United Presbyterians Put in a Busy Day Attending to Church Matters.

DR. FERGUSON CHOSEN TO BE MODERATOR

Delegates Get Right Down to Business and Quickly Set the Machinery of the Convention Into Active Motion.

It was fitting that the United Presbyterian general assembly should get right down to the hard business of its fortieth annual convention on the two bundred and fiftieth anniversary on the 26th of May-the day revered by every Presbyterian, because on that date the Westminster standards of faith were declared in England. It was well attended at the Central church.

Promptly at 9 a. m. Moderator Hanna called the assembly to order. After a prayer by Dr. F. M. Spencer of Cooper college, the roll was called by the principal clerk, Dr. Reed. There were quite a number abment, however, and the roll was somewhat modified by substituting the names of several alternates. The next thing was the reading of the minutes and then the new

moderator was chosen. Dr. Spencer arose and said that two years ago Kansas City had given the assembly a moderator and a year ago Monmouth, Ill., had done like service. Now he would have the assembly go further east for a presiding officer. As a western man he had not forgotten his alma mater. He therefore propound the name of Dr. R. G. Ferguson, president of Westminster college, at New Wilmington, Pa. Dr. Ferguson had been for thirteen years a leader, he said.

#### Other Candidates Proposed.

The name of Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Mission board, was next presented by Rev. W. J. Martin of Mansfield, O. Then Dr. John T. Browniee of Chartiers arose and placed in nomination the venerable, but vigorous, principal clerk, Dr. William J. Reid, as a candidate for moderator. Dr. Brownlee observed that two years ago the Presbyterian assembly at Saratoga Springs chose its principal clerk, Dr. Roberts, for that position with the result that the business of the gathering went through with a dispatch that was marvelous. He believed the selection of Dr. Reid would be a parallel success. The last nomination made was by Dr. H

H. Bell of Monmouth, Ill., one of the evangelists of the denomination. He of fered the name of Elder Robert Rutledge of St. Louis, a lay delegate, as "a worthy representative of worthy elders."

On the motion of Dr. R. D. Williamson of Troy, N. Y., nominations were closed and the tellers, Drs. W. B. Barr, J. T. Meloy J. H. Littell and H. G. McVey, distributed the ballots. While this was being done Dr. Reid told the delegates that he thought he could better serve the assembly as clerk | D. P. Monteith than moderator. "You will not go wrong. he remarked, "if you vote for Dr. Ferguson. The result of the balloting showed Dr. Ferguson eastly elected by the following vote: Dr. Ferguson, 122; Dr. Witherspoon 51; Dr. Reid, 17; Elder Rutledge, 21.

Dr. Spencer was chosen to escort th altar. He was welcomed by Dr. Hanna with I a few fitting words of appreciation and introduced him to the assembly. Dr. Fergu-

Fathers and Brethren: Your action and the exceedingly kind words of the retiring opinion by the assembly on the propriety of moderator almost overwhelm me. All I can the action of the synod of Illinois in inviting say is I thank you, but there are so many who are stronger, wiser and better fitted than myself that I question the judg-ment of your selection. The Lord has ment of your selection. The Lord has promised that whenever two or three are

# Reports Offered.

Those from the boards of education and make the fourth Sunday in November "Tem-Ministerial relief came in later. Dr. Alexander Gilchrist, chairman of the

nounce the program for the assembly. He ployes was: Revs. W. I. Wishart, Pressly announced the subject for Dr. W. J. Robin- Thompson and E. McKee. son's address for the evening, "Calvinism, as Embodied in the Westminster Confession of Martin of Sialkot, India, on "Foreign Mishours of convening and recess. after this got down to

presbyteries were read by Clerk Reid and Jersey as a delegate from the general synod referred to the proper committees. Among them were the following:

Allegheny-Asking for declaration on temporary and permanent licenses to students. Conemaugh -- For repeal of the act of the assembly of 1885 granting temporary license. Synod of the Nile.

#### Egypt (Africa) -- For division into four presbyteries and organization of these into

"Synod of the Nile." Pittsburg -- Asking that congregations in the locality be allowed to conct with the Kiskiminetas, and several other memorials from Freeport, Allegheny Worthington and other places asking to be transferred to the presbytery of Kiskim-lnetas; also one from this presbytery asking for an extension of its lines.

Allegheny--For a complete revision of the church psalter.

Rock Island--For a psalter suitable for evangelical work.

