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AMERICANISM AS A CAMPAIGNER.

When Gen. Sherman, who burnt Columbia, S. C., and Atlanta, Ga., was swapped for Sheridan as head of the army the country did not gain much.

For our part, however, the Great Banner who destroyed two Southern towns to the Great Banner who destroyed the old men and old women and children of the Piegan tribe of Indians and who conducted war in Virginia as Hun or Goth would have conducted it amid the darkness of the Middle Ages.

The Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic has drawn upon the Rockingham (Va.) Register of 1864, for some statistics of the losses entailed upon the people of that one county by one expedition only of the Vandal Sheridan.

It is a most infamous and damning record, and no Southern man ought ever to condone Sheridan's crimes against humanity. Here is the exhibit as made by the County Court after due examination. The Register, published at the time and on the spot, said in 1864:

The court, after being called together for the purpose, appointed a committee of seventy-two persons, consisting of thirty-six magistrates and thirty-six citizens of standing and respectability, located in every section of the county, and after a careful and an accurate canvass of the county they have furnished the estimate of the losses hereto appended. Look at the exhibit:

Table listing losses: Dwelling houses burned, Barns burned, Mills burned, etc. Total losses estimated at \$1,000,000.

In addition to which there was an immense amount of farming utensils of every description destroyed, many of them of great value, such as McCormick's reapers, sheep shears, household and kitchen furniture, money, bonds, plates, &c.

This is what the mercenary now at the head of the U. S. Army did in one county in Virginia. The loss is estimated at a great many millions of dollars. There are some things that occurred in the war that ought never to be forgotten.

The burning of Columbia, the burning of Atlanta, and the organizing of a Corps of Bummers by Sherman (vide Draper's History, a Northern work), and his base attempt to fasten the destruction of Columbia upon an innocent Southern soldier of spotless name, Gen. Wade Hampton, ought never to be forgotten or condoned in the least.

We can have no respect for such a blot upon the name of soldier. For Sheridan and the other Federal officers who conducted war as savages we can have only disgust and contempt. Meaner specimens of soldiers could not be found among the semi-civilized races of earth. Let the records of their crimes be kept fresh. What must be the morale of an army with such a creature at its head? What ideas of humanity, chivalry, courtesy must prevail where lies the exemplar!

A FACT. We examined carefully a suit of clothes made at Plymouth, England, by the most fashionable tailor. Coat and vest were of broadcloth and pants of doeskin. The coat was dress, the sleeves were lined with silk, the skirts of fine satin, and the collar was of silk velvet. It was a very handsome dress suit. It cost \$17.50. The owner of this suit is an Englishman and is a young man of good means and intelligence.

We would like to find a Raleigh or Wilmington tailor who would furnish a suit at \$25 like it or as good. We happen to know that it takes in Wilmington to procure such a suit. Our young men who attend German and hope can hear witness. We state a fact without entering upon any theory of our own, correct or otherwise, to explain it. It is said that a High Tariff does not make high goods. Perhaps the British tailors are public benefactors and give away their fine toggery just for the fun of the thing.

Wicked burglars on Sunday morning last robbed the residence of Rev. Edward Wootton, of Statesville, who married a lady of this city, having for the slanders. They stole Mr. Wootton's watch and purse, with \$10.95.

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RAILROAD MATTERS.

Three passenger coaches are in process of construction at the shops of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, under the supervision of Mr. Clow, master mechanic. They will be very stylish when completed.

In fact, as good work can be turned out at the shops here as anywhere in the country. A Northern man, who saw a passenger coach built at the shops here, and was told that it was constructed at Wilmington, N. C., insisted upon it that it was a mistake—Wilmington, Delaware, was intended; and when it was positively affirmed that it was turned out at the shops here, the Yankee said: "Well, it must have been built in some of the shops North and shipped here to be put together."

Three varieties of wood—sash, mahogany and cherry—are used in the cars under consideration. They are in an advanced state of construction and will be finished by the first of January. Two of these cars are for the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad and one for one of the Southern roads.

Two new and beautiful "sleepers" have just been added to the Carolina Central Railroad. They are fitted up in the latest and most approved style, and with every improvement likely to add to the comfort and convenience of passengers, to run between Wilmington and Charlotte. Two similar cars have been added to the equipment of the line, to run between Charlotte and Raleigh.

