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SIXTY-SIXTH CONVENTION
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North Carolina Synod.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, A. M.

THE Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina convened in Frieden's Church, Guilford County, N. C., April 29, 1869, at 10 o'clock.

The Synodical discourse was pronounced by the President, Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle. Text: Psalms, xlviii, 12 and 13.

At the conclusion of these services, Synod was opened in the form prescribed in the "Book of Worship."

The Clerical roll was then called, and the Lay Delegates handed in the certificates of their appointment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1.	Rev. W. ARTZ,*	-	-	Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C.
2.	" S. ROTHROCK,	-	-	Gold-Hill, " "
3.	" J. CRIM,*	-	-	_____, Texas.
4.	" J. H. MENGERT,*	-	-	Gainesville, Florida.
5.	" N. ALDRICH,	-	-	Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, N. C.
6.	" S. SCHERER,	-	-	Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C.
7.	" L. C. GROSECLOSE,	-	-	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus Co., N. C.
8.	" J. SWICEGOOD,	-	-	Shady Grove, Davidson " "
9.	" G. D. BERNHEIM,	-	-	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus " "
10.	" D. I. DREHER,	-	-	Concord, " " "
11.	" W. H. CONE,	-	-	Gold-Hill, Rowan " "
12.	" W. A. JULIAN,	-	-	Company Shops, " "
13.	" L. A. BIKLE,	-	-	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus " "
14.	" W. KIMBALL,	-	-	Salisbury, Rowan " "
15.	" A. D. L. MOSER,	-	-	Mill Hill, Cabarrus " "
16.	" L. W. HEYDENRICH,†	-	-	Hagerstown, Maryland.
17.	" C. H. BERNHEIM,	-	-	Gibsonville, Alamance " "
18.	" J. D. BOWLES,‡	-	-	Lexington, Davidson " "
19.	" P. M. BIKLE,	-	-	Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus " "

*Absent. †Absence excused. ‡Received at this meeting. ||Ordained at the adjourned meeting of Synod.

LICENTIATES.

20.	Rev. J. H. FESPERMAN,	Rowan Mills, Rowan County, N. C.
21.	" R. L. BROWN,	Gold-Hill, " "
22.	" W. R. KETCHIE,	Jerusalem, Davie " "

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. W. L. KISTLER,	-	Rev. S. Rothrock's charge.
" M. ICEHOWER,	-	" N. Aldrich's "
" T. EARNHART,	-	" S. Scherer's "
" A. MISENHIMER,	-	" L. C. Groseclose's charge.
Dr. P. A. SIFFERD,	-	" G. D. Bernheim's "
Mr. G. A. HEILIG,	-	" W. H. Cone's "
" H. SHARP,	-	" W. A. Julian's "
" H. MILLER,	-	" W. Kimball's "
" A. J. LOWRANCE,	-	" A. D. L. Moser's "
" JOHN WAGONER,	-	" C. H. Bernheim's "
" P. E. ZINK,	-	" J. D. Bowles' "
" E. P. PARKER,	-	" R. L. Brown's "
" G. FELKER,	-	" W. R. Ketchie's "

COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. JNO. CARTNER, from Providence church, Rowan county, N. C.
 " G. L. GREESON, from Company Shops, N. C.

Synod being organized, the retiring President read his Annual Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: In the name of the Great Head of the Church, we have assembled in Annual Convention. As members of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church*, we have met to consider her present condition and necessities in our midst, and to adopt such measures as, in our collective capacity, we shall be convinced, will most increase her efficiency, and promote her true interests. May we not hope that, whatever may be the nature of the subjects which shall claim our attention, during the sessions of this Convention, we shall so speak and act as to show that we are thoroughly imbued with "the mind which was in Christ," and that we are heartily engaged and united in maintaining and defending the pure faith of the Church, as set forth in the *Augsburg Confession*. Having assumed the distinctive appellation, *Evangelical Lutheran*, for the sake of consistency and honesty, let us ever be what the name indicates. Let us not regard an adherence to the peculiar features of Lutheranism, a matter of little importance.

By the terms of the Constitution, it becomes my duty to present to Synod a written statement of what has occurred within our bounds, during my term of office. I proceed now to perform this duty.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

May 19th, in accordance with the resolution of the Ministerium, passed at its last meeting, I furnished the Licentiates, Fesperman, Brown and Ketchie, with a schedule of studies to be pursued during the present synodical year. What

progress these brethren have made in the prescribed course, the Committee of Examination will report, at the proper time, to the Ministerium.

December 11th, in compliance with the instruction of Synod, I addressed a communication to Rev. J. H. Mengert, Gainesville, Florida. His reply, bearing date, Dec. 28th, will be referred to the proper committee, to be reported on during the present meeting.

February 18th, in reply to a letter received from Rev. W. A. Julian, inquiring "whether he had acted prudently, or constitutionally, in discontinuing to preach at Coble's church, because the congregation failed to pay his salary, and had no disposition to subscribe to his support the present year," I gave it as my opinion, that he was not guilty of an infraction of the Constitution, and that his course was the right and proper one to pursue under such circumstances.

RESIGNATIONS AND CALLS ACCEPTED.

May 12th, Rev. J. H. Fesperman, Licentiate, informed me that he had resigned the Davie Mission, as the amount contributed towards his support was not sufficient even to meet his most pressing necessities, and requested my approval of the step he had taken. I granted his request.

September 12th, Rev. W. R. Ketchie, Licentiate, wrote me that he had received a call from the Davie Mission, and asked my consent to take charge of that field of labor. The Constitutional requirement in the case of a Licentiate, was complied with.

October 13th, Rev. S. Rothrock informed me verbally, that he had taken charge of the Organ pastorate.

October 27th, Rev. C. H. Bernheim notified me that he had accepted a call to the Alamance pastorate.

November 3d, Rev. S. Scherer wrote me that he had resigned the charge consisting of Bethel and Salem churches, "to take effect at or near the close of the civil year."

November 29th, Rev. D. I. Dreher informed me verbally, that he had resigned the Concord church.

January 9th, Rev. J. D. Bowles notified me that he had taken charge of the Davidson pastorate. This brother failed to send me his certificate of dismissal from the Synod of Georgia.

March 10th, Rev. S. Rothrock wrote me that he had resigned the Organ pastorate, and accepted a call to the charge of Bethel and Salem churches, formerly served by Rev. S. Scherer.

March 26th, Rev. S. Scherer informed me that he had entered into an arrangement to serve the Organ and Salisbury charges, as joint pastor with Rev. W. H. Cone. As this arrangement has met the entire approbation of the congregations concerned, and seems to be the best that can be made at this time for supplying them with the regular means of grace, I presume that it will receive the sanction of Synod.

INSTALLATIONS.

August 30th, Rev. A. D. L. Moser was installed pastor of the St. Enoch's charge by the President of Synod. Rev. D. I. Dreher preached the installation sermon.

—, Rev. C. H. Bernheim was installed pastor of the Alamance charge by Rev. W. A. Julian.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

January 31st., Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor, was solemnly dedicated to the service of the Triune God. The President of Synod preached the dedication sermon.

VACANCIES.

The Concord church was made vacant by the resignation of Rev. D. I. Dreher, in October. As far as I know, it has not taken any steps towards securing the services of a regular pastor. It will be the duty of Synod to instruct that church.

Not having received any information from the Wilmington church, since our last meeting, I have nothing to communicate to Synod respecting it.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. *Licensure.* I submit to the consideration of Synod the propriety of abolishing the Licensure system. I believe that it is unlutheran and without scripture warrant. Besides, it operates injuriously by opening the door to those who are but imperfectly qualified to become ambassadors for Christ, and to direct the spiritually blind in the way of life and blessedness. Unless a reasonable share of intelligence be conjoined with personal piety, I am unable to see how the ministerial work is to be prosecuted with the efficiency and the enlightened zeal of the "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed."

