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PROCEEDINGS.

In conformity with a resolution adopted at their last meeting, the ministers belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina and adjacent parts, together with their delegates, assembled at St. Michael's Church, in Iredell county, North Carolina, on Saturday the 3d of October, 1840. A sermon was preached at 11 o'clock A. M. by Bro. Gideon Sherer from Psalm ix. 17th verse. At 2 o'clock P. M. the Synod was organized—having been opened with singing, and prayer by the President, Rev. Wm. Artz. The roll was now called, when the following brethren answered to their names:—

Ministers.	Post Office Address.
1. Rev. JACOB SHERER,	*Rural Retreat, Wythe co. Va.*
2. " HENRY GRAEBER.	*Salisbury, Rowan co. N. C.*
3. " WILLIAM ARTZ,	*Holt's Store, Orange co. N. C.*
4. " SAMUEL ROTHROCK,	*Salisbury, Rowan co. N. C.*
5. " BENJAMIN AREY,	*Cowansville, Rowan co. N. C.*
6. " PHILIP A. STROBEL,	*Concord, Cabarrus co. N. C.*
7. " ELIJAH HAWKINS,	*Marion, Smythe co. N. C.*
Licentiates.	
8. " JACOB CRIM,	*Lexington, Davidson co. N. C.*
9. " ADAM GRIMES,	*Wilkesborough, Wilkes co. N. C.*
10. " JOHN SWICEGOOD,	*Browntown, Davidson co. N. C.*
11. " JOHN J. GREEVER,*	*Burk's Garden, Tazewell co. Va.*
12. " N. ALDRICH,*	*Concord, Cabarrus co. N. C.*
13. " GIDEON SHERER,*	*Rural Retreat, Wythe co. Va.*
Absentees.	
14. Rev. JOHN T. TABLER.	*Wythe co. C. H. Va.* *excused.*
15. " JACOB MILLER,	"
16. " JACOB GRIESON,	*Clapp's P. O. Guilford co. N. C.* "

* Received since last meeting.

The following Lay-Delegates exhibited their certificates and were admitted as members of Synod.

1.	Mr. MICHAEL BROWN,	*from*	*Rev. J. Sherer's*	*Congregations.*	
2.	" JOHN CREWS,	"	" *H. Graeber's*	"	"
3.	" HENRY KEIM,	"	" *William Artz's*	"	"
4.	" JACOB BROWN, ju'r.	"	" *S. Rothrock's*	"	"
5.	" HENRY BUSTLE,	"	" *B. Arey's*	"	"
6.	" D. M. ISENHAUER,	"	" *P. A. Strobel's*	"	"
7.	" JOHN GROSECLOSE,	"	" *Elijah Hawkins'*	"	"
8.	" JOHN GLASS,	"	" *Adam Grimes'*	"	"
9.	" JOHN LENTZ,	"	" *N. Aldrich's*	"	"
10.	" STEPHEN SPRECHER,	"	" *J. Greever's*	"	"
11.	" JOHN M. WALCHER,	"	" *J. D. Sheck's*	"	"
12.	" ANDREW MYERS,	"	" *John Swicegood's*	"	"

Bro. Crim stated that his delegate was prevented from attending in consequence of sickness.

The Synod this year consisted of 25 members.

The President read his annual report. (See Appendix A.)

I. *Resolved*, That the President's report be accepted.

Synod now went into an election for officers, which resulted in the choice of the following brethren, viz.

Rev. SAMUEL ROTHROCK, *President*,
" PHILIP A. STROBEL, *Secretary*,
Mr. DANIEL M. ISENHAUER, *Treas'r.*

The Rev. G. Haltiwanger, delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, was introduced to Synod by the Secretary, and invited to take a seat among us. Bro. Crim introduced Bro. W. G. Harter, a member of South Carolina Synod, who was also admitted as an advisory member. Bro. Arey introduced Rev. J. D. Sheck, who was also received as an advisory member.

II. *Resolved*, That we dispense with the reading of the minutes of our last meeting, and that a committee of *three* be appointed to examine them, and report all unfinished business.

Committee, Rev. Messrs. Aldrich and Crim, and Mr. John Lentz.

The papers and communications intended for Synod were now called for, which were handed in, as also the minutes of the proceedings of several sister synods. They were all referred to the following committees.

Committees.

On President's Report.—Rev. Messrs. Graeber and Haltiwanger and Mr. John Crews.

On Letters.—Rev. Messrs. Artz, Hawkins and J. Sherer, and Messrs Keim and Jno. Groseclose.

On Petitions.—Rev. Messrs. Arey and Strobel, and Messrs. Bustle and Isenhauer.

On Minutes.—Rev. Messrs. Greever, G. Sherer, and Grimes.

On Report of Treasurer of Synod.—Rev. W. G. Harter, and Messrs. D. M. Isenhauer and John Lentz.

On Seminary Funds.—Rev. J. D. Sheck, and Messrs. Jacob Brown, jr. and S. Sprecher.

III. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn until Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with singing; and prayer by the Secretary.

Services of the Sabbath.

A large congregation having assembled on Sabbath, it was found impossible to conduct the services in the church; they were therefore held at a *stand*, which had been prepared in a very pleasant grove. The exercises were introduced with singing and prayer by Bro. Aldrich. Bro. Artz succeeded, and preached an eloquent and instructive sermon from Numbers chap. x. verse 29. Brother Haltiwanger, the delegate from the synod of North Carolina, succeeded Brother Artz, and preached a very practical and interesting sermon from Paul's 2d letter to Timothy chap. iii. verse 12. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to the ministers and lay delegates and an unusually large number of communicants.

In the afternoon Brother Hawkins, according to previous appointment, preached a missionary sermon from Luke xvi. 31. Thus closed the services of the Sabbath; as we think much to the edification and comfort of Christians, and the awakening of sinners.

Monday morning, *Oct. 3d*, 1840.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the President.

Brother Swicegood, who was not present at the organization of Synod, appeared, and offered an excuse for his non-attendance, which was accepted. Mr. Andrew Myers, Brother Swicegood's delegate, presented his certificate and took his seat.

A petition was handed in, which was referred to the committee on petitions.

The committee on the President's annual address, presented the following report.

Report No. 1.

The committee to examine the President's annual address, beg leave to present the following report.

Inasmuch as the President's address is short, but yet very interesting, your committee recommend that the same, as amended, be printed and appended to the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GRAEBER,
GEORGE HALTIWANGER,
JOHN CREWS,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report No. 2.

The committee on Letters reported as follows.

No. 1 is a letter from Dr. E. L. Hazelius, giving an account of the prosperous condition of the Theological Seminary at Lexington, and also setting forth the establishment of a classical school in connexion with the theological department. We recommend the proposed school to the consideration of synod; and that his letter be read.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. T. Tabler, in which he requests to be excused for non-attendance at this meeting of synod. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. Jacob Grieson, in which he desires to be excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod, in consequence of old age and increasing infirmities. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. Jacob Miller, who has removed to the state of Indiana, in which he desires a dismission from this synod, with a view to unite himself with the synod of the West, and implores the blessing of God upon the deliberations of our meeting. We recommend that he receive an honorable dismissal.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. Simeon W. Harkey, who was appointed a delegate from the synod of Maryland, to attend the present meeting of our synod. We recommend that his letter be read.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. Charles F. Schaeffer, Secretary of the synod of Maryland, in answer to one, written by the Secretary of this body. As this letter contains an interesting account of the state of Religion in the bounds of that synod, we recommend that it be read.

Nos. 7, 8, and 9, are communications from St. Michael's and St. Paul's churches in Iredell county, and St. Matthew's church in Davie county North Carolina. The two last mentioned congregations have been regularly organized during the last synodical year, and they ask to be received under the care of this body.. They also desire to be considered as forming one pastoral district, in connexion with St. Michael's church. We recommend that the requests of these churches be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ARTZ,
Chairman.

Adopted.

IV. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure of the continued prosperity of our Southern Theological Seminary, and the proficiency of the students connected with that institution.

V. *Resolved*, That we heartily concur in opinion with Dr. E. L. Hazelius in relation to the establishment of the classical school, proposed in his letter, provided that the income of the same will be sufficient to pay the salary of the classical teacher.