Among the delegates in attendance upon the sessions of the Synod of North Carolina are many whose names and influence are held in high esteem—prominent in literary and educational circles, as well as ecclesiastical and religious.

Col. W. J. Martin, Professor in Davidson College; John B. Burwell, Esq., Principal of Peace Institute—one of the Temporary Clerks of the Synod; Major Robert Bingham, Superintendent of the Bingham School; Professor F. P. Venable, of the University of North Carolina, and others were in attendance on the sessions of the Synod.

Among those well known in business and political circles, who are drawn to this city by the meeting of the Synod, are Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., of Greensboro; Col. W. H. Michal, of Lincoln; Col. John E. Brown, and D. W. Oates, Esq., of Charlotte; D. P. McEachern, Esq., of Robeson; the Scotch Senator from his county in the Legislature; and E. J. Harrington, Esq., of Moore county, who has also represented his county.

Rev. W. A. Wood, D. D., of Statesville, preached at the First Presbyterian Church last evening, his theme being the character of Saul, the King of Israel. His style is simple and clear, his manner without display, and his thought fresh and striking. A large congregation was in attendance.

Homeicide at Laurinburg. A shocking murder occurred at Laurinburg on Tuesday night last, about 11 o'clock. It seems that a row originated in a bar-room on Main street between a young colored man named Charles Warren and two other colored men, the latter named John and Murdoch Malloy, concerning some counterfeit money. The quarrel was finally adjourned from the bar-room to a ball-room on the opposite side of the street, where a dance was going on, and where the dispute assumed a more serious aspect. Finally John Malloy dealt Warren a blow with a hatchet, and Murdoch followed up the deadly assault by stabbing the unfortunate man in three separate places with a knife. Warren lingered until Wednesday morning, about 4 o'clock, when death put an end to his intense sufferings. The two Malloys escaped, and up to last accounts had not been heard from.

A Murderer Spotted. We hear that one of the Malloys, who are accused of murdering Charles Warren, colored, at Laurinburg Tuesday night last, was pointed out to an officer on the streets of Wilmington on Thursday by a colored man who said he lived in Laurinburg and knew the parties well; but the officer had heard nothing of the murder, and murders are such an unusual occurrence in this section of the State, that he paid no attention to the man's assertion. When he subsequently saw the announcement of the murder in the STAR he was sorry he didn't listen to the Laurinburg man. Malloy was watching the process of lowering the monster Carolina Central mast from the Murchison building at the time he was "spotted."

Sampson Fair. The following is a list of the marshals appointed for the approaching Fair of the Sampson County Agricultural Society, which takes place at Clinton on the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of December: Chief Marshal, James T. Murphy; Assistant Marshals, E. W. Kerr, M. J. Herring, D. M. Peterson, George Marable, H. L. Oates, J. M. Peterson, W. E. Stewart, G. L. Patton, Joseph Paizon, Ben. R. Owen, James F. Moore, W. R. Allen, L. Richardson, Charles Cox, Wm. L. Hill, Chas. Worth, Thos. Radcliffe, James Williams.

Personal. We had the pleasure of a call yesterday from Mrs. M. M. Montague, of Richmond, who is here canvassing for "Soldier Life in the Army of Northern Virginia," a very popular work by Mr. Carlton McCarthy, of the Richmond Howitzers. Mrs. Montague is a life member of the Virginia Historical Society, and is also Agent for that body, including the Endowment Fund. Mrs. Montague is a lady of refinement and intelligence and brings letters of recommendation from leading Virginians.

Visiting the Schools. Maj. Robert Bingham, of the Bingham School, who is here in attendance upon the sessions of Synod, visited the various graded schools of our city yesterday, under the supervision of Prof. Noble, and expressed himself as well pleased with what he saw, and especially with the evidence of proper discipline and good order which were presented.

Our Cotton Trade. The receipts of cotton at this port for the week ending yesterday foot up 3,718 bales, as against 5,559 bales for the corresponding week last year, showing a falling off of 1,841 bales.

The receipts for crop year from September 1st to date foot up 59,103 bales, as against 57,798 bales for the corresponding period last year, showing an increase of 1,305 bales.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Additional Enrollment of Members—Standing Committees Announced—Reports from Presbyteries—Statistical Matters—Committees Appointed—Sabbath Schools—Addresses, &c. (Special Report.)

