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May 26, 1886, 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Twenty-eighth General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America met, according to appointment, and after devotional exercises and a sermon by Rev. J. H. Wright, the alternate of the Moderator of the last General Assembly, from Rev. II: 4, 5, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love. Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent," was by him constituted with prayer.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following roll, which was called and the absentees marked :

### ROLL.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Albany</i> .....	R. D. Williamson.....	Robert Akins.
<i>Allegheny</i> .....	R. J. Miller.....	Jos. Hamilton.
	D. F. McGill.....	H. W. McKee.
	R. E. Lackey.....	Jas. McCutcheon.
	E. S. McKitrick.....	Thos. Hare.*
<i>Argyle</i> .....	T. B. Turnbull .....	J. G. Gillis.
	R. J. Cunningham.....	John Armstrong.
<i>Arkansas Valley</i> .....	A. J. Hanna .....	B. B. Ross.*

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## APPENDIX.

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Your Trustees would respectfully report as follows :

On July 7, 1885, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year, viz.: Rev. R. B. Ewing, D. D., President; Rev. S. Collins, D. D., Vice President; James M'Candless, Treasurer; and Graham Scott, Secretary.

Our Treasurer's account, properly audited, has been forwarded to you, and it will show our financial transactions in detail.

In accordance with the recommendation of the last General Assembly, we settled the bequest of John Greenlee, of Mercer County, Pa., by accepting from his son, Wm. Greenlee, three hundred dollars, in full of all claims against the said John Greenlee's estate.

The following estates have been under the care of your trustees for settlement, some of them for several years. Through the delays of the law, their settlement has been retarded hitherto, but we hope to be able to report some, if not all of them, settled during the coming year: Estate of Margaret Y. Cummins, of Philadelphia, Pa., house and lot, No. 2212 Locust Street, Philadelphia, probable value \$4,000, subject to a ground rent of \$1,300, left for the Missions of the General Assembly; estate of John M'Naugher, of Caledonia, N. Y., left to the Trustees of the General Assembly for Home and Foreign Missions; estate of Margaret Lewis, of Pittsburgh, Pa., left to the Trustees of the General Assembly for the United Presbyterian Orphans' Home, and Home and Foreign Missions; estate of Mrs. Margaret Jane Moore, of Pittsburgh, Pa., left to the Trustees of the General Assembly for the M'Carrel Fund; estate of Rev. Thomas Hanney, of Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, \$1,000 left to the Trustees for the General Assembly; estate of Andrew Mann, of Sterling, Kansas, left a farm at Hanover, Indiana, which we have not yet been able to sell; estate of Benjamin Kane, of Cherry Fork, Ohio, leaves his property to his wife, since dead, so long as she remains his widow, and then to the United Presbyterian Church for Mission purposes; estate of Samuel M'Coy, of Marshall County, Illinois, proceeds of the sale of all his property, after paying his debts, etc., to be paid to the United Presbyterian Church; estate of Robert Mackey, of Guernsey County, Ohio, left his property for Foreign Missions and the United Presbyterian Church in Oregon; estate of John Robinson, of Wellsville, Ohio, left his property to the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension.

Twenty-eight hundred dollars of the money borrowed to pay off the debt on the Boston church remains unpaid. The General Assembly is requested to provide for the payment of this sum, either by authorizing it to be paid out of the money now in our Treasurer's hands, or by providing funds in some other way.

The claim on the 116th Street church, New York, was compromised by taking a second mortgage for \$1,200 on their church property. Their building was advertised for sale on the first mortgage, but the sale, for some cause, was postponed. Our attorney, in New York, advises us that the claim is safe, but that it will need watching.

The term of office, for which James T. McCance, Thomas Jamison and S. L. McHenry were elected Trustees of the General Assembly, will expire next July. You are requested to fill their places by a new election.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GRAHAM SCOTT, *Secretary.*

field until June 24, 1881. He was called to the pastorate of Putnam congregation, Argyle Presbytery, and installed August —, 1881, which charge he resigned in October, 1884. He was appointed Assistant Professor in New Testament Literature and Criticism, in Allegheny Theological Seminary, in 1885. He was married, September 2, 1879, to Miss Margaret Wallace, of St. Louis, Mo., daughter of the late Rev. James Wallace, of Sparta, Ill., who is thus early left in widowhood, with one son and one daughter. He died, August 15, 1885, of pulmonary consumption, at Monmouth, Ill.