The letters of Rev. S. W. Harkey, delegate from the Maryland synod to this body, and of Rev. C. F. Schaeffer, Secretary of said synod, in answer to one written to him by our former Secretary, Rev. S. Rothrock, were now read; whereupon it was

VI. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this synod address a friendly letter to our brethren of the Maryland synod, in answer to those received from Rev. Messrs. Harkey and Schaeffer.

The committee on the report of the treasurer of the seminary funds, made a report which was accepted; but its consideration was deferred. Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, as the hour for preaching had arrived. Brother Sheck preached from Luke 10th chap. last verse. After the exercises of Divine worship had closed, the Missionary and Education society held its annual meeting. See proceedings of the Missionary Society.

Third Session.

TUESDAY MORNING, *Oct.* 6, 9 *A. M.*

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Brother Jacob Sherer. The committee on petitions presented the following report.

Report No. 3.

No. 1 is a petition from the elders and deacons of St. Peter's church, Wythe Co. Va. praying that the next meeting of this body be held in said church. Referred to the consideration of synod.

No. 2 is a similar petition from Organ (alias) Zion's church, in Rowan County, North Carolina. Referred as above.

No. 3 is a similar petition from St. Enoch's church, Rowan County, North Carolina. Referred as above.

No. 4 is from Bethlehem church, Stokes county, N. C., signed by thirty-three persons, expressing satisfaction with the services of Rev. A. Grimes, and requesting that he be permitted to labor among them another year. Referred to the ministerium.

Nos. 5, 6 and 7 are from the members of Sharon, Burke's Garden and St. John's church in Wythe and Tazewell counties, Va., praying that Rev. J. Greever's license be renewed, and that he be permitted to labor among them another year. Referred as above.

Nos. 7 and 8 are from the churches under the care of the Rev. Jacob Crim, requesting that he may be continued as their pastor another year. Referred as above.

No. 9 is a petition signed by the elders and deacons of the churches under the pastoral care of Rev. Jacob Sherer, requesting that the license of Rev. Gideon Sherer be renewed, and that he be permitted to labor as an assistant to their pastor. Referred as above.

No. 10 is a petition from the ministers attached to our synod, who reside in south-western Virginia and their lay-delegates, expressing a wish to form a new synod. Your committee rejoice that the number of our ministers in Virginia has increased to such an extent as to render the formation of a new synod practicable. At the same time, however, we very much regret that circumstances should render it necessary for them to dissolve that connexion which has so long existed between us. We recommend that their request be granted. We refer their petition to synod, and hope it will be read.

No. 11 is a petition from several individuals residing in the neighborhood of "Evans Stand," Davidson county, N. C., bearing favorable testimony to the services of brother J. Swicegood, and asking for a continuation of his labors another year. Referred to ministerium.

Respectfully submitted.

Adopted. BENJ. AREY, *Chairman.*

Report No. 4.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of sister synods reported as follows.

That they have had under examination the minutes of the following synods, viz. the German Evangelical Lutheran synod of Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, West Pennsylvania, and the English synod of Ohio.

1. The German Evangelical Lutheran synod of Pennsylvania, convened on Trinity Sunday, 1839, at Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. The officers are

Rev. Charles Demme, D. D. *President,*
" F. Ruthrauff, *Secretary,*
Dr. J. C. Baker, *Treasurer,*

The number of ministers, in connexion with this respectable body, is 64, who have under their charge 204 congregations, 24,916 communicants. Members added by confirmation 204, baptized 2185, Sunday schools 80. Their missionary collections amounted to $782,98; of this sum $288 have been applied to sending the gospel to the heathen; $50 for the West. These brethren appear to be diligently engaged in spreading the gospel of our Divine Redeemer.

2. The Evangelical Lutheran synod of South Carolina, convened at Sandy Run, in Lexington district, South Carolina, on the 9th of November, 1839.

The officers of synod are

Rev. John Bachman, D. D. *President,*
" J. C. Hope, *Secretary,*
Col. West Caughman, *Treas'r of Synod,*
Mr. Henry Muller, *Treas'r of the Seminary.*

The number of ministers connected with this synod is 23, churches 32, communicants 1594. Members received 193, baptisms 269, burials 75, Sabbath schools 13, teachers 67, scholars 552,; $473,70 were received into the synodical treasury. The Rev. H. Graeber, the delegate of this synod was kindly received.

This synod appears to be very zealous in the cause of Christ. Among other items we notice that a resolution has been passed to publish a work containing the discipline of their church, and the Augsburg confession with explanatory notes.

We also notice that the Lord has favored them with seasons of revival in several of their churches. May he continue his blessings until all shall know him, "from the least unto the greatest."

We further perceive that Rev. G. Haltiwanger, was appointed the delegate to this synod, and Rev. J. Moser his alternate. The next meeting of this synod is to be held in St. Paul's church, Newberry district, South Carolina, on the 14th November, 1840. These beloved brethren are actively engaged in the Missionary and Temperance cause. They have adopted the plan of holding protracted meetings within the bounds of their synod, which meetings appear to have resulted in much good.

3. The Evangelical Lutheran synod of Maryland, convened on 18th October, 1839. Its officers are

Rev. B. Kurtz, D. D. *President,*
" C. F. Schaeffer, *Secretary,*
" S. W. Harkey, *Treasurer.*

The number of ministers belonging to this synod is 17, congregations 52, communicants 5546, baptisms 941, confirmed 431, admitted by certificate 20, deaths 234, Sabbath schools 37, prayer meetings 36, temperance societies 24.

These brethren appear to be very zealously engaged in the work of the Lord. They are taking an active part in the various benevolent institutions of the day, and the Lord has granted them a blessing on their efforts; inasmuch as they have had extensive revivals in many of their churches. May the great Head of the church continue to bless them. We find the President's annual address to be more than usually interesting.

4. The synod of Virginia, convened at Mount Tabor church, Augusta County, on the 15th of May, 1840. The officers are

Rev. J. B. Davis, *President,*
" T. Stork, *Secretary,*
" T. Miller, *Treasurer.*

The parochial reports present the following exhibit; ministers 13, congregations 24, baptisms 127, confirmed 170, communicants 1290, Sabbath schools 9.

5. The West Pennsylvania synod held its 15th session at York, from the 3d to the 9th of October, 1839. The officers are

Rev. B. Keller, *President.*
" C. Weyl, *Secretary.*
" Wm. German, *Treasurer.*

The number of ministers attached to this synod is 50, congregations 202, baptisms 2578, confirmations 1397. communicants 13820, Sabbath schools 76.

6. The English Lutheran synod of Ohio, convened at Millersberg, Holmes county. This synod is composed of 18 ministers. Its officers are

Rev. W. G. Keil, *President,*
" J. B. Reck, *Secretary.*
" F. J. Ruth, *Treasurer.*

Their parochial reports are as follows: congregations 67, baptisms 876, confirmed 454, communicants 4818, Deaths 175, Sunday schools 27.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GREEVER
GIDEON SHERER,
ADAM GRIMES,
Committee.

Report No. 5.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of last year, beg leave to report the following items.

1. It was recommended that pastoral districts be formed of the churches in the bounds of our synod. We know not whether those districts have been formed.

2. The Rev. Samuel Rothrock and Mr. Charles Fisher, were appointed delegates to the general synod. We have not ascertained if this duty was performed.

3. The Rev. Wm. Artz was appointed a delegate to the German Reformed classis of North Carolina, and Rev. H. Graeber to South Carolina synod. We do not know whether these brethren attended to their appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

N. ALDRICH,
Chairman.

Adopted.

In relation to the first item several of the brethren made statements, from which it appeared that some districts had already been formed and that arrangements were making for the formation of others. Brother Rothrock stated that he and Brother Arey (who was appointed a delegate in 1838,) attended the meeting of the general synod, and they presented the following report.

Report No. 6.

The delegates appointed by the synod of North Carolina to attend the meeting of the general synod, which convened at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, would beg leave to state—

1. That they attended according to appointment, and met with a cordial reception from the brethren. The general synod was numerously attended, and the most friendly feelings were manifested by the members in all their proceedings.

2. That much business interesting and important in its nature was transacted, for a full account of which, we refer this synod to the printed minutes of that venerable body.