SECOND DAY. The Synod met at 9:30 A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. After the reading of the minutes, additional enrollment of members was made.

Presbytery of Orange—F. P. Venable, Chapel Hill. Presbytery of Concord—M. L. Barnhardt, Norwood; D. W. Lowrance, Prospect.

Presbytery of Fayetteville—Rev. Joseph E. W. J. Smith, Bluff; M. E. Dye, Fayetteville; J. P. McNair, Laura Hill; Dr. D. McBryde, Shoe Heel; K. Natheson, Ben. Salem.

Presbytery of Wilmington—I. R. Faison, Union; A. H. Perry, White Plains. Presbytery of Mecklenburg—Rev. N. J. Woods, Rev. F. L. Leeper, Rev. J. M. Kennedy, Rev. R. A. Miller.

Col. John E. Brown, First Church, Charlotte; D. W. Oates, Second Church, Charlotte; John M. Houston, Hopewell; J. M. Hufstetter, Union; A. G. Reil, Matthews; S. R. Williams, Monroe; J. S. Morrison, Sprunt, D. D., K. M. McIntyre, T. J. Allison, E. P. Penick, Jno. G. Potts.

Systematic Beneficence—Jas. P. McPherson, Jas. C. Alexander, P. P. Winn, M. Ferguson, J. T. Player. Minutes of General Assembly—Roger Martin, G. J. Cook, D. J. Craig, R. A. Knox, G. S. Carr.

Union Theological Seminary—W. A. Wood, D. D., Jno. M. Rose, Jr., J. W. Primrose, D. L. W. Robinson, A. F. Stevens. Treasurer's Report—W. H. Michal, Robert Bingham, J. H. Coble, J. C. Graham, W. J. Cromatic.

Report of Trustees of Synod—E. F. Rockwell, D. D., James McQueen, W. F. Thorn, R. C. Rankin, J. W. A. Kerr. Devotional Exercises—J. R. Wilson, D. D., C. M. Payne, Geo. Chadburn, Alex. Sprunt.

Statistical Reports—S. M. Smith, L. K. Glasgow, B. F. Marable, J. P. Smith, R. C. Rankin, G. S. Carr. Synodical Records—Jno. S. Watkins, David Frazier, Thos. McConnell.

Leave of Absence—Martin McQueen, S. L. Wilson, A. W. White, J. P. Flanigan, J. W. Cowan. Various reports from the several Presbyteries were then called for and appropriately referred. An overture from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg was also read—inquiring whether an alternate appointed by a church session could take a seat as a member of Presbytery, when the principal had reported present and enrolled, but had then absented himself. It was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Dr. Wilson announced that Rev. Dr. Wood, of Statesville, would preach to-night. The Report of the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the committee. This institution is under the control of the Synod of North Carolina in conjunction with the Synod of Virginia. The report presented the work of the past year and the present condition, and was hopeful and encouraging. A supplementary report stated the resignation of Rev. Dr. Dabney, the election of other professors, and the present outlook. The matter will be brought prominently before the Synod during its session.

Rev. W. W. Moore, of the Synod of Kentucky, and now an assistant instructor in Union Seminary, was invited to a seat as a corresponding member and was received by a standing vote of the Synod. The reports of the Trustees and of the Treasurer of Synod were received and appropriately referred. Orders of the day were taken for the reports of the various Synodical Agents.

The major part of the morning session was taken up with the report of the committee on the Standing Rules of Synod. The report was approved, and the recommendations of the committee, after amendment and discussion, were adopted. These require the election of a Stated Clerk and of Synodical Agents every three years. Quite a discussion sprang up on the effect of this action, whether the terms of office were not thereby vacated, and after some action and reconsideration a committee was appointed to draft a minute covering the matter in question.

The committee on Statistical Reports reported in part, announcing the death during the year of Rev. T. P. Johnston and Rev. F. P. Harrell, of the Presbytery of Orange; of Rev. B. A. Wallis, of the Presbytery of Orange, and Rev. W. M. McGilvray, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg. The following committees were appointed to draft suitable minutes touching the death of these ministers:

On the Rev. R. A. Wallis—Rev. J. N. H. Summerville and Robt. C. Rankin. On the Rev. W. M. McGilvray—Rev. W. S. Lacy and Col. John E. Brown. On the Rev. F. P. Harrell—Rev. J. A. Ramsey and D. W. Lowrance. On the Rev. T. P. Johnston—Rev. S. F. Rockwell, D. D., and R. A. Knox.

