

CLERGY.

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 Crawford, Rev. William
 Cooke, Rev. John
 Cofer, Rev. James M.
 Christian, Rev. Edmund
 Dame, Rev. George W.
 Dana, Rev. Charles B.
 Doughen, Rev. James
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 Jones, Rev. Alexander
 Jones, Rev. William G. H.
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 Keith, D.D., Rev. Reuel
 Kinckle, Rev. William H.
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 Locke, Rev. Thomas E.
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 Martin, Rev. John
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 Pendleton, Rev. W. N.
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 Shiras, Rev. Alexander
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 Smith, Rev. Thomas
 Smith, Rev. Joshua
 Smith, Rev. George A.
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 Towles, Rev. John
 Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.
 Ward, Rev. William N.
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 Wingfield, Rev. John H.
 Woodbridge, Rev. George
 Woodville, Rev. John W.
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 Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.

PARISHES.

Mount Laurel church, Halifax,
 St. Paul's church,
 St. Stephen's church,
 Officiating in Hanover,
 Tillotson parish,
 Martin's Brandon parish,
 Officiating in Prince Edward county,
 Fairfax parish,
 Officiating in Bedford county,
 St. James' church,
 Lynnhaven parish,
 { St. Peter's, Port Royal, and Grace, }
 { Caroline,
 Augusta parish,
 Antrim parish,
 St. John's church,
 Missionary,
 Bruton parish,
 Christ church,
 Hungar's parish,
 St. Paul's church, Alexandria,
 Pohick church, Fairfax,
 St. Andrew's parish,
 Frederick parish,
 Prof. in Theological Seminary, of Va.,
 Cornwall parish,
 Westover parish,
 Hamilton and Leeds' parishes,
 Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.,
 Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,
 Abingdon and Ware parishes,
 St. Mark's parish,
 Frederickville parish,
 Editor of the Southern Churchman,
 St. Paul's church,
 Missionary,
 Trinity church,
 St. George's church,
 St. Ann's and S. Farnham parishes,
 St. James' parish,
 Officiating in Wood county,
 Trinity and Callaway churches,
 Assistant Minister Monumental ch.,
 Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.,
 Missionary,
 Christ church,
 Principal of the High School,
 Lexington parish,
 Wickliffe parish, Clarke,
 Meade parish,
 Newport parish,
 Missionary,
 Principal of Fairfax Institute,
 Norborne parish,
 St. James' and St. Paul's churches,
 Principal of Deaf & Dumb Asylum,
 { Berkeley parish, Spottsylvania, }
 { and St. Margaret's, Caroline, }
 Botetourt parish,
 Portsmouth parish,
 Christ church,
 St. Mark's parish,
 St. Paul's, Northam,
 Chaplain United States Navy.

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 Alexandria, D. C.
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 Richmond.
 Kempsville, Princess Anne.
 Rapp'k Academy, Caroline.
 Staunton, Augusta.
 Point Pleasant, Mason.
 Halifax Court House.
 Richmond.
 Athens, Greece.
 Williamsburg.
 Winchester.
 Winchester,
 Eastville, Northampton.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Charlestown, Jefferson.
 Millwood, Clarke county.
 Suffolk.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Charlotte Court House.
 Charles City Court House.
 Warrenton, Fauquier.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Whittle's Mills, Mecklenb'g.
 Gloucester Court House.
 Kenawha Court House.
 Charlottesville, Albemarle.
 Richmond.
 Norfolk.
 Cape Palmas, Africa.
 Shepherdstown, Jefferson.
 Fredericksburg.
 Loretto, Essex.
 Boydton, Mecklenburg.
 Parkersburg, Wood county.
 Variety Mills, Nelson.
 Richmond.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Cape Palmas, Africa.
 Norfolk.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Amherst Court House.
 Berryville, Clarke.
 Upperville, Loudon.
 Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
 Cape Palmas, Africa.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Petersburg.
 Martinsburg, Berkeley.
 Brentsville, Prince William.
 Staunton, Augusta.
 Harris', Louisa.
 Big Lick, Botetourt.
 Portsmouth.
 Richmond.
 Stevensburg, Culpeper.
 Belham, Goochland.

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ALEXANDRIA, D. C., MAY 19, 1841.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the annual Convention of said Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Richard Channing Moore, and the Rt. Rev. William Meade, Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at 11 o'clock, A. M., in Christ church.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. John P. McGuire.

The Convention sermon was preached by the Rev. George Woodbridge.

The Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Moore, as President; and the Rev. Benjamin M. Miller, was duly elected Secretary of the Convention, vice Rev. Zechariah Mead, dec'd.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats was then read by the Secretary, when the following gentlemen were found to be in attendance, and took their seats as members, viz:

Rt. Rev. RICHARD C. MOORE, D. D., *Bishop.*

Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D., *Assistant Bishop.*

Rev. GEORGE ADIE,	Rev. WM. T. LEAVELL,
" R. T. BROWN,	" GEO. LEMMON,
" WM. BRYANT,	" E. R. LIPPITT,
" UPTON BEALL,	" THOS. E. LOCKE,
" THOS. T. CASTLEMAN,	" J. H. McMECHEN,
" JAS. CRAIK,	" CHAS. MANN,
" JOHN T. CLARKE,	" JOHN MARTIN,
" NICHOLAS. H. COBBS,	" RICHARD K. MEADE,
" JOHN COLE,	" BENJ. M. MILLER,
" CHAS. B. DANA,	" J. H. MORRISON,
" DAVID M. FACKLER,	" E. C. McGUIRE D.D.,
" ST. MICHAEL FACKLER,	" JOHN P. McGUIRE,
" WM. FRIEND,	" MALCOLM McFARLAND,
" JOHN GRAMMER,	" CLELAND R. NELSON,
" WM. HODGES,	" WM. NORWOOD,
" E. C. HUTCHINSON,	" JOSEPH PACKARD,
" J. E. JACKSON,	" ALEXANDER SHIRAS,
" WM. M. JACKSON,	" PHILIP SLAUGHTER,
" WM. G. JACKSON,	" THOMAS SMITH,
" JAS. T. JOHNSON,	" ARISTIDES SMITH,
" WM. P. C. JOHNSON,	" WM. SPARROW, D.D.,
" ALEX. JONES,	" WM. N. WARD,
" W. G. H. JONES,	" JOHN H. WINGFIELD,
" R. KEITH D.D.,	" GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,
" WM. H. KINCKLE,	" RICH. H. WILMER.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
3. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Convention he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personality.
4. If any member in speaking or otherwise transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order; in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
5. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.
7. Whilst the President is putting any question or addressing the Convention none shall walk out of, or across the house—nor in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse—nor whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.
8. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.
9. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.
10. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put shall give his vote; unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.
11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.
12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member require it.
13. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.
14. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.
15. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.
16. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.
17. On the previous question there shall be no debate.
18. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefi-

- nitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.
19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.
 20. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.
 21. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.
 22. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.
 23. The President shall, in his discretion, select suitable seats without the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention, it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.
 24. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.
 25. There shall on the first day of the Convention be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:
 - A committee on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred the addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop on the opening of the Convention.
 - A committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.
 - A committee on the Episcopal Fund.
 - A committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.
 - A committee on Parochial Reports.
 - A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.
 - A committee of Elections.
 - A committee of Finance consisting of laymen.
 26. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be by him read to the Convention, and if it shall appear that there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.
 27. When three members require it the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes.
 28. None of the rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.
 29. The business first in order after the organization of the Convention, shall be reading of the Pastoral addresses, Parochial Reports, and the Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

The certificates of Lay Delegates being called for, the following were pre-

sented and agreeably to the 26th rule of order were severally read by the Secretary, and subsequently referred to a committee of examination, consisting of Messrs. S. H. Lewis, John Nelson and Rev. Wm. Friend.

LAY DELEGATES.

Roger B. Atkinson, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg.
 Thomas M. Ambler, Leeds Parish, Fauquier.
 Lewis Berkeley, St. James' church, Leesburg.
 Otway B. Barraud, St. Paul's church, Norfolk.
 John L. Bacon, Christ church, Richmond.
 Philip A. Bolling, St. Peter's church, Buckingham.
 Dr. William S. R. Brockenborough, Yeocomico church, Cople Parish.
 Thomas G. Coleman, Antrim Parish, Halifax.
 George M. Carrington, St. John's church, Henrico.
 Henry E. Coleman, Roanoke Parish, Halifax.
 John Chowning, Christ church parish, Lancaster.
 W. W. Donaghe, Trinity church, Staunton.
 Henry Fairfax, Falls church, Fairfax.
 Dr. O. Fairfax, St. Paul's, Alexandria.
 Dr. Jos. G. Gray, Christ church, Winchester.
 C. I. Gibson, St. Margaret's church, Caroline.
 James S. Gee, Merchants Hope church, Prince George.
 R. Harrison, St. James parish, Goochland.
 Samuel H. Lewis, Boyden parish.
 Edmund I. Lee, Christ church, Alexandria.
 Gabriel Long, St. John's church, Berkley parish.
 Charles H. Lee, Norborne parish, Berkley.
 Cassius F. Lee, Trinity church, Shepherdstown.
 C. J. Meriweather, Frederickville parish.
 David May, St. Paul's church, Petersburg.
 Dr. J. A. Marshall, Hamilton parish, Fauquier.
 Dr. John Minge, Westover parish, Charles City.
 John Metcalfe, St. George's church, Fredericksburg.
 Milo Mahan, Callaway and Trinity churches.
 Philip Nelson, Frederick parish, Millwood.
 Thomas Nelson, Monumental church, Richmond.
 John Nelson, St. James' parish, Mecklenburg.
 Mann Page, Walker's church, Albermarle.
 Samuel Poindexter, St. Paul's church, Lynchburg.
 Edward S. Pegram, Christ church, Norfolk.
 Dr. F. W. Pendleton, Farnham parish, Richmond county.
 B. D. Rust, Lunenburg parish, Lunenburg.
 Jacob C. Sheldon, Bruton parish, York.
 Dr. William G. Smith, Hungars parish, Northampton.
 George Stone, St. Andrew's church, Brunswick.
 John Stuart, St. Paul's parish, King George county.
 Edward T. Tayloe, St. Peter's church, Port Royal.
 Anthony Twyman, St. Thomas church, Orange.
 M. M. Todd, Christ church, Smithfield.
 Josiah Tidball, Meade parish, Upperville.
 Wm. Williams, Monumental church, Richmond.
 John Williams, St. James' church, Richmond.
 Robert P. Waring, St. Ann's parish, Essex.
 B. C. Washington, Zion church, St. Andrew's parish.
 Dr. J. Winston, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper.
 Dr. Thomas Withers, Sapony church, Bath Parish.
 Allen Williams, Wickliffe parish, Clarke.
 Dr. R. W. Young, Trinity church, Portsmouth.

On motion, *ordered*, That the meeting of the Convention for the transaction of business be held at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning at the Lyceum.

The Convention thereupon adjourned to meet at the above time and place.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 1841.

The Convention met this morning at 9 A. M., agreeably to adjournment at the Lyceum.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Moore, President, opened the business of the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the preceding day were then read. The Chair announced the standing committees as follows:

Committee on the State of the Church.—The Rev. Dr. Adam Empie, Rev. Dr. E. C. McGuire, Rev. Mr. Grammer, Rev. Mr. Cobbs, Mr. E. I. Lee, Gen. Lewis, Mr. R. P. Waring, Col. E. T. Tayloe.

Committee on Treasurer's Report.—Rev. Mr. Lemmon, Rev. Mr. Norwood, Mr. Wm. Williams, Mr. Thomas Ambler.

Committee on Episcopal Fund.—Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, Gen. S. H. Lewis.

Committee on Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.—Rev. Mr. Friend, and Mr. Randolph Harrison.

Committee on Parochial Reports.—Rev. Wm. G. Jackson, Mr. John Metcalfe.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes.—Rev. J. E. Jackson, Col. John Stuart.

Committee on Finance.—Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, Mr. Edmund I. Lee, Mr. John Stuart, Mr. John Nelson.

Committee on Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.—Rev. J. E. Jackson, Rev. J. P. McGuire.

The following clerical members appeared and took their seats in the Convention, viz:

Rev. Adam Empie, D.D., Rev. P. F. Berkeley, Rev. John Towles, Rev. F. W. Goodwin, Rev. J. Somerville Marbury, Rev. James McElroy.

Mr. Josiah Tidball from Trinity Church, Meade parish, Fauquier; and Dr. F. W. Pendleton from Farnham parish, Richmond county, submitted their credentials as Lay Delegates and were admitted to seats in the Convention.

Gen. Lewis, from the committee on elections presented the following report and resolution, viz.

The committee of elections, to whom were referred the certificates of the election of Lay Delegates, have according to order performed that duty, and beg leave to report:

That the certificates of Election have very generally been made in the precise form prescribed by the sixteenth Canon of this Diocese, and that the substance of the Canon has been complied with in all the remaining cases, except in the case of the Monumental church in the city of Richmond, where the vestry had regularly appointed and certified the election of William Williams and James Bolton, and they further appended to the certificate, the following words—"I certify that the Vestry aforesaid requested the Rector in case of vacancy in the above appointment to supply such by his own appointment"—they further report that Mr. Bolton not having attended, the Rector of said church, by virtue of the above authority has appointed to supply the vacancy Mr. Thomas Nelson who is in attendance. Your committee consider this a direct violation of the provision of the 2nd article of the Constitution of the Diocese, which provides that the Lay Delegates for each parish shall be elected by the Vestries thereof. Your committee are therefore constrained to come to the following resolution.

Resolved, That Thomas Nelson is not entitled to a seat in this Convention, as Lay Delegate, from the said Monumental church,—all which is respectfully submitted.

Said report and resolution having been discussed, the question on the adoption thereof was determined in the affirmative, whereupon the following resolution being offered was also carried in the affirmative.

Resolved, That although the certificate of Mr. Nelson, elect, is not according to the 16th Canon, yet, that in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the case, and the assurance of Bishop Moore, that it was the wish of the

Vestry that under certain circumstances, Mr. Nelson should represent the Monumental church; therefore he be admitted.

Mr. Nelson therefore appeared, and took his seat in the Convention.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Convention do now adjourn to attend divine service and return immediately thereafter for the transaction of business to this place.

The Convention adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention re-assembled agreeably to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. Presiding Bishop and Assistant Bishop severally delivered their annual addresses as follows:

RT. REV. BISHOP MOORE'S ADDRESS.

Another year, my beloved brethren, has past away since we were assembled together, to reflect and legislate on the important concerns of the church. It gives me the greatest pleasure to meet you in health, and to find you all united in the wish, to promote the interest and advancement of the church confided to your pastoral care. Although from my advanced age, I have been unable to discharge the duties of the Diocese with that untiring effort with which I could engage at my first entrance amongst you, and therefore have been obliged to confine my labors within a much smaller circle, still heaven has afforded me sufficient strength to visit a few parishes during the last year, the short history of which I have risen to communicate to you.

In the month of June, 1840, I was called upon to visit the county of Hanover, on which occasion I preached at the Fork church on the Sabbath; and on the day following at the Court House, at which time, I laid the corner stone of a new church and confirmed five persons.

In the same month I preached in Christ Church in the city of Richmond, and confirmed six of the congregation under the pastoral care of their faithful and laborious Rector, the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, and on the afternoon of the same day administered confirmation in the Monumental church.

In July, my duties called me to this city, at which time I admitted four of the alumni of our Diocesan Seminary to Deacon's orders, and consecrated the new chapel in the neighborhood of our Theological School, and also confirmed in both churches in Alexandria thirty-nine persons.

