

The same committee, also, made the following suggestions, which were also approved by the Board, viz.

That the Board is called upon gratefully to acknowledge the goodness of God in directing the attention of the churches, for several months past, to the pecuniary necessities and claims of the missions and missionaries under its care; and that it becomes the Board and its committee to evince great enterprise and courage in its future plans and efforts, aiming at a constant and rapid extension of the system of means, by which it is endeavoring to reclaim the unevangelized portions of the earth to God.

The committee would also recommend to the Board to express their approbation of the course pursued by the Prudential Committee hitherto, in accepting the services of every preacher of the gospel who has offered to become a missionary to the heathen, and has produced satisfactory testimonials of his qualifications for that work.

They also respectfully suggest that the Prudential Committee be requested to take into consideration the expediency of increasing the salaries of the executive officers resident at the Missionary Rooms, as the necessity of the case may require.

Election of a Corresponding Secretary.—The committee to whom the subject of electing a Corresponding Secretary was referred, reported; whereupon the Rev. Elias Cornelius, D. D. was elected to that office. Dr. Cornelius was also elected a member of the Board.

Cherokee Mission.—The committee to whom was referred the case of the mission and missionaries among the Cherokee Indians made a report; in which, after stating that the missionaries of the Board entered the Cherokee nation with the express approbation and promised countenance and patronage of the government of the United States; noticing the claims recently made by the state of Georgia to jurisdiction over the Cherokee country, and the laws enacted by the legislature of that state interfering with the labors of the missionaries and their rights as citizens of the United States, and under which they had been arrested, tried, and imprisoned in the penitentiary; and having all the documents relating to the case before them; they offered the following resolutions, which were approved and adopted by the Board.

Resolved 1. That, in view of the facts of the case as now before this Board, this Board do approve of the conduct of their missionaries under these trying circumstances.

Resolved 2. That the Prudential Committee be directed to prepare and publish a concise statement of facts respecting the missions established by this Board among the southwestern tribes of Indians; com-

prising a notice of the circumstances of those tribes prior to and at the commencement of the missions of this board; a view of the progress of social, intellectual, moral, and religious improvement among the Indians; and of the aid, sanction, and encouragement originally and from time to time extended to these missions by the government of the United States; with estimates of the monies expended in the establishment and progress of these benevolent operations, and all such particulars respecting the state and prospects of these tribes and of the several missions among them; in connection with a statement of the proceedings of the United States government, and of the government of the state of Georgia, affecting the rights of the Indians, and finally interrupting the missions, and arresting and imprisoning some of the missionaries.

Resolved 3. That the Prudential Committee be, and they are hereby directed to address a respectful memorial to the President of the United States, claiming the protection of the executive government for the missionaries and the property of the Board at the missionary stations among the southwestern Indians, and at their discretion, to present a memorial to congress on the same subject.

Resolved 4. That it be recommended to the churches to make the present condition and trials of the suffering and imprisoned missionaries of the Board the subject of special prayer to almighty God, and particularly at the monthly concert on the first Monday in December next, that this dark dispensation, may be overruled for the extension of the gospel and the ultimate prosperity of the missionary cause.

Officers.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

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| HON. JOHN COTTON SMITH, LL. D., | <i>President;</i> | |
| HON. STEPHEN VAN RENSSELAER, LL. D., | <i>Vice President;</i> | |
| REV. CALVIN CHAPIN, D. D., | <i>Recording Secretary;</i> | |
| HON. WILLIAM REED, | | } Prudential Committee; |
| REV. LEGNARD WOODS, D. D. | | |
| HON. SAMUEL HUBBARD, LL. D. | | |
| REV. WARREN FAY, D. D. | | |
| REV. BENJAMIN B. WISNER, D. D. | | |
| REV. ELIAS CORNELIUS, D. D. | | |
| REV. ELIAS CORNELIUS, D. D., | <i>Corresponding Secretary;</i> | |
| REV. RUFUS ANDERSON, | } <i>Assistant Secretaries;</i> | |
| MR. DAVID GREENE, | | |
| HENRY HILL, Esq. | <i>Treasurer;</i> | |
| JOHN TAPPAN and | } <i>Auditors.</i> | |
| CHARLES STODDARD, Esq.'s. | | |

Miscellaneous Business.

A letter from the Hon. Roger Minot Sherman, of Fairfield, Conn. who was elect-