I recommend, therefore, the entire abolition of the Licensure system, and suggest further, that Synod designate in its Constitution the minimum course of studies, collegiate and theological, which candidates for the Ministry must pursue before they can be invested with the *holy office*.

2. *Theological Seminary.*—The establishment of a Theological Seminary within the bounds of this body, temporarily at least, has become an absolute necessity. The duty will devolve upon us to make some provision for the education of our theological students at home, as the pressing wants and limited resources of Synod will prevent us from sending them either North or South to be educated.

I recommend that, for the present, a Theological Department be created in N. C. College, and that the Ministers of this Synod, residing in Mt. Pleasant, be constituted a Faculty to superintend and perform, free of charge, the duties of said Department.

3. *Systematic Benevolence.*—On an examination of the published minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of Synod, it will be found that my predecessor in office, invited attention to this subject; but no plan was proposed, and, I suppose, for the want of something tangible, the committee to whom his report was referred, had "nothing specific to recommend." As this is a subject of vital importance—one that cannot longer be passed over indifferently, without serious detriment to the benevolent interests of Synod—I feel impelled by a sense of duty, to call attention to it again. The time has come when some systematic plan must be adopted to obtain means to make our Synodical Missionary Society a living power in the Church, and to give that prominence to

the cause of Beneficiary Education which it deserves. But what plan will secure us the requisite means to attain the object in view? I propose the following:

I. Each pastor in connection with this Synod shall provide himself with a list of all the members of his church or churches.

II. He shall call upon each member of his charge, and endeavor to secure from him an *annual* contribution to the Synodical Treasury and the various benevolent objects of Synod.

III. He shall select and fix the most suitable time during the year, for the payment of the amount subscribed by each member of his charge.

IV. He shall report at each annual meeting of Synod the sum total collected, and place it in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod.

V. The Synod shall, after paying all current expenses, make such a disposition of the balance of the funds thus collected, as it, in its wisdom, may determine to be most conducive to the prosperity and welfare of the church.

The above plan may be objected to on the ground that it imposes additional labor on our pastors, but without active co-operation and patient personal effort on their part, we do not believe that this or any other plan will succeed. Our people must be taught by precept and example to give regularly and systematically, and when this has been accomplished, we feel satisfied that Synod will be enabled to derive liberal things for the Lord.

CONCLUSION.

Having completed the term of office for which I was elected, permit me, on retiring, to express my sincere thanks for your kindness, confidence and forbearance. May the God of all grace preside over this Convention, and may He grant us wisdom "to do all to the glory of His great and holy name."

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE, *President*

The Report was received for reference to the proper Committee.

An election was now entered into for officers for the ensuing year, resulting as follows:

Rev. W. A. JULIAN, President.

" L. A. BIKLE, Recording Secretary.

" D. I. DREHER, Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. P. A. SIFFORD, Treasurer.

Rev. J. D. Bowles, pastor of the Davidson charge, presented the certificate of his dismissal from the Georgia Synod, duly signed by its President, and asked to be received as a member of this Synod. The application of the brother was unanimously agreed to, and his name placed on the clerical roll.

Rev. Paul Derrick, corresponding delegate from the S. C. Synod, and Rev. T. Crouse, from the Tennessee Synod, were

cordially invited by the President, to participate in the deliberations of this body as advisory members.

At this stage of business, Synod adjourned for one hour.

THURSDAY, P. M.

Synod assembled at 2 o'clock.

Resolved, That the regular business of Synod be suspended to consider the Doctrinal Basis and amended Constitution, prepared by the Committee appointed for this purpose, at the last annual meeting.

The Doctrinal Basis (see Minutes of adjourned meeting, page 32) was first taken up and after protracted discussion of the propriety of its adoption at the present meeting, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. D. I. Dreher.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, A. M.

The President called the Synod to order at 8 o'clock, and requested Rev. T. Crouse to lead in prayer. The roll was then called, and the minutes of the previous day read and confirmed.

The consideration of the Doctrinal Basis being resumed, the following resolutions were presented and adopted, in order to give those members of Synod, who declared themselves unprepared to vote understandingly at the present time, an opportunity to examine the symbolical books of our church:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the Constitution, with a view to its final adoption, be postponed until some future time.

Resolved, That we hold a special meeting of Synod at some leisure time, during the present summer, at such place as may be agreed upon.

Resolved, That Revs. Prof. L. A. Bikle, G. D. Bernheim, S. Scherer, and S. Rothrock, be added to the Committee on the revision of the Constitution, and that said Committee report to the special meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the Committee have said Constitution published in the *Evangelical Lutheran* as soon as revised.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Salem church, Rowan county, N. C., on Thursday before the 5th Sunday in August ensuing, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of considering the revised and amended Constitution, with a view to its final adoption, and of completing all other unfinished business of Synod.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the President:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *President's Report*—Revs. G. D. Bernheim, W. Kimball, and Dr. P. Sifferd.

2. *Petitions and Vacancies*—Revs. N. Aldrick, R. L. Brown and Mr. T. Earnheart.

3. *Unfinished Business*—Revs. S. Rothrock, W. R. Ketchie and Mr. G. A. Heilig.

4. *State of Religion*—Revs. L. C. Groseclose, A. D. L. Moser and Mr. A. J. Lowrance.

5. *Education*—Revs. D. I. Dreher, S. Scherer, and Mr. Henry Sharp.

6. *Conferential Proceedings*—Revs. W. H. Cone, J. D. Bowles and Mr. H. Miller.

7. *Finance*—Rev. W. Kimball and Messrs. W. L. Kistler and Martin Icehouer.

The Parochial Reports were now handed in and arranged as presented on next page.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations,	BAPTISMS.		Communicants,	Confirmations,	Admissions,	Restorations,	Dismissions,	Expulsions,	Death of Members,	Funerals,	Education and Miss. Societies,	Sund'y. Schools,	Teachers,	Scholars,	Bible Classes,	Prayer Meets.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
		Infants,	Adults,															Local,	General.
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16	1																		

The clerical brethren were next called upon to read their Pastoral reports, which were afterwards placed into the hands of the Committee on the State of Religion, to be condensed into a single report.

Reports from the Pastors and Church Councils of the various charges in connection with Synod, according to the requirements of Standing Resolution iv, and v, were presented and read by the Secretary.

On motion, Synod adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Rev. J. D. Bowles preached at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, P. M.

The business of Synod was resumed at 3 o'clock.

Resolved, That this Synod deem it an imperative duty that the Church at Concord, N. C., pay Rev. D. I. Dreher arrearages due him.

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee to confer with the council of said Church to effect a fair and amicable settlement with Bro. Dreher.

Committee—Revs. N. Aldrich and L. A. Bikle.

The Treasurer of Synod read his report which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

P. A. Sifferd, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, in account with said Synod, as follows:

To amount of cash on hand at last Synod, (May, 1868.)	\$23 05
" " received from Synod's Committee on Finance,	79 05

Total amount, \$102 10

Credits:	
1868, May 2—Paid L. A. Bikle,	\$19 00
" " " Delegates to General Synod,	12 00
" July 31 " N. Aldrich, for printing blanks,	4 30
" Aug. 27, " J. O. H. Nuttall, for printing Minutes,	66 80
Total,	\$102 10

Debits:	
1869, April 5—Received from A. D. L. Moser's charge:	
St. Enoch's church, 80 cents; Trinity church, 55 cents,	\$1 35
" " 8—Received from S. Rothrock's charge:	
Salem church, 2,05; Bethel church, 1,75,	3 80
" " 23—Received from N. Aldrich's church,	2 70
" " 29 " " L. C. Groseclose's charge,	4 40
	\$12 25

This leaves a balance of \$12.25 in my hands to pay towards the indebtedness of Synod, which amounts to \$45.95. Respectfully submitted,
P. A. SIFFERD, Treasurer.

