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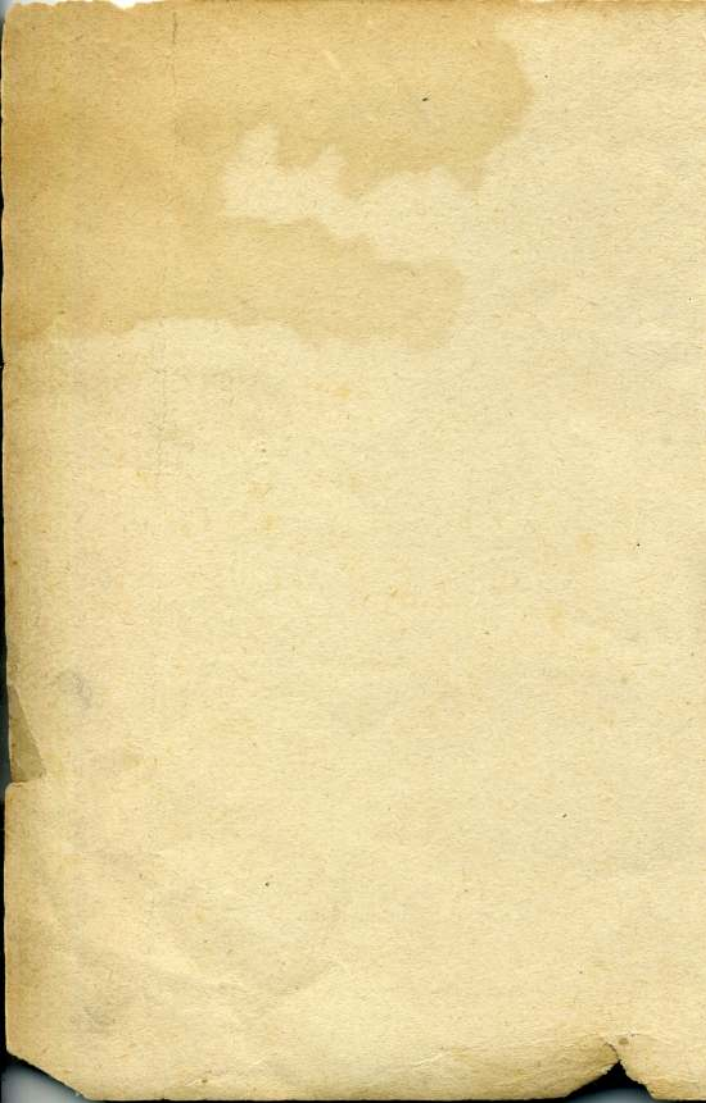
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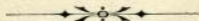
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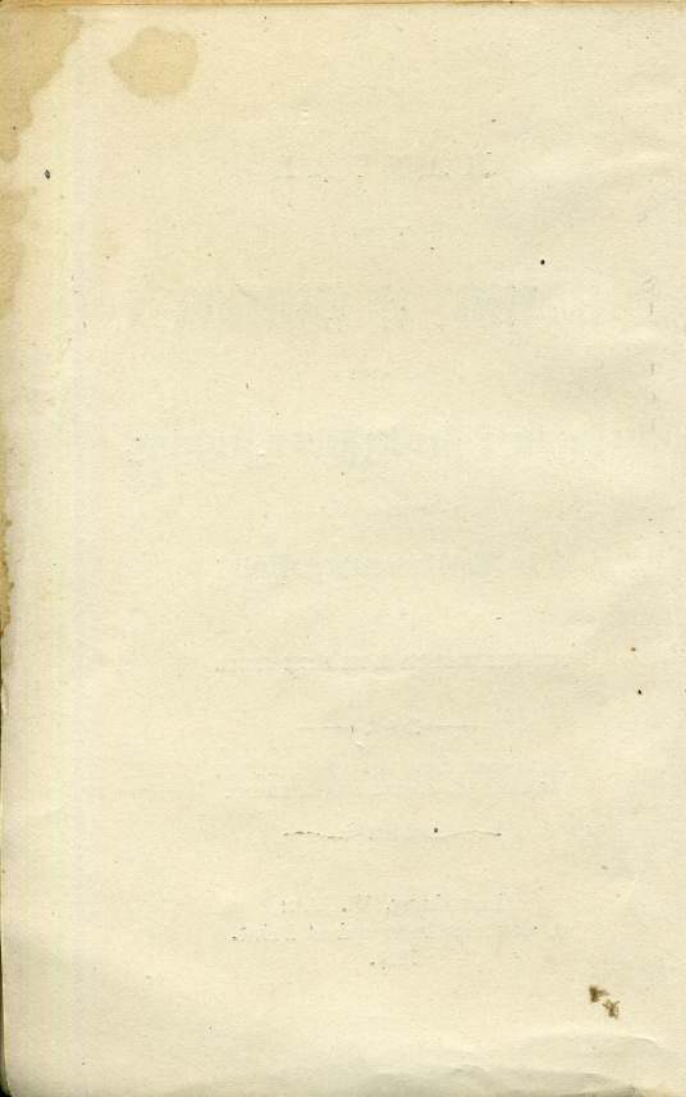
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I.
HISTORY.

SECTION I.—ORGANIZATION AND BOUNDARIES.

An extract from the Minutes of the Synod of Virginia in session at Lexington, Oct. 10th, 1837:

“An extract from the Minutes of Lexington Presbytery was read in relation to the division of said Presbytery and a request presented that the Synod should divide that body, and designating a line of division which they desired might be established, on which the Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report:

Resolved, That the request be granted, and that the said Presbytery be divided by a line commencing at the intersection of the Alleghany Mountains, with the southern boundary of Hardy county, and thence along the top of the mountain to the boundary of Giles county, and thence along the dividing line between Giles and Monroe counties to New river; and that the Ministers and Churches west of said line are hereby constituted a Presbytery to be known by the name of the Greenbrier Presbytery, and said Presbytery shall hold its first meeting at Lewisburg on the second Tuesday in April next, and be opened with a sermon by Rev. John McElhenney, or, in case of his absence, by

the senior minister present," which report was received and adopted.

Accordingly, Thursday, the 8th of April, 1838, John McElhenney, Francis Thornton, James M. Brown, Wm. G. Campbell, David R. Preston and Joseph Brown, ministers, with George Rapp, Moses M. Fugua, Samuel Brown, William Shanklin, Thomas Beard and T. O'Harrah, met (after a sermon preached from Psalm 20:5, "And in the name of our God we will set up our banner,") the Presbytery of Greenbrier was constituted with prayer. Rev. A. S. Morrison and Rev. Francis Dutton did not appear. The Churches thus set off to form this Presbytery were—Lewisburg, Spring Creek, Union, Oak Grove, Head of Greenbrier (now Liberty,) Tygart's Valley, Anthony's Creek, Muddy Creek, Kanawha, French Creek, Parkersburg, Point Pleasant, Hughe's River, Carmel and Huntersville.

The boundary of the Presbytery has been changed at different times, and may be given at this date, April, 1889, as follows: Beginning where the line between Pocahontas and Highland counties crosses the Staunton and Parkersburg turnpike road, then with the eastern boundary of Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Monroe counties; then with the southern boundary of Monroe, Summers, Raleigh and Wyoming

counties to the Big Sandy river; then down that river to the Ohio river, and up the Ohio to the northern boundary of Wood county, then with the northern boundary of Wood, Wirt and Calhoun counties to a line crossing Gilmer and Lewis counties, so as to place the churches of French Creek and Bethel in Greenbrier Presbytery; then south and around the counties of Upshur and Randolph to the beginning.