3. That the special question relative to the "Tennessee conference" which it was the duty of your delegates to lay before the general synod for its decision, was referred to that body. After a committee had examined various documents furnished them by your delegates, intended to throw light upon the subject, the following preamble and resolution were reported, which were adopted. In this preamble and resolution the Franckean synod is included, relative to which a question had likewise been referred for decision.

"Whereas certain persons claiming to be ministers and members of our churches, have formed themselves into ecclesiastical bodies, called the "Tennessee synod" and the "Franckean synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church," and whereas said persons are introducing practices which we consider contrary to the word of God, thereby creating disturbances and divisions in our churches; therefore

"*Resolved*, That we deem it our sacred duty to give a public expression of our disapprobation of these proceedings and to exhort the churches in our connexion and all Evangelical Lutheran churches in the United States to beware of the efforts of these men to cause divisions and offences contrary to the spirit of the gospel."

4. That inasmuch as the amount allowed your delegates by the general synod was not sufficient to pay their travelling expenses, we recommend that this body come to some understanding whether we, or any future delegates to the general synod, shall receive any additional recompense or not.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN AREY,
SAMUEL ROTHROCK.

VII. *Resolved*, That this report be accepted, but that its consideration be deferred until this afternoon's session.

Synod adjourned to meet after the adjournment of the Missionary and Education society.

Brother Artz and Brother Graeber stated that they had attended to their appointments as delegates to German Reformed classis and South Carolina synod and were kindly received. Brother Artz stated that Rev. Jno. Lentz was appointed a delegate to this body from German Reformed classis.

The appointed time for preaching having arrived, Brother H. Graeber delivered a discourse from Ezekiel chap. 36 verse 25—27.

Afternoon Session.

The synod was opened with prayer by Brother Grimes. The report of the delegates to the general synod was taken up and after some discussion adopted. The following resolutions, touching that report were adopted.

VIII. *Resolved*, That this synod cordially approve of the action of the general synod in relation to the "Tennessee synod."

IX. *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to give any compensation to the delegates who have been or who may hereafter be appointed to the general synod, except what is allowed by that body.

The report of the committee appointed to audit the report of the treasurer of the seminary, was taken up and the whole matter recommitted to the following committee. Rev. E. Hawkins, and Messrs. J. Brown, jr. and S. Sprecher.

X. *Resolved*, That a committee of three ministers and two laymen be appointed to revise the constitution of synod, and report as soon as practicable. Committee Rev. Messrs. Graeber, Strobel and Arey, and Messrs. Isenhauer and Groseclose.

The contributions for the synodical treasury were handed in.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev, Jacob Sherer's churches,

St. Paul's	$2 28¾
Kimberlin's	2 00
St. Peter's	1 00
Zion's	2 65
	$7 93¾

Amount brought forward,		$7 93¾
Rev. H. Graeber' churches,		
Organ or Zion's church	$7 00	
St. John's	8 00	
		15 00
Rev. Wm. Artz's churches,		
Richland	90	
Zion's	90	
Freelen's	80	
St. Paul's	$1 50	
		4 10
Rev. S. Rothrock's churches,		
Union	$2 14¼	
St. Paul's	2 00	
		4 14¼
Rev. Benj. Arey's churches,		
St. Michael's		5 00
Rev. E. Hawkins' churches,		
Chilhowe	$3 00	
Colleps	2 00	
St. Paul's	2 00	
St. Matthew's	2 32	
		9 32
Rev. P. A. Strobel's churches,		
Coldwater	$3 14	
St. Enoch's	3 00	
Bearcreek	1 06¼	
St. Stephen's	2 19	
		9 39¼
Rev. J. Crim's churches,		
Sandy Creek	40	
Leonard's	$1 40	
Becks	30	
Hopswell	1 76	
Fredericktown	25	
		4 11
Rev. J. Swicegood's churches,		50
Rev. J. Grever's churches,		
Burk's Garden		2 00
Rev. J. D. Sheck's churches,		
St. John's, Salisbury,	$2 00	
Luther's Chapel	3 00	
		5 00
Total		$66 50

The brethren handed in their parochial reports.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	No. Cong.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	Confirmed.	Rec. by Let.	Communicants.	Burials.	Removed.	Expelled.	S. Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Catechu.	Temp. Soc.	Miss. Soci.
Rev. J. Sherer	4	35		25		198	15			2					
" H. Graeber	2	110	1	46		455	21			2		300			
" Wm. Artz	5	47		27		205	17								
" S. Rothrock	3	45		22		271	13	2					12	1	2
" B. Arey	3														
" P. A. Strobel	4	52		29	2	421	14	8	4	4	20	115		1	3
" E. Hawkins	3	41		8		120	4								
" J. Greever	4	6				105	4						6	2	
" N. Aldrich		2					2								
" Jacob Crim	5	13		11		105	5			2	6	35			
" J. Swicegood	1	3		1			3								
" A. Grimes	3	7		5		6									
Total	38														

The synod adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Fifth Session.

WEDNESAY, *Oct. 7th*, 1840.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Brother Grimes. The committee to whom was recommitted the report of the treasurer of the seminary funds, submitted the following report.

Report No. 7.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report on the accounts of the treasurer of the seminary, submit the following statement.

That the whole amount of funds in the treasurer's hands at this time is $992,20, and that the interest arising therefrom amounts to $81,05, making an aggregate of $1,093,25.

Your committee recommend that the interest above mentioned be paid over to the delegate from the South Carolina synod, now among us, to be paid by him to the treasurer of the seminary appointed by the South Carolina synod.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted. E. HAWKINS, *Chairman.*

The contributions towards the seminary fund were now paid in, which are as follows :

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. Jacob Sherer's churches,	$69 00
" Henry Graeber's "	52 50
" S. Rothrock's "	13 00
" B. Arey's "	24 00
" P. A. Strobel's "	5 00
	$163 50

XI. *Resolved*, That synod proceed to elect a treasurer of the seminary funds, to serve for two years, agreeably with a standing resolution adopted at last synod.

The election resulted in the choice of Mr. Moses L. Brown, the former treasurer, who was re-elected by a unanimous vote.

XII. *Resolved*, That the money collected towards the seminary fund be paid to Rev. S. Rothrock, to be conveyed by him to the treasurer of seminary.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the treasurer of synod, submitted the following statement.

Report No. 8.

The committee on the treasurer's accounts beg leave to report that he has made a mistake in favor of synod and against himself in the sum of $9,95, exemplified thus.

1839, *April* 20.

To amount received from former treasurer	$116 48½	
Contributions from the churches in 1339	69 86½	
		$186 35
1839, *Nov.* 2.		
By cash paid building committee of seminary edifice as per resolution of last synod	$30 00	
July, 1839.		
By cash paid Austin & Fisher for printing minutes	70 00	
April, 1339.		
By cash paid Rev. P. A. Strobel, as per sesolution of synod	7 50	
" " " S. Rothrock, " "	2 05	
" " " A. Grimes, " "	12 50	
Amount paid out		122 35
Leaving a balance in the treasury amounting to		$64 30

This sum appears to have been all that was due to synod. The interest of which from October 14, 1839, to October 3, 1840, is $3 75

To which add principle 64 30

$68 05

Thus we have, as the amount now due the synod $68,05, and not $78 the amount of note, and that therefore the synod is indebted to the former treasurer $9,95, which we recommend to be paid to him.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. HARTER,
Chairman.

Adopted.

XIII. *Resolved*, That the present treasurer pay to his predecessor the sum of $9,95, the balance due in his favor, as shown by report of the committee.

Ordered, That the treasurer of synod pay out the following sums.

To Rev. S. Rothrock, for postage, &c. &c.,	$2 35
" Wm. Artz,	1 00
" A. Grimes, as per resolution of last synod,	12 50
" H. Graeber, travelling expenses to North Carolina synod,	10 00

Brother Grimes having been called upon for an account of his labors during the past year, stated that he had been regularly preaching to three small congregations in Stokes county. Brother Grimes communicated some interesting facts relative to these churches, and expressed the opinion that they might be revived if proper efforts were made. It appearing from Brother Grimes' statement that his congregations contributed but little towards his support, synod adopted the following resolution:

XIV. *Resolved*, That the churches under the care of Brother Grimes' be earnestly reequested to adopt some more efficient measures for his support, as it is entirely inadequate to his comfort.

