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OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NORTH-CAROLINA AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED AT

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WYTHE COUNTY, VIR.

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The Ministers and Lay Delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North-Carolina and adjacent States, convened, pursuant to adjournment, at St. John's Church, Wythe county, Virginia, on the first Sunday in May, 1829; and continued in close session during the 4th, 5th, and 6th, transacting business relative to the promotion of that part of the Lord's Vineyard under their care.

SUNDAY MORNING, the 3d.

A large congregation having assembled, a discourse was delivered in the German language, from the Gospel according to St. John, 10 ch. and 11 v. by the Rev. *Daniel Scherer*, in the Church, with immediate reference to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; at the same time, an English sermon, of similar import, was pronounced, from John, 3 ch. 16 v. by the Rev. *S. A. Mealy*, of Savannah, Georgia,—to a numerous auditory, which had collected at a stand erected near the Church. An appropriate address was then made by the Rev. Mr. *Shober*, in the Church, explanatory of the true nature and design of the Holy Eucharist; which was immediately after administered, of which the Ministers, Lay Delegates, and a respectable number of the Members of the Congregation participated.

Rev. Mr. *Cline* then preached at the stand, from the words recorded in Paul's first Epistle to the Cor. 3 ch. 11 v.

After an intermission of half an hour, the Rev. *John Reck* preached in the Church, on the words of the Prophecy of Hoseah, 14 ch. 5 and 6 v's. in English; and Rev. *Andrew Seechrist*, at the stand, in German, from John, 3 ch. 16 v.

In the evening, Rev. Mr. *Mealy* delivered another discourse in the Court-House, to an overflowing and attentive audience.

On Saturday preceding, the Rev. *Henry Graeber* preached in German, on Luke, 5 ch. 32 v.; and Rev. John Reck in English, from Isaiah, 55 ch. 1 and 2 v's. preliminary to the Holy Communion; and Rev. *Jacob Sherer*, resident Pastor, recited the preparatory services.

The design of all the brethren in their discourses, was to enlighten the minds, impress the hearts, and reform the lives of the hearers; and, judging from the solemn attention and deep interest evinced in the sacred truths delivered, we are encouraged to hope that much good was effected on this occasion, and that many will have reason to rejoice on account of it in the day of eternity.

MONDAY MORNING, the 4th.

The Ministers and Lay Delegates assembled in the Church, and the session was constituted by the Rev. Mr. *Shober*, former President, with singing, and an address to the Throne of Grace.

The names of the Ministers in connection with this Body, were then read, and are as follows:

PASTORS:

Rev. C. A. G. Storch, Sen. of the Ministerium, Rowan county, N. Carolina, absent in consequence of infirmity;

Rev. Gotlieb Shober, Salem, N. C.

Rev. Jacob Scherer, Virginia;

Rev. Daniel Scherer, N. C.

Rev. Martin Walther, Virginia;

Rev. Jacob Miller, N. C.

Rev. John Reck, Salisbury, N. C.

Rev. Henry Graeber, N. C.;

Rev. William Jenkins, Tennessee, absent;

Rev. John C. A. Schoenberg, Illinois, absent.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. John P. Cline, Virginia;

Rev. Daniel J. Hauer, Virginia;

Rev. Jacob Grieson, N. C., absent;

Rev. Andrew Seechrist, Virginia.

CATECHETS:

Rev. Adam Grimes, N. C., absent;

Rev John Reicherd, N. C., absent;

Rev. Stephen A. Mealy, Ministerial Delegate from the Synod of South Carolina and Adjacent States.

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. Henry Moser, and Joshua Keller, from Rev. Shober's Congregations; Messrs. Christian Brown, Peter Grossgloss, George Sprecher, Henry Snevley, and Col. John Miller, from the Rev. Jacob Scherer's Congregations.

Messrs. George Barringer and Samuel Linn, from Rev. Daniel Scherer's Congregations.

Messrs. Nathan Brown and Henry Trexler, from Rev. John Reck's Congregations.

Messrs. Michael Miller and Henry E. Sauers, and Henry Spickard, from Rev. Dan'l. J. Hauer's and M. Walther's Congregations.

Messrs. Adam Grossgloss, Thomas J. Myers, Samuel Dillman, and Jacob Rosenbaum, from Rev. Andrew Seechrist's Congregations.

Mr. Andrew Scherer, from Guilford, Orange, and Randolph Congregations, now vacant.

