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# MINUTES, &c.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, *May 16, 1844.*

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian church, in the city of Louisville, on Thursday, the 16th day of May, A. D. 1844, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Gardiner Spring, D.D., the moderator of the last Assembly, from Matthew xxviii. 20: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

After the sermon, the Moderator took the chair, and opened the session with prayer.

The Stated Clerk from the Standing Committee of Commissions reported, that the following persons present have been duly appointed, and are hereby enrolled as commissioners to this General Assembly, and laid their commissions on the table, viz.

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF	BISHOPS.	RULING ELDERS.
<b>I. OF THE SYNOD OF ALBANY.</b> 0 - 6 - 0		
<i>Londonderry,</i>	— Timothy G. Brainerd. (3)*	
<i>Troy,</i>	— Reuben Smith, (1)	
<i>Albany,</i>	— Daniel Stewart.	— James C. Magoffin.
<i>Columbia.</i>	— Jeremiah Wood.	— Peter Boyd.
<b>II. OF THE SYNOD OF BUFFALO.</b>		
<i>Ogdensburg.</i>		
<i>Steuben.</i>		
<i>Wyoming,</i>	— James Remington.	
<b>III. OF THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.</b>		
<i>Hudson,</i>	James R. Johnson.	
<i>North River,</i>	John F. Clark.	
<i>Bedford,</i>	— David Teese.	
<i>Long Island,</i>	— James C. Edwards.	
<i>New York,</i>	— Gardiner Spring, D.D.	— Thompson Price.
<i>New York, 2d.</i>	— Wm. Marshall.	— Micah Baldwin.

\* A figure affixed to the name of a member, shows that he was *not enrolled* by the Committee of Commissions in their report at the opening of the Assembly, but that he was subsequently enrolled and took his seat on that day of the sessions designated by the figure.

## BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF

## BISHOPS.

## RULING ELDERS.

## IV. OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY. 11-7-0

<i>Elizabethtown,</i>	— Joseph M. Ogden,	Wm. M. Cutter.
	✓ Abraham Williamson, (1)	✓ John Demun.
<i>New Brunswick,</i>	✓ Benj. H. Rice, D.D.	✓ Charles Welling.
	— John Maclean, D.D.	
<i>West Jersey,</i>	— C. Van Rensselaer,	— J. R. Hughes, (2)
<i>Newton,</i>	— D. X. Jonkin.	— Joan A. Crevling.
	— James Clark.	✓ George R. King.
<i>Raritan,</i>	✓ Albert Williams.	✓ A. W. Dunham.
<i>Susquehanna,</i>	✓ Julius Foster.	
<i>Luzerne,</i>	✓ *Thomas P. Hunt, (3)	✓ C. D. Shoemaker, (3)

## V. OF THE SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA. 10-7-0 1

<i>Philadelphia,</i>	— Cor. C. Caylor, D.D.	✓ Wm. S. Boyd.
	— H. A. Boardman.	✓ A. W. Mitchell, M. D.
<i>Philadelphia, 2d.</i>	— Robert D. Morris.	
<i>New Castle,</i>	✓ J. E. Spottswood.	— Alex. Stephens.
<i>Dougal,</i>	— P. J. Tunlow.	— E. M. Donaldson.
<i>Baltimore,</i>	— John C. Backus.	✓ George Todd.
<i>Carlisle,</i>	✓ Robert McCaetren.	— Robert G. Young, M.D.
	✓ Joseph A. Murray, (2)	
<i>Huntingdon,</i>	— James S. Woods.	✓ James Patterson, (3)
<i>Northumberland,</i>	— D. J. Waller.	✓ Samuel Barber.

## VI. OF THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH. 5-10-1

<i>Blairsville,</i>	— David Kirkpatrick,	— John Cunningham.
<i>Red Stone,</i>	— N. H. Gillett.	— John K. Duncan, (2)
<i>Ohio,</i>	— Matthew Brown, D.D.	— Malcolm Leech.
	— David Elliott, D.D.	— John Hannen.
<i>Allegheny,</i>	✓ Leland R. McAbey.	— Robert Sample.
<i>Beaver,</i>	— Wells Bushnell.	— Wm. M. Francis.
<i>Erie,</i>	— Cyrus Dickson.	— Andrew Bowman.
<i>Clarion,</i>	— David McCay.	— Benjamin Junkin.

## VII. OF THE SYNOD OF WHEELING. 2-5-0

<i>Washington,</i>	— John Stockton,	— Jacob Slagle.
<i>Steubenville,</i>	— John W. Senti.	— Joseph Morrison.
<i>St. Clairsville,</i>	✓ Alexander Ewing.	
<i>New Lisbon,</i>	— And. O. Patterson.	✓ Robert Rankin.