In the same month I visited St. Paul's church, Petersburg, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Cobbs, and admitted to Deacon's orders Mr. Aristides Smith, formerly a minister of the Presbyterian church; and in the same month ordained at the request of Bishop Ives, Mr. Jacob Morse, a Deacon, in the Monumental church.

In November, I went into the county of Cumberland and held a confirmation; I preached also to a large and respectable congregation under the care of the Rev. Mr. Kinckle, and administered the Lord's Supper.

In March, I admitted in the Monumental church to the Holy order of Deacons, Mr. Malcolm McFarland.

In April, I held a confirmation in the Monumental church, and in same month I again visited Petersburg and confirmed thirteen individuals—Bishop Otey confirming two others—total fifteen.

RICHARD CHANNING MOORE.

RT. REV. BISHOP MEADE'S ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:

On the morning after the special business of our last Convention in Charlottesville was over, it was my happiness to admit to the Holy Communion by the rite of Confirmation, forty-two persons of various ages and from different parts of the Diocese, whose cases were such as to justify a departure from the general rule of administering it in the several parishes. From Charlottesville I proceeded to Louisa C. H., where I officiated two days, and urged

them to the speedy execution of their design to build a church. On Saturday and Sunday the 30th and 31st of May I was with Mr. Ward at St. John's, Spotsylvania, preaching and administering the rite of Confirmation to two persons. The 1st and 2nd June I spent at the two churches in Hanover. The 4th and 5th were given to St. Margaret's, in Caroline, where three were confirmed. The 6th at Grace church. The 7th and 8th at Port Royal, where nine were confirmed. The 9th and 10th at ——— Church; confirmations five, two of them colored persons. The 11th and 12th were spent at a new church in Essex, which was consecrated by the name of St. Paul's, and in which I confirmed five persons. The erection of this church, and the collection of a congregation is a monument of the laborious and persevering efforts of its minister and a very few individuals around it. On the 13th and 14th I was at Richmond C. H., by the side of which lay the grave of a beloved brother, the former and deeply lamented Pastor. Five were confirmed at this time, and three on my return, the posthumous fruits of the labors of him who had gone to his rest. On the 17th I was at Northumberland C. H. On the 18th at Old Christ Church, Lancaster, which having been recently repaired, much to the praise of a few neighboring friends at an expense of fourteen or fifteen hundred dollars, without in the least interfering with its original order within or without, presents to the eye of the beholder and the soul of the worshipper, a temple of religion not surpassed in deep interest by any in our land. On the 19th I performed service at Lancaster C. H., and on the 20th and 21st at White Chapel, confirming two. At Richmond C. H. again on the 23d, baptizing 3 adults and confirming the same. At Westmoreland C. H. on the 24th, baptizing an infant. At Oak Grove Westmoreland on the 25th. At St. Paul's, King George, on the 26th and 27th, confirming five and baptizing one child. At Lamb's Creek on the 28th, confirming one. At Fredericksburg on the 29th and 30th, confirming thirteen. At Aquia church, Stafford county, on the 1st of July. At Dumfries on the 2nd. On the 4th I addressed the students of the Seminary and the youths of the High School and Fairfax Institute at the chapel of the Theological Seminary; and on the next day, being the Sabbath, officiated at the Little Falls church, confirming two. The remainder of the week was spent in duties at the Seminary and High School, in examining the students of both, and in exercises far more delightful and important than any scientific and literary investigation can possibly be.

The morning of one of the days was introduced by the administration of the rite of confirmation to thirty-seven persons, twenty-seven of whom were youths from the two schools, who, during the session had given such evidences of piety as justified their teachers in presenting them to me for this solemn ceremony. At a later period the ordination of a number of candidates for the ministry was performed by Bishop Moore. At the close of the week I proceeded towards Leesburg, and on the afternoon of Saturday, preached at Miss Mercer's, confirming two of the young pupils and two members of her household. On the three following days I was engaged in Ministerial duties at Leesburg, where four persons were confirmed. The duties of this visit ended on Wednesday 15th at Snickersville, where I preached to a full assembly.

In the month of August, I attended associations at Berryville, Middletown, Upperville, and Middleburg, at the first of which I confirmed ten persons. In September I visited the churches in Jefferson and Berkeley, spending two days at Charlestown, confirming nine persons and exhorting the people not without success to the providing a comfortable parsonage for their minister. The same I am happy to say, has been done in Berryville, Upperville, and some other places during the past year. During this visit, I spent two days at Shepherdstown, where they are about to enlarge the Church; also one day at Martinsburg where I laid the corner stone of a new church, and two days at Hedges chapel where I confirmed twelve persons. After this I made another visit to Upperville where I confirmed seven.

Commencing another visitation in October, I preached to the youths of the two schools on the evening of Saturday the 3d, at the Chapel of the Seminary. On the next day preached in each of the churches of Alexandria and during the morning service admitted Messrs. Earnest and Chisholm to the order of Deacons. On Monday night I preached in Fredericksburg. On the following Sunday in the Monumental church in the morning, and in the Lecture room of the same in the evening. On Tuesday evening, I officiated again in the Lecture room, and on Wednesday evening in St. James' church. Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday were spent in Petersburg in company with Bishop Moore, who confirmed seven persons and ordained Mr. Aristides Smith, Deacon, on the Sabbath. On Monday the 19th I officiated at Merchants Hope, after which the weather and other circumstances interfered with my appointments until Friday, when I preached, and confirmed three persons at Old Surry church. Saturday and Sunday were spent at Smithfield, where three colored persons were confirmed. I preached at Chuckatuck on Monday, and Suffolk on Tuesday, on the evening of which day I confirmed one. The remainder of the week and the ensuing Sabbath I spent in Norfolk and Portsmouth, confirming seventeen in the former, and three in the latter. From Norfolk I visited the churches in Princess Anne, preaching in each of them and confirming three.

I then crossed the Bay and spent ten days in Accomac and Northampton

consecrating the new church at Drummondtown, Confirming four persons, baptizing one adult and celebrating one marriage in the church. In the latter beside preaching repeatedly I confirmed three persons. More would probably have been presented but for the sickness and recent affliction of their Pastor, which had for some time incapacitated him for pastoral duty. On my return from the Eastern Shore, I spent two days at Hampton, where five persons were confirmed. Thence I went to Gloucester where I preached in each of the Churches, confirming three. At Williamsburg I spent two days, preaching several times and confirming four persons. In Charles City I spent three days, preaching, administering the Communion and confirming three persons. On Monday night I reached Petersburg and preached in the church. On Wednesday morning I lectured for Bishop Moore in Richmond. On the following Sunday I preached to the students of the High School in the morning and united with Dr. Keith in an address to the students of the Seminary in the evening.

Reaching home on the 10th of December, I remained there, with the exception of a visit to Alexandria and Baltimore, until some time in February, when I was called on to participate in the pleasing duty of consecrating Dr. Elliott of South Carolina as Bishop of Georgia. This task was performed by Bishop Ives of North Carolina, Bishop Gadsden of South Carolina and myself in Savannah on the 24th February. I tarried two Sabbaths in that place, and the intervening days, with the exception of two spent at a hospitable seat in the country. The kindness of Christian friends and brethren in that place will ever make the remembrance of my visit most grateful to my heart, while the thought of having contributed in any manner to the consecration of so beloved a brother, will in no slight degree increase the pleasure of such recollection. Not less kind were the attentions received during my short stay in Charleston, where I would have been pleased to tarry longer, had not duty required my speedy return. Since then I have paid one visit to the District and also to the church at Berryville—in the latter place I confirmed twelve persons and administered the Communion. Such is the narrative I have to give of the services God has enabled me to perform during the past year.

Perhaps it may not be improper to add that they have been performed with less comfort of body than those of any previous period, and that at some times I have been seriously admonished of infirmities, which, except duly attended to, might bring my ministry to a close, at a period earlier than might otherwise be. God has in times past been truly gracious in giving me a readiness of utterance which made the preaching of the word, and other services for the most part easy and delightful. During the last twelve years with the exception of that just ended, my health seemed to have increased with the increasing duties devolved upon me, so that with considerable comfort I have engaged in the performance of ministerial duties more or less various and extended, during at least two thirds of the days of each year. This indeed was actually required in order to meet the reasonable wishes and wants of the brethren and their congregations in regard to Episcopal services, for such is the number and distance of the congregations to be visited in this large Diocese, that even with the frequent services mentioned, I have not been able always to visit the congregations once in two years. From my present feelings I fear that, should it please Providence to continue my ministry for a number of years I shall scarcely be able to go beyond a triennial visitation. By a more leisurely movement from place to place, and by availing myself more of the aid of my brethren in the ministry, I hope while life is continued to render some service to our beloved church in Virginia. During the present season I have before me four or five months of duty which I am anxious to perform, and shall postpone most reluctantly, but the wishes of relatives and friends and brethren, coinciding with my own conviction of what is due to prudence, induce me to ask of the Convention a release from the same, or rather the postponement of it for a season. Perhaps the relaxation from effort at this time may strengthen me the more for the performance of such duties as lie before me in years that are to come.

Commending our beloved brethren and friends to the protection of heaven,

I remain your faithful brother in Christ,
WILLIAM MEADE.

The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1841.

The Convention assembled at the appointed time.
Opening prayer by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Moore.

The minutes of the preceding day were read.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. William Williams be appointed Treasurer and Trustee of the "Fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia," to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Mr. Hilary Baker.

Col. Stuart from the "Committee on the admission of New Parishes," presented a report unfavorable to the application from St. James' Church, Culpeper county, which report was subsequently recommitted, with instructions to inquire into the facts of the case.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Rev. Dr. Keith, and Mr. John Metcalfe, be added to the committee in the case of St. James' Church, Culpeper.

The following clerical members appeared and took their seats, viz. Rev. Mr. Bartlett of Accomac, Rev. Mr. Armstrong of Wheeling, Rev. Mr. Morrison of Shepherdstown, and Rev. Mr. Taliaferro of Martinsburg.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson presented the application for admission from Holston parish, Washington county, and asked its reference to the committee on the admission of new parishes,—referred accordingly.

Convention adjourned to attend Divine Service.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 21.

The Convention met at the appointed time and place.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade presiding.

The afternoon was occupied chiefly in reading and hearing Parochial reports. Mr. William Williams was elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary society.

Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9, A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 22, 1841.

Convention met this morning agreeably to adjournment.

Prayer by Bishop Moore.

The minutes of the preceding day were read.

Mr. Jackson from the committee on admission of new parishes presented report and resolutions appended.

To whom was referred the application for admission into connection with St. James' Church, Culpeper, and of Holston Parish, Washington county, under their consideration and beg leave respectfully to report, that the application, being in a part of the state in which no Episcopal Church has been organized, the committee have found no obstacle to its reception by any article of the constitution of the church.

Wherefore, That Holston Parish be admitted into connection with the Church in the Diocese of Virginia.

Resolved, That your committee by the testimony of Dr. Winston, Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Jackson's parish, Culpeper, is not, and has not for several years past, been in

an organized state; but gone into decay; and that the requirements as far as they are practicable, of the 12th. canon of this Diocese have been complied with, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, Adly, That St. James Church (a Church recently erected and organized and in use) be admitted into connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia.

Said reports and resolution were then adopted.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade from the committee appointed at the last Convention on the subject of the "religious instruction of the colored population," presented and read the following report; and which was subsequently adopted.

REPORT

Of the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the best means of promoting the religious instruction of servants.

The Committee to whom the important duty of considering how the religious instruction of servants may be best conducted in the families and congregations belonging to our church, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following as the result of their inquiries and deliberations.

Although they might with great propriety dwell upon the high and holy considerations which should urge to the performance of this first of charities, they will not for a moment suppose that the duty is questioned by any, who will read this report, and therefore at once proceed to the only inquiry which should precede the mention of those means which seem most likely to effect the desired object.

The inquiry to which we allude, is as to the persons on whom devolves the duty of using the means whatever they be, which shall be recommended. On one or the other, or on both of two descriptions of persons must the duty of necessity devolve. Either on those who hold them in bondage, or on the divinely commissioned Ministers of religion, or in some measure on both.

While all acknowledge that it is the province of the Minister to preach the gospel to the poor, and that servants ought not to be discarded from their pastoral care, the difficulties of paying a due attention to this class, in connexion with their general duties to their Congregations are so great as to induce many to wish for an order of Ministers entirely devoted to the religious instruction of servants. So pious a wish deserves to be encouraged; and it is hoped that in the providence of God each year will increase, not merely the desire, but the gratification of such desire, and that we shall see more and more faithful Ministers of God choosing this as one of the most useful and honorable fields of labor.

But it becomes those who have carefully surveyed this whole subject to warn the friends of those for whose welfare we are consulting, whether they be pious and conscientious owners, or the pastors around whose churches they dwell, not to let their hopes and wishes for some or the thing, which, however desirable, may nevertheless be uncertain and distant, take the place of those efforts which themselves are bound to make at the present time. Great as is this harvest, the Lord of the harvest has not yet sent forth laborers in sufficient numbers to take these fields under their especial care; and until that time shall come, if such ever be the will of our Lord, they must not be neglected by those under whose care they now are.

Even were these Ministers sufficient in number, willing and fitted to the work, many circumstances must combine to enable them to engage successfully in it, which are seldom found united in any of the parishes of Virginia. There must be a sufficient number of large plantations contiguous to each other to give employment to a zealous Minister; there must be a willingness and ability on the part of the owners to support such a Minister in addition to the pastor of the Congregation and an agreement as to the times and seasons to be appropriated to each plantation, all which circumstances are not readily to be found in the parishes of our Diocese. For the combination of such advantages we must look to a more Southern portion of our country, where servants are more numerous, and masters more wealthy, and where unless some such measure is adopted, the condition of the servant, as to religious instruction is truly deplorable. Our attention has been drawn to the means in use for the religious instruction of servants in that portion of the country to which we allude. So far as we can ascertain in the whole Southern section of our land, not more than twelve or fifteen Ministers of religion are entirely devoted to the colored population. Of these, four or five perhaps are of our own communion, who are faithfully devoted to this work. The others are chiefly, if not entirely of the Methodist denomination, being employed by the owners who are attached for the most part to the Episcopal Church. Each one of these divides his time and labors between a number of plantations, for a very moderate compensation. It is however matter of regret to those most anxious on the subject, that even on this plan and when the estates are most convenient, that it is impossible to give to each one the attention that is desired.

If so few are employed in the entire South where all things are so much more favorable to success, and where there are many very desirous to have them, how can we expect much from this plan in the Diocese of Virginia, where the estates are so subdivided, and the servants comparatively so few in number on each plantation?

We make this statement not to discourage the effort in those places where it is practicable, but to warn both masters and Ministers not to neglect their present duty under the mistaken supposition that the work is soon to be done in a way more perfect. Our Ministers cannot throw off this responsibility from themselves, but must feel that this is a portion of their pastoral duty to be performed according to the ability given and opportunity afforded of the Lord. These are the poor members of the families under their charge, unto whom they must preach the gospel at such times and places as God in his providence shall direct.

Nor must the masters and mistresses excuse themselves from their share in this duty by assigning it over to their pastors, or by looking forward with hope to a fuller provision of Ministerial service for them—their great dependence upon those who own them for the means of religious instruction, imposes a most solemn duty on such to supply the deficiency of Ministerial care, by such personal attentions as they may have it in their power to bestow.