SECTION II.—LIST OF MODERATORS, WITH
PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING.

1. John McElhenney,	Lewisburg. Apl. 8, 1838
2. John S. Blain,	Oak Grove. Sep. -, "
3. Joseph Brown,	Tygart's Val. Ap. 11, 1839
4. Wm. G. Campbell,	Union. Sep. 9, "
5. David Preston,	Parkersburg. Apl. 9, 1840
6. Adi E. Thorn,	Lewisburg. Aug. 20, "
7. Festus Hanks,	Charleston. Apl. 8, 1841
8. Theo. Gallaudet,	Spring Creek. Sep. 9, "
9. Festus Hanks,	Parkersburg. Apl. 7, 1842
10. Robert Osborne,	Lewisburg. Oct. 7, "
11. James M. Brown,	Pt. Pleasant. Apl. 7, 1843
12. Stuart Robinson,	Oak Grove. Oct. 7, "
13. S. R. Houston,	Ka. Salines. Apl. 18, 1844
14. T. N. Paxton,	Union. Oct. 4, "
15. J. McElhenney,	M. Academy. May 9, 1845
16. D. R. Preston,	Lewisburg. Oct. 2, "
17. James Poague,	Parkersburg. Ap. 16, 1846
18. M. D. Dunlap,	Ka. Salines. Oct. 24, "
19. R. Osborne,	Parkersburg. May -, 1847
20. Joseph Brown,	Lewisburg. Oct. 7, "
21. Enoch Thomas,	Pt. Pleasant. Ap. 13, 1848
22. E. Churchill,	Tygart's Val. Oct. 5, "

- 23, J. M. Brown, M'nt'n Cove. Ap. -, 1849
 24, J. McElhenney, D.D. Centreville. Oct. 11, "
 25, D. A. Cunningham, Charleston. May 9, 1850
 26, M. D. Dunlap, Lewisburg. Oct. 10, "
 27, J. M. Brown, Summersv'le. Ap. 17, 1851
 28, S. R. Houston, Frankford. Oct. 16, "
 29, J. McElhenney, D.D. Pt. Pleasant. Ap. 15, 1852
 30, D. A. Cunningham, Mt. Pleasant. Aug. 19, "
 31, E. Thomas, Parkersburg. May -, 1853
 32, J. H. Leps, French Cr'k. Aug. 18, "
 33, Henry Ruffner, D.D. Charleston. Apl. 20, 1854
 34, J. McElhenney, D.D. Oak Grove. Aug. 17, "
 35, Jacob Winters, Ka. Salines. — —, 1855
 36, M. D. Dunlap, Lewisburg. Oct. 8, "
 37, E. Thomas, Pt. Pleasant. May 8, 1856
 38, M. H. Bittinger, Anthony's Cr. Oct. 9, "
 39, James Young, Tygart's Val. Ap. 30, 1857
 40, G. S. Woodhull, Union. Aug. 11, "
 41, G. S. Woodhull, Parkersburg. Ap. 22, 1858
 42, S. R. Houston, Liberty. Oct. 28, "
 43, J. H. Leps, Charleston. Apl. 11, 1859
 44, J. C. Brown, Rich Creek. Sep. 11, "
 45, J. C. Barr, Buffalo. Apl. 19, 1860
 46, J. H. Leps, Spring Creek. Oct. 4, "
 47, G. S. Woodhull, Ka. Salines. May 2, 1861
 48, M. H. Bittinger, Carmel. Oct. 10, "
 49, S. R. Houston, Muddy Cr. Apl. 17, 1862
 50, M. D. Dunlap, Mt. Pleasant. Sep. 25, "
 51, R. P. Kennedy, Salem. Apl. 9, 1863
 52, H. B. Rose, Carmel. Oct. 16, "
 53, S. R. Houston, Lewisburg. Apl. 14, 1864
 54, J. C. Brown, Union. Oct. 6, "
 55, R. P. Kennedy, Frankford. Apl. 13, 1865
 56, M. D. Dunlap, Centreville. Sep. 26, "
 57, M. H. Bittinger, Buffalo. May 3, 1866
 58, A. B. Rose, Oak Grove. Sep. 30, "
 59, James Haynes, Ka. Salines. May 15, 1867
 60, R. R. Houston, Muddy Cr. Oct. 10, "
 61, S. R. Houston, Pt. Pleasant. May 14, 1868
 62, M. D. Dunlap, Mt. Pleasant. Oct. 15, "

- 63, M. H. Bittinger, Coalsmouth. May 6, 1869
 64, M. L. Lacy, Spring Creek. Oct. 21, "
 65, James Haynes, Western. May 21, 1870
 66, M. D. Dunlap, Fayette C. H., Sep. 8, "
 67, E. Eells, Pt. Pleasant. May 11, 1871
 68, J. C. Barr, Lewisburg. Oct. 12, "
 69, M. H. Bittinger, Huntington. May 1, 1872
 70, D. S. Sydenstricker, River View. Oct. 10, "
 71, J. H. Leps, Ka. Salines. May 7, 1873
 72, J. D. McClintock, Richlands. Oct. 1, "
 73, Wm. E. Hill, Buffalo. Apl. 1, 1874
 74, J. H. Lewis, Salem. Sep. 16, 1874
 75, S. R. Houston, Coalsmouth. Apl. 1, 1875
 76, J. C. Brown, Frankford. Oct. 15, "
 77, G. T. Lyle, Charleston. May 10, 1876
 78, J. H. Leps, Union. Oct. 12, "
 79, H. R. Laird, Pt. Pleasant. May 9, 1877
 80, James Withrow, Oak Grove. Sep. 12, "
 81, James Haynes, Huntington. May 8, 1878
 82, J. C. Barr, Lewisburg. Sep. 11, "
 83, D. S. Sydenstricker, St. Albans. May 7, 1879
 84, M. H. Bittinger, Alderson. Oct. 14, "
 85, W. F. Wilhelm, Buffalo. Apl. 27, 1880
 86, J. H. Lewis, Centreville. Sep. 23, "
 87, D. S. Sydenstricker, Ka. Salines. May 4, 1881
 88, J. C. Brown, Green Sulp'r. Oct. 6, "
 89, J. W. Shearer, Coal Valley. May 4, 1882
 90, H. R. Laird, Mt. Pleasant. Sep. 20, "
 91, J. H. Leps, Hinton. May 9, 1883
 92, J. H. Lewis, Lewisburg. Oct. 10, "
 93, J. W. Rosebro, Pt. Pleasant. May 8, 1884
 94, J. W. Scott, Summersv'le. Oct. 1, "
 95, M. H. Bittinger, Richlands. Apl. 28, 1885
 96, S. J. Baird, D. D., Charleston. Oct. 14 "
 97, J. C. Barr, Ronceverte. May 6, 1886
 98, J. W. Wightman, D. D. Huntington. Oct. 7, "
 99, J. E. Booker, Lewisburg. May 4, 1887
 100, Jos. M. Sloan, Hillsdale. Oct. 26, "
 101, Wm. T. Price, Malden. May 3, 1888
 102, Wm. McC. Miller, Oak Grove. Sep. 19, "
 103, S. J. Baird, D. D., Lewisburg. Apl. 16, 1889

SECTION III.—STATED CLERKS.