The Rev. Stephen Albion Mealy, nominated as Ministerial Delegate by the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States, to attend this judicatory, was respectfully received, and invited to take part in our deliberations, with the privilege of voting.

The Synod being duly organized, an election was held; when the following Brethren were chosen by a majority of votes, to act in an official capacity the ensuing year, viz:

REV. GOTLIEB SHOBER, *President;*
REV. JOHN RECK, *Secretary.*

On motion, it was Resolved, that the *Extracts* of the Proceedings of this Synod, be in future recorded in the *Record Book*, in the same language that they are noted down by the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last year's session were then read.

Resolved, that all communications and petitions now be presented and examined.

A communication was received from Rev. Mr. Schœnberg, of Illinois, and read; in which he states that in consequence of ill-health, he has relinquished his congregations, and prays that this Synod would supply them with a Pastor.

On motion, Resolved, that we sincerely regret the severe indisposition of our Brother Schœnberg, and that his absence be excused.

Two Committees were then appointed, to examine and report upon all petitions and communications addressed to this Ecclesiastical Body.

The committee to whom were referred the communications, consisted of

Rev. Henry Graeber, Rev. Jacob Scherer, Mr. Samuel Linn, and Mr. Andrew Scherer.

The following gentlemen composed the Committee on Petitions:

Rev. Stephen A. Mealy, Rev. Dan'l. Scherer, Rev. Martin Walther, Mr. George Barringer, Mr. Henry Trexler.

A committee was also designated, to examine the Treasurer's account, consisting of

Rev. Dan'l. J. Hauer, Col. John Miller, Mr. Nathan Brown.

Synod then adjourned, till 2 o'clock, P. M.; during which recess, a sermon was preached by Rev. Dan'l. J. Hauer, from Hoseah, 2 ch. 2d v.

Afternoon Sitting.—Synod met at the appointed time, and resumed its deliberations.

Statement of the amount of contributions from churches and individuals, made and handed into the Synodical Treasury:

Rev. Gotlieb Shober's Congregations.

Nazareth - - - -	$ 1 00	
Hopewell - - - -	2 00	$ 3 00

Rev. Jacob Scherer's Congregations.

St. Johns, Wythe county, Virginia	18 24 3-4	
Zion's - - - -	6 43	
St. Paul's - - . -	4 35	
Kimberlings - - -	4 00	
Burk's Garden, Washington county	1 82	
Mr. Peter Snevley, sen. Wythe co.	5 00	
Mr. George Sprecher - -	50	
A Friend in Wythe - -	25	40 59 3-4

Rev. Dan'l. Scherer's Congregations.

St. Johns Church, N. Carolina	6 75	
Organ Church - - -	3 44	
Bethel - - - - - -	1 20	11 41

Rev. John Reck's Congregations.

John's Church, Salisbury, N. C.	5 00	
Union - - - - - -	5 00	
St. Michael's, Iredell - -	2 40	
Lexington - - - -	1 05	13 45
Rev. Henry Græber's Congregations	6 00	6 00
Rev. Jacob Miller's Congregations	75	0 75

Rev. Messrs. Hauer and Walther's Churches.

Price's Church, Va. - -	1 20	
Zion's Church, Bottetourt -	6 12 1-2	
Zion's Church, Montgomery -	8 77	
Glade Creek - - -	2 87	18 96

Rev. John P. Cline's Congregation.

St. Paul's Church, Va. - -	2 00	2 00
		$96 17 1-4

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	Baptiz'd Children	Baptiz'd Adults.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Funerals.
Rev G. Shober - - - -	4	17	2	2		2
Jacob Sherer - - - -	5	57	4	67	267	6
Daniel Sherer - - - -	6	148	6	100	586	20
Jocob Miller - - - -	5	50	1	28	85	15
Martin Walther and D. J. Hauer -	6	79	8	65	294	10
John Reck - - - - -	4	26	7	20	220	16
John P. Cline - - - -	4	66	7	31	164	36
Andrew Seechrist - - -	4	24	1	38	178	3
William Jenkins (not reported) -	5					
Jacob Grieson - - - -		15				11
J. C. A. Schoenburg - - -	2	10				3
Others not reported - - -						

It being moved and seconded that Delegates should be appointed to represent this Body at the next session of the General Synod, to convene at Hagerstown, Maryland, the 4th Sunday in October next, the Rev. Messrs. *John Reck* and *John Philip Cline* were elected, by a majority of votes, as Ministerial Delegates; and Messrs. Michael Miller, and Thomas J. Myers, as Lay Delegates, for that purpose.

