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OF THE

SEVENTY-FIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

Sandy Creek Church, Tyro, Davidson County, N. C.,

Beginning Wednesday, April 27, 1881.

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THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD was held in Sandy Creek Church, Tyro, Davidson County, N. C., beginning Wednesday, April 27th, 1881.

The opening sermon, at the request of the President, was preached by Rev. J. A. Linn, Secretary, from John 21, 17.

Synodical Business.

FIRST SESSION.

Wednesday, 2 P. M., April 27, 1881.

The Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. Samuel Rothrock, according to the prescribed form, and the names of Ministers and Lay-Delegates enrolled.

Ministers.

		Names.	Post Offices.		ENTERED MINISTRY.
1	Rev	. J. B. Anthony,	Troutman, N.	C	1832
2	"		Gold Hill, "		1833
3	"				C1834
4	"	G. D. BERNHEIM, D.		46	1849
5	"	J. S. HEILIG,		"	1851
6	"	W. A. JULIAN,	Lexington,	"	1857
7	"	W. H. CONE,	China Grove,	"	1858
8	"	L. A. BIKLE, D. D.,	Mt. Pleasant,	66	1859
9	"	W. KIMBALL,	Mt. Pleasant,	4.6	1859
10	66	W. R. KETCHIE,	Mocksville,	"	1868
11	6.6	J. H. FESPERMAN,	Statesville,	4.6	1868
12	"	R. L. Brown,	Rockwell,	"	1868
13	66	S. T. HALLMAN,	Concord,	"	1868
14	66	E. P. PARKER,	Brick Church,	66	1871
15	66	H. M. Brown,	Salisbury,	66	1873
16	"	P. E. ZINK,	Linwood,	66	1873
17	4.4	V. R. STICKLEY,	Bear Poplar,	. "	1873
18		E. A. WINGARD,	Charlotte,	**	1875
19	66	R. W. PETREA,	Concord.	6.6	1876
20	66	W. A. LUTZ,	Enochville,	"	1877
21	66	J. A. LINN,		4.4	1877
22	"	W. J. SMITH,		6	1878
23	"	B. T. Brown,		. 6	1878
24	66	D. J. KOONTZ, col		•	1880

Lay-Delegates.

D. SMODAY CHARGE

Names.		PASTORAL CHARGE.
Dr. P. A. Sifford	Rev.	Samuel Rothrock's.
Dr. P. A. Sifford	"	Dr. J. B. Davis'.
Mr. L. W. Barrier		Dr. G. D. Bernheim's.
" H. C. PREMPERT		W. A. Julian's.
" H. H. SWICEGOOD		
" MARVEL RITCHIE		W. Kimball's.
" John C. Lingle		R. L. Brown's.
" Andrew Shuping	"	H. M. Brown's.
ANDREW SHUPING		V. R. Stickley's.
Capt. J. A. Fisher		E. A. Wingard's.
Mr. C. H. Duls		S. T. Hallman's.
" Wm. Propst		
" C. D. BARRINGER	"	R. W. Petrea's.
" J. S. Propst	"	J. A. Linn's.
" P. A. CORRELL		W. A. Lutz's.
Col. P. N. Heilig		W. J. Smith's.
COL. P. N. HEILIG		B. S. Brown's.
Mr. Joseph Chambers	Fore	
" V. I. Beck	Dil-	into Church
" ADAM HEDRICK	Filg	rim's Church.

The President read his Annual Report, which was received and laid upon the table for reference to a committee.

President's Report.

Dear Brether:—We are again assembled in Synodical convention. Our grateful acknowledgements are due to Almighty God for his preserving care over us and for the manifold favors conferred upon us. Having assembled as ministers and delegates to transact business in relation to the advancement of the Redeemer's cause, and promotive of the prosperity of our beloved Zion, we should devoutly invoke the enlightening influences of the Spirit to direct us in all our deliberations, and render them productive of holiness, and the present and future happiness of the souls intrusted to our care.

In compliance with constitutional requirement, I will present a report of my official transactions and letters received during the past year.

On the 29th of May, 1880, Rev. S. T. Hallman handed me a letter of honorable dismission from the Ev. Luth. Synod of S. C., with a view of connecting himself with the Synod of N. C. On the following day, (Sunday) he was regularly installed as pastor of St. James' Church, in Concord, N. C.

On the 5th of June, 1880, I received a letter from Rev. E. P. Parker, stating that the Guilford charge might be considered as vacant, he having resigned some months before, but expressed a willingness to preach as a supply during the summer, until other arrangements could be made.

June 9th, 1880, a letter was received from Rev. W. A. Lutz, making

sundry kind suggestions in relation to the Alamance and Guilford charges, which were duly appreciated and kindly considered. He also stated, that he had been chosen as pastor of the Alamance charge, but could not accept for sundry reasons satisfactory to himself.

On the 11th of June, 1880, I received official notice from Rev. W. Kimball that he had resigned the Alamance charge, and accepted a call to the Gold Hill pastorate. He also stated that arrangements were being made to call a minister to the charge which he had vacated.

