

ANNUAL MINUTES
OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA,

MAY, 1874. 5

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

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THIS INSTITUTION, under the fostering care of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, is located in the growing town of Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County, N. C., in the midst of a liberal and intelligent people, nine miles from Concord.
The Faculty is constituted as follows:

REV. JNO. B. DAVIS, D. D.,
PRESIDENT,

And Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy.

REV. W. E. HUBBERT, A. M.,
Professor of Ancient Languages and Classical Literature.

REV. JAMES H. TURNER, A. M.,
Professor of Mathematics, Astronomy and Physics.

PAUL A. BARRIER, M. D.,
Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology.

TUTORS.
Yet to be appointed.

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Collegiate Department,\$147 00 to \$167 00
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The number of students in attendance last year was 105.

For further information apply to

Rev. JOHN B. DAVIS,
PRESIDENT.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

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Evan. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

According to a resolution of adjournment, adopted at its last meeting, the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, convened in St. John Church, Cabarrus Co., N. C., on Wednesday, April 28, 1875, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The opening sermon was delivered by the President, REV. S. ROTHROCK, from Acts 20: 17, 20, after which Synod was opened by the President, in accordance with our prescribed form.

The roll was then called, and the names of the members of Synod recorded.

MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	ORDAINED.
1. Rev. S. ROTHROCK,	Salisbury,	N. C. 1834.
2. " P. A. STROBLE,	Mt. Pleasant,	" 1839.
3. " J. B. DAVIS, D. D.,*	Mt. Pleasant,	" 1839.
4. " S. SCHERER,	Gibsonville,	" 1840.
5. " N. ALDRICH,†	Charlotte,	" 1841.
6. " D. M. HENKEL,	Mt. Pleasant,	" 1849.
7. " G. D. BERNHEIM,	Wilmington,	" 1853.
8. " C. H. BERNHEIM,	Lexington,	" 1858.
9. " W. H. CONE,	Gold Hill,	" 1858.
10. " W. A. JULIAN,	Mill Hill,	" 1859.
11. " Prof. L. A. BIKLE, D. D.,	Mt. Pleasant,	" 1862.
12. " W. KIMBALL,	China Grove,	" 1862.
13. " J. G. NEIFFER,	Salisbury,	" 1868.
14. " Prof. W. E. HUBBERT,	Mt. Pleasant,	" 1870.
15. " J. H. FESPERMAN,	Statesville,	" 1871.
16. " W. R. KETCHIE,	China Grove,	" 1871.
17. " R. L. BROWN,	Rockwell,	" 1871.
18. " E. P. PARKER,	Brick Church,	" 1872.
19. " H. M. BROWN,	Salisbury,	" 1873.
20. " P. E. ZINK,‡	Lexington,	" 1873.
21. " J. H. HARRY,	Concord,	" 1874.
22. " CALVIN W. SIFFORD,	Mt. Pleasant,	" 1875.

*Rec'd this Synod. †Absent. ‡Ap' red 2nd day. ||Ordained at this meeting

LAY DELEGATES.

NAMES.	CHARGES.
Mr. JOHN LINGLE,	Rev. S. Rothrock's,
" P. RIDENHOUR,	" P. A. Stroble's.
" H. A. CHEEK,	" S. Scherer's.
" J. DULS,	" N. Aldrich's.
" JOHN SHIMPOCH,	" D. M. Henkel's.
" H. G. HASHAGEN,	" G. D. Bernheim's.
" M. R. SHOAF,	" C. H. Bernheim's.
" HENRY BARRINGER,*	" W. H. Cone's.
" ISAAC GOODNIGHT,	" W. A. Julian's.
Dr. P. A. SIFFORD,	" Prof. L. A. Bikle's, D. D.
Mr. JOHN SLOOP, Esq.,	" W. Kimball's.
" GEORGE ACHENBACH,	" J. G. Neiffer's.
" H. CLONINGER,	" J. H. Fesperman's.
" SOLOMON EAGLE,	" R. L. Brown's.
" J. W. MURRY,	" E. P. Parker's.
" MATTHIAS MILLER,	" H. M. Brown's.
" A. BLACKWELDER,*	" J. H. Harry's.
" JACOB P. CULP,†	" Mt. Carmal Church.

Synod being now organized, the President read his report, which was laid on the table for further consideration.

President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN:

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

It is source of devout gratitude to Almighty God, that we are permitted to assemble again in regular Synodical meeting. We always look forward to our annual conventions with pleasing anticipations. An opportunity is then afforded for the interchange of fraternal greetings and Christian salutations. We can then socially and mutually review the events of the past year, and unassumingly communicate the results of our toils and labors, in the great work committed to our trust. Although some of our ministers have, in a few cases, been compelled, in consequence of physical infirmity, to yield to a temporary cessation from labor, it is nevertheless believed, that our ministers, as a body, have enjoyed good health, and have been able, with but little interruption to prosecute their work with successful progress as "embassadors for Christ." But we meet, not simply to interchange social greetings and kindly feelings, but to devise scriptural plans, and mature wholesome measures, for future operations in advancing the spiritual interests and prosperity of our beloved Zion. As the duties, which will claim our prayerful deliberation during our present session,

*Appeared second day.