Rev. Reck then rose and stated, that in compliance with a resolution of this Synod, he attended the session of the Lutheran Synod of South-Carolina and adjacent states held in Charleston; that he was received in a very friendly manner, and that we have good reason to believe that they wish a continuance of that friendly feeling which has hitherto existed between us, from the presence of the Rev. Mr. Mealy, their Delegate; and therefore moved, that a Delegate be again nominated to attend their next session. Whereupon it was *resolved*, that the Rev. Messrs. William Jenkins and Gotlieb Shober be and are hereby delegated by this Synod to attend the next meeting of the Lutheran Synod of South-

Carolina and adjacent States, to convene in Savannah, (Georgia,) on the 20th of November, 1829.

The proceedings of this day were then closed with prayer, and Synod adjourned until next morning.

In the evening Rev. J. P. Cline preached in the Court-House, to a crowded and attentive audience.

Tuesday, the 5th, 9 *o'clock*—Synod was constituted by singing and prayer.

The transactions of the day previous, were then read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Rev. Messrs. Graeber, Dan'l. Scherer, Jacob Miller, Messrs. Kæmpffer and Rosenmuler, preach once or more each, in Brother Reck's Congregations during his absence to the General Synod.

On motion, it was resolved, that the different committees render in their Reports.

The report of the first committee on communications was then read; and after some amendments, accepted; and is as follows:

REPORT: The committee to whom were referred certain communications, having attended to the duty assigned them, beg leave respectfully to report as follows: No. 1, is a letter from Zion's Church, Montgomery county, Va. signed by 28 members, who testify that they have called the Rev. *Daniel J. Hauer*, as stated Minister of their Congregation; that his deportment has been exemplary, and pray that he be ordained. No. 2, is a letter from Zion's Church, Botetourt county, Virginia, subscribed by 36 persons, the contents of which are the same as the above. Your committee are of the opinion, that Mr. Hauer should continue his labors among them, and that the subject of his ordination be referred to the Ministerium. No. 3, is a letter from Glade Creek congregation, Botetourt county, Virginia, subscribed by 10 members, praying that their congregation be received into our connexion, and testify that the deportment of their Minister, Mr. Hauer, is satisfactory, and pray that his labours be continued among them. Your committee recommend that their request be granted. No. 4, is a communication from Rev. Mr. Schœnberg, from which it appears, that in consequence of indisposition, he has been under the necessity of resigning his churches in Illinois, and prays this Synod to supply them with a shepherd, if possible. He also desires that the representatives of this Body to the General Synod would advocate the cause of the Missionary Station in the West, as a door of usefulness is now opening. Your committee respectfully recommend that a letter be addressed to those congregations, with a view to ascertain more fully the condition of said Churches; and nominate Rev. Dan'l. Scherer as the individual to attend to this duty immediately. No. 5,

is a communication from Emanuel's and Zion's Churches, which we would also refer to the Ministerium. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GRAEBER, *Chairman of the Committee.*

This report was finally adopted by Synod; and *resolved*, that altho' we are unable at present to supply our Brethren in Illinois with a stated preacher, in consequence of the paucity of our Ministers, and the many vacant Churches; yet we cherish the hope that on account of the flourishing condition of our Seminary at Gettysburg, we shall soon be able to do so.

Next in order, was read, and after some modification, received, the Report of the second committee on communications and petitions, and is as follows:

