Kline in July. The \$15 reported for Foreign Missions were raised by our Sunday School during the past summer. Of the whole amount reported \$33.12 were contributed by the Luther Chapel congregation and the balance by the Friesbury congregation. There are yet many things in my charge which are discouraging; yet in view of what has been done, and what is being done, I feel greatly encouraged to labor on hopefully and cheerfully. My opinion is, give the people of Friesbury and Luther Chapel a fair chance and they will be second to none in our Synod.

REV. L. D. WELLS.

During the past Synodical year we have been going on our way rejoicing. Loving Christ in fellowship has been the bond of communion between Pastor and people. Our services in every department have been (by the Lord's blessing) regularly maintained, and the people have faithfully supported the means of grace. Encouraging zeal has been manifested in the Sunday School cause, and a mid-week prayer meeting, hitherto not attempted as almost an impossibility, has, during the past summer, been kept in operation. I cannot rejoice, as in my last report, over the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and consequent strengthening of the Church, but have the hope that the word has not been preached in vain. I hope hereafter to see precious fruit from the heavenly sowing. The young people of the community, though not in the act by their own choice and offering, have still an interest in its upbuilding, and desire its prosperity. Last winter, in the month of January, two evenings were devoted to entertainments, in the way of charades, tableaux, &c., given by the young ladies and gentlemen of the congregation for the benefit of the Church. The net proceeds were invested in a beautiful chandelier and marble top alter table,—a tangible expression of their good will to Zion. May the day be hastened when *their light* shall shine yet more brightly in the Church, and they become happy guests at the Lord's Table. My salary during the past year has been increased \$100, which I presume has had its influence in the diminished amount of annual contributions for Synod. We have been doing something towards the support of our Lutheran Publication Society. Have about a dozen books of the Fatherland Series in our Sunday School Library. They are highly appreciated. You are probably aware that I have received and accepted a call from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Conajoharie, New York, and expect to leave my present field of labor about the 1st of November. I therefore respectfully ask the Pres. of Synod to grant me a letter of honorable dismissal from this Synod to unite with the one in whose bounds I shall soon be settled. I enter upon this new field of labor in accordance with what I deem to be the Lord's will and the convictions of duty. A previous call from the same charge was declined. The *repetition* of this call had much influence in leading me to reconsider my former action, and resolve upon my present purpose. In justice to my people I would simply add, that

my resignation was accepted with unfeigned sadness and regret. Nothing in the least of an unpleasant character at S. R. has influenced this severing of the pastoral relation. All is peace, harmony, and prosperity. The cords of attachment between myself and people are stronger than I ever supposed three years' growth could accomplish, and I leave my first charge with grateful memories of a pleasant toil in behalf of an appreciative and kind-hearted people. I am also reminded of my separation from the brethren of the New Jersey Synod, a body with whom I have held sweet and profitable intercourse, brethren of kindred spirits and congenial society. I shall go from your midst with heartfelt sorrow. I shall carry with me happy recollections of our Synod and Conferences, of our labor together in the Lord, which has not been in vain. I shall remember that I was ordained to the ministry by the Synod of New Jersey. But although our Synodical fellowship will be dissolved there is an unseen tie that cannot be broken. We will still be co-laborers in the wide field which the Lutheran Church is called to cultivate in this country. We will rejoice together in the hope and prospect which God has set before us. A great and effectual door is opening to us in America. May the Lord help us to enter in with strong faith and earnest zeal, and may many young men be raised up to receive the mantle falling from the shoulders of our fathers in Israel. May the Lord bless our churches of the General Synod, and of the General Council, and make us one, having one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and to his name shall be all the glory both now and ever.

Of the amount reported under the head of Local objects \$39 were raised in and for the Sunday School.

REV. G. W. ENDERS.

I took charge of Bridgeton congregation on the 1st of November, 1869. I found about 40 members. I found it necessary to reorganize the Church, which was done during December last. From that time on we began to increase, and almost every Sabbath a few members were added, so that we now have 133, making an addition of 94 new members. Peace and prosperity dwell among us. The attendance is large at both morning and evening service. Our Sunday School has increased from 40 to 100 scholars, and is in good condition. We have expended about \$120 for a Sunday School Library, which includes the Fatherland Series. We purchased a Mason & Hamlin Cabinet Organ, a fine instrument, at a cost of \$278, which a committee collected in a week. We reduced our Church Debt during the year from \$600 to \$200. During the month of February I preached at Friesbury and Luther Chapel, and collected for our Mission at Bridgeton \$63.64; \$5 reported for Home Missions are from the Sabbath School. A marble altar top was presented to the congregation by a gentleman of our city. Another gentleman presented a beautiful church clock. The congregation presented me on Christmas with a double case silver watch and a purse of \$30. Sometime last spring the ladies in our absence took charge of affairs, and when they left us, after a pleasant evening, we found material for about forty yards of carpet. My catechet-