†Appeared third day.

are of a very momentous nature, we should devoutly invoke the enlightening and directing influences of the divine Spirit to lead us into all the truth.

It now becomes my duty to present to you a report of my official acts during the past year.

In accordance with a constitutional application, a special meeting of Synod was called, which convened in St. James' Church, Concord, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday the 25th day of last July. The object of the meeting, as set forth in the call, was the examination of Mr. J. H. Harry, with a view to his ordination, and also his installation as Pastor of the Concord Pastorate. A quorum being present at the time and place appointed, the Ministerium entered upon the examination of Mr. Harry. The examination having been sustained, it was constitutionally voted that he be ordained on the succeeding day, (Sunday,) in St. James' Church. In compliance with the action of the Ministerium, Mr. Harry was duly ordained by the officers and other members of the Synod, according to the form prescribed in our "BOOK OF WORSHIP," and thus regularly inducted to the GOSPEL MINISTRY, and admitted as a member of this Body. In the afternoon of Sunday, after an appropriate sermon by Rev. N. Aldrich, he was regularly installed as Pastor of the Concord Pastorate. The Minutes of said special meeting will, no doubt, be handed in by the Secretary to be incorporated with the Minutes of our present meeting.

On the 9th of last June, the report of the class-standing and conduct of Mr. R. W. Petrea, for the half-session ending May 27th, 1874, was forwarded to me by Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., President of N. C. College. Mr. Petrea has been receiving beneficiary aid from this Synod as a Theological Student, and the report, which is herewith submitted, indicates commendable progress in study, and very exemplary deportment.

On the 22nd of last August, the corner-stone of a new church was laid in Davie county, the contemplated church being designated, Cherry Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church. The carpenter work of the edifice has since then been completed, and the edifice will, at no distant day, be ready for consecration to the service of Almighty God. This church is located in a densely populated community, and the prospects for an increase of membership is very encouraging.

Three new houses of worship have been set apart and consecrated to the service of God, during the past year, viz.:

(a) Christiana Evan. Lutheran Church was consecrated on the 30th of last August. This is a frame building, eligibly located some six miles South of Salisbury, of very commodious dimensions, is very neatly finished, and speaks well for the zeal and liberality of Pastor and people.

(b) St. Enoch's Evangelical Lutheran Church was conse-

crated on the 20th of last September. This is a substantial brick edifice, located in the south western part of Rowan Co., of capacious size, is very tastefully arranged, and is an impressive memorial of the active and self-denying piety of the congregation.

(c) Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church was consecrated on the 29th of last November. "This is a very neat frame building, 60x40 feet, and finished in excellent style. The altar and pulpit are carpeted, and the church furnished with stoves and lamps, a handsome pulpit Bible and a Book of Worship." It is highly commendable that the congregation commenced worshipping in the edifice free from debt.

On the 25th of last September a letter was received from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, communicating the gratifying intelligence that his health had much improved, and that he had received and accepted a call to the Davidson Pastorate. He has since removed to his new field of labor, and entered upon his Pastoral work.

On the 4th of last November, a communication was received from Rev. N. Aldrich, stating that he had received and accepted a call to become the Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vandalia, Illinois. By Rev. N. Aldrich's removal to Vandalia, the congregation in Charlotte is left without a permanent resident Pastor, but is said to be temporarily supplied with preaching by a Theological Student from North Carolina College. It is hoped that the congregation will at an early day, take the necessary preliminary steps to call a regular Pastor.

On the 13th of February a letter was received from Rev. J. H. Harry, stating, that owing to protracted illness, he had been necessitated to resign the Concord Pastorate, and intended to return to Ohio. In consequence of the failing health of Rev. J. H. Harry, the congregation in Concord is also left without a regular resident Pastor, but, by an arrangement of the Western Conference, is temporarily supplied until the present meeting of Synod. The prosperity of the congregation will readily suggest to the members the necessity of an early adoption of suitable measures to call a regular Pastor.

The constitution confers upon the Synod the authority to form and change Pastoral Districts. In the exercises of this authority, due reference should always be had to the interests of all the congregations constituting a District, and to the efficiency and usefulness of the Pastor in charge.—This authority should, therefore, be exercised with prudence and prayerful deliberation. It is, nevertheless, a subject of legitimate inquiry on the part of Synod, whether improvements can be made in the present arrangement of Pastorates.

My last official act is now performed. In retiring from office, my sincere gratitude is herewith tendered for your

confidence and partiality, in elevating me to the position which is now vacated.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."—Amen.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, *President.*

The annual election for officers now ensued, which resulted as follows:

Rev. S. ROTHROCK,	<i>President.</i>
" R. L. BROWN,	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
" Prof. W. E. HUBBERT,	<i>Corresponding Secretary.</i>
Maj. L. G. HEILIG,	<i>Treasurer.</i>

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. Timothy Moser, the delegate from the Tennessee Synod, being present, was received delegate to this body.

Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., having sent his certificate of dismission from the Evan. Luth. Va. Synod to this Synod, was received member of this body.

Resolved, That the following letter from the Rev. J. A. Kunkelman be placed on the face of our minutes.