It was made the order of the day to hear Major Robert Bingham this evening after public worship, concerning the interests of Davidson College. The Synod was chosen, after a handsome little speech from the Moderator, to consider this point, as the order for holding the next meeting of Synod.

Twelve hundred copies of the Minutes of the current session of Synod were ordered to be published. The Synod also approved the docket as prepared by the Stated Clerk and mailed to the ministers and churches and ordered the preparation of such docket for succeeding meetings of Synod, and that the expenses be paid by the Treasurer. Rev. J. Rumpie, D. D., was chosen Synodical Agent of Education, in place of Rev. L. McKinnon, removed from the Synod. Dr. Rumpie was requested to prepare a report on this subject.

In the afternoon, Rev. L. C. Voss, the Synodical Agent of Sabbath Schools, made an interesting report on this subject. A resume of the work of the year indicates in every particular gratifying increase, both in interest and work accomplished. Mr. Voss reported 154 schools, with 1,841 teachers and 10,415 scholars; 943 scholars have been received into the Church. The contributions for school purposes were for school purposes \$3,375, and for benevolence \$1,269. This work of the schools of the Church awakened much interest.

On the subject, Rev. Roger Martin, of Shoe Heel, made extended and earnest remarks, approving the resolutions, urging the attendance of older people with their children, and the critical and spiritual study of the Scriptures, and commanding the holding of Presbyterian Sunday School Conventions.

Rev. J. W. Primrose also made an interesting address on the subject. Remarks were also made by Rev. Messrs. Evans, Winn, Rev. Dr. Rockwell and others. The report of discussion was in the direction of stricter parental training and diligent control.

After discussion, the resolutions were adopted. It was ordered that the stated clerk have the earlier records of the Synod copied; the original records then to be deposited for safe keeping in the archives of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

Synod receded from business till after public worship in the evening. After divine service, Major Robert Bingham, Superintendent of the Bingham School, made an address, presenting specially the Davidson College Improvement Society, but treating, with exceeding naivete, greatly enjoyed by the Synod and the audience present, with much force and originality, and in striking and sententious manner, of the need of higher culture, and the special advantages and necessities of Davidson College. His scriptural allusions and quotations were telling, and were widely keenly relished by the Synod.

Major Bingham is a man of cosmopolitan views; aggressive, energetic, broad and liberal. His address was listened to attentively to the very close, and was backed by large experience and wide observation. His work for education in the State, apart from his own private enterprise (of such marked success) in normal schools, teachers' institutes, and educational associations, gave his opinion great weight. His commendation of Davidson College as a Presbyterian institution of high merit was intelligent and sincere. He claimed for it a position not equalled by any denominational institution south of the Potomac. An immediate effort was made in behalf of the Society, and nearly four hundred dollars are now raised.

Synod adjourned till to-day, at 9:30 A. M., and was closed with prayer by Rev. D. D. McBryde.

THIRD DAY. Reports from Presbyteries—On Publication Interests—Sustentation—Evangelistic Labor—Foreign Missions, &c.

The Synod of North Carolina met at 9:30 A. M., and was opened with prayer. Reports were made by committees appointed to examine the records of the different Presbyteries. Mecklenburg, Orange and Concord passed this under review. Quite an animated discussion arose touching the criticisms upon the Concord Presbytery's minutes. Mr. Summerville making the report. The exceptions and rulings which have been made at the end of that by them. The report of the Agent of Publication, Rev. Dr. F. H. Johnston, was the first order of the day. The report was carefully prepared and made a full statement of this department of Church work. The contributions by the churches of this Synod amounted to \$731. The work of colportage is also included in this cause. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the publication interest be commended anew to the earnest attention of the Presbyteries, and of ministers and church sessions, to the end that by them our people may be more thoroughly enlightened in regard to its importance and be led to contribute more liberally to its support.

2. That the work of colportage should be more widely undertaken in the bounds of our Synod, and especially in view of the increased facilities now presented by the Committee of Publication for the successful prosecution of this work.

