

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION OF THE BODY AT HOUSTON.

The Indian Presbytery Enrolled as a Member of the Texas Synod—To Meet at Corsicana—Committees.

Special to the Gazette.

HOUSTON, TEX., Oct. 22.—The second day's session of the Presbyterian synod of Texas began its deliberations at the First Presbyterian church this morning at 9 o'clock. The synod was opened with devotional exercises, Rev. W. N. Scott, moderator, in the chair.

The question of admitting the presbytery of the Indian Territory came up and it was moved that the presbytery be enrolled. Rev. J. J. Read of the Indian presbytery said that his presbytery did not seek admission to the Texas synod because of any dissatisfaction with the Arkansas synod, but it was merely because Texas was more accessible than Arkansas. Any point in Texas, he said, is of more convenient access to the members of the Indian presbytery than is any place in Arkansas. The railroads run north and south through the territory, which explains the situation. The motion prevailed and the Indian presbytery was enrolled as a member of the Texas synod.

The moderator announced the following standing committees: Bill of overtures—Revs. R. H. Nall, S. B. Campbell, R. L. Dabney, R. H. Crozier, S. A. King, J. M. Stockton, W. H. Boyd.

Judiciary—J. H. Skinner, R. H. Byers, R. M. Hall, S. F. Terry, C. O. Williams, W. S. Fly, James Sorley.

Austin college—William George, J. N. McFarlane, W. L. Lawrence, J. J. Read, W. N. Dickey, J. A. Montgomery, W. T. Hill, W. H. Deung.

Minutes of the general assembly—C. S. M. Lee, S. M. Tuckett, M. C. Hutton, S. S. Needs, L. P. Henderson, J. B. French.

Narrative to the general assembly—J. P. Robertson, J. H. Seeively, B. L. Frierson, J. C. Peoples.

On devotional exercises—William George, J. G. Tanner, W. K. Marshall and G. W. Kidd.

Leave of absence—J. S. Moore, C. W. Hutton, C. N. Roberts.

Presbyterian records—Brazos, A. P. Smith, J. S. Gould. Central Texas, W. L. Kennedy, H. H. Kerr. Dallas, J. M. Purcell, Frank Newton. Eastern Texas, J. S. Lyons, P. D. Gribble. Paris, T. Ward White, J. H. Grant. Western Texas, T. F. Tenney, R. H. Northrup. Indian Territory, E. S. Siler, A. F. Hardie.

A communication was read from Gainesville stating that a committee representing the synodical college would be present at this synod and be prepared to deed its property to the synod, the synod to assume its debts and undertake to conduct the college. Elder R. D. Gribble of Gainesville said the committee was authorized to modify the proposition. The property is worth more than \$35,000 and the school now has eighty-four pupils. The building is supplied with all the modern improvements, and the grounds are highly improved. The proposition was finally referred to the committee on bills and overtures.

Rev. R. H. Nall read the narrative of the Dallas presbytery. The report said that the Sabbath was generally observed. Family worship, however, was sadly neglected. The church is in a good condition.

Rev. S. F. Tenney presented the narrative of Eastern Texas. Between forty and fifty of the Alabama Indians had embraced Christianity and joined the church. The church was in a good condition in that presbytery.

The following committees on memorials

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On Rev. J. L. Stone, deceased—C. S. M. Lee, J. S. Moore and W. L. Lawrence.

On Rev. E. D. Junkin, deceased—Rev. W. L. Kennedy and J. G. Tanner.

On motion Rev. Mr. Green and Rev. Voundemban of this city were invited to seats in the synod.

Rev. S. M. Lockett, president of Austin college of Sherman, made his annual report, showing an enrollment at the present time of 121. The military feature is attractive and beneficial. The government has detailed an army officer as professor of military science, whose salary is paid by the government. Thirteen of the students are candidates for the ministry. A three-story brick building was added to the college building last November. The college received by the will of Mrs. Harriet McGregor, widow of the late Donald McGregor, a valuable library and property in Houston worth \$50,000. He suggested the erection of a stewards' hall as among the needs of the college. The filling of several vacancies in the board of trustees was suggested. The total assets of the college are \$108,000.

The first business before the afternoon session was the selection of a place for the holding of the next regular annual synod. Fort Worth, Palestine and Corsicana were placed in nomination. On the first ballot Fort Worth received 26 votes,

Palest ne 9 and Corsicana 27. On the second ballot Corsicana was selected. A motion was then made and carried to make the selection unanimous.

On motion of Dr. Nall the matter of appointing the time for holding the next annual synod was laid over until a future time.

The committee on boundaries submitted the following report: Believing that the way is not clear for the erection of any new presbyteries, we recommend that the matter of rearranging the boundaries of the presbyteries be indefinitely postponed. Respectfully submitted, J. C. Grow, chairman. The report was adopted.

Adjourned until to-morrow.

Indian Presbyteria becomes member of the TX Synod.
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