Brother Crim made some statements relative to the churches in Stokes and other adjoining counties, whereupon it was

XV. *Resolved*, That the churches within the bounds of our synod which have regular pastors, be solicited to permit their pastors to visit our vacant congregations as often as it may be practicable.

Synod took into consideration the condition of our churches in Lincoln county, and after a free interchange of opinion among the brethren, it was

XVI. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the executive committee of the Missionary and Education society, to employ for three months an active missionary to labor in our vacant congregations in Lincoln county.

The President called the attention of synod to a small congregation in the lower part of Rowan county, known as Luther's church, which is destitute of a pastor.

XVII. *Resolved*, That the President of synod be requested to visit said church as frequently as may be convenient.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That the brethren generally visit Jerusalem church in Davie county, North Carolina.

XIX. *Resolved*, That we proceed to elect a director of the Southern Theological Seminary, on the part of this synod, to serve for three years.

The election resulted in the choice of Rev. P. A. Strobel.

XX. *Resolved*, That some minister belonging to this body be ap-

pointed to preach upon the following subjects at next meeting of our synod. 1. Sabbath schools. 2. On revivals. 3. Temperance. 4. Church government and discipline.

The following appointments were consequently made:

Sabbath schools, Rev. H. Graeber. Revivals, Rev. E. Hawkins. Temperance, Rev. S. Rothrock. Church government and discipline, Rev. Wm. Artz.

XXI. *Resolved*, As the deliberate opinion of this synod that it is altogether inconsistent with a Christian profession, for members of the church to give or attend shooting matches and frolicks. And whenever any persons in connexion with our churches are guilty of such conduct, they shall be reproved or admonished by the church council or pastor, and should such admonition not have its desired effect, the person or persons so offending, shall be suspended or expelled from the church.

An election was held for delegates to the general synod. Rev. Messrs. Artz, Hawkins and Strobel were chosen.

XXII. *Resolved*, That we will dispense with the election of lay delegates to the general synod, inasmuch as it appears impracticable for any of them to attend.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That we will dispense with the election of a delegate to the German Reformed Classis *at this meeting*, inasmuch as no delegate from that body has attended our synod, and we have received no communication from them.

An election was held for a delegate to the South Carolina synod, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Wm. Artz, and P. A. Strobel as his alternate.

The committee appointed to revise the constitution of synod submitted a number of amendments and additions, all of which were adopted, whereupon it was

XXIV. *Resolved*, That the constitution as now altered and amended, be printed and appended to the minutes. (See Appendix B.)

XXV. *Resolved*, That the Book Company be requested to establish a depository, within the bounds of our synod, and appoint an agent for the sale of their publications.

Synod went into an election for the place of our next synodical meeting, which resulted in favor of St. Peter's church, Wythe county, Va.

XXVI. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of our synod be held in St. Peter's church, Wythe county, Va. Commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1841. That the synodical sermon

be preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that synod be organized immediately afterwards.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That 1,000 copies of our Minutes be printed, and that the Secretary superintend the printing and distribution.

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod be requested to communicate to our friends and brethren in this neighborhood, our unfeigned thanks for their hospitality, and the unremitted care and attention which they have manifested for our comfort, during our stay in their midst.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That Synod now terminate its sessions.—Closed with singing and prayer by the President.

PHILIP A. STROBEL, *Secr'y.*

PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

MINISTERIUM.

First Session.

MONDAY MORNING, *Oct.* 3, 9 *o'clock.*

The ministerium was opened with prayer.

The president stated that he had convened the ministerium in order to call their attention to the case of Rev. J. D. Sheck, who had removed within the bounds of our synod, and become pastor of churches under our care, and that he had neither communicated with the president on the subject, nor attached himself to our synod. He stated that he had invited Mr. S. to attend this meeting of the ministerium, and that he promised to do so. Mr. Sheck did not attend.

After some conversation among the brethren it was

Resolved, That the president request Rev. J. D. Sheck to attend the next meeting of the ministerium, and assign his reasons for not attaching himself to our synod.

The hour for the meeting of synod having arrived, it was

Resolved, That the ministerium now adjourn to meet this afternoon after the adjournment of the missionary society.

Second Session.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The ministerium met and was opened with prayer by the President. Brother Sheck being present, the President communicated to him the resolution which was adopted at the morning session. Brother S. stated that he had not connected himself with our synod for two reasons; first, because he could discover no clause in our constitution specially requiring it; and secondly, because he was undetermined as to the length of time that he would remain within the bounds of our Synod. Such being the case, he did not wish

to disconnect himself from the Synod to which he had belonged, and attach himself to another, perhaps only for one year.

The Ministerium having heard brother S's reasons, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we accept the reasons, which brother Sheck has assigned for not having joined our Synod heretofore—but it is understood that he be required to do so; provided he accepts a Pastoral charge within our bounds during the present Synodical year.

Resolved, That a committee of *three* be appointed to examine the sermons and Journals of the licentiates, and report at next meeting.

Committee, Rev. Messrs. Graeber, Artz, and Hawkins.

Resolved, That the Ministerium adjourn to meet to-morrow evening at candle light.

Third Session.

TUESDAY EVENING, *Oct.* 6th 1840.

Ministerium met according to appointment and was opened with prayer by the President.

The committee appointed to examine the sermons and Journals of the Licentiates, made the following

Report.

That they have examined the sermons and journals of brothers Aldrich, Sherer, and Greever, and are gratified to learn that they are indicative of a spirit of vital piety and biblical knowledge. They also manifest a laudable degree of care and attention to their compositions.

From their journals we learn, that they have been actively engaged, in the service of our Divine Master—assiduous in their application to study and persevering in the discharge of the duties connected with the gospel ministry.

HENRY GRAEBER,
WILLIAM ARTZ,
ELIJAH HAWKINS.
Committee.

Adopted

Resolved, That we proceed to examine the licentiates under the care of our synod, and that the President conduct the examination.

In accordance with this resolution the President proceeded to examine Messrs. Greeber, Aldrich, Swicegood, Sherer, Crim and Grimes. The examination was continued for nearly two hours, by the other members of the ministerium.

The licentiates were requested to withdraw.

After a free consultation among the members of the ministerium, it was

Resolved, That the licenses of Rev. Messrs. Greever, Aldrich, Swicegood, Crim, Sherer, and Grimes, be renewed for one year.

Resolved, That the petition from Bethlehem church, Strokes Co. N. C. praying for a continuation of Rev. A. Grime's services during another year, be granted.

Resolved, That a similar petition for the licensure and services of Rev. J. Greever, from Burke's Garden, Sharon, and St. John's churches, Wythe Co. Va., be also granted.

Resolved, That the petition from Rev. Jacob Sherer's churches, in relation to Rev. G. Sherer, be granted.

Resolved, That the petition in behalf of Rev. John Swicegood, be granted.

Resolved, That the President be requested, to enjoin upon all the licentiates, the importance of being diligent in the prosecution of their studies, and that he especially direct their attention to the duty of writing compositions.

After prayer by brother Haltiwanger, the ministerium adjourned.

PHILIP A. STROBEL, *Secr'y.*

APPENDIX. (A.)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Beloved Brethren:

Peace be multiplied unto you, and grace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Agreeably to a resolution of our last synod, we are convened at this place, for the purpose of holding familiar conversation with each other concerning the interests of the church of Christ, now militant on earth, and the best means of preserving the purity and promoting the welfare of that portion of it to which we belong. This is a work of vast importance. The angels of God desire to look into it; they regard it with deep interest for its success. For the redemption of human souls and to purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, the Lord of Glory himself

> "Did heavenly bliss forego,
> For souls which must forever live
> In raptures, or in woe.

How earnest, then, and how much engaged should we be who have the honor of being admitted into so much of the apostolic office as to preach the word of God, to be ambassadors for Christ, as though God did by us, and we in Christ's stead, beseech a lost and perishing world to be reconciled to him?

When, therefore, beloved brethren of the laity, we come to you in the name of Christ and preach his word, you should receive it, not as the word of men, but as it is, in truth, the word of God, which is able to make you wise unto salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ; ever keeping in mind what our great master said to his immediate apostles, and through them to all who should succeed them in the ministry of the the gospel: "He that heareth you, heareth me, and he that despiseth you despiseth him that sent me," Luke x. 16. You should, therefore, take heed how you hear. When we call upon you, in the name of Christ, to repent of your sins, and to believe the gospel, and to live in the con-

stant use of the means which he has appointed, by which you may obtain grace and salvation from him, it is Christ himself who requires you to do these things. We are but instruments in his hands—his messengers to you.