In compliance with a resolution of Synod, I went to Enochville, and on the 2d of July, 1880, had an interview with representatives from St. Enoch's and Trinity Churches with a view of removing hindrances in securing a regular pastor. After some time spent in mutual consultation, they were advised to call a regular pastor.

A letter was received from Rev. W. A. Lutz, bearing date July 14th, 1880, requesting an order on the Treasurer of Synod for fifteen dollars, as part of his traveling expenses to Richland church. The order was issued in due form by the officers of Synod.

August 2nd, 1880, a letter was received from Rev. W. A. Julian, chairman of the committee "to superintend the colored mission work within the bounds of this Synod," asking for information in relation to the sustainment of Rev. J. D. Koonts, col., as missionary among the colored people of N. C. The officers of Synod believing the resolution of Synod to mean, that Rev. J. D. Koonts, col., should receive pecuniary aid, issued two several orders on the Treasurer for twenty-five dollars each, aggregating fifty dollars, to be paid to the colored missionary to sustain him in his work.

September 11th, 1880, the corner stone of a new church was laid at St. Stephen's with appropriate religious exercises. Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., preached an instructive sermon on the occasion.

In September, 1880, the corner stone of the new Bethel church, near Franklin Academy, was laid in due form. Rev. W. Kimball addressed the congregation on the occasion.

October 25th, 1880, a letter was received from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, asking for a letter of honorable dismission from this Synod to the Ev. Luth. Tennessee Synod. His application was granted and a letter of dismission forwarded.

On the 30th of October, 1880, the corner stone of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church was laid in accordance with the Book of Worship. Rev. W. A. Lutz preached on the occasion.

November 2d, 1880, a letter was received from Rev. W. A. Lutz, stating that he had resigned the Forsythe Charge and accepted a call to the Enochville pastorate. He further stated that Sunday, 28th of November, had been designated for his installation, and requested the appointment of Rev. V. R. Stickley, to preach the installation sermon. The request was complied with and the appointment made.

November 2nd, 1880, a letter was received from Rev. E. P. Parker,

stating that he expected, in a short time, to move to Forsythe to take charge of churches made vacant by the resignation of Rev. W. A. Lutz, and, as he would be at some expense in moving, wished to know whether he could receive a part of the appropriation made by Synod to the mission west of Greensboro. As six months of the year had expired, the officers of Synod issued an order on the Treasurer for twenty-five dollars, to be paid to Rev. E. P. Parker.

In the month of November, 1880, a letter was received from Rev. W. H. Cone, informing me that, in consequence of failing health, he was compelled to resign the charge of the Luther Chapel pastorate. His resignation was greatly to the regret of the people whom he had so faithfully

December 19th, 1880, the corner stone of Albemarle Ev. Lutheran Church was laid in Albemarle, Stanley County, in accordance with the form of our Book of Worship. Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., delivered an excellent address on the occasion.

In the month of December last, a letter was received from Rev. W. A. Julian, advising me that our members at Pilgrim Church wished to be supplied with preaching by a minister of our Synod. I wrote to the Council to invite Rev. W. A. Julian to preach to them as a supply until the present meeting of Synod.

January 28th, 1881, Rev. B. S. Brown handed me a letter of honorable dismission from the Ev. Luth. Synod of Mississippi with a view of becoming a member of this Synod, and was, on the 13th of last March, regularly installed as pastor of the Luther Chapel pastorate.

Under date of March 8th, 1881, a letter was received from Rev. E. P. Parker, advising me that circumstances had so transpired, as to preclude the possibility of his taking charge of the Forsythe field; that the people were very much discouraged; and that a sad mistake was made in vacating the charge at the time when it was done. He was advised to supply any vacancies in his vicinity until this meeting of Synod.

March 22nd, 1881, a letter was received from Rev. J. A. Linn, setting forth that he had resigned the St. Peter's charge, and accepted a call to the Hickory pastorate, composed of Hickory, Newton, and Thyatira, and expected to enter upon his work in his new field after the first of May.

March 25th, 1881, a letter was received from Rev. V. R. Stickley, communicating the information, that Grace Ev. Luth. Church would be dedicated on the 4th Sunday in April, 1881, and requested the appointment of Rev. W. A. Lutz to preach the dedication sermon. The appointment was accordingly made.

April 22nd, 1881, a letter was received from Rev. S. T. Hallman, communicating the intelligence, that the corner stone of "Mt. Hermon Evangelical Lutheran Church" was laid on the 8th of February, 1881.—Also, that the congregation had entered into a permanent organization with twenty-five members, elected and installed officers, adopted the constitution of Synod and the discipline in the Book of Worship, and would make

application to be received into Synod. He also stated, that on Sunday, the 24th of April, 1881, the old Cold Water Church would be re-organized, and would also make application, at this meeting, to be received into Synod as a new congregation.