Des Moines--For modification of regulations of Board of Education so as to have aid given to students only in the shape of 6 per cent loans.
Directors of Allegheny Theological Semi-

nary-For more elasticity in the curiculum eago-For prohibition of the use of Home Mission employes.

Synod of Iowa-For publication of the salaries of the officers of the assembly and boards in the assembly minutes. Dr. William S. Owens, corresponding sec-retary of the Board of Home Missions, and

several presbyteries-For reduction of sal-ary of the corresponding secretary of the me missions board, by one-fifth (\$500.) Allegheny-For declaration on marriage of divorced persons. Rock Island-For change in the Book of

Government on admission of church mem-bers, distinguishing as to whether baptized the church or not Dr. Owens' memorial for a reduction of his own salary-supposing him to be con-

tinued in his position-was a graceful yielding to financial pressure. The petition from Egypt set forth that the

territory of the presbytery there extended 700 miles from the delta through the valley of the Nile. It is a lot of ground to cover. The tobacco memorial from Chicago was referred to a special committee on a motion

by Elder J. P. Tracy. But there was a very great division of sentiment manifested when the vote was taken as to whether it should go to a special or one of the regular committees, and one of the delegates facetiously suggested that it go to the committee on transportation, to which another retorted that it might go to a committee on

good manners.' Want to Cut Out Advertisements. Before the noon recess several other reform memorials were read. A Christian Enthe assembly advise the discontinuance of lane of Muskingum. Said Dr. McFarlane:

ald and other Sunday school publications.

Another was a memorial signed by twentyfour ministers and fifty-one elders asked for Christ and patriotism are closely akin. instead of that on reform. This was subsequently reversed on reconsideration.

An invitation from the American Anti-Saloon league, the annual convention of which will be in Cleveland, O., in December, for God. This is a new era we have begun followed, requesting that the United Prenbyterian assembly be represented by ten delegates. It was referred to the committee on nominations with instructions to name the ten delegates.

Dr. Witherspoon relieved the new moderator for a while during the morning session. Standing Committees Named.

As soon as the assembly reconvened for proved without change

Bills and Overtures-Revs. J. W. Wither-poon, D.D., W. G. Waddle, D.D., H. G. Mc-Vey and M. E. McBride and Elders Josiah Work, T. C. McClinton and William Meloy. Judiciary-Revs. L. D. Williamson, J. C. Boyd, D.D., John T. Brownlee, D.D., W. J. Cooper and Elders W. J. Magill, W. B.

Moore and James Reynolds.
On Board of Foreign Missions—Revs. John Williamson, D.D., John S. Speer, D.D. and A. R. Munford and Elders R. B. Cummins. D.D.S. and M. S. Claybaugh. On Board of Home Missions—Revs. F. M.

Spencer, D.D., H. H. Bell and R. A. Jamison and Elders T. C. Strangeway and John Gray. On Board of Freedmen's Missions-Revs Campbell, D.D., S. Martin, D.D. and R. B. Patton and Elders W. C. Chamberlin and Joseph Morrison.
On Church Extension Board—Revs. G. E.

Hawes, J. R. Logan and T. C. Anderson and Elders J. H. Scot and W. J. Williamson. On Women's Board-Revs. T. B. Turnbull, D.D., J. C. Scouller and J. H. Littell and Elders Hugh A. Hart and T. G. Donaldson. Education—Revs. J. Q. A. McDowell, W. E. McCulloch and W. J. Golden and Elders S. M. Kelso and Thomas E. McDowell. Ministerial Relief—Revs. McFarland, D.D.,

A. D. Duff and J. C. Roe and Elder. J. T. Patterson and George Love. Publication—Revs. Samuel Collins, D.D., M. M. Marling and S. G. Huey and Elders A. G. McCracken and T. C. Johnston. Sabbath Schools-Revs. W. A. Spalding. J. T. Adams, S. P. Barackman and Elders John Stinson and John P. Francis.

Finance-Elders Robert Rutledge, George M. Paden and U. H. Struble and Revs. D. M. McClelan, D.D. and W. B. Barr. Statistics—Roys. P. W. Free, D.D., R. H. Park and J. H. Nibock and Elders J. P.

Tracy and W. J. Johnson. Correspondence-Revs, David Anderson, S M. Hood and Daniel Harris and Elders John Bell and Hugh Nelson.