Nor does your duty stop here. You are not only required to listen to, and obey the instructions of your spiritual guides—those who labor among you in word and in doctrine, but also to provide for their just and reasonable support. The minister of the gospel has a right to expect a support from those who call upon him for his time and talents, and who share his labors in spiritual things. God has made it a duty incumbent on them, and they cannot neglect it without sin. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things," says the inspired apostle Paul, "is it a good thing if we shall reap your carnal things? Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. ix. 11, 14.

During the past synodical year, our ministers have felt more than ever the responsibility of their office, and have labored faithfully in the Master's work. The church is increasing; her institutions flourishing, and her prospects brightening.

Several special conferences have been held by the brethren in different portions of the church. The people, generally, are exceedingly anxious to have these meetings held among them, and as far as I have ascertained, the effects have been generally good. Those who love the gospel rejoice to have such special seasons for preaching and praying in the church to which they are attached, and more invitations are given to the brethren than they can, consistently with their duties at home, accept. Could they be held more frequently, evidences of improvement and of the blessing of God upon the church, would be every where more visible and cheering among us.

Four houses of worship were dedicated to the service of Almighty God, within the bounds of this synod: namely, St. Enoch's church and Luther's chapel, in Rowan county; St. Paul's church, Orange county, all of which are in this State; and St. Peter's church, Wythe county, Virginia. On these occasions the brethren assisted each other. The churches, which are sufficiently large, were by far too small to contain all the people who attended these solemnities. I attended two of these consecrations, and from the deep attention and seriousness which prevailed, it may be fondly hoped that many good and permanent impressions were made.

Since our last meeting, I received three applications by letters, for license to preach the gospel and to administer the ordinances of the

Christian religion; one from Mr. John Greever, student of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary; another from Mr. N. Aldrich, student of divinity of the Episcopal church at Bristol College, Pennsylvania; and a third from Mr. Gideon Scherer, student of the Theological Seminary at Lexington South Carolina. The letters to me contained highly favorable recommendations of the piety and talents of these gentlemen, in consequence of which I appointed examining committees of ordained brethren, who after satisfactory examination into their qualifications for the sacred office of the gospel ministry, supplied them with the desired license, until the present meeting of synod. These young men have since been industriously engaged in the Master's work. There is still room for gospel laborers among us, and ample space for "Zion to break forth on the right hand and on the left." Let us, therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his vineyard.

These are the principal events relative to the condition and affairs of our beloved Zion, since we last met, which appeared to me worthy of your notice. May the Lord Jesus; the wonderful counsellor; the Prince of peace; the mighty God, be present with us on this occasion, according to his gracious promise "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." May he guide and assist us in every thing in which we may be engaged for the good and welfare of his church on earth. May he at all times prosper us and our labors of love, and to his name, even to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor, praise and glory from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

WILLIAM ARTZ, *President.*

APPENDIX. (B.)

CONSTITUTION

FOR THE MEMBERS COMPOSING THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

SECTION I.

Of the Synod.

Art. 1. It was found necessary and profitable in the primitive church, to have an occasional meeting of different individual churches, for the purpose of consultation and mutual encouragement, in preserving their purity and promoting their welfare. This apostolical custom is retained in the Lutheran Church, under the name of synod, or Conference.

Art. 2. A synod consists of all the ministers, licensed candidates, and lay delegates duly authorised to represent the congregations within their respective districts.

Art. 3. No minister or licensed candidate is entitled to more than one lay delegate, and if a lay delegate be present from a district, from which there is no minister present in the synod, he shall have equal privileges with the other lay delegates.

Art. 4. It is the duty of this synod to see that the rules of government and discipline prescribed in the Formula, are observed by all the congregations and ministers within its bounds; if deemed practicable, to receive appeals from decisions of church councils, and of special conferences when regularly brought before them; and review and reverse or confirm the decisions to which they refer; to examine and decide on all charges against ministers and licentiates, that of heterodoxy alone excepted; to attend to any business relating to their churches, which is regularly brought before them; to provide supplies for destitute congregations, and to devise and execute suitable measures for the promotion of piety and the general prosperity of the church, not otherwise disposed of in the formula.

Art. 5. To this end the synod and ministerium shall have power to cite any church members within their bounds to appear before them; and to endeavor to obtain other witnesses, when the case may require it.

Art. 6. If any congregation, in connexion with this Synod should refuse to observe the provisions of its Constitution or of the Formula, (see Art. 4,) it shall be excluded from connexion with said Synod during the time of its refusal; nor shall any Minister or Licentiate belonging to the Synod, take charge of it without special permission of the President; provided, however, that the charter of any congregation shall take precedence, *if that charter be not in violation of the spirit of our Discipline.*

Art. 7. Any Congregation, situated within the bounds of this Synod, may become connected with it, by acceding to the provisions of its Constitution, and making some annual contribution towards defraying the expenses of said Synod. For this purpose an annual collection ought to be held in each congregation.

Art. 8. At least one meeting of the Synod shall be held every year, at such time and place as may be determined on by said Synod.

Art. 9. No minister or licentiate shall be absent from the meeting of the Synod without the most urgent necessity. In case of his absence, he shall, if possible send to the synod a written apology for his absence. Voluntary ministerial engagements shall not be regarded as a sufficient excuse. Any minister or licentiate violating the provisions of this article, shall be called to account by the President at the next meeting.

Art. 10. These written apologies, as well as all other letters and papers intended for the synod or ministerium, ought to be addressed to the President.

Art. 11. The minister of the place in which the synod is held, with the church council shall endeavor to provide for the entertainment of the ministers, candidates and lay delegates by Christian friends.

Art. 12. All the members of the synod shall endeavor to assemble on the evening preceding the day appointed.

Art. 13. Divine worship shall be celebrated, during the meeting of the synod, as often as may be convenient, and consistent with the business of the synod.

Art. 14. Ministerial delegates from other Lutheran synods, shall be entitled to have a seat and vote, and to partake in all our synodical transactions.

Art. 15. Ministers of good standing in other ecclesiastical bodies, or in any sister churches, who may happen to be present, or who appear

as delegates from said bodies, may be received as advisory members, but cannot vote in any decisions of the synod.

SECTION II.

Officers of the Synod.

Art. 1. The officers of the synod shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Art. 2. All these officers shall be chosen annually by ballot, the President and Secretary from among the ordained ministers regularly belonging to the synod, the Treasurer may be elected from among any of the lay members belonging to our churches. The President and Secretary are also the officers of the ministerium.

Art. 3. The President and Secretary shall not be eligible for more than three successive years, but the Treasurer may be eligible for a longer time.

PRESIDENT.

Art 4. The President if practicable, or any ordained minister whom he may request, shall deliver a synodical discourse at the meeting of every synod: and he shall, in connexion with the pastor of the place, appoint the other individuals who are to preach during the session.

Art. 5. He shall at the beginning of every synod, make a written report of all the official business transacted, and letters received by him, since the last meeting, and of all the important events which have occurred relating to the synod, and may recommend for their consideration, such measures as he may deem necessary, or calculated to promote the cause of God. This report shall be laid on the table, and dealt with as with all other papers coming before the body.

Art. 6. He presides at all meetings of the synod and ministerium.

Art. 7. The President has a right to take a part in the discussions as well as the other members. When the House is equally divided on any question, he has the casting vote. In all other cases he has no suffrage, except when an election is held by ballot, and then he has not the casting vote.

Art. 8. The President shall preserve order, not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, secure to each person liberty to speak without interruption from others, and shall prevent the speaker from deviating from the subject before the house.

Art. 9. The President shall take care that each subject be duly considered, before a decision be made. He shall distinctly rehearse each motion, when no one has any further observations to offer, and take the votes of the house on the same.

Art. 10. When the votes are called for, they are to be given by ayes and nays, and no further observations are then admissible.

Art. 11. The President has the appointment of all committees which are not to be elected by ballot, or otherwise; and every motion for the formation of a committee shall specify in what way it is to be formed.