Rev. W. R. Ketchie, Secretary of North Carolina Synod.:

Dear Sir: The Ministerium of Pennsylvania appointed me delegate to your Synod. It would afford me very great pleasure to attend your meeting, beginning the 28th, inst., but, such is the pressure of duties,—the closing exercises of the Seminary, and meeting of our Ministerium, being near at hand,—that, it is simply impossible for me to leave home at this time.

I greatly regret this, and beg, that you will excuse my absence.

Allow me to assure you of the deep interest the Ministerium of Pennsylvania takes in the Synod of North Carolina,—among the oldest, the most useful and most honored of the organizations of our Church in this country,—and to express the hope, that the relations now existing, may not only be maintained, but, become nearer, as the true Lutheran Church takes her rightful position, in the North and the South, the East and the West.

Invoking the Divine blessing upon your pastors and churches, I am yours in the cross,

J. A. KUNKELMAN,

April 19, 1875.

Philadelphia, Pa.

The following parochial reports were handed to the Secretary :

MINISTERS REPORTING.

* Also \$5.50 that did not appear in the Minutes last year.

Treasurer's Report.

L. G. HEILIG,

In account with

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Dr.

To amount Rec'd from Synod, May, 1874.	\$816 67
" " " " Union Church.	13 25
" " " " St. Paul's Church.	5 00

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By amount paid A. Foil, Jr. N. C. College as per Rs.	\$10 30
By amount paid A. K. Murchison Printing Circulars,	1 25
By amount paid W. R. Ketchie, Secretary, printing Minutes,	51 75
By amount loaned F. P. Cook,	50 00
" " paid A. Foil, Jr., N. C. College,	19 67
" " loaned A. Foil, " " " as per Rs.	300 00
By amount loaned C. W. Sifford,	50 00
" " " W. A. Lutes,	50 00
" " paid for Registering Money to Lutes,	10
" " loaned F. P. Cook,	50 00
" " " Rev. D. M. Henkel for Sifford,	50 00
" " paid for Registering letter to " "	15
" " loaned F. P. Cook,	50 00
" " " C. W. Sifford,	50 00
" " Cash on hand,	\$101 70

\$834 92

Respectfully submitted,

April 28, 1875.

L. G. HEILIG, *Treas.*

The above report was referred to the committee on finances.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to the Tennessee Synod.

As your delegate to the Tenn. Synod, I met with that body, convened in Mt. Pilgrim Church, Davidson County, N. C., in October, 1874

I was very cordially received by its members, and invited to a seat among them, and to participate in all their deliberations.

The business transactions were chiefly of a local character. The members of this Synod, both clerical and lay, manifested a commendable zeal in beneficiary education.

Your delegate was very favorably impressed with the lovely, friendly, and Christian spirit, which characterized all the deliberations of this body. Surely they are a band of brethren which love each other.

The Rev. Timothy Moser was appointed delegate to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. KIMBALL.

Report of Delegate to S. C. Synod.

It was impracticable for me to attend the sessions of the S. C. Synod, to which I had the honor to be appointed as your delegate. I however addressed a letter to its Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. Rude, in which I conveyed to them our fraternal greeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HUBBERT.

N. C. COLLEGE, April 28, 1875.

Synod then took a recess subject to the call of the President. A sermon was then preached by the Secretary from Luke 13: 24.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Rev. W. E. Caughman, the delegate from the S. C. Synod, being present was received delegate to this Synod.

A resolution was then brought before Synod, relative to not receiving members from any other denomination without being confirmed, but after being discussed at length was laid on table until called for.

Synod then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock in the morning. Closed with doxology, and benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 30TH.

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. W. E. Caughman.

The reports of the standing committees were called for.

The following report was received and adopted.

Report on the state of the Church.

Your committee, on the state of the Church, would submit the following:

The written reports of the Minutes of this Synod, bring to us glad tidings. They inform us of the fact that our be-

loved Lutheran Zion, is on the increase in piety, and Christian perseverance.

They show that the several pastorates in the bounds of Synod are in a healthful and growing condition. The Word has been faithfully preached, and the Sacraments duly administered. New houses of worship have been erected, and consecrated to the services of the Triune God. Sabbath Schools have made rapid progress, hence the religious training of our youth has at least in part been attended to. Extra efforts have been made by pastors and people, the result of which has been the admission of a goodly number to the church, by the solemn rite of confirmation. These indications and facts combined show us that the Kingdom of Christ has been advanced in our midst, your committee have reason to believe that each pastor is doing a great work in the vineyard of the Lord. Let the prayer of Ministers and Lay-delegates go up to the great head of the church: "Lord receive thy work."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. JULIAN,
W. KIMBALL,
JOHN SLOOP.

Report on Church Institutions and Education.

The following report was received and considered by items.