The report brought to the view of the Synod the relief from financial straits of the Presbyterian committee of Publication in Richmond, Va., and their capabilities for aiding the colportage work of the Church.

The Agent of Sustentation, Rev. Dr. Hill, made a complete and able report, presenting in detail the work of the Synod in the departments of aiding feeble churches, and giving help to lame and disabled ministers. For ministerial support the amount of \$63,972 is contributed. The average salary paid laboring ministers is \$705, an advance of \$88 in the average. The amount contributed for sustentation (for sustaining feeble churches and ministers in charges unable wholly to support them) is \$3,037. Twelve churches were built or thoroughly repaired. There are thirty-three manse; three erected during the present year. For invalid fund, the relief of disabled ministers and families of deceased ministers \$1,190 have been contributed during the year.

Remarks on this report were made by Rev. Dr. Hill, Rev. Joseph Evans and others, and the report was adopted. The Agent of Publication, Rev. Dr. Johnston, resigned his position. Which was accepted and the thanks of the Synod returned for his faithful services. Rev. John M. Rose, Jr., of the Presbytery of Wilmington, was chosen Agent of Publication.

The Agent of Evangelistic Labor, Rev. C. M. Payne, tendered his resignation. Which was accepted and the thanks of the Synod returned for his faithful services. The committee on the Report of Trustees of Synod made a report. The report stated a small sum chiefly in notes held in trust for the Synod. The term of office expiring with this meeting of Synod, the following were chosen for the next four years: Col. John E. Brown, Charlotte, Chairman; J. B. Rankin, J. L. Brown and R. I. McDowell, Charlotte; D. F. Cannon, Concord; J. H. Welborn, Lexington; E. B. Stearns, Statesville; the last named being added to the others reappointed.

Rev. F. H. Wood, of the Front Street Methodist Church, was introduced to the Moderator, and invited to sit as a visiting brother, by Rev. Dr. Wilson, and received by the Synod, the members standing.

Rev. Dr. Sprunt, chairman of the committee, presented the Address to the Churches on the State of Religion in the Bounds of the Synod. The address was a well systematized report of the various reports of the Presbyteries, and presented clearly and in well chosen language a warm appeal for higher Christian living. The address was heard with evident interest by the Synod.

The committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, which was approved. (The appointments for Sabbath services in the various churches are announced elsewhere.)

The time for the next meeting of Synod (Winston was yesterday fixed as the place) was fixed on the Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1884, at 7 1/2 P. M.

The order of the day was to hear the report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labor. Rev. C. M. Payne made his report, showing an increase in the number of evangelists, amount of contributions and aggregate work done. There are in the Synod 5 Presbyteries, 231 churches and nearly 20,000 communicants, a net gain during the year of 4 churches and 929 members. Total amount contributed for evangelistic work, \$3,290.

Reports were received in verbal statement from the field full of fact, interest, encouragement and interest. Remarks were made by Messrs. Alexander, Lav, Arrowood, Rumpie, Hill, McDonald, Martin and Woods, as to work done by them or others in the evangelistic field. An interesting address was also made on the need of the Synod's engaging in evangelistic work, by Rev. F. P. Marable. His summation of the power of the Synod, its moral force, its intellectual vantage ground, its educational opportunities and its spiritual power, was impressive; and the slow increase with such a power demanded some new scheme or amendment of old methods. His speech made a decided impression, and was listened to with much interest.

The report of Evangelistic Labor was then adopted. The committee on Statistical Reports made a report through their chairman Rev. S. M. Smith. The report was docketed for further consideration. The following facts appear from the report: According to the reports of Presbyteries there are 116 ministers and 234 churches, a decrease of four ministers and an increase of two churches. Ten ministers have been dismissed. Twelve ministers have been dismissed. There have been two licenurses and three ordinations.

There have been twelve installations and the pastoral relations has been dissolved eight times. Three churches have been organized. There are twelve candidates for the gospel ministry, six having been received during the year.

There have been four deaths in the ministry: Rev. Thomas Pinckney Johnston and Rev. Franklin Pierce Harrell, of Concord Presbytery; Rev. William Malcolm McGilvray, of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and Rev. Robert Austin Wallis, of Orange Presbytery.