1838.	Wm. G. Campbell.....	1841.
1841.	Joseph Brown.....	1846.
1846.	Samuel R. Houston.....	1849.
1849.	James M. Brown.....	1855.
1855.	Samuel H. Brown	1857.
1857.	Geo. S. Woodhull.	1862.
1862.	J. C. Barr.....	1869.
1869.	M. L. Lacy.....	1883.
1884.	J. C. Brown.....	

SECTION IV.—TREASURERS.

1838.	James M. Brown...	
	Samuel R. Houston.....	1869.
1869.	James H. Leps.....	1875.
1875.	J. C. Brown, Malden, W. Va.....	

SECTION V.—ROLL OF MINISTERS.

1838.	John McElhenney, Died January,.....	1871.
1838.	Francis Thornton, Dismissed,.....	1839.
1838.	James M. Brown, Died June 8th,.....	1862.
1838.	Wm. G. Campbell, Dismissed,.....	1841.
1838.	Andrew S. Morrison, Dismissed,	1838.
1838.	David R. Preston, Died,	1850.
1838.	Joseph Brown, Dismissed,.....	1848.
1838.	John S. Blain, Dismissed,	1839.
1838.	Francis Dutton, Died,.....	1839.
1838.	Festus Hanks, Dismissed,....	1846.
1839.	Adi E. Thorn, Dismissed,.....	1842.
1841.	Robert Osborne, Dismissed,....	1855.
1841.	Theodore Gallaudet, Dismissed,.....	1846.

1841. Ebenezer Churchill, Died Nov. 3rd,... 1852.
 1842. Stuart Robinson, Dismissed,1847.
 1842. T. P. W. Magruder, Dismissed,..... 1845.
 1842. Thomas Brown, Dismissed, 1843.
 1843. T. N. Paxton, Dismissed, 1846.
 1843. Samuel R. Houston, Died Jan'y 28th,..1887.
 1845. John H. Boccock, Dismissed, 1847.
 1845. Josiah B. Poague, Dismissed,1851.
 1845. M. D. Dunlap,..... ..
 1846. Enoch Thomas, Dismissed,..... .. 1855.
 1847. Wm. S. Beard, Died,..... .. 1854.
 1847. George Van Emmen, Dismissed,..... ..1850.
 1849. D. H. Cunningham, Died, 1862.
 1853. Henry Ruffner, Died July 18th,..... 1861.
 1853. Jacob Winters, Dismissed,..... .. 1859.
 1853. James H. Leps, Dismissed Jan. 3rd,...1883.
 1854. James H. Young, Dismissed,..... .. 1858.
 1854. P. M. Custer, Dismissed,..... .. 1861.
 1872. P. M. Custer, Dismissed Sept. 14th,...1878.
 1855. Samuel H. Brown, Died,..... .. 1857.
 1856. M. H. Bittinger,
 1856. G. S. Woodhull, Left,..... .. 1861.
 1858. J. C. Barr, D. D.,
 1858. J. C. Brown,
 1859. H. B. Rose, Dismissed,..... .. 1867.
 1860. W. C. Neely, Left,..... .. 1861.
 1860. R. P. Kennedy, Dismissed,.. 1867.
 1863. R. R. Houston, Dismissed,.. 1872.
 1864. James Haynes,
 1867. B. B. Blair, Died, 1871.
 1869. M. L. Lacy, D. D.,
 1870. Edward Eells, Dismissed Apr. 29th,...1885.

1871. A. C. Stuart, Dismissed, 1873.
 1871. D. S. Sydenstricker, Dismissed, 1873.
 1875. D. S. Sydenstricker,
 1871. Jacob H. Lewis,
 1873. J. H. McClintock, Dism'd May 13th, .. 1870.
 1873. W. E. Hill, Dismissed Jan. 21st, 1880.
 1874. A. H. Hamilton, Dismissed, 1875.
 1874. Geo. T. Lyle, Dismissed,
 1875. H. R. Laird, Dismissed Aug. 8th, 1883.
 1877. J. H. McCown,
 1877. G. A. Wilson, Dismissed May 9th, 1879.
 1878. D. B. Ewing, D. D., Dism'd Jun. 7th, 1882.
 1879. Wm. F. Wilhelm, Dismissed Feb. 14, 1884.
 1880. J. W. Shearer, Dismissed Feb. 28th, ... 1883.
 1880. Absalom Sydenstricker,
 1881. W. L. Bailey, Dismissed May 11th, 1883.
 1881. L. A. McLean, Dismissed Aug. 22nd, 1884.
 1882. J. W. Holt,
 1883. J. W. Rosebro, Dism'd Jan. 3, 1885.
 1883. W. E. Hill, Dismissed Nov. 3rd, 1883.
 1883. J. M. Scott, Died Nov. 27th, 1885.
 1884. C. A. Monroe, Dismissed May 1st, 1885.
 1884. J. W. Wightman, D. D.,
 1884. Geo. T. Lyle,
 1885. Samuel J. Baird, D. D.,
 1885. J. E. Booker, Dismissed Sep. 26th, 1887.
 1885. Jos. M. Sloan,
 1885. D. E. Frierson,
 1886. Wm T. Price,
 1886. W. W. Ruff, Dismissed Sep. 21st, 1888.
 1888. S. L. Wilson,

SECTION VI.—ROLL OF CHURCHES—DATE OF ORGANIZATION.—OFFICERS.

1. LEWISBURG. 1783.

Pastor.—Rev. D. E. Frierson, installed 1885.

Elders.—M. L. Spotts, James Withrow, J. E. Bell, C. N. Austin, Jonathan Mays, J. D. Arbuckle, J. A. Preston, J. W. Wetzell, J. W. Arbuckle (clerk,) Lewisburg, W. Va.

Deacons.—F. C. Brown, E. D. Withrow, J. J. Echols, T. W. McClung, T. H. Dennis, Richard Thomas, J. M. Rader, W. C. Cunningham, F. R. Hunter.

2. SPRING CREEK. 1783.

(*Vacant.*)

Elders.—S. W. Walkup, J. Walkup, J. H. Renick (clerk,) Falling Spring, W. Va.

Deacons.—G. W. Livesay, J. E. Walkup.

3. UNION. 1785 or 1786.

Pastor.—Rev. M. L. Lacy, D. D., 1887.

Elders.—S. A. Houston, Walter Douglas, J. D. Wheelwright, J. A. Dunlap, Hubert Houston (clerk,) Union, W. Va.

Deacons.—G. W. Hutcheson, W. Steele, W. E. Early.

4. OAK GROVE. 1793.

Pastor.—Rev. D. S. Sydenstricker, 1875, (Clerk,) Academy, W. Va.

Elders.—S. H. Clark, W. T. Beard, E. L. Beard, Matthew Wallace, M. J. McNeel, R. G. Miller.

Deacons.—H. Stulting, A. Clark, C. W. Beard.

5. LIBERTY. 1804.

Stated Supply.—Rev. W. T. Price.

Elders.—Sam'l B. Hanna, W. L. Brown (clerk,) Green Bank, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

6. MUDDY CREEK. 1816.

Pastor.—Rev. J. H. Lewis, 1872.

Elders.—J. F. Pollock, John Lewis, J. A. Gortner (clerk,) Alderson, W. Va.

Deacons.—A. M. Buster, D. R. P. Parker.