Your committee on Church Institutions and Education would respectfully submit the following report:

N. C. College is not in as flourishing condition as regards the number of pupils and the extent of its influence as we had hoped it would have arrived at before this time. The number of students is less this year by ten than it was last year. The number in attendance being 105. The causes of the want of this prosperity we conceive to be several. First: the College is not sufficiently advertised in the secular press. Judicious expenditure of printer's ink always brings a rich return. The Merchant, who does not advertise his goods and place of business, cannot expect a large and profitable trade. Again another cause for the want of prosperity, is the absence of an endowment fund, that the teaching force might be increased. The Board of Trustees put into the field an agent for this very purpose, and he collected several thousand dollars. We recommend that this agency be continued until the amount of \$20,000 be raised, as was presented by your committee last year. Another cause for this want of prosperity, is the manner of employing the faculty of the College. They have heretofore been elected by the Board of Trustees with a fixed salary for each one of the Professors, grading these salaries according to the position occupied in the Faculty of the College. We would recommend

that this plan be changed. Let the Professors that are and may hereafter be elected take the College and by their own energy and worth increase the number of their students and pay themselves out of the tuition proceeding therefrom.—The plan heretofore pursued has left undeveloped the latent energy of the corps of Professors, whilst it has gradually but surely involved the College in debt, until it now amounts to \$1 500. There should some provisions be made to meet this indebtedness. Your committee has no plan to suggest for this purpose. There has been a change made in the Faculty of your College, Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., has resigned his position as President of N. C. College. The Board have elected Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., as his successor. Prof. H. T. J. Ludwig, also resigned as teacher of Mathematics, and Rev. J. H. Turner has been elected to fill this vacancy. Is it not now to be hoped that if the plan of paying the Professors salaries be changed and with a new Faculty, that the Ministers and Church generally will give the College their hearty support, that it will rise to prosperity and influence, and become an ornament to our Church, of which we will be proud.

The buildings of the College are in bad repair. The late storm has considerably damaged the College buildings, which has been repaired in part, by the help of the friends in the neighborhood. The interior of the buildings are in a bad condition and it will require an outlay of \$400 to \$600 to fix it up properly, which must be done this ensuing vacation. Synod recommend that every Minister lift a collection in each Church for this special purpose at their next communion season.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
W. R. KETCHIE,
M. R. SHOAF.

The above report was adopted as it now stands.

A recess was then taken subject to the call of the President. A sermon was then delivered by the Rev. E. P. Parker, from Rom. 3: 28.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod was called to order by the President.

On motion the following delegates were excused from further attendance at the meeting of Synod; Messrs. George Achenbach, John Sloop and H. A. Cheek.

Report on the President's Report.

Your committee to report on the Report of the President, have carefully examined said report, and have found no

item to which they think it necessary to call the special attention of this Synod. Your committee recommend that the report be adopted and be spread on the pages of the Minutes of Synod as usual.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHERER,
G. D. BERNHEIM,
JOHN SHIMPOCH.

The above report was received and adopted.

The following report was received and adopted as it now stands.

Report on Petitions.

Your committee on Petitions respectfully submit the following:

Nos. 1 and 2. Are petitions from six congregations, now served by Rev. W. H. Cone and Rev. R. L. Brown, in which they complain of the arrangement made by the Convention appointed by Synod in 1873, to arrange those churches and the churches served by Rev. P. A. Strobel, into pastoral districts. The petitioners ask Synod to make a more equal division of these churches. In as much as these petitions contain no suggestions, your committee are unable to propose any other arrangement than that which now exists; we therefore, refer these petitions to the action of the Synod.

No. 3. Is a petition from St. Matthew's Church, Davie County, in which they ask to be separated from Rev. Fesperman's charge. Your committee recommend that their request be granted.

No. 4. Is a petition from Holy Trinity Church, in Mt. Pleasant, asking Synod to be separated from St. John's Church, in order to have more frequent preaching, and also to aid the N. C. College in supporting a Professor. We recommend that their petition be granted.

No. 5. Is a petition from Bethel congregation, Stanley County. We suggest that this paper be read before Synod and such action be taken as the merits of the subject demand.

No. 6. Is a petition from St. Michael's Church, Iredell County, praying Synod to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between them and St. Paul's Church, in Iredell Co.—Your committee recommend that their prayer be granted.

No. 7. Is a petition from Harriette J. Scherer, calling aid for Mrs. Sheck, widow of Rev. J. D. Sheck, dec'd., who is in very indigent circumstances and nearly deprived of her eyesight. Your committee recommend that a collection be taken up tomorrow, immediately after sermon, for her benefit.

No. 8. Is a petition from St. Peter's Church, Statesville, asking Synod to supplement their Pastor's salary. Your

committee recommend that a more united effort on the part of the charge of which St. Peter's is a part, will obviate this necessity.

No. 9. Is a petition from Mt. Carmel Church, asking Synod to make some arrangement to supply said Church with preaching. We recommend that this Church be supplied with preaching by the Faculty of N. C. College.

Respectfully submitted,

W. KIMBALL,
D. M. HENKEL,
H. A. CHEEK.

On motion, all that part of the above report which refers to the arrangement of pastorates be referred to the following committee: P. Ridenhour, Henry Barringer and Solomon Eagle, Layman, and Revs. G. D. Bernheim, J. G. Neiffer and Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the morning. Closed with doxology and benediction.

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1875.

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with singing, and prayer by the Rev. P. E. Zink.

Report of Committee on Appeals.

The following report was received and considered by items.

Your committee on appeals respectfully report as follows:

I.—Is a difficulty in the Church council of St. Luke's Church, arising from a case of discipline.

We recommend that the last decision of said council be reversed by the same at a regularly called meeting after due notice having been given to all members of the council.