With these few remarks as to the persons on whom the duty of furnishing religious instruction to servants, of necessity, by the providence of God, now devolves in our Diocese, we proceed to mention the means to be used in order to impart the same. The preaching of the Gospel on the Sabbath day in the house of God is the great instrument appointed for the conversion of souls, and therefore Ministers and masters should use the most effectual means for inducing servants to attend and occupy such places as shall be provided for them in the house of worship. If the Ministers beside great plainness of speech throughout all their discourses would in every sermon have some reference to them, though only in a few words calling their attention to the subject under consideration, it is not to be doubted that a happy effect would result from such particular notice. But as the space allotted to the servants in some churches is small, and other circumstances favor at times only a special address to them, Ministers should as often as practicable, either in the churches, or the plantations, appropriate the afternoon or evening of the Sabbath to their benefit. Nor should the Ministers of the country parishes think this a heavy duty, when they remember that the Ministers in towns and villages usually have two services each Sabbath, and one or more during the week for the same congregation. As our country Ministers have not those frequent services in the churches, might they not as a substitute, occasionally have evening meetings at the houses of their parishioners, or in the quarters, for the benefit of the servants? Not a little might be done in this way by a zealous Minister whose heart was duly affected with the spiritual wants of those whose condition we are considering, and while thus seeking to benefit the servant a favorable opportunity will be presented for pastoral attention to the owners.

To this public use of the divine ordinance of preaching, we would add that of catechising, which every age of the church has been found so effectual, and whose value in the Sunday school has been so signally manifested in our own times. We rejoice to know that its virtue has been successfully tried in behalf of the servants of most of the congregations in the Diocese of South Carolina and in some places of the two adjoining States. At some period of each Sabbath the Minister with some of his parishioners meet at the church, or some other place with the catchumens both old and young, and there by means of oral instruction, using simple catechisms and hymns, convey into their minds the knowledge of the great duties and doctrines of Christianity. It is on such occasions that they also instruct them in the use of the church service and prepare them for taking part in the same with their masters and mistresses, when the hour of public worship comes on. Although, without being able to read they cannot unite in the responsive psalms, yet is there no other part of the service which they may not quickly learn. The confession, Lord's prayer, the anthems, creed and litany can be united in almost at once by any listener.

Let it be mentioned as a proof how easily our liturgy may be learned by them, and how well adapted it is for their edification, that it has come to the knowledge of the committee by one of the number, who speaks from personal observation, that in one of the Southern States and in a family where by general acknowledgment the religious instruction of the servants is more perfectly conducted than in any other in the Union, and where the heads of the family do not even belong to our communion, yet is the service of the church used, in preference to any other as best suited to the object in view. The little ones are taught from the earliest period to repeat the prayers and chaunt the anthems and respond in the litany and recite the creed, and thus is their attention kept alive by the active part they have to take in the services of the sanctuary.

Why may not such be the case in all of our churches? We have Sunday schools for the children of the rich and poor of one color, why not for those of the other? If indeed it be impracticable to have it for both, ought not the servants and their children to have the preference, seeing that the others are so much more likely to receive instruction at home? The Committee would earnestly commend a speedy attention to this subject, and that while use be made of such books as can now be had, another Committee be appointed to report to the next

Convention, a catechism and other books for the Sunday schools of colored persons, as well as any further information and advice as may be obtained on this subject.

The Committee cannot conclude the task assigned it, without mentioning among the most important means of religious instruction to servants, the practice of family worship, conducted in such a manner and at such a time, as may best conduce to the end in view. We are aware that nothing is more common, than the plea for its neglect, that the trial has been made and that such is the unwillingness on the part of the servants to attend that the effort has been abandoned. It would be well for those making such excuse to consider whether they could sincerely offer it to Heaven with a consciousness of having done all on their part to render the family worship interesting and useful; whether they have chosen the most appropriate season for it, without regarding some little inconvenience to themselves, or interruption of temporal business, or even some loss of earthly profit, in consideration of the greatness of the duty. No doubt some have very sincerely entered on this duty in the time of their first love and zeal, but meeting with some difficulties have, with the abatement of their own feelings, relinquished the practice and not insisted on the attendance of their servants. But ought they not to act as they do with their own children who are not permitted to decide for themselves but required to be present where prayer is made and God's word is read, and to whom such exercises are so often blessed of God, even though sometimes reluctantly attended? If a proper regard was had to the peculiar dispositions, habits and circumstances of servants, in selecting the time for religious services—if pains were taken in the selection of scripture, and brief explanations and exhortation sometimes given, or read to them, we might surely hope for more success in rendering such services interesting and profitable. In most families where religious services are performed the times usually selected are not those most convenient to the servants. At morning family prayer they are generally employed at their different duties, either in the field or in the house—at evening service they are usually engaged in their own affairs, the day having been spent in the service of others, and if constrained to be present are often overcome with sleep and little profited by their unwilling attendance.

To render religious instruction as acceptable as possible, it is desirable that it be given at such time and in such manner, as shall satisfy the servants that it is done by their owner from principle and out of love to their immortal souls. Let some time therefore be chosen which is regarded, not as their own, but their masters' and which he freely surrenders for their spiritual welfare. In those families where the servants take their first meal at a very early hour, and before they enter on any labour of the field, let an half hour or even less, either immediately before, or after the meal, be spent in reading and explaining God's word and offering up suitable prayers. When this does not suit let some other time be chosen when both body and soul are best prepared for deriving benefit from religious exercises, so that the duty may be performed, not merely as something which is to be done of necessity to relieve the conscience, but in the manner best calculated to effect the great object in view. We cannot but think that if religion were regarded as of that great importance which it deserves to be, and the duty we owe to the souls of our servants were held to be above all others, that means might be found for making our families nurseries for the church as the church is for Heaven. If the elder members of the household did their parts faithfully, if the younger ones were sometimes employed in teaching the children hymns and scripture and preparing them for the Sabbath school, much surely might be effected within the domestic circle for accomplishing the object towards which the Committee have directed your attention. In the furtherance of this most desirable object the owners may derive very valuable aid from the simple tracts, dialogues, and narratives which from time to time are published for the use of the poor and illiterate, whether bond or free, and which we hope will abound more and more with an especial reference to those whose case has been under the consideration of the Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

RICHARD C. MOORE, D. D.
WILLIAM MEADE, D. D.
WM. G. H. JONES,
NELSON PAGE,
JOHN STUART.

On motion, *ordered*, That the 2nd resolution submitted to the above named committee at the Convention of 1840 be hereby rescinded.

Rev. W. G. H. Jones from the same committee, offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed under the report of the committee, upon the "Religious instruction of the coloured population" of this diocese, be instructed to report upon the propriety and desirableness, of the formation of a society, the object of which shall be the promotion of religious knowledge among the colored people of this diocese, to collect such information as shall be promotive of this object, and to publish from time to time such tracts

and other works, as shall best subserve the benevolent and Christian purposes of the society; whilst at the same time it is believed that this would be the more effectual mode of exciting a general interest throughout the Diocese, in this important work, and more certainly insure the interest and co-operation of Clergy and Laity.

Resolved, That the committee be instructed to report on this subject at the next Convention.

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. Mr. Friend submitted the following report:

The committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society have performed the duty assigned them and find the accounts accurately stated, and established by satisfactory vouchers.

The Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in the Diocese of Virginia,

In account with the late HILARY BAKER, Treasurer.

1840.	DR.		
July 20.	To paid Rev. Richard T. Brown, viz., his order of 17th July favor of J. H. Britton for \$96 63, Treasurer's check to his order \$53 37,	\$150 00	
" "	" paid Rev. D. M. Fackler check to his order sent him at Norfolk,	100 00	
Sept. 1.	" paid Rev. James B. Goodwyn to his order, favor D. F. G. Stribling and from him to T. R. Blair,	125 00	
5.	" paid Rev. James H. McMechen in check to his order sent by mail to Clarksburg, Harrison county,	100 00	
1841.	May 13.	" Balance transferred to account of Wm. Williams present Treasurer,	47 84
			<u>\$522 84</u>

1840.	CR.		
May 17.	By balance being cash in hands of Treasurer per report to Convention,		
28.	" Cash by Rev. Wm. Norwood who will acknowledge particulars in Southern Churchman,	\$61 28	
June 18.	" Cash per Rev. Z. Mead from Misses Crist \$4, Rev. John Towles \$4 50,	430 56	
July 20.	" Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	8 50	
Aug. 4.	" Rev. Thomas T. Castleman from various persons per Rev. William Norwood,	5 00	
Sept. 2.	" Mrs. James Brown, Jr. per Bishop Moore,	15 50	
		2 00	
			<u>\$522 84</u>

The above statement of account, with the exception of the last item on the debit side showing the settlement of the balance, is copied from the book of the late Treasurer, Richmond, May 12, 1841.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

The Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in the Diocese of Virginia,

In account with WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

1841.	DR.		
Mar. 5.	To cash paid Rev. Mr. Woodbridge for postage,		
27.	" do. remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,	\$00 56	
April 20.	" do. paid postages from do. two letters,	100 00	
May 13.	" Balance being cash in Treasurer's hands,	37	
			<u>303 91</u>
			<u>\$404 84</u>

1840.	CR.		
Decr. 30.	By cash of Mrs. Elvira A. Bruce, Halifax county, by the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge,		
1841.	Jan. 2.	" do. from a young lady in Pittsylvania county, per Mr. Gill,	\$20 00
		" do. of George W. Bassett, Esq.,	3 00
		" do. of Major Smith, Lexington, per Rev. Mr. Woodbridge,	10 00
Feb. 17.	" do. dividends for July 1840, and January 1841, on three shares stock in Farmers Bank of Virginia,	10 00	
			<u>27 00</u>
		Amount carried forward,	<u>\$70 00</u>

		Cr.	
		<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$70 00
Mar. 3.	By cash received for three shares stock in Farmers Bank of Virginia sold at \$94 per share,	282 00	452 00
5.	do. per Rev. Mr. Woodbridge from two members of Trinity church, North Garden, Albemarle county,	5 00	
April 14.	do. from late Treasurer, Hilary Baker, deceased, by his son,	32 38	
May 12.	do. do. do. do. do. do.	15 46	
		<hr/>	\$404 84
May 13.	By balance being cash in Treasurer's hands this day,	\$303 91	

E. E. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

Richmond May 13, 1841.

On motion, *ordered*, That the Rev. Alexander Jones and Rev. Philip Slaughter be added to the committee on the "Religious instruction of the colored population."

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. W. G. Jackson submitted the following:

The committee appointed to examine the *Parochial Reports*, beg leave to submit the result of their labors—in the discharge of their duty they have taken the liberty of striking from the reports of the Rev. Clergy all extraneous matter. They have admitted in them only such matters of *fact* as are calculated to throw light upon the state of the parishes. The committee have likewise prepared a tabular statement which will show in a condensed form the state of the church in this Diocese. The following clergy have presented no reports: Rev. Josias Clapham, Rev. Edmund Christian, Rev. Jacob Keeling, Rev. William Crawford, Rev. James Doughan, Rev. John W. Woodville. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. JACKSON,
JOHN METCALFE.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Rev. George Lemmon submitted the following.

The committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer, beg leave to report, that they find the same to correspond with the vouchers accompanying it; and have only to notice a slight discrepancy with respect to one item between said account and the Treasurer's account of last year, as reported in the Journal of the Convention of that year.

In the account submitted to the committee, the balance on hand is stated at \$109 79, whereas in the account printed in the Journal of last year, said balance is stated to be \$119 79. This discrepancy is doubtless the result of oversight, of some error in addition to which the most accurate are liable. The balance now in the hand of the Treasurer he reports to be \$568 79, but supposing the account in the Journal to be correct, it is \$578 79.

GEORGE LEMMON, Chairman.

William H. Hubbard, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Convention of Virginia.

		Dr.	
May 8.	To balance on hand,	\$109 79	
28.	To cash received from Rev. William Norwood, for Convention fund,	7 75	
	To cash received from Rev. William Norwood, for Bishops' fund,	3 50	
	To cash received from Rev. William Norwood, from Gen. Lewis,	10 00	
June 5.	To cash received from Rev. Z. Mead Secretary of the Convention viz.		
	Bishop Meade's receipt for amount paid Cassius Lee on his account,	\$600 00	
	Bishop Meade's receipt for cash paid him for travelling expenses and postage,	100 00	
	John Hooff's check,	31 13	
	Cash,	844 33	
		<hr/>	1575 46
8.	To cash received from Rev. J. H. Morrison for Jefferson county,	18 00	
	To cash received from Rev. G. W. Dame, Lunenburg,	50	
	To cash received from H. Fairfax, Falls church, Fairfax co.	3 00	
13.	To cash received from Rev. Z. Mead,	4 00	
	To cash received from Bishop Moore, from Accomack county,	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$1742 00
		<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1742 00

		Dr.	
		<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1742 00
1840.	June 22.	To cash received from Rev. William Norwood, Monumental church, quota for 1840,	76 00
	July 29.	To cash received from Capt. Thomas Pettus, Cornwall parish, Charlotte county, for Contingent Fund,	6 00
	Aug. 11.	To cash received from Rev. A. Shiras, Wickliffe parish, Clarke county,	10 00
	Decr. 1.	To cash received from Bishop Meade, from Hungars parish, Northampton county, for Contingent Fund for 1839 and 1840,	30 00
1841.	Feb. 25.	To cash received from Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Wheeling, (per Bishop Moore,) quota for 1840, for Contingent Fund,	40 00
		To cash received from Rev. Wm. Norwood, for Christ church, Norfolk,	59 50
		<hr/>	\$1963 50
May 11.	To cash on hand,		568 79

E. E. WILLIAM H. HUBBARD.

		Cr.	
1840.	May 16.	By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Norfolk and Portsmouth,	\$10 00
		By cash paid Bishop Moore postage since last account,	12 00
	20.	By cash paid J. W. Randolph & Co. for Check book,	1 25
	24.	By cash paid Bishop Meade's order to Rev. William Norwood,	20 00
	23.	By cash paid Bishop Meade's order to Cassius Lee,	600 00
		By cash paid Bishop Meade's travelling expenses and Postage,	100 00
June 8.	By cash paid Rev. Z. Mead, Secretary, travelling expenses to and from Charlottesville,	15 00	
	11.	By cash paid Bishop Moore, Annual payment by Convention,	300 00
	13.	By cash paid Rev. Z. Mead, for door keeper of Convention at Charlottesville,	10 00
July 15.	By cash paid Rev. Z. Mead, for publication of Journal of 1840 at office of Southern Churchman,	173 09	
Oct. 10.	By cash paid Bishop Meade per receipt,	50 00	
Nov. 18.	By cash paid Bishop Moore, hack hire to M. Howell,	21 00	
Dec. 1.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, expenses per receipt,	30 00	
	By cash paid discount on New Orleans note (May 20,)	25	
	By cash paid discount on uncurrent notes (June 6,)	1 00	
	By cash paid postage on check on Charlestown (June 8,)	18	
	By cash paid postage on letter from A. Shiras, (August 11,)	19	
	“ “ “ from Norfolk,	50	
1841.	May 11.	By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Convention, Charlottesville 1840,	\$10 50
		By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Hanover, in June 1840,	2 50
		By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Seminary in Alexandria July 1840,	18 00
		By cash paid Bishop Moore, expenses to Cumberland, June 1840,	1 50
		By cash paid Bishop Moore expenses to Petersburg, Autumn 1840,	4 00
		Postage the past year,	10 00
	By Balance,		50 25
		<hr/>	\$1963 50

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

Rev. J. E. Jackson presented the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of the "Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen" of the Episcopal Church in Virginia beg leave to report:

That the account of the Treasurer has received such examination as is in the power of the Committee to make; and it appears that the amount of funds invested is \$10,568 32, and the amount in hand uninvested remaining in the hands of the Treasurer is \$30.

The Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Episcopal Church in Virginia, With J. HOFF, acting as Treasurer.

1840.	Dr.		
June 5.	To cash paid Hilary Baker, Treasurer, draft to E. I. Lee,		\$60 00
Aug 17.	To cash paid draft to J. Brockenbrough, President,		538 91
1841.			
Jan. 20.	To cash loaned on note, bearing interest,		487 50
April 2.	To cash loaned on note, bearing interest,		273 50
" 20.	To cash loaned on note, bearing interest,		294 82
" 20.	To cash loaned on note, bearing interest,		200 00
	Balance to account,		58 00
			<hr/> \$1912 73

1840.	Ca.		
May 14.	By old account for balance,		\$598 91
Aug 7.	By cash on account of loan to Education Society,		250 00
Oct 1.	By cash dividend in Farmers Bank Alexandria, on 147 shares,		220 50
Nov 7.	By cash 6 months interest on bond \$1600,		48 00
Dec. 19.	By cash dividend Bank Potomac, for May, 1840, 4 shares,		12 00
Dec. 19.	By cash dividend Bank Potomac, for Nov, 1840, 4 shares,		10 00
1841.			
April 2.	By cash dividend Farmers Bank Alexandria, 147 shares,		220 50
" 20.	By cash on account of loan,		487 50
" 20.	By cash 3 months interest on do.		7 32
" 28.	By cash 6 months interest on bond, \$1600,		48 00
May 3.	By cash dividend Bank Potomac on 4 shares,		10 00
			<hr/> \$1912 73

1841.			
May 10.	By balance in acting Treasurer's hands,		\$58 00
	J. HOFF, Acting Treasurer.		

The funds are as follows:

147 shares Farmers Bank of Alexandria, at par,	\$7350 00
4 shares Bank Potomac, at par,	400 00
1 share Bank Virginia, at par,	100 00
Notes and Bonds on interest,	2718 32
	<hr/> \$10,568 32
Cash on hand,	58 00
5 shares Bank of Alexandria stock, value uncertain,	\$10,626 32

J. E. JACKSON, Chairman.

Mr. Hugh Hamilton presented his credentials as Lay Delegate from St. James' Church, Culpeper, and took his seat in the Convention.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HIGH SCHOOL.

Rev. Alexander Jones read the following reports, all of which were subsequently received and adopted.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia, report, that through the good providence of God, the Institutions under their direction, are in a condition so prosperous, as to call for the devout thankfulness of the Church in Virginia. Though still needing the liberal benefactions of the Church for their full completion, they are unincumbered by debt, and are admirably fulfilling the holy and exalted purposes for which they were founded. The blessing of God has most evidently rested upon them, and they give the happy promise of not only being the nurseries of our Church, but of extending its influence and blessings to every part of the state of Virginia. Already are decayed and waste places revived, renewed and improved by heralds of the cross instructed and prepared

at one of these institutions, and even beyond the limits of the Diocese, the sons of this school of the Prophets, are filling high stations in the Church, and also proclaiming the truths of the glorious Gospel of the grace of God upon the shores of foreign and distant lands. The great Missionary enterprise, undertaken by many of those whom the Church in Virginia has nursed and educated, has thus, by her, been most nobly sustained, and we trust her love and zeal will, in these respects, as in others, abound yet more and more.

The Theological Seminary as will be seen by the annexed reports of Faculty and Professors has a large increase in the number of its students. It will also there be seen that the students have pursued their prescribed studies with commendable diligence and progress. They have now the additional assistance of the Rev. Dr. Sparrow, whose valuable services the trustees have succeeded in obtaining and have elected him to fill the Professorship of Ecclesiastical History. The Trustees knowing the gentleman they have selected to be eminently qualified for his duties, consider his appointment as an important accession to the Seminary, and believe it will conduce to its increased success. The Theological Seminary of Virginia, having now four well qualified Professors, and presenting ample means for acquiring a thorough education for the ministry of the Gospel, at an expense not so great as some, and lower than any others possessing the same advantages, stands upon an equal footing with any other Institution of the kind belonging to the American Protestant Episcopal Church, and it should continue to claim the deep interest and earnest prayers of the Diocese of Virginia.

In their report respecting the High School the Trustees have great cause to recommend sincere gratitude to the giver of every good and perfect gift.

When this school was last presented to the notice of the Convention, the experiment was just begun, the number of its pupils was small, and its buildings and accommodations were imperfect and contracted. Now the Trustees having the experience of another year, can with confidence report that the experiment works well. They have been enabled, without incurring any debt, to add a large and commodious building to those originally purchased, and to provide them with every necessary convenience. The number of scholars is now as large as they have provided for, or have contemplated receiving—it is one hundred and one. Of the whole number that has been received, twenty have been confirmed and seven more are candidates for that Apostolic rite. Having attended the recent examinations, they have been much gratified with the proficiency of the young gentlemen in their studies, and feel perfectly satisfied that their instructors have used great care and faithfulness in their attention to their pupils.

Thus the great purpose had in view in the establishment by the Church of this important Institution has been obtained. Our youths, the children of the Church, receive an education suitable for the business of life, under the efficacious influences of our holy religion, without the dangers too generally attached to Seminaries of learning in our land. The Church still acts as their faithful and tender guardian, and the enemy which "goeth about as a roaring lion" tears them not away from her bosom. For the course of study and other particulars, the Convention is referred to the annexed report of the principal, the Rev. W. N. Pendleton. Dr. Sparrow as will be seen by that report, is to give a large portion of his time to the High School. This accords with the intention of the Trustees, and has their approval.

The Trustees conclude their report with a brief and general statement of the funds of the Theological Seminary. They are all invested in good stocks and bonds, and amount to \$28,620. Balance of cash on hand with the Treasurer \$126 64.

The Faculty of the Seminary, respectfully report, that during the present session the persons whose names follow have become members of the Institution, viz:

- Alexander J. Berger, candidate in Maryland,
- Ino. H. Bosley, " " " "
- Wm. H. Good, Virginia.
- Wm. H. Pendleton, " " "
- Geo. B. Denison, Pennsylvania.
- H. M. Denison, " " "
- John B. Richmond, Rhode Island.
- Edmund Withers, Virginia.
- Carter Page, " " "
- Chas. Gillett, " " "
- Geo. T. Wilmer, " " "
- Henry T. Heister, Pennsylvania.
- Samuel P. Nash, " " "
- A. T. McMurphy, Ohio.
- H. B. Bartow, of New York.
- Milo Mahan, of Virginia.
- R. M. White, of New York.

All whom are members of the Junior Class, except Mr. Bosley, who has dissolved his connection with the Seminary, and is pursuing his studies privately.

Mr. Herbert Morris, a candidate in Virginia, a member of the Middle Class.

Edw. Lounsberry, candidate in Virginia.

Alanson Phelps, " Ohio.

M. Macfarland, " Virginia.

All whom are members of the Senior Class, except M. Macfarland, ordained in April last. The whole number of Students at present is thirty-nine.

Senior Class 8,

Middle Class 14,

Junior Class 17.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Faculty,

E. R. LIPPITT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY AND TEACHER OF PULPIT ELOQUENCE.

To the President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of Virginia:

The undersigned, Professor of Systematic Divinity and Teacher of Pulpit Eloquence in the Seminary, would beg leave respectfully to report, that he has pursued the same course of instruction the present session as heretofore, and that the Students under his care, have in general, been punctual in their attendance on the various exercises, and he trusts have made good progress in their studies and preparation for the work of the ministry.

RUEL KEITH.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH POLITY, &C.

During the current session I have instructed the Senior Class in Church Polity, making use of the text books heretofore enumerated in my annual report to the Trustees. At present the class is reading the fifth book of Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity. I had the Middle Class under my charge in Ecclesiastical History until the arrival of Dr. Sparrow. The class had advanced to the period of the Reformation. I design to complete the course of Church Polity, and to give to the Senior Class an abridged course of instruction in Pastoral Theology.

E. R. LIPPITT.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The Professor of Biblical Literature begs leave to submit a similar report to the one made last year. The class under his charge have pursued the prescribed studies, and made the usual progress. Through the good providence of God, he has been enabled to discharge punctually his duties. The Middle Class have, in Greek, read the Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews, and the Pastoral Epistles to Timothy and Titus. In Hebrew they have studied the Prophecies of the Messiah.

The Junior Class have critically read the Greek Harmony of the New Testament, together with the New Testament Grammar of Professor Stuart. It is expected that they will finish the Harmony by the close of the Session.

In Hebrew they have studied the Hebrew Grammar of Professor Stuart, and select passages from the Pentateuch, together with many of the Psalms.

They have read an amount in the Historical books equivalent to the whole of Genesis. They also have been regularly examined on the principles of Interpretation and Hebrew Antiquities, having gone through the works of Ernesti and Jahn on those subjects.

They have read Critical Essays on the principal difficulties and apparent discrepancies of the Evangelists, and been orally lectured on the most important subjects in the department, and referred to the best means of information.

I would only add that a private class has been formed for the study of the Psalms, which has read about forty.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

The Professor of Ecclesiastical History would respectfully report to the Board of Trustees, that about a week after his arrival in Alexandria, he commenced his duties in the Seminary. As however the interval since then has been but four weeks, he can do little more than state, that his work has been begun, and at the point where his respected predecessor left it. He hopes at some future day to be more particular in rendering an account of his duties to the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

REPORT

OF THE REV. W. N. PENDLETON, PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School of Virginia:

In cheerful compliance with a duty devolving on me at this season, I submit to you the following report of the progress and condition of the Institution over which I preside.

At the time of the report which I submitted twelve months ago on a similar occasion, this institution then, but recently begun, was in operation on only a limited scale, though as was mentioned, measures were in progress towards the more complete system which is now established. It was my privilege then to announce, in connection with the prospects of the School and the system in operation, the cheering intelligence that the divine blessing had been signally manifested towards the incipient enterprise, in the direction of a kind Providence, whereby an unusual number of well trained and worthy youths, had been brought together as the first pupils of the Institution, and in the gracious visitation of that Holy Spirit which impresses human hearts with a conviction of sin, of righteousness and of judgment to come, and which guides to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in our Lord Jesus Christ. The extent of that blessed influence could not then be reported with accuracy. I feared to speak of more than ten as expected to take their stand on the Lord's side, but the event proved better than that fear. Twenty out of the thirty youths then with us, after a sufficient period of examination and probation, were at the close of the session in July last, admitted to the rite of confirmation, and sealed their profession of the Saviour's service by receiving the Holy Communion: and I rejoice to be able to add that they have without any serious exception, continued to live up to the present time agreeably to their holy profession.

Previous to the close of the last session in July an examination was held, at which some of your body were present, and which it is perhaps just for me here to mention as having been singularly satisfactory in evincing no ordinary skill and fidelity on the part of the teachers, who, under divine providence were associated with me.

During the summer the large building designed for the accommodation of the members of the school, was completed, and by the 1st October arrangements were sufficiently matured for the reception of one hundred pupils. It was found that reasonable accommodations could be furnished for that number, and although a less number had been contemplated; yet it seemed to be impracticable, in doing what appeared to be right, and what was believed to be the intention of the Trustees, to exclude many worthy and importunate applicants so long as there was room for them. One hundred were therefore engaged; additional teachers of good report were also employed, and on the first of October, the second year of our Institution under happy auspices—its organization consisting of myself, with five regular assistants, as instructors and governors, and of one hundred students of various ages, from twelve years up to man's estate, and of like variety of mental attainments.

Cheered by the success, through the smiles of Heaven, of the preceding year, we entered upon the graver and more arduous duties of the second year—with diffidence encouraged by hope, and although, as it must occur to the thoughtful and experienced, such a work could not progress without many difficulties, trials, cares and anxieties to those conducting it, yet again is it my great privilege to inform you of my conviction that our work has not been in vain, and that blessings from on High still attend us.

One of the first events of importance which occurred after the opening of the session, was the death of an interesting youth from Petersburg. He had brought with him the seeds of disease, was unwell when he arrived, and though assiduously attended from the first moment when his indisposition was known, he never recovered. This dispensation distressing to us, and more full of sorrow to his immediate friends, was doubtless designed by the Almighty for good—and it was, we have reason to believe, the means of deeply impressing the hearts of some of our number. From that time a growing seriousness was observable in one and another, and another, and as the session has advanced several have been led to godly repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps some will present themselves for confirmation on the ensuing Sunday, and two others, who within the present session have been turned to the Lord—have been called away to other situations, by what seemed to be the bidding of duty. Besides these there is reason to believe that not a few others have been taught solemn lessons of reflection, by the affecting dispensation spoken of, and by other providences which they have witnessed during the year; and that through the instrumentality of scriptural truth, so fully opened to them daily and weekly; and by means of habitual devotions which they attend and share, the Holy Spirit is effectually impressing and enlightening their minds.

Considering the number of pupils, and the unyielding principles of our government, serious punishments have been very rare during the session, and a very gratifying spirit of subordination and harmony has prevailed in the Institution, and we hope it is a result of endeavoring to practice in our administration, the wisdom and love set forth in the Bible.

The following is a list of the various subjects and authors studied during the session, by different classes:

IN LATIN.	IN GREEK.	IN MATHEMATICS.
Tacitus,	Demosthenes,	Davie's Anaytical Geometry,
Juvenal,	Xenophon's Memorabilia,	Davie's Legendre's Geometry,
Horace,	Homer,	Davie's Trigonometry, plain and spherical,
Cicero,	Greek Testament,	Davie's Bourdon's Algebra, several classes,
Livy,	Xenophon's Anabasis,	Davie's Algebra lessons, do,
Virgil,	Græca Minora,	Davie's Arithmetic, do,
Sallust,	Greek lessons,	
Ovid,		IN ASTRONOMY.
Caesar,		1st class, Herschell's Treatise,
Viri Romæ,	1st class 2d vol. Arnot's Physics,	IN HISTORY.
Latin Grammar,	1st vol.	1st class, Worcester's Elements.

Besides these, the forenoon of every Saturday has been devoted to the instruction of all the members of the school, divided into six classes, one for each instructor, in composition, reading, writing, spelling, geography, &c. &c. the text books used for composition being Parker's Exercises, and Frost's Exercises; and that in Geography being generally Malte Brun. During Passion Week also, all of sufficient maturity were made to study and recite suitable tracts on the evidences of Christianity. Most of the classes using Bishop Porteus' tract, while those who had studied that last year, on this occasion used Soame Jenyns on the internal evidence of the Bible.

The Church Catechism, and the Bible, have been regularly used for Sunday instruction in Bible classes.

In addition to these stated and regular studies, a Foreigner was employed for several months to instruct in French, and a professed and skilful master was employed to teach writing.

With what fidelity and success instruction has been given in the different subjects, it may be more fit for you to judge from the examination conducted in your presence, than for me here to declare. I will only say, that it is my honest conviction, a more than usual faithfulness of purpose has animated the instructors. While I am persuaded also that in the main a commendable spirit of diligence has prevailed among the students, although an unworthy indulgence has, doubtless, retarded the progress of some of them.

The health of the members of this Institution has been generally good during the session, and the arrangement of the building seems well adapted to promote that important object. The experience of the past has shown however the advisableness of having suitable provision made for the exercise of the youths here assembled, particularly in bad weather, and I therefore suggest the propriety of having erected a Gymnasium, with appropriate arrangements for the most beneficial kind of exercise.

