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The Stated Clerk was authorized to give notice to the Commissioners from the Presbyteries of their places in the Electing Districts. He was also authorized to assign their places in Electing Districts to new Presbyteries which may be erected during the intervals of the meetings of the Assembly, and to attend to other details connected with the operation of the plan.

The Synod of New York was granted permission to amend the Record of its meeting of 1898 with reference to action upon the Minutes of the Presbytery of Albany.

The memorial Minute upon the life and services of Rev. William E. Moore, D.D., LL.D., late Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly, was presented by the Rev. Robert Hunter, D.D., for the Committee, was approved by a rising vote, and ordered to be placed on record. The Assembly was led in prayer by the Rev. Dr. George W. Knox. The Minute is as follows :

The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute on the life and services of the late Rev. William Eves Moore, D.D., Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly, present the following Report :

The Rev. William Eves Moore, D.D., LL.D., was born at Strasburg, Pa., in the year 1823, graduated at Yale College, studied theology privately, was ordained by the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia (New School) in 1850, and served in the pastorate for twenty-one years at West Chester, Pa., and for the same period of time at Columbus, O.

He was elected Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly in May, 1884, serving until his death, June 5, 1899.

Dr. Moore was the author of the *Digest* of the deliverances of the General Assembly (New School), published in the year 1861, and also of the General Assembly of the reunited Church, issued in the years 1872, 1886 and 1898. He was perfectly familiar with the Constitution, decisions and customs of the Church, and his opinions were recognized as of high authority.

The General Assembly owed much to his knowledge, skill and wisdom, in recognition of which he was, in the year 1890, elevated to the Moderator's chair.

He served his country in the army in his youth and during the Civil War, and was chaplain of an Ohio National Guard regiment from 1879 to 1898.

As a man Dr. Moore was genial, generous, sympathetic and magnetic ; he was strong in his convictions of truth, while at the same time courteous and deferential in manner toward those who saw truth from a different standpoint from that which was occupied by himself. As a preacher he was faithful to the great doctrines of the Cross and preëminently a winner of souls. As a pastor he was a true shepherd of the people, entering into all their joys

and sorrows, ever wise in counsel, and always interested in whatever pertained to their welfare in the "life which now is and that which is to come." As an ecclesiastic he was painstaking and thorough; and in the exercise of his functions as an officer of the Assembly he was accurate, faithful and kindly.

In the circle of home he was greatly beloved. God blessed him with a wife who is herself a woman of remarkable character, and with a family of six sons, three of whom are in the Gospel ministry, and all of whom are an honor to their parents.

Dr. Moore departed this life at Columbus, O., June 5, 1899, and his mortal remains, borne by the hands of his sons, were laid to rest in the cemetery near the scene of his labors in his first pastorate, at West Chester, Pa.

The Assembly rejoices that it was so long privileged to enjoy in so many lines of work the faithful labors of so able and eminent a servant of God; and hereby conveys to Mrs. Moore and the other members of the family its affectionate sympathy, and prays the God of all comfort that He may fulfill to them His gracious promises to His beloved in the day of affliction.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. E. TAYLOR,
WM. HENRY ROBERTS,
ROBERT HUNTER.

The Report on Young People's Societies of the Church was presented by the Stated Clerk, and was accepted and adopted. The Report is as follows:

The Stated Clerk respectfully reports to the General Assembly that, so far as returns have been made, the members of the various Societies of Young People are as follows:

Christian Endeavor Societies.....	3416
Westminster Leagues.....	18
Young People's Missionary Societies.....	266
Miscellaneous.....	207
	3905

These statistics are incomplete, and it is requested that the Clerk be empowered to continue the effort to secure accurate statistics, and that a Committee of seven be appointed to aid him.

It was moved that a new Standing Committee of the Assembly be established to be called the Committee on Young People's Work, and that the statistics should include the membership of the Societies.

These propositions, with the whole subject of Young People's Work, were referred to the Special Committee just authorized, which was appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Committee on Young People's Work: Ministers—William H. Roberts, D.D., Robert M. Patterson, D.D., Robert Hunter, D.D.,