## VIII. OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO. 7-4-1

<i>Columbus,</i>	✓ James Hoge, D.D.	✓ J. A. Troup, M.D.
<i>Marion,</i>	— Wm. D. Smith.	— Wm. R. Irwin.
<i>Zanesville,</i>	— James Culbertson.	— Leonard P. Bailey.
<i>Richland,</i>	✓ Henry Hervey.	— Stephen Cook.
<i>Wooster,</i>	— Wm. McCandlish.	— Alexander Hanna.
<i>Cochocton,</i>	— John Matthews, (1)	✓ Arbuthnot Lyons, (1)
<i>Hocking,</i>	— John M. Farris, (1)	✓ John Breckenridge, (1)

\* The Rev. John Dorrance, by a special vote of the Assembly, afterwards took the seat resigned by Mr. Hunt.



BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

## IX. OF THE SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.

<i>Chillicothe,</i>	— Moses Russell.	— John Anderson.
<i>Miami,</i>	— Jared M. Stone.	— John P. Harrison, M.D.
<i>Cincinnati,</i>	George Junkin, D.D.	— A. P. Andrews.
<i>Oxford,</i>	— Wilson C. Hollyday.	— Samuel McCullough.
<i>Sidney,</i>	— John M. Crabb.	— Wm. Taylor.
<i>Maunee,</i>		

## X. OF THE SYNOD OF INDIANA.

<i>Salem,</i>	Sylvester Scovel.	— Samul McCampbell.
<i>Vincennes,</i>	— C. K. Thompson.	— A. B. McKee.
<i>Madison,</i>	— Daniel Lattimore.	— Victor King. (2)
<i>Crawfordsville,</i>	— Samuel Taylor.	— David Wills. (2)
<i>Indianapolis,</i>	— Phineas D. Gurley.	— J. M. Ray. (3)

## XI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

<i>Logansport,</i>	— Edward W. Wright.	Robert Purdy.
<i>Michigan,</i>		— J. P. L. Jernegan. (3)
<i>Lake,</i>	— Enoch Bouton.	

## XII. OF THE SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

<i>Kaskaskia,</i>	— A. C. Allen. (3)	John Siddall.
<i>Sangamon,</i>	— David D. McKee.	
<i>Schuyler,</i>	— George Stebbins.	G. H. Briscoe. (3)
<i>Palestine,</i>	— J. Bennett.	— James Smick, M.D.
<i>Peoria,</i>	— Robt. B. Dobbins.	
<i>Iowa,</i>	— Salmon Cowles.	

## XIII. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSOURI.

<i>Missouri,</i>	— Wm. W. Robertson.	
<i>St. Louis,</i>	— Wm. S. Potts, D.D.	— H. R. Gamble. (5)
<i>Palmyra,</i>	— S. C. McConnell.	
<i>Potosi,</i>	— D. E. Y. Rice. (1)	— Milton P. Cayce. (1)
<i>Upper Missouri,</i>	— John L. Yantis. (1)	— Charles E. Mills. (1)

## XIV. OF THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.

<i>Louisville,</i>	— John D. Paxton.	— Singleton Wilson.
<i>Muhlenburg,</i>	— Joseph B. Haddon.	— Wm. W. McKenzie. (2)
<i>Transylvania,</i>	— John C. Young, D.D.]	— J. S. Hopkins. (3)
<i>West Lexington,</i>	— Nathan H. Hall.	— James Stonestreet
<i>Ebenezer,</i>	— N. L. Rice. (3)	— Wilson P. Boyd

## XV. OF THE SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

<i>Greenbrier,</i>	— John McElhenny, D.D.	— Wm. Rand.
<i>Lexington,</i>	— Allen D. Metcalf.	— Charles Patrick.
<i>Winchester,</i>	— Wm. H. Foote.	— James C. Baker
<i>West Hanover,</i>	— Samuel B. Wilson, D.D.	— Champe Carter.
	— John H. Bocoek.	— John A. Smith. (3)
<i>East Hanover,</i>	— Wm. S. Plumer, D.D.	— Robert Murray. M.D.
<i>Montgomery,</i>	— Dion C. Pharr. (1)	— Fred. Johnston. (1)]

## XVI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

<i>Orange,</i>	— S. J. P. Anderson.	— Robert Donnell.
	— Edward Hines.	
<i>Fayetteville,</i>	— Evander McNair.	— Hayes W. Beatty.
<i>Concord,</i>	— And. Y. Lockridge.	— John H. McDowell.

BY THE PRESBYTERIES OF

BISHOPS.

RULING ELDERS.

## XVII. OF THE SYNOD OF WEST TENNESSEE. 8-0-0

<i>Holston,</i>	✓ R. B. McNullen.	
<i>West Tennessee,</i>	✓ James Woods,	✓ Lemon Oatman.
<i>Nashville,</i>	✓ John Allison,	✓ Peter H. Martin.
<i>North Alabama,</i>	✓ Noble A. Penland,	✓ William Mailler.
<i>Western District,</i>	✓ Alexander A. Campbell.	