ical class presented me also with a beautiful silver cake basket. We have by all and everywhere been treated with uniform kindness and respect. The spiritual condition of the Church is not what we could wish; however, it is improving, and relying on the grace of God, the preached Word, and the Holy Spirit's power, we pray, and labor, and wait God's own time. Last June I determined upon making a European tour. The congregation consented and assisted me in carrying out my intention. I preached my last sermon on Trinity Sunday, and took my departure. During my absence Bro. J. W. Lake took charge of the Church, and was assisted by Mr. Veit, a student of Philadelphia Seminary. These brethren did excellent service, and endeared themselves to the Church by their disinterested and efficient labors. They have our warmest gratitude. We returned to our field of labor last Thursday, October 13th. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." To Him be the *praise*. Amen.

Pay of the Secretary.

Resolved, That the Secretary receive \$10 for his services.
Adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. J. R. Focht and Rev. S. Henry, of the East Pennsylvania Synod, be received as advisory members.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee, appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, would report that they have attended to that duty, and find the Report correct.

J. R. SIKES.
DAVID SHIMP.
JOSEPH. H. BARKER.

Adopted.
Adjourned until 2 P. M.
Prayer by Rev. S. Henry.

THIRD SESSION.

2 o'clock P. M., Oct. 17th, 1870.

Prayer by Rev. W. W. Gulick. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

REV. AUGUST LEPP.

Resolved, That in the event that the Rev. A. Lepp determines to labor in the bounds of our Synod, the Executive Committee have discretionary power to employ him, assign him a field of labor, and regulate his salary. Adopted.

Rev. M. Officer, Secretary of the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod, addressed the Synod on the Subject of Home Missions, and presented the claims of the General Society.

Report on President's Report.

BRETHREN: Your Committee, appointed to examine the President's Report, have done so, and find the main body of said Report to relate to matters of the past, which have already received an expression of your approval.

There are two subjects, however, that relate to our future action as a Synod, viz: The Matter of Church Extension, and that of conference with the New York Synod in relation to a union of that Synod with ours. The importance of both these matters commends them to your prayerful consideration. We deem the course recommended by the President as the only one that can, under the circumstances, be pursued in relation to the proposition coming from the New York Synod for a conference. Courtesy requires it, and as the appointment of a Committee to meet with their Committee need not of itself commit this Synod to any particular decision, we recommend the appointment of such a Committee. The presence, however, of a Delegate now with us from the New York Synod, will aid us in our determination of *the wisdom* of this recommendation. The matter of Church Extension, we think, is *the* question of the day. The President well asserts, that "There is very much land to be possessed," and that the "Fields are already white to the harvest." We would recommend the addition of Jersey City to the places named in the Report as open to, and calling loudly for, Missionary effort.

We commend to the attention of the Home Missionary Executive Committee the following places which we think should be occupied by a Missionary as soon as practicable, viz: Belvidere, Phillipsburg, Somerville, Boundbrook, Paterson, Dover and Jersey City.

J. C. DUY.
L. D. WELLS.
A. B. NOLL.

Report received and referred for future action.

Delegate from New York Synod.

Rev. W. W. Gulick, Delegate from the New York Synod, presented the fraternal greetings of the Synod which he represented, and was answered by the President, who assured the New York Delegate that the feelings of sympathy and brotherly love which he presented from his Synod were reciprocated by this body.

Resolved, That Mr. Joseph H. Parker, Delegate from German Valley, be excused from further attendance. Adopted.

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

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Enders.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 18TH, 1870.

After prayer meeting, Synod was opened at 9 o'clock with prayer by Rev. J. R. Focht. Minutes of the third session read and approved.

New York Synod Conference Committee.

Whereas the New York Synod has appointed a Committee to confer upon the subject of union between our respective Synods, and request the appointment of a similar Committee from our Synod, therefore—

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee of three clergymen and two laymen to confer with the New York Synod Committee, and report to this Synod at its next session. Adopted.

Committee,—Rev. J. I. Burrell, Rev. J. C. Duy, Rev. G. W. Enders, Mr. G. H. Weller, Mr. Jacob Pence.

Report of Delegate to the New York Synod.