JOHN ERSKINE, of the Presbytery of New York, son of Samuel and Margaret (Stewart) Erskine, was born 1820 in Kearney Hill, county Monaghan, Ireland. He was trained in Belfast College, and licensed to preach by the Presbyterian Presbytery of Monaghan. He came to America in 1851, joined the Associate Reformed church, and on the 8th of January, 1852, was ordained and installed pastor of North Kortright congregation, Delaware county, N. Y., by Saratoga Presbytery. He resigned this charge September, 1860, and became pastor of Graham's church, New York Presbytery, March 13, 1861; occupying this post until the Master called him home. He was married to Miss Harriet Parker, by whom he had one son, who survives him. He died suddenly near Walden, Orange county, N. Y., September 26, 1885.

SAMUEL TAGGART, of Chartiers Presbytery, son of John and Mary Bell (Carnahan) Taggart, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, March 26, 1803. He made a profession of faith in Christ in 1819, and was received into the congregation of Connor, County Antrim. He came to America when 17 or 18 years of age, landing at Montreal, Can.; and a year or two afterward removed to Pittsburgh, Pa. He entered the Western University at Pittsburgh, and, finishing the course of study required there, was graduated in 1831. He attended the Associate Reformed Theological Seminary in Allegheny three terms, and was licensed to preach the gospel, April 1, 1834, by the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Monongahela; and by the same Presbytery he was ordained April 14, 1835. He preached, as stated supply, in West Middletown and Mt. Vernon, from the autumn of 1834 until the date of his ordination, when he was installed as pastor over this united charge. He resigned the latter in 1845 and the former in 1855. Going to Illinois, he preached to the congregations of Bloomington and White Oak, in McLean county, during the spring and summer of 1855; received a call to Harmony, in Peoria county, October, 1855, but was afflicted with the ague and returned to Pennsylvania. His old charge of West Middletown was still without a pastor, and extended a call to him to renew his former relation to them. The call was accepted and he was reinstalled over that congregation, September 25, 1856. This charge he held until September 9, 1884; when, at the age of 82 years, he resigned the active work of the ministry, but did not cease to minister; nor did he cease to receive manifestations of reverence and affection from the people whom he served so faithfully for fifty years. He was married July 18, 1839, to Margaret McAyeal, of North Star, Washington county, Pa., who, with their two sons and one daughter, remains for a little while to mourn the death of one with whom she walked for forty-seven years. Mr. Taggart was Moderator of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed church, in 1848, at Xenia, O., and filled the same position of honor in the United Presbyterian Synod of Pittsburgh, in 1863. He died of "heart derangement," October 21, 1885, at West Middletown, Pa.

ALEXANDER BLAIKIE, D. D., of Philadelphia Presbytery, son of William and Lillias (Cameron) Blaikie, was born October 10, 1804, at Greenhill, Pictou, Nova Scotia. He united with the Presbyterian Church of his native place in June, 1823. He studied at Pictou Academy, and graduated in 1826. He received his theological training at the United Presbyterian Seminary of Nova Scotia. He was licensed, June 28, 1830, and ordained, October 10, 1831, by Pictou Presbytery. He preached, as supply, in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, New Brunswick and Canada. He came to the United States and labored in the Western Home Mission field, under the supervision of the Associate Reformed Church, for two years, and was the first minister to lift the banner of a Psalm-singing church west of the Mississippi river. He was pastor of the York congregation, Livingston Co., N. Y., from January, 1836, to February, 1845; commenced, May 20, 1846, to establish an Associate Reformed congregation in Boston, Mass., of which he became pastor, July 13, 1847, and continued to serve that people in this relation, until July 13, 1880; when he resigned, after being actively engaged in the ministry of the gospel for more than half a century. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Western University of Pennsylvania in 1865. Dr. Blaikie was busy with his pen during his ministry, as

well as with his voice. He published a pamphlet, on "The Schools," and a "Catechism in Praise," in 1853; "The Philosophy of Sectarianism," 362 pp., in 1854; "The Organ and Other Instruments," in 1862, and a "History of Presbyterianism in New England for 200 Years," 12 mo., pp. 500, in 1881. He was married, July 9, 1839, to Miss Nancy King, of Erie, Pa. The fruits of this union were four sons and one daughter. The daughter and one son preceded their father to the other world. The rest remain. He died, December 31, 1885, at Philadelphia, of congestion of the lungs—a man whose work was done—a shock of corn fully ripe. The last day of the year was a fit time to die.

