

THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Proceedings of the Last Two Days' Session.

ADDRESSES UPON THE LIVES AND CHARACTERS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN—EVANGELISTIC WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE—REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE—DR. BAIRD'S CASE—REV. DR. PRYOR IN DEFENSE OF THE PRESBYTERY—DR. SAMUEL J. BAIRD'S REMARKS—THE CASE RECOMMENDED TO EAST HANOVER PRESBYTERY, &c., &c.

Fourth Day—Continued.

ALEXANDRIA, November 9, 1877. The records of Greenbrier Presbytery were approved as far as written.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Finance Committee reported the following assessment, which was adopted: Abingdon, \$30; Greenbrier, \$35; Montgomery, \$35; East Hanover, \$45; Roanoke, \$30; Chesapeake, \$40; Winchester, \$35; Lexington, \$30; West Hanover, \$35.

THE COMMUNION.

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Colored Presbyterians.

Colored Presbyterians reported amendments to the report recommended on the subject of the evangelization of the colored people, which were adopted.

Records of Churches.

The records of Chesapeake Presbytery were approved, with the exception that in one case it does not appear that the sessions were always opened and closed with prayer.

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BILLS AND OVERTURES

reported in favor of acknowledging in proper terms the invitation of President Patton to visit Howard University, and that it was inexpedient to appoint a committee to meet and visit the University privately.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Adopted. The report of the Committee on the Standing Committee's evangelistic report was adopted.

ORDERED.

Ordered, that the reports of the majority and minority on division of Synod be published in the appendix to the minutes.

REV. R. S. WALKER.

Rev. R. S. Walker explained why the report of the Standing Committee on Sabbath schools had not been sent to the standing committee, whose report, as read, was incomplete for that reason.

THANKS.

Thanks were voted to the citizens of Alexandria for their hospitality, to churches for their pupils on the Sabbath, and to the social and steamboat companies for courtesies.

YOUR REPORTER.

Your reporter gratefully inscribes his thanks to the kind people of Alexandria and to the chief officers and conductors of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio, Midland, and Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroads.

THE MINUTES.

The minutes of East Hanover were approved, with one or two minor exceptions. Synod adjourned at a late hour Saturday night.

ON SABBATH

ministers of the Synod were distributed in Alexandria, Washington, and Baltimore, occupying pulpits of both the Northern and Southern connections.

THE SPEECHES.

The speeches reported on the paper referring to colored people were necessarily omitted. In publishing the names of the speakers, who were invited to the General Assembly, it was reported that there was nothing in the minutes calling for the action of the Synod.

THE SYNOD.

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In a printing-office. I knew him as my brother; had constantly delighted in his growing, strengthening character and influence, till he stood a Saul, head and shoulders above his brethren, and I saw him hurled from high position and left a wreck. I know the inner history of this case, and I hesitate not to say there sits not a purer servant of Christ, or one more worthy, than the one who is now excluded from the table of the Lord and Saviour. He had confidence in his brethren, and I saw him hurled here; but the case is not here. The proposal of my brother that a tribunal should be formed that could develop the truth was spurned from the Synod. I have nothing left but to submit the case to the Synod, and then we may pursue such course as the result may make necessary for us to take.

THE DECISION.

The Moderator said that if the parties had nothing more to say the appellant and the members of East Hanover Presbytery would follow with them, which they did.

THE ROLL.

The roll was now to be called that members might give their opinions. A motion was adopted that speeches should be limited to five minutes, and the Moderator said no member would be required to speak five minutes, or even one, in giving an opinion.

THE MODERATOR.

The Moderator called on for their opinions before voting, some expressed their opinion, others reserved it to be expressed in their votes.

THE ROLL.

The roll being completed, Rev. Dr. Dabney offered a paper, which is in substance as follows, which was adopted with a few dissenting votes:

THE APPEAL.

1. The appeal is sustained, pro forma, on account of informalities in the process.

THE APPEAL.

2. The Presbytery having acted according to the best of their judgment and with conscientious motives, there is no censuring upon that count.

THE APPEAL.

3. The case is sent back to Presbytery with a request to proceed regularly and to make a thorough investigation at as early a day as possible.