Devotional Exercises-Revs. J. H. Webster, J. H. Martin and W. McCormick and Elders J. E. McGeary and W. T. Baird. Revision-Revs. Andrew Henny, R. H. Hood and W. H. McMaster and Elders E. E.

Elliott and R. M. Robertson. Nominations—Revs. John A. Wilson, D.D. J. Heston and A. H. Orr and Elders D. J. Theological Seminaries-Revs. S. W. Gilkey, D.D., S. R. Lyons, D.D. and Robert Stewart, D.D., and Elders John Gray and

Appropriations-Revs. W. H. McFarland, D.D., John Williamson, D.D., T. B. Turn-bull, D.D., G. E. Hawes, S. Collins, D.D., and J. Q. A. McDowell, Elder Robert Rutledge and W. T. Campbell, D.D.

Matters Before the Assembly.

Among the matters which came before the moderator-elect. Dr. Ferguson, to the assembly and were referred to committees were the appeal of C. P. Meredith of Boyden, Ia., from the action of the synod of Iowa refusing to certify, in his letter of disfrom the same synod for an expression of -to take such action as would nullify the position of their own synod. The lowasynod had previously withdrawn from the gathered together in his name He will support of Monmouth college and the Illinois synod subsequently proposed to admit be in our midst and direct us in our the presbyteries of Cedar Rapids. Des

tion in the maintenance of it. the assembly. These were from the boards came a request asking the assembly to join of Foreign missions, Home missions, Freed- in a movement of the Woman's Christian General Missionary society, Publication. London (Eng.) Sabbath School union, to reived a larger and more appreciative recognition than that of the Westminster as

perance day." The special committee on reform selected committee on program, took the opportunity by the moderator was: Revs. W. A. Robb afforded by the full in the proceedings oc- D. D., A. S. Aiken and R. E. Lackey. That casioned by distributing the reports to an- on tobacco-using among Home Mission em-

The subject of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain was urged Faith," and also those of the addresses for in a communication from the National Manday evening, to be given by Dr. Samuel Council of the Evangelical Churches of Engof Portland, Ore., on "Home Mission Work Charles Albert Berry, D. D. The matter of Today." The program also covered the was sent to the correspondence committee. To the same committee was referred an invitation to send delegates to the Holland hard and rapid work. A batch of prayers Christian Reformed synod June 15. The and memorials and resolutions from various credentials of Rev. William P. Bruce of New credentials of Rev. William P. Bruce of New of the Reformed church was also referred to this committee. A union with the United Presbyterian church seems to be wished for by many members of the Reformed church and a letter from the clerk of the Christian Reformed church expressed this hope.

Between Patriotism and Religion.

During the afternoon proceedings there developed a conflict of opinion over patriotism and supposed assembly duty. It produced an occasion for some impassioned oratory, and hoary-headed divines became very much animated, but the speeches were brief as well as pointed.

It all came about over a proposition to change the memorial services from this evening to this morning's session, and to devote the evening to prayers for the success of the American army and navy in the present

war with Spain. Dr. W. T. Meloy of Chicago made a motion to this effect, saying the occasion was an urgent one, as at any time now a great battle might be fought.

Dr. John A. Wilson of Mansfield, O. offered an amendment to substitute a conreference on Sabbath schools and young people instead of the patriotic services desired by Dr. Meloy. He said he felt some embarrassment in proposing this amendment, surcounded as he was by so many American flags (all the walls of the church interior are profusely decorated with them), but he believed there is no lack of patriotism in the country and it is more important that the branches. It was not the occessity for a new assembly confine itself to the discussion of crowd that called the Wesiminster assembly matters of church work. He observed also together. The language of its commission that there is a great deal of "gush" indulged in, anyhow, over the flag and the country, and that such is not genuine patriotism. Elder Josiah Work of the Brookville pres

bytery asked: "Will we not spend one vening in spiritualizing patriotism?" Dr. Meloy came to the defense of his riginal motion. He said: "It is not a nere matter of patriotism that we could give expression to at any time, but we are confronted with the stupendous fact that today the army and navy of the United States, with a force of 200,000 men, are engaged in a contest with Spain, a nation that for 400 years has oppressed the poor, and momentarily we may expect to hear of a tremendous battle. My conscience has condemned me for not attending to this responsibility sooner. The president has called for an additional force of 75,000 men. I feel that our country and our country's

arms need our prayers and we ought not to put off this duty." Their Kinship is Ciose. An able lieutenant in the contest offered deavor society of Pittsburg, Pa., asked that himself in the person of Dr. W. H. McFar-

advertigaments in the Christian Union Her- "Our flag was as much outraged by the destruction of the Maine as when Fort Sumter was fired upon. The religion of Jesus

consistent conduct in the church on the Rev. W. J. Golden of the North Platte licensing of the liquor traffic and signing the presbyiery suggested dividing the evening bonds of saloon keepers. It rather insinu- between the two subjects, but Dr. Collins ated that the church had come short in this of Allegheny and Dr. Meloy both opposed respect. It went to the judiciary committee any cutting up of the evening-an hour and a half were not too much time to devote to prayers to the God of battles for American triumph.