7. ANTHONY'S CREEK. 1817.

(*Vacant.*)

Elders.—Henry Sydenstricker, B. F. Fleshman, George Kirkpatrick (clerk,) Lowry's Mill, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

8. CHARLESTON. 1815 or 1819.

Pastor.—Rev. J. C. Barr, D. D., 1872.

Elders.—J. A. Truslow, W. P. Ewing, J. E. Thayer, J. Z. McChesney, C. C. Lewis (clerk,) Charleston, W. Va.

Deacons.—P. H. Noyes, W. A. Summers, E. S. Arnold, D. Eagon.

9. POINT PLEASANT. 1835.

Pastor.—J. A. Scott, 1889.

Elders.—L. F. Campbell, J. L. Hutchinson (clerk,) Henderson, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

10. CARMEL. 1835.

Stated Supply.—Rev. J. W. Holt, (Cl'k.)

Elders.—A. G. Neel, J. W. Ruddell, A. Leach, J. M. Crosier.

Deacons.—C. F. Neel, E. Neel, W. Neel, G. W. Smith.

11. HUNTERSVILLE. 1835.

Stated Supply.—Rev. W. T. Price.

Elders.—S. P. Patterson, J. H. Doyle (clerk,) Huntersville, W. Va.

Deacons.—M. D. McLaughlin.

12. SUMMERSVILLE. 1839.

Stated Supply.—Rev. James Haynes, Evangelist.

Elders.—R. M. White, J. McClung, E. P. White (clerk,) Summersville, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

13. HUNTINGTON. 1839.

Pastor.—J. M. Sloan, 1885.

Elders.—Job Webb, H. M. Adams, J. L. Johnston (clerk,) Huntington, W. Va.

Deacons.—G. S. Laidley, W. H. H. Hols-
wade, J. T. Doyle, A. C. Thomas.

14. KANAWHA SALINES. 1841.

Pastor.—Rev. J. C. Brown, 1867, (Clerk, Malden, W. Va.)

Elders.—R. E. Putney, W. D. Lewis, J. J. Dickinson, J. W. Parish.

Deacons.—M. Morton, D. H. Putney.

15. FRANKFORD. 1853.

(*Vacant.*)

Elders.—A. S. Livesay, E. F. Raymond, M. E. Russell, Geo. H. Lewis, J. G. Rader (clerk,) Frankford, W. Va.

Deacons.—John Livesay, C. H. McClung, C. W. Gillilan, J. A. Fleshman, F. J. Bell.

16. MOUNT PLEASANT. 1854.

Pastor.—Rev. M. L. Lacy, D. D., 1887.

Elders.—B. A. Curry, J. R. Williams, J. W. Gray, C. P. Nickell, W. Y. Irons, M. H. Walkup, C. W. Hutcheson (clerk,) Sinks Grove, W. Va.

Deacons.—J. A. Nickell, S. P. Hamilton, B. F. Irons, J. S. Hodge, B. H. Leach, R. Curry.

17. CENTREVILLE. 1854.

Pastor.—Rev. M. H. Bittinger, 1870.

Elders.—W. W. Pence, L. A. Shanklin, A. H. Butt, J. P. Peck, J. M. H. Shanklin (clerk,) Indian Creek, W. Va.

Deacons.—J. R. Thomas, R. B. Gwinn, W. Rives, J. M. Larew.

18. BAXTER. 1858.

Stated Supply.—Rev. W. T. Price.

Elders.—J. B. McCutchen (clerk,) Dunmore, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

19. SALEM. 1869.

(*Vacant.*)

Elders.—R. C. Burdett, J. Irwin, R. D. Erwin, J. W. McDowell.

Deacons.—G. W. Curry, R. A. Level, R. Jackson.

20. BUFFALO. 1860.

Stated Supply.—Rev. G. T. Lyle.

Elders.—W. A. Alexander, B. H. Sterret (clerk,) Buffalo, W. Va.

Deacons.—A. B. Alexander.

21. McELHENNEY. 1860.

Stated Supply.—Rev. J. H. Lewis.

Elders.—J. T. George, J. Montgomery, T. H. Fleshman (clerk,) Blue Sulphur, W. Va.

Deacons.—J. A. George, M. Lewis, Z. A. Sandize.

22. COALSMOUTH. 1868.

Stated Supply.—Rev. G. T. Lyle.

Elders.—J. R. Hill, T. Swindler, W. Mohler, J. F. Hansford (clerk,) Sattes, W. Va.

Deacons.—J. A. Simms, F. Sattes, A. Bailey.

23. RICHLANDS. 1869.

Pastor.—Rev. S. L. Wilson, 1887.

Elders.—Chas. L. Peyton, J. M. Sydenstricker, Jos. H. Bunger, Wm. R. Dotson (clerk,) Lewisburg, W. Va.

Deacons.—Jno. Johnston, Sam'l G. Biggs, A. D. Kincaid.

24. GIBEAH. 1871.

Stated Supply.—Rev. James Haynes, Evangelist.

Elders.—J. H. Miller, C. S. Warner, W. A. Tyree, J. Shreves, J. G. Norton (clerk,) Beckwith, W. Va.

Deacons.—J. W. Farley.

25. ELK. 1871.

(*Vacant.*)

Elders.—Peter Seafter (clerk,) Graham's Mines, W. Va.

26. RALEIGH. 1872.

Stated Supply.—Rev. James Haynes.

Elders.—W. McClung, J. W. McCreery (clerk,) Raleigh, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

27. BETHANY. 1873.

Stated Supply.—Rev. G. T. Lyle.

Elders.—C. W. Handley, (clerk,) Ona, W. Va.

Deacons.—J. A. Love.

28. PLEASANT FLATS. 1873.

Pastor Elect.—Rev. J. A. Scott, 1889.

Elders.—Jno. Knopp, J. L. Rice, A. Musgrave, Jacob Knopp (clerk,) Brown's Depot, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

29. ARBUCKLE. 1874.

(*Vacant.*)

Elders.—Thos. Nicholson, Geo. W. Craig (clerk,) Charleston, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

30. HINTON. 1874.

Stated Supply.—Rev. J. W. Wightman, D. D.

Elders.—R. T. Dolin, C. A. Fredeking (clerk,) Hinton, W. Va.

Deacons.—C. Mahan, D. Hoge.

31. HAMLIN. 1874.

Stated Supply.—Rev. G. T. Lyle.

Elders.—J. V. Sweetland, J. H. Holt (clerk,) Hamlin, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

32. MOUNTAIN COVE. 1861.

Stated Supply.—Rev. James Haynes.

Elders.—J. Kesler, J. B. Kesler, G. W. Imboden, (clerk,) Ansted, W. Va.

Deacons.—J. Forsythe, J. C. Sims, H. McCutchen.

33. ALDERSON. 1876.

Pastor Elect.—Rev. E. D. Jeffries, (Clerk,) Alderson, W. Va.

Elders.—J. Mann, W. Boa, S. R. Hill, W. M. Bryan, T. Johnston.

Deacons.—F. N. Mann, A. Gwinn.

34. FORT SPRING. 1876.

Stated Supply.—Rev. E. D. Jeffries.

Elders.—Matthew Mann (clerk,) Fort Spring, W. Va.

Deacons.—W. Godwin.

35. HILLSDALE. 1878.

Stated Supply.—Rev. J. W. Holt.

Elders.—J. P. Parker, J. S. Hawkins, M. A. Rodgers, J. Moran (clerk,) Pickaway, W. Va.