THE APPEAL.

4. The sentence of the Presbytery on Dr. E. T. Baird remain provisionally in force till a new trial is issued.

THE APPEAL.

Sundry members from Baltimore and other places were excused from voting, because after Synod resolved to set on Monday, Dr. Dabney, Dr. Smith, and others, had arranged for their departure from Synod Saturday afternoon, which could not be revoked.

THE APPEAL.

Rev. D. W. Shanks obtained leave to explain his vote, which would be in the negative, because he could not get his consent for East Hanover Presbytery again to try the case.

THE APPEAL.

After the adoption of the paper the appellant and the members of East Hanover Presbytery were invited to return to Synod, and the decision was referred to the members of Synod, who directed to certify these proceedings to that body.

THE APPEAL.

THE RESOLUTION OF REV. W. V. WILSON, in relation to the distribution of a pamphlet, not having been acted on in any way, the temporary clerk desired to know what should be done with it.

THE APPEAL.

Mr. Wilson said he wished it to remain as it was, as his protest against it was on file.

THE APPEAL.

Dr. S. B. Baird said he desired to assume the sole and entire responsibility of this matter. The pamphlet, he stated, had nothing to do with this case, and in this opinion he was sustained by the Central Presbytery.

THE APPEAL.

Rev. P. B. Price, in justice to Dr. Baird and his own satisfaction, inquired of Dr. Baird why, then, was it brought here?

THE APPEAL.

Dr. Baird was understood to say on account of some general facts.

THE APPEAL.

Note.—In closing this report it is proper to say that the able speeches of Judge Dr. Dabney, Dr. Smith, and others, on the preliminary discussion of the question of the Judicial Committee, were reported, and would have been printed, but a failure in the mail and consequent arrival in Richmond of a large accumulation of matter on two papers, prevented it on Saturday night, rendered it impossible to do more than the Dispatch did. For the same reason there occurred in yesterday's report a wrong arrangement of this discussion; all of which the intelligent reader will assign to its proper place—before the vote to take up the case, the reading of the proceedings, &c.

SUNDAY-LAW EXCITEMENT.—Trenton, N. J., November 11.—The excitement to-day in consequence of the attempt of the City Railroad Company to run cars through the streets, contrary to law, was intense. The chief of police directed a crowd of 300 or 400 persons assembled. The manager of the road urged the drivers to go on, and for a time violence was feared. The chief insisted upon violating the law. The authorities finally prevailed. The cars were taken off.

FRANCE.—LONDON, November 11.—A Reuter's Paris dispatch says: It is stated that at yesterday's Cabinet Council the Ministry resolved to resign in consequence of the Ministry's refusal to explain its electoral policy. The Ministry expressed the wish to resign to MacMahon, who replied that he was resolved upon forming a new Ministry, but not before he had ascertained by a vote of the Senate whether the Ministry was to be continued or not. The Minister adds that MacMahon seems more than ever decided to take the new Ministry from the groups of the Right.

PLEVNA.—THE RUSSIANS HAVE TWO LINES COMPLETELY AROUND THE PLACE.—LONDON, November 11.—The London Standard telegraphs from Dolny Dubrick November 6th, says: "In consequence of the evacuation of this place by the Turks the Russians have now contracted the circle of investment to thirty miles. The Russians have 120,000 men, sufficient to fill two continuous rows of trenches around the whole position. Five or six thousand cattle are visible in Osman Pasha's position, and other indications show it probable that he can hold out thirty or forty days longer."

DEATH OF A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER.—Louisville, Ky., November 11.—The Rev. J. W. Lowrey, a Presbyterian minister, is dead.

CUTLERY FACTORY BURNED.—Hartford, November 11.—Miller Brothers' cutlery factory at Meriden was partially burned last night. Loss, \$50,000.

STANLEY, THE AFRICAN EXPLORER.—New York, November 11.—Henry M. Stanley arrived at Cape Town on the 23d inst.

PIANOS, ORGANS, &c.

LET THE PEOPLE HAVE THEM. The subscribers offered to cash-buyers and responsible parties, on easy terms of payment, the FINEST AND BEST PIANOS made at moderate prices. Among their stock they have an elegant PABLO GRAND PIANO of superior tone, which will be offered at a low price.