The Corresponding Secretary of Synod presented the following report which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

I. The minutes of the South Carolina Synod have been received. The officers of the Synod are the following: Rev. T. S. Boineast, president; Rev. Paul Derrick, recording secretary; Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltzer, corresponding secretary; Maj. G. E. Wise, treasurer of synod; Mr. J. F. Schinner, treasurer of seminary. The members of this synod are zealously engaged in devising means for the promotion of education and religion. They have removed their college from Newberry to Walhalla, and anticipate increased success.

Rev. Paul Derrick was appointed delegate to the North Carolina Synod, and we are pleased to see him in our midst.

II. The minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Tennessee, have also been received. Officers: Rev. J. M. Smith, president; Rev. M. Moretz, recording secretary; Rev. A. J. Fox, corresponding secretary; T. Moser, treasurer. These brethren are also energetic in their labors for the advancement of religion. They express very kind feelings for the North Carolina Synod.

III. The minutes of the South Western Virginia Synod have come to hand. Officers: Rev. James A. Brown, president; J. C. Repass, recording secretary; E. H. McDonald, treasurer. Earnest and efficient efforts are made for the advancement of intelligence and religion. Wytheville Female Seminary has been reopened under the supervision of Rev. E. H. McDonald. Roanoke College is in a very flourishing condition.

This Synod has established an English mission in the city of Richmond, which has proved a great success.

May God bless the labors of these earnest brethren!

IV. The minutes of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for 1868, have been received. Officers of synod: Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., president; Rev. B. W. Schmauk, German secretary; Rev. J. Fry, English secretary; Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, treasurer. From the minutes of this venerable body we learn, that it is actively engaged in the work of education. Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, and the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, are two important institutions under their care. They will no doubt exert a good influence upon the Lutheran Church in America.

Their Jubilee offerings indicate great love for the Church, and an ardent desire to prosper Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL I. DREHER,
Corresponding Secretary.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. P. Derrick.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, A. M.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, Synod did not assemble until 9 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. L. Brown. The roll was called and minutes of previous day

read and confirmed.

The following brethren were excused from further attendance on the sessions of Synod after to-day: Revs. D. I. Dreher and J. Swicegood, and Messrs. G. A. Heilig, W. L. Kistler and T. E. Zink.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The undersigned would respectfully report that they attended the Fifth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America which assembled in Newberry, S. C., May 21st, 1868. Delegates were present from all the District Synods composing this body, except the Synod of South West Virginia. The Holston Synod on application, at this meeting, was admitted as an integral part of General Synod. With one exception the regular business was transacted with great unanimity, and the best feeling prevailed. We regret to state that, in the discussion of the church paper, there was wanting, to some extent, that spirit of christian love and due regard to the interests of the church which should ever characterize the deliberations of an ecclesiastical organization. A strenuous effort was made to commit the General Synod to the support of a new paper, but it was steadily resisted by the undersigned, as they believed that such action of Synod would involve the Editor of the *Evangelical Lutheran*, a member of this body, in great pecuniary loss, and seriously reflect upon his christian integrity. The matter of the Church paper was finally settled by the passage of the following:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for the General Synod to continue longer to indorse any paper as its organ, and select any editor for its conduct; and that in view of these facts, we leave the publication of papers of the church to individual enterprise, and their success to their respective merits.

The next meeting of General Synod will be held in Winchester, Va., commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, in 1870.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE, Chairman,
S. ROTHROCK,
N. ALDRICH,
D. I. DREHER,
P. A. BARRIER,
J. A. FISHER,
B. FRALEY.

Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF MONEYS COLLECTED TO DEFRAY EXPENSES TO GENERAL SYNOD, WHICH CONVENED IN NEWBERRY, S. C., MAY, 1868.

Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle, chairman of delegation, in account with N. Carolina Synod, as follows:

Debits.

May 19, 1868.	Received from Rev. Groseclose's charge,	\$8 10
" 26, "	" " " Gen. Synod in N. A.,	29 65
" 30, "	" " " Moser's charge,	3 00
June 15, "	" " " Rothrock's charge,	9 10
Sept 10, "	" " " Scherer's charge,	5 25
" 12, "	" " " Julian's charge,	5 00
Nov. 7, "	" " " Brown's charge,	25
" 9, "	" " " Rothrock's charge,	5 00
Dec. 9, "	" " " Kimball's charge,	4 00

April 30, 1869.	"	"	"	C. H. Bernheim's chr.	10 35
" " "	"	"	"	G. D. Bernheim's "	1 00
" " "	"	"	"	Conc's charge,	5 40
Total,					\$86 10

Credits.					
May 26, 1868.	Paid Dr. P. A. Barrier's expenses,	\$16 00			
June 15, "	" Rev. Rothrock's "	14 35			
" 15, "	" Prof. Bikle's "	15 90			
April 26, 1869.	" Captain Fisher's "	13 50			
" 30, "	" Dreher's "	12 00			
" " "	" Mr. Fraley's "	14 35			
Total,					\$86 10

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. BIKLE.

Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 5.

This Committee has the report of the Board of Directors of North Carolina College, placed in their hands. This report affords encouragement to the friends of the College, and hope for increased success.

The College, during the present session, has been under the supervision of Prof. L. A. Bikle, assisted by Mr. H. T. J. Ludwick, as tutor. These gentlemen have acted in harmony and to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

There are fifty-three students in daily attendance, with the prospect of more. The Directors have been encouraged to the extent that, at their last meeting they enlarged the corps of Professors. They have made Prof. L. A. Bikle acting President, and elected a brother of his, P. M. Bikle, Professor, who is to enter upon his labors the first of next session. The Board confidently believes this arrangement will redound to the increased prosperity of the College.

The Institution is reported as being out of debt and having ten thousand dollars in old State bonds.

All this indicates a hopeful future for our College.

The Female Seminary at Mt Pleasant, has encouraging prospects. The principal, Rev G. D. Bernheim, has been greatly cheered with the number of pupils now under his care.

It is certainly a source of satisfaction to this Synod to learn that there are Academies being established in several pastorates within its bounds.

This argues an increased interest on the subject of education, and that our people are alive to the demands of the times. These Academies afford educational facilities in their respective localities, and will act as feeders to our College.

The exigency of the times demands a higher standard of education, and a more general diffusion of learning. The time has come when the power of an educated mind may wield a great intellectual and moral influence. It may not be out of place to state here, for the encouragement of young men seeking an education, that a thorough education is equal to an annuity of from six to twelve hundred dollars or to a fund of ten thousand dollars. Now, any young man of energy and sufficient health, may obtain a complete education for fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars. Let fathers note the above, and send their sons to North Carolina College, where they will receive a hearty welcome, and be carefully educated by our worthy and efficient Professor, L. A. Bikle, and his assistants.

Boarding may be obtained in good families at low rates.

Very respectfully submitted,
DANIEL I. DREHER,
SIMEON SCHIERER,
HENRY SHARP.

Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

The Committee on Petitions and Vacancies, would present the following as their report:

No. 1—Is a letter from Rev. John H. Mengert in reply to one addressed to him by the late President of the Synod, Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle, in reference to his absence from our annual meetings without being excused. Brother Mengert states that the distance (not being a resident of this State) and ignorance as to the officers of Synod prevented his attendance upon our annual meetings, and from complying with its constitutional requirement. He also requests that his name be stricken from our ecclesiastical roll inasmuch as he does not expect ever again to be a resident of this State, or to engage in any ministerial work within the bounds of our Synod.

No. 2—Is a letter from Rev. Prof. L. W. Heydenrich, informing Synod that on account of distance, he is unable to meet with us in our annual Convention. Brother Heydenrich asked to be excused from absence.

No. 3—Is a petition from St. Michael's Church, Iredell County, N. C., to this body, for the continued services of Rev. W. Kimball.

No. 4—Is a letter from the Council of St. Mark's Church, Charlotte, N. C., in reference to their weak and impoverished condition, and requesting the assistance of this Synod, in support of their pastor.

No. 5—Is a petition from the citizens of Company Shops and vicinity, for the services of an energetic Minister, to preach regularly to them every Sunday. They have appointed Mr. G. L. Greeson as their representative to this body, and ask for his recognition in that capacity. They further pray that Company Shops be made by our Synod a Missionary station, and that they might be assisted in the support of the minister whom we may send to labor among them.

In reference to the different items of the report, your Committee would recommend the following:

1. *Resolved*, That Rev. J. H. Mengert be excused for his non-attendance upon the annual meetings of this body.

Resolved, That his request to have his name removed from our ecclesiastical roll without informing Synod whether it is his intention to connect himself with some other Synod or ecclesiastical body, and naming the same, is irregular, and cannot be complied with.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished brother Mengert by the Secretary.

2. *Resolved*, That Rev. L. W. Heydenrich be excused for absence from this meeting of Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That it is with more than ordinary feelings of gratitude to God, Synod has learned of the success connected with Rev. W. Kimball's ministry in St. Michael's Church, and do hereby earnestly recommend to Brother Kimball, the continuation of his labors among that people, if consistent with the duties of his regular charge.

4. *Resolved*, That we are not indifferent to the earnest efforts of the Church in Charlotte, to preserve its congregational identity, and that the growing importance of that city as one of the chief commercial centers of the State, makes it also important to us as a Synod, that the Church which we have there planted, should not be left to wither and die. But inasmuch as this Synod has no funds for this purpose at its disposal, the matter be referred to the Executive Committee of our Missionary Society.

5. *Resolved*, That we receive with pleasure the petition of the citizens of Company Shops and vicinity, that said point be made a Missionary Station, and that the appointment of a missionary with his support be referred to the Executive Committee of our Synodical Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted,
N. ALDRICH,
R. L. BROWN,
T. EARNHART.

Report was received and adopted by items.

The hour for divine service having arrived, Synod adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Rev. W. Kimball preached Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, P. M.

Synod was called together at 3 o'clock, by the President.

Rev. D. I. Dreher read an address on Church Literature, which subject had been assigned him at the last meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are hereby tendered Rev. D. I. Dreher, for the interesting address just read, and that he be requested to furnish the same for publication in the *Evangelical Lutheran*.

REPORT OF COR. DELEGATE TO TENNESSEE SYNOD.

The Delegate of this Synod to the 49th annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, would report as follows:

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod convened in Salem Church, Lincoln County, N. C., September 24th, and continued its sessions to the 27th of the same month. It was our privilege as the corresponding delegate of this Synod, to be present at the above mentioned meeting of the Tennessee Synod. Our reception as your representative was most cordial and fraternal, and our intercourse with those brethren was most delightful. The business of this Synod was conducted with the greatest harmony and unanimity of purpose.—These brethren seem to be thoroughly alive to the interest and prosperity of that portion of our Church committed to their care.

In accordance with the instructions of this Synod at its last meeting, we proposed the transfer of the Newton charge, in Catawba County, N. C., to that Synod, whereupon the following was unanimously agreed upon:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its pleasure in the mutual confidence in each other, manifested by the transfer of the Catawba Mission, by the Synod of North Carolina to the Tennessee Synod.

Rev. J. M. Smith was elected the corresponding delegate to the present meeting of this Synod, and Rev. T. Crouse his alternate. Our prayer is that this bond of union so auspiciously formed between the Tennessee Synod and the Synod of North Carolina may be perpetuated to the glory of God, and the welfare of our beloved Zion.

Respectfully submitted,
N. ALDRICH.

Report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the delegate's expenses to Tennessee Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 1, ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to present the following:

1st. In reference to the want of promptness on the part of the Concord Church in securing a pastor or having their pulpit temporarily supplied we would recommend that they be instructed by the President to take immediate constitutional steps to obtain the services of a regular pastor.

2nd. Inasmuch as we can discover no authority in the word of God for the Licensure system, nor any warrant for the same in our Lutheran Articles of

faith and practice, and, as it has only been introduced in this country as a provisional custom for the speedy supply of ministers, Therefore we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That our Constitution be so amended that from this day forward we abolish the practice of licensing candidates for the ministry before their ordination.

Resolved, That we will ordain no candidates coming from our Church or any sister denomination whose education is not equal, at least, to the close of the Sophomore Class studies in any college and a two year's course in a Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That these changes shall not be regarded as affecting our present Licentiates, who shall be permitted to enjoy the privileges, and prepare for ordination, as before provided.

3rd. In reference to a Theological Seminary, we suggest that the President's recommendation be adopted, and that we request the board of trustees of North Carolina College to permit us to use temporarily, two lecture rooms in the North building of said College.

4th. As the subject of systematic benevolence has been properly brought before you in the President's report, we recommend that his plan for raising funds be adopted. We further recommend that wherever our Churches have formed benevolent societies, or shall immediately organize such, collecting contributions oftener than once a year, by which the same object will be accomplished, they be permitted so to do.

We recommend that the President's report be published in our minutes.

G. D. BERNHEIM, Ch'm.
WHITSON KIMBALL,
P. A. SIFFERD.

Report was received and adopted by items.

Resolved, That this Synod designate the months of June and December, during which the various congregations within its bounds be requested to hold concerts of prayer for the success of Colleges, Theological Seminaries and other Institutions of Learning, and of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That the President of Synod and Rev. L. C. Groseclose, be appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. J. D. Scheek, who was formerly a member of this body.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. Crouse.

SERVICES OF THE LORD'S DAY.

Though the Lord's day dawned upon us damp and chilly, yet a large concourse of people assembled to engage in its solemn services. Rev. W. H. Cone preached in the Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and Rev. G. D. Bernheim in the arbor, at the same hour.

After these services the congregations united under the arbor to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. S. Rothrock consecrated the elements. The clerical and lay members of Synod then came forward and partook of the broken body and shed blood of their glorified Redeemer,

and were succeeded by a large number of the followers of Christ of our own and other churches.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, a large and attentive congregation assembled in the Church, when a sermon was preached by Rev. Paul Derriek of South Carolina Synod.

Thus ended the solemn and highly interesting services of this holy day.

May the Great Head of the Church bless them to the salvation of precious souls.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, A. M.

Synod assembled at 8 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. N. Aldrich.

Preamble and Resolutions on the death of Rev. J. D. Scheck.

WHEREAS, Rev. J. D. Scheck, formerly for many years a member of this Synod, has recently died in North Carolina, we deem it proper for this body to give expression to the following sentiments:

1. *Resolved*, That in the death of REV. JOHN DANIEL SCHECK, the Church has lost an able minister, and his wife and children a kind and indulgent husband and father.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby expresses its kind sympathy and christian condolence to the bereaved family in their heavy affliction.