REPORT: The committee to whom was referred the examination of certain petitions and communications, having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully submit the following report: That petition No. 6, is from the members of the Lutheran Church, worshipping at Price's Meeting House, representing the gradual decline of the German language in the services of the sanctuary, and the necessity of having English preaching more frequently; your petitioners, with the view of promoting the prosperity of the congregation to which they are attached, state, that after mature deliberation, they some time since engaged the Rev. Dan'l. J. Hauer, as their English Minister. They express their unqualified approbation of the manner in which he has discharged his sacred duties, and pray that his services may be continued among them. That No. 7, is a communication from members and friends of the Lutheran congregation at Fincastle, Virginia, informing the Synod that the Rev. Mr. Hauer has been labouring with acceptance among them for the last six months, and petitioning for a continuance of his labours. Your committee recommend that he be ordained at this session. That No. 8, is a testimonial from three Congregations in Shenandoah county, Virginia, of the ministerial character of the Rev, John P. Cline. This document testifies the competency, piety and usefulness of brother Cline, and prays for a continuation of his services. Your committee recommend that he also be ordained this session. That No. 9, is from the Lutheran congregations in Wythe and Washington counties, expressive of their entire satisfaction with their present Minister, the Rev. Mr. Seechrist, and desiring his ordination, or a renewal of his License. Your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. That No. 10, is a petition from the Elders, Deacons, and members of the Lutheran Church at Burk's Garden, Tazewell county, Virginia, stating that they have organized themselves into a congregation consisting at present of thirty seven communicants. Your petitioners pray to be received as a member of this Ecclesiastical Body, and that Rev. Jacob Scherer may remain their Pastor. Your committee recommend that this Church be cordially received as a member of this Synod, and that Brother Scherer be requested to labour among them in holy things. That No. 11, is a communication from the Churches in Guilford and Orange counties, shewing that they have been destitute of stated English preaching for nearly 12 months, during which time they have only been visited once by the Rev. Messrs. Jacob Scherer and Reck. They pray this Synod to supply them with a preacher, who would locate among them, and who could officiate in both the German and English languages, and promise to give such an one a comfortable support. Your committee recommend that this petition engage the serious attention of Synod. That No. 12, is from the Rev. Jacob Grieson, excusing his absence from Synod, in consequence of infirmity, and requesting to have his license renewed.

Submitted, with deference, STEPHEN A. MEALY, *Chairman.*

This Report was adopted; and Resolved, that such parts of it as pertain to ordaining and licensing candidates, be referred to a committee of all the ordained Ministers.

A communication was then read by the Rev. President, from Professor Schmucker, of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, stating that Mr. Rothrock, student of Theology, from Stokes county, had arrived, and that he was a promising young man. Also, that Messrs. Artz, Kæmpffer, and Rosenmuler, were coming on, and requested that their names might be inserted in our Minutes, as members of this Synod. *Resolved*, that this be done.

Synod adjourned, till after preaching. Sermon by Rev. Jacob Miller, (in German) from Ephesians, 1 ch. 2 v.

Synod resumed its deliberations, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, *Resolved*, that, in compliance with the wishes of the petitioners of Guilford and Orange, Mr. Artz be recommended to locate in one of the above specified counties, and preach to them.

Resolved, further, that Mr. Kæmpffer be recommended to preach in Rowan and Cabarrus, and Mr. Rosenmuler be appointed as Missionary.

Resolved, that Rev. Jacob Scherer be requested to visit the Churches in Guilford on the second Sunday in June, there await the arrival of Mr. Artz, and assist in administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to those churches.

The committee to whom was referred the investigation of the Treasurer's Account, presented the following report.

REPORT: The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, having attended to the duty assigned them, would present the following report: All receipts into the Synodical Treasury, from the 7th of May, 1828, to May the 4th, 1829, amount to - - - $339.30

All disbursements amount to - - - - - 239.10

Which sum deducted from the amount received, leaves a ballance in the Treasurer's hands, in favour of this Synod, of $100.20

Respectfully submitted, DANIEL J. HAUER, *Chairman.*

An election was then held for Treasurer, and Rev. G. Shober was duly elected to act in that capacity for the ensuing year.

Resolved, that the Treasurer shall endeavour to collect

the debts due to this Synod; and to this end it shall be his duty to acquaint all persons indebted to this Synod for Books "*Luther*," either to transmit the money, or return the Books.

Resolved, that Rev. Mr. Storch receive a credit to the amount of the sum charged against him by this Body for Books "*Luther*."

Resolved, that Rev. John Reck receive eight dollars in compensation of part of the expenditures incurred by him as Ministerial Delegate to the Lutheran Synod of S. Carolina and Adjacent States.

Rev. Mr. Cline then rose and said, that according to appointment of last Synod, he visited the congregations in Pendleton county, Virginia; that they evinced a great anxiety to have the gospel preached among them by a minister of our church, and thought that they should not be forgotten. Whereupon it was *resolved*, that Rev. Messrs. Dan'l. Sherer, Walther, Hauer, and John P. Cline, visit them as often as practicable.

Inasmuch as no additional testimonials were presented, in relation to the situation of Mrs. Awalt, of Tennessee, therefore, it was *resolved*, that this subject be dismissed.

