

CLOSE OF THE ASSEMBLY

United Presbyterians Wind Up Their Business and Adjourn.

MEET IN PHILADELPHIA NEXT YEAR

Find Time Between Discussions of Financial Problems to Get Into Parliamentary Tangle—Condemn Nude in Art.

The first thing done by the United Presbyterian general assembly when it came together for the morning session was to select a place of meeting for next year. Invitations were received from the Woodland church, Chicago, and the Philadelphia presbytery. No assurance of covering the expenses of the delegates could be given by the Chicago church, but Rev. J. H. Webster, on behalf of Philadelphia, said the presbytery of that city would defray all the expenses. A motion to accept the Philadelphia invitation ran up against an amendment from Rev. David McCaw of the Chicago presbytery to substitute Chicago, and the order was given that both cities would have to be balloted upon. Philadelphia was chosen by a vote of 68 to 19.

Some opposition was encountered by the recommendation to cut off the salary of Dr. J. C. Boyd, secretary of the Board of Publication, but Chairman Tuttle explained that it cost the assembly \$10,000 a year for the operation of the board named and it had a general manager at \$1,800 a year and a bookkeeper and staff all under pay; besides, the committee had thought that where the corresponding secretary was not getting the salary of a church, he should be willing to contribute his board services gratis in times of financial stress. On the other hand, Rev. J. C. Scouler of Philadelphia pointed out the fact that the Board of Publication had sustained itself independent of the church, and in addition that the salary of \$2,000 last year toward the mission funds. However, the assembly voted to cut off Dr. Boyd's salary, and the same fate met the salary of Dr. W. T. Campbell, secretary of the Board of Education.

Another recommendation was the Iowa's synod memorial calling for the publication in the assembly records of the salaries of all the officers of the assembly, professors, missionaries and others. Statistical Clerk A. G. Wallace saw a difficulty in getting the necessary data and wanted instructions. A large portion of the assembly session was consumed in the discussion of this point and other financial subjects. Delegates thought the contributors to the church entitled to information as to expenditure of money, and that the task was not beyond performance. Eventually it was discovered that the language of the memorial was simply that "plans be devised" for publishing the salaries, so the matter was disposed of by leaving it to the clerks of the assembly to formulate some plan, send out blanks to the various boards for data and make the plan operative for next year.

One of the questions raised during the discussion had been, "What are general funds?" another, "What professors and missionaries are intended in addition to the general officers of the church?" These were answered by various persons, and it was determined that all money contributed to the church were to be regarded as general funds, and, as to the theological professors and missionaries, the amounts paid to them could be ascertained through the various boards and synods having direct control of them.

An effort made to cut down Dr. Webb's salary still further to \$1,500 failed and instead the assembly by a vote on a motion by Dr. Meloy of Chicago, complimented him for his generous concession of part of his salary for the next three years. Church extension recommendations followed. The committee on this subject recommended Secretary A. G. Wallace and Superintendents of Missions William F. Robb and P. L. Stephenson. Eighteen congregations had been assisted to an aggregate sum of \$28,625. Dr. Wallace has been secretary of the Church Extension board for a very long time. In his address, which followed the committee's report, Dr. Wallace enumerated the real estate and financial perplexities ever confronting his board, and among them "should it pay \$7,000 for a lot in Sioux City?" It was not so disposed. He also took a survey of the trend of events in the world today, and this suggested to him Secretary Thurston's quotation of a remark: "The law is not the survival of the fittest; it is the sacrifice of the best." This was being very keenly felt in church extension work.

Chairman Hawes of the committee praised the board for the wisdom of its management and investment and personally complimented Dr. Wallace. Question of Church Law. The C. P. Meredith case from Iowa, involving a question of church procedure, then came up for issue. The only points to be determined were: When an elder asked for a letter of dismission and it has been issued, does he cease to be a member of the congregation? and, Does the book of government entitle a ruling elder to a certificate in his letter of dismission showing that he was a ruling elder? Rev. S. E. Martin of the College Springs, Ia., presbytery and Rev. D. Nicoli of the Iowa Northwestern presbytery took the opposite sides of the argument, the latter upholding Mr. Meredith's right to a proper certificate of eldership. According to Mr. Martin, Mr. Meredith had confessed matters by wanting to resume his membership in the Boyden congregation. After his letter of dismission had been issued, at this point the case became full of problematic intricacies. Mr. Nicoli contended that inasmuch as the letter of dismission was not in accordance with church law it was not a proper one, and Mr. Meredith still remained a member of the congregation. Technicalities multiplied involving the regularity of the course of the complainant in his efforts in the matter, and the propriety of the actions of the Boyden session, Iowa Northwestern presbytery and Iowa synod. Mr. Martin's side of the case had already passed upon and approved the minutes of the Iowa synod, and while Moderator Ferguson did not entertain these points at the time, yet the assembly by vote finally refused to sustain the complainant. As the appointment of the Meredith commission had been reconsidered, all records of it was ordered omitted from the minutes.