## XVIII. OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA. 12-0-1

<i>South Carolina,</i>	✓ James F. Gibert. (1)	✓ John S. Reid, M.D. (1)
<i>Bethel,</i>	✓ John Douglas.	
<i>Harmony,</i>	✓ R. C. Ketchum. (2)	✓ J. K. Douglas.
<i>Charleston,</i>	✓ Benjamin Gildersleeve,	✓ G. T. Snowden.
<i>Georgia.</i>		
<i>Hopwell,</i>	✓ G. H. W. Petrie.	
<i>Flint River,</i>	✓ John S. Wilson,	A. L. Acee, M. D. (3)
<i>Florida,</i>	✓ Joshua Phelps.	
<i>Cherokee,</i>	✓ Isaac W. Waddel, (1)	✓ David Stuart, (1)

## XIX. OF THE SYNOD OF ALABAMA. 5-0-0

<i>South Alabama,</i>	✓ Wm. C. Emerson, (2)	✓ Charles A. Poellnitz. (1)
<i>Tuscaloosa,</i>	✓ J. P. McMullen,	✓ P. R. Fleming. (3)
<i>East Alabama,</i>	✓ C. L. R. Boyd.	

## XX. OF THE SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI. 7-0-0

<i>Mississippi,</i>	✓ S. V. Marshall,	✓ George P. Strong.
<i>Louisiana,</i>	✓ Benjamin Chase, (2)	✓ P. A. Walker.
<i>Clinton,</i>	✓ John H. Gray.	
<i>Tombeckee,</i>	✓ Daniel McNair. (2)	
<i>Chickasaw,</i>	✓ Daniel I. Gray, (1)	✓ R. H. Brcford, (2)
<i>Arkansas,</i>	✓ Aaron Williams. (3)	
<i>Indian.</i>		

## XXI. OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIA. 13-1-1

<i>Indiana,</i>	✓ William S. Rogers.
<i>Furrakabad.</i>	
<i>Allakabad.</i>	

## DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

	BISHOPS.	LAYMEN.
General Association of Connecticut.		
Evangelical Consociation of R. Island.		
General Association of Massachusetts.		
General Convention of Vermont.		
General Association of New Hampshire.		
General Conference of Maine.		
General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.		
General Synod of the German Reformed Church.		

The Committee further reported that Abraham Williamson, Bishop of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and Reuben Smith, Bishop of the Presbytery of Troy, are present without their commissions; that the following persons have presented commissions from new Presbyteries, viz. John L. Yantis, Bishop, and Charles E. Mills, Ruling Elder, from the Presbytery of Upper Missouri; Isaac W. Waddel, Bishop, and David Stewart, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Cherokee; Dion C. Pharr, Bishop, and Frederick Johnston, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Montgomery; John M. Faris, Bishop, and John Breckenridge, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Hocking; John Matthews, Bishop, and Arburthnot Lyons, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Cochocton; D. E. Y. Rice, Bishop, and Milton P. Cayce, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of Potosi; and that the commissions of James F. Gibert, Bishop, and John S. Reid, M.D., Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of South Carolina, are defective in not having the signature of the Moderator of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had received official information of the organization of the following new Presbyteries, viz. the Presbytery of Cherokee by the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia; the Presbytery of Montgomery by the Synod of Virginia; the Presbyteries of Potosi and Upper Missouri by the Synod of Missouri; the Presbyteries of Cochocton and Hocking by the Synod of Ohio; the Presbytery of Luzerne agreeably to the order of the last General Assembly; and of the organization of the Synods of Buffalo and Northern Indiana; and that the name of the Presbytery of Lancaster in the Synod of Ohio had been changed into that of Zanesville.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing new Presbyteries be enrolled, and that the commissioners therefrom be admitted to their seats.

On motion, Messrs. Maclean, Stewart, Ogden, Baldwin and Mitchell, were appointed a Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the defective commissions.

And then the Assembly took a recess until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

After recess the Assembly met and resumed business.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional commissioner, viz. Charles Augustus Poelmitz, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

The Committee of Elections reported that they had received satisfactory evidence that the Rev. Reuben Smith of the Presbytery of Troy, the Rev. Abraham Williamson of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, the Rev. James F. Gibert, and Dr. John S. Reid, Ruling Elder of the Presbytery of South Carolina, were duly appointed by their respective Presbyteries, Commissioners to this General Assembly, and recommended that their names be entered on the Roll of the Assembly.

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. George Junkin, D.D., was then elected Moderator.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. John M. Krebs, tendering his resignation of the office of Permanent Clerk, whereupon, on motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Presbyterian Church are due to the Rev. Dr. Krebs, for the very able manner in which he has discharged the duties of Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly for seven years past; and this Assembly, desirous of retaining his valuable services in this office, do *unanimously* request him to reconsider his letter of resignation, and, if consistent with his views of duty, to withdraw the same, and continue to be the Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Benjamin Gildersleeve was then chosen Permanent Clerk *pro tem.*, and the Rev. Joseph M. Ogden, Temporary Clerk.