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June, 1850

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The resolution speaks highly of the members of the Classis for their "consistent and exemplary Christian demeanor."

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ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave respectfully to report. They have examined the Minutes of the last General Synod, of the Extra Session, and of the two Particular Synods, and would refer to the following as requiring the attention of this Synod:

1. On p. 458 of the Minutes of the General Synod, we find the appointment of two delegates to attend a Convention on the subject of a closer union among Presbyterian Churches, to be held at Albany, 1st of November, 1849. The Synod will probably receive a report.

2. On p. 495 is a resolution appointing a Committee to examine the Minutes of General Synod and other documents, and report on the present state of the covenant relations existing between General Synod and the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College.

On p. 496, this Committee was enlarged and directed to report to this Synod.

On page 496, a Committee was appointed to examine the condition and investments of the Van Benschoten Fund.

In reference to the report of these Committees, an Extra Session of General Synod was called at Schenectady, in the Minutes of which the following subjects were referred to this Synod, (see pages 7, 8.)

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, page 22, is reference to the application of the Classis of Holland, in Michigan, to be received by that Synod. Whereupon the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

On p. 7 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, we find recommendations of Josiah Markle, by the Classis of Albany, and of Isaac Colyer, by the Classis of Greene, for aid from the funds of the Church.

On page 505 of the Minutes of General Synod, will be found resolutions appointing a Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, and fixing his salary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RANSFORD WELLS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as refers to the Classis of Holland, in Michigan, and the state of the churches belonging to said Classis, be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. John Knox, I. N. Wyckoff, J. A. Liddell, and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and Anthony M. Van Bergen.

The Committee reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the reception under the care of Synod of the Classis of Holland, together with the

state of the churches composing said Classis, respectfully report: That this Classis comprises nine organized churches, with an average of one hundred members each, and enjoys the services of six ministers. The individuals of whom these churches are composed, are emigrants from Holland, who, driven by the combined influence of temporal necessity, produced by onerous taxation and an over-crowded population, and a grievous interference with their rights of conscience, have taken refuge in this land of the free. By their orderly and industrious habits, and especially by their consistent and exemplary Christian demeanor, they have already, in their new home, won for themselves high commendation and given earnest of taking rank with the soundest and best portions of the community. Descended from the same time-honored Church through which, in her palmier days, the Reformed Dutch Church of North America derived her cherished religious institutions and privileges, it was to be expected that we should naturally care for these exiles from the fatherland. They have accordingly been received with a cordial and liberal sympathy, in New-York, Albany, Buffalo, Detroit, and all other places to which they have come. Strangers, in a strange land, beloved for their own and for their fathers' sakes, they are entitled to a cordial welcome into the ecclesiastical fellowship which they solicit, and all suitable aid in their establishment in the home of their choice.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Classis of Holland be received under the care of General Synod, and that it be connected with the Particular Synod of Albany.

2. *Resolved*, That the religious condition and necessities of the Holland emigrants, wherever they are dispersed throughout our country, be commended to the particular attention of the Board of Domestic Missions.

Respectfully submitted, &c.

By order of the Committee.

JOHN KNOX, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the report on Synodical Minutes as refers to recommendation of persons for aid from Education Funds, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Overtures report: That nothing has come before them claiming the attention of Synod.

FRANCIS M. KIP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

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