It is of course already known to you that the Rev. Dr. Sparrow has accepted the invitation to become a Professor in the Seminary, and to give to the High School an important part of the benefit of his instructions. The department of Mental and Moral Philosophy will come under his especial attention, and on one of these he will enter immediately after this Convention.

The foregoing including, I believe, all matters of importance which I have to communicate, is respectfully submitted with the fervent prayer that the Almighty may be pleased to preside with a guardian and directing care over your higher and our humbler agency in this interesting Institution.

W. N. PENDLETON, *Principal*

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge presented the following Report of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia.

REPORT

Of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia. During the last year the Committee have employed as missionaries, the Rev. R. T. Brown, in Rappahannock county, to whom they have given \$150; the Rev. D. M. Backler, in Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann, \$100; the Rev. James B. Goodwin, at Point Pleasant, \$125; the Rev. James H. McMechin, Clarksburg, \$100; the Rev. Geo. W. Dame, in Danville, \$100; the Rev. S. W. Crampton, in Hampshire, \$100; and the Rev. James M. Cofer, at Abingdon, \$250.

The Committee feel that they have sustained a great loss in the death of the late Mr. Baker. He took a deep interest in this Society of which he was the Treasurer. To supply the vacancy occasioned by his death they have elected Mr. William Williams. All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. WOODBRIDGE, *Secretary*

Gen. Lewis, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented the following Report:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have performed the duty assigned them and beg leave to report, that they have received from the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, the annexed statement, which they beg leave to make a part of their report.

S. H. LEWIS,
GEO. WOODBRIDGE,

The Church Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, Fairfax parish, Trustees of Bishops permanent fund, state that there was of this fund in April, 1840, one hundred and two shares of the Farmers Bank Stock. The April half yearly dividend was one hundred and fifty-three dollars. The October dividend was one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents. That since then, three shares of the stock of this Bank has been added—making the present number one hundred and five shares.

At the last report the number of shares in the Bank of Potomac, was six, valued at six hundred dollars. Since then two more shares of this Bank have been purchased, making the number eight, valued at eight hundred dollars. The dividend received from the shares in this Bank is thirty-five dollars—leaving to be still vested forty-five dollars.

The whole amount of the fund producing an interest, payable semi-annually, is six thousand and fifty dollars, besides forty-five dollars to be vested, making an all six thousand and ninety-five dollars.

The stock in the Bank of Alexandria, amounting to \$1800, does not produce any dividend. The Trustees have not, as yet, been able to dispose of it. It is believed, it will not be entirely lost.

EDM. LEE,
H. CLAGETT, } *Church Wardens*

The following Report from the Committee on Finance was presented by Gen. Lewis, read, and adopted:

The Committee of Finance, have, according to order, performed the duty assigned them, with as much attention and care, as the very limited portion of time in which they have had to act, would allow them; some of the returns from the parishes and the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, having only come into their hands since noon to-day (Saturday) and beg leave to report:

That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 25th February last was \$568 79
That the Contributions to the Contingent Fund during the present session of the Convention from the several parishes amounts to 1,986 67

\$2,555 46

The contributions from the several parishes were as follows

Antim parish, Halifax,	50 00
Abingdon and Ware parish, Gloucester,	24 00
Bath parish, Dinwiddie,	20 00
Berkeley parish, Spottsylvania,	14 00
Boyden parish, Augusta,	10 00
Bloomfield parish, Madison,	10 50
Buck Mountain, Albemarle,	7 50
Botetourt parish, Botetourt,	15 00
Bruton parish, Williamsburg,	26 50
Bruton parish, (balance on last year,)	27 00
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,	23 00
Christ church, Norfolk,	121 50
Christ church, Alexandria,	65 00
Church at Old Point,	3 00
Christ church, Lancaster,	16 00
Christ church, Winchester,	39 27
Cople parish, Westmoreland,	11 00
Christ church, Richmond,	37 50
Ditenger parish, Prince William,	14 25
Dale parish, Chesterfield,	17 50

Amount carried forward,

\$552 52

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$552 52
East Russell parish, Bedford,	40 00
Frederickville parish, Albemarle,	31 00
Frederick parish, Clarke,	30 00
Falls church, Fairfax,	8 00
Grace church, Caroline,	15 00
Hungar's Parish, Northampton,	25 00
Hamilton parish, Fauquier,	21 00
Lunenburg parish, Richmond Co.,	15 62
Leeds parish, Fauquier,	18 00
Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann,	4 33
Lytleton parish, Cumberland,	13 50
Meade parish, Fauquier,	10 00
Merchants Hope church, Prince George,	12 00
Martin's Brandon parish, Cumberland,	5 00
Monumental church, Richmond,	100 00
North Farnham parish, Richmond Co.,	7 50
Nelson parish, Nelson Co.,	37 00
Newport parish, Isle of Wight,	20 50
Norborne parish, Berkeley,	20 87
Roanoke parish, Halifax,	15 00
Raleigh parish, Amelia,	24 00
South Farnham parish, Essex,	15 00
Shelburne parish, Leesburg,	32 00
St. Thomas' parish, Orange C. H.,	17 00
St. Martin's parish, Hanover,	32 00
St. John's church, Henrico,	16 00
St. James' parish, Goochland,	15 00
St. John's church, Hampton,	10 00
St. Margaret's church, Caroline,	12 00
St. Ann's parish, Essex,	30 00
St. Paul's church, Norfolk,	31 00
St. George's church, Fredericksburg,	71 00
St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick,	20 00
St. Stephen's parish, Culpeper,	22 91
St. Ann's parish, Albemarle,	9 00
St. James' parish, Mecklenburg,	27 00
St. James' church, Richmond,	29 00
St. Paul's parish, Lynchburg,	45 00
St. Paul's church, Petersburg,	65 00
St. Matthew's church, Ohio,	30 00
St. John's church, Kenawha,	12 50
St. Paul's church, Suffield,	12 25
St. Thomas' parish, Middleton,	12 00
St. George's parish, Accomack,	30 00
St. Paul's church, Alexandria,	75 00
St. James' church, Culpeper,	11 00
Suffolk parish, Nansemond,	2 50
St. Paul's church, King George,	20 00
St. Peter's church, Caroline,	17 50
Tillotson parish, Buckingham,	14 00
Trinity church, Portsmouth,	25 50
Trinity church, (balance on last year,)	8 50
Trinity church, Staunton,	30 00
Trinity church, Albemarle,	5 50
Trinity church, Shepherdstown,	19 00
Wickliffe parish, Clarke,	30 30
Walker's parish, Albemarle,	12 00
Westover parish, Charles city,	8 50
West Russel parish, Bedford,	12 00
Washington parish, Westmoreland,	4 00
Zion church, Charlestown,	40 50
Zion church, (bal. on last year,)	19 37
For the Bishops' Fund, from the Miss Claiborne's, Louisa Co.	10 00

Total amount of receipts, \$1,986 67

Your committee have had no means of ascertaining what are the expenditures of the current year, but they have no doubt that the balance on hand will be sufficient to defray them.

The committee have not had time since the reports have come into their hands to compare the contributions by the several parishes with the quotas which were severally due by them, according to their numerical strength, but presume from the aggregate amount received that they are generally correct, or nearly so. Several of the parishes have not forwarded any contribution at all, and your committee cannot forbear to express the hope, that the delinquent parishes will take the earliest opportunity to remit to the Treasurer (Mr. William H. Hubbard, Richmond) whatever may be due from them.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. P. A. Bolling, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer of this Diocese be directed and required to refund to the clergymen who published the Canons, &c., the amount expended by them in the publication of said Canons, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and of this Diocese, over and above the amount realized by them by the sale of the same, and that the residue of the Canons on hand be delivered to the Secretary of the Convention for gratuitous distribution.

On motion, the proceedings of the Standing Committee were read by Mr. Edmund I. Lee, one of the members thereof.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the following gentlemen be appointed the Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia: viz. Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, D. D., Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., Rev. N. H. Cobbs, Rev. George Woodbridge, Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, Rev. William Norwood, and Mr. William Williams.

Resolved, That Mr. William Williams be appointed the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia.

Resolved, That the Rev. George Woodbridge be appointed Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia.

Mr. E. T. Tayloe offered the following which was also adopted:

Resolved, That the 26th rule be amended by striking out the words "be by him read to the Convention, and if it shall appear that there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat"—so that said rule shall then read as follows:

The credentials of the Lay delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and the same shall be referred to the committee of elections, to be by said committee forthwith examined into and reported to the Convention.

On motion, the Convention now went into an election for delegates to the General Convention—the Rev. Charles Mann and Mr. P. A. Bolling were appointed tellers, who having examined the votes, reported the following named gentlemen as elected: viz. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, Rev. Dr. Keith, Rev. William Norwood, Rev. Alexander Jones, Mr. S. H. Lewis, Mr. Philip Williams, Mr. Edmund I. Lee, Mr. E. T. Tayloe.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Rev. J. E. Jackson and Dr. Winston were appointed tellers, who reported the following gentlemen as elected: viz. Rev. R. Keith, D. D., Rev. E. R. Lippitt, Rev. Charles B. Dana, Mr. Edmund I. Lee, Mr. John Hoff, Dr. O. Fairfax.

The Rev. Dr. Empie from the Committee on the State of the Church presented and read the following report.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to present the following Report: The general condition of the Diocese remaining substantially the same as when last reported, your Committee find on that point but little that it falls legitimately within their pro-

vince to notice. For that the divine blessing is still vouchsafed us, that the Church is gradually extending herself, and that religion in its outward forms, and as we think in its ameliorating and sanctifying influence, is still to a large extent winning its way through the State, is quite evident from the cheering intelligence contained in the parochial reports, and the statements of our Right Rev. Fathers who preside over the Diocese.

In this connection, however, three facts appear to us to deserve especial notice, and we bring them out prominently to view, in hope that the consideration of them may lead to profitable results. Otherwise, amid the mass of our documents, they might escape notice, or fail to make the desired impression.

One of the facts to which we refer is, that in several parishes, parsonages have been erected for the benefit of the Rector. This augurs well for the cause of religion among us, and we invoke the attention of the Diocese to this point,—for a well settled clergy will do away the complaint of a “clergy perpetually on the wing,” and when we consider the small revenues, and the often large families of our ministers generally, parsonages will appear a truly valuable perquisite. The above fact evidences, too as far as it goes, a healthful state of feeling on the part of the friends of the Church. Prudence, and benevolent and enlightened piety unite therefore in saying, “go and do thou likewise.”

The second fact to which your Committee advert with much pleasure, is the effort that has been made in several instances to secure regular religious instruction to a portion of our colored race, and the pleasing prospect thereby afforded of ameliorating the spiritual condition of that part of our population. Judicious efforts perseveringly used in this matter have in most instances been evidently attended with God’s blessing. But whether we see the fruit of our labor or not, the duty of making the effort remains equally imperative upon all whom God has entrusted with that species of property, and the Church cannot but call upon all her members, in tones of unwonted earnestness, to remember that God has in his providence placed them dependants, as well as our children, under our care, control and guardianship, and that if their souls perish through our neglect, their blood will be found in our skirts, and required at our hands. Oh, that all christian masters and mistresses, may be brought practically to remember the account which, on this head, they will have to render of their stewardship to Him, “with whom there is no respect of persons.”

Among the tokens of God’s favor to our Church, calling for special recognition, and deserving of notice in a report on the “state of religion in this Diocese,” it becomes us especially to mention the flourishing condition of our “School of the Prophets,” and the awakening and converting energies of divine grace with which the great Head of the Church appears to have favored our High School—our Diocesan nursery for the Church and for heaven. He has thus smiled upon our effort to *christianize the whole course of education*, and taught us where to begin if we would through his blessing effectually reform both the Church and the land. Well may the whole Church most devoutly implore its divine Head to bless both these institutions, to dispose all their members to remember now their Creator in the days of their youth, and to keep faithful unto death all those who already have openly professed his service.

From the preceding statements it sufficiently appears that the loving kindness of our God calls upon us for our annual, and our daily tribute of thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church, the source of all our blessings. Let us remember that we are equally called upon to evince our gratitude by the less questionable evidence of a *life devoted to his service*.

But in the condition of man, and in the course of divine providence, good and evil, the judgments and mercies of the Lord are mysteriously and graciously blended, and while we see abundant cause for increased thankfulness, there is still enough to call for deep humiliation, as well as for augmented diligence and circumspection. For the spirit of slumber has settled upon some of our people, and some find too much reason to complain of coldness and formality. Too much of a worldly spirit is still prevalent among those who are called by the name of Christ, and the ways of Zion often mourn. It is alas! but too obvious that our outward, and even our spiritual prosperity is not incompatible with the prevalence of an alarming degree of wickedness and impiety in the great masses of community, and that those who live within our own pale must come in for a share of “the transgression of the land;” that “lies heavy” upon it. The evidences that God has a controversy with our nation, and that therefore for many years past he has been visiting us with a variety of his judgments, are as unequivocal as are the evidences of our national guilt, and though we do not believe that wrath has gone out against us more than against others, yet whatever indications there may be of spiritual prosperity, it becomes our clergy and people habitually to humble themselves before the Lord, to search for the accursed things in order to remove them, and to endeavor, each in his sphere, to extend in all directions, the hallowed influences of our holy religion, that we may become a people fearing God and working righteousness, and that the great ruler of nations may cease to afflict us with his judgments.

Lastly, that “in the midst of judgment God remembers mercy,” your committee think sufficiently evinced by the fact that, though as a punishment for her religious declension, and a warning to “repent and do her first works,” He has seen fit to permit the spirit of

error and popery under the guise of suitable “tracts for the times,” to array itself against the Church, yet he has been graciously pleased to save the Church of Virginia from the infection of this plague. For though a few may have been in doubt as to the dangerous tendency of Oxfordism; it has now, by the good providence of our God, been so fully developed, that the ignorant and unguarded are no longer in much danger of being caught in the enemy’s snare.

In this we cannot but see the hand of heaven, and the distinguishing goodness of God to our Zion, and this calls upon us for gratitude, while it warns us to exercise increased vigilance against the wiles of the adversary. And as some around us may look for our “halting,” and stand ready to reproach us with secret leanings towards popery, and with having departed from the genuine principles of the Protestant faith, your committee think it proper in self-defence, and due to the cause of Protestant truth, and real godliness to say distinctly that the Church in Virginia, disclaims all sympathy with the Oxford Tract system, and denounces it as containing some of the worst doctrinal errors of Popery—we are obviously called upon too, with increased zeal and fidelity to rally around our standards, to study more thoroughly the principles of the glorious reformation, to exercise redoubled vigilance against the prevailing errors of the age, and to make ourselves more fully acquainted with the hydra heresies, superstitions and abominations of that corrupt Church, from which we have been happily delivered, and with whose worse than “beggarly elements,” some who call themselves Protestants, have recently become so much enamored.

Your committee also cannot but invoke the attention of the members of the Convention, and through them the attention of all the friends and members of the Church in the Diocese, to the subject of Diocesan Missions. Our poor destitute brethren within the state are every where crying out for help, and perishing for lack of knowledge.

Application has been made elsewhere for assistance, and though we had a right to expect it, it has been refused. It becomes therefore the duty of the friends of our Zion to step forward for the relief of those who belong to their own “household of faith,” and we would respectfully urge this duty upon them with all the zeal and earnestness of which we are master. If we do not wish to incur God’s own censure upon those who provide not for the members of their own household, we must now direct the course of our charities to the wants of our own Diocese. Nor can we fail to do so, in the judgment of your committee, without neglecting a most important duty. Our “Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia” is loudly crying out for help. God put it into the hearts of our people liberally and immediately to fly to the rescue.