The following charges are vacant: St. Peter's charge, the Guilford and Alamance charges, and the Forsythe charge. Should these charges remain unsupplied for any length of time, the effect would prove very deleterious to their future growth and prosperity. They are recommended, therefore, to your prayerful consideration.

Finally: "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

SAML. ROTHROCK, PRESIDENT.

The Synod elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

REV. V. R. STICKLEY, President.

- " W. J. SMITH, Rec. Secretary.
- " L. A. BIKLE, D. D.,.....Cor. Secretary.
- Col. P. N. Heilig, Treasurer.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, having presented an honorable dismission from the Evangelical Luth. Synod of S. C., was unanimously received as a member of Synod, and his name placed upon the roll. Rev. B. S. Brown, having presented an honorable dismission from the Mississippi Synod, was unanimously received as a member of Synod, and his name placed upon the roll.

Reports, on the state of the Church, were read by the pastors, after which Synod took a recess of ten minutes, to give the officers of Synod an opportunity to appoint the standing committees. After reassembling, the standing committees were announced, as follows:

Standing Committees:

- 1. President's Report.—Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. H. M. Brown, and Mr. H. H. Swicegood.
- 2. State of the Church.—Rev. S. T. Hallman, Rev. W. R. Ketchie, and Dr. P. A. Sifford.
- 3. Church Institutions.—Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D., Rev. E. A. Wingard, and Mr. J. S. Propst.
- 4. Missions.—Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Rev. R. L. Brown, and Mr. John C. Lingle.

- 5. Unfinished Business.—Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. R. W. Petrea, and Mr. Jos. Chambers.
- 6. Proceedings of Conference.—Rev. W. H. Cone, Rev. P. E. Zink, and Mr. Andrew Shuping.
- 7. Petitions.—Rev. W. Kimball, Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., Mr. P. A. Correll, and Mr. Wm. Propst.
- 8. Vacancies.—Rev. J. A. Linn, Rev. R. L. Brown, and Rev. E. P. Parker.
- 9. Finance.—Capt. J. A. Fisher, Col. P. N. Heilig, and Mr. H. C. Prempert.
- 10. Pastoral Districts.—Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D., and Rev. W. A. Julian.

Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Commissioner to the General Synod South, read his report, which was received and adopted.

Report of Commissioner to General Synod South.

At the last meeting of this Synod the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That Rev. L. A. Bikle be sent by the Synod as Commissioner to the General Synod South, at its approaching meeting, to be held in Richmond, Va., to inquire into the doctrinal position of that body, with a view to an organic union with it."

With a properly certified copy of this resolution, we attended the Convention of General Synod held in Richmond, Va., but, before our reception as Commissioner we requested the appointment of a Committee to confer with us on the subject of our commission. Our request was granted and the following brethren were appointed: Revs. T. W. Dosh, D. D., J. B. Margart, and A. R. Rude, D. D. We had an early interview with these brethren, and to the statements made by us on that occasion, in relation to the indefiniteness of the General Synod's Doctrinal Basis, we are indebted for the following action, officially communicated by the secretary:

"As that venerable Synod participated in the formation of the General Synod and united in the adoption of its doctrinal basis, at Concord, North Carolina, in 1862, and also in the adoption of its present unqualified form as amended at Mount Pleasant, North Carolina, in 1866, and as they never alleged anything equivocal in this doctrinal basis as the ground of their withdrawal from this General Body, we cannot suppose their inquiry to be prompted by any doubt as to the legitimate and true meaning of said basis, as in strict accordance with our historical Lutheran faith, but rather by a desire to inquire more perfectly concerning our estimation of Symbols adopted subsequently to the Augsburg Confession, as a further de-

fence of the truth of God's infallible word. In reference to these honest inquiries, therefore,

"Resolved, That we acknowledge said additional testimonies as in accord with and an unfolding of the teachings of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession; or in the exact language of the preface to the Formula of Concord concerning them, and the Augsburg Confession as well, that they have not the authority of a judge, for this honor belongs to the Sacred Scriptures alone; but that they only bear witness to our (religion) holy faith, and explain and exhibit it in what manner in every age the Holy Scriptures were understood and set forth in all articles (matters) contested in the Church of God by teachers who then lived (non obtinent auctoritatem judicis have enim dignitas solis sacris literis debetur: sed duntaxat pro religione nostra testimonium dicunt eamque explicant ac ostendunt quomode singulis temporibus sacrae literae in articulis controversis in ecclesia Dei a doctoribus qui tum vixerunt, intellectae et explicatae fuerint.)

"Resolved, That we do again cordially invite said Synod to consummate as early as possible this contemplated organic reunion with this General Synod, in order that this blessed opportunity to promote concord and unity, and the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom, may not pass by neglected and unavailing."

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. DOSH, J. P. MARGART, A. R. RUDE.

Such is the deliverance of the General Synod on the subject of inquiry presented by your Commissioner, and to him it seems sufficiently comprehensive and satisfactory.

Our expenses were \$20.65.