JACKSON DUFF, of Neosho Presbytery, son of William and Sarah (Wallace) Duff, was born at Point Lick, Garrard Co., Kentucky, September 24, 1814. He united with the Associate Reformed congregation of Hopewell, Preble Co., Ohio, in 1834. He attended Miami University, Oxford, O., and graduated there in 1839. His theological training was received at the Seminary at Oxford. He was licensed by the 1st Ohio Presbytery, April 3, 1843, and ordained by the 1st Presbytery of Illinois (A. R.) June 27, 1844, and at the same date installed pastor of Harrison and Virginia Grove, Iowa. This charge he resigned in 1847; was installed pastor of Scotch Ridge congregation, Sidney Presbytery, in June, 1853, and remained at that post until April, 1869. Going thence into the West, he preached as stated supply in different congregations in Neosho Presbytery, for the most part at Kalida, being in charge of this station when death released him. He was married, February 15, 1840, to Miss Margaret M. Lees, of Richmond, Ky. To them were born three sons and three daughters. His wife, one son and two daughters survive him. He died, at Centre Ridge, Woodson Co., Kansas, February 9, 1886, of pneumonia.

JOSEPH BUCHANAN WADDELL, of Chartiers Presbytery, son of James and Jane (McDonald) Waddell, was born near Wheeling, West Va., July 20, 1836. In 1852 he united with the Tent congregation. He studied at Muskingum and Franklin colleges, graduating from the latter in 1860. He was prepared for the work of preaching the gospel at Allegheny Theological Seminary, and was licensed by Wheeling Presbytery, April 9, 1862. He was ordained and installed over Evansburgh and Shenango congregations, September 15, 1863, by Lake Presbytery, and continued in this pastorate until May, 1871. He was called to Centre congregation in Chartiers Presbytery, and began his pastoral labors there, June 10, 1873, and remained with this people until the pastoral relation was dissolved by death, February 12, 1886. He was married, July 7, 1863, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Crawford, of Rix's Mills, Ohio, who, with four sons and one daughter, survives him, one daughter having already fallen asleep. His sickness was long and painful, but under all his fiery trial he was patient, sustained by the grace of the Lord Jesus.

JOHN HOGG, D. D., of the Presbytery of Egypt, son of John and Mary (Richardson) Hogg, was born April 30, 1833, at Gladsmuir, Haddingtonshire, Scotland. In 1848, at fifteen years of age, he connected with the United Presbyterian church of Tarnent, Scotland. His college course was taken in the University of Edinburgh, where he was graduated in 1853. "He studied theology in the United Presbyterian Hall, Edinburgh, until 1856, when he was sent out by a Scottish society to open a Protestant school in Alexandria, Egypt; returned to Scotland in 1859, finished his theological course, and was licensed in November, 1859, by the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Edinburgh; returned immediately to Alexandria as a missionary, under the Board of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and was ordained, [May 22, 1860, by the Presbytery of Egypt. Broken down in health, he visited, in 1872, Scotland and the United States. He labored principally in Alexandria and Asyoot, and largely in the educational department of the mission." He was professor in the Theological Seminary at Cairo and Asyoot from 1863 to 1886. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., in 1869. Among his publications may be mentioned "The Poor Lad who Found a Precious Treasure," "The Shining Lamp," "The Life of Lord Haddo," "Argument on the Plymouth Controversy," and a number of educational books and translations for the use of the Protestant schools in Egypt. He also left a large number of manuscripts, more or less ready for the press. His numerous publications attest the ripe scholarship, and the indefatigable energy of Dr. Hogg in spreading the truth as it is in Jesus. He was married, January 10, 1860, to Miss Bessie Dodds Kay, of Edinburgh, who survives him, "a sadly stricken widow, with eight children, the youngest but a few weeks old." He died at Asyoot, Egypt, February 27, 1886, of congestion of the stomach and liver. Dr. Andrew Watson,