"Our nation, our army, our navy are all and it is for Christianity. Let us discuss this." remarked Dr. Collins.

Dr. David Anderson of New York hoped the young people would not be overlooked He thought there would be time enough for both. He deplored that any one had used the word "gush" in connection with the American flag.

Dr. Wilson again arose and asked: "Who the afternoon Moderator Ferguson named of us has not heard infinite gush about the the following committees, which were ap- religion of Jesus Christ? The word needs no apology made for it, and I offer none."

> Dr. Meloy recalled the historic incident when a company of Covenanters went to President Lincoln during the civil war and assured him of the prayers offered in their homes for the union cause. The manner in which this affected Lincoln was eloquently portraved.

> But Rev. John Lackey of Keokuk took up the incident just where Dr. Meloy left off. He repeated the words of Lincoln on his hearing of the favorable action of various ecclesiastical bodies: "I can now go forward with the discharge of my duty with confidence for I know that the religious sentiment of the nation is with me." Mr Lackey continued: "It is not merely the flag-though that is the emblem- it is our God who is over our nation."

Patriotism had won. The motion to divide the evening between appeals to heaven for the American forces and a consideration of Sabbath school matters was put and found but few supporters. Dr. Wilson's amendment to Dr. Meloy's motion had even less when the vote on it was taken and finally Dr. Meloy's motion was almost unanimously carried. Loud applause—an unusual thing in Presbyterian assemblies-followed the

The program on memorial services this morning provided for Dr. W. G. Waddle to preside and announced D. T. B. Turnbull for an address on "Our Departed Brothers-A Faithful Ministry" and Rev. Thomas Park for one on "The Minister's Special Encouragements."

Memorial Services Today.

The ministers deceased during the year have been Revs. George W. Braden of Des Moines; Samuel Brown of Brookville, James L. Fairley of central Illinois: Henry Gordon and William E. Henning of Argyle. N. Y. and Joseph Brian of Monongahela. A resolution was then presented by Drs

J. C. Boyd of Monongahela, Pa., and W. T. Meloy of Chicago, asking the Board of Directors of the Transmississippi Exposition to reconsider its resolution by which it decided to open the exposition on Sundays Various reasons were given, among them the need of working people for Sabbath rest Rev. John T. Brownlee of Chartiers, Pa. moved the adoption of the resolution by a rising vote. Such a vote was taken withou discussion and the anti- Sunday opening res olution was adopted unanimously

## CALVINISM AND THE CONFESSION.

Dr. Robinson of Allegheny Preaches the Anniversary Sermon. The evening meeting was taken up al most wholly with Dr. W. J. Robinson's address on "Calvinism as Embodied in the missal, that he was an elder; a memorial Westminster Confession of Faith." It was presided over by Rev. S. E. Martin of the College Springs (Ia.) presbytery. Just before the address the reports were received presbyteries of another synod-that of Iowa from the seminaries at Allegheny, Pa.; Xenia, O., and Pawnee City, Neb.

After the usual services of singing appropriate psalms and prayer Dr. Robinson spoke. During the course of his ad

dress he said: Catechisms has been duly celebrated by the Printed reports from six of the eight boards were submitted and distributed in the Woman's Christian Temperance union Both continents have united in the anthem o' praise that has ascended to the King and Head of the church for this mighty citade reared for the faith once delivered to the men's missions, Church extension, Women's Temperance union, after the plan of the saints. Seldom has any event in history resembly and its work.