II.—Is an appeal of M. L. Barringer, from the decision of the church council of St. Michael's Church, of Iredell Co., N. C., expelling him from the communion of the Lutheran Church. Your committee recommend that the action of the said council in this case be reversed and the said M. L. Barringer be restored to full membership in the Church; and for the following reason: Taking said Church Council's own statement charging said M. L. Barringer with "angry looks, boisterous words and threatening gestures," into consideration, without any other testimony, we regard the charge not sufficient for an action of expulsion. We further recommend that Messrs. A. Barringer, M. L. Barringer, their families and all who desire apply to the pastor, be transferred for the present to St. Luke's Church, and all parties concern-

ed to bury the passed, and never, if possible speak again about their grievances.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. NEIFFER,
G. D. BERNHEIM,
GEORGE ACHENBACH.

The above report was adopted as a whole.

Synod then took a recess subject to the call of the President. An ordination sermon was then preached by the Rev. G. D. Bernheim from James 1: 16-21.

After the sermon the President, being assisted by the Secretary and Prof. W. E. Hubbert, ordained Calvin W. Sifford, in the presence of a large and solemn audience.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod was called to order by the President.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Thronwell was invited to a seat among us.

On motion, Rev. S. Rothrock, Col. John Shimpoch and Dr. P. A. Sifford, were appointed a committee to investigate a certain difficulty now existing in the congregation at Bear Creek Church.

Report on the Arrangement of Pastorates.

The following report was received and adopted.

Your committee, on Pastorates respectfully report as follows: Not having sufficient data to go upon, we would recommend that a convention to arrange pastorates be called to attend to this matter, on Saturday, before the fifth Sunday of May, 1875, at St. Peter's Church, Rowan Co., and that at this convention each individual Church concerned be represented by a regularly appointed lay-delegate, and report at the next meeting of Synod.

P. RIDENHOUR,	Rev. G. D. BERNHEIM,
HENRY BARRINGER,	" J. G. NEIFFER,
SOLOMON EAGLE,	" L. A. BIKLE, D. D.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

The following report was received and adopted by items.

Your committee finds little in the Minutes of last session requiring your attention now.

1. Synod appointed a committee to make arrangements for holding a Sunday School convention. Was this duty attended to?

2. A standing resolution on page 17, to the effect that it is the duty of our Ministers to care for, and, under certain circumstances, give letters of dismissal to those of their members moving into the bounds of other pastorates. Have the members of Synod complied with this regulation?

3. A committee on revising the constitution was appointed, (see page 19). Has this committee attended to this duty?

Respectfully submitted,

Prof. W. E. HUBBERT,
J. G. NEIFFER,
JOHN LINGLE.

Items 1 and 2 complied with.

Item 3. The committee had no report to make and was dismissed.

On motion, Rev. S. Scherer, A. Blackwelder, Henry Barringer, Solomon Eagle, John Lingle, Matthias Miller and M. R. Shoaf, were excused from further attendance at this meeting of Synod.

Rev. E. Caughman, the delegate from the S. C. Synod, in his farewell remarks addressed the Synod with the kindest fraternal feelings to this body.

Synod then adjourned to meet on Monday morning.—Closed with singing, prayer and benediction by the President. Rev. E. Caughman, preached in Holy Trinity Church, in Mt. Pleasant, on Saturday night from the 21st verse of Jude.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Rev. J. G. Neiffer preached the morning sermon from Matthew 9: 6, 7, to a large and attentive congregation.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered.

After intermission, C. H. Bernheim preached from Matthew 27: 19.

On Sunday night, Rev. W. A. Julian preached in Holy Trinity, Mt. Pleasant, from Acts 26: 28. An appointment was also made for the same time for the Rev. E. Caughman in Concord. The text not known to the Secretary.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1875

Synod was opened with singing, and prayer by the Rev. D. M. Henkel.

Report on Finance.

The following report was received and adopted.

The committee, on Finance would respectfully report, that

they examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correctly stated.

They also report the following contributions for Synodical purposes:

Rev. S. Rothrock's charge:	
Salem and St. Luke churches,	
Apportioned as follows: Salem, \$20.00, St.	
Luke's \$10—30; Paid Salem \$12.75, St.	
Luke's \$4.25,	\$17 00
St. Mark's, Charlotte, Apportioned, \$15.00 paid.	
R. L. Brown's charge:	
Union assessed, \$30.00; St. Matthew's	
\$15.00; St. Matthew's paid \$3.00;	
Union, \$6.00,	3 00
H. M. Brown's charge:	
Assessed \$27.00; Paid,	22 00
D. M. Henkel's charge:	
Assessed, \$75.00; Paid St. John's \$16 55;	
Holy Trinity \$10.00,	26 55
G. D. Bernheim's charge:	
Assessed, \$60.00; Paid,	51 50
P. A. Strobel's charge:	
Assessed, \$65.00; Paid Organ Church	
\$26.00, St. Stephen's 00.00; Bethel \$1.75,	27 75
Rev. W. Kimball's charge:	
Assessed, \$50.00; Paid,	50 00
Paid Lutheran Chapel \$35; St. Paul's \$15.00,—50	
Rev. Julian's charge:	
Assessed, \$30; Paid, St. Enoch's \$12.00,	
Trinity \$3.65,	15 65
Rev. Bikle's charge:	
Ebenezer, Assessed, \$15.00, Paid,	15 00
Concord charge:	
Assessed, \$40.00; Paid St. James,	16 00
Rev C. H. Bernheim's charge:	
Assessed, \$48.00; Paid Pilgrim \$10.00,	
Sandy Creek \$5.90, Bethany \$6.00,	
Beck's \$2.50,	24 40
Rev. J. G. Neiffer's charge:	
Assessed, \$30.00; Paid Salisbury \$22.79,	
Newton 00.00,	22 79
Rev. J. H. Fesperman's charge:	
Assessed \$38.00; Paid St. Michael's \$4.30,	
St. Peter's 75 cents Providence 60 cents.	
St. Matthew \$3.35,	9 00
Rev. W. H. Cone's charge:	
Assessed, \$18.00; (St Mark's G. H. \$10.00)	
Paid. St. Peters \$10.00, Luther's \$8, St	
Mark's. Gold Hill \$6,	24 00
Rev. S. Sherer's charge:	