Art. 12. It is an important part of his duty to give counsel to every member of the synod, when he deems it expedient, and particularly to admonish and advise every erring brother. If accusation has been lodged against any member of this body, according to chapter 3d, and section 5th of the formula, it shall be his duty to call upon the individual to relieve his character from said imputation, before the synod or ministerium.

Art. 13. Should the President remove from the limit of the synod or depart this life, then the Secretary shall succeed him and discharge the duties of the President until the next synod.

SECRETARY.

Art. 14. The Secretary shall keep a faithful and accurate account of all the proceedings of the synod and ministerium; carefully preserve all the papers, the seal, &c., of the synod subject to its direction, and shall do all the official writing of the synod not otherwise provided for.

Art. 15. He is to keep a register of the names of all the ministers and licentiates, arranged according to their age in office, and also of the congregations, whether vacant or not, connected with the synod.

Art. 16. If the accumulation of business should render it necessary the President may appoint an assistant Secretary, whose office shall expire at the close of the session of the synod.

Art. 17. If in the recess of the synod, the Secretary should remove into the bounds of another synod, or depart this life, the President shall require the archives, the seal and all other property of the synod, to be delivered to him, and shall retain the charge of them until the next session of synod, when he shall appoint a secretary pro tem.

Art. 18. Unless the archives are otherwise disposed of by the synod, they shall be in the charge and custody of the Secretary. Any minister or delegate of a congregation connected with said synod, shall have free access to them; but no part of them shall be allowed to be taken away or destroyed.

TREASURER.

Art. 19. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the monies belonging to the synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall give bond and security in such sum as the synod may direct, he shall

keep, and present at each annual meeting a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

Art. 20. An order from the President, attested by the Secretary, on the Treasurer, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay the money out of the Treasury.

Art. 21. Should the Treasurer, during the recess of the synod, remove out of its bounds, or be removed by death, he shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to said synod all the monies, certificates, bonds, and documents in his hands belonging to it, at its next annual session.

SECTION III.

Other members of the Synod.

Art. 1. It is the sacred duty of every ordained minister, licentiate, and lay delegate of this synod to observe the provisions of this constitution.

Art. 2. It is recommended to every ordained minister and licentiate, to aid in circulating among the members of his charge, the books proposed by said synod for use.

Art. 3. No minister or licentiate shall interfere with the congregations of another, by preaching or performing other ministerial duties in them, except by his request or consent, if present; nor in his absence, if he have reason to think that any evil would result to said church. The charter of any congregation shall in this, as well as in all other cases, have the precedence, according to section 1st, article 6th.

Art. 4. Any minister or licentiate in good standing, who removes from the bounds of this synod into those of another, shall on application to the President, receive a certificate under his signature of his honorable dismission.

Art. 5. Whenever a minister moves within the bounds of this synod and takes charge of congregations under our care, he shall immediately notify the President of the fact, and he shall likewise connect himself with our synod at its next session.

Art. 6. Every ordained minister has the right to leave his charge and remove to another whenever he believes it is his duty to do so; yet he must give the President and his congregations notice thereof, eight weeks before the time of his intended removal.

Art. 7. A licensed candidate shall have the liberty to visit vacant congregations, either upon receiving an invitation from them, or upon the advice of the synod or President.

Art. 8. After a licentiate has a stated charge, he shall be restricted to it, and shall not resign it without the consent of the ministerium, or in its recess, of the President.

Art. 9, A licentiate has power to perform all the ministerial functions during the time specified in his license.

Art. 10. In addition to the obligations of ministers, specified in chapter 3, section 1st of the formula, it is the duty of licentiates particularly, to devote all their leisure time to their personal improvement, and knowledge, and grace; to receive counsel from the President, and apply to him for advice in cases of difficulty.

Art. 11. Every licentiate must keep a general journal of his ministerial acts, which with a few sermons of his own composition, he must deliver, or send annually for the inspection of the ministerium.

**Art.* 12. If any congregation in connexion with this synod, shall without our consent, employ as its pastor, a minister, who has been expelled from any regular ecclesiastical body, or who is not acknowle ged by this synod, said congregation shall be excluded from our connexion.

**Art.* 13. Any licentiate coming from the bounds of another Lutheran synod, shall, upon presenting a letter of dismissal, be received as a member of our synod, and his license shall be regarded as valid.

LAY DELEGATES.

Art. 14. Each lay delegate, entitled to a seat by this constitution, shall have equal rights with the ministers in all business belonging to the synod; that is, may take part in the debates, offer resolutions, and vote on all synodical questions.

SECTION IV.

Order of Business.

It is recommended that the transactions of the synod be conducted as follows:

Art. 1. At the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall assemble, and if two ordained ministers, one licentiate and three lay delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 2. The President shall open the first session by prayer after the brethren have unitedly sung a hymn. And every session of the synod and ministerium shall be opened and closed with prayer. In the absence of the President, the first prayer shall be made by the Secretary, and if he also be absent, by one of the elder ministers present.

Art. 3. After prayer the Secretary shall call the names of all the ordained ministers and licentiates belonging to the synod, and note the absentees.

*Art.*4. The lay delegates shall then exhibit the certificate of their appointment, and their names be registered by the Secretary, as members of the synod.

* New articles.

Art. 5. The President shall make his report according to section 2d, article 5th, of this constitution, as the last official act of his office, and then inform the members, that

Art. 6. The election of officers for the ensuing year is now to be attended to.

Art 7. A dismission of delegates or ministers from other ecclesiastical bodies, according to section 1, articles 14, 15.

Art. 8. The minutes of the last synod may be read.

Art. 9. All papers intended for the synod or ministerium are to be handed in, and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before the synod.

Art. 10. The Secretary shall then number the papers as arranged by the President, after which they shall be taken up and discussed before the whole house in numerical order, or be first referred to committees, as the house may direct. The reports of committees may be heard and acted on at any time, and the intervals be filled up by the succeeding items.

Art. 11. Each minister shall be called on by the Secretary, for the record of persons baptized and confirmed, as well as of the regular communing members belonging to his churches, as also the number of schools.

Art. 12. The Treasurer's account shall be heard.

Art. 13. The number of vacant congregations be inquired into, and provision made for them

Art. 14. Promiscuous business.

Art. 15. Election of delegates to ecclesiastical bodies, and of directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

Art. 16. Choice of the time and place for the next meeting of synod.

Art. 17. Dismission of the synod, and annunciation of the time of the ministerial session.

Art. 18. Should the President or Secretary be absent at the proper time for opening a session, the members present may elect others pro tempore.

SECTION V.

Process against a Minister.

Art. 1. As the honor and success of the gospel depend very much on the character of its ministers, the synod ought to guard with the utmost care and impartiality the conduct of its members.

Art. 2. All Christians should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an ill report of any man, and especially of a minister of the

gospel; if any man knows a minister to be guilty of a private censurable fault, he should warn him in private. If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the church council, who shall proceed as specified in Chapter 3, paragraph 5, of the Formula.

Art. 3. If accusation be lodged according to Chapter 3, § 5 of said Formula, with the President, within four months of the time of the next synodical meeting, he shall defer the matter to said meeting; yet, if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental errors in doctrine, or a higher crime, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties, until his case is decided. If such accusation is lodged with the President at an earlier date, he shall, if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental error in doctrine, or higher crime, immediately give notice to all the members of the synod, to which the accused belongs, to meet, without delay, at a suitable place, and institute a formal investigation of the case, according to the principles of the Formula. The President shall immediately fix the time and place of the meeting, and give at least fifteen days notice of the same to each minister in the synod, and also to the parties concerned.

Art. 4. The President shall appoint a Committee of three ordained ministers, and shall fix the time and place of their meeting, and give all the notice as above required.

Art. 5. A Committee of three ordained ministers thus appointed, shall have power to proceed, and hold a fair and impartial investigation of the case, and to take all such measures as may be just and necessary, to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Art. 6. If the accused confess, and the matter be base and flagitious, such as are specified in Article 3, of this section, however penitent he may be, he must immediately be suspended from the exercise of his office, and, if thought expedient, a time appointed for him publicly to confess to the congregation his guilt and penitence.

Art. 7. If a minister accused of atrocious crimes, being duly notified, refuses to attend the investigation, he shall still be immediately suspended from office.