The committee appointed by the Missionary Society to prescribe and direct the labours of a missionary, reported that none had as yet been obtained; and of course all the funds received for that purpose still remain in the Treasurer's hands.

Synod, on motion, adjourned till Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock.

MINISTERIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to a resolution, referring the propriety of renewing the licenses of Messrs. Cline, Hauer, Seechrist, Grieson, and other candidates, or conferring ordination, to a committee of all the ordained Ministers, they all assembled; and on mature deliberation, came to the unanimous opinion, that a special committee be appointed to inquire into the theological attainments and religious views of Messrs. Cline, and Dan'l. J. Hauer; and if deemed competent, that they be ordained on to-morrow. Resolved, further, that Rev. Messrs. Reck, Jacob Scherer, Henry Graeber, and S. A. Mealy, constitute the committee, to examine the above specified gentlemen, and report as soon as practicable. Resolved, also, that Rev. Messrs. Seechrist, Grieson, and Reichard, have their licenses renewed for another year. Resolved, that Rev. President preach the ordination sermon, if it be required. The Ministerial session then dissolved.

Wednesday morning, 9 *o'clock*....Synod was constituted by singing and prayer, and resumed its deliberations. The minutes of the preceding day were read, and approved.

Resolved, that Rev. Messrs. Shober, John Reck, and Daniel Scherer; Jesse W. Walton, Esq. and Michael Holt, Esq. act in the capacity of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, for this Synod, another year.

Resolved, that Rev. Messrs. Miller, Jacob Scherer, and Secretary, be excused, in consequence of being unable to visit the Rev. President's congregations, during the past year; and that the two first named Brethren visit and preach to those congregations alternately, four times the present year.

Resolved, that in consequence of the increasing infirmity of the Rev. Gotlieb Shober, and as he has made application to be dismissed from his pastoral care of Nazareth and Garber's congregations, this Synod, while they regret the cause which induces him to decline, fully accede to his wishes; and that he be requested, however, to preach to them occasionally, and if necessary, administer the Lord's Supper.

Whereas, it is believed that there are several Churches attached to this Judicatory, in which Sunday Schools have not yet been established; Therefore, it was *resolved*, that this Synod conceive it a duty to urge upon all its Ministers the necessity of using their best efforts in establishing Sunday Schools, and depositing religious Tracts, in their respective congregations.

Whereas, a memorial was laid before this Synod, from Lexington, Davidson county, N. Carolina, stating that Mr. Hauer had discontinued his labours among them; and as they were anxious to have ministerial labours continued among them, and prayed to be added to the Salisbury district, and received under the pastoral care of Rev. John Reck; therefore it was *resolved*, that this be done; and that the Rev. J. Reck receive the congregation at Lexington under his pastoral care.

On motion, resolved, that with a view to preserve unanimity and purity in the church, if any member or members of our church wish to withdraw from the pastoral care of one of our ministers, and attach themselves to a congregation under the care of another, they shall present a certificate from the Pastor or Church Council, testifying their good standing as members of that church.

In consequence of the omission of reports by Ministers, on the state of religion, it is impracticable to have any thing published of this kind this year; but it was *Resolved*, unanimously, that a Narration on the State of Religion be printed next session; and to this end, it shall be the duty of every Minister to Report to the secretary several months previous.*

Resolved, that the Minutes be printed again in German and English; and that 300 copies be issued in each language.

Resolved, that Rev. Messrs. Storch and Daniel Scherer, make the translation into German; and that Rev. Shober superintend the printing of them in Salem.

On motion, resolved, that copies of our Minutes be transmitted to the different Lutheran Synods in the United States, as follows: Ten copies to the General Synod; 5 to the Synod of New-York; 5 to the Synod of East Pennsylvania; 5 to the Synod of West Pennsylvania; 5 to the Synod of Maryland and Virginia; 10 to the Synod of South Carolina; 5 to the Synod of Ohio.

Whereas, a number of petitions were presented, inviting this Synod, in the most urgent terms, to hold its next session among them, it was resolved to decide by ballot; which was done; and on counting the votes, Guilford had a small majority. This Synod will, therefore, assemble at Lau's Church, in Guilford county, North Carolina, on the first Sunday in May, 1830.