In fine, as our Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop, in a state of health greatly impaired by his unwearyed and exhausting labors, is about to travel abroad in pursuit of more vigorous health—affection and duty concur in prompting us to invoke upon him the divine blessing, and recommend him to the special protection of Almighty God, and to pray that with re-invigorated health and strength, he may in due time restore him to his loved duties, and his diocesan home. All of which is now respectfully submitted,

A. EMPIE, *Chairman.*

The report having been read, and a motion being made and seconded, that the same be adopted—a discussion ensued which continued until 3 P. M., when a motion for a recess prevailed, and the Convention adjourned until half past 4 o’clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention re-assembled agreeably to adjournment—Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop presiding.

The report from the Committee on the State of the Church being under consideration, it was moved and seconded to recommit said report, with instructions to strike out so much thereof as relates to the Oxford Tracts. This motion produced an animated discussion which lasted until near night, when the question to recommit was taken and determined in the negative by a very large majority.

The question on the adoption of the report was then put and carried by a corresponding vote.

On motion, *ordered*, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at STAUNTON.

On motion of Mr. P. A. Bolling,

Resolved, That so many of the Assistant Bishop's sermon, preached at the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Elliott, as remain on hand, be placed by the Convention in the hands of the Secretary, to be transmitted *pro rata*, to the different parishes with the Journal, and be paid for out of the Contingent Fund.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Alexandria for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered, through the Rev. Mr. Johnston and the Rev. Mr. Dana to the Trustees of the Lyceum for the use of the same, and to the several religious denominations for the use of their houses of worship, which they kindly offered.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to pay the postage of the Journals for such of the Clergy as request it.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Secretary in attending this Convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the door keeper of this Convention \$10.

Resolved, That the Secretary have 1,800 copies of the Journal of this Convention published for distribution among the parishes.

After a concluding prayer by the Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

RICHARD CHANNING MOORE,
President of the Convention.

BENJAMIN M. MILLER, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Abingdon and Ware parishes.—Charles Mann, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; died 1; total 48; Baptisms, white, infant 1; Confirmations 2; Marriages two; Funerals, infants 2; adult 1—total 3; Sunday school 1.

Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church but not in the parish \$1142 82.

Albemarle.—James Chisholm, Missionary—I commenced at the first of the year, holding meetings of the servants at houses of worship, one of which is erected on each of the plantations at which I have preached. I have attended, when the weather would permit, at two of the stations on each Lord's day. At these meetings decorum and good order have prevailed, and though I have not witnessed indications of special interest on the subject of religion, yet the attention with which the Gospel is listened to, affords encouragement to the hope that by some it is truly received.

Antrim parish.—J. Grammer, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1—total 40; Baptisms, white infants 5; Marriages 4; Funerals, white 4 and one out of the parish; colored 3—total 8; amount collected for the different institutions of the church \$180 50.

Boyden parish, Augusta.—This young parish was formed a few years ago, in the expectation that with the aid of a few members of the church in the neighborhood of Port Republic in Rockingham, it would be able to support a Minister, but within a few years past several of their friends most able and willing to contribute towards this desirable object, have either died or removed, so that the parish is unable to support a Minister. The Rev. Joseph D. Tyler, the President of the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Staunton, has kindly preached at the chapel once a fortnight, though he has not assumed the character of rector of the parish. He has baptized two adults during the past year. It is uncertain, as yet, whether he will be able to continue his labors in the parish for the future. There are perhaps from 15 to 20 Communicants in the parish.
S. H. LEWIS, *Lay Delegate.*

Botetourt parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties.—D. M. Wharton, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, one of whom from another parish—total 23; Baptisms, infants 8; Marriages 2. The number of communicants in this parish has been reduced since the last report. This is owing to the formation of the parish of Woodville, within the bounds of which are now included 8 of our former number. The amount contributed to religious objects during the past year has been very small. A long indisposition prevents the Rector's attendance at the Convention.

Brunton parish, Williamsburg.—William Hodges, Rector.—Communicants added 10; (4 from other parishes,) removed 2; withdrawn 2; total 60, (2 of which are colored)—Baptisms, adults 117;* Infants, white 13; colored 1—total 131; Confirmations 3; Marriages, white 5; colored and free 5; colored and slaves 1—total 11; Funerals, white 12; colored 18—total 30.†

The extensive repairs of the house of worship in this parish are now completed, and in addition to the expenses incurred in said repairs, the congregation have contributed to the

* These have not yet been admitted to the communion.

† The larger number of them are among other denominations of Christians; several of them in the adjoining counties.

benevolent objects of the church, \$106 75. There are two Sunday schools connected with this parish, one for white and the other for colored children. The attendance on the former varies from 30 to 50 children, on the latter from 60 to 150. The instruction given to the colored children is of course oral.

Camden parish, Pittsylvania, and St. Patrick's parish, Prince Edward.—George W. Dame, Rector.—Baptisms, infants, white 3; Marriages 1; Funerals 1.

I removed from St. Patrick's parish in this place the first of August last. As the parish is large, comprehending Pittsylvania, Franklin and Henry, and as so many of our Sundays have been rainy, it has been impossible for me to ascertain the number of families attached to our church. I preach at Danville and at Competition twice a month, and on the 5th Sunday at St. Andrew's church in the lower part of the parish. I am also enabled by the assistance of brothers Grammer and Clark to procure regular preaching at St. Andrew's church the third Sunday of every month. We have not yet been able to put up our church building in this place. We have about \$1500 subscribed, but it will require a good deal more to answer our purpose. St. Patrick's parish, P. Edward. Funerals 1.

Christ Church, Alexandria D. C., Fairfax parish.—Charles B. Dana, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, (8 of whom are from other Cures) removed 8; died 3—total 140; Baptisms, children, white 27; colored 9—total 36; Confirmations 18; Marriages 2; Funerals 8; number of families 80. Amount contributed to various benevolent institutions and other objects connected with the Church upwards of \$1600.

Christ Church, Norfolk.—Upton Beall, Rector.—Communicants—number last reported 241; removed 6; died 5; added 13—present number 243; Baptisms, infants 32; adult 1—total 33; Marriages 10; Funerals, infants 5, adults 3—total 8; Contributions for institutions connected with the church \$2953 73.

Centurion Church, Elizabeth City parish, at Old Point, Fortress Monroe.—M. L. Chevers, Rector.—Communicants removed 1—total 6; Marriages 2; contributions \$9 75. The Sunday school is in successful operation. A large and interesting congregation of colored persons assemble for public worship on each Sunday night.

St. John's Church, Hampton.—M. L. Chevers, Rector.—Communicants died 2, added 4—total 16; Baptisms, infants, white 6, colored 3—total 9; Confirmations 5, (all of whom are communicants) contributions to benevolent objects \$19 07.

Christ Church parish, Lancaster.—William Bryant, Rector.—Communicants added 6, (2 from other parishes) died 3, present number 30; Baptisms, adults 2, infants, white 1, colored 9—total 12; Confirmations 2; Marriages 3; Funerals 4.

Amount collected for the church \$62. Some valuable improvements have been made at the parsonage, and other improvements are in contemplation to be made with the aid of a legacy, devoted to this object by a deceased member at the White Chapel church.

I would here remark that this legacy which could not be reached by a process at law, was promptly made good to us by the executors, in carrying out in every particular the will of their departed brother.

Christ Church, Newport parish, Isle of Wight.—Thomas Smith, Rector.—The Rector reports, Baptisms, 9—six colored and 2 white children; deaths 12, seven colored and 5 white; Confirmations 3, colored. Communicants, added 4, colored—dead, 1 white; present number 41—37 white and 4 colored. The Librarian reports no increase in the parish or Sunday school libraries. The Superintendent of our very flourishing Sunday school reports as follows—male teachers 5, female 10—male scholars 25, female 30, in all 70.

Suffolk parish, Nansemond county.—T. Smith, Rector.—Baptisms 5, white infants; communicants dead 1—present number 5; contributions \$9. In connection with regular monthly services a Sabbath school embracing about 20 teachers and 60 scholars, has been organized with most encouraging prospects of success.

Cople parish, Westmoreland county.—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants added 4, one from another cure, died 1—total 22, (21 white and 1 colored;) Baptisms 1 adult; Marriages 2; Funerals 1.

Lunenburg parish, Richmond county.—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants added 5, died 1—total 19; Confirmations 4; Baptisms 4 adults, 1 infant—total 5; Marriages 3; Funerals 4.

North Farnham parish, Richmond county.—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1—total 14; Baptisms 5 infants; Marriage 1; Funeral 1.

The Rector of the above parishes would report that he resigned his former charge in July last and entered upon the duties of his present, in September. No efforts have been made to raise funds for purposes not connected with the parishes, because one parish is laboring to complete an additional house for worship, which it is hoped will be effected the ensuing summer. The rectory also has undergone considerable repairs, and the sum of twelve hundred dollars has been generously raised and given to the widow of their late lamented Rector.

Christ Church, Charlottesville, Albemarle.—R. K. Meade, Rector.—Communicants added 8, removed 1, died 4—total 62; Baptisms, infants 6; Confirmations 3; Marriages 5; Funerals 9; number of families 38. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$612. In addition to this, the sum of \$1200 has been contributed to the High School by a female member of the congregation.

Cornwall parish, Charlotte.—W. H. Kinckle, Rector.—Having accepted a call to Lyttleton parish, I resigned the charge of Roanoke church last August, and since then have preached there only on the fifth Sundays. Since my last report of this church, I have baptized 1 colored adult; 6 children, four white and two colored; and admitted two persons to the Communion. My preaching at Roanoke on the fifth Sunday is only a temporary arrangement, and when that ceases the congregation will be left entirely destitute of Episcopal services—present number of Communicants 7.

Christ Church, Winchester.—J. E. Jackson, Rector.—Communicants added 5, dead 1, removed 4—total 72; Baptisms, infants 7; Funerals 4; Marriages 4. Amount collected for institutions connected with the church \$200. The Sunday schools are more prosperous than for a very considerable time past.

St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick parish.—J. E. Jackson, Rector.—Communicants 10; Baptisms 1.

Christ Church, Richmond.—George Woodbridge, Rector.—Communicants, added 5, removed 5, suspended 1, died 3—total 75; Baptisms 3; Confirmations 6; Funerals 6; Marriages 2. The congregation have raised about \$300 during the past year, of which a part has been appropriated to the repairs of the church, and a part to various objects of benevolence connected with the church.

Cumberland parish, Lunenburg.—Thomas E. Locke, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 42; Baptisms, infants, white 2; Funerals 5. Contributions to various church institutions \$94.

Clarksburg.—James H. McMechen, Missionary.—Communicants 3; Marriage 1. Collected for church institutions \$50.

The Rector has occasionally visited Morgantown and Smithfield in Monongalia, and Weston in Lewis, finding in each of these places one or two members of the church.

Dale parish, Chesterfield, and Raleigh parish Amelia, and the congregation at Genito, Powhatan.—Parke F. Berkeley, Rector.—Communicants removed 1—total 40; Baptisms, infants, white 4, colored 6—total 10; Marriage 1; Funerals, white 5, colored 3—total 8; number of families 34; adults 120, infants 62.

It may be proper to state that the society of ladies in the several congregations of which the Rector has charge, instead of contributing as heretofore to the funds of the Education Society, has appropriated the proceeds of its efforts during the year past towards building a church at Genito, in the county of Powhatan—also that in consequence of disease, the Rector was obliged to discontinue his ministerial duties from July until the first of April.

Dettenger parish, St. James' and St. Paul's church, Prince William.—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, died 3—total 35; Baptisms, infants 8, white 4, colored 4; Marriages 3; Funerals 6. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church not accurately known—amount collected for the High School \$107 35.

East Russel parish, Bedford.—J. S. Marbury, Rector.—The Rector took charge of this parish last November, from which time he reports,

Communicants, added 6, total 79; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 3—total 4. Marriage 1; Funerals 1. Money for benevolent purposes \$25. Owing to contemplated improvements and enlargement of the churches, no systematic contributions have been made to benevolent purposes.

Frederick parish, Clarke.—W. G. H. Jones, Rector.—Marriages 3; Baptisms, infants 4;

Funerals three; Confirmation 1; Communicants, dead 1, removed 2, added 2, present number 43; Families 32. The Rector took charge of the parish in July last, and would remark that there have appeared recently encouraging indications that the next communion will be enlarged by several additions.

It is with great pleasure he reports the deep interest felt in the parish in regard to the instruction of servants, and that successful efforts have been made to secure for their special benefit the services of a clergyman, as far as salary is concerned.

It is believed 500 dollars can be raised, most of which is already subscribed—if a suitable minister can be obtained, it would be a source of great gratification to the Rector to know that the wishes of his people in this respect could be fulfilled. Contributions to benevolent objects \$1036 75.

Hamilton and Leeds parishes, Fauquier.—Geo. Lemmon, Rector.—Communicants added in Hamilton parish 4, dead 1, whole number in both parishes 65; Marriages 5; Baptisms 2; Funerals 3. The Rector reports with much satisfaction and thankfulness to God, that through the pious and liberal zeal of a few members of Leeds parish, a new brick church which, when finished will be at once commodious and beautiful, has been lately erected in that Parish, and will probably be finished in August next. Contributions for the various objects connected with the Church \$70.

Holston parish, Washington county.—Jas. M. Cofer, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, died 1, total 17; Baptisms, adults 2; Funerals 1.

The Rector states that he took charge of this parish on the 1st September last, and has been laboring he trusts with some success. It is true his congregations from various causes have been generally small, yet they have uniformly been attentive, serious and devout. He believes that there is here a good foundation for the establishment of the Church, but that it will require time to diffuse the necessary information in regard to her distinctive principles amongst the people, to do away their prejudices and enlist their feelings, in behalf of our beloved Zion.

Hungars parish, Northampton.—W. G. Jackson, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 2, total 53; Baptisms, infants white 4, colored 20, total 24. Confirmations 3; Marriage 1; Funerals 5; Number of families 40, adults 120, infants 85. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$281 78.

Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann.—D. M. Fackler, Rector.—Communicants, total 13; Baptisms, infants 5; Confirmations 3; Marriage 1; Funerals 2.

The prospects of the parish cannot be viewed as encouraging as formerly.

Lytleton parish, Cumberland.—W. H. Kinckle, Rector.—Communicants 27; Baptisms, infants white 9; Confirmations 12; Marriages 3; Funerals 1; Contributions to benevolent objects \$162.

This parish was re-organized in the spring of 1840. The present Rector received and accepted a call in June, and entered upon his duties in September following. Services are held twice in each month at Ca Ira and Cartersville, 23 miles apart. A church has been contracted for in the former village, and is to be completed by the fall—for the present we assemble in free houses of worship at both places.

Monumental Church, Richmond.—Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 6, infants 24, total 30; Confirmations 18; Communicants, added 19, whole number 200. Money raised for benevolent objects \$2,221.

Meade parish, Fauquier.—P. Slaughter, Rector.—Communicants added 9, removed 2, total 29; Baptisms, adult 1, infants white 8, total 9; Confirmations 7; Marriages 10; Funerals 4.

The people of this parish have displayed a very commendable liberality in sustaining the institutions of the church and making comfortable provision for their pastor in providing a *parsonage* and contributing generously to his support. The minister of this parish preaches once a month at Middleburg, a village in the neighboring county of Loudoun.

In this place there is a subscription for a church edifice, which we hope will be erected in the course of the present year. The Rector also officiates, once a month, at Snickersville, another village in the county of Loudoun, where a very favorable prospect is disclosing itself for the formation of an Episcopal congregation.