As your Delegate, appointed to attend the meeting of the Synod of New York, I would say that I attended the recent meeting of that body held in the village of Ghent, of said State, bearing to it the fraternal greetings of this Synod, which were warmly reciprocated. These brethren have an important and extended field of labor, and certainly manifest a commendable zeal in doing the work of the Master.

Their next meeting is to be held at Germantown, Columbia County, New York, to attend which you will elect a Delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. DEYOE.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Sister Synods.

Your Committee, to whom the minutes of the Synods of East and West Pennsylvania were referred, beg leave to report that they have examined said documents, and find nothing in them requiring the attention of this body.

E. DEYOE.

J. W. LAKE.

DAVID CARLOUGH.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report that they have examined the minutes, and find upon page 16, a resolution directing the Executive Committee of our Home Missionary Society to confer with the officers of the General Synod Society relative to the expediency of transferring the funds and Missions of this Synod to their direction, which resolution has not been carried out.

Also, upon page 18, we find that a Committee was appointed to perfect a systematic plan to develop the benevolence of the people of our Churches, and that said Committee have not as yet attended to that matter.

J. I. BURRELL.

G. W. ENDERS.

GEO. BAKER.

Adopted.

Resolved, That brethren have four weeks to finish their Reports, and that hereafter all Reports, to appear on the minutes, be finished

and placed in the hands of the Secretary at the meeting of Synod. Adopted.

Report of Committee to the Educational Convention at Hartwick Seminary.

Read, adopted and directed to be published in the Observer and American Lutheran, and placed on the Protocal.

Systematic Benevolence.

Resolved, That the Committee of last year on preparing blank books for developing the Benevolence of the Church, &c., be continued another year. Adopted.

Transfer of Home Missions to General Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod transfer its Missions and Home Mission funds to the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, and that our Executive Committee on Home Missions be authorized to consummate the transfer. Adopted.

West Jersey Conference.

We, the undersigned, unite in asking permission with our congregations to organize a new Conference, to be known as the "West Jersey Conference" of the New Jersey Synod.

J. W. LAKE.
G. W. ENDERS.
J. I. BURRELL.
J. R. SIKES.

Resolved, That the above request be granted. Adopted.
Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.
Prayer by Rev. J. R. Sikes.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, P. M., 2 O'CLOCK, OCT. 18TH, 1870.

Prayer by Bro J. W. Lake. Minutes of fourth session read and approved.

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on the President's Report be adopted as a whole, and that the Report of the President be printed in the Minutes. Adopted.

American and Foreign Christian Union.

Resolved, That the pastors of our Synod be recommended to make a collection each year in aid of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

Evangelical Review.

Resolved, That having learned that Drs. Brown and Valentine are about to publish a Theological Review in the interests of the General Synod, we hereby pledge it our hearty support. Adopted.

Home Missions and Education.

Resolved, That all matters relating to Home Missions and Education be referred to the Executive Committee of Home Missions and Education. Adopted.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourn, we adjourn to meet at Stewartsville, in the Church under the pastoral care of Rev. J. R. Sikes, on Thursday evening before the full moon, in September, 1871. Adopted.

Delegates to the General Synod.

The election of Delegates to the General Synod being in order, was attended to, and resulted as follows:

Clerical.

Principals, Rev. A. HILLER.

Alternates, Rev. J. R. SIKES.

Lay.

Mr. JOSEPH STAHLY.

Mr. SAMUEL KLOTZ.

Delegates to Other Synods.

NEW YORK SYNOD.

Principals.

Rev. J. R. SIKES.

Alternates.

Rev. J. C. DUY.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Rev. J. W. LAKE.

Rev. J. I. BURRELL.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Rev. J. I. BURRELL.

Rev. D. KLINE.

Printing Minutes.

Resolved, That the Secretary have 300 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed to the different Churches in proportion to the membership.

Adopted.

Printing Blanks.

Resolved, That the Committee on Blanks for Parochial Reports be authorized to have 500 copies printed.

Adopted.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That a Vote of Thanks be returned to the people of the congregation for their kind hospitality extended to us during our stay in their midst.

Adopted.

Speakers for the Next Year.

<i>Services.</i>	<i>Principals.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
Thursday Evening.		
Synodical Sermon.		
Preparatory Sermon.		
Sacramental Sermon.		
Sabbath Evening Sermon.		
Ordination Sermon.		
Address on Missions.		
Address on Education.		

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet on Thursday Evening, before the full moon in September, 1871, in the Lutheran Church, Stewartsville, Warren Co., N. J., under the pastoral care of Rev. J. B. Sikes. After singing the 650th hymn, Synod was closed with prayer by the President.