# Mighty Factors in History.

The Westminster Confession of Faith, the atechisms, larger and shorter, have been among the mightlest factors in that tremendous struggle through which Christian ivilization has emerged from the bondage centuries and become the synonym for ell and religious liberty. his fact stood out more clearly before the mind of the evangelical church than today. The churches holding to these symbols of land. It announced an intended visit to this faith could not have done a greater service Martin of Statket, India, on "Foreign Mis-tion Work of Today," and Rev. G. E. Hawes country in behalf of arbitration of Rev. to themselves, their children, the church at Flory Developed One on "Home Mission Work Charles Albert Berry D. D. The matter large and the world itself than to improve this anniversary occasion to direct the mind to that glorious assembly and the splendid system of doctrine formulated by it. And it seems to me that this occasion comes very providentially in the wake of that stupendous failure which our larger sister of the resbyterian faith has so recently achieved in the effort to amend these standards and to bring them into harmony with present at-tainments of Christian thought. Their atempt was aimed at the wrong document ad they succeeded in their revision the old Pible itself would have remained a trouble ome book. Many an unpleasant statement ilminated from the Confession would have stared at them out of the pages of the in spired volume. It is to be hoped that the studies of this anniversary year have postponed all efforts at revision of the Confession, at least until the millennium. As has been well said by another. minster standards have attained the high water mark in the statement of the elements of evangelical religion." After 250 years of conflict, growth, advance and victory the ing to its pattern and guided by its teach-ing are constrained to recognize it as the final word in theological statement. Al to that illustrious assembly of conse rated men.

> Was Not Born at Westminster. The doctrinal contents of this immortal work tid not receive their first formal statement rom the Westminster assembly. That body was not called together to formulate a creed creed, clearly enunciated, almost universally accepted-a creed that had been carefully learnedly and exhaustively wrought out and formulated nearly a century before its sit tings. John Calvin antedates that assemble by 100 years. And that system of doctrin was first drawn from the pages of Gcd's word. It had already become the creed of the great Reformed church in nearly all its reads: "For the vindica ing and clearing of the doctrine of the church from all aspercions." To this purpose the assembly faithfully adhered. Its members were to a man fully adhered. Its members were to a man Calvinists. If there was a single member who held Arminian views he had not the courage of his convictions. So far as history records not a word was uttered not in harmony with Calvinistic teaching. Indeed it is an historic fact that the Church of Eng. land through all its noble struggle for civil and religious liberty was in its best elements as intensely Calvinistic as the Church of Scotlatid or that of Holland. All the great English reformers, Anselm, Bradwardine, Tyndal, Wickliffe, Ussher, Whitgift and Tyndat, Wickline, Casher, Whitgitt and others were Calvinists. Men may play with Arminianism in times of peace, but in the great crises of spiritual conflict there is nothing but the solid bedrock of the eternal

> sovereignty of God on which the foot can rest with any sense of security. Other Documents that Helped. Of course I am not ignorant of the fact, Of course I am not ignorant of the fact, neither do I ignore it, that the thirty-nine articles of the Church of England, the de-liverances of the synod of Dort, the Lambeth articles and especially the Irish articles, bearing almost in every sentence the im-press of the great mind of Archbishop Us-sher, contributed to the material and form

Dr. Robinson dilated somewhat upon the distinctness and clearness of the statements sacerdotalism and ritualism, and commented: And yet another douch was given to Calthe Westminster divine. John Calvin was a scholar, a profound thinker-I had almost said a seer—and his mind had a speculative bent. Hence the Calvinism of Calvin has just a liftle preponderance of the church for the year had been \$1,457,939.

There was a total membership of 126,339, and a Sabbath sabella said a seer—and his mind had a speculative bent a said a seer—and his mind had a said a seer—and his mind had a said a seer—and his mind had a speculative bent a said a seer—and his mind had a speculative bent a said a seer—and his mind had a speculative bent. Hence the Calvinism of the church for the year had been \$1,457,939. abstractness, of stiffqess, of inelasticity as a working system for the life of men.

God's Great Unchangeable Plan.

He quoted from Dr. Wharfield quite copiously to demonstrate the value of the standthe minds of converts and novitlates he gave congregations are not supplied. but he defined it as follows:

It holds out with great prominence the truth that God is supreme; that He did not consult the creature in the matter of his creation, and does not consult him in the atter of his government. It asserts that God acts intelligently in accordance with a fixed and definite plan. It insists that this plan originated in His unchanged counsel-it dates from eternity-a plan all comprehensive embracing the acts and determining the destinies of His intelligent, creatures, and even covering the fall of the race and all its consequent train of evils. Calvinism not attempt to fathom the mystery of a scheme of faith that apparently makes man a mere machine and God the author of sin, but finding the truth so written in the word it takes the risks and writes it down reverently but positively. It admits that there are things in its system that are hard to understand, but It finds severity in the everywhere admitted facts of the divine procedure. The providence of God has a stern aspect to sinful man. History is as grimly Calvinistic as the most hyper Calvinism. God, not man, is the center of the system.