In the evening session, after devotional exercises, the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. Z. Johnston, was made and accepted. Mr. Johnston made some remarks of special encouragement in the work of the Synod, and commended Rev. S. M. Smith, of this cause within the bounds of the Synod. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Wilson, who read an interesting letter from Rev. Dr. Leighton Wilson, the Assembly's honored and venerable Secretary of Foreign Missions—and, after a few words with reference to this man whose life-long consecration to this cause called for admiration and gratitude, Dr. Wilson made an effective and tender address, urging consecration of soul and consecration of property. Foreign missions is a doctrine to be received by faith. Faith leads to prayer and prayer is transmitted to gold, and God depends to use gold for the conversion of the world.

Rev. Dr. Hill next addressed the Synod on the progress of missions, calling attention to the progress in just views on the subject of missions, the progress in opportunity of reaching the world, the doors of nations being open, and facilities for reaching men are multiplied—progress in organized effort. After the address of Dr. Hill, a collection was taken for this cause.

The Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. G. Johnston, tendered his resignation, but the Synod declined to accept it. Mr. Johnston had served since 1798, and thought he should be allowed to continue in the ministry until he was 70 years of age. The mistake greatly amused the Synod.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by Rev. George M. Gibbs.

Home Missions—Address of Rev. Dr. Craig, of the Synod of Memphis—Memorial Service of Deceased Ministers—Reports and Addresses—Adjournment, &c.

FOURTH DAY. Synod met at 9:30 A. M., and after devotional exercises was opened for the transaction of business. Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., of the Synod of Memphis, the General Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., of the Synod of Virginia, were introduced.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered Rev. C. M. Payne for his faithful services as Agent of Evangelistic Labor.

The committee on the Treasurer's Report and Books made their report, commending the correctness and fidelity of the Treasurer.

The committee on Bills and Overtures made a report on the overture of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, inquiring: "May the elder presenating a session be excused and his alternate take his place during a regular meeting of Presbytery?" answering the question in the negative.

After some discussion the following substitute was adopted: "That while the Synod believes that the substitution of an alternate for a principal, in the progress of ecclesiastical proceedings should be avoided, as a general rule, yet in such cases as our churches have a right to representation in our church courts, this substitution should not be denied when sufficient reasons for it exist."

The Synod heard with great interest the report of Rev. Dr. Craig, the General Secretary of Home Missions. Dr. Craig is a vigorous and earnest speaker. He first spoke of the Invalid Fund and the work of the church in sustaining aged and infirm ministers and families of deceased ministers. Then briefly of church erection, and evangelistic work among the colored people. The main part of his address was on the need of evangelistic labor. There was a great "boom" in the South. Railroads are filling the South like network, as the west and northwest have been during the past fifty years. Now is the time to plant the seed of Presbyterianism, the acorn to grow up into a stalwart oak. If delayed it will be too late, the country will be filled up. Infidelity and error will have taken firm root. The need is present, is pressing, is tremendous. Then Dr. Craig appealed for the hearty cooperation of the Presbyteries, explaining that the committee of the Assembly is merely a committee, the agency of the Presbyteries to reach the regions that are beyond. Look at Texas with Presbyteries half as large as this State; look how the older States are filling up with population and capital. Virginia and West Virginia and Western North Carolina. Look at Florida so rapidly developing. The spirit of brotherly love, the missionary spirit, the going into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth, these were the potent facts of the evangelistic work and success. The use of means is faith; the non-use of means is fanaticism.

Dr. Craig is an earnest and enthusiastic speaker, and awakened great interest in the cause which he presented with so much acceptance to the Synod.

The second order of the day was then called, to-wit, the memorial service of deceased ministers. This proved an interesting and solemn exercise.

The memorial of Rev. Thomas Pinckney Johnston was presented by Rev. Dr. Rockwell.

The memorial of Rev. William Malcolm McGilvray was read by Rev. William S. Lacy.

The memorial of Rev. Franklin Pierce Harrell was read by Rev. J. A. Ramsey.

The memorial of Rev. Robert Austin Wallis was read by Rev. J. N. H. Summerville.

Remarks were also made in affectionate testimony and remembrance by Revs. William S. Lacy, Dr. Rumpie, Joseph Evans, Dr. Wood, S. M. Smith and B. F. Marable. After which the minutes as presented were adopted by a standing vote, and the devotions of the Synod were led in prayer by the Rev. Dr. Rumpie. It was then ordered that the Stated Clerk be directed to engage those minutes in the Synodical record-book, and send a copy to the families of the deceased brethren.