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

ALFRED HILLER, *Secretary.*

Ministerial Session.

SATURDAY, P. M., 4 o'clock, Oct. 15th, 1870.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. Lepp.

Rev. August Lepp, who is a student, recently graduated at the Mission House of Basel, Switzerland, appeared before the Ministerium with the view of becoming a minister of this body and engaging in the Missionary work within the bounds and under the direction of Synod. After holding a Colloquium with Bro. Lepp, examining his papers, &c.

Resolved, That Bro. August Lepp be received as a member of this Synod.

Adopted.

Meeting of the Home Mission and Education Society.

TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 18TH, 1870.

The Missionary and Educational Society of the Synod of New Jersey, held its Annual Meeting this evening. The President, Rev. D. Kline, being present, opened the exercises by announcing a hymn. After singing, prayer was offered by the Rev. L. D. Wells, The President of the Society then read his Annual Report which was received and ordered to be incorporated in the minutes of Synod.

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

BELOVED BRETHREN:—During the past year we have been aiding but one young man, (Wm. H. Dunbar), who is now at Gettysburg studying for the Gospel Ministry. He was prepared for college by Bro. Burrell and had become a junior nearly half advanced when he was taken on the funds of our Synod. He wants, as I am informed, four hundred dollars (\$400) to complete his course.

This matter will require seeing to at once.

Wm. H. Martenis (a young married man), pious, and a member of my church, in the month of November last expressed his wish to study for the Ministry, saying he felt himself called to the work, and asked what he should do in the case? and whether he could obtain any help from the Synod, &c.? I referred him to Bro. Burrell, who, I thought would assist him in preparing for college, and that possibly he might obtain help from the Synod sufficient to enable him to compass his purpose, with what he no doubt could obtain from other sources. He received for a short time, instruction from Bro. Burrell, and has lately removed his family to Gettysburg, where he is now prosecuting his studies, intending to become a Minister of Jesus Christ. He thinks the only aid he will need will be his tuition fees.

In August last I received a letter from Bro. Lake, in which he informed me that Bro. Enders had written to him from Europe, saying, that when visiting the Mission in Basel, (Germany), he met a young man by the name of Augustus Lepp, who had been ordained for the Ministry, and intended coming to America as soon as the war would permit him to do so. That he thought him a fit person for our Synodical Missionary—that he was willing to enter with us into the Missionary work if the thing can be mutually and satisfactorily arranged—that from what he had seen and heard he was satisfied he would be a valuable acquisition to our N. J. Synod, and would be well adapted to such places as Somerville, Boundbrook, or Bridgton, &c.,—and that he was willing to visit us at his own expense. After receiving and reading the above, I at once forwarded it to Bro. Duy, the Chairman of the Board of Missions who called a meeting of the Board to convene at his house, (New Germantown), when it was resolved that the Chairman, (Bro. Duy), be authorized to write and invite the young man to meet with us at this time, should he be able to reach America in time to do so. Our Mission at Bridgton, under the pastoral care of Bro. Enders, and the blessing of God upon his labors, has a bright prospect before it, and is destined to succeed. May the Great Head of the Church fill the hearts of all our people with more of the Missionary spirit, that we may continue not only to exercise a fostering care over the above, but at suitable points establish new ones. Nor can I close this report without calling your immediate attention to Phillipsburg, where an English Lutheran Church could be at once organized, an eligible Church lot secured, a church erected, and with a

suitable man as pastor, and the blessing of God, would in a very few years become self-sustaining, were the pecuniary means at hand to begin with. *May the good Lord supply them.*

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID KLINE.

The Society was then addressed on the subject of Education, by the Rev. G. W. Enders, who was followed by Rev. M. Officer, who spoke on the subject of Missions and Education. The following persons gave one dollar each, to make the President, Rev. D. Kline a life member of the Home Missionary Society.

A. Hiller,	D. Shimp,	Mrs. Burrell,
J. I. Burrell,	Jos. Fritz,	Miss Rachel Fritz,
J. W. Lake,	G. H. Weller,	Jos. Stahly,
A. Lepp,	J. A. Terhune,	Wm. Miller.
L. D. Wells,	D. J. Carlough,	J. Uhler,
G. W. Enders,	A. B. Noll,	Mrs. Stahly,
J. R. Sikes,	Mrs. Lake,	Mrs. Hartzel,
E. Deyoe,	Mrs. Enders,	Mrs. Kuntzman, 50 Cts.

Society adjourned to meet at Stewartsville, Warren Co., N. J., on Saturday Evening, Sept. 1871.

Closed with Doxology and Benediction.