Deacons.—G. G. Young, W. H. Reaburn, J. K. Burdett, N. G. Shirey.

36. COAL VALLEY. 1878.

Pastor Elect.—Rev. B. A. Pendleton.

Elders.—M. A. E. Kendall, J. C. Wysor (clerk,) Coal Valley, W. Va.

Deacons.—O. V. Harris.

37. MARLIN'S BOTTOM. 1881.

Stated Supply.—Rev. W. T. Price.

Elders.—A. M. McLaughlin, G. M. Kee (clerk,) Marlinton, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

38. QUINNIMONT. 1881.

Stated Supply.—Rev. J. W. Wightman, D. D.

Elders.—J. J. Johnson, S. M. Johnson (clerk,) Quinnimont, W. Va.

Deacons.—M. Stanley.

39. GREEN SULPHUR. 1881.

Stated Supply.—Rev. J. W. Wightman, D. D.

Elders.—A. A. Miller, J. P. Maddy, M. Hutchinson, N. W. Noel (clerk,) Green Sulphur, W. Va.

Deacons.—J. Lewis, J. F. George.

40. RONCEVERTE. 1881.

(*Vacant.*)

Elders.—E. L. Kramer, R. W. McDowell, E. H. Camp, D. W. Weaver (clerk,) Ronceverte, W. Va.

Deacons.—A. P. Leist, W. Brackman, M. A. Gates, M. McLaughlin, P. H. Smith, Q. Morton.

41. RAVEN'S EYE. 1884.

Stated Supply.—Rev. James Haynes.

Elders.—J. G. Myles, M. Walkup, A. Campbell, J. Gilkeson (clerk,) Raven's Eye, W. Va.

42. BLUE CREEK. 1885.

(*Vacant.*)

Elders.—Conrad Oid, James Kendall (clerk,) Gazel, W. Va.

Deacons.—None.

43. FIRE CREEK. 1889.

Stated Supply.—Rev. J. W. Wightman, D. D.

Elders.—G. H. Caperton, J. Laing, D. Stoddard, W. M. Warwick (clerk,) Fire Creek, W. Va.

Deacons.—Mr. Macguire.

44. LACY. 1886.

Pastor.—Rev. S. L. Wilson, 1887.

Elders.—Oliver Shirkey, W. S. Rader, H. A. Wallace, A. G. Handley (clerk,) Williamsburg, W. Va.

Deacons.—J. G. Kesler, R. S. Baker.

45. KELLER. 1887.

Stated Supply.—Rev. E. D. Jeffries.

Elders.—J. Hinchman, Wm. Haynes (clerk,) Lowell, W. Va.

Deacons.—H. Kesler.

II.

STANDING RULES.

SECTION I.—CHURCH SESSIONS.

1. Church Sessions shall hold at least four Stated Meetings each year, as near the first of the months of January, April, July and October as possible.

2. At these Quarterly Meetings in January delegates shall be appointed to the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, and in July to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery and Synod, which appointments shall be confirmed or changed at the meetings in April and October.

3. A record shall be made of these appointments, and the delegate shall report his diligence in attending them or his excuse for non-attendance, subject to sessional action. If any delegate shall fail from any cause to attend the meeting to which he is appointed he shall forward in writing to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery or Synod his reason therefor.

4. Such provision shall be made by the Session as is suitable and expedient for the expenses of Minister and Elder when attending the meetings of Presbytery and Synod. (See Form Gov., chap. xxii, sec. 3.)

5. At these Quarterly Meetings the Ses-

sion shall consider the spiritual interests of the church; and the Deacons shall also be present, during the whole or a part of this meeting, to make a full report on the financial condition of the church, and to consult and advise with the Session in matters pertaining to their office. A report shall be prepared on the spiritual and financial condition of the church and read to the congregation at its next assembly for public worship.

The following docket of business is recommended to Sessions for their Quarterly Meetings :

- (1.) Open with prayer.
- (2.) Absentees noted and excuses heard.
- (3.) Read and correct Minutes, including last Quarterly Meeting.
- (4.) Receive and dismiss members.
- (5.) Report from each member of the Session as to official labors performed:—*E. g.*, Persons and families visited; what learned concerning spiritual condition? cases of awakening or interest—growth or decline; any baptised members mature enough, yet not in full communion, instructed as to their duty? any parents with infants unbaptised counseled as to their duty? any persons or families not identified with any church urged to attend?
- (6.) Religious services and attendance thereon. *E. g.*, Preaching; Prayer-meet-

ing; Bible-class; Sabbath School; Catechising; Family Worship; Communion Services; Monthly Concert; Neglect noticed; Suggestions for improvement.—Anything requiring judicial investigation?

(7.) [Deacons being present.] Report of Deacons on Finances. *E. g.*, Regular Sabbath offerings. Is plan used successful? Do all members contribute to all causes ordered by the General Assembly? Pastor's salary—Contingencies—Cases requiring pecuniary aid. Strangers and persons not regularly attending invited to church. Verbal report from each Deacon as to official work, and suggestions.

(8.) Reports to Presbytery. 1, Narrative. 2, Statistical report. 3, Sabbath School report.

(9.) Appoint delegates to Synod or Presbytery. Appoint time and place of next Quarterly Meeting. Appoint time for the next Communion.

(10.) Unfinished or new business.

(11.) Adjourn and close with prayer.

6. The Sessional reports to Presbytery on the State of Religion are to be made in writing, and according to the following or like forms:

SUBJECTS OF REPORT.

(1.) *Religious Services, Attendance and Interest.*—Preaching; Prayer-meeting;

Sabbath School; Bible Class; Monthly Concert; Lord's Supper; Baptism; Family Worship; Singing; Sanctification of Sabbath; Vacant Sabbaths; Religious Reading.

(2.) *Spiritual Condition.*—Growth in knowledge and grace; Conversion of sinners; Harmony and activity of members, and zeal for the cause of Christ; Worldly amusements; Love of gain; Intemperance.

(3.) *Schemes of Benevolence.*—Regular offerings. Mission Societies. Relief of Poor. Do all give? Benevolence increasing, or not?

(4.) *Other Matters of Interest.*—Revivals. Morals of the community. Outside influences. Encouragements and discouragements.

7. All the Sessional reports to Presbytery shall be entered upon the records, and read, at the discretion of the Session, to the congregation, and sent up by the delegate, or in case of his failure to attend, promptly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

8. The Sessional records of the churches in the eastern end of the Presbytery shall be sent up to the Fall Meeting, and those in the western end to the Spring Meeting, for review.

9. The Sessions of all the churches shall

see to it that the Collections ordered by the General Assembly are attended to at the times designated, if possible, and that they are transmitted promptly to their proper destination. "In case of failure to take up any of the collections ordered the Session must report in a Minute spread on their Statistical Report the reason thereof, upon the validity of which the Presbytery shall pass judgment, approving or disapproving, as the case may be."

10. The Session shall review the Roll of Members at each Quarterly Meeting in April, and report only such as are regularly resident members, and in good standing.

11. When a member has been absent from the vicinity of a church without being dismissed, for the space of a year, and after due inquiry no information can be obtained, the Session shall transfer the name to a list of names of doubtful membership, and, unless otherwise acted on, shall drop the name at the end of five years.

12. The Sessions of vacant churches, or of churches with vacant Sabbaths, shall assemble their congregations for worship at least once every Sabbath, when it is at all practicable and expedient so to do.