Respectfully,

L. A. BIKLE, Commissioner.

Synod adjourned to meet in the morning at half-past eight o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Hallman.

Preaching at night by Rev. R. L. Brown, Rom. 12:9

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 81 A. M., April 28th, 1881.

The Synod was opened with religious service.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D.

The minutes were read and approved.

Lay delegates from Trinity Church, Mt. Pleasant, Gold Hill Pastorate, and St. John's, Cabarrus County, appeared, presented their certificates and had their names enrolled.

Rev. J. B. Anthony, Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., Rev. W. -Kimball, Rev. E. P. Parker, and Rev. H. M. Brown, read their reports on the State of the Church.

The Treasurer's Annual Report was read and received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Treasurer's Report.

P. N. HEILIG, TREASURER,

In Account with

EVAN. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF N. C.

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Very respectfully submitted,

P. N. HEILIG,

TREAS. EV. LUTH. SYNOD N. C.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That each Minister of Synod put forth every effort to circulate Lutheran periodicals among his people, and report at the next meeting of Synod the number of copies taken in his charge.

The Parochial Reports were handed in and arranged as follows:

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On motion, Synod adjourned.

Sermon, at 11 A. M., by Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., from John 12, 26.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 11 P. M., April 28th, 1881.

Mr. C. H. Duls, lay delegate of the Charlotte congregation, presented his credentials, and his name was placed upon the roll.

On motion, Rev. Jacob Hawkins, of the South Carolina Synod, and Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., of the Tennessee Synod, were received as corresponding delegates of their respective Synods. The following preamble and resolution were passed:

Whereas, Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., our Commissioner to the General Synod South, has reported satisfactorily concerning the doctrinal basis of said body, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod re-unite with said General Synod, and send delegates to its next general convention.

It was moved and adopted that the following resolution be communicated to the Prohibition Convention now in session at Raleigh, N. C.

Resolved, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, now in session, heartily endorse the prohibition movement in the State, and extend to said convention its earnest sympathy and co-operation.

The following were elected delegates to the S. Carolina and Tennessee Synods:

To the Tennessee Synod-Rev. W. H. Cone, principal; and Rev. V. R. Stickley, alternate.

To the S. Carolina Synod-Rev. G. D. Bernheim, principal; and Rev. S. T. Hallman, alternate.

The following were elected delegates to represent the Synod at the next convention of the General Synod South:

Principal.	CLERICAL		Alternate.
Rev. G. D. Bernheim		Rev.	V. R. Stickley,
" L. A. Bikle, D. 1	D.,		S. Rothrock,
" W. J. Smith,			E. A. Wingard
" S. T. Hallman,			J. A. Linn.

Principal.	LAY.	Alternate.
Capt. J. A. Fisher,		Dr. P. A. Sifford,
Col. P. N. Heilig,		Mr. H. B. Eilers,
Mr. D. R. Hoover,		Capt. W. A. Barrier,
Col. John Shimpock,		Mr. Jacob Duls.

The Rev. S. T. Hallman was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina College, and Rev. W. A. Lutz was elected a Trustee of Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourns, that it adjourn to meet in St. James Church, Concord, Cabarrus Co., N. C., on the Wednesday before the first Sunday in May, 1882.

Report of Delegate to South Carolina Synod.

Mr. President, Your delegate to the South Carolina Synod reports, that he did not attend the meeting of that body, but sent a letter conveying the greetings of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SMITH.

The report was received and adopted.
On motion, the Synod adjourned.
Prayer by Rev. Jacob Hawkins.
Preaching at night by Rev. H. M. Brown, Matt. 22: 4.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 81 A. M., April 29th, 1881.

Synod convened.

Prayer by Rev. E. P. Parker.

The President being absent on account of sickness, the Rev S. Rothrock was elected president *pro tem*. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The Report of the committee on the State of the Church was read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

Your committee would respectfully report that, while the Church has not been without her alternating seasons of cloud and sunshine, joys and sorrows—prompting to increased effort for the salvation of souls and a more determined opposition to the man of sin—commendable progress has been made in the Master's cause, and there are many things to encourage

Report on Petitions.

Your committee on Petitions submit the following:

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Heilig, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod. Your committee do not regard his reasons valid, and therefore recommend that his letter be read, and considered by Synod.

Nos. 2 and 3 are letters from Revs. B. S. Brown and J. H. Fesperman, stating that family and personal affliction prevented them from attending Synod. They kindly ask to be excused. We recommend they be excused.

Nos. 4, 5 and 6 are petitions from St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel and Centre Grove, each stating the fact, that the charge is too large to be properly served by one man. They ask to have one congregation separated from the charge. Your committee have carefully considered these petitions, and being well acquainted with the close union existing between the Chapel and Centre Grove, one the mother the other a child, having a cemetry in common—we therefore recommend that the Chapel and Centre Grove constitute a charge, and that St. Paul's be connected with some other congregation. This arrangement to take effect January 1st, 1882.