Martin's Brandon parish, Prince George.—M. McFarland, Rector.—Communicants 13; Baptisms, infants 2; Funerals 1. The Rector reports that he took charge of this parish on the 11th of April last, that there has been a good attendance upon his ministrations during

the short time he has officiated here, and as an evidence of the interest felt by the people for the cause of Christ and his Church, a neat brick edifice has been erected within the past year at the town of City Point, which will be completed in the course of a few weeks.

Nelson parish, Nelson county.—C. K. Nelson Rector.—Communicants, added 6, removed 3, died 2, total 41; Baptisms, infants, white 8; Confirmations 3; Marriages 3; Funerals 6. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$250 22.

Norborne parish, Berkely.—C. C. Taliaferro, Rector.—Communicants, added 11; (two from other parishes,) Confirmed 12; died 3; removed 1; total 111; Funerals 1; Baptisms, infants 4; Marriages 3; Contributions to benevolent objects \$118 25. There has been raised and paid towards the erection of a new Episcopal Church in Martinsburg, about \$1500. I have continued within the year past to divide my time between the congregations of Martinsburg, Hedgesville and Bunker's Hill—statedly giving three Sundays in the month to the two former and one to the latter. During the summer and fall months I preached at a place on Back Creek about 10 miles from Martinsburg, and at all these four places last summer and fall I performed service once a fortnight either in the morning, afternoon or night.

Bunker's Hill, Berkely.—C. C. Taliaferro, Rector.—Communicants 26; Funerals 2; Marriages 2.

Bloomfield parish, Madison.—R. T. Brown, Rector.—*Piedmont Church.*—Communicants, died 1, total 14; Funerals 2; Baptisms, infants 3, all colored. Since the last Convention the ladies of this church have held a fair, from which they have realized funds enough to plaster the church and purchase stoves, adding greatly to its comfort and convenience.

Trinity Church.—Communicants, died 1; total 12; Baptisms, infants, white 4, colored 8, total 12. I have been enabled to preach several times to the colored people of this neighborhood, and trust that my labors among them have not been in vain; one of them is now a candidate for baptism.

Rappahannock county.—I have continued my Missionary labors in this county during the past year, and although there are many discouraging circumstances in the way of success, yet by the blessing of God, our work may yet be prospered. Funeral 1; Baptisms, infants, white 1. There are individuals in both counties who would unite with the Church, but not being in Priest's orders, it has not been in my power to admit them.

Point Pleasant, Mason county.—J. B. Goodwin, Missionary.—Communicants, added 11, total 14; Baptisms, adults 4, infants, white 5, total 9; Marriages 7; Funerals 4. A Parish has been organized in Mercer's Bottom and \$400 subscribed towards building a church. A beautiful site has been selected, and it is expected that the building will be so far advanced before winter that it can be used for preaching. Four hundred and thirty dollars have also been subscribed for building a church in Gallipolis. We have received an excellent Sunday School Library of 100 volumes from friends belonging to Grace Church, Providence, R. I.

Pohick Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax.—W. P. C. Johnson, Rector.—Baptisms, infants colored 2; Marriages 4; Funerals 1. The Minister of Truro Parish, respectfully reports to the Convention, that the venerable church edifice in which he officiates has been rescued from further decay and dilapidation.

Roanoke parish, Halifax.—J. T. Clarke, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1, total 14; Baptisms, 1 white, 1 colored infant, total 2; Marriage 1; Funeral 1; No. of families 12. Amount collected for Church and charitable purposes \$76 19. The undertakers are now building the new church mentioned in my last report, and it will be finished some time during the ensuing summer. The Rector has employed, at his own risk and expense a very competent and diligent teacher, Mr. Hugh Nelson, and has opened a parochial school in his parish. There are about 30 pupils, 25 of whom attend with great regularity, and their attention, behaviour and improvement so far are very satisfactory and gratifying. The Rector has paid more attention than heretofore to the colored population. Since last fall the Rector has discontinued his visits to Danville, having succeeded in securing the services of the Rev. Geo. W. Dame for that place.

St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, and Bath parish, Dinwiddie.—T. T. Castleman, Rector.—Communicants, added, whites 8, colored 3, total 11; removed 3, died 1, whole number 75; Baptisms, adults, white 2, colored 1—infants, white 12, colored 7, total 22; Marriages 3; Funerals 17. Amount contributed to the various institutions of the Church \$482 20.

St. Ann's and South Farnham parishes.—J. P. McGuire, Rector.—St. Ann's Parish.—Communicants, added 1, total 32, 30 white and 2 colored; Baptisms, infants 5; Confirmations, white 3, colored 2, total 5; Marriages 7; Funerals 5. South Farnham Parish.—Communicants, added 3, total 29; Baptisms, infants white 8, colored 2, total 10; Confirmations 5; Funerals 4. Funds have been as usual collected for the different institutions of the Church, but the amount has been reduced by the cause which operated so unfavorably when the last report was made.

The new Church mentioned heretofore was consecrated and called St. Paul's church, during the month of June last.

St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg county.—F. H. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 5, died 2, removed 2, total 54; Baptisms, infants 4, adult 1, total 5; Confirmations 1; Marriages 3; Funerals 4. Amount contributed to the support of the benevolent objects of the Church \$575. The Church edifice at Boynton, will be ready for consecration early in the summer. The friends of the Church in Clarksville and its vicinity hope, ere very long to erect a church in their flourishing village.

St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.—Wm. Armstrong, Rector.—Baptisms, infants 15, adults 6; Communicants 87; Marriages 8; Deaths 6.

St. James' Parish, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna.—R. H. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added 13, removed 1, total 30; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 3, total 7; Confirmations 5; Marriage 1; Funerals 4; Number of families 16. Amount collected for benevolent objects \$311. Besides the above contributions liberal subscriptions have been made towards the erection of a parsonage which will soon be completed.

St. James' Church, Richmond.—A. Empie, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, removed 5, died 1, total 58; Baptisms, infants 4; Confirmation 1; Marriages 3; Funerals 4; Number of families about 70, of adults upwards of 170, of children about 130, of pupils in the Sunday school less than when last reported.

St. John's Church, Kanawha parish.—James Craik, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, one from another parish, removed 1, withdrawn 1, total 25; Baptisms, infants 10; Funerals 1; Families 27; of adults 60, children 55; Collections for Miscellaneous purposes \$27. Subscription to build a church in the Kanawha Salines \$2000.

St. James' Church, Shelburne parish, Leesburg.—Geo. Adie, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, removed 3, died 1, total white 56, colored 2, total 58; Baptisms, white adult 1, infants 6; colored 3, total 10; Confirmations 7; Marriages 3; Funerals 3; No. of families 60.

Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church about \$350. The Rector sees little in the state of the parish worthy of interest. For several years previous to the one which has recently expired, the support given to their minister was entirely insufficient for the supply of his necessities. But no sooner was the fact made known to them than they cheerfully responded to the appeal made in his behalf.

Aldie.—Communicants 4. No perceptible change in the state of the congregation since last report.

St. John's Church, Richmond.—W. H. Hart, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, died 3, total 33; Baptisms, infants 4; Funerals 7. The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition. Teachers, male 5, female 10. No. of scholars, 70.

St. George's parish, Accomac.—H. M. Bartlett, Rector.—Communicants added 8, removed 5, died 5, total 43; Baptisms 10; Confirmations 5; Marriage 1; Funerals 4. The parish during the last two years has by removals lost much and gained little. Yet in either of the congregations there has been a manifest increase.

St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.—E. C. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants added 8, deaths and removals 7, total 143; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 8, total 12; Confirmations 13; Marriages 7; Funerals 9; Families 100; Religious and Charitable contributions \$600. A new organ has recently been purchased at an expense exceeding \$1100. Our parochial associations are attended by an encouraging measure of usefulness. Sunday School and Bible Class institutions are especially exerting a happy influence in promotion of youthful piety amongst us.

St. Margaret's parish, Caroline.—St. M. Fackler, Rector.—Communicants, 24; and *St. John's Church, Berkeley parish, Spottsylvania.*—Communicants, removed 6, whole number 28; Marriages 2; Funerals, white 3. Amount collected for different institutions connect-

ed with the church \$65 75. I took charge of this church last October. I also preach once a month at Louisa C. H., where the interest in the service of the church continues to increase. The church at Spottsylvania C. H. is nearly finished, and will be ready for consecration as early in the summer as practicable. I have made arrangements to establish a Bible class at each of these places, which will go into operation in a few weeks.

St. Martin's parish, Hanover county.—Wm. V. Bowers, Rector.—Communicants added 2, withdrawn 1, died 1, total 59; Baptisms, infants 6; Confirmations 5, two from other parishes; Marriages 4; Funerals 4; Number of families 51. Amount collected for benevolent purposes \$270. Sunday Schools 2, one of which for the want of teachers has, during the past year, been in a languishing condition. The colored population continue to be instructed at different plantations on Sunday evenings. A tract of land, adjoining one of the churches and about the centre of the parish, of 100 acres, has been purchased, and a contract entered into to erect a house for a rectory. The corner stone of St. Paul's church was laid last June by Bishop Moore, near Hanover Court House, and the building is now in progress, and will be finished this summer if sufficient funds can be obtained.

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.—B. M. Miller, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, withdrawn 2, removed 10, dead 6, present number 62; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 17, total 18; Confirmations 9; Marriages 3, one of colored persons; Funerals 22; several of other churches in the borough and the vicinity.

St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.—J. T. Johnston, Rector.—Communicants, added 20, (from other cures 7) removed 8, died 3, total 159; Baptisms, adults 1 white; infants, white 28, colored 4, total 33; Confirmations 19; Marriages 13; Funerals 10; Sunday Schools 2; Superintendants 2; Teachers 25; Scholars 181. Amount collected for different purposes connected with the church \$850.

St. Peter's Church, Port Royal and Grace Church, St. Mary's parish, Caroline.—W. Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 5, total 52; Baptisms 8; Confirmations 9; Marriage 1; Funerals 11. Contributions for objects connected with the church \$150.

The Sunday School, at Grace Church, has been revived, and is now well attended, and gives promise of much usefulness, especially to the children of the poor in the neighborhood. In addition to the stated services in my churches, I preach alternately on Sunday evenings at the Bowling Green, at King George C. H., and at the residence of John G. Lawrence, Esq.

St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.—T. Atkinson, Rector.—Communicants, added 19, of these 6 were from other cures, removed 6, died 6, and one was ordained to the ministry, the Rev. S. D. Tompkins, total 89; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 30, total 34, all white; Marriages 5, one of colored persons; Funerals 11. The number of families belonging to the congregation cannot well be ascertained. The large number of deaths among the communicants has greatly checked the advance of the church. Among those thus taken from us were some of the best and most valued members of the church, and at the same time, my own kindest and truest friends. Still it is believed we are advancing, and it is hoped that from various causes that advance will be more rapid from this time, than for the last 12 or 18 months.

St. Paul's Church, Bristol parish, Petersburg.—N. H. Cobbs, Rector.—Communicants, added 30, of these several were from other parishes; ordained 2, removed 11, died 1, total 130; Baptisms, infants 12, adults 5, total 17; Confirmations, 21; Marriages 7; Funerals 12; Number of families and of children in the Sunday school about the same as last year. Contributions to benevolent objects \$1600. The present state of the parish warrants the belief that a new church will soon be wanted.

St. Peter's Church, Tillotson parish, Buckingham.—Communicants, added 5, total 28; Baptisms 1, by the Rev. John Martin. Amount collected for the various institutions of the church \$100.
P. A. BOLLING, Lay Delegate.

St. Paul's parish, King George, and Washington parish, Westmoreland.—John Martin, Rector.—*St. Paul's:* Communicants, added 3, removed 1, died 1, total 28; Baptisms, infants, white 9; Confirmations 5; Marriages 6; Funerals 5; Number of families 31, adults 75, children 65. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church since September \$65 50.

In addition to the above, a sufficient sum has been obtained for the purpose of building a parsonage, which has been commenced and will probably be completed by October next.

Washington parish.—Communicants 2; Baptisms, infants 16; Number of families 15. Amount collected \$4 62½.

Previous to September last this parish had not for many years had any regular ministerial services. Since then the present minister has officiated.

The parish has been re-organized; a vestry elected, and a liberal subscription obtained towards building a new and substantial church in place of the old one at Pope's creek, now in ruins.

St. Stephen's and St. James' Churches, Culpeper.—John Cole, Rector.—*St. Stephen's*: Communicants, added 7; removed 2; died 2; total 50; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 13, total 15; Marriages 2; Funerals 8.

St. James':—Communicants 11; Baptisms, infants 6. In *St. Stephen's* congregation but little has been done during the past year, and for the two or three years preceding, for objects of benevolence connected with the spread of the Gospel abroad. *St. James'* is a new congregation, formed within the last 12 or 15 months, and promises by the blessing of God to become a centre of good to the surrounding neighborhood. Since the last convention a very neat and comfortable brick church has been built, and is now ready for consecration.

A Sunday School has been opened and a Bible class will be begun immediately after the return of the Rector to his home. Plain, expository instruction is regularly given on two Sunday afternoons in the month to the servants.

St. Thomas' Church, Orange.—J. Earnest, Rector.—The Rector took charge of this congregation in January last, and reports since that period as follows: Communicants 42; Baptisms, adult 1; Marriage 1; Funeral 1. The Sunday School embraces 1 superintendent, 5 teachers, and about 30 scholars.

Spottsylvania, Louisa and Powhatan.—Report of John Cooke, Missionary.—I write this from a sick bed and under great bodily suffering, which, together with the sickness of my family, will prevent my attendance at the approaching convention. I am happy to say to the convention that my Missionary labors in Spottsylvania and Powhatan, commenced some four years ago, are now nearly completed. We have finished a neat and comfortable brick church at Spottsylvania C. H., at an expense of some \$1300—which will be ready for consecration in a few weeks. This church I have turned over to the supervision of the Rev. Mr. Fackler, who takes charge of it in connection with his other congregations in the adjoining parishes.

We have also completed the church at Manakin town, Powhatan, which is now a neat and comfortable building. This also is ready for consecration. This congregation, in connection with the one at Petersville, where I formerly officiated, is now ready to receive an Episcopal minister. They have made up between them \$500 for his support, with a promised increase in proportion to his increase of duty and expenses. He will be required to officiate alternately at the two places. At Locust Grove, Louisa, things remain very much as they have been for some time past. Two were confirmed at the visitation of Bishop Meade last spring. Funerals 3.

Trinity Church, Staunton.—F. D. Goodwin, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 3, died 3, withdrawn 1, total 60; Baptisms 10; Marriages 6; Funerals 5. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$389.

Our Sunday School is very flourishing, numbering 118 scholars and 21 teachers, with an average attendance of 83 scholars and 16 teachers. We have also tried the experiment of a Sunday School for servants, and are thus far greatly cheered with the result. This school was opened the first of January last and consists of 8 teachers and 62 pupils. The average attendance has been 45. The improvement of the pupils has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. About 30 of them have learned the general confession, the Lord's prayer, the creed and the ten commandments, besides hymns and passages of Scripture—and one at least, has learned the whole of the Church catechism.

Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.—J. H. Morrison, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, from the Diocese of Maryland; died 2, total 36; Baptisms, white infants 3, colored 6, total 9; Marriage 1, (of colored persons;) Funerals 2. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$185.

