

HEARING REPORTS.

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The benefits of this fund made it important that the churches should be notified. There were, he said, 3,881 churches from which no contributions had been received during the past year. The committee recommended that the churches be notified by mail and more generous contributions to this cause and that the ruling orders be asked of the people as to the operations and needs of the board.

MINISTERIAL BELIEF.

Rev. Dr. John Cattell, the secretary of the board of ministerial relief, was invited to speak, and made an address explaining the needs of the board. He spoke of the need of a fund to be used in the relief of those who depended for relief upon the board and whose needs were not adequately provided for by the churches. He said the board was able to appropriate these homes, he said, were the homes of scholars who had given their lives to the work of the Master. Dr. Cattell spoke of the death of the Minister Home at Perth Amboy, N. J., during the year of a minister in his hundredth year, who had outlived all his family. There, in the heart of the land, he said, were the graves of five of the men who reached their eightieth year in 1892 and they had a touching and inspiring birthday celebration there.

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Report on Proof Texts.

The report of the committee on proof texts, Rev. Dr. Samuel T. Lovrie, chairman, has been submitted. The committee states that it has completed the work of preparing proof texts for the shorter catechism.

The form in which the committee submits the shorter catechism is the same as that used for the like work on the confession of faith and larger catechism. The committee recommended that the confession of faith, which accompanies this report, as it did the reports of 1890 and 1891, and where the shorter catechism stands prominently in the minds of the members of the church and of the people, be printed in full without exception.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

"I. That this report be printed in the minutes of the general assembly.

CHURCH UNITY.

A Topic That Occupied the Assembly Yesterday Afternoon.

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SOME STRONG MEN.

Notable Personages in the Great Assembly.

PREACHERS AND ELDERS.

A Glance at Some of the Distinguished Members—A Venerable and Distinguished Missionary Society of Cincinnati—Others Who Figure Prominently in the Proceedings.

APART FROM THE GREAT THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

that must necessarily attract the attention of the general assembly, the personality of the men who make up this remarkable gathering is of itself a study that is well worth while. The assembly is a representative delegate body, and it has brought together in this city men from all parts of the country. They are all well known in the sections of their own States, and many of them have national reputations as well either as preachers or writers. There are pastors and laymen, preachers and teachers, missionaries and workers in every field of Christian labor.

Yesterday afternoon when the long lines of the commissioners were passing through the east room of the White House at the reception there, Dr. H. B. Roberts, of the Presbyterian Church of Lowell and Rev. L. H. Angier of Boston were appointed commissioners to the general assembly. Rev. Mr. Angier was one of the thirteen that constituted the first class, entering the Union Theological Seminary of New York in 1836, when it began its work, and with one exception is the only survivor of that number. Although now in his eighty-fourth year, he is in constant demand for pulpits services, and goes into the work with all the vigor and enthusiasm which he commands at his present age.

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REV. N. B. REMICK.

Rev. N. B. Remick, commissioner from the presbytery of Geneva, N. Y., may almost be called a Washingtonian. Georgetown was the home of his youth, and he has served in the army and navy, and has been a member of the Presbyterian board of publication and is at present vice moderator of the presbytery of Philadelphia north.

REV. J. J. GILCHRIST.

Rev. J. J. Gilchrist, who is attending the assembly as a commissioner from the presbytery of Santa Fe, N. M., is the editor of a paper published in the Spanish language at Mora, N. M. It is known as the Spanish Presbyterian paper, and is published in the name of home missions. Rev. Gilchrist is not only the editor of the paper, but with the association of his wife he forms the entire composing force and does the press work.

WHERE THEY WILL PREACH.

The pulpits in the following churches will be occupied tomorrow by delegates to the assembly. The minister first named in connection with each church is to preach at the morning service, and the second one named at the evening service.

REV. THOMAS CUMING HALL.

A man who is rapidly proving that it is no handicap to be the son of a great father is Rev. Thomas Cuming Hall of Chicago, the pastor of the Forty-first Street Church of that city. He is a son of the famous John Hall of New York, and was born in Ireland a little over thirty-four years ago. He came to this country when he was nine years of age, and has never been more than an American than when he was born.

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famous minister was the oldest, and upon him devolved the care of the church. After spending a year or two in business he returned to his original plan of studying for the ministry. He was ordained in 1830 at Wilmington, Del. He was ordained and installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of the presbytery of New Castle in June, 1833. The Smith case is the only case which the church made one of the corporate members of the board of home missions. "Dr. Smith," in the words of Dr. Hamlin when he nominated him for moderator of the general assembly, "has acquired what very few men have been able to acquire, namely, a high degree of distinction as a preacher east and west, as an executive officer of the board of home missions, and as the head of one of our rising universities in the middle west, known from Princeton College to Puget Sound."

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