No. 7 is a petition from Pilgrim congregation asking to be connected with Sandy Creek. Your committee recommend that this request be granted.

Nos. 8 and 9 are petitions from Cold Water and Mt. Hermon, Cabarrus county, asking to be received into Synod. We recommend that their prayers be granted.

No. 10 is a paper from the Council of Union Church, in which they ask to be informed through their pastor, whether the Elders and Deacons should unite in the work of discipline, or whether this duty pertains to the office of Elders alone? We recommend that the Synod give the desired information.

No. 11 is a petition from the officers and members of the Albemarle congregation asking to be received into Synod. They also state that they are hard pressed for means to complete their building and kindly ask for help. Your committee recommend that the first part of this report be adopted, and submit the second part to the action of Synod.

No. 12 is a petition from the Church Officers in Hickory and Newton, stating that they have extended a call to Rev. J. A. Linn with a salary of \$470. Three hundred of which has been promised by the congregations. They ask Synod to supplement it with \$170. We recommend this request to the favorable notice of Synod, when appropriations are being made.

W. KIMBALL, J. B. DAVIS, WM. PROPST, P. A. CORRELL.

and inspire us with new life and energy. Among the inspiring features of our general church work, we may make brief mention of the following:our congregations have generally been large and attentive to the preached word; the pastors' salaries are being more promptly paid, evidencing increased liberality and sense of Christian obligation; new churches are being erected, and Christian love abounds; the pastors are becoming more alive to the importance and necessity of catechisation; a stronger love for the church and her usages is manifest from all the pastors' reports; the beautiful service of sacred song is receiving a most gratifying attention, and organs are being more generally introduced into the churches; the Sunday school cause is being successfully carried on; valuable additions have been made to the membership of not a few of the churches; pastoral visitation, preaching Christ in all His divine fulness from house to house. is a most hopeful feature; the ministry is being more highly esteemed and appreciated as a power for good; and, in all material respects, there are evident signs of the growth and development of a strong and vigorous Christianity.

Let us, hence, raise our hearts in thankfulness and gratitude to God, redouble our diligence in pressing home to the hearts and lives of the people the salvation of Christ, assured that, while here we have the sowing and the reaping, the toils and the tears, in our Father's house we shall enjoy the Thanksgiving feast and the eternal rest of the finally faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. HALLMAN, P. A. SIFFERD, W. R. KETCHIE.

The Report of the committee on the President's Report was read and adopted.

Report of Committee No. 1.

Your committee on the President's report have examined said document, and find it an able and well arranged production, showing that he has been watchful of the Master's interest in all the territory which this Synod occupies, and has labored faithfully for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause. In the latter part of the report several vacancies are referred to, which will doubtless be brought to the notice of Synod by the proper committee. The committee recommend that the report be incorporated in the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. LUTZ, H. M. BROWN. H. H. SWICEGOOD.

The Report of the committee on Vacancies was read and received and laid on the table for further consideration.

The Report of the committee on Petitions was read, received and considered by items.

Item 1. Adopted, and the following resolution passed: Resolved, That the Rev. J. S. Heilig be not excused.

Items 2 and 3. Adopted.

Items 4, 5, 6, and 7. Referred to the Committee on Pastoral Districts.

Items 8 and 9. Adopted.

Item 10. Adopted, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That it is the sense of Synod, that the discipline of the church is administered by the Council in accordance with the Book of Worship.

Item 11. First part adopted and second part deferred until the Finance Committee report.

At 11 A. M., the Rev. S. T. Hallman preached from Rom. 12, 1.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 11 P. M., April 29th, 1881.

Synod met.

The roll was called.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed to revise the apportionment list.

Committee - Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Rev. W. Kimball, and Capt. J. A. Fisher

The Report on Church Institutions was read, received, and considered by items.

Report on Literary Institutions.

- 1. Your committee have had placed in their hands only the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina College, and must regret that nothing has come into their hands reporting the condition of Mount Pleasant Female Seminary, and as this neglect occurs so frequently, we recommend that Synod take some action on the subject, requiring the Female Seminary Board to send in to Synod annually a written statement of the condition of our Seminary.
- 2. North Carolina College is still in the hands of Rev. Dr. Bikle and Prof. Ludwick as lessees, who have engaged as their assistants Rev. Dr. Davis and Mr. C. G. Heilig, and is thus ably managed by an efficient corps of Professors, &c. But the said lease will expire 12 months after the present session closes; the Synod is therefore requested to take timely action at this meeting, looking forward to the continuation of the College

exercises after the said lease expires, either by renewal of the same to the same professors, if they are willing to accept it, or in some other way have the College exercises continued.