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of the above preamble and resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Scheck, by the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. JULIAN.
L. C. GROSECLOSE.

The above preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Synod rising and standing for a short time in silence.

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCES.

Your committee on Conferences submit the following:

1. The Western Conference held three meetings during the last Synodical year, which were not very well attended. From the minutes we learn that great interest was manifested on the various subjects pertaining to the welfare of the Church, and especially on Home Missions.

We find the following resolutions on their minutes:

Resolved, That we recommend to Synod the necessity of authorizing at once the organization of a congregation out of the membership of Mount Pleasant and vicinity, and of building a church of sufficient capacity to meet the wants of the community, and of our Literary Institutions in said place.

Your committee recommend, that Synod approve and authorize the organization of a congregation in Mount Pleasant.

2. The Central Conference held too meetings during the past year. At no time were all the brethren present. The item of business, referred to this Con-

ference at the last meeting of Synod, viz: The propriety of building a church at Luckey's Stand, Rowan County, was taken into consideration, and the following preamble and resolution adopted:

Whereas, The Conference has heard with pleasure of the organization of a congregation at Luckey's Stand, and

Whereas, It appears to have fine prospects for the increase of its numerical strength, therefore,

Resolved, That the people of that locality be encouraged to take the necessary preliminary steps for the building of a house of worship, and that it be recommended, that said congregation be a part of the Davie charge.

Your committee recommend, that this action of the Central Conference be sustained, except that said congregation, instead of being a part of Davie charge, be regarded as a Mission Station during the ensuing year, and that Rev. J. H. Fesperman continue to serve them.

3. The Eastern Conference held three meetings during the year. From the minutes we learn, that the members are actively engaged in promoting the interests of the Church. They are endeavoring to carry out the recommendation of Synod on the subject of Home Missions.

The brethren of this Conference deserve much credit for their earnestness and zeal in the cause of their Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CONE,
J. D. BOWLES,
HENRY MILLER.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Finance Committee submit the following Synodical contributions:

Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge—Freiden's Church, \$5 38 St. Paul's Church \$2,75	\$8 13
Rev. G. D. Bernheim's charge—Ebenezer Church, \$7,35 Mount Carmel, \$3,00	10 35
Rev. A. D. L. Moser's charge—St. Enoch's Church, \$5,80, Trinity Church, \$1,85	7 65
Rev. W. A. Julian's charge—Lau's Church, \$4,17	4 17
Rev. S. Rothrock's charge—Salem Church, \$3,00 Bethel, \$3,00	6 00
Rev. J. D. Bowles's charge—Sandy Creek Church, \$2,80, Pilgrim's Church, \$2,60, Bethany Church, \$2,60	8 00
Revs. S. Scherer and W. H. Cone's charges—Organ Church, \$4,00 St. Peter's, \$2,00, Union, \$3,00, Salisbury, \$2,00, Smith's school house, \$1,00	12 00
Rev. L. C. Groseclose's charge—St. John's church, \$13,42, Bear Creek, \$3,23	16 65
Rev. W. R. Ketchie's charge—St. Matthew's Church, \$1,00 Jerusalem; Church, 50,	1 50
Rev. R. L. Brown's charge—St. Matthew's Church, \$1,25; St. Stephen's Church, \$1,00	2 25
Rev. N. Aldrich's charge—Charlotte Church for minutes \$1,25	1 25
Rev. W. Kimball's charge—Lutheran Chapel, \$6,00, St. Paul's Church, \$5,00; St. Michael's, \$2,50	13 50
Rev. John Swicegood,	1 00
Michael Coble, (colored,)	1 50
Total,	92 95

We beg leave to report also that we have examined the Treasurer's account with Synod, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. KIMBALL,
W. L. KISTLER,
MARTIN ICEHOWER, } Com.

Report received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO S. C. SYNOD.

It is the pleasure of your delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina to report, that he met with that body in convention in St. Paul's Church, October 15, 1863, and was cordially received, and invited to a seat as the representative from this Synod.

Your delegate is happy to state, that all their deliberations, in the regular order of business, were conducted with perfect harmony, and with due regard to each other's feelings. When the question of removing the College from Newberry to Wallhalla was presented, comparatively little excitement was created. The members of Synod seem to be alive to a sense of their duty.

After the usual salutations of this body were presented, the chairman in reply, assured your delegate, that as a Synod they entertained the very highest regard for this body—such as a daughter only can cherish for a fond mother; and hoped, that the tie which is now binding the two Synods together might be strengthened and perpetuated. As an evidence of that high regard, Rev. Paul Derrick was appointed delegate to this meeting of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. JULIAN.

Report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That the Delegate's expenses to S. C. Synod be paid by the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay Prof. L. A. Bikle's expenses to the Catawba Mission, incurred at the direction of Synod, and \$2 50 advanced by him, for a chest for the archives of Synod.

The business of Synod was suspended at this stage to hear the statements of Mr. G. L. Greeson relative to the Mission at Company Shops, whereupon the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we have listened with pleasure to the statements made by Mr. G. L. Greeson to this body in reference to the Mission at Company Shops; that we recommend Rev. W. A. Julian to preach there as often as he can conveniently do so, and to act as their financial agent; and that we encourage our brethren at that place to organize a congregation and to build a church.

Resolved, That the Secretary write to Rev. J. H. Mengert in regard to certain moneys said to be in his hands and properly belonging to this Synod, with a view of recovering the same.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion report the following:

That from the statements of the brethren it appears,

1. That some portions of our Zion have enjoyed revivals of religion during the past Synodical year.
2. That the time-honored custom of catechisation is receiving more atten-

tion than formerly, and your committee hopes it will be hereafter insisted upon by all of our ministers as a condition to confirmation.

3. Whilst we regret that our people fall far short in the matter of ministerial support, yet we are glad to see that, with few exceptions, salaries have been paid with more punctuality.

4. Your committee deeply regrets, that so little is done by our people in donations, especially by our farmers, who doubtless could spare many things from their farms, if they would be induced to remember, that "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

L. C. GROSECLOSE.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF N. C. COLLEGE.

ELECTED FOR 1867.

Rev. L. C. Groseclose, Rev. S. Scherer, Col. P. N. Heilig, Maj. L. G. Heilig.

ELECTED FOR 1868.

Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. W. H. Cone, C. Melcher, Esq., Daniel Barrier.

ELECTED FOR 1869.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim, Rev. D. I. Dreher, Col. John Shimpoch, Matthias Barrier, Esq.

TRUSTEES OF MT. PLEASANT FEMALE SEMINARY.

The following persons constitute the Board of Trustees of Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary, elected for one year:

Revs. L. C. Groseclose, L. A. Bikle, W. H. Cone, W. Kimball, and Messrs. Daniel Barrier, E. D. Lentz, W. R. Kindley, J. L. Henderson, L. G. Heilig, J. J. Misenhimer, A. Foil, W. T. Miller.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The committee on Unfinished Business would present the following item:

On page 18 of last year's minutes is a resolution, making it the duty of Rev. N. Aldrich, the Synod's almoner, to forward to the widow of Rev. A. Grimes, deceased, the funds collected for her benefit, and that collections be continued in the churches for the benefit of the widow in her present destitute condition.

Your Committee would inquire whether this duty has been attended to?

Respectfully submitted,

S. ROTHROCK,
W. R. KETCHIE,
G. A. HEILIG.

Report was received and adopted.

In regard to the above, Rev. N. Aldrich, for the informa-

tion of Synod, that he had forwarded as directed all moneys received by him for that purpose.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due the Frieden's congregation and community for the generous hospitality which we have enjoyed at their hands during the sessions of this meeting, and that they be tendered to this kind people, at the close of the present session, by the President.