Assessed, \$35.00; Paid, Frieden's \$13.50,	
St. Paul's \$5.00, Macedonia 00.00,	18 50
Rev. Parker's charge:	
Assessed, \$25.00; Paid, Lau's 00.00,	
Richland 00.00, Coble 00.00	
Forsythe Mission: Assessed, \$5.00; Paid 00.00,	
Newton, Assessed, \$5.00; Paid 00.00,	
Mt. Carmel, Cabarrus County:	
Assessed, \$3.00; Paid,	2 00
Rev. Sam'l Holt, (colored,) sent up from his Church	64
Total amount contributed,	\$345 78
To amount on hand from former Treasurer,	\$101 70
	\$447 48

Your committee find a deficiency of \$313.22 of the apportioned amount, and respectfully recommend some action to be taken in regard to the matter.

Respectfully submitted,
P. A. SIFFORD, Ch'rm'n.
H. G. HASHAGEN.

In connection with the above report the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That when the lay-delegates present their certificates, it shall be first ascertained whether the congregations have contributed to the fund of Synod; if they have not they shall have no right to representation in this Synod.

Resolved, That the standing resolutions, Nos. 4, 5 and 6 as found on the back of our minutes be and are hereby repealed.

Report on Conferential Proceedings.

The following report was received and adopted.

Your committee, on the proceedings of the Eastern and Western Conferences, after an examination of the records placed in their hands, would report that they find nothing that requires the special notice or consideration of Synod.

Three meetings were held by each Conference during the past Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE,
H. M. BROWN,
MATHIAS MILLER.

Report on Vacancies.

The following report was received and adopted.

The following vacancies have been brought to the notice of your committee: Charlotte, Concord, St. Paul's in Ire-

dell County, St. Matthews in Davie County, and Newton in Catawba County. Your committee recommend, that as far as may be necessary provision be made to supply these vacant churches, either by the President of the Synod, or by the Conferences in whose bounds they are located.

P. A. STROBEL,
J. H. FESPERMAN,
I. GOODNIGHT.

Report on Missions.

There were no documents placed in the hands of your committee; we have nothing to report

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CONE,
J. DULS.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

The following report was received and adopted.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

It is my duty to report to you my official acts as your corresponding Secretary for the Synodical year, ending 28th, inst.

1. In Feb. last I transmitted to Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., Cor. Sec. of Gen. Council, a copy of the resolutions passed at your last session, relative to the proposed Colloquium. I received a reply to this from Dr. Schmucker, on the 20th of same month, stating that they would be laid before the next meeting of the Council.

2. I received a letter some ten days since, from Rev. E. Caughman, relative to his attending our Synod, and referred the matter to pastor *loci*, who gave it his attention.

3. A number of Synods have favored us with copies of their Minutes. That of the General Council's last convention held at Jamestown, N. Y., 1874, exhibits a gratifying progress in its membership and various enterprises. The Holston Synod was received as a member at this convention. The officers of the previous year, Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., L. L. D., being the President, were re-elected. The Council is doing a good work in home and foreign missions. Hopes are still entertained that the much looked for Colloquium will be held. The Council numbers 12 Synods, 660 Ministers, 1,231 Congregations and 177,174 Communicants.

4. A copy of Minutes of Tenn. Synod. There is nothing in it that specially concerns this body. Our delegate Rev. W. Kimball, was cordially received, and as delegate to our Synod, Rev. Timothy Moser, was appointed, whom I am pleased to see present with us. The Synod is harmonious and prosperous. Rev. L. A. Fox is President, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Rec. Sec. and Rev. J. M. Smith, Cor. Sec. Its next meeting will be held in Mt. Calvary Church, Page Co., Va., on Thursday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1875.

5. The Minutes of S. C. Synod. This body is successfully engaged in the work of building up the Church in its bounds. The report of the delegate to our last meeting gave a flattering account of our Synod. In regard to this Synod, it was moved that, respecting "a letter addressed to Dr. A. R. Rude, by Rev. W. E. Hubbert, the delegate appointed by the N. C. Synod to attend our convention, we regret that circumstances prevented the writer from attending to the appointment with which our brethren in North Carolina honored him, and we renew hereby to our sister Synod our assurance of high respect, friendship and fraternal union, with our best wishes for their success and welfare, which we would gladly have expressed orally to their representative."