- 3. The College is still burdened with debt, about seven or eight hundred dollars, for which no provision is made; the delay of paying the whole debt promptly has added interest to the principal. Two years ago, when the first effort was made to pay this College debt it amounted to \$1300, which was equitably apportioned to each and all of our congregations, why all the congregations have not responded favorably by bringing up to Synod their full quota towards paying this College debt is not known to your committee; only \$757.31 has been paid into the College treasury; now who is justly responsible for the present indebtedness of the College? None other but the delinquent congregations of our Synod.
- 3. The President of the Board also complains that so many members of the Board are absent at its meetings, which may be partly his own fault, as he has not notified the members of the Board as to the time of the meetings of the College Board.
- 4. The College catalogue will exhibit eighty-one students on the roll for the present collegiate year, average attendance about fifty students. This is not as good a showing as we should like to see; however, as it is in the hands of an able faculty, affording thorough instruction to the youth of our Church, we should be content, only hoping that the future will make our College still more prosperous.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. BERNHEIM, Chairman,

E. A. WINGARD, J. S. PROPST.

Item 1. Adopted, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., the Corresponding Secretary, write to the President of the Seminary Board, and direct his attention to chap. 9, sec. 1, of the Constitution of Synod.

Item 2. Adopted, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That when the present lease of North Carolina College expires, that the Board of Trustees elect a President and professors to continue the exercises of the College without incurring any pecuniary liability to the College.

Items 3, 4, and 5. Adopted.

Report adopted.

On motion, Rev. C. H. Bernheim of Tennessee Synod was received as an advisory member.

Resolved, That Synod hear the Corresponding Delegates of the South Carolina and Tennessee Synods, to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

On motion, a communication from Mr. H. B. Eilers, of Wilmington, N. C., on statistics on college debt, was read before Synod.

On motion, the letter of Mr. H. B. Eilers was placed in the hands of a committee.

Committee—Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D., and Rev. S. T. Hallman.

John Harkey, Esq., having resigned as Trustee of North Carolina College, Mr. S. H. Hearne was elected to fill the vacancy.

Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President. At night, Rev. W. A. Lutz preached from Rev. 1, 18.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8½ A. M., April 30th, 1881.

The Synod was opened with religious service.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Linn.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

The committee having in hand Mr. H. B. Eiler's letter reported. The report was read, received, and adopted.

Assessment to Pay College Debt made in 1879.

St. John's and Mt. Olive, Rev. R. W. Petren, Pastor, Assessed §120 00 Paid. \$240 0 St. James, Concord, Rev. S. T. Hallman, Pastor Tell and All Collins, Salisbury, Rev. W. I. Smith, E. S. Pastor \$60 0 45 00 46 00 46 00 47 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00 48 00

The Report of the Committee on Proceedings of Conferences was read, received and adopted.

Report of Committee No. 6.

Your Committee on Conferential Proceedings would report the fol-

lowing:

Eastern Conference held three meetings during the past Synodical year. The members of this Conference are punctual in their attendance and keep up the interest of their meetings by the discussion of the doctrines and usages of the Church. We find no action of this Conference claiming the consideration of Synod. Western Conference held three meetings during the past year, and we learn that they were better attended than usual. The only thing claiming the attention of Synod is the resolution of Conference requesting Synod to rescind its action giving optional attendance on the sessions of conference to all ministers not actively engaged in the work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CONE, P. E. ZINK, A. SHUPING.

On motion, the resolution passed at the last meeting of Synod, giving optional attendance to ministers without charges, in attending conference, was rescinded.

On motion, the Rev. H. C. Haithcox, of the Synod of Northern Illinois, was received as an advisory member.

The corresponding delegates, Rev. J. Hawkins, of the South Carolina Synod, and Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., of the Tennessee Synod, delivered to the Synod the fraternal greetings of the bodies they represented. They were responded to on behalf of the Synod by Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D., and Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D. The Rev. H. C. Haithcox, of the Synod of Northern Illinois, at the request of the president, gave the Synod a very interesting address.

It was moved, that any lay-delegate, desiring to be excused from further attendance upon the meetings of Synod, could be excused by the president.

Sermon, at 11 A. M., by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., from I John 2, 1, 2

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 11 P. M., April 30th, 1881.

The roll was called.

The Report on Unfinished Business was read, received, and adopted.

Report of Committee No. 5.

The Committee on Unfinished Business have but one item to bring to the attention of Synod:

At our last meeting, a committee was appointed to superintend the Colored Mission Work within the bounds of this Synod. Synod would be pleased to hear of the progress of said work.

Respectfully submitted,

SAML. ROTHROCK, R. W. PETREA, JOSEPH CHAMBERS.

The Report of the Committee on Revising the Apportionment List was taken up and adopted.

Report of Committee on Revising Apportionment List.

Your Committee on Re-adjustment of Apportionment List would recommend that Synod fix the maximum amount, per member, at 30 cents, and that the charges or congregations be arranged in classes according to the following schedule:

Class A, the congregations that average 30 cents, per member.

Class B, the congregations that average 25 cents, per member.

Class C, the congregations that average 20 cents, per member.

Class D, the congregations that average 15 cents, or less, per member.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE. W. KIMBALL, J. A. FISHER.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Missionary Work among the Colored People made a report, which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Colored Mission Work.