Resolved, That the printing of the minutes of Synod be deferred till after our adjourned meeting in August; that all the ministers be required to take up collections for the benefit of the Synodical Treasury, and that the Secretary furnish a synopsis, of our present proceedings for publication in the *Evangelical Lutheran*.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod, endeavor to ascertain the party or parties, to whom all arrearages for printing minutes of last year justly belong, and pay the same.

Resolved, That Synod now adjourn to meet at the time and place already agreed upon.

The Synod was closed by the Secretary in the form prescribed in the "Book of Worship."

L. A. BIKLE, Secretary.

MINUTES OF MINISTERIUM.

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FRIDAY, P. M., April 30, 1869.

Ministerium was called to order at 4 o'clock, by the President, and opened with prayer by Rev. N. Aldrich.

After calling the roll, the sermons and journals of J. H. Fesperman, R. L. Brown and W. R. Ketchie, were presented for examination.

Rev. S. Rothrock was appointed to examine and report on the sermon and journal of Bro. Fesperman; Rev. L. C. Grose-close, on the sermon and journal of Bro. Brown; and Rev. N. Aldrich, on the sermon and journal of Bro. Ketchie.

Resolved, That Revs. Cone and Scherer be a committee to examine Thomas Southerly, (colored,) and if in their judgment he pass a satisfactory examination, they be empowered to license him to preach and perform such ministerial acts as he may be qualified to perform; that he be placed under their care during the ensuing year; and that they have power to withdraw said license whenever they shall deem it necessary.

REPORT ON MICHAEL COBLE, (COLORED.)

The pastor under whose care this col'd. licentiate has been placed, would respectfully report, that he has heard no complaint against the brother; but on the contrary, good accounts have been received from the field of his operations, and there is every reason to believe that he is doing great good amongst his people.

The thorough study of the Book of Worship was recommended, which he claims to have done. It is for the Committee to ascertain how far he has progressed in that study.

The renewal or continuance of his license under the former restrictions, is recommended.

The result of his labors during the past year is herewith presented:

No. Congregations, 2; Com. 50; Infant Bap., 4; Adult Bap., 30; Expul., 1; Deaths, 1; Funerals, 8; Sun. Schools, 2; Teachers, 3.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM

Report was received and adopted.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President. Prayer by Rev. S. Scherer.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, M., May 3, 1869.

Ministerium met at 12 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. S. Rothrock. Minutes of previous session were read and confirmed.

Resolved, That Revs. Julian and C. H. Bernheim be appointed a committee to renew the license of M. Coble, (col'd.)

REPORT OF REV. N. ALDRICH.

The sermon and journal of W. R. Ketchie, which were handed your committee, have been examined.

The sermon is eminently practical in its nature, and shows a due concern for the salvation of souls.

Your committee would recommend to this bro. a stricter attention to the rules of *orthography*.

From his journal we learn that he has been actively at work during the past year.

In making this report, we would suggest the propriety of the following standing resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter it be made the duty of this Ministerium, to assign to our Licentiates, and all candidates for the Ministry under its care, certain subjects upon which they will be required to present annually for examination, a written discourse of their own.

Respectfully submitted,

N. ALDRICH.

Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF REV. S. ROTHROCK.

The committee to whom were referred the sermon and journal of J. H. Fesperman, would report:

1. That the sermon appears to have been carefully written. The ideas are expressed in plain and appropriate language, and the doctrine embodied therein is scriptural and of a practical nature.

2. That the abstract of his journal affords evidence that he has been industriously engaged during the past year, in the work of the Ministry.

Respectfully,

S. ROTHROCK.

Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF REV. L. C. GROSECLOSE.

The committee on the sermon and journal of R. L. Brown, would report as follows:

The main divisions of the text are natural, and stated with sufficient perspicuity; but some of the sub-divisions are not properly noted, which creates confusion.

2. The orthography is, upon the whole, bad; and in places there is such a confusion of figures as to destroy the sense intended by the writer. Penmanship is good enough; the doctrine sound.

Your committee recommend that the Ministerium insist on the bro. giving more attention to English Grammar, Logic and Rhetoric. The journal of bro. Brown is nothing but a register of the texts, times when, and places where, he preached during the past synodical year. Respectfully,

L. C. GROSECLOSE.

Report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That Revs. L. A. Bikle, G. D. Bernheim and S. Rothrock, be a Committee to examine our Licentiates with a view to ascertain their progress in the studies assigned them by the late officers of the Ministerium.

Resolved, That our Licentiates be required to visit Mt. Pleasant quarterly, at such time as may be agreed upon by the Faculty of Theology, for the purpose of being examined on their progress in the studies assigned them.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President. Prayer by Rev. G. D. Bernheim.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, P. M.

Ministerium was called together at 3 o'clock, by the President. Prayer by Rev. A. D. L. Moser.

Resolved, That the licenses of Bros. Brown, Fesperman and Ketchie, be renewed, provided they pass the necessary examination.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. Cone.

L. A. BIKLE, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE Synodical Missionary Society.

FRIEDEN'S CHURCH, May 1st, 1869.

After a discourse on the Missionary cause by Rev. W. Kimball, the Society was opened by singing, and prayer by the retiring president, Rev. S. Scherer.

The following persons were enrolled as members by the payment of the sums annexed to their names :

Rev. J. Swicegood,	50	Rev. G. D. Bernheim,	50
" W. H. Cone,	\$1 50	Mrs. E. C. Bernheim,	50
" Paul Derrick,	1 00	Mr. G. A. Heilig,	50
Mrs. C. C. Cone,	1 50	Rev. L. Crouse,	1 00
Rev. C. H. Bernheim,	2 00	Mr. W. L. Kistler,	50
Mrs. J. E. Bernheim,	2 00	Mrs. Frances L. Hall,	50
Miss Laura E. Bernheim,	1 00	Mr. A. Misenhimer,	50
Rev. S. Scherer,	50	" A. C. Coble,	50
Mrs. H. J. Scherer,	50	Miss Martha E. Cobb,	50
Rev. R. L. Brown,	50	" Mary S. Cobb,	50
Rev. N. Aldrich,	1 00	Mr. F. M. Shoffner,	1 00
Mrs. N. E. Brown,	50	" A friend,	50
Rev. W. R. Ketchie,	50	" Peter R. Iseley,	50
" J. D. Bowles,	50	" Lovick R. Kernodle,	50
" W. Kimball,	50	" Martin Iechower,	50
Henry B. Kimball,	50	" Peter Fogleman,	50
Rev. W. A. Julian,	5 00	" Henry Coble,	50
Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle,	2 00	" Peter Michael,	50
Mrs. S. A. Bikle,	2 00	" P. E. Zink,	50
Miss Lula K. Bikle,	50	" Henry Miller,	50
L. A. Bikle, jr.,	50	" J. Whitesell,	50
Rev. S. Rothrock,	50	" L. S. Boon,	50
" L. C. Groseclose,	50	" G. L. Greeson,	50
Miss Mattie Brown,	50	" William Shoffner,	50
" Louisa Sifferd,	50	Mrs. E. J. Greeson,	50
Rev. A. D. L. Moser,	50	" Margaret Summers,	50
Dr. P. A. Sifferd,	50	" Catharine E. Cobb,	50
L. W. Summers, Esq.,	50	" Bettie J. Clapp,	50
Mrs. Elizabeth Summers,	50	Mr. David Cobb,	50
Maj. A. Summers,	50	" John A. Cobb,	50
Mr. Henry Cobb,	50		
Mrs. Levina Foust,	50		
		Amounting to	\$46 50

Smaller Donations—E. P. Parker, 25 c; Mrs. Moser, 25 c; Leonard Michael, 25 c. Total, - - - - - 75

Arrears of last year, now paid.