13. The Session of each church shall inquire at the Quarterly Meeting in April whether all the requirements of Presby-

tery have been complied with, and if so, state it on their records; also, on the Statistical Report; and if not, give the reason on their records, which shall be subject to Presbyterial action.

SECTION II.—PRESBYTERY.

1. The regular meetings of the Presbytery shall be—in the Spring, with some church in the western part of its bounds; and in the Fall, with some church in the eastern part of its bounds.

2. At the Spring Meeting there shall be presented—

(1.) *From the Churches*—(a) Statistical reports, according to the General Assembly's form. (b) Sabbath School reports, in the form required by the General Assembly. (c) A written Narrative of the State of Religion, according to the form recommended.

(2) *From the Committees*—Reports from all the Executive Committees.

3. At the Fall Meeting there shall be presented—

(1) *From the Churches*—(a) A written Narrative of the State of Religion, according to the form recommended. (b) Sabbath School reports, in the form required by Synod.

(2) *From the Committees*—Reports from all the Executive Committees.

SECTION III.—PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEES.—I.
EXECUTIVE.

1. The *Committee of Home Missions*, co-operating with the General Assembly's Committee, shall have the charge in the Presbytery of the work included under these heads: It shall endeavor, (a) To secure suitable offerings from all the churches at the times appointed for these objects. (b) To look after and provide for the occasional and permanent supply of the feeble and vacant churches of the Presbytery, endeavoring to give each vacant church as many Sabbaths as there are causes to which they are called on to contribute. (c) To receive and act on all applications for aid in building and repairing churches.

A full written report of all its operations and the interests of the cause committed to its care shall be presented at every regular meeting.

This Committee shall also prepare the reports on Evangelistic Labor for the General Assembly and Synod when necessary. It shall also make, subject to the approval of Presbytery, all appointments for Missionary labor, and a report of these appointments, after they have been filled by the members of Presbytery, shall be made in Presbytery.

2. The *Committee of Foreign Missions*,

co-operating with the General Assembly's Committee, shall have the charge of all the interests of this cause; try to obtain suitable offerings for it at the time appointed for its presentation, and endeavor to secure an awakened interest for this cause in the churches. A full report of the interests of this cause shall be made at each regular meeting.

3. The *Committee of Education*, co-operating with the General Assembly's Committee, shall direct the examination of all candidates before they are taken under the care of the Presbytery; have the care and oversight of all candidates for the ministry, and correspond with them and with the teachers under whose direction they are pursuing their studies, in regard to deportment, diligence and progress. It is also empowered to recommend candidates in need of aid to the Assembly's Committee, subject to the approval of Presbytery. It shall seek to secure suitable offerings to Education from the churches, and shall present a full report at every regular meeting of what has been done, or may be done, for the interests of Education.

4. The *Committee of Publication*, co-operating with the General Assembly's Committee, shall seek out and recommend suitable persons to be appointed and be employed as *Colporteurs*, and shall super-

intend their work. It shall bring the publications and books of our Committee, as far as possible, to the notice of our people, and endeavor to obtain suitable offerings from the churches to this cause, and make a full report of all work done, and the interests of Publication, at each regular meeting of Presbytery.

5. The *Committee on Sabbath Schools*, co-operating with the Synod's and General Assembly's Committee, shall prepare all reports from the churches to be sent up to Synod and Assembly; endeavor to awaken and maintain amongst all our people a due interest in Sabbath Schools by Conventions called, with the approval of Presbytery, and present at each regular meeting a report of the Sabbath School interests in our bounds.

6. These Committees shall meet at the call of the Chairman, and shall each consist of at least two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

SECTION IV.—PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES.—II.
STANDING.

1. These shall be appointed by the Moderator at each Stated Meeting of Presbytery, submit all their reports in writing, and continue until final adjournment, and shall be as follows:

2. *On Devotional Exercises*—Shall con-

sist of the Minister and an Elder of the church with which the Presbytery meets. It shall make all appointments for public worship, and such other services as Presbytery may determine to hold during its session.

3. *On the Narrative*—Shall receive all written reports on the state of religion in the churches after they are read in Presbytery, consider them, and prepare a report from them embracing the facts contained in them, and submit it in writing to Presbytery for its approval, to be sent up to Synod or to the General Assembly, as the case may be.

4. *On Systematic Beneficence*—Shall examine the Statistical Reports and Narratives, so far as they relate to this subject, including Ministerial Support, and prepare and submit a statement of facts for consideration in Presbytery, and also submit a report to be approved by Presbytery, in conformity to the requirements of Synod and General Assembly, to be forwarded to them.

5. *On Sessional Records*—Shall examine carefully all those handed in to them, and submit a report to Presbytery for consideration, Whether: The records are kept in a proper manner; the proceedings have been constitutional and regular; they have been wise, equitable, and for the edifica-

tion of the church; there has been a proper and full compliance with the orders of Presbytery.

6. *On Finance*—Shall receive all contributions and payments sent to Presbytery; make all necessary assessments on the churches; receive and audit all accounts of the Treasurer, and of any agents or committees disbursing the funds of the Presbytery; and make report for Presbyterial action.

7. *On Leave of Absence and Excuses*—Shall receive all excuses for absence from or tardiness in attending present or former meetings, consider them, and report for Presbyterial action; hear all applications for leave of absence, and grant such as beyond doubt are proper, and refer all doubtful cases to Presbytery for action, and make a final report before adjournment.

8. *On the Minutes of Synod*—Shall examine (at the Stated Spring Meeting) and report everything in them requiring Presbyterial action, and recommend what that action shall be.

9. *On the Minutes of the General Assembly*—Of which the Commissioner to the General Assembly, if present, shall be Chairman—shall examine (at the Stated Fall Meeting) and report everything requiring the attention of Presbytery, and recommend such action as the Presbytery

ought to take. The Commissioners to the General Assembly, at the same time, shall give in person, if present, or by letter if absent, an account of their diligence in attending, or the reasons for their failure to attend.

SECTION V.—STATED CLERK.

1. The Stated Clerk shall publish a notice of the time and place of each regular meeting of the Presbytery, at least one month before the time of meeting; and shall publish an abstract of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting; and attend to all printing done by order of Presbytery, unless otherwise provided for.

2. He shall, at least four weeks before each Stated Meeting, forward to each church under the care of Presbytery, the blank form of all reports required of them, to be presented at that meeting.

3. He shall prepare the usual *Statistical Report* required by the General Assembly and the Synod, and shall forward to those bodies respectively all the reports to them adopted by Presbytery.

4. He shall communicate all orders of the Presbytery to such of its officers and members as may be absent at the time of the passage of the orders.

5. He shall procure a sufficient number

of the copies of the *Minutes of the General Assembly* for each year to furnish one to each Minister in active work, and one to the Clerk of each Church Session, and shall distribute the same.

6. He shall make out and present to each Stated Meeting of Presbytery a list of the churches that have failed to send up the required reports, (Sec. II—192,) or what reports are defective.

7. He shall prepare two Dockets of Business for each regular meeting, after the form given in this Manual—one for the use of the Moderator of Presbytery, and the other to be posted so that all the members of Presbytery may consult it, and under "Excuses for Absence" he shall give a list of all absentees or unrepresented churches at previous meetings who have failed to report in person, or by letter, as required.

8. The salary of the Stated Clerk shall be twenty-five dollars, to be paid at each Fall Meeting of Presbytery by the Treasurer. All necessary expense incurred by him in the discharge of the duties of his office shall be paid by the Treasurer on the presentation of the account of the same, which accounts shall afterwards be audited by the *Standing Committee on Finance*.