Your Committee appointed to superintend the Colored Mission Work would present the following report:

For the want of laborers among the colored people, the work is progressing slowly. No extra demonstrations have been made in behalf of the mission during the year. The Missionary, we believe, is doing the best he can under the circumstances. Another colored man is in school, preparing himself to teach; he may also enter the ministry. One lot has been donated and deeded to the congregation worshiping at Pleasant Grove.

During the year, your committee have received and paid to the Missionary the following contributions. In subscription at the last meeting of Synod:

One Book		3 1 25
In cash from	Rev. G. D. Bernheim	23 50
		15 00
"	" "	25 00
"	Rev. W. A. Lutz's charge	5 75
"	" R. L. Brown's "	3 25
"	" Ketchie's charge	2 40
**	" Linn's charge	1 55
**	" Stickley's charge	5 00
)	Ir. F. M. Thompson in behalf S. C. Cong.	5 00
	R. W. Petrea	1 00

The whole amount paid.......\$88 70 To the Missionary as his report will show. Respectfully submitted,

> WM. A. JULIAN, W. J. SMITH.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read, received and adopted.

Report of Committee No. 9.

Your Committee on Finances report that they have examined the Treasurer's Report and found it correct. They also report the following contributions for Synodical purposes.

contributions for Synodical purposes.		
REV. G. D. BERNHEIM'S CHARGE: AS	SESSED.	PAID.
St. Paul's Church	\$60.00	\$60.00
REV. R. PETREA'S CHARGE:		
St. John's Church	48.00	50.00
Mt. Olive Church	7.20	7.20
REV. W. A. JULIAN'S CHARGE:		
Sandy Creek Church	18.00	20.61
Reformation Church	6.00	5.00
REV. B. S. BROWN'S CHARGE:		
Luther's Chapel	30.00	18.35
St. Paul's Church	16.00	9.50
Centre Grove Church	10.00	8.20
REV. E. P. PARKER'S CHARGE:		
Lau's Church	4.00	4.00
Richland Church	3.60	2.00
Coble's Church	3.60	

REV. V. R. STICKLEY'S CHARGE: ASS	SESSED.	PAID.
Salem Church	. 18.00	15.00
St. Luke's Church	. 12.00	12.00
Grace Church	. 10.00	10.00
Rev. J. A. Linn's Charge:		
Hickory Church	. 10.00	10.00
Newton "	. 2.00	3,00
Thyatira "	. 3.60	1.00
REV. R. L. BROWN'S CHARGE:		
Union Church	. 24.00	15.15
Christiana Church	. 8.40	8.40
REV. W. J. SMITH'S CHARGE:		
St. John's Church	. 30.00	30.00
RRV. H. M. BROWN'S CHARGE:		
Bethel Church	. 18.00	20.00
Christ "		5.00
REV. S. ROTHROCK'S CHARGE:		5.00
Organ Church	. 30.00	16.80
Ebenezer "		15.00
REV. J. B. DAVIS' CHARGE:	. 10.00	10.00
Church of the Holy Trinity	30.60	80.00
Mt. Carmel Church	. 3.60	00.00
REV. S. T. HALLMAN'S CHARGE:	. 0.00	
St. James' Church	20.00	20.00
Cold Water "		5:00
Mt. Hermon "		5.00
REV. W. R. KETCHIE'S CHARGE:	. 0.00	0.00
St. Matthew's Church	. 8.60	4.20
Providence "		3.65
REV. J. B. ANTHONY'S CHARGE:	. 5.00	5.00
St. Michael's Church	. 18.00	9.92
St. Paul's "		2.60
REV. E. A. WINGARD'S CHARGE:	. 1.20	2.00
St. Mark's Church	19.00	10.00
REV. W. KIMBALL'S CHARGE:	. 10.00	18.00
Bethel Church	0.90	10.40
Gold Hill Church		10.40
St. Stephen's Church		2.95
		10.00
		8.75
REV. W. A. LUTZ'S CHARGE:	04.00	20.05
St. Enoch Church		20.35
Trinity "	. 12.00	10.00
REV. D. J. KOONTZ (colored)	•	1.10
VACANT CHARGES:		
Shiloh Church		
Hopewell Church	. 3.60	

	Assessed.	PAID.
Nazareth Church		5.53
St. Peter's "		0.00
St. Matthew's Church		
Luther's Church	***************************************	3.60
Pilgrim's "		0.00
Frieden's "		
St. Paul's "		
A.A. C.		
Sum total received for	Synodical purposes	. \$494.25
Amount in hands of Tr	easurer as per Report	. \$263.34
Whole amount on nand	t to the	/Tuonaus
Your Committee have t	urned over the above amount to the	reasurer

and taken Bond for the same, with good security.