The Rector sees little to encourage him in the portion of his field of labor belonging to the Virginia diocese. Half of his time is still devoted to a parish in the diocese of Maryland. His church edifice in Virginia is at present in process of being enlarged, and, in other respects, greatly improved at the cost of something upwards of \$2,200. Owing to the pressing demand for the means of carrying on this work, he has not felt himself at liberty to urge on his congregation the duty of contributing to other objects. He has been prevented by ill health from preaching for more than three months past. Agreeably to a resolution of the convention, he would assign as the reason of his not attending its last meeting, the insufficiency of his resources.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth and St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond.—J. H. Wingfield, Rector.—*Trinity*.—Communicants, added 5, removed in parish 2, died 3, removed from parish 1, total 51; Baptisms, all white infants 18; Confirmations 4; Marriages 8; Funerals 12; Number of families 68. Amount collected for different institutions \$1,121, of which \$950 were raised by the laudable efforts of the ladies of the congregation towards the contemplated purchase of a permanent residence for the Rector; the balance—some for the payment of galleries erected in the church since last convention and some for different institutions of the church. Sunday School, about 12 teachers and 80 scholars—not very prosperous. The Rector is pleased to have it to state that one added to the list of his communicants is a colored person. The first in his ministry.

St. Paul's—Nansemond.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1, total 13; Baptisms 5; Confirmations 1; Marriages 1; Funerals 1; Number of families about 18; Contributions to Church purposes \$12 25.

Westover parish, Charles city county.—W. T. Leavell, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, died 2, total 17; (the number of colored communicants hitherto reported as members of the Episcopal church in the parish, about 40.) Confirmations 3; Baptisms, white infants 4; Marriages 2; Funerals, white 7, colored 8, total 15; Number of families about 20. Amount collected for parochial improvements and other objects connected with the Church, about \$800.

Wickliffe Parish, Clarke.—Alex. Shiras, Rector.—The number of communicants reported as belonging to this parish at the last convention was 56. Fuller information has shown that the actual number was but 50. To these there have been added, including 3 from other parishes, 23,—7 have removed, 1 has been suspended, and 2 have died, leaving a total of 63. Baptisms, adult 2, white infants 6, colored 12, total 20; Confirmations 18; Marriages 12; Funerals 6.

The number of families connected with the parish is 42. The exact number of individuals difficult to ascertain—believed to be about 200.

To the various benevolent institutions of the church there have been contributed about \$250. More might have been collected, but for the efforts which have been made to erect a parsonage. A very neat and commodious one has been commenced, and it is hoped will be completed in the course of the summer.

The Sabbath Schools continue to be well attended, and the two Bible Classes under the Rector's care appear to excite a lively interest and to be richly blessed of God.

Walker's church and Christ Church, St. Ann's parish, Albemarle.—E. Boyden, Rector.—*Walker's church*.—Communicants, added 3, died 1, total 22; Baptisms 1 adult; Confirmations 4; Funerals 2; Contributions for foreign religious and benevolent objects about \$100. A fine organ has been presented to this church by the heirs of the Hon. Hugh Nelson.

Christ church.—Communicants, added 3, removed 1, died 2—total 18; Confirmations 2, Marriage 1, Funerals 2. This church has been well enclosed by the congregation, and furnished within by a lady in a manner befitting the house of God, and is one of the neatest temples in the land.

West Russel parish, Bedford.—Nelson Sale, Rector.—I have only removed to this parish late last fall, and have as yet but little more than succeeded in organizing my parish. Before leaving Lexington parish, Amherst county, and since my arrival in this, the rector reports since the last Convention as follows:

In Amherst.—Baptisms white 9, colored 9; Marriages 4; Funerals 4. In West Russel, I have baptized 11 white infants and seven colored—Marriages 4; Funerals 4. Collected for different purposes \$40.

Number of communicants in this parish not precisely known; but about 25.

Zion church, St. Andrew's parish, Jefferson.—Alexander Jones, Rector.—Communicants, added 18, removed 1, died 2, present number 81; Baptisms, white infants 11, colored 5; Confirmations 12; Marriages 8; Funerals 9. Amount expended for objects not connected with the parish \$285.

The Rector reports with unfeigned gratitude, the abounding liberality of his people, in kindly and considerably administering to his necessities and also in purchasing for him a neat and commodious parsonage. They have likewise bought a new and excellent organ, the old organ, though a good one, being found to be too small, and have also expended much, not only in rendering the house of God more comfortable, but handsome and appropriate for His worship. Amount expended for objects connected with the parish \$2,700.

He also reports that on every other Sunday, he preaches in Smithfield in the afternoon, where there are a few devout persons zealously attached to the church, and where he hopes soon to have a neat building erected for the worship of God.

Report of Rev. James McElroy, General Agent of the Virginia Bible Society, states, That since he became connected with the Diocese, in May 1840, he has travelled some five thousand miles in prosecuting the agency of the blessed cause with which he is specially connected, and in which the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of Virginia take so deep an interest. He has preached some two hundred and thirty times; administered betimes the sacrament of baptism, assisted occasionally at the administration of the Lord's supper, and supplied the pulpits of some of the vacant parishes in the Diocese.

Rev. Geo. A. Smith reports, in accordance with the provisions of the seventh canon of 1835, which requires from clergymen not settled in any parish or church, an account of the "Occasional services" they may have performed, &c.—That being disabled by weakness of voice from performing the duties of a parochial minister, he has established and has charge of the Fairfax institute in the vicinity of Alexandria. In connection with his duties in the intellectual education of his pupils, he has endeavored to fulfil to them the relation of a pastor, performing divine service, and frequently preaching to them and others, when prevented by inclement weather from attending at the chapel of the Theological Seminary. He has also by daily religious instruction endeavored to fulfil his responsibilities to them, in many instances with encouraging success. He has also, in concert with the other clergy of the vicinity, preached regularly in the chapel of the Theological Seminary.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

<i>Report of</i> <i>(or of</i>	<i>Rector of</i> <i>Parish)</i>	<i>Church,</i> <i>County.</i>
Communicants—added	; removed	; died ;
suspended	;—total	.
Baptisms—adults	; viz. white	, colored ;
infants	; viz. white	, colored ;—total .
Confirmations		
Marriages		
Funerals		
Number of families	, adults	, infants .
Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$		
Remarks to be added by the Rector.		

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A LIST OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

with their respective,

COUNTIES, CHURCHES, AND MINISTERS.

The Clergy will greatly assist the Secretary in completing the following list, which is here but imperfectly commenced, if they will at the next Convention insert in their Parochial Reports the names of the counties, parishes, and churches under their care.

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomac,	Accomac,		Charles Mann.
Abingdon,	Gloucester,		John Grammer.
Antrim,	Halifax,	{ St. Mark's,	John T. Clark.
Augusta,	Augusta,	{ Mount Laurel,	F. D. Goodwin,
Bath,	Dinwiddie,	Trinity,	T. T. Castleman.
{ St. Margaret's,	Caroline,		St. M. Fackler,
{ Berkely,	Spottsylvania,	St. John's,	D. M. Wharton.
Botetourt,	Botetourt,		William Hodges.
Bruton,	James City,		J. D. Tyler.
Boydén,	Augusta,		R. T. Brown.
Bloomfield,	Madison,	{ Madison, C. H. }	N. H. Cobbs,
Bristol,	Prince George,	{ Trinity,	Geo. W. Dame,
Brunswick,	Stafford,	St. Paul's,	Jas. H. McMechen,
Camden,	Pittsylvania,		W. N. Ward,
Clarksburg,	Harrison,	St. Andrew's,	William T. Bryant.
{ Cople,	Westmoreland,		Thomas E. Locke.
{ Lunenburg, }	Richmond,		William H. Kinckle.
{ N. Farnham,	Lancaster,	Christ,	P. F. Berkely.
Christ church,	Lunenburg,		John Towles.
Cumberland,	Cornwall,	Roanoke,	J. S. Marbury.
Cornwall,	Charlotte,		M. L. Chevers.
Christ church,	Middlesex,		B. M. Miller.
Charles,	York,		U. Beall.
Dale,	Chesterfield,	Sapony,	R. K. Meade.
Dettengen,	Prince William,	{ St. James' }	J. E. Jackson.
Drysdale,	Caroline,	{ St. Paul's }	C. B. Dana.
East Russel,	Bedford,		J. T. Johnston.
Elizabeth City,	Elizabeth City,	{ St. John's, }	E. R. Lippitt.
Elizabeth,	Norfolk,	{ Centurion, }	W. G. H. Jones.
Frederickville,	Albemarle,	{ St. Paul's, }	
Frederick,	Frederick,	{ Trinity,	
Fairfax,	Fairfax,	{ Christ,	
Frederick,	Clarke,	{ Buckmountain, }	
Farnham,	Richmond,	St. Thomas',	
		{ Christ,	
		{ St. Paul's,	
		{ Falls,	
		{ Wickliffe,	
		{ The Chapel,	

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Henrico,	Henrico,	{ Monumental,	{ R. C. Moore, D. D.
		{ St. John's,	Wm. Norwood.
		Christ,	William H. Hart.
		St. James',	George Woodbridge.
		{ K. George, C. H. }	A. Empie, D. D.
		{ St. Paul's,	William Friend.
Hanover,	King George,		William G. Jackson.
Hungar's,	Northampton,		George Lemmon.
Hamilton,	Fauquier,		
Haymarket,	Prince William,		
Kenawha,	Kenawha,	{ St. John's,	James Craik.
Leeds,	Fauquier,	{ St. Mark's,	John Martin.
Lynnhaven,	Princess Ann,		George Lemmon.
Lexington,	Amherst,	{ Amherst C. H. }	D. M. Fackler.
Lunenburg,	Richmond,	{ New Glasgow, }	Nelson Sale.
Leeds,	Prince William,		W. N. Ward.
Littleton,	Cumberland,		
Manchester,	Chesterfield,		
Meade,	Prince George,		
Martin's Brandon,	Greenville,	Merchant's Hope,	Philip Slaughter.
Meherrin,			M. McFarland.
Moore,	Campbell,	{ St. John's,	
Norborne,	Berkely,	{ St. Paul's,	T. Atkinson.
Newport,	Isle of Wight,	{ Christ,	
		{ Mill Creek,	C. C. Taliaferro,
		{ Brick, }	Thomas Smith,
		{ Christ, }	
		{ Trinity,	C. R. Nelson.
		{ Callaway, }	
Nelson,	Nottoway,	Aquia,	W. P. C. Johnson.
Nottoway,	Stafford,	Trinity,	J. H. Wingfield.
Overwharton,	Norfolk,		
Portsmouth,	Gloucester,	{ Trinity,	J. Doughen.
Petsworth,		{ St. Stephen's, }	P. F. Berkeley.
Russell,	Bedford,		
Raleigh,	Amelia,		
Roanoke,	Halifax,		
St. James',	Prince William,	Christ,	E. Boyden.
St. George's,	Accomac,		T. T. Castleman.
St. Anne's,	Albemarle,	St. Margaret's,	St. M. Fackler.
St. Andrew's,	Brunswick,	{ St. Peter's, }	W. Friend.
St. Margaret's,	Caroline,	{ Grace,	J. Cole.
St. Mary's,	Caroline,	{ St. Stephen's,	J. W. Woodville.
St. Mark's,	Culpeper,	{ ———,	J. P. McGuire.
St. Anne's,	Essex,		J. P. McGuire.
South Farnham,	Essex,		R. H. Wilmer.
St. James', Northam,	Goochland,	St. Paul's,	W. V. Bowers.
St. Martin's,	Hanover,		F. H. McGuire.
St. James',	Mecklenburg,	St. George's,	E. C. McGuire, D. D.
St. George's,	Spottsylvania,	St. James',	George Adie.
Shelburne,	Loudoun,	{ Trinity,	J. H. Morrison.
St. Andrew's,	Jefferson,	{ Zion,	Alexander Jones.
St. Paul's,	King George,		J. Martin.
Suffolk,	Nansemond,	St. Paul's,	J. H. Wingfield.
Southwark,	Surry,		
Southam,	Powhatan,	Petersville,	
St. Luke,	Southampton,		
St. Thomas',	Orange,	St. Thomas',	Jos. Earnest.
St. Stephen's,	Northumberland,		
St. Peter's,	New Kent,		

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
St. David, St. John's, St. Stephen's, St. Paul's, St. Asaph's, St. Matthew's, Truro, Trinity, Tillotson, Walker's, Ware, Winchester, Wicomico, Warwick, Washington, Westover, West Russell, Wickliffe, Woodville,	King William, King William, King and Queen, Hanover, Caroline, Ohio, Fairfax, Louisa, Buckingham, Albemarle, Gloucester, Frederick, Northumberland, Warwick, Westmoreland, Charles City, Bedford, Clarke, Botetourt, Albemarle, Augusta,	St. Matthew's, St. Peter's, Walker's, Christ,	William Armstrong. W. P. C. Johnson. W. N. Ward. J. M. Cofer. E. Boyden, Charles Mann. J. E. Jackson. J. Martin. W. T. Leavell. N. Sale. A. Shiras. Jas. Chisholm. Jas. McElroy, A. B. S.

A LIST
OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,
WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE
PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

The Clergy who have recently entered the Diocese or removed from one part to another are requested when they present their Parochial Reports to the Convention to send in also the names of their respective Post Offices, if they expect them to be inserted in the following list.

CLERGY.	PARISHES.	POST OFFICES.
Rt. Rev. R. C. Moore, D.D.	Rector Monumental ch., Richmond,	Richmond.
" " Wm. Meade, D.D.	Assistant Bishop,	Millwood, Clarke.
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburn parish,	Leesburg, Loudon,
Armstrong, Rev. William	St. Matthew's church, Wheeling,	Wheeling, Ohio county.
Atkinson, Rev. Thomas	St. Paul's church,	Lynchburg,
Beall, Rev. Upton	Christ church,	Norfolk,
Berkeley, Rev. Parke F.	Ralsigh and Dale parishes,	Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield.
Bowers, Rev. William V.	St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	New Amsterdam.
Boyden, Rev. E.	St. Ann's and Walker's parishes,	Everettsville, Albemarle.
Brown, Rev. R. T.	{ Bloomfield parish, Madison, and }	Woodville, Rappahannock.
Bryant, Rev. William T.	{ Missionary in Rappahannock, }	Lancaster.
Castleman, Rev. Thos. T.	Christ church,	Lawrenceville, Brunswick.
Craik, Rev. James	{ St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, }	Kenawha Court House.
Chevers, Rev. Mark L.	{ and Bath parish, Dinwiddie, }	Old Point Comfort.
Chisholm, Rev. James	Kenawha parish,	Mount Laurel, Halifax.
Clapham, Rev. Josiah	St. John's church, Hampton,	Petersburg.
Clarke, Rev. John T.	Officiating in Albemarle county,	Culpeper Court House.
Cobbs, Rev. Nicholas H.	Officiating in Halifax county,	Louisa Court House.
Cole, Rev. John	Mount Laurel church, Halifax,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Crawford, Rev. William	St. Paul's church,	New Store, Buckingham.
Cooke, Rev. John	St. Stephen's church,	Cabin Point, Surry.
Cofer, Rev. James M.	Officiating in Hanover,	Prince Edward Court House.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Tillotson parish,	Alexandria, D. C.
Dame, Rev. George W.	Martin's Brandon parish,	Richmond.
Dana, Rev. Charles B.	Officiating in Prince Edward county,	Kempsville, Princess Anne.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	Fairfax parish,	Rapp'k Academy, Caroline.
Empie, D.D., Rev. Adam	St. Thomas' church, Orange,	Staunton, Augusta.
Fackler, Rev. David M.	St. James' church,	Point Pleasant, Mason.
Fackler, Rev. St. M.	Lynnhaven parish,	Halifax Court House.
Friend, Rev. William	{ St. Margaