Lexington, Oglethorpe Co.

Thursday 21st March 1836

The Presbytery of Hopewell held its annual meeting pursuant to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator was opened with a sermon by the Rev. William B. Richards from Luke 23:39-43, inclusive. The Moderator still being absent, the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, a former Moderator, took the chair, and at his request Dr. Cummins, the senior member, constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

Ministers present:
Francis Cummins, D.D.
Numb. Chamberlain,
John D. Wilson,
Samuel H. Salmon.
Robert McAlpine.
Nathan Hoyt.
James A. Patterson.
John Harrison.
William B. Richards.

Elders present:

C. S. Newton, from Athens.
John Mills, from Fairview.
Samuel Groves, from Newnan.
Donald McDonald, from New Lebanon.
Thomas Johnston, from Sandy Creek.
James H. Daniel, from Greensboro.
Joseph I. Cunningham, from Springfield.
Archibald Wardfield — Washington.


The Rev. Samuel H. Talmage, was chosen Moderator, and Thomas H. Scott, Temporary Assistant Clerk.


The minutes of the last sessions were read and confirmed.

The Rev. Dr. Muddel, appeared, and remitted reasons for tardiness and took his seat.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Gamble was read and ordered to lie on the table for the present.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. Boggs, assigning reasons for absence from the present session was read and the reasons sustained.
Dr. Cummings and Brown, and the licentiate E. S. Keppin, severally rendered reasons for absence from our last stated session which were considered and sustained.

A communication from the church in Decatur soliciting the advice of Presbytery as to the course they ought to pursue in their present destitute condition, was read, and referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Brown, J. W. Waddel, and E. S. Keppin, to report thereon, as early as practicable.

The Rev. William Quillan, late a member of the presbytery of phosphate, presented a regular dismission to connect himself with this body, which was accepted, and he took his seat as a member.

The Rev. Mr. Patterson, reported a church organized by himself in the county of Bibb, and called Bethesda consisting of 10 members, and having two ruling elders, which church, according to its request, was received under our care, and Samuel B. Hunter, one of its elders took a seat as a member.

Congregational reports were called for and committed to a committee consisting of the stated and temporary elders, to prepare the statistical report to be laid before
The next General Assembly.

The following committees were appointed to examine the several session books referred to them respectively, viz.
Dr. Brown and Mr. Mills to examine the session book of the church of Athens.
Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. McLaughlin to examine the sessional records of the church in Augusta.
Mr. McAlpin and Mr. Snow to examine the records of the church in Columbus.
Mr. Hoyt and Mr. McDonald to examine the records of the church at Fairview.
Mr. Patterson and Mr. Winston to examine the records of the church at Gainesville.
Mr. Harrison and Mr. Daniel to examine the records of the church at Lexington.
Mr. Richards and Mr. Cunningham to examine the records of the church at New Lebanon.
Mr. Scott and Mr. Wingfield to examine the records of the church at Nathan.
Mr. J.H. Waddel and Mr. Wintie to examine the records of
the church at Greensborough.

Mr. Carter and Mr. Newton to examine the records of the
church at Chippewa.

Mr. Quillan and Mr. Mills to examine the records of
the church at Washington.

The Rev. Edwin Hoot, a member of the Presbytery of Elizabeth-
town being present, was invited and took a seat as a con-
respondent.

Mr. Alexander and Dr. Church appeared, and having
rendered reasons for not coming earlier took their seats.

Whereas the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, did at its
last stated sessions so after the dividing line between the pres-
bytery and the presbytery of Georgia that county of Burke was
added to the presbytery of Waycross; and whereas the Presbyterian
church of Burke did at our last stated sessions request to be
taken under our care, which petition was granted, provided
the concurrence of the Synod could be obtained, said church
is therefore now recognized as under our care.

Receiving reports on the state of religion was desired, and made
the order of the day for tomorrow morning.
The subject of endowing a professorship in the Theological Seminary of the Synod, was made the order of the day for Saturday morning next.

On enquiry it was ascertained that the brethren appointed at our last stated sessions, to attend the three and four days meetings, had generally attended; those who were delinquent gave satisfactory reasons for failure.

Mr. John McWhorter, a ruling Elder, from the church at Gainesville, appeared and took a seat.

On motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Brown, Mr. Chamberlain and Dr. Church, minister, and Messrs. Newton Daniel, and Mills Elders, to report arrangements for three and four days meetings.

Dr. Maddel, asked and obtained leave of absence after this evening, from our remaining sessions.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow at 8, and a half o'clock in the Female Academy.

Concluded with prayer.
Lexington, Friday April 1st 1831.

and one half o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last session were read and corrected.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. Godding assigning reasons for absence from the present session, and containing other interesting information. The communication was ordered to lie on the table for the present.

A letter was received and read from the Rev. Henry Clag, giving reasons for absence, which were sustained.

The committee appointed to examine the session book of the church of Gainesville, reported that the book was not present.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that our church sessions be instructed hereafter to have the minutes of each meeting signed by the moderator and clerk.

The committees appointed to examine the sessional records of the churches of Greenbrough, Washington, Columbus, Hyattica, Newnan, Augusta, Fairview, New Lebanon, severally reported, and the books were approved.
The Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day the receiving reports on the state of religion, and Dr. Church and Mr. Patterson were appointed a committee to receive said reports, and prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds to be laid before the next General Assembly.

Mr. Peter Lamar, a ruling Elder, from the church at Lincolntow appeared and took a seat.

The Rev. Arthur Mooney of the Presbytery of South Carolina being present was invited and took a seat as a correspondent.

A letter was received from the Rev. C. P. Derman assigning reasons for absence from the present session, which were sustained.

Joseph Bryan, a ruling Elder, from the church of Mount Zion appeared and took a seat.

The Rev. Jesse Stratton appeared in presbytery and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat—Presbytery had a recess until 3 o'clock. P.M.
Lexington, Friday, April 1, 1831. 3 O'clock P.M.

Presbytery met, resumed, and completed the unfinished business of the morning, viz., receiving reports on the state of religion.

Mr. Russells appeared, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for not coming earlier, took his seat.

Mr. Francis W. Goulding, a graduate of the University of Georgia, was introduced to presbytery desiring to be taken under its care as a candidate for the gospel ministry. He was examined as to experimental acquaintance with religion and the motives which influenced him to desire the office of the gospel ministry. And presbytery having received satisfactory evidence of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the church, his examination was sustained as a part of trial preparatory to licensure. "In Christus sit Deus?" was assigned him as the theme of an exegesis, and Philip: 2: 6, 7, 8 the subject of a critical exercise to be delivered as early as practicable.

The following resolution was offered which being read, was ordered to lie on the table for the present: viz., Resolved, That.
It is recommended to our churches not supplied with preachers of our own body to be cautious in employing as stated supply members of other Presbyteries, who have not obtained permission to labor within our bounds.

Mr. Theodore M. Dwight a candidate for licensure read a critical exercise on the subject assigned him at our last stated sessions which committed to Drs. Brown and Cummings and Mr. Hoyt to report Thursday tomorrow morning.

He also read a lecture on the subject before assigned to him which was considered and sustained. Mr. Dwight was directed to prepare for examination on the first eight chapters of the confession of faith, and 2 Th. 3:1 was assigned him as the subject of a popular discourse to be delivered at our semi-annual session.

A call from the Presbyterian Church in Meacon for the ministerial labours of the Rev. Edwin Holt—a member of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, was read and considered. It was stated that Mr. Holt expected in a short time to obtain a dismissal from that Presbytery to connect himself with this body. It was therefore, resolved that said call lie over.
table till our semi-annual meeting. And Dr. Church and Mr. Keely were appointed a committee to address a letter to the church of Moscow, explaining the causes of this delay.

The committee appointed to consider the petition of the church at Decatur, reported, and recommended that, that church receive the Rev. Arthur Mc. Mooney as a stated supply for the present; and it is further recommended, that a committee be appointed to address the session of that church advising them to receive the Rev. Mr. Mooney. Whereupon, Dr. Brown, J. H. Wadde and John E. Wilson were appointed that committee, and the stated clerk was directed to furnish Mr. Mooney with a certificate of permission to labor within our bounds.

The Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. Thomas Jackson a candidate for licensure on theology and, having made some progress adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Lexington, Saturday, April 2nd, 1831.

8 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment and was
constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last session were read.
The committee appointed to examine the session books of the churches of Athens and Lexington reported, and the books were approved.
The committee to whom was referred the critical exercise of Mr. Dwight reported, and recommended that it be sustained as a part of trial preparatory to licensure.

The Presbyterian resumed and completed the examination of Mr. Jackson on theology which had been commenced on yesterday.

The order of the day, that is, the subject of endowing a professorship in the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia was taken up. And the following resolutions adopted.

Resolved, that this Presbytery highly approve the efforts of the Synod to establish a theological seminary within its bounds, and that we most cordially recommend to the churches under our care to patronize this infant institution.

Resolved further, that in a particular manner we recommend...
to the members of our churches, and those friendly to its doctrines and discipline, to unite with the Presbytery of Georgia, so far as they may be willing in raising at least the sum of $4,250.00, to endow a professorship, to be called the 'Georgia professorship' and to be under the control of these presbyteries and at any time liable to be withdrawn and devoted to an institution which may be established in this state.

Mr. Matthew H. Caldwell, a ruling elder, from the church at Forsyth, appeared and took a seat.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Church and Messrs. Chamberlain, Nevins and Lamar, to devise some plan for raising the funds of the seminary, and collecting books for the library and Col. Joseph Henry Lumpkin, one of the Directors of the Seminary, was requested to act with the Committee.

Mr. John B. Smith, a candidate for licensure under our care, was examined in the Latin and Greek languages and read a discourse on the subject heretofore assigned him, as parts of trial prior to licensure, which parts of trial were considered and sustained.

Mr. Smith was directed to prepare for further examination.
on the first 12 Chapters of the confession of Faith, and John 1st 3d inclusive was assigned him as the subject of a critical exercise to be delivered at our semi-annual meeting.

Mr. Wingfield and the Rev. Mr. Scott had leave of absence from our remaining sessions.

Presbytery had a recess until 2 O'clock P.M.

Saturday, April 21st 1831 2 O'clock P.M.

Presbytery met. The Rev. Messrs. Salmage, Waddele, ministers and Messrs. E. S. Newton and John Cunningham Elders, were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly.

The Churches being called on for Commissioners' funds, there was received from the Church at Athens $10.00, from Decatur $7.25, from McDonough $2.00; and it is ordered that the churches which have not sent up their contributions to this fund, do so without delay, to Joseph Bryan Esqr. Treasurer of the Presbytery at Mount Zion.

Mr. Finlay, a ruling elder from Nazareth Church, appears and took a seat.

The following resolution was offered and adopted, viz,
Resolved, That the churches under our care be requested to take up collections annually, previous to our spring sessions, to defray the incidental expenses of presbytery, such as the salary of the stated clerk, travelling expenses of delegates to the General Assembly, &c., and that this money be forwarded to Presbytery at our annual meetings and paid over to the Treasurer.

The committee appointed on the subject of three and four days meetings, reported, which report after being amended, was adopted and is as follows, viz.:

1. A four days meeting at Obey, Ky., to commence on Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in July, to be attended by Dr. Waddel and Messrs. McGlone, Nelson, and Dillin.

2. A four days meeting in Putnam Co., near the Indian Springs, to commence on Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in July, to be attended by Messrs. Chambers, Sambo, J. W. Waddel, and Patterson.

3. A four days meeting in Fayette Co., near Fayetteville, to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, to be attended by Messrs. Carter, Alexander, Patton, and Moore.

4. A four days meeting at Hopewell, Crawford Co., to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, to be attended
5. A four days meeting at Nazareth, Noell co. to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in August, and to be attended by Messrs. Dulian, McAffin, Mooney, and Wilson.

6. A three days meeting at Mount Zion, Hancock co. to commence on Friday evening before the 2nd Sabbath in May, to be attended by Drs. Brown and Cummins.

7. A four days meeting at Bethany, Green co. to commence on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in September, to be attended by Messrs. Hoyt, Doag, and Beman, and Drs. Brown and Cummins.

8. A three days meeting at Greensborough, Green co. to commence on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in May, to be attended by Dr. Cummins and Mr. Hoyt.

9. A three days meeting at Covington, Newton co. to commence on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in May, to be attended by Messrs. Richards and Patterson.

10. A four days meeting at McDougal, Henry co. to commence on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in September to be attended by Messrs. Gamble, J.M. Wadde, Carter, Patterson and Chamberlain.
11. A few days meeting at Newhope, Madison co. to commence on Thursday evening before the 3rd Sabbath in September, to be attended by Messrs. J.W. Waddel, Carter, and Dr. Church.

12. A few days meeting at Athens Clarke co. to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in May, to be attended by Messrs. Hoyt, Patterson, McAlpin, Holt, and Dr. Church.

13. A few days meeting at Bethesda, Bibb co. to be attended by Messrs. Patterson, J.W. Waddel, Chamberlain, and Holt, and to commence on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in July.

14. A few days meeting at Leconte, Lincoln, co. to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in July, to be attended by Messrs. Chamberlain, Cassell, J.W. Waddel, and Tallmage.

15. A few days meeting at Neiman, Greene co. to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in July, to be attended by Messrs. Alexander, Carter, Chamberlain, and Heaney.

16. A few days meeting at Decatur, DeKalb co. to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in August to be attended by J.W. Waddel, Mooney, Scott, Carter, and Patton.

The Committee on the Subject of the State of Religion within our bounds reported, and the report being read was adopted.
The committee appointed to devise measures to aid the contingent fund of the seminary, reported, and recommended that the plan of the 50 cents contribution recommended by the Synod, be pursued by the ministers and elders in collecting funds, and that the money which may be collected be forwarded to Mr. Talmage of Augusta, as also books presented to the Library.

The Presbytery resolved that it would hold its semi-annual meeting at Fairview Church, Grinnelle co. on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August at 11 O'clock. A.M. And it is ordered that the day be spent by the Presbytery in conjunction with the congregation which may be there assembled in prayer, exhortation and praise.

It is also further ordered that Mr. Hoyt preach the actural sermon on the Sabbath and that Dr. Church be his alternate.

It was resolved that Saturday the eleventh of May be recommended to our churches as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer to Almighty God, and that each church be earnestly requested to assemble on that day in their usual places of worship whether they have have a minister or not, and that they earnestly implore the out-sourcing of the Spirit of God on
own churches, and throughout our lands.
The committee formerly appointed to confer with the Presbytery of Georgia, on the subject of endowing a professorship in the Seminary
was continued.
It was resolved, that the salary of the stated clerk be fixed for
the present at the sum of $30. per annum.
Concluded, with singing, prayer, and apostolic benediction, and
adjourned till the semi-annual meeting

Samuel H. Durning. Moderator.

John H. Wilson. Stated Clerk.

Fairview, Swinnett co. August 6th 1831.

82. Session.
The Presbytery of Hopewell held its semi-annual session
in accordance to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator,
was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Edwin Holt of the Pres-
bytery of Elizabeth town from Rom. 9:19. "Who hath resisted thy
will."
The Moderator still being absent the Rev. Nathan Hoyt-
a former Moderator took the chair, and the Presbytery was
14th constituted with Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Patterson

Members present.

Ministers

Rev. Edward Pharr

R. Chamberlain

Robert McAlpin

John L. Wilson

Nathan Hope

Jesse Stratten

James L. Patterson

John Harrison

William B. Richards

William Dillion

Thomas A. Scott

Isaac W. Maddel

Hampden C. Easter

Elders

James Hayn of Athens

E. L. Newton of Athens

John Davidson of Beltet

William Morrow of Carmel

William Hodge of Danielsville

James Lemon of Decatur

Richard Saye of Fairview

John Nicolls of Gainesville

Thomas Harris of Harmony

Eliah M. Fleming of Hickory Grove

John Harr of Jackson

James Harris of La Grange

G. Campbell of Mendon

James M. Amy of Monticello

Wiley J. Leonard of Nazareth

Samuel Groves of Newhope

William Turk of Nadsleman


Presbytery had a recess until this afternoon at half past 2 O'clock. After the recess the Presbytery met.

The Rev. Remembrance Chamberlain was chosen Moderator and Isaac M. Waddel, Temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the last sessions were read and confirmed.

The Rev. James Gamble appeared and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Mr. Samuel M. Kay, a ruling Elder from the Hebron Church Franklin County appeared and took a seat.

In accordance with the resolution of the Presbytery the remainder of the day was spent in prayer, praise, and exhortation.
the congregation.

Presbytery concluded with prayer and adjourned to meet in
this place on Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Fairview Church, Monday 8th August 1851.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with
prayer. Members present as on Saturday.

A committee consisting of brethren Lacy and Carter was appointed
to examine the minutes of the General Assembly and report whatever
required the attention of this body at present contained therein.

A letter from the Rev. John Biggs containing reasons for absence
from the presbytery sessions was read, and his reasons sustained.

Thomas M. Cruzer, a candidate for licensure under our care, re-
quested, by letter, admission from this body with a view of
connecting himself with the Presbytery of South Alabama. His
request was granted, and the stated clerk was directed to for-
wards his dismissal together with a statement of what parts of
trial had been exhibited by Mr. M. Cruzer preparing
to licensure.

A letter from the Rev. Joseph M. Alexander, rendering reasons
for absence from the present session was received and read and
ordered to lie on the table.

A communication from the Rev. Willard Butter, enclosing credentials
was read and referred to a committee consisting of H. D. Hoyt and J.

Mr. Paul, a ruling Elder from the Church of Washington, and Mr. L. Eason from the Church at Hopewell, Crawford, Co. appeared and took

Absentees from our last stated session rendered reasons which
were considered satisfactory.

The committee to which was referred the subject of establishing a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, not being prepared
to report, was continued.

On inquiry into what had been done towards aiding the contingent
fund of the Seminary it was ascertained that thirty dollars had been re-
ceived from the congregation of Union, Oglethorpe County; and that
one volume had been forwarded for the Library by the Rev. Mr. Year-

Now.

Francis Goulding and Theodore M. Dwight, candidates for licensure
being absent their trials were continued; as were also those of S. B. Smith.
Mr. E. L. Newton one of the delegates to the last General Assembly made the usual report.

On motion, resolved, that whereas a majority of the churches have failed to comply with the resolution adopted at our last Annual meeting in relation to commissioners' fund, that those churches which have contributed, have their money back provided they apply for it.

A complaint of Mr. Samuel Hillhouse, a ruling elder of the Church of Nazareth, that he is against the session of said Church for malpractice in office, was read and referred to a committee consisting of Major Straton, Scott, and Mayne.

The committee to whom was referred the communication among other papers of the Rev. Mr. Preston made a report which being read was adopted, and is as follows: to wit: That they have examined a letter and certain papers forwarded to this Presbytery by the Rev. Willard Preston, and that they find his testimonials, especially those from the Rev. Dr. Green, and the late Dr. Wilson of Philadelphia, highly flattering. But inasmuch as Mr. Preston has lost his admission which he formerly received from a consociation in the North the way is not prepared to his regular.
connecting himself with this Presbytery. Therefore, the committee recommend that a committee be appointed to correspond with Mr. Boston and state to him the reasons why he cannot be received at this time, and advise him to apply to the Ecclesiastical body to which he belongs and obtain another regular dismission, when the way will be open for his reception as a member of this body. Whereupon Messrs. Hoyt and Waterman were appointed that committee.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of Mr. Samuel Hillhouse against the session of Nagaunie Church, reported, which report being read was adopted and is as follows: to wit, that the business is informing. Therefore the committee are of opinion otherwise, that the matter should be referred back to the church session, with an order to bring it to a close in a constitutional manner, and for that purpose a moderator of session be appointed by the Presbytery, and the session directed to meet and to issue the case accordingly. Whereupon, the Rev. Robert Malpin was appointed that Moderator.

Mr. Wm. Wills obtained leave of absence from the remainder of our present sessions.

The Rev. Edwin Holt, of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown and the Rev. Henry Safford, of the Presbytery of Buffels presented...
regular dismissions from these presbyteries to connect themselves with this body, which was read and they took their seats accordingly as members.

A call from the Church in Macon for the ministerial labours of the Rev. Mr. Holt, which was laid on the table at our annual meeting to give Mr. Holt an opportunity of obtaining a dismissal from the Presbytery of Elizabeth town, and connecting himself with this, was now presented, and by him accepted. On motion it was ordered that the Saturday before the third Sabbath in November be set apart for his installation as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Macon, and that Dr. Church preach the sermon, and Mr. Talmage be his alternate; that Dr. Brown deliver the charge to Mr. Holt and Mr. Scott be his alternate, and Mr. McAlpin deliver the charge to the people, and Mr. Boyt be his alternate.

Presbytery had a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

After recess the Presbytery met.

The Rev. Edmund Poyer of the Baptist Church being present was invited and took a seat as a correspondent.

John B. Smith, a candidate for licensure under our care, read a
critical exercise on the subject heretofore assigned him which was
referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Richards and Carter to
report as early as practicable.

The Rev. Jonathan Leavitt of the Windsor Association requested permission
to labor within our bounds. After receiving satisfactory evidence of his
good and regular standing, it was ordered that a certificate of permission
and recommendation be granted according to Mr. Leavitt's request.

To labor within the bounds of this presbytery.

Thomas Jackson, a candidate for licensure not being present it was sug-
gested that further parts of trial should be assigned, when upon he was
directed to prepare a critical exercise on Rom. 9:3 to be delivered at
our annual meeting.

The further trials of Messrs. Johnston and Montgomery candidates for li-
sure, were at their own request suspended till after their graduation.

The Rev. Dr. Waddel, through the Rev. Mr. Boyd, requested a discharge to
join the Presbytery of South Carolina when upon the stated clerk was di-
rected to forward a discharge to Dr. Waddel.

Presbytery had a recess for one hour and a half.

After recess the Presbytery met and entered upon

the examination of Mr. John P. Smith on the first twelve chapters of
of the Confession of Faith, and after having continued the examin-
ation some time, the same chapters, together with four additional chapters,
were assigned, in such a part of trial to be prepared at our annual
sessions, and John 4:23 verses as the subject of a critical exercise.
The following appointments for three and four days' meetings were
made: viz.

1. A four days meeting at Lagrange, Truss, co. to commence on
        Thursday, before the first Sabbath in October, to be attended by Messrs. Carter,
        Scott, Alexander, and Chamberlain.

2. A three days meeting at Harmony, Truss, co. to commence on
        Friday, before the second Sabbath in October, to be attended by
        Messrs. Womack and Quillen.

3. A three days meeting in Milledgeville, to commence on Friday
        before the second Sabbath in October, to be attended by Mr. Hobt. Hoyt,
        Patterson, Lawitt, and Clinton.

4. A four days meeting at New Lebanon, Franklin, co. to commence
        on Thursday, before the second Sabbath in September, to be attended
        by Messrs. M'Alpin, Scott, and Quillen.

5. A four days meeting at Washington, Wilkes, co. to com-
        mence on Thursday night before the third Sabbath in
September, to be attended by Messrs. Dr. Brown, Boggs, Salmore, and Cassells.

6. A four days meeting in Augusta, to commence on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, to be attended by Messrs. Salmore, Floyd, Reid, Clinton, and Cassells.

7. A four days meeting at Topepole, Kipps, co. to commence on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September, to be attended by Messrs. Richards, Butterton, Preston, Chamberlain, and J. M. Waddel.

8. A four days meeting at Alcovia, Watton, co. to commence on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, to be attended by Messrs. Wilson, Waddel, Harrison, and Richards.

9. A four days meeting at Lincolnston, Lincoln, co. to commence on Thursday before the fifth Sabbath in October, to be attended by Messrs. Chamberlain, Salmore, Clinton, and J. M. Waddel.

10. A four days meeting at Thomaston, Upson, co. to commence on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in December, to be attended by Messrs. Scott, Leavitt, Carter, Holt, and Chamberlain.

11. A five days meeting at Debubow, Pike, co. to commence on Friday night before the fifth Sabbath in October, to be attended by
Masons Scott, Carter, and Patton.

12. A few days meeting near McDonough, Henry co. to
commence on Thursday before the first Sabbath in September
to be attended by J.M. Maddox, Chamberlain, Patterson, Carter,
and Richards.

Presbytery, concluded with prayer, and adjourned to
meet tomorrow morning at a quarter before 8 O'clock.

Fairview Church. Tuesday, August 9, 1831.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted
with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of
the last session were read.

The case of the Rev. William McDowell, who has been for some time sus-
pended from the exercise of the gospel ministry on a charge of intem-
perance, was called up; and after some time spent in committee of the
whole, it was on motion, resolved, that the brethren, Chamberlain, Hoyt,
and Col. Lumpkin, be a committee to confer affectionately, and to
faithfully with Mr. McDowell on his present situation, and to
state to him the views of the Presbytery respecting it: and also to collect
all possible facts respecting his conduct to be exhibited at our
next annual meeting, so that this body may be prepared for a final decision in this case.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be authorized to call on the former stated clerks of this body, for all the papers and documents which may be in their possession belonging to presbytery.

On motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed consisting of Messrs. Gamble, Wilson, Talmage, Lumpkin, Bryan, and Maj. Watts, to submit to this presbytery at its annual sessions, a plan of division defining the boundaries of each presbytery, should this body at that time deem a division proper.

The following persons were nominated commissioners to the next General Assembly: Ministers Messrs. Hoyt and Wilson, alternates. J. M. Waddell and Chamberlain. Elders Messrs. Elizan E. Newton, John Cunningham; alternates, Col. Lumpkin, and Dr. Randolph.

Presbytery concluded with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction, and then adjourned to meet at Macon on Friday before the third Sabbath in November, at 11 O'clock, A.M.

W. Chamberlain, Moderator.
J. M. Waddell, Temporary Clerk.

Albert John S. Wilson, Stated Clerk.
Macon, 18 November 1831.

Session continued.

The Presbytery of Hampden met agreeable to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church in Macon on Friday the 18th of November 1831, at 11 o'clock A.M. and was opened by the Moderator with a sermon from Luke 18:14. 


Nay, tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other.

After public worship the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Members present:

Ministers:
- Wm. Church, D.D.
- T. Chamberlain
- Thomas J. Scott
- Edwin Holt
- James C. Patterson

Elders:
- David Norham, from Bethesda
- Robert Curtis, Hopewell, Crawford
- Matthew Robertson, Macon.

Ministers Absent: Francis Cummins, D.D., John Brown, D.D.
John S. Wilson, John Harrison, William Davidson, Isaac M. Waddel, Hump
den C. Carter, Henry Safford, and the Deaconess E. S. Hopping, and
William H. Patterson.

The Noted Clerk being absent, James H. Patterson was appointed Clerk
for_tempore. The Presbytery had a recess until half past four o'clock
this afternoon.

Half past 4 O'clock P.M.

The Presbytery met. The Rev. James Scauble appeared and having
rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness took his seat.

The minutes of the last sessions were read.

The Rev. William B. Richards appeared and having rendered
a satisfactory reason for tardiness took his seat.

It was resolved that the receiving of the written reports on the
state of religion, and of the statistical reports of the several churches
within our bounds be the order of the day for tomorrow morning
at 9 O'clock.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 O'clock.

Concluded with prayer.
Saturday Morning 9 O’clock.

The Presbytery met, was constituted with prayer.

Members present as on Saturday.

The order of the day was taken up, and a committee consisting of Messrs Scott and Church, ministers, and Matthew Robertson, Elder, was appointed to take notes, and prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds and report before the rising of this body.

The clerk, in connection with William P. Richards, was appointed to make out a statistical report to be sent up to the next meeting of the Synod of South Carolina, Georgia.

The Rev. Arthur Mr. Mooney, by the hands of the Rev. James Gamble, presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of South Carolina, with the request that he be received as a member of this body. Whereupon it was resolved that his request be granted, and that the clerk furnish Mr. Mooney with a certified copy of this minute.

A letter was received from the Rev. Hampden W. Carter, giving an account of the organization of a Pres-
Presbyterian Church in Torado County, consisting of twelve members and called Providence. Whereupon it was resolved that this be recognized as one of the churches belonging to this body.

Rev. Thomas A. Scott made a verbal report of a newly organized Church in Hamilton, Harris County, consisting of six members and called the Hamilton Church. This Church was dissolved taken under the care of this body.

Upon motion it was resolved that the installation of the Rev. Edwin Holt be postponed until Monday evening next, and that the Rev. James Gamble deliver the charge to the congregation. The Rev. Nathan Hoyt who was appointed to perform that duty, and his alternate being absent.

Messrs. Robert, Costes, and David Aitken were elected, obtained leave of absence from the remainder of the present sessions.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Concluded with prayer.

Macon, 21 November 1831.

Wendy Monday 7.00 o'clock.

At the call of the Moderator the Presbytery met, and was
constituted by prayer.

Minutes present as on Saturday.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Presbytery had access to meet at the call of the Moderator.

November 31, 1831. 7 o'clock P.M.

The Presbytery met. The Rev. Edwin Holt according to previous appointment was installed as the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this place. The Rev. Dr. Alonzo Church preached the installation sermon. Rev. Thomas E. Scott, gave the charge to the Pastor and the Rev. James Gamble the charge to the congregation.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds made a report which was accepted.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Madison, Morgan County on the Thursday before the first Sabbath in April 1832. at 11 o'clock A.M. Concluded with prayer singing the doxology, 1st Apology benediction.

R. Chamberlain, Mod.

Attends: A. Wilson, Esq. James K. Patterson, Esq., pro tempore.
Madison, Morgan County,
March 29, 1832. 83d Session.

The Presbytery of Hopewell held its annual meeting pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator from Hebrews 2:14. Therefore, we ought to give the most earnest heed to the things we have heard; lest at any time we should let them slip.

Constituted with prayer.

Ministers Present Elders.

John Brown, D.D.
Rev. Chamberlain
Nathan Hoyt
John S. Wilson
Robert M. Alpin
Samuel K. Helmsage
Josiah Stratton
Joseph L. Alexander
Edwin Holt
William B. Richards
James C. Patterson

Robert B. Oglesby
No. W. Dobbin
And. Griffin
J. W. Alexander
J. J. Lumpkin
M. Robertson
E. A. Nesbit
Jos. Bryan
Mr. McIn
Mr. Cunningham

Lexington
Athena
Bethel (far)
Dandridge
Fairview
Lexington
Macon
Madison
Mt. Zion
Nash


The Rev. Joseph L. Alexander was chosen Moderator, and Thomas J. Scott, assistant clerk.

The Rev. William McDowell, D.D., of the Charleston Union Presbyterian, and the Rev. Benjamin Harrocks of the First Presbyterian of New York being present were invited and took seats as correspondents.

Presbytery had a recess until half past 8 O'clock, P.M.

Madison, March 9th, 1832.

Half past 2 O'clock, P.M.

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last
sessions were read, corrected and confirmed.

Letters were received from the Rev. Henry Reid and the Rev.
John Beggs assigning reasons for absence from the present
sessions, which were considered and sustained.

The Rev. Nathaniel M. Morley having appeared and rendered
reasons for not coming earlier, took his seat.

Mr. Harper, a ruling elder from Dunbarton, appeared and
took a seat.

A circular from a committee of the Synod of New York, calling
the attention of this Presbytery to a question relating to the valid
ity of Baptism when administered by a Roman Catholic Priest
was read. The consideration of it was referred to a committee consist-
ing of Dr. Brown, Mr. Salmond and Mr. Bell, to report as soon
as practicable.

James Scott, a ruling elder from the Church at Zebulon, ap-
ppeared and took a seat.

Members absent from our semi-annual sessions were called on
and required satisfactory reasons.

Those brethren who failed to attend the three and four days' meetings
to which they had been appointed at our semi-annual sessions
sensibly rendered satisfactory reasons for failure.

An Exegetes and Critical exercise on the subject before assigned him, were presented from Mr. Francis Goulding a candidate for licensure under our care, and was a member of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S.C., and were referred to the following committees: first, the Latin Exegetes to Melford Patterson and Dobkin; the critical exercise to Melford Salmages and Scott to report tomorrow.

A communication was received from the Rev. Dr. Goulding assenting reasons for absence from our present sessions, which were sustained.

Mr. McDarpin reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him at the last semi-annual meeting of the synod, and that he met the session of Nazareth Church and that the business referred to its decision had been amicably adjusted.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 9 O'clock to receive statistical reports from the churches and also reports on the state of religion; and Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Scott were appointed a committee to prepare the general statistical report; and Mr. Salmages, Mr. Balfour and Dr. Alex-
under a committee to write the narrative of the state of religion within our bounds to be presented to the next General Assembly; and the same committee was directed to prepare a report on the subject of the education of poor and pious youth for the gospel ministry to be laid before the Board of Education of the General Assembly.

Mr. T. Dwight, a candidate for licensure, and now a member of the Theological Seminary through the Rev. Mr. Hoyt requested the advice of Presbytery as to his future course. Consideration deferred until tomorrow.

Mr. Patton, a licentiate under our care appeared, and remonstrated in favor of tardiness.

The Rev. Willard Preston requested leave through the Rev. Mr. Hoyt to withdraw the application made at our last stated meeting to express himself with this body, in consequence of having removed out of our bounds, which request was granted, and the papers belonging to Mr. Preston, were directed to be returned.

The following committee were appointed to examine the sessional books of the several churches: viz.

To examine the sessional books of the Church of Alcovia, Mr. Cham-
To examine the session book of the Church of Athens, Meigs, Scott and Baldwin.

To examine the session book of the Church of Augusta, Messrs. Ilgoyt and Dobbin.

To examine the session book of the Church of Stairview, Messrs. Richards and J. M. Robinson.

To examine the session book of the Church of Lagrange, Messrs. Talmage and Cunningham.

To examine the session book of the Church of Fairview, Messrs. Patterson and Harper.

To examine the session book of the Church of Hopewell, Messrs. Cassells and Burns.

To examine the session book of the Church at Forsythe, Messrs. M. Alpine and M. Robertson.

To examine the session book of the Church in Lexington, Messrs. Dr. Brown and Mr. Bryant.

To examine the session book of the Church at Lincolnton, Messrs. Quillen and Col. Lumpkin.

To examine the session book of the Church in Macon, Messrs. Scott and Dobbin.
To examine the records of the church in Millcreekville, Messrs. Carter and Saffir.

To examine the session book of the church in Monticello, Messrs. Moroey and McElw.

To examine the records of the church at Mount Zion, Messrs. Nelson and Toarison.

To examine the records of the church at Nogarette, Messrs. Hatton and Harr.

To examine the records of the church at Newnan, Messrs. Brown and Mr. Bryan.

To examine the records of the church at Greensborough, Messrs. Chamberlain and Hodge.

To examine the records of the church at Hyaster, Messrs. Patterson and Harr.

To examine the session book of the church at Washington, Messrs. Scott and Cunningham.

To examine the session book of the church of Bethesda, Messrs. Carter and Harper.

To examine the records of the church of New Lebanon, Messrs. Richards and Dobbin.
Mr. Pack a ruling Elder from New Lebanon appeared and took a seat.

The following Churches failed to send up their records for review at the present session: viz. Carmel, Bethel (S. on) Bethel (Morgan) Bethany, Concord, Columbus, Covington, Davidsville, Deccin, Ephesus, Mentor, M'Donough, New Hope, East Grove, Philadelphia, Sandy Creek, Sycamore, South Liberty, Union, Sebulon, Mount Olive. Presbyterian Church of Burke, Hamilton, Greenville, Fayetteville, Harmony, Hickory Grove, Hebrew, Jackson, and Providence.

The Rev. William Dillon, reports a Church organized by himself in Carlisleville, Warrenham County, consisting of seven members and having one ruling elder, which was taken under the care of Presbytery.

Presbytery had a recess until half past 7 o'clock P. M.

Half past 7 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met. Mr. McBryan a ruling elder from the Church of Monticello appeared and took a seat.
The following preamble and resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas the Sovereign Disposer of all events, has seen proper to afflict this Presbyterian and the Churches under its care, by the removal by death of our much respected and revered father the Rev. Francis Cummings D.D. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Presbyterian do sympathize with the bereaved relatives of the deceased, and as a token of respect for his memory, that the senior member of this body be requested to preach a funeral sermon before this Presbyterian next Sabbath afternoon. Justis request the Rev. Dr. Brown the senior member signified his assent.

Mr. Wm. Ho. Heine, a ruling elder from the church at Millbridgeville, Mr. Henderson a ruling elder from Harmony, and Mr. Mc. Brydye a ruling elder from the church at Fayetteville appeared and took seats.

Through the Rev. Nathan Scoft the Moderator a reference from the session of the church in Athens, was presented to Presbyterian James A. Edwards a member of that church was accused upon public rumor and requested an investigation upon the
the following charges. "Criminal intercourse, and other
improprieties of conduct with Mrs. A.L. Walker. A charge
was given by the Moderator to the Presbytery to neglect and
regard their high character as judges in a court of Jesus
Christ. The minutes of the session relative to the trial, so
far as it proceeded, and the evidence submitted to that
judiciary were presented and read. And after
serious consideration and due deliberation had therein
and after prayer to God for light and direction. This Pres-
bytery are of opinion, that the first part of the charge, viz:
"Criminal conduct" by which it is supposed is meant
actual adultery with Mrs. A.L. Walker, has not been
fully sustained; but that the second part, viz. "other impro-
prieties of conduct," has been established by satisfactory
evidence. Whereupon, Presbytery did, and hereby Do Ad-
judge that the said James B. Edwards be suspended
from the sealing ordinances of the gospel, for the term
of twelve months from this date. After which he may
be restored upon confession of his fault and giving
satisfactory evidence of repentance.
Presbytery adjourned till half past 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Madison, Morgan, Co. Friday, March 20th 1832.

Half past 8 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met. Members present as on yesterday. Concluded with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

The committees appointed to examine the session books of the churches of Forsyth, Presbyterian, Augusta, Mason, Nazareth, Lexington, Washington, New-Lexington, Fairview, Mount Lion, and Evansville, reported and the books were approved.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz, receiving reports on the state of religion and statistical reports from the churches. These reports were referred to their appropriate committees to prepare the general reports on these subjects.

Mr. Carter and Mr. Alexander were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly.

Mr. Thomas Jackson, a candidate for the same, assigned reasons by letter for not attending our present meeting which were sustained.
The Rev. Samuel H. Delinge, a Commissioner to the last General Assembly, from this Presbytery, reported that he had completed and had attended the sessions of that body.

Mr. W. McAlpin and Dr. Alexander were appointed a committee to examine the records of the session of Greensborough.

The Rev. Isaac M. Rudder approved and rendered satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner and took his seat.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the session of Greensborough reported, and the book was approved.

The following resolution was read and adopted,

Resolved, That we deeply regret the present unfortunate controversy which exists in a part of the Presbyterian Church relative to the proper mode of conducting domestic missions, and that our delegates to the next General Assembly be and they are hereby instructed to use their influence in that body to allay that controversy and to do all in their power to restore harmony among the brethren.

The case of the Rev. William Netherwell was called up and made the order of the day for half past three o'clock this evening, to which time the Presbytery had recess.
The Presbytery met. Members present as in the morning.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the churches of Milledgeville, LaGrange & Mount Zion reported and the records were approved.

Mr. John Felton, a ruling elder from the church at Bethany appeared and took a seat.

The hour having arrived, the Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day the consideration of the Rev. William Moodywel's case who for the crime of intemperance was suspended from the exercise of the gospel ministry in the year 1826.

The Moderator, having charged the judicatory to remember their character as a court of Jesus Christ, and to have a single eye to the glory of God, Mr. Moodywel was heard with regard to his views and feelings in the matter and his desire to be restored to the ministerial office.

It did not appear from the best evidence, which could be obtained, that Mr. Moodywel had been guilty of any improprieties of conduct during the last 12 or 18 months which would prevent his restoration, and the Presbytery having sat...
factory grounds to believe that he has sincerely repented of his sin and reformed his life. It was moved and seconded that the suspension be removed, and that he be restored to good standing in the church and the holy ministry. And the question being taken on this motion by calling the roll, it was decided in the affirmative, 28 members voting in favor of his restoration—2 against it—and 8 being excused voting for reasons deemed sufficient by the Presbytery. The Rev. Dr. Brown, at the request of the Moderator, communicated to Mr. B. in the presence of the Presbytery its decision, and having affectionately admonished and encouraged him, he imparted the Divine blessing on the act of the Presbytery. The right hand of fellowship being given, Mr. Moderator took his seat as a member.

The Rev. Dr. M'Dowell, Agent for the Theological Seminary being present, proceeded, at the request of Presbytery, to give some account of the present prosperity and future prospects of that institution. On motion the consideration of this subject was referred to a committee consisting of Col. Lumpkin, Mr. Bryan, and Mr. Adlai, to prepare a minute or report tomorrow.
The Committee to whom was referred the Exegetical and Critical Exercise of Francis Goulding reported, and the pieces were sustained as parts of trial prior to licensure.

The Rev. Benjamin Morton of the 1st Presbytery of New York, Mr. John Baker a licentiate of the Presbytery of Georgia, and the Rev. John S. Kennedy of the Presbytery of South Carolina, severally requested and obtained permission to labor within our bounds.

Presbytery concluded with prayer and adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half past 8 o’clock.

Madison, Saturday, March 31st, 1832.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as on yesterday. Consecrated with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

Presbytery proceeded to assign as further parts of trial to Mr. Francis Goulding Eph. 2:8, the subject of a sermon; and Rom. 9:6-13, the subject of a lecture to be delivered prior to licensure.

A request was received from the churches of Fayetteville.
and Deacon for the ordination of Mr. William H. Patton as a licentiate under our care, as an evangelist. When upon it was resolved that Acts 11:23 be assigned him as the subject of a sermon to be delivered prior to ordination.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Theological Seminary made the following report, which was read and adopted:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary report that they have attended to their subject, and after an interview with the Agent of the seminary would submit the following resolutions:

1. Resolved. That the Presbytery have heard with deep interest and heart-felt gratitude the prosperous state of their Theological Seminary and they express their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for his smiles on that infant institution they would commend it most earnestly to the prayers and patronage of their Churches.

2. Resolved. That they hail with satisfaction the effort of the Agent of the Synod to endow a professorship in this state, and affectionately recommend him and his object to
all our churches, and pledge ourselves to use all proper means in our power to effect its accomplishment as speedily as possible.

3. Resolved, That to facilitate the operations of the Synod’s Agent, it be recommended to the individuals here present, who may feel themselves able, to do something for the endowment of a professorship in the Seminary, and also have not yet subscribed, to embrace the opportunity of subscribing to-day.

In reference to the contingent fund for the present year, the Committee feel that it is of special importance something be done in the matter as promptly and efficiently as possible. The present wants of the Seminary are pressing, and to meet these wants there is no resource but the charity of the Church. They would therefore recommend that this Presbytery attempt to raise at least the sum of £100. And as the interests and even the very existence of the Seminary under God, depend upon prompt and efficient efforts to meet the contingent expenses, the Committee recommend as a plan for raising something in this Presbytery, that each church in the order of the roll be called on, and be requested to say whether anything
and if anything what amount can be pledged to this object.
The committee to whom was referred the subject of dividing the
presbytery were dismissed from the further consideration of the
matter.
The churches were called on through their delegates to say
what they would do for the contingent fund of the seminary.
Dr. Church appeared and rendered reasons for it which and
took his seat.
The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of
religion presented their report which was adopted.
The same committee also made their report on the subject of
Education which was read and adopted.
The committee appointed to examine the session books of
the church at Literature reported, and it was recommen-
ded that the book be returned with directions to transcribe
and correct it which was adopted.
It is ordered that the ordination of Mr. Patton take place
at our semi-annual meeting provided his part of
trial be sustained, and that Mr. Gamble preach the
Lemon and Mr. McAlpin be his alternate— that Mr. Scott deliver the charge and Mr. Money be his alternate.

The committee to whom was referred the circular from the Synod of New York, were discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Presbytery had a recess till half past two o'clock P.M.

Madison, 31st March 1832. Half past two o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met. Mr. John H. Reid was introduced as desiring to be received under our care as a candidate for licensure. Presbytery having satisfactory evidence of his good moral character and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to examine him on the subject of experimental religion and the motives inducing him to desire the office of the gospel ministry. Presbytery sustained the examination and assigned him Matt. 15:9, the subject of a critical exercise, and "Exit juracelebatorem compitern, the subject of an exercise to be delivered as parts of trial prior to licensure. A reference from the church of Bethesda was taken up and the following resolutions adopted, (copy).
Resolved, that we concur, with the synods of South Carolina and Georgia, and with the Senate of the last Legislature of this State, that it is inexpedient to authorize colored persons to hold religious meetings, and we therefore recommend to the church at Bethesda to refuse permission to George Loveless (a colored man) to preach or exhort in public.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: Where
Resolved, that the Presbytery appoint a committee to draw up a plan for the formation of a foreign Missionary Society to be either independent or auxiliary to some similar institution and that this committee report on the same at our semi-annual meeting. Whereupon Col. Campbell and the Rev. Messrs. Cassells and Salmag were appointed that committee.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:
Believing that it is highly important to the interests of the Presbyterian church in the South, that the Charleston Observer should be sustained, and apprehending that it may be discontinued for want of patronage. Therefore, Resolved, that this Presbytery highly appreciate the value of said paper, and
that the ministers and elders within our bounds be recommn- 
ed to use their influence to procure for its subscribers in their 
respective neighborhoods.

Whereas we believe the rite of infant baptism to be fully 
authorized in the words of God, and that it is the sacred and 
the solemn duty of every believing parent in connexion with 
the visible Church of Christ to dedicate his infant offspring 
to God in this precious ordinance; and whereas many persons 
members of our churches, greatly need, and desire informa-
tion on this subject, that they may be enabled and inclined 
to do their duty in this respect.

1. Therefore be it resolved, that something containing a just 
statement of the subject and mode of baptism should be 
published under the sanction and authority of this 
Prestytery and circulated amongst our people.

2. Resolved, that Dr. Gedding be and he is hereby 
appointed to prepare a tract on this subject, which shall 
be presented to Presbytery at its semi-annual meeting.

4. Easy to be understood 5. Free from sectarian abuse.
And it is ordered that the stated clerk furnish Mr. Gedding with a copy of these resolutions.

Mr. Richards presented a petition from divers persons members of the Church of Bethel, Jasper, praying to be set off and organized as a separate church. The prayer of the petition was granted, and Friday before the 2d Sabbath in May was appointed for the commencement of a meeting for this purpose, and brethren Richards, Chamberlain, and Patterson were directed to attend.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly reported that they had examined said minutes and find nothing requiring the attention of this Presbytery, which report was adopted.

The churches were called on for contributions to the presbytery and commissioners funds, when the following sums were received from the churches here named:

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New Lebanon
Pineau
Greensboro
Union
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Mount Olive
Lebanon
Lexington

Total $129.67
Presbytery proceeded to appoint the following commissioners to the General Assembly—Ministers Nathan Hooy, John Wilson and James Gamble—Elders Joseph M. Lumpkin and Matthew Robinson—The Rev. W. Chamberlain—A. M. Waddell and Edwin Todt—were appointed alternates.

Resolved, That the Treasurer, after paying the incidental expenses of the Presbytery, be authorized to pay the balance of the funds in his hands to the draft of the commissioners or Commissioners who may attend the General Assembly.

Resolved that the Rev. Mr. Myers, a licentiate of the Baptist Church and Agent of the Gen. Religious Tract Society, who is travelling in this State in prosecution of the objects of that Society be affectionately recommended with his important objects, to the attention of the churches within our bounds.

The Presbytery resolved to hold its semi-annual meeting at Newnan, Coweta County on Saturday the 11th Day of August at 11 o'clock A. M.

The trials of Mr. John B. Smith were continued and
he was directed to be prepared to exhibit them at our semi-
annual sessions.
Prebyterian concluding with singing foremases and the Apostolic
Benediction, and adjourned till the semiannual
meeting.

Joseph Y. Alexander, Moderator
John E. Wilson, Secretary, Clerk.

Nacoochee, Coweta Co. 1st August 1832. 8th Session.
The Presbytery of Hoopeville held its semiannual meeting
pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon
by Joseph Y. Alexander, the last chosen Moderator, from 1 Cor.
9:27, But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection, lest
that by any means, while I have preached to others, I myself should
be a cast away. Constituted with prayer. Ministers present
J. C. Alexander, A. M. Moore, Wm. Dillen, Wm. B. Richards,
J. B. Patterson, J. T. Scott, Elders present, James Remus from De-
catur, George M. Sneedham from Fairview, Joseph H. Cumming
hain from Fayetteville, Charles Allen from Hoopeville Crawford-
Joseph Cammichael from Jackson, Henry C. Dawson from

James C. Patterson was elected moderator, and Thos. F. Scott Clerk pro tem. Presbytery then had a recess until 5 o'clock P.M.

Reverend J. O'leary P.M. Presbytery met. Messrs. Medure and Gamble appeared, rendered reasons for tardiness and took their seats.

Elder James Harris from the Church at La Grange
The minutes of the annual meeting were read corrected and confirmed.

Mr. Chamberlain appeared, rendered reasons for tardiness and took his seat. Mr. Gamble rendered reasons for absence from the Annual Meeting which were sustained.

Elder Elijah Weider from the Church at Greenville appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Richards reported the Church ordained by the last Presbytery had been organized with 19 members, called Hopeville, which was taken under the care of this Presbytery. John Brownfield one of the ruling elders of that Church being present took a seat as a member of this body.

Mr. Thomas Jackson, a candidate for licensure, read a critical exercise from Rom. 9:3, which was committed to Messrs. Woodruff and Richards. He was also examined on Chapters 12-24 of the Confession of Faith, which was sustained as a part of trial. Presbytery then assigned him Ps. 133 as a subject of a lecture, and "Our est mon contentmur Judaei cum Samaritanibus, ut the subject of an Exegesis, and Rom."
&c. for a sermon, and also the remainder of the Confession of Faith as parts of trial to be exhibited hereafter.

John M. Neat, a candidate for licence, had a critical exercise from Matt. 13:29 which was committed to Mr. Alexander and Mr. Tur. He also read an Exegesis from the subject hitherto assigned him which was committed to Messrs. Gamble and Duyllow.

Presbytery proceeded to examine William K. Patton on experimental religion, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Natural and Revealed Theology. Here the examination was suspended, and Presbytery had a recess until 8 O'clock p.m.

Newman, Saturday 8 O'clock p.m.

The Presbytery met and proceeded with the examination of Mr. Patton upon Theology, Church History and Church Government, which examination was sustained, as part of trial preparatory to his ordination.

It was made the order of the day for half past nine O'clock on Monday morning to hear Mr. Patton's trial sermon.

Rev. Jesse Straton applied through Mr. Gamble.
for a dispensation to join the Presbytery of North Alabama which was granted. Rev. H. M. Patterson applied by letter for a dispensation to join the Presbytery of South Carolina, which was also granted, and the Clerk is directed to forward these dispensations.

Elder Samuel Greaves from New Hope, appeared and took a seat. Presbytery then adjourned until sun-rise on Monday morning.

Concluded with prayer.

Newnan, Sun-rise, Monday 8th August 1832.

Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on Saturday. The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs John J. Wilson and Thomas Asston were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative of the state of religion, to be presented at our next meeting and it is ordered that the churches forward their reports to the stated clerk as soon as possible.

John B. Smith a candidate for licensure read a lecture from John 1:13, 14, which was committed to Messrs Chalmers, Anderson and Cunningham.
Elder Henry T. Craunw asked and obtained leave of absence.

Presbytery had reced until 8 o'clock A.M.

Seumun, Monday 8 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met,

and proceeded to examine John B. Smith on the first six

teen chapters of the Confession of Faith, which examination

was sustained as a part of trial. Rom. 11:7 was assigned

Mr. Smith as the subject of a sermon to be exhibited at the

annual meeting, and he was directed to prepare for examina-

tion on the usual subjects preparatory to licensure.

Elder William Hodge from the Church at Danielsville ap-

peared and took a seat.

The Committee to whom was refered the Critical Exercise of

Mr. Jackson reported, and the exercise was sustained.

The committees to whom were refered the Exegesis and a

Critical Exercise of Mr. Reid reported, and the pieces

were sustained. Presbytery assigned Mr. Reid Psalm 139:

7-12. as the subject of a lecture, and Prov. 11:9 first

clause, as the subject of a sermon to be delivered at the

next meeting.
The hour having arrived, Presbytery proceeded to the order of the
day, when Mr. Patton delivered a sermon from the subject pre-
viously assigned him which was considerate and instructive.
All this part of trial having now been sustained, Presbytery
resolved to proceed immediately to his ordination. Mr. Sum-
ble preached an appropriate sermon from Ecc. 12:10 “The
preacher hath sought to find out acceptable words.” The Moderator
presided, and Mr. Patton having satisfactorily answered the
questions proposed on such occasions was solemnly set apart
and ordained by prayer, and the imposition of the hands of
the Presbytery, to the gospel ministry. Mr. Scott delivered a
charge to the newly ordained Evangelist, who having received
the right hand of fellowship took his seat as a member of
Presbytery. Presbytery then had a recess until 3 o’clock.
P.M.

Newman, Monday 30 o’clock. P.M.

Presbytery met. Elder James Harris obtained leave of absence.
The Committee to whom was referred the lecture of Mr. Smith
reported, and it was sustained as a part of trial.
Resolved, that the next annual meeting be held in Decatur DeKalb Co. on Saturday before the first Sabbath in April 1855.

Elder Samuel Groves presented a supplication from the New Hope Church, therefore Presbytery ordered that Rev. Messrs Church, McAlpin, Duill and Capells hold a four days meeting at that Church, commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in September.

Resolved, that Presbytery recommend to the churches under their care to set apart and observe Saturday before the third Sabbath in September as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in view of the languishing state of the Churches, and of the judgments of God which are now visiting the Churches and the land; that those who have ministers have public worship, and those who have not meet at their churches for prayer.

In compliance with a petition from several persons in Columbia County, Presbytery appointed a three days meeting at Bethel in that County to commence on Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in September, to be conducted
by Messrs. Salmon, Moodywel, and Cassels, and Mr. John L. Kennedy is likewise requested to attend.

Resolved, That the stated Clerk be directed to publish so much of these minutes as are of public importance, as speedily as possible in the Charleston Observer.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the city of Augusta on Wednesday evening before the 8th Sabbath in November at Candle-lighting. Concluded with prayer, singing and the Apostolical Benediction.

James C. Patterson, Moderator,

Tho. H. Scott, Clerk pro tem.

John J. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

Augusta 13th November 1832.

85. Sessions.

Hopewell Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present:

John Boggs, Dr. Goulding, Henry Reid, Nathan Hoyt
John J. Wilson, William Moodywel, James C. Patterson
Robert McAlpin, Edwin Holt, Samuel J. Cassels, Wm. C. Carter
And the elders, E. L. Nition from Athens and John Cunningham.
from Greensboro, Lock Horns from Washington, Dr. Pond from
Lexington, William J. Hobbs from Augusta, and Samuel Dausse
from the Presbyterian Church of Burke.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Congregational reports being called for, it appeared that the following
Churches had not sent up any reports—best: Bethel (Lasher), Bethel
(Morgan) Concord, Columbus, Covington, Danielsville, Eatonton,
Ephesus, Santeeville, Greenville, Harmony, Hebron Grove,
Hebrew, Jackson, Lexington, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer,
Milledgeville, Mount Zion, McDonough, New Hope, New Len-
anow, Oak Grove, Philadelphia, Sandy Creek, Simpson, South-
Liberty, Shyaliro, Union.

The Church at Washington presented a call for the ministerial
services of the Rev. Samuel J. Cassette, which was by Presbyte-
ry presented, and by him accepted. It is ordered that his
installation take place on Saturday the 21st instant in the
Presbyterian Church at Washington; and that Brother Eoyt
preach the installation sermon, and Brother Brown he
his alternate; Dr. Church preside and give the Charge;
and Dr. Brown be his alternate. That Brother Allman
give the charge to the people, and Brother Briggs be his alternate.

The churches of Petersburg, Gainesville and Concord, presented by permission of Presbytery a call to W. C. Carter to become their pastor, which was by him accepted, and it is directed that Brother Carter's installation take place at Gainesville, Holy 60 on the second Saturday in January 1835, and that John J. Wilson preach the installation sermon, and Brother Quillin be his alternate. That Brother Hoigt preside and give the charge to the pastor, and Brother McAlpin be his alternate, and that Dr. Church give the charge to the people, and Brother Capella be his alternate.

Mr. Francis building a candidate for licensure, read a lecture on the subject heretofore assigned him, which was committed to Messrs. Hoigt and Cunningham.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.
Augusta 13th November 1839. 9 O'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Robert Fleming a ruling Elder from the church at Lincoln appeared and took a seat.

A communication from Mr. John McReid was received giving reasons for absence from our present sessions which were sustained and his trials continued until our annual meeting.

A communication was received from diverse persons residing in Columbia County praying the organization of a church to be called Bethel. The prayer of the petition was granted and the brethren Moodie, Reed, and Salamae were directed to attend to this duty on Saturday preceding the first Sabbath in December next.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds made a report, which, after being considered, was committed to the same committee to be corrected and amended.
The Rev. Joseph L. Stites, and the Rev. Dennis N. Winsten, requested instructions to join the Presbytery of Georgia. Their requests were granted, and they were accordingly dismissed.

The Rev. Professor Edgington presented the Essay which he had been requested to prepare on the subjects of Baptism, and it was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hoey, Caswell, and McAlpine.

Messrs. Talmage and Scott were nominated commissioners to the next General Assembly, and Messrs. Wilson and Cooper, their alternates. Elders E. L. Knight and John Cunningham were delegates to the same Assembly. Presbytery then had no necessity to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Augusta, Nov. 15, 1832. Quarter before 7 O'clock P.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Chair. Members present as in the morning with Dr. Brown who now appeared, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

The committee to whom had been referred the Lecture of Francis Edgington reported, and the part of trial was sustained.
The committee on the Essay of Dr. Coultier on the Mode and
subjects of Baptism presented their report, which was ac-
cepted and adopted and is as follows:
The committee to whom was refered the treatise of Dr. Coult-
ier on the subject of Baptism lay leave to report, that
they approve of said treatise and they recommend its early
publication. Whereupon the Presbytery adopted the following
resolution: Resolved, that the brethren Capelle and Cunningham
be and they are hereby appointed a committee with plenary
powers to contract for the publishing the Essay, and that
any expense be incurred in this matter the members of this
Presbytery hereby pledge themselves to defray such expense.
The committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion presented
their report which was adopted.
The Presbytery assigned J.F. Montgomery a candidate for li-
censure under our care. 1 Cor. 13:18-25 inclusive is the subject
of a critical exercise, and "Anlex abrogatum sed adven-
tur Christi" the subject of an exegesis.
Mr. Daniel Angles, a member of the Junior Class in Franklin
College, and in the communion of the Church, as-
in Athens, was introduced to Presbytery and desired and de-
sired to be taken under our care as a candidate for the good
ministry. Mr. Ingles was examined on experimental religion
and the motives which induced him to desire to enter the work
office. These examinations were restrained, and Presbytery
assigned him the first two chapters of the Confession of Faith
to prepare for examination at our annual meeting. Presbytery
adjourned its meet at the call of the Moderator.

Concluded with prayer.

Augusta Nov. 16, 1832. Quarter before 7 o'clock A.M.
Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer.
Members present as on yesterday together with William Cuillen
who now appeared and rendered reasons for tardiness and
left his seat.

Dr. Goulding requested a dismissal from this body to join
the Presbytery of Harmony; his request was granted and
he was dismissed.

Francis Goulding also requested a dismissal to put him-
self under the care of the Artaleslow Union Presbytery.
His request was granted.

The Presbytery receded, the resolution adopted at Newnan
in relation to the annual meeting, and resolved to meet
at Decatur on the last Saturday in March at II o'clock
A.M. Concluded with singing prayer and the Apostol
ic Benediction, and adjourned till the annual meeting.

James C. Patterson, Moderator.
John N. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

Decatur, DeKalb Co., March 30th, 1833.

The Presbytery of Hopewell held its annual meeting
pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon
by the Moderator, the Rev. James C. Patterson, from Rom.
5:1. "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Constituted
with prayer.

Members present

Ministers.
John Brown, D.D.
James Gamble.

Elders.
William Morrow from Carmel.
Levi Willard from Decatur.
Remembrance Chamberlain
William Madervel
Morris Liddel from Fairview
John I. Wilson
Robert Lemonon from Harmony
Benzie Church 2d
James M. Murray from Hopwell Bridge
Mr. R. Alexander
John E. Gillespie from La Grange
James L. Patterson
Joseph Bryan from Mount Zion
Thomas A. Scott
Robert Rounceville from Sycamore
William Dehillin
John Orr from Hopatina
Arthur Mc. Hooney
W. C. Caile
Samuel J. Capells
Ministers absent:
Edward Tharr, John Boggs, Henry Veid, Nathan
Hooft, Robert M. Alpin, Samuel L. Vanduyse, John Van
nison, William R. Richards, Carlisle L. Renoan, W. F. Safford
and the Licentiate E. S. Stopping.
The Rev. John I. Wilson was chosen Moderator, and Joseph U.
Alexander Temporary Clerk.
Rev. Mr. Dickson of the Presbytery of South Carolina being
present was invited and took a seat as a correspondent.
A committee was appointed consisting of the Rev. Messrs.
Mooney & Chambers, & Lev. Willard to preach the services of the sanctuary during the present sessions.

The minutes of the last sessions were read and confirmed.

All communications so addressed to this body were called for & read; of which the following disposition was made: viz.

1. A communication was presented by Mr. John Baker, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Georgia, containing his dismissal from that body, to put himself under the care of this Presbytery. He was accordingly received under our care as a probationer for the holy ministry.

2. A letter was received from the Rev. Henry Ward, assigning reasons for absence from our present sessions which were sustained.

3. A communication from the Rev. Dr. Goulding was read and the matter to which it referred, namely his essay on the mode and subjects of Baptisms, was ordered to be put on the docket.

4. A letter from the Rev. Carlisle D. Russwurm, requesting a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself & the Church of South Liberty was also read; put on the docket.
A resolution in relation to E. D. Hooper, a licentiate under our care, was laid on the table and consideration deferred. Dr. Brown, Dr. Church, John J. Wilson, Samuel H. Cassell, and Mr. E. Carter, severally rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from our semi-annual sessions.

Dr. Brown, Mr. Moodenwel, and Mr. Gillespie were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds to be laid before the next General Assembly. The receiving, statistical reports, and reports on the state of religion, was made the order of the day for Monday morning next at 9 O'clock.

Dr. Church, Mr. Cassell, and Mr. Bryan were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the subject of education to be laid before the board of education of the General Assembly.

The Rev. John J. Wilson and James O. Patterson were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly and report what matters contained therein may demand the attention of this body during the present sessions.

Mr. Thomas Jackson, a candidate for licensure under our care, not being present, his trials were continued until our
semi-annual sessions.

Mr. John W. Reid, a candidate for licensure, read a lecture on
the subject heretofore assigned him, which was committed to
Dr. Brown and Mr. Scott to report as soon as practicable.
The committee appointed to make arrangements for preach-
ing during the present sessions made their report which
was accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of foreign missions
at our last annual meeting, made a report which was
accepted and the considerations deferred for the present.

Mr. Noddenvell reported that the church ordered to be or-
organized in Columbia County at our last stated sessions
had been so organized, and requested to be taken under the
care of this presbytery. Mr. John W. Reid an Elder from
said church being present took a seat as a member of this
body.

The Rev. John Boggs by letter requested a discharge from
this presbytery to join the presbytery of South Carolina,
which request was granted, and the Clerk was directed
to forward him a discharge.
A committee of four, consisting of Dr. Brown and Messrs. Bumble, Willard and Reid, was appointed to take into consideration the expedience of petitioning the Synod of South Carolina & Georgia at its next meeting to divide the presbytery of Hopewell, and report before the close of the present sessions.

Elder David Nanceville from the church in Athens and Elder James Scott from the church in Leboum appeared to take seats.

Mr. Daniel Ingle, a candidate for licensure, was examined on the first ten chapters of the Confession of Faith, which examination was sustained as a part of trial before licensure, and the candidate was directed to prepare for examination on the remaining chapters of the Confession of Faith at our semiannual meeting.

The Rev. William K. Patton appeared and having rendered reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Carter and Mr. Bryan, were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the subject of Missions, to be presented to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.
Elder John Brownfield from Hopewell (Jasper), and Elder James Mayne from Morria appeared and took seats. Concluded with prayer, and adjourned till Monday morning 8 O'clock.

Decatur, Dekalb. 60 April 1835
Monday Morning 8 O'clock.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on Saturday. The minutes of the last session were read.

A petition from divers individuals residing in Cherokee prizing for ministerial aid, was read and on motion referred to the Board of missions of the Domestic Missionary Society.

Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Willard were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this presbytery.

To Mr. Daniel Sylvis, as parts of trial prior to licensure the following subjects were assigned; verse, Gal. 1:16 as the subject of a popular discourse, Psalm
2:6-12. inclusive subject of a lecture, 1 Thm. 3:16—first clause subject of a critical exercise. And “Anna Baptista Thannis Christiannum sit.” the subject of an exegesis.

The following committees were appointed to examine the session books—Namely,

To examine the session Book of the Church at Affirm Messrs.

Gamble and Morris.

To review the session Book of Bethesda Messrs. Chamberlin & Little.

To review the records of Carmel Messrs. Church & Willard.

To examine the records of Columbus Messrs. Medenwald & Lezon.

To examine the records of Decatur Messrs. Patterson & Gillespie.

To review the records of Clarksville Messrs. Alexander & Williams.

To review the records of Fairview Messrs. Scott and Bryan.

To review the records of Fayetteville Messrs. Willard & Mayner.

To review the records of Harmony Messrs. Carter & Brownfield.

To review the records of Hickory Grove Messrs. Cassells & Morris.

To review the records of Hopewell Crawford Messrs. Patton & Reid.

To review the records of La Grange Messrs. Quillian & Mayner.

To review the records of McDouogh Messrs. Scott & Bryan.

To review the records of Newnan Messrs. Patterson & Gillespie.
To review the records of Providence Messrs. Patton and Cleide.

To examine the records of North Liberty Messrs. Carter & Brownfield.

To examine the records of Fayetonia Messrs. Church & Giddel.

To examine the records of Washington Messrs. Chamberlain & Villard.

To examine the records of Lebanon Messrs. Alexander & Murray.

To examine the records of Hopeville (upper) Messrs. Gamble & Morrow.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the division of Presbytery, made their report which was accepted and ordered to be put on the docket.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Scott were appointed a committee to prepare the general statistical report.

The committee to whom was referred the records of the session of Washington reported and the book was approved.

Satisfactory information was afforded Presbytery that the installation of the Rev. Samuel J. Cousins took place according to the direction of Presbytery as pastor of the Church of Washington, and that the brethren designated to perform that duty attended.

The Presbytery was informed that the installation of the Rev. Mr. L. Carter as pastor of the united Churches of Kevin—
ville, Nazareth and Concord did not take place being providentially prevented. At the request of Mr. Carter and for reasons which he assigned, said installation was indefinitely postponed.

The presbytery had a recess to attend the annual meeting of the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society.

The presbytery met and proceeded to business.

Messes Theodore Mr. Dwight, John B. Smith and John H. Weir, candidates for licensure under our care were severally examined on the subjects directed in the book of discipline preparatory to licensure. And Mr. John Baker, a licentiate under our care, was also examined on the several subjects required prior to ordination all of which examinations were sustained.

It was ordered that Messes Dwight, Smith and Weir proceed to deliver their popular sermons tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock, and provided these discourses be sustained, that the young brethren be licensed to preach the gospel within our bounds or wherever they shall be regularly called.
The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly reported that the subjects referred to the Presbytery by that body and upon which it is now necessary that we act, are:

1. A reference in relation to changing or increasing the ratio of representation to the General Assembly, the consideration of which was referred to Dr. Church and Messrs. Gamble, Bryan.

2. A reference in relation to calling meetings of Synod, the consideration of which was referred to Messrs. Woodruff, Patterson, and Need.

3. A reference in relation to the contingent funds of the Assembly, which was referred to Messrs. Scott, Capello, and Giddel.

The subject of the division of Presbytery was taken up, and after some progress made in the consideration thereof Presbytery had a recess until 7 o'clock P.M.

Decatur, April 1st, 1833. 7 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the order of the day; first the receiving reports on the state of religion within our bounds.
It was resolved that we spend tomorrow morning one hour in special prayer to Almighty God for a blessing on ourselves and our churches.

The Rev. Samuel H. Salmoirag was appointed a Commissioner to the next General Assembly. And the Clerk was ordered to forward him his Commission.

Presbytery resolved to hold its semi-annual meeting in Athens on Friday the 9th of August at 11 O'clock A.M.

The mode of disposing of the tracts of Dr. Goulding on the subject of Baptism sent to this Presbytery was taken up and referred to Messrs. Cassells and Willard to report as early as practicable.

A communication from Mr. Thomas McEvedy a candidate for licensure under our care was read and considered. Mr. McEvedy some time since requested and obtained a dismission from this body to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of South Alabama. But owing to some providential circumstances he did not feel it his duty to put himself under the direction of that body, and now returned his dismission, accompanied with a request that the subject heretofore assigned him, namely, John 20:29 for a critical
exercise, be commuted for some other subject, affording more matter for criticism. This request was granted, and Presbyteries assigned him Mark 6:1-6, inclusive. And the exegesis on the subject herefore assigned, which accompanied his communication was referred to Messrs. Church and Gamble.

The Committee to whom was referred the business of devising a mode for the distribution of the tracts of Mr. Goulding reported the following resolution which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, that in order to defray the expense of publishing the tract on the mode and subjects of Baptism prepared by Mr. Goulding, the price of each copy be 10 cents, and that they be sold for distribution at these rates.