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TO MY CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS.

THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 10th inst., in relation to the purchase of the FINEST AND BEST PREMIUM MUTTON from the State Fair, on the 20th inst.

NOTICE.—TO THE TAXPAYERS OF HENRICO COUNTY.

Brookland and Fairfield districts will be ready for collection at the Treasurer's office in the county building on the 15th inst. All persons liable for taxes, inclusive. All persons paying their taxes before the 1st day of December will receive a discount of 10 per cent. on the amount due. All persons who have not paid their taxes before the 1st day of December will be liable for the full amount.

WILLIAM MCGRUDER.

no 12-10d.

MATTERS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

PASSAGE OF THE ARMY BILL.

VARIOUS INTERESTING ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON—NEW YORK HOTEL-KEEPERS ARRESTED FOR A VIOLATION OF THE EXCISE LAW—DEATH OF TWO PERSONS FROM THE MISTAKES OF DRUGGISTS—DEATH OF FOSTER BLODGETT—EXPLOSION OF A TORPEDO-BOAT IN THE HARBOR OF BUENOS AYRES—TRIAL OF CASS CARPENTER, OF SOUTH CAROLINA—THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE EASTERN WAR—FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO, &c., &c.

Washington.

WASHINGTON, November 12.—The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds elected Edward Mercer, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. McKeogh, of Memphis, Tenn., restaurateurs of the House of Representatives. Colonel Mercer has charge of the Southern restaurant at the Centennial. There were eleven ballots.

THE ARMY BILL.

The House passed the Army bill to-day without a division. The amendment allowing four cavalry regiments to be recruited to 100 men for each company, and to be stationed in Texas, was agreed to. An amendment limiting the rank of regular army officers to their regular army grades was rejected.

IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION.

In the course of the discussion Hewitt, of New York, charged the Secretary of War, General Sherman, and the Adjutant-General with want of frankness and concealment of facts regarding the information collected by the Republican side replied to the charges and defended the high reputation of those officials. Afterwards a large number of bills were introduced and referred.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

The bill introduced by Senator Windom to-day to establish a department of commerce is the measure for the enactment of which the National Congress has repeatedly memorialized Congress, thereby recognizing their recommendation of last year. It provides for the creation of a new executive department, with a secretary and assistant secretary, to be appointed by the President, and confirmed by the Senate; the said department to be charged with the supervision and care of the commercial, agricultural, manufacturing, and mining interests of the United States, in so far as the same are confined to the National Government by the laws of the United States.

THE BILL.

The bill provides, among other details, that this new department shall be charged with the execution of all the laws of the United States relating to trade and commerce, both foreign and domestic; to customs duties, internal revenue, and to the regulation of light-houses, harbors, etc.; and that it collect and tabulate statistics relating to the agriculture, commerce, manufactures, and mining of the United States; and that its secretary shall report to the President, for the information of Congress, the information collected, with such recommendations as he shall deem of importance to the public interest.

SUPREME COURT.

Rodick vs. Hutchings & Wells; from Texas. The court held that a neutral residing in the United States during the late war had no right to export cotton from the country, and that the Government was not bound to indemnify him for the loss of other parties, he cannot recover damages in the courts of the United States. The claimant was a subject of France, residing in Texas, who attempted to ship cotton to Mexico, some of which was appropriated by the Government for the army. In seeking to hold them responsible he is thrown out of court. Affirmed.

CHIME OF BELLS FOR CHARLESTON.

Senator Gordon introduced in the Senate to-day a resolution that a chime of bells intended for St. Michael's church, in Charleston, S. C., be admitted to this country duty free.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

The Controller of the Currency has declared a dividend of fifteen per cent. in favor of the creditors of the Crescent City National Bank, of New Orleans, making in all dividends of seventy-five per cent.

THE PRESIDENT HAS PARDONED THOMAS H. BENYON, CONVICTED MAKING FALSIFIES ENTRIES ON THE NATIONAL BANK.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs is preparing a bill for the distribution of instalments paid by Mexico on awards.