The committee designated to examine the candidates for ordination, reported, as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the examination of the Rev. Messrs John P. Cline and Daniel J. Hauer, preparatory to their Ordination, respectfully report: That they attended to this duty; and after a close examination, as to their natural and acquired abilities, the character of their piety, and orthodoxy of their views, were convinced of their suitableness for the holy office which they desire to assume. Believing that the ordination of these Brethren will increase their usefulness, your committee recommend that this sacred rite be performed upon them.

JOHN RECK, *Chairman.*

This report was adopted; and unanimously resolved, that they now be ordained.

Synod accordingly had a recess, till afternoon.

* Postage must be paid.—*Secretary.*

A large assembly having collected, the Rev. Mr. Mealy preached in the English language, from *John's Gospel*, 9 ch. 4 v. The Rev. President followed immediately, and preached from the *Parable of the Labourers*, recorded in the gospel of St. Matt. 20 ch. with a direct reference to the *Gospel Ministry*, in which he delineated, in a very pathetic and nervous manner, that the Gospel provides for men a daily and laborious employment, the difficulties, and variety of temptations to which a faithful and zealous minister is exposed, from the world, Satan, and our own depraved nature; that a very important era in the history of our world has arrived, in which the Lord is calling and sending forth ministers to preach the everlasting gospel to Gentile and Jew; and that the auspicious day will soon dawn, when the Isles of the sea shall be converted, and a nation born to God in a day. He also stated the great necessity of renewed efforts, and redoubled diligence, by instruction and prayer, in public and in private, in Sunday Schools and similar nurseries of religion; that the Lord would increase the number of faithful and zealous Labourers in his vineyard, and especially in our Lutheran Zion. And as an encouragement to pious Ministers, he described, in glowing colours, the unspeakable reward promised, the crown of righteousness, the inheritance that is incorruptible and unfading, and the eternal weight of glory that will be bestowed on all the faithful labourers in the Lord's vineyard.

Rev. Messrs. John P. Cline, and Daniel J. Hauer, were then solemnly ordained as Pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, by the laying on of hands and prayer.

The Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society for North-Carolina and Adjacent States, then held its *second annual meeting*; elected new officers; received several Auxiliary societies, established in Rev. Messrs. Jenkins* and Hauer's congregations; transacted all the business that came under its immediate controul; and then adjourned, to convene again in Guilford county, N. Carolina, on the last day of the session of Synod, at Lau's Church, in 1830.

Resolved, that a Special Conference be held at St. Michael's Church, in Iredell county, N. Carolina, on the second Sunday in September, 1829; and that it be the duty of all the neighbouring Ministers to attend.

All the business being finished, and duly disposed of, the Rev. President delivered an affectionate address to the members of Synod, and presented the thanks of this Body to the people generally, and the members of St. Johns Church

* Note.....Rev. Mr. Jenkins also excused his absence in the letter above alluded to, which was sustained.

in particular, for their hospitality and kindness; and then, on bended knees, the Brethren united in praise and adoration to Christ, the great Head and Bishop of the Church, for the harmony and unanimity of sentiment existing among them as a Body, and which is so desirable among persons professing the same creed; and invoking his blessing and aid on all our humble efforts to advance the glorious cause of our once crucified but now risen and highly exalted Lord and Redeemer; the present session was closed, and Synod adjourned. That the above is a true copy of the Minutes of this session, is certified, by JOHN RECK, *Secretary.*

Names of the Ministers belonging to this Body.

PASTORS: Rev. Charles Augustus Gotlieb Storch, Sen. of the Ministerium; Rev. Gotlieb Shober, *President;* Rev. Jacob Scherer; Rev. Martin Walther; Rev. Daniel Scherer; Rev. Jacob Miller; Rev. John Reck, *Secretary;* Rev. Henry Graeber; Rev. William Jenkins; Rev. John C. A. Schœnburg; Rev. John P. Cline; Rev. Daniel J. Hauer.

Licentiates: Rev Andrew Seechrist; Rev. Jacob Grieson.

Catechets: Rev. Adam Grimes; Rev. John Reicherd.

Candidates: Mr. Artz, Mr. Rosenmuler, Mr. Kæmpffer.

Officers of the different Lutheran Synods in the U. States.

GENERAL SYNOD: Rev. Daniel Kurtz, D. D. *President;* Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, *Secretary;* C. A. Barnitz, Esq. *Treasurer.*

Synod of New-York: Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D. *President;* Rev. G. B. Miller, *Secretary;* Rev. H. N. Poleman, *Treasurer.*

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