Mr. Patton, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Mayne, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

Concluded with prayer, and Presbytery then adjourned till 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.
Decatur DeKalb Co. April 25, 1833.
Tuesday Morning 8 O'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and began with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last session were read.

It appearing to the Presbytery that the speedy ordination of Mr. John Baker was highly expedient, and necessary to the prosperity of the redeemed kingdom, after mature deliberation determined to set him apart this evening to the full work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist. It was therefore ordered, that Dr. Brown preach the ordination sermon, and brother Wilcox the Moderator preside, and brother Gamble give the charge; and Mr. Baker was directed to deliver a sermon this evening at three o'clock from Matt. 8:27, as a part of trial prior to ordination.

The committee appointed to examine the session book of the church of Decatur reported, which report was laid on the table and the book returned, to the session with directions to have it transcribed and put in good order, and sent up for review at our next annual meeting.
The Committee to whom was referred the Exegesis of Mr. W. Grudde reported and the piece was sustained as a part of trial prior to licensure.

Mr. T. F. Montgomery, a candidate for licensure, and a member of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, transmitted to presbytery an exegesis on the subject heretofore assigned him, which was committed to Mr. Carrolls and Mr. Scott to report thereon as early as practicable. After a few minutes the committee reported on the part of trial was sustained. To Mr. Montgomery was assigned Matt 25th Chap. first 13 verses, the subject of a lecture.

Presbytery then proceeded to hear the popular discourses of the young brethren Dwight Smith and Neida, which being considered and sustained, it was ordered that they be licensed this evening immediately after the ordination of Brother Baker.

A reference from the session of Messiah Church was taken up and committed to Messrs. Quillan and Liddell to report as soon as practicable.
Mr. Orr asked and obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions.

The committee to whom was referred the Lecture of Mr. Reid's reports and the plaint of trial was sustained.

The Committee to whom was committed the reference of the last General Assembly in relation to a diminution of the representation in the Assembly, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, to wit, that the Presbytery recommend that the second section of the 12th Chap. of the Form of government be so altered as to read as follows:

"The General Assembly shall consist of an equal delegation of Bishops and Elders from each Presbytery in the following proportions: Each Presbytery consisting of not more than twenty-four ministers shall send one minister and one Elder; and each Presbytery consisting of more than twenty-four ministers shall send two ministers and two Elders, and in the like proportion for every twenty-four ministers in every Presbytery, and these delegates so appointed shall be styled Commissioners to the General Assembly."
Presbytery then resumed the unfinished business of yesterday:

viz. the report of the committee on the division of this presby-
tery, when after considerable discussion the report was
accepted, and is as follows, viz. That although the harmony
and strong Christian attachment which has existed in the
continues to exist among the churches and ministers of Hope-
well. Presbytery seems to foresee a division, neverthelos, in the
opinion of the committee, such inconveniences result from the extent
of territory and number of members as justify a division. The Com-
mittce therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved that it be requested to set off the churches and
ministers situated between the Oakmulgee and Chattahooce
Rivers, with those in the counties of Newton, Walton, Gwinnett,
Campbell, Carroll and Heard, to form a new Presbytery
to be called Good Hope.

Presbytery had a recess until half past two o'clock P.M.

Decatur half past three o'clock P.M. April 2d, 1838.

Presbytery met. The Committee to whom was committed the
charge from the session of Alcovia Church in relation
To an individual who had married a woman of whom a report
said she had another husband, but of which fact no proof had
been adduced, reported, and the whole business was referred back
to the session of said Church to act on the case as in their
judgment shall seem most conducive to the interests and
safety of the Church.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the minutes of
the last General Assembly relative to calling special meetings
of synod made their report which was accepted and adopted
and is as follows: Resolved, That this Presbytery approves of the
rule in relation to the calling of meetings of synod, sent by the last
General Assembly, and which is found on page 333 of the printed
minutes of the Assembly for 1832, and the stated clause of this
Presbytery is required to send up this decision in writing
in the next Assembly.

Presbytery went into consideration of the Petition of the Rev.
C. P. Beman praying that the pastoral relation existing
between the presbytery and the Church at South Liberty be
dissolved, and having ascertained that the said Church
of South Liberty accedes to this request, it was resolved.
that the prayer of the petition be granted, and the said pastoral relation is hereby dissolved, and the Church of South Liberty is declared to be vacant.

The following resolution was offered, which was accepted and adopted: Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Georgia Domestic Missionary Society be requested to report annually to this Presbytery all their missionary operations within our bounds, and that so much of said report, and that so much of said report when so made, be entered on the minutes of Presbytery, as may be deemed proper.

The following resolution was offered, which was considered and adopted: Resolved, That there be naming committees of examination appointed, each consisting of two members whose duty it shall be to conduct the examination of candidates for the ministry in the following order, viz:

1. On Languages, Dr. J. Alexander, and J. J. Capella.
2. On arts and Sciences Dr. A. Church and J. C. Patterson.
3. On Theology, Natural and Revealed Dr. Brown and J. Gamble.
4. On Ecclesiastical History and Government and the Sacred
Preston, proceeded to hear the discourse of Allen Walker, a candidate for ordination, which was considered restrained.

The committees on the remaining sessions likewise reported, and the records were approved.

The contributions from the churches for contingent expenses were called for and paid over the treasurer of Presbyterian.

The resolution in relation to Mr. E.S. Whitting, a licentiate under our care, which was laid on the table on Saturday was taken up and agreed to and is as follows: Resolved, that Mr. Whitting be cited to appear at our semi-annual sessions to show cause, if any he has, why his license to preach the gospel should not be considered null and void, and his name erased from our minutes.

Mr. James H. Gozby, a student in Emory College and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Athens, was introduced to Presbyterian, desiring to be taken under its care as a candidate for the holy office of the gospel ministry. Mr. G. was examined on experimental religion and the motives inducing him to desire the sacred office, which examination
was sustained, and the following parts of trials were assigned.

Dr. J. Wilson, A Latin Essay on "L'enseignement a sanctuar verbum
Dei," and "2 Cor. 3:12," as the subject of a critical exercise.

The committee on the subject of Foreign Missions, reported
that they did not think it expedient to form an auxiliary
Foreign Missionary Society at present; but recommend that
a committee of deposit be appointed whose business it
shall be to receive all monies contributed to this end, and
forward the same to the Pittsburgh Board of Missions for
the support of John B. Pinney, missionary to Africa.

And the brethren Chamberlain and Talmage were
appointed that committee.

The committee on the narrative of the state of religion
made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

It was resolved that the members of this Presbytery will spend
every Saturday morning in prayer to Almighty God for his
blessing on each other, on their labors, and on the people whom
he has committed to their charge.

Presbytery then appointed the following three and
four days meetings, viz.
1. A three days meeting, meeting at Mount Olivet, Columbia Co. to commence on Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in June, to be attended by Dr. Brown and Messrs. Cassells, Culverige and Keil, and Mr. Clinton is also requested to attend.

2. A four days meeting at Social Circle, Walton co. to commence on Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in June, to be attended by Messrs. Gamble, Vesty, Mclspin, Carter and Chamberlain.

3. A four days meeting at Bethany, Green co. to commence on Thursday before the 5th Sabbath in September, to be attended by Dr. Brown and Messrs. Birman, Cassells and Dwight.

4. A four days meeting at Rosewell, Jasper co. to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, to be attended by Messrs. Chamberlain, Gamble, Wilson and Patterson.

5. A four days meeting at LaGrange, Troup co. to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in June, to be attended by Messrs. Scott, Patterson, Baker and Dwight.

6. A four days meeting in Henry co., near McDonough to commence on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, to be attended by Messrs. Gamble, Chamberlain, Patterson, Dwight and Dickson.
of a four days' meeting at Olney, Thursday, Jackson & Co. to commence on Thursday before the 1st Tabbath in July to be attended by Messrs. Alyson, Wilson, Quillen & others.

8. A four days' meeting at Leblon, Pke. Co. to commence Thursday before the 1st Tabbath in July to be attended by Messrs. Patterson, Chamberlain, Patton, Scott, Smith, Scumle.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay to the Stated Clerk his Salary.

Presbytery had a recess until half past 7 o'clock P.M.

Decatur half past 7 o'clock P.M. April 2, 1833.

Presbytery met and proceeded to the order of the day the ordination of Mr. Baker. Dr. Brown preached a sermon from John 21:17. Feed my sheep, after which the Moderator having in the presence of the people stated the steps which the presbytery had taken with the candidate now about to be ordained, and having proposed to Mr. Baker the questions appointed to be put to candidates for ordination, and he having adopted the Confession of Faith, he was solemnly set
apart to the full costs of the gospel ministry by prayer and the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery as an Evangelist. After which Mr. Lambie having delivered a suit-
able charge to the newly ordained Bishop he took his seat as a member of this presbytery.

The Presbytery having closed the trials of Messrs. Deought, Smith, and Ward, and they having received and adopted the confession of faith of our Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates for licensure were licensed, in the usual form, to preach the gospel within our bounds, or wherever else they may be regularly called.

Concluded with prayer, and Presbytery then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at six o'clock.

Dedalus, DeKalb co.

Wednesday, Morning, April 3, 1833.

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment and began with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of the last session were read.
The committee appointed to prepare a report on the subject of missions made their report which was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, that the Georgia Domestic Mississiany Society be requested to prepare and lay before this body a report of their proceedings since the organization of the society at our next annual session.

The committee appointed to prepare a report on the subject of educating poor and pious young men for the gospel ministry stated their inability to make a report for want of data. The committee was therefore discharged and another committee consisting of Dr. Church and Mr. Wray appointed to prepare a report on this subject and forward it to the board of education of the General Assembly.

Resolved, that the Georgia Presbyterian Education Society be requested to make a report of their proceedings since their organization and lay the same before this body at its next annual sessions. Concluded with prayers, singing the Apostolic Benediction, and adjourned till the Semi-annual Meeting.

John T. Wilson, Moderator.

John T. Wilson, Acting Clerk.

J. B. Alexander, Temporary Clerk.