The following contributions for the College Fund have been received and will be paid over to the Treasurer of North Carolina College:

A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH				
Holy Trinity	Church	Rev.	J. B. Davis, D. D., in charge\$	4.94
St. Paul's	4.6		B. S. Brown "	4.25
Lau's	"	16	E. P. Parker "	
St. John	"	"	Petrea "	35
Lebanon	**	66	Julian "	1.50
Salem & St.	Luke Cl	nurch,	Rev. Stickley in charge	3.30
St. Mark's		"	" E. A. Wingard in charge	5.00
Ebenezer		"		55
Rev. W. R. Ketchie's charge				05
			Brown's charge	93

\$22.47

All of which is respectfully submitted by the committee.

J. A. FISHER,

P. N. HEILIG,

H. C. PREMPERT.

Resolved, That 1600 copies of the Minutes be printed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the members of the Sandy Creek Church and the vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which the members of this body have been entertained during our stay in their midst, and that the President announce the same to-morrow.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read, received, and considered by items.

Report of Committee No. 4.

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully submit the following: 1st. Forsythe Mission.—In consequence of the resignation of Rev. W. A. Lutz and the failure to secure a successor, we understand that the Mission has received a serious blow, and that unless something is done, and that speedily, the Synod will be compelled to do its first work over .-Your Committee recommend that Rev. E. P. Parker be employed as Missionary, and that Synod pledge \$150 towards his salary.

2d. CATAWBA MISSION.—We are informed that this Mission has secured the services of Rev. J. A. Linn, and request an appropriation of \$170. Your Committee recommend that the appropriation be made.

3d. Albemarle Mission. - This Mission, under the care of Rev. W. Kimball, promises well, and your Committee recommend that Synod appropriate \$100 towards the completion of the church now going up.

4th. Lexington Mission.—Your Committee have been informed that the present is the time to organize and build in Lexington. We recommend that \$200 be now appropriated towards the erection of a church in that place, and that Synod pledge itself for \$200 more to be paid at our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE, R. L. BROWN, JNO. C. LINGLE.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the enterprise, at Lexington, N. C., be placed under the care of Rev. W. A. Julian.

Report of Committee No. 7 was now adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Vacancies was, on motion, taken up and adopted.

Report of Committee No. 8.

Your Committee on Vacancies have nothing to present for your consideration, as the vacant pastorates and mission points have already been brought to the attention of Synod.

J. A. LINN, E. P. PARKER, R. L. BROWN.

On motion, Grace Church was received into connection with Synod.

The Report of Committee on Pastoral Districts was read, received, and adopted.

Report of Committee No. 10.

Your Committee on Pastoral Districts would submit the following: 1st. Lutheran Chapel and Centre Grove churches to constitute a pastorate after the first of January, 1882.

2d. Bethel, Rowan Co., and St. Paul's, Rowan Co., to constitute a pastorate after the first of January, 1882.

3d. Union, Christiana, and Christ's churches to constitute a pastorate.

4th. Sandy Creek, Pilgrim, Reformation, and Lexington to constitute a pastorate.

5th. Nazareth, Hopewell, Shiloh, and Bethany to be a pastorate.

We further suggest that all churches unarranged be provided for by Conference. Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BIKLE,

G. D. BERNHEIM,

W. A. JULIAN.

The Rev. Jacob Hawkins addressed the Synod on behalf of the Lutheran Visitor.

Resolved, That the President of Synod visit the vacant churches in our bounds before our next annual meeting, and collect sums required of them in Synodical apportionment.

On motion, the Missionary Work among the colored people was placed in the hands of the Eastern Conference.

There being no further business, and the Minutes having been read and confirmed, Synod adjourned to meet at time and place fixed upon. The President closed Synod according to prescribed order in Book of Worship.

At night, Rev. J. Hawkins preached from Haggai 2, 9. W. J. SMITH, SECRETARY.

Lord's Day Services.

At 11 A. M., Rev. H. C. Haithcox preached from Jno. 3, 16, after which many of the large congregation united in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

At 3 P. M., Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., preached from 2 Cor. 4, 16.

At 8 P. M., Rev. H. C. Haithcox preached from Acts 11, 23 and Rom. 10, 10.

At 9 A. M., addresses were delivered to the Sunday school by the Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., and the Rev. Jacob Hawkins.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. Resolved, That this Synod recommends to the Church Councils the propriety of adopting the plan of collecting Pastor's Salary by assessment.
- 2. Resolved, That in accordance with the Church Discipline, Chapter vi, 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 judgment are too poor to do so.
- 3. Resolved, That no Minister in connection with this Synod shall be allowed to take charge of vacant congregations until they shall have satisfactorily met their obligations with their former Pastor.
- 4. Resolved, That hereafter when a Pastor is called to a vacant charge, the Council be governed by the Discipline of the Church.
- 5. Resolved, That courteous recognition of the presence of Ministers, not of the Lutheran Church, be taken by recording their names in the minutes as having been in attendance upon the sessions of this Body.
- 6. Resolved, That we recommend each Pastor, in performing the rites of Baptism and Confirmation, to give certificates of the same.

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The 79th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, will be held in St. James' Church, Concord, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before the First Sunday in May, 1882, at 10 A. M.