seeming paradox of God's absolt sovereignty, man's fall, the process of redemption by vicarious atonement received careful attention. Then he concluded: Calvinism looks at things as they are. It has little to suggest as to what ought to be. It does not quarrel with revealed facts. It

accepts the truth as written in the word without question. But it is the inspiration and helper of everything that is good in human life and human history. It has given to the world civil and religious liberty Dr. Robinson is the pastor of the First

church of Allegheny, Pa. SHOWN BY THE REPORTS. Condition of Church Affairs Indicated

by the Boards. The annual report of the Board of Foreign Missions showed that the estimates from Egypt had been reduced from \$72,206 to \$58,000 and those of India from \$69,000 to \$58,000-reductions that had been made necessary to avoid running into debt, the church having failed in adequate financial

In referring to the war with Spain it contained the comment: "Oft-times God answers prayer even by fearful works." The report of Treasurer Robert L. Lati-

mer of this board showed receipts and expenditures almost balancing a little over \$153,000 for the year. It recommended appropriations for the ensuing year amounting to \$148.638, which frieludes the \$25,000 pledged by the Women's board.

At the close of the last year there were the presbyteries of Cedar Rapids. Des The 250th anniversary of the completion fifteen missionaries and forty-three organtwo clerks and a special delivery boy. The
Moines, Keokuk and Le Claire to participaof the Westminster Confession of Faith and ized congregations, thirty-three of which appointments will be made public at 4 were ministered to by native pasters; 261 churches and stations, and a native Protestant community numbering 20,000 in the Egyptian field. The plague interfered very much with the work in India. The total Christian community there, notwithstanding, is given as 10.067, and the staff consists of fifteen ordained American missionaries, with 160 other workers. India has three

presbyteries. The expenditures by the Board of Home Missions during the year footed up \$77,192. but the sum raised by the board did not go over \$67,267. The total aid granted was \$78,624. The number of presbyteries was fifty-six, stations 204, members, 15,289, Sabbath school teachers 1,696, with a scholarship of 19,469. The requests for aid amount to \$82,403 for the coming year. A general increase of fruitfulness in the

nission field is reported. The typewritten report of the committee on narrative and state of religion was read by the chairman, Rev. W. K. Patterson of Des Moines, la. It was a very lengthy one and contained many interesting comparisons and conclusions. The synod of the Columbia was given the credit for the highest increase for the year, 7.4 per cent. Next came the synod of Nebraska with 7.3 per cent, and Illinois followed with 7.2 per cent. The northwestern field, Washington and Oregon, seemed to just now require especial attention. In Egypt the work had

been phenomenal-Egypt with its 10,000,000

of population with which a Christian

strength of 20,000 has to struggle.

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of the work of the assembly. But these and music, among other things. The United documents the merical are in turn to be traced back directly to the splendid work of the Genevan reformant. Neither do I forget the fact that Calvinson, itself is to be traced back, too, by direct line through Anselm to the United Presbyterians in this respect, to Augustine, and through Augustine to Paul. the exclusion of hymns and songs not con-and through Paul to the Spirit of Truth Himself. In the hands of the assembly it took in the attitude toward secret organizations, a new form and power. The assembly went to the original source. It traced Calvinism cieties the report believed they might concept to the original source. cieties the report believed they might con stitute a "formidable and dangerous el ment" as at present constituted, instead of of the confession and its freedom from a valuable aid. The objection was aimed at their supposed lack of religious rigor.

On the whole the document was optimistic It contained also a great deal of interesting statistics. The total contribution of and a Sabbath school scholarship of 111,557 These Sabbath schools had contributed \$90,193. The total membership of the young increased cutting force. people's societies was 41,678, and there were 1,017 of them. The church membership in ards as the simple but clear declarations of foreign fields was 12,052. Altogether there "It is a working creed for a living are sixty-six presbyteries in the world subchurch," he observed, and numerous in- ject to twelve synods. The congregations stances of the power of the confession upon number 951 and the ministers 913, but 202

o show its effectiveness. He spoke also of The Board of Church Extension has the popular misconception of Calvinism as a charge of the erection of mission churches lame explanation in defense of it was not of the assembly, assisting Dr. Reid, has overlooked. This was that it was a stern been corresponding secretary of the Church hand laid upon an evil generation. Its ap- Extension board for the last twenty-eight parent hardness, Dr. Robinson did not deny, years. He is Dr. Reid's associate on the United Presbyterian editorial staff. The board's financial statement was very com plete. Receipts for the year had been \$86. 248.76 and expenditures \$66.962.49, leaving a balance of \$19,286,27, of which, however, \$17,396.40 has already been appropriated The total appropriations had been \$31,687.50, but the Woman's Missionary board had added to this \$11,200 for parsonage.