Art. 8 If the accused deny the charge, and yet on examination of the evidences is found guilty, the synod or committee shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence on him.

Art. 9. The highest punishment which can be inflicted by a Committee appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported to the next meeting of the synod, and remains in force until reversed by the synod or ministerium, as the case may be.

Art 10. Any minister intending to appeal from decision of a Committee, shall give notice of it to his accusers within three weeks after the time when the decision was made;—that both parties may be prepared for a new trial.

Art. 11. If at any time, accusation be lodged with the President, according to Chapter 3d, paragraph 5th of the Formula, for a less crime than those above specified in Article the 3d, of this section, he shall take no other steps in the case, than to write a letter to the accused and the accusers, exhorting them to mutual forbearance and referring them to the next synod.

Art. 12. If accusation against a minister be made immediately to the synod, and the synod believe themselves in possession of all the evidence necessary to a just decision, the case may be immediately examined and sentence passed. But if the necessary evidence be not before them, and the crime be such as is specified in Article 3d of this section, they shall appoint a meeting of a Committee, who shall proceed as above specified.

Art. 13. If a minister be found guilty of drunkenness, fundamental heresy, lewdness, or higher crimes, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed until after some time of penitent, humble and edifying conduct. And he cannot be restored by any other judicatory than the synod or ministerium, if his case was one of fundamental heresy.

SECTION VI.

Vacant Congregations.

Art. 1. Vacant congregations which cannot be immediately supplied with a minister, are advised to assemble on the Lord's day, to select some member of the church, of suitable capacity and character, to conduct the exercises and engage in the worship of God.

Art. 2. It is also recommended, that at these meetings, a portion of the scriptures, and of the prayers contained in the Liturgy, or some select sermons, such as are approved by the President of the synod, be read.

SECTION VII.

Of Missions.

As the blessed Saviour left to his followers the command, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," Math. xxviii., 19, 20, the synod shall regard it as a sacred duty to adopt, from time to time, such measures as they may deem best calculated to execute this solemn injunction.

SECTION VIII.

Election of Delegates and Directors.

The election of delegates to ecclesiastical bodies, and Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, may be held by ballot, and a licensed candidate shall not be eligible to either of these offices.

SECTION IX.

Special Conferences.

Art. 1. It is earnestly recommended that special conferences be held within the bounds of this synod, on a week day or Sabbath.

Art. 2. It is desirable that a conference be held each year. It ought to last two days, and the chief business to be performed at the same, is to awaken sinners, and to edify believers by close practical preaching.

Art. 3. The state of religion in the churches ought to be enquired into, and at least an hour be spent by the conference alone in conversation, on subjects relating to pastoral experience.

Art. 4. These conferences ought to be held alternately, in some congregation of each minister, and licentiate belonging to the synod.

Art. 5. Special conferences may give their advice on any business of congregations which is referred to them; but no conference shall, under any pretext whatever, perform any business connected with the licensure or ordination of candidates for the ministry.

Art. 6. Lay delegates may also be sent to these conferences, under the same regulations as to the synod, if it is thought advisable by the synod.

SECTION X.

Ministerial Session.

Art. 1. The clergy shall then hold a meeting consisting exclusively of scripture elders, that is, preachers* for the purpose of attending to those duties which Christ and his apostles enjoined upon them alone, viz., examination, licensure, and ordination of candidates for the ministry. This meeting is called the ministerium or Presbytery,† by which in scripture, is meant ministers alone.

Art. 2. Licensed candidates may be present at the ministerial meeting, unless requested to withdraw, and may take part in the discussions but have no vote.

Art. 3. The ministerium shall also be the proper body, by whom all charges of heresy against a minister, are to be examined and decided; as also all appeals from the decision of a church council, on a charge of heresy against a layman.

* Acts xx., 17, 28. † 1 Tim. iv. 14.

Art. 4. When ordained ministers of other religious denominations, make application for admission into connexion with this synod, the ministerium shall be the body to decide on the case.

Art. 5. Two-thirds of the ordained ministers shall be required, either for the licensure of an applicant as well as the renewal of his license, or the ordination of a licensed candidate, or the admission of an ordained minister of another denomination. The question relative to the ordination, licensure, or admission of a minister, by the ministerium, shall always be determined by ballot.

Art. 6. No minister or licentiate, coming from a foreign country shall be received as a member of this synod, until after a residence of two years in this country and unexceptionable deportment during that time. Excepting only, that if an ordained minister comes well recommended for piety and learning, by a consistorium, or a number of individuals, known to the ministerium, as orthodox and evangelical, and if the ministerium believe they can safely confide in the testimonials, they may receive him for twelve months, after which the vote for his permanent reception, as a regular member shall be taken, and the case decided according to article 5, of this section.

Art. 7. All business not specifically entrusted to the ministerium in this constitution, shall belong to the synod.

Art. 8. The order of business of the ministerium may be as follows:

1. After the session has been opened with prayer, the President shall communicate any business which he may have to report, or propose.

2. The licentiates shall hand in their licenses, sermons, and journals, which may be read by the licentiates, before the whole body. If want of time renders this inconvenient, committees ought then to be appointed to examine and report on them.

3. Applicants for licensure are examined.

4. After the examination of the applicants, and of the sermons and journals of licentiates, the applicants and licentiates may be desired to withdraw, and the question of their licensure, or renewal of license, or ordination, be discussed and decided.

5. The licensure and ordination may be performed, either in the ministerium, or at an appointed hour before a promiscuous assembly.

6. Promiscuous matters relative to ministerial business may then be attended to.

7. Some time shall then be spent in conversation on pastoral experience.

8. The session closed as directed, section iv., article 2.

SECTION XI.

Examination and Licensure of Candidates.

Art. 1. The examination shall be conducted by a committee of two or more ordained ministers appointed for the purpose at the time. As these examinations may be interesting and useful to the whole ministerium, it is recommended that they be performed before the whole body.

Art. 2. After the examination by the committee, every member of the ministerium has a right to ask the applicant any additional questions.

Art. 3. The examination ought to embrace the following subjects: viz. personal piety, and the motives of the applicant for seeking the holy office, the Greek and Hebrew scriptures, the evidences of Christianity, natural and revealed theology, church history, pastoral theology, the rules of sermonizing, and church government.

Art. 4. During the recess of the synod, the President may extend license to candidates who may come well recommended, and whom on proper examination he may deem qualified to discharge the duties of the ministry. Provided, however, that the extension of license in such case be not in conflict with the provision of article vi., section 10.

Art. 5. The ceremony of licensure shall be performed as follows: viz. an address from the President as prescribed in the Liturgy; he shall read the duties and privileges of the licentiate, and then propose to him the following questions:

1. Do you believe the scriptures of the Old and New testament to contain the word of God, and that it is the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2. Do you believe that the fundamental doctrines of the word of God are taught in a manner substantially correct, in the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession.

3. Do you promise, by the aid of God, faithfully to perform the duties of a Christian minister, and to submit yourself to the rules of government and discipline of this body, so long as you remain a member of it?

Art. 6. These questions being answered in the affirmative, the President offers up a suitable prayer, delivers him his license, and concludes with a short address as directed in the Liturgy.

Art. 7. All licenses shall extend to the time of the next annual meeting of the ministerium, and shall be renewed as a matter of course, whether the licentiate be present or not, unless satisfactory reasons are known to the ministerium, which render a renewal inexpedient. And if for any reason, no meeting be held at the appointed time, the licenses granted by said ministerium shall remain in force, until revoked at a subsequent meeting.

Art. 8. If a licentiate after some time of probation, does in the judgment of the ministerium, prove himself unqualified for the duties of the ministry, his license shall be withdrawn.

SECTION XII.

Ordination.

Art. 1. Whenever the ministerium has decided that an individual shall be ordained, the ceremony shall be performed at the time and place where the decision has been made; it shall be performed in public, and if practicable, on the Lord's day.

Art. 2. The ceremony of ordination, wherever performed, shall be as follows:

1. A sermon ought to be preached by a person previously appointed, on the nature, duties, and responsibilites of the ministerial office.

2. The President of the synod and ministerium, or a committee appointed by him, shall then, after a short address, such as is contained in the Liturgy, propose to the candidate the following questions:

1. Do you believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to contain the word of God, and that it is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. Do you believe that the fundamental doctrines of the word of God, are taught, in a manner substantially correct, in the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession.