AFTERNOON SESSION. In the afternoon the Synod reassembled with diminished numbers for the transaction of business.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States: "The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that there are in the Synodical record-book, and send a copy to the families of the deceased brethren."

Orange Presbytery—30 ministers, 64 churches, 1 licentiate and 7 candidates. Concord Presbytery—19 ministers, 38 churches and 1 licentiate. Fayetteville Presbytery—21 ministers, 51 churches and 4 candidates. Wilmington Presbytery—15 ministers, 31 churches, 2 licentiates and 1 candidate. Mecklenburg Presbytery—31 ministers, 50 churches and 8 candidates. Total—116 ministers, 234 churches, 4 licentiates and 23 candidates.

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in the Presbytery of North Carolina, on the 2nd day of October, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the Synod. Wm. S. Lacy, Stated Clerk. The Committee on Union Theological Seminary made report through their Chairman, Rev. Dr. Wood, which was received and adopted. The report called attention to the change in the Faculty; the election of new professors, and the arrangements for increased facilities.

The Synod affirmed the election of Rev. Dr. Stricker as Professor, and added its own request that he accept. The Synod endorsed the endeavor to endow a fifth professorship, and commended Rev. S. Taylor Martin, the agent appointed to canvass the churches to secure the additional endowment.

Following this and quite germane was the report of the Agent of Education, Rev. D. Rumpie, which was a broad review of the general work of education, and presented also a summary of educational institutions in the Synod, in part or wholly under Presbyterian control. An increase in the number of candidates for the ministry was noted, and a decided increase in contributions from the churches. The amount contributed for 1883 was \$2,077. The paper commented especially upon the theological Seminary at Davidson College, and urged the establishment of preparatory schools where needed. The Synod further approved the effort to increase the endowment of Davidson College, and commended the agent, Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack, to our churches.

In connection with these subjects the Synod was addressed by Rev. Dr. Rumpie, Rev. W. W. Moore, of Union Theological Seminary, and Rev. S. Taylor Martin, the financial agent. Mr. Moore made a modest and manly statement concerning the present outlook of the Seminary (controlled by the Synod of North Carolina, conjointly with the Synod of Virginia).

Following this and quite germane was the favorable regard in which it is held; forty students are in attendance, the full course is taught, the perit that seemed to threaten it is passed, and every thing indicates hopeful progress. Mr. Moore also urged the Synod to preach on the nature of a call to the gospel ministry.

Mr. Martin made a brief address, setting forth the purposes of the endowment and the fifth professorship, and the claims of this institution upon this Synod. His remarks were characterized by vigor and fervor.

Professor Martin also spoke with reference to Davidson College and its need for a church, telling in a straight forward way the efforts they have made and the present necessity. Synod commended this cause to the liberality of our churches.

Rev. Mr. Peschau, of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. Dr. Sanders, of the Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church (Northern Assembly), were invited to seats as visiting brethren.

(On yesterday Rev. T. P. Ricard, of the Front Street Methodist Church, received a similar courtesy.)

The report of the committee on Systematic Beneficence was taken from the docket, and after some correction of figures was adopted.

The Presbyteries contributed to the Church's objects of beneficence as follows: Orange Presbytery, \$2,886 47; Concord Presbytery, 4,973 00; Fayetteville Presbytery, 1,788 00; Wilmington Presbytery, 3,081 00; Mecklenburg Presbytery, 5,580 00. Total, \$19,299 47.

Rev. Dr. F. H. Johnston, Rev. R. Z. Johnston and Rev. J. P. McPherson were appointed a committee to draft a form, so as to secure uniformity in the reports of the Presbyteries on Statistics, and also on Systematic Beneficence.

The committee on Leave of Absence made report, showing a large number excused.

Rev. Dr. Wilson inquired if this was a calling of the roll. In the evening the Synodical Communion was observed, the services being conducted by Rev. Dr. W. W. Pharr and Rev. Dr. E. F. Rockwell.

The Stated Clerk was directed to write to Rev. Dr. Robert Hott Chapman, D. D., a letter of condolence, conveying the sympathy of the Synod with him.

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