Notes of the Assembly.

An invitation was received by the sembly urging it to take advantage of the hospitality of the Young Men's Christian association of this city.

A meeting of the alumni of Monmouth col-lege was held during the evening recess. Mr. G. G. Wallace and Judge J. H. McCultoch of this city and Dr. W. A. Spalding of Spokane, Wash., were chosen a committee to arrange for a banquet for the alumni and

previous students. College presidents, some with hair whitened by years, are thick in the assembly. Among them are: Dr. R. G. Ferguson of Westminster college, New Wilsembly. mington, Pa.: Dr. S. R. Lyons (recently ected) of the Monmouth, Ill., institution; Dr. F. M. Spencer of Cooper Memorial institute, Sterling, Kan.; Dr. Jesse Johnson of Muskingum college, New Concord, O., and Dr. J. A. Thompson of the Tarkio, Mo., col-

**GAMBLERS OF SOUTH OMAHA** County Judge Baxter Hears Testimony Against Two More of the Defendants Under Arrest.

Before County Judge Baxter another of the South Omaha gambling cases is on trial. The defendants, Frank Swanson and August Papez, are charged in an information containing two counts. One count charges them with keeping gambling rooms, while the second charges them with setting up and keeping gambling devices. The men were caught in the raid made by the sheriff during the night of April 18, at which time he found the defendants and a number of parties in the rooms, some of them playing at the tables. This is the second South Omaha gambling case that has been tried in the county court. In the other case the defendants were held under bonds to appear at the district court.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

Scaffolding was put in the city hall yester day morning to enable the painters to dec orate the ceiling over the rotunda. Postmaster Martin will today appoint

Thomas Prathman, who lives at 717 South his barn last night. The Irish-American Exposition club will meet in the Arlington block this evening.

New business of importance will be consid-Mrs. Tiedeman, matron at the police sta-

United States court, according to Judge Munger, is expected to reconvene on Thursday of next week. Lack of funds is responsible for the present idleness. The central committee has fixed the place for holding the republican primaries in the Eighth ward. The voters will meet at Saun-

hall, Twenty-fourth and Cuming An entertainment under the auspices of the Silent Cosmos club will be given at the lowe Avenue Presbyterian church on Friday evening, May 27. An interesting progra, has been arranged for the occasion.

Company G of a New York corps of engineers passed through the city yesterday over the Union Pacific bound for the Pacific coast. The company was composed of sixty men under command of Captain Langtry. Twenty-sixth street. Some gasoline was ac lentally ignited and the blaze was extin guished without damage before the department arrived.

All members of the Veteran Firemen's association will appear in full uniform at 622 South Nineteenth street Friday morning, Mny 27, by 9:30 o'clock to attend the fu-neral of their late comrade. P. J. Karbach This report touched upon the church songs | By order of president.

all the tailoring of Omaha. But we're not. Half a hundred orders yesterday -and as many the day before-is but a faint hint of what our spring trade is likely to be. We're ready for a big trade-we've made preparations for a record breaking year-greater stock, larger storebetter facilities, additional salesmen-

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PRESBYTERIANS PUT ASIDE ROUTINE

Ex-Governor Beaver Makes an Earnest Address and at Its Conclusion the Aged Veteran Faints from His Exertion.

WINONA LAKE, Ind., May 26 .- Routine business was laid aside by the Presbyterian sary of the adoption of the Westminster con- minster standard its own. fession of faith.

the Today intense interest to the whole closing sentence the assembly was wrought church, in order to celebrate the two up to a high pitch of excitement. General hundred and fiftleth anniversary of the Beaver quickly recovered, however, and oradoption of the Westminster confession of der was quickly restored. missioners to the assembly were late in be- who spoke of the men of the Westminster ing seated, many being accustomed to omit the preliminary devotional exercises. The Henderson, the leader of the Scotch commis- | church. sioners to Westminster assembly and author of the famous "Solemn League and Cove- largest crowds of the present assembly nant" of Scotland.