I feel sure that this fraternal feeling is shared by all the members of our Synod. Rev. H. S. Wingard, is President. Its next convention will be held in St. Luke's Church, Newberry Co., S. C., Oct. 14th. Rev. E. Caughman was appointed delegate to this Synod.

6. The following Minutes have also been received: Synod of S. W. Va., Rev. J. A. Brown, Pres.; Rev. J. B. Greiner, Rec. Sec., and Rev. A. Phillippi, Treas.; Synod of Md., Rev. G. Diehl, D. D., Pres.; Synod of Central Illinois; Synod of Pittsburgh, but there is in them nothing particularly relative to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HUBBERT, Cor. Sec. N. C. Synod.

Synod then took a recess for one-half hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the call of the President, Synod resumed its business. On motion the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the place of all members of the board of N. C. College who are not installed during the first year of their election, be declared vacant, and their places filled at the following meeting of Synod.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF N. C. COLLEGE, 1875.

Elected at this meeting. Revs. J. G. Neiffer, T. Moser and P. A. Strobel, Col. John Shimpoch, Mr. C. T. Bernhardt, and Dr. P. A. Sifford.

PREVIOUS ELECTIONS.

Revs. D. M. Henkel, W. Kimball, W. H. Cone, Mr. J. L. Graber, Maj. L. G. Heilig, and Col. P. N. Heilig.

Revs. S. Rothrock, A. Julian, Messrs. D. Barrier, A. Foil, John M. Harkey, and Capt. J. A. Fisher.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF MT. PLEASANT FEMALE SEMINARY.

Rev. Prof. W. E. Hubbert, Messrs. D. Barrier, John Lentz, and J. Misenheimer.

PREVIOUS ELECTIONS.

Revs. D. M. Henkel, J. G. Neiffer, Mr A. Foil, and Col. John Shimpoch.

Revs. W. A. Julian, W. H. Cone, Maj. L. G. Heilig, and Dr. J. L. Henderson.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ECCLESIASTIC BODIES.

Rev. S. Rothrock was appointed delegate, and Rev. W. A. Julian, his alternate to the S. C. Synod.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim was appointed delegate, and Rev. W. H. Cone, his alternate to the Tenn. Synod.

Rev. J. G. Neiffer, was appointed delegate, and Rev. D. M. Henkel his alternate to the Pennsylvania Synod.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That we approve the action of our Treasurer in lending money to our beneficiaries and that he be authorized to exchange the endorsed notes which he now holds against said beneficiaries, for their personal obligations.

On motion, *Resolved*, That \$200 be appropriated to Mr. F. T. Cook, and \$150 be appropriated to Mr. W. A. Luts.

On motion, *Resolved*, That \$50 be paid to W. R. Petra in quarterly installments, if that amount remains in the treasury after all other expenses are paid.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Synod are tendered to the members of St. John's Church and vicinity, for their hospitality during our present meeting.

Resolved, That this resolution be read by the Pastor from the pulpit at his next appointment.

Rev. Timothy Moser, the delegate from the Tenn. Synod, expressed his pleasure in being with this body, and hoped that a fraternal relation would still continue between the two Synods.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have 1,000 copies of the Minutes printed and distribute them in proportion to the members and amount of money sent to Synod.

Resolved, That the next meeting of Synod be held in St. Enoch's Church, Rowan Co., N. C.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourns it stand adjourned to meet at St. Enoch's Church, on Tuesday before the 1st Sunday in May, 1876, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Synod then adjourned to meet at the time and place mentioned. Closed according to our prescribed form.

The following is the receipt of Mrs. Scheck.

Rec'd at the hands of Rev. S. Scherer, Twenty-seven Dollars and thirty cents. (\$27.30,) collection at St. John's Church.
May 6, 1875.

I. C. SCHECK.

R. L. BROWN, Secretary of Synod.

Minutes of the Ministerium.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1875.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. Scherer.

On application Calvin W. Sifferd was admitted to appear before the Ministerium for examination, with a view to ordination.

Revs. Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. D., G. D. Bernhiem and J. G. Neiffer were appointed examining committee. After some time was spent in the examination, it was suspended until to morrow. Revs. W. R. Ketchie and W. A. Julian were appointed to examine some papers presented by the Rev. S. Scherer, in the interest of the colored, and to report.

On motion, the Ministerium then adjourned subject to the call of the President. Prayer by Rev. H. M. Brown.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1875.

Ministerium was called to order by the President, and opened with prayer by the Rev. T. Moser.

On motion the following resolution was adopted.

Report of Committee on Papers of Rev. Sam'l Holt, (colored,) and others of his race.

Your committee to whom were referred, the papers of Rev. Sam'l Holt, (colored) and others of his race, would respectfully report, that they have examined said papers and find that they contain nothing claiming the attention of this Ministerium. They report their churches in a prosperous condition.

Your committee recommend that these papers be referred to Revs. S. Scherer and E. P. Parker, and that they be authorized to dispose of the whole matter according to the dictates of their good judgment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. KETCHIE,
WM. A. JULIAN.