SECTION VI.—TREASURER.

1. The Treasurer shall have the care of any permanent funds or investments of the Presbytery, and dispose of them as Presbytery may direct.

2. He shall collect, receive, receipt for the *Commissioner's and Contingent Fund*, and pay out of the same the expenses of the Commissioner to the General Assembly, the General Assembly's and the Synod's assessment, and the quota to Union Theological Seminary, and otherwise as directed.

3. He shall keep an accurate and full account of all receipts and disbursements, and at each Stated Spring Meeting he shall present a report of the same, and his books and vouchers, for examination.

SECTION VII.—LICENTIATES.

1. Licentiates under the care of Presbytery are required to attend every Stated Meeting.

2. They shall, if unemployed, be assigned suitable fields of labor by the *Committee of Home Missions* till the next regular meeting of the Presbytery.

3. No Licentiate shall leave a field of labor to which he has been assigned unless by the consent of the Presbytery.

4. Licentiates are required to report at every Stated Meeting their diligence in the work assigned them.

SECTION VIII.—CANDIDATES.

1. Candidates shall confer with the *Executive Committee of Education* in reference to their studies, the Institution in which they shall study, and their employment during vacation. They shall report to the Chairman of the *Committee of Education* as often as he shall require it, and in the way he shall direct.

2. Candidates shall report to the Presbytery through the *Executive Committee of Education* at each Stated Meeting, either in person or by letter.

SECTION IX.—MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS.

1. That, whereas many Christian parents in our churches expect Pastors to administer Baptism to their children in the household, the Presbytery enjoin it upon their Pastors that children shall be dedicated publicly in the congregation, except when hindered by providential circumstances.

2. The attention of Pastors, Elders and Parents is directed to an earnest, systematic effort to instruct and train the baptized children and youth of our congregations with a view to their early admission

to the Lord's Table, according to the requirements of the Word of God and the Constitution of the Church.

3. The Presbytery enjoin on all the churches, through the Church Session, the observance of the *Monthly Concert of Prayer for Foreign Missions*.

4. Evangelists, sustained in whole or in part by the funds of the church, shall present in some suitable manner the claims of all the different objects of beneficence, and solicit offerings in such time and in such way as may be deemed best. And Missionary supplies shall solicit offerings at such time and for such objects as the *Committee of Home Missions* may direct, that no vacant church may fail to contribute to any cause.

SECTION X.—NAMES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

Committee of Home Missions.—Revs. D. E. Frierson, S. L. Wilson, J. C. Brown, M. L. Lacy, D. D., S. J. Baird, D. D., and A. P. McClung, J. M. Sydenstricker, Jas. Withrow, J. A. Preston, G. W. Hutchinson.

Com. Foreign Missions.—Revs. J. C. Barr, D. D., M. H. Bittinger, D. S. Sydenstricker.

Com. on Publication.—Rev. G. T. Lyle, J. C. Barr, D. D., J. C. Brown, and J. W. Parrish, J. F. Hansford, C. C. Lewis.

Com. on Education.—Revs. M. L. Lacy, D. D., D. S. Sydenstricker, and C. N. Austin.

Com. on Sabbath Schools.—John W. Arbuckle, H. M. Adams, J. F. Hansford.

SECTION XI.—THE ASSESSMENT ON CHURCHES
FOR COM. AND CON. FUND, MADE AT OAK
GROVE, 1888.

		Pt. Pleasant,	5.00
Lewisburg,	\$16.00	Pleasant Flats,	3.00
Union,	6.00	Mountain Cove,	1.50
Mt. Pleasant,	16.00	Raven's Eye,	1.50
Charleston,	18.00	Gibeah,	3.00
Ka. Salines,	7.00	Summersville,	2.00
Frankford,	6.00	Raleigh,	1.50
Spring Creek,	4.00	Salem,	7.00
Centreville,	6.00	Carmel,	6.00
Richlands,	5.00	Hillsdale,	3.00
Ronceverte,	5.00	Arbuckle,	3.00
Muddy Creek,	5.00	Buffalo,	3.00
McElhenney,	1.00	Alderson,	5.00
Green Sulphur,	2.50	Fort Spring,	2.00
Coalsmouth,	2.50	Hinton,	2.00
Huntington,	6.00	Quinnimont,	1.00
Elk,	1.00	Coal Valley,	2.00
Bethany,	1.50	Anthony's Cr'k,	1.00
Hamlin,	1.00	Fire Creek,	1.00
Oak Grove,	7.00	Blue Creek,	1.00
Marlin's Bottom,	2.00	Lacy,	1.50
Huntersville,	2.00	Keller,	4.00
Liberty,	2.00		
Baxter,	1.50	Total,	\$184.00

SECTION XII.—COLLECTIONS.

The times enjoined by the General Assembly for Collections to the various causes of Church operations are as follows :

SUSTENTATION,	<i>1st Sabbath of January.</i>
PUBLICATION,	“ “ <i>March.</i>
FOREIGN MISSIONS,	“ “ <i>May.</i>
INVALID FUND,	“ “ <i>July.</i>
EVANGELISTIC LABOR,	“ “ <i>Sept'mb'r</i>
EDUCATION,	“ “ <i>Nov'mb'r.</i>



SECTION XIII.—DOCKET.

1. Presbytery constituted with prayer.
2. Roll called.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reading Minutes.
5. List of Absentees from last meeting :
 - a* Ministers.
 - b* Churches not represented.
6. Communications read.
7. Standing Committees appointed :
 - a* Devotional Exercises.
 - b* Narrative.
 - c* Finance.
 - d* Sessional Records.
 - e* Minutes of Synod (Spring.)
 - f* Minutes of Gen'l Assembly (Fall.)
 - g* Systematic Benevolence.
 - h* Leave of Absence.
8. Reports from Churches. Received and committed :
 - a* Sessional Records.
 - b* Statistical Reports.
 - c* Sabbath Schools.
 - d* Narratives.
9. Report of Commissioners to General Assembly (Fall.)
10. Report of Treasurer, with books (Spring.)
11. Report of Missionary Supplies.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. Report of Special Committees appointed at previous meetings.

14. Time and place for next meeting.
15. Election of Commissioners to General Assembly.
16. Reports from Executive Committees :
 - a* Sustentation.
 - b* Foreign Missions.
 - c* Education.
 - d* Publication.
 - e* Sabbath Schools.
17. Report of Special Committees appointed at current sessions.
18. Reports of Standing Committees :
 - a* Devotional Exercises.
 - b* Narrative.
 - c* Systematic Benevolence.
 - d*, Finance.
 - e* Sessional Records.
 - f* Leave of Absence.
 - g* Minutes of Synod.
 - h* Minutes of General Assembly.
 - i* Statistical Report by Stated Clerk.
19. Reports to be adopted and forwarded (to General Assembly in Spring—to Synod in the Fall :)
 - a* Narrative.
 - b* Statistical Report.
 - c* Evangelistic Labor.
 - d* Systematic Benevolence.
 - e* Sabbath Schools.
20. Announce Missionary Supplies.
21. Reading and approving Minutes.
22. Adjourn. Close with singing, prayer and Apostolic benediction.

III.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES.

The Presbytery adopts, for the government of its deliberations, the Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly at Memphis, as follows :

Of Opening the Sessions.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the court stands adjourned ; shall immediately call the members to order ; and on the appearance of a quorum the session shall be opened with prayer.