3. Do you promise, by the aid of God, faithfully to perform all the duties enjoined on you as a Christian minister, and to submit yourself to the rules of government and discipline of this body, so long as you remain a member of it?

4. Do you believe that in seeking the duties of the ministerial office, you are influenced by a sincere love to God your Saviour, and desire to promote his glory in the welfare of men?

5. Do you promise faithfully and zealously to preach the truths of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as contained in the holy scriptures?

Art. 3. These questions being answered in the affirmative, the candidate shall kneel down, when the President or presiding minister, shall ordain him after the apostolical example, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the ministry, i. e. Presbytery. The candidate shall then rise, and the officiating minister, and after him the ordained ministers present, shall take him by the right hand, and welcome him to take part in the ministry with them. The ceremonies may then be concluded by the benediction.

Art. 4. This constitution can be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the synod, by consent of two-thirds of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

October 5, 1840, 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

Pursuant to adjournment at its last meeting, the Missionary and Education Society connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, met and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. G. Harter. After having explained the object of the society, the President invited all those who had pai ', and who were willing to pay, 50 cents, to come forward and have their names enrolled as members of the society. A goodly number came forward and contributed the amount necessary to constitute membership, and took their seats.

The society then proceeded to elect, by ballot, the officers for the ensuing year. The following persons were elected:

Rev. P. A. Strobel, *President,*

" E. Hawkins, *Secretary,*

Mathias Barrier, Esq., *Treasurer.*

The Rev. S. Rothrock presented to the President a document purporting to be a minute of an extra meeting of the society, held at St, Enoch's church in Rowan county, N. C., September 9th, 1839.

1. *Resolved,* That the President appoint a committee of three to examine and report the contents of the document presented to the society. The committee appointed—Rev. Wm. Artz, Rev. Henry Graeber, and Mr. Jacob Brown.

2. *Resolved,* That the President appoint six directors for the ensuing year. Directors appointed—Rev. B. Arey, Rev. J. Crim, Mr. A, Rickert, J. Lentz, H. Keim, and J. Groseclose.

3. *Resolved,* That the society adjourn until to-morrow 10 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. Wm, Artz.

Second Session.

Tuesday, one o'clock, the society met agreeably to adjournment and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Greever.

Report No. 1.

The executive committee of the Education and Missionary Society, would respectfully report, that since the last annual meeting they have examined two applicants for assistance from the funds of this society, Messrs. Krimminger and Fink. Your

committee, believing that they are men of natural talents, hopeful piety, and promising to become useful in the work of the Lord, afforded them some pecuniary aid.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GRAEBER, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Report No. 2.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Education and Missionary Society, for the purpose of revising its constitution, beg leave to report, that they have discharged their duty, and are prepared to present the manuscript to the society. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GRAEBER, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

The revised constitution was then read, and after mature deliberation adopted. (See constitution.)

Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. H. Graeber, and M. Barrier, Esq. were now introduced as officers of auxiliary societies, and invited to seats as ex-officio members.

Report, No. 3.

On the minutes of the extra meeting.

Your committee beg leave to report, that the paper handed to them is a minute of an extra meeting of the Missionary and Education Society of the evangelical Lutheran synod of North Carolina held in St. Enoch's church Rowan Co. Sept. 9, 1839, from which it appears that a respectable number of members was present. The Rev. P. A. Stroble reported several congregational Education and Missionary societies as auxiliaries to the synodical society. The sum of $7,25 cents was paid into the Treasury by the society at Cold Water church, and by several benevolent individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ARTZ, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to examine the Treasurer's accounts. Committee, Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. G. Haltiwanger, and Rev. H. Graeber.

Report No. 4.

The committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported, that his accounts are correct. Adopted.

Report of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer of the Education and Missionary Society in account current with the society.

To cash received at the last annual meeting of the society,		$113,07
	Interest on the above to 9th of Sept. 1840,	2,54
" "	at the extra meeting	7,25
" "	on the 10th September, 1840,	9,45½
" "	interest on the above till paid out,	1,31
	Total	133,62½

To cash paid out, Nov. 21st 1839,	
" " Mr. W. H. Fink, by order of the ex-committee as per note, *December* 19th, 1839.	$65,00
To cash paid Mr. J. Krimminger, by order of the ex-committee as per note	$60,00
Amount paid out	$125,00
Balance in treasury,	$8,62½

MATHIAS BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

Moneys Collected.

Rev. P. A. Strobel's Churches.

Missionary society of Cold Water church,	$12 87½	
" St. Stephens' "	6 35	
" St. Enoch's "	10 25	
Collected at Bear Creek "	52½	
		$70 00

Rev. H. Graeber's Churches.

Missionary society of Organ church,	$10 00	
" St. John's church,	15 87½	
		$25 87½

Rev. S. Rothrock's Churches.

Missionary society of Union church,	$22 25	
" St. Paul's church,	7 41	
		$29 66

Rev. B. Arey's churches.

Collection at St. Michael's church	$7 56½	
Amount received on yesterday,	17 75	
		$25 31½
Amount in treasury,		$104 96½

5. *Resolved*, That the President appoint a minister to preach on the subject of education and missions at the next annual meeting of the society, and that the sermon be the second preached on Sabbath.

Rev. Wm. Artz was appointed, and Rev. H. Graeber his alternate.

6. *Resolved*, That the next annual meeting of the society be held at the time and place of the meeting of synod, and that the society meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

7. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the society be voted to the Rev. Secretary, E. Hawkins, for the appropriate sermon, preached by him on Sabbath.

8. *Resolved*, That an extract from the proceedings of this meeting be printed with the minutes of synod.

9. *Resolved*, That the society now adjourn.

Closed with the benediction.

ELIJAH HAWKINS, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Art, 1. *Name.* This society shall be called "The Parent Missionary and Education Society" of the members composing the evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, and adjacent parts, and shall meet annually at such time and place, as the members may appoint.

Art. 2. *Object.* The object of this society is twofold; first, to send the gospel to destitute sections, within the bounds of the North Carolina synod; second, to afford assistance to indigent pious young men, who are preparing for the gospel ministry.

Art. 3. The officers of this society shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot.

Art. 4. The president shall appoint, annually, six directors, and an executive committee of three, which committee shall be authorised to employ a missionary or missionaries, and examine all applicants for pecuniary aid. An order from two of this committee, attested by one of the directors, on the treasurer, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay a missionary his salary, or a beneficiary his allowance.

Art. 5. Every missionary employed by the society shall keep a regular journal of his labors, together with an account of all receipts, and report the same to the executive committee, who shall report to the society at its annual meeting.

Art. 6. No missionary employed by this society shall receive a sum exceeding twenty-five dollars per month as a compensation for his services, and no student shall be allowed more than $100 per annum.

Art. 7. The treasurer shall give bond and security in such sum as the executive committee shall direct, and hand in, at the annual meeting, a written statement of his accounts for examination.

Art. 8. Whenever a beneficiary receives aid from this society, he shall give his note for the amount (without interest) and if he be unable to refund the money, it shall be a gift, *provided*, the evangelical Lutheran church receives the benefit of his ministerial labors.

Art. 9. Nine members shall constitute a quorum, who may transact any business belonging to the society.

Art. 10. Every person who subscribes and pays the sum of 50 cents or more annually shall be considered a member.

Art. 11. Congressional societies, adopting the leading features of this constitution, and contributing to the funds of this society, will be regarded as auxiliaries, and their officers shall be ex officio members.

Art. 12. Any person who pays the sum of ten dollars at one time shall be considered a member for life. Any person who pays the sum of twenty dollars, at one time, shall be a director for life, and be permitted to take a seat with the regular board.

Art. 13. Every minister who subscribes to the articles of this constitution, and as many laymen as the society may appoint, shall be agents to obtain members, and solicit contributions to the funds.

Art. 14. No person shall have the privileges of a member, whose arrears are not annually settled with the treasurer.

Art. 15. No missionary shall be employed, unless he be licensed by some regularly constituted synod of the evangelical Lutheran church.

Art. 16, This constitution may be altered and amended at the annual meeting of the society, when a quorum of the members are present, and for this purpose the consent of two-thirds shall be necessary.