Revs. P. A. Strobel and Prof. W. E. Hubbert were excused for the evening. Revs. C. H. Bernheim and P. E. Zink were appointed committee to see to the religious interest of the colored in Davidson County.

Revs. S. Scherer and E. P. Parker were continued as committee to supervise the colored in their bounds.

Calvin W. Sifferd was then invited in and the examination continued; after which his examination was sustained. There was a unanimous vote that Calvin W. Sifferd, be ordained.

Resolved, That the ordination take place to-morrow immediately after an ordination sermon is preached.

Ministerium then adjourned subject to the call of the President. Closed with benediction.

R. L. BROWN, *Secretary*.

Minutes of Synod and Ministerium in Special Meeting.

JULY 25TH AND 26TH, 1874.

In accordance with the constitutional requirement, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, convened in special meeting in St. James Church, Concord, N. C., at 10 o'clock, A. M., July 25, 1874, and was opened by the President as prescribed in the "Book of Worship." In the absence of the Secretary, Prof. L. A. Bikle, was appointed *Sec. pro tem*.

The roll was called and the following Ministers and Lay-delegates answered to their names: Ministers, Revs S. Rothrock, N. Aldrich, D. M. Henkel, P. A. Strobel, W. H. Cone, W. A. Julian, C. H. Bernheim and Rev. Prof. L. Bikle: Lay-delegates, Jesse W. Miller, Dr. P. A. Sifferd, N. Blackwelder, J. A. Linn and T. C. Stricker.

On motion the following Ministers having sent excuses for absence from this meeting were excused: Revs. G. D. Bernheim, J. H. Fesperman, R. L. Brown and W. Kimball.

The President then stated the object of the meeting, viz.: to examine Mr. J. H. Harry with a view to his ordination and also his installation as pastor of the Concord charge.

Synod now adjourned subject to the call of the President and was dismissed with the benediction by the President.

The Ministerium having met at the call of the President, and transacted its business: Synod was again called to order and after some deliberation, there being no further business, adjourned, and was closed in accordance with our prescribed form in the "Book of Worship," and the benediction by the President. At 7 o'clock, P. M., the Secretary preached from Isaiah 43, 1.

W. R. KETCHIE, *Secretary*.

MINUTES OF MINISTERIUM.

The Ministerium met at the call of the President and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. A. Julian.

Rev. W. R. Ketchie now appeared and took his seat in the Ministerium.

The following committee was then appointed to examine Mr. J. H. Harry: Revs. Prof. L. A. Bikle, D. M. Henkel, and N. Aldrich.

The Ministerium now adjourned until 1½ P. M.

SECOND SESSION, 1½ P. M.

The Ministerium met according to adjournment and was declared by the President ready for the transaction of business. The committee appointed now proceeded to examine Mr. J. H. Harry.

On motion the examination was closed and by ballot it was decided by a unanimous vote, that Mr. J. H. Harry be ordained at 10½ o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

The Ministerium now adjourned, and was closed with prayer by Rev. W. H. Cone.

W. R. KETCHIE.

LORD'S DAY EXERCISES.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the President, Rev. S. Rothrock, preached a very excellent, appropriate and instructive sermon, to a very attentive congregation, from II Tim. I: 13.

After the close of this sermon, and the singing of a hymn, the President, assisted by the Secretary, Revs. W. H. Cone and C. H. Bernheim, proceeded to ordain Mr. J. H. Harry to the work of the Gospel Ministry, which was done in a very solemn manner, in accordance with the order laid down in the Book of Worship.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. N. Aldrich delivered another very good and instructive sermon, from I Thess. v. 12, 13, showing in a very clear and forcible manner, the duty of a congregation to its Pastor, and the light in which he should be viewed by those whom he serves. At the close of this discourse, the President assisted by Rev. N. Aldrich, installed Rev. J. H. Harry pastor of St. James Church, Concord, in accordance with our solemn and appropriate form as laid down in the Book of Worship. Thus ended the solemn and impressive services of this holy day.

May the Great Head of the Church bless them to the good of many souls.

OFFICERS OF
NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

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REV. S. ROTHROCK, PRESIDENT.

“ R. L. BROWN, RECORDING SEC'Y.

“ PROF. W. E. HUBBERT, COR. SEC'Y.

MAJ. L. G. HEILIG, TREASURER.

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STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

I. RESOLVED, That we recommend to the Church Council's the propriety of adopting the plan of collecting the Pastors salary by assessment.

II. RESOLVED, That in accordance with our Church discipline, chap. 6, section 3, the Church Councils be instructed to require every member of the Church to contribute to the support of the Gospel except such as in their judgement are too poor to do so.

III. RESOLVED, That no minister in our connection shall be allowed to take charge of vacant congregations until they shall have satisfactorily met their obligations with their former pastor.

IV. RESOLVED, That hereafter when a Pastor is called to a vacant charge, the Council be governed strictly by the Discipline of our Church.

Deo volente, The next Annual Synodical Convention will be held in St. Enoch's Church, Rowan Co., N. C., commencing on Tuesday before the first Lord's Day in May, 1876, at 10 o'clock, A. M.