The exercises were devoted to four addresses, the first being that of Dr. W. H. Roberts of Philadelphia, the stated clerk of the assembly, who described the "Work and Character of Alexander Henderson," whose portrait stood at the speaker's right hand. Dr. Samuel J. Niccolls of St. Louis tion, has in her charge a brown-eyed boy described "The Civil and Religious Condi-baby 6 months old for which she wishes to tions of the Times of the Westminster Asembly," and Dr. George Norcross of Carlisie. Pa., rehearsed the history of the assembly in the middle of the seventeenth century. The final address was delivered by Dr. D. Moffatt of Washington, Pa., on the Confessional and Catechism."

The last speaker on the afternoon program Pennsylvania. In closing he remarked feelhe had lately seen federal and former confederate generals marching under the same day when the northern and southern Presterian churches shall unite to carry forward freedom to the ends of the earth."

The effort proved too much for the Pennsylvania veteran, and he sat back fainting into a chair. The scene caused considerable excitement, and order was only restored by the announcement that General Beaver had recovered.

The Westminster standard was the subject of addresses by William H. Roberts,

stated clerk of the assembly; Dr. Samuel J. Nicolla of St. Louis; Dr. George Norcross of Carlisle, Pa.; Dr. D. B. Moffatt of Washington, Pa., and others. Discuss Church Doctrine.

At the afternoon session the first address

was made by Robert F. Coyle of Oakland,

Cal, on "Westminster Polity and Worship." Dr. Coyle spoke of the loyalty of the assembly to the word of God, and of the prominence given to the kingship of Christ. The present need of the church, he said, was an exalted Christ, if defeat was to be avoided. Dr. N. D. Hillis of Chicago described the

source of the influence of the Presbyterian church, through its emphasis on childhood and youth. Dr. Benjamin L. Agnew of Philadelphia

took for his subject the American Presbygeneral assembly today, and the time was terian Church and the adoption of the acts of given to a celebration of the 250th anniver- 1727 and 1789, by which it made the West-General Beaver closed the afternoon sesgeneral assembly laid slon. His address aroused much interest, aside the McGiffert case, which was and before he fainted in the middle of his

faith and catechisms. A large attendance | At the evening session, General John had been advertised, but it had failed to ma- Enton of Washington spoke on "Presbyterialize when the exercises began, though terian Churches and Education." He was lunch baskets were in evidence. The com- followed by Moderator Dr. Wallace Radelide,

assembly Two missionary speeches closed the exeraddresses of the day had the Westminster cises. The first was by Dr. George L. Spinstandards as their objective point. Two in- ing, whose subject was "The Relation of teresting incidents occurred at the opening. the Presbyterian Church to Home Missions." An oaken gavel and granite block from The second was by Robert E. Speer, secre-Westminster abbey were presented for the tary of the Board of Foreign Missions. His use of the assembly. Later Dr. William C. talk related to the work of foreign mis-Gray presented an oil portrait of Alexander sions as prosecuted by the Presbyterian

Todays' sessions were attended by the

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STOCK YARDS WILL BE OPEN Openie Day Will He No Holiday for the Live Stock Exchange

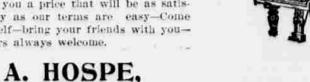
Members.

Some days ago a petition was passed and signed by all the commission firms asking 'Fundamental Doctrines of the Westminster | the Stock Yards company that the yards be closed on Wednesday, June 1, the opening day of the Transmississippi Exposition. On was former governor, James A. Beaver of more mature consideration some opposition to the closing of the yards was developed ingly, pointing to the national emblem, that and a special meeting of the Live Stock exchange was held yesterday afternoon to reconsider the matter. It was pointed out banner. General Beaver grew pale, and that a good many shippers would come in almost fell to the platform, but grasping to visit the exposition and bring stock with the pulpit, he exclaimed: "God speed the them, expecting it to be sold. Attention was also called to the fact that the Riding club had been given the post of honor in A small fire occurred yesterday at the the gospel of the Son of God, as our national the parade, being appointed to act as estome of Thomas J. Saunders, 1324 North forces have united, north and south, to carry cort to the Board of Governors. After discussing the matter in all its bearings it was voted to keep the yards open and do business as usual.

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