Among the recommendations of the special committee on reform, which was the next thing considered, were these: That the general assembly express our emphatic disapproval of the public exhibition of the nude in art and earnestly warn our people not to encourage this evil by having in their homes immodest pictures of statues. While not assuming to dictate to the political affiliations of our people, the general assembly earnestly urges all our members to be careful and prayerfully weigh the effect of their votes on the liquor problem, and to use the power of the ballot as to be clear of all responsibility for the existence of the rum traffic in this country. Its other recommendations were the designation of the fourth Sabbath in November as "Temperance day" on the request of the Women's Christian Temperance union, and an endorsement of the petition of the International Committee of the General Alliance setting apart one day of the week of prayer to special prayer for the temperance cause. The latter action was prompted this time by a request from the Women's Keeley league.

NOT WILLING TO LIE IDLE

Schley Reported to Be Impatient to Get Action on the Spanish.

MAY SHELL THEM FROM THE OPEN SEA

Naval Men of Opinion that If He Could Once Get the Range He Could Make Santiago Untenable for Cervera.

NEW YORK, June 1.—A special to the Times from Washington, says Washington is working itself up to the hope of official news from itself to match the news from Dewey. With various corroborative dispatches about the operations at Santiago it is made plain that whatever the plans may be for eventual co-operation at sea, the navy and the army are ready. There is no restraint upon Commodore Schley to prevent him from reducing the forts at the entrance to the harbor, destroying Cervera's fleet and making the city untenable to the Spanish if he chooses to do so.

The news from Commodore Schley contained in the press dispatches caused no surprise to those who have known him and his record. He is not an officer to remain quiet while there is a chance for enterprise so close at hand. His adventures in Korea when he took part in the attack on the navy, and his participation in the Greely relief expedition, and his record in the S. P. Barrackman of Steubenville, Ohio, J. I. Frederick of Zanesville, Ohio, J. I. Houston of Belle Center, Ohio, H. Orr of Birmingham, Mich., James C. Ketchum of Cleveland, Ohio, Duncan Doo of Bellefont, Ohio, and M. C. Roach of Worcester, Ohio.

Delegates to the National Anti-Saloon League Convention—Rev. W. H. Vincent, D. of Detroit, J. C. Taggart, D. of East Ohio, W. A. McEachron, West Hobson, N. Y., Barrackman of Steubenville, Ohio, J. I. Frederick of Zanesville, Ohio, J. I. Houston of Belle Center, Ohio, H. Orr of Birmingham, Mich., James C. Ketchum of Cleveland, Ohio, Duncan Doo of Bellefont, Ohio, and M. C. Roach of Worcester, Ohio.

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ALASKAN SCHOONER LOST

Twenty-Seven out of Sixty-One of the Passengers Saved and Brought to Victoria.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 1.—A special to the Times from Victoria, B. C., says the schooner Lady Grey, founded ninety miles west of Cape Satterly, Sunday, May 22. Only twenty-seven out of sixty-one passengers were saved. Following is a list of the saved: Crockett, Bansen, Carlson, Olson and Johnson of the crew; passengers, Ingraham, Levey, Packard, Pennington, Blackwell, Livingston, Richards, Weaver, Brooke, Lewis, Coutrie, Heller, Davenport, Zella, Bianco, Celina, Wacker, Kingsley, Kong, Wilson and Johnson. The survivors were brought here by the schooner Favorite. They left for Seattle at 9:50 on the Kingston.

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WILD STORIES TOLD IN CUBA

Havana Press Tells of Great Disasters to American Arms.

REPORT BOSTON BOMBARDED AND RUINED

Tell How the Spanish Army Under Blanco is to Invade the United States and Conquer the Country.

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RUSSIA IS WATCHING EVENTS

Division or Disposition of the Philippines Looked Upon as a Ticklish Subject.

MAKES PRINCE APOLOGIZE

Admiral Dewey Resents a Slight to His Country and Leaves Prince Henry's Banquet.

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