Peter Fogleman \$1 00; W. Shoffner, 50 c.	-	-	-	1 50
Collection at St. Mark's church, Charlotte,	-	-	-	3 25
Total, - - - - -	-	-	-	\$52 00

Subscriptions Unpaid.

Mr. Daniel L. Boon, 50 c; Miss Lydia Fickle, 50 c; Miss Sarah J. Cobb, 50 c; Mrs. Elizabeth Wagoner, 50 c; Mr. A. Sharp, 50 c; Wm. Swing, 50 c; W. R. Fickle, 50 c; Jas. M. Apple, 50 c; D. Iseley, 50 c; R. Huffine, 50 c; Wm. Geringer, 50 c; John Wagoner, sr., 50 c; Wm. G. Cobb, 50 c; Mrs. M. M. Fogleman, 50 c; Mary C. Cobb, 50 c; Mary Smith, 50 c; L. Whitesel, 50 c; Miss Mary Sutton, 50 c; Mary J. Sutton, 50 c.

The following members were elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. S. Rothrock.

Recording Secretary—Rev. G. D. Bernheim.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. W. H. Cone.

Treasurer—Rev. Charles H. Bernheim.

The above officers with Rev. Prof. Bikle, were constituted the Executive Committee for our Synodical Missionary Society.

The papers of the former Treasurer, Mr. R. Winecoff, were now handed in and placed in the hands of a committee, to report at the next session.

Committee—Dr. P. A. Sifferd and Mr. W. L. Kistler.

It was ordered that all the funds and papers be handed over to the Treasurer elect, and his bond be taken by the above mentioned Finance Committee.

Resolved, That all the mission fields be referred to the action of the Executive Committee.

The Society now adjourned and closed with the benediction.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

May 3, 1869.

The Society was opened by singing, and prayer by the Secretary.

The committee on the Treasurer's papers made their report which was received and adopted by items.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report, and the assets of the old Missionary and Education Society of this Synod, would respectfully present the following:

United States currency, belonging to this Society, collected last year.	\$41 70
Three notes on Robert M. Jones; one for \$60 00, dated Nov. 3, 1849.	
Another for \$55 00, dated Nov. 3, 1849; another for \$30 00, dated May 14th, 1850.	Aggregate, - - - - - 145 00
One note on Rev. John S. Heilig for \$29 73; dated Jan. 5th 1849,	29 73
One note on Rev. D. M. Blackwelder for \$50 00, dated April 10th, 1857,	50 00
One note on Rev. L. C. Groseclose, for \$75 00, dated May 6th, 1845,	75 00
One note on Rev. Smithdeal, for \$50 00, dated - - - - - 3d, 1853,	50 00
Respectfully submitted,	

P. A. SIFFERD,
W. L. KISTLER.

Resolved, That the Treasurer write to the Revs. John S. Heilig and D. M. Blackwelder, asking them to make some arrangements to settle their obligations to this Society.

Rev. N. Aldrich was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at the next meeting of this Society.

The Society now adjourned to meet at Salem Church, Rowan County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August 1869.

Closed with singing and the benediction.

G. D. BERNHEIM, Secretary.

[APPENDIX.]

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ADJOURNED MEETING
OF
North Carolina Synod.

According to resolution of adjournment, adopted at its recent annual meeting, Synod convened in Salem Church, Rowan county, on Thursday, August 26, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

The introductory sermon was preached by the President, Rev. W. A. Julian, on Acts xvi, 17.

FIRST DAY.

At the conclusion of these services, the President took the chair, and opened Synod in the form prescribed in the "Book of Worship."

The roll being called, the following members were found to be absent: Revs. J. H. Mengert, J. Crim, N. Aldrich, L. C. Groseclose,* J. Swicegood, D. I. Dreher,† W. H. Cone, L. W. Heydenrich, and Messrs. A. Misenhimer, H. Sharp, P. E. Zink.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Macedonia church, at Company Shops, and

*Excused. †Absent first day.

Providence church, in Rowan county, having complied with the Constitutional requirements, be received into regular connection with this Synod.

Resolved, That the following persons be received as lay-delegates, and their names be placed on the list of members of the present Synod :

Mr. P. Swicegood,	from Rev. Bowles' charge.
Capt. J. A. Fisher,	" " Groseclose's "
Mr. G. L. Greeson,	" " Julian's "
" Jno. Cartner,	" " Fesperman's "

Mr. T. M. Shoffner, having presented a certificate of his appointment, was enrolled as Commissioner from the Guilford charge.

On motion, Synod adjourned for one hour.

THURSDAY, P. M.

Business of Synod was resumed at 3 o'clock, after prayer by Rev. S. Scherer.

On motion, Rev. H. Goodman, of Tennessee Synod, and Rev. P. Kistler, of the Methodist church, were cordially invited to seats as advisory members.

Resolved, That Synod now proceed to the consideration of the Doctrinal Basis and Revised Constitution, as submitted by the Committee, with a view to the adoption of the same.

The Doctrinal Basis was first taken up and considered by items.

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

I. We believe that the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are given by inspiration of God, and are the perfect and only rule of faith and practice.

II. We believe that the three general creeds, the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian, exhibit the faith of the Church universal, in accordance with this rule.

III. We believe that the unaltered Augsburg Confession is, in

fill its parts, in harmony with the Word of God, and is a correct exhibition of doctrine.

IV. We believe that the Apology, the Catechisms of Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord, are a faithful developement and defence of the doctrines of the Word of God, as set forth in the Augsburg Confession.

The first, second and third sections of the above Basis were adopted without debate. Pending the discussion of the fourth, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow.

Prayer by the Rev. W. Kimball.

Rev. J. H. Fesperman preached at night.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, A. M.

Synod met at 9 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. Goodman. The minutes of previous day were read and confirmed.

The consideration of the fourth section of Doctrinal Basis was resumed and continued till 11 o'clock, when Synod adjourned to give way to divine worship.

Rev. W. Artz preached at this hour.

FRIDAY, P. M.

Synod was called together at 2 o'clock, by the President. Rev. C. H. Bernheim led in prayer.

On motion, Rev. L. C. Groseclose was excused from attendance on the sessions of the present meeting of Synod, on account of sickness.

The discussion of the fourth section of the Doctrinal Basis was concluded; and when the motion was put whether this section also should be adopted, the vote of Synod was unanimous in the affirmative, and was given by the members, clerical and lay, rising to their feet.

The Revised Constitution was next taken up and considered by items.

The greater part of this Constitution was adopted at this sitting, without debate; but exception having been taken to the wording of several sections, and time having been asked for examination and reflection, the further discussion of the mooted points was, on motion, deferred till to-morrow.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. I. Dreher.

Rev. R. L. Brown preached at night.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, P. M.

Synod was opened at 9 o'clock, with prayer by Rev. G. D. Bernheim. Minutes of previous day were read and confirmed.

On motion, Rev. W. H. Cone was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this Synod.

On motion, Prof. P. M. Bikle, of N. C. College, was invited to a seat as advisory member.

The consideration of the remaining sections of the Revised Constitution was resumed. Several amendments were offered, many long speeches made, but nothing done.

The hour for divine worship having arrived, Synod adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim preached at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, P. M.

The President called the Synod together at 2 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. Rothrock.

The consideration of the New Constitution was resumed and concluded.

Resolved, That the New Constitution as adopted by Synod, be not published in the Minutes of the present meeting, but remain in the hands of the Committee, by whom it was prepared, for further revision, until the next Annual Convention of this body.