2. If a quorum be assembled at the hour appointed, and the Moderator be absent, the last Moderator or oldest minister present shall take the chair without delay.

3. If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appointed any two members shall be competent to adjourn from time to time, that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble.

4. After calling the roll and marking the absentees the Minutes of the last sitting shall be read, and if requisite, corrected.

Of the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator

to preserve order, and to conduct all business before the court to a speedy and proper result.

6. He is to propose to the court every subject of deliberation that comes before it.

7. He may propose what appears to him the most regular and direct way of bringing any business to issue.

8. He shall always announce the names of members rising to speak, prevent them from interrupting each other, and require them in speaking always to address the chair.

9. He shall prevent a speaker from deviating from the subject, and from using personal reflections.

10. He shall silence those who refuse to observe order.

11. He shall prevent members leaving the court without his permission.

12. He shall, when the deliberations are ended, put the question and call the vote.

13. In all questions he shall give a clear and concise statement of the object of the vote, and the vote being taken, he shall declare how the question is decided.

14. He shall carefully keep notes of the orders of the day, and call them up at the time appointed.

15. He may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from

his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the court, without debate, by any two members.

16. If any member consider himself aggrieved by a decision of the Moderator it shall be his privilege to appeal to the court, and the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate.

17. It is his duty to appoint all committees except in those cases where the court shall decide otherwise.

18. When a vote is taken by ballot, or by yeas and nays, he shall vote with the other members; in other cases, when the the court is equally divided, he shall possess the casting vote. If he be not willing to decide he shall put the question a second time, and if the court be again equally divided, and he decline to give his vote, the question shall be lost.

19. He may call any member to the chair to preside temporarily.

Of the Clerk.

20. As soon as possible after the commencement of the first session of every court the Clerk shall form a complete roll of the members present, and put the same into the hands of the Moderator; and whenever any additional members take their seats he shall add their names in their proper places to the said roll.

21. He shall immediately file all papers in the order in which they have been read, with proper endorsements, and keep them in perfect order.

Of the Order of Business.

22. After the reading of the Minutes of the preceding day the following order of business shall be observed :

First—The receiving of

(a) Communications addressed to the body ;

(b) Reports of Standing Committees ;

(c) Reports of Select Committees ;

(d) Resolutions ; each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made it shall be docketed.

Secondly—The unfinished business in which the court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to orders of the day ; but such unfinished business may, on motion without debate, be laid on the table, to proceed with the special order.

Thirdly—As soon as the special order and the unfinished business are disposed of the business on the docket shall be called ; but motions to elect officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members, shall always be in order unless a member is speaking or the court is voting.

Of Motions.

23. A motion must be seconded and afterward repeated by the Moderator, or read aloud, before it is debated; but this shall be no bar to explanation of the object of any motion by the mover provided he does not exceed five minutes; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member require it.

24. The mover of a resolution is entitled to the floor, if he so desire, after the Moderator has stated the question.

Of Withdrawal of Motion.

25. Any member who shall have made a motion shall have liberty to withdraw it, with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon, but not afterward without the leave of the court.

Of Limitation of Debate.

26. Motions to lay on the table, to docket, to take up business, and to adjourn, and the call for the question, shall be put without debate. On questions of order, postponement or commitment, no member shall speak more than once. On all other questions each member may speak twice, but not oftener, without express leave of the court.

Of Privileged Questions.

27. When a question is under debate no

motion shall be received unless to adjourn, to docket, to lay on the table, amend, postpone indefinitely, postpone to a day certain, or to commit; which several motions shall have precedency in the order in which they are herein arranged; and the motion for adjournment shall always be in order.

Of "the Question."

28. When any member shall call for "*the question*," the Moderator shall, without debate, put the vote, "Is the court ready for the question?" If the call be seconded by a majority of the members present the vote shall immediately be taken on the pending question, whatever it may be, without further debate.

Of Division of the Question.

29. If a motion under debate contains several parts any two members may have it divided and a question taken on each part.

Of Amendments.

30. An amendment may be moved on any question, as also an amendment to the amendment, which shall be decided before the original proposition; but two distinct amendments to the pending question shall not be entertained at the same time, whether moved as substitutes for the whole matter or as changing any part thereof.

31. One proposition may be substituted for another when the substitute covers the whole matter of the original, and this shall be done by moving to strike out the original and to insert the substitute.

Of Re-consideration.

32. A question shall not be re-considered at the same sessions of the court at which it has been decided unless by the consent of a majority of the members who were present at the decision, and unless the motion to re-consider be made by a person who voted with the majority.

33. A subject which has been indefinitely postponed shall not be again called up during the same sessions of the court, unless by the consent of three-fourths of the members who were present at the decision.

Of Speakers.

34. If more than one member rise to speak at the same time the member who is most distant from the Moderator's chair shall speak first.

35. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Moderator, and shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the Moderator, with decorum and respect.

Of Interruptions.

36. No speaker shall be interrupted un-

less he be out of order or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

Of Voting.

37. Members shall not decline voting unless excused by the court.

38. When various motions are made with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers or times the question shall always be first taken on the highest number and the longest time.

39. When the Moderator has commenced taking the vote no further debate or remark shall be admitted unless there has evidently been a mistake, in which case the mistake shall be rectified and the Moderator shall re-commence taking the vote.

40. The yeas and nays on any question shall not be recorded unless it be required by one-third of the members present; and every member shall vote "yea" or "nay" unless excused by the court. In a judicial case the members thus excused shall not be allowed to vote in any of the subsequent proceedings relating thereto.

41. In all elections it shall require a majority of the votes cast to elect.

Of Committees.

42. The person first named on any committee shall be considered as the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene

the committee and preside therein ; and in case of his absence, or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

Of Private Sessions.

43. All courts have a right to sit in private on business which, in their judgment, ought not to be matter of public speculation.

Of the Committee of the Whole.

44. Every court has a right to resolve itself into a committee of the whole, or to hold what are commonly called *interlocutory meetings*, in which members may freely converse together without the formalities necessary to their ordinary proceedings. In all such cases the Moderator shall name the member who is to preside as chairman. If the committee be unable to agree a motion may be made that the committee rise, and upon the adoption of such motion the Moderator shall resume the chair, and the chairman of the committee shall report what has been done and ask that the committee be discharged, which being allowed, the matter shall be dropped. If the committee shall agree upon the report to be made, or have made progress in the same without coming to a conclusion, the committee may rise, report what has been done, and, if the case re-

quire, may ask leave to sit again; or the committee of the whole may be dissolved and the question considered by the court in the usual order of business.

Of Decorum.

45. Without express permission no member of a court, while business is going on, shall engage in private conversation; nor shall members address one another, nor any person present, but through the Moderator.

46. When more than three members of the court shall be standing at the same time the Moderator shall require all to take their seats, the person only excepted who may be speaking.

47. If any member act in any respect in a disorderly manner it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the Moderator, to call him to order.

48. No member shall retire from any court without the leave of the Moderator, or withdraw from it to return home without the consent of the court.

Of Cases unprovided for.

49. All cases that may arise, not provided for in the foregoing rules, shall be governed by the general principles of parliamentary law.

Of Closing the Session.

50. The Moderator of every court, above the church session, in finally closing its sessions, in addition to prayer, may cause to be sung an appropriate psalm or hymn, and shall pronounce the apostolic benediction.



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