Resolved, That the same Committee prepare an Order of Business and Rules of Order, to be submitted to this Synod at its next meeting.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MOUNT PLEASANT FEMALE SEMINARY.

It has been made my duty by a resolution of the Board of Trustees of Mount Pleasant Female Seminary, passed at a recent meeting, to report to this Synod the result of Rev. Prof. G. D. Bernheim's agency for the liquidation of the debt, resting on said Institution. I would therefore respectfully submit the following:

CASH COLLECTIONS.

For July and August, 1868,	-	-	-	-	\$1,212 30
" October and part of November, 1868,	-	-	-	-	659 97
" June and July, 1869,	-	-	-	-	1,114 10
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$2,986 37

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Rev. G. D. Bernheim's salary for 5½ months,	-	-	-	-	\$575 00
" " " traveling expenses,	-	-	-	-	370 00
" " " for repairs on Seminary,	-	-	-	-	41 00
" Mr. Moses Barrier, (Seminary debt,)	-	-	-	-	1,999 37
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$2,986 37

The debt on the Seminary has been paid, and the title will be conveyed to Synod at an early day.

The thanks of Synod are due to Rev. G. D. Bernheim for the faithfulness and energy with which he prosecuted his agency, and to the Lutherans and merchants in the North for their kindness and liberality to the agent whilst among them.

Respectfully,

L. A. BIKLE, Sec. of Board.

Received and adopted.

Resolved, That we hereby return our unfeigned thanks to Rev. G. D. Bernheim for his efforts in securing Mount Pleasant Female Seminary, unencumbered, to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

2. *Resolved*, That our thanks be cordially tendered those congregations and individuals in the North that so generously contributed funds for the purchase of said Seminary.

3. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be published in the "Missionary and Lutheran," and the "Lutheran Observer."

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

The committee on Finance begs leave to report the following contributions, received at this meeting of Synod:

Rev. R. L. Brown's charge—St. Matthew's congregation, \$2 23; St. Stephen's congregation, \$1 80; Luther's, 97 cents,	-	-	\$5 00
Rev. A. D. L. Moser's charge—St. Enoch's congregation,	-	-	1 25
Revs. Cone and Scherer's charge—Organ congregation, \$3 00; St. Peter's, \$2 00; Union, \$3 00; Salisbury, \$2 00;	-	-	10 00
Rev. S. Rothrock's charge—Bethel congregation, \$2 90; Salem, \$3;	-	-	5 90
Rev. W. Kimball's charge—Lutheran Chapel,	-	-	3 00
Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge—Frieden's congregation,	-	-	3 00
Rev. W. A. Julian's charge—Macedonia congregation,	-	-	3 00
Total,	-	-	\$31 15

Respectfully submitted,

W. KIMBALL,
W. L. KISTLER,
M. ICEHOWER.

Received and adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod pledge to Rev. W. A. Julian, pastor of the Mission at Company Shops, \$400 00 as a supplement to his salary for the present year, to be paid out of such money as it may have under its control, and if there prove to be a deficiency in the Treasury, the amount to be made up out of the collections of the financial agent for said mission.

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of Synod be held in Lutheran Chapel, Rowan County, N. C., on Thursday before the last Sunday of August, 1870.

An election for Delegates to General Synod, to be held in Winchester, Va., resulted as follows:

Principals—Rev. W. A. Julian, Rev. S. Scherer, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, Rev. L. A. Bikle, Mr. H. B. Eilers, Mr. T. M. Shoffner, Col. P. N. Heilig, Dr. P. A. Sifferd.

Alternates—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. W. Kimball, Rev. L. C. Groseclose, Maj. L. G. Heilig, Capt. J. A. Fisher, Mr. G. L. Greeson, Mr. W. L. Kistler.

Rev. A. D. L. Moser was elected Corresponding Delegate to the South Carolina Synod, and Rev. D. I. Dreher his alternate.

Rev. W. H. Cone was elected Corresponding Delegate to the Tennessee Synod, and Rev. S. Rothrock his alternate.

On motion, Mr. G. A. Heilig was excused from further attendance upon the present meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Minutes of Synod be published under the direction of the Secretary.

Resolved, That the President, on to-morrow, at the close of the morning service, tender the thanks of this Synod to the Salem congregation and community, for the kindness and hospitality which we have enjoyed during the present meeting of this body.

Resolved, That Synod now adjourn to meet at the time and place already agreed upon.

Synod was closed by the President in the form prescribed in the Book of Worship.

L. A. BIKLE,
Secretary.

SERVICES OF THE LORD'S DAY.

An unusually large congregation assembled on this day, and the church being too small to accommodate more than half of those present, it was determined to hold two services in the morning.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim, preached in the church, and Rev. A. D. L. Moser, at a convenient distance from the church, to large and attentive audiences.

In the afternoon, Prof. P. M. Bikle, of N. C. Collège, was ordained to the holy office of the Ministry, according to the "order" prescribed in the "Book of Worship." This highly interesting and impressive ceremony was performed by the President, assisted by Revs. Rothrock, Scherer, G. D. Bernheim and L. A. Bikle.

After this service, the administration of the Lord's Supper was attended to. The elements were consecrated by the Rev. W. A. Julian. The clerical and lay members of Synod, according to the established usage, first surrounded the Table of the Lord, and were succeeded by many communicants of the Lutheran and sister churches.

May the preaching of the Gospel of Christ in its purity; and the administration of the Holy Communion according to His appointment, and all the services of this day, be blessed to the good of all present.

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The next Annual Convention of Synod will be held in Lutheran Chapel, Rowan County, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the last Sunday in August, 1870, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

MINUTES OF MINISTERIUM DURING THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF SYNOD.

SATURDAY M., Aug. 23, 1869.

Ministerium convened at the call of the President, at 12 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. D. I. Dreher.

Resolved, That Prof. P. M. Bikle, an applicant for Ordination, be admitted to an examination.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to whom was referred, at the last session of the Ministerium, during the recent annual meeting of Synod, the examination of our Licentiates, Bros. Fesperman, Ketchie and Brown, beg leave to report that they have examined those brethren in Theology, and find them sound in the faith. Bros. Brown and Ketchie are tolerably well versed in our distinctive doctrines, whilst Bro. Fesperman has made considerable proficiency in them. This brother, aided by a most excellent memory, has committed many of our Theological terms and phrases, and is ready to give a correct answer at any time. We advised those brethren to make their arrangements to take an English and partial Classical course at our College, that they might be better furnished for a future useful life in the Ministry. We recommend that their licenses be renewed for one year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. BERNHEIM,
L. A. BIKLE.

Report was received and adopted.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the President. Benediction by the President.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Business of Ministerium was resumed at 5 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. D. L. Moser.

Resolved, That the examination of the applicant for Ordination be conducted by the Committee appointed to examine our Licentiates.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to whom was referred the examination of Prof. P. M. Bikle, beg leave to report that they have had time only to examine him in Theology and Church History, and the motives which induced him to seek the office of the Ministry. We take pleasure in stating that he has given us perfect satisfaction in regard to his qualification for the ministerial office, and recommend him to this body for Ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. BERNHEIM,
L. A. BIKLE.

Report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That Prof. P. M. Bikle be Ordained to the Ministry of the Gospel, on to-morrow, at the commencement of the afternoon services.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. Kimball.

L. A. BIKLE, Secretary.



Officers of Synod.

Rev. W. A. JULIAN, President.

“ L. A. BIKLE, Recording Secretary.

“ D. I. DREHER, Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. P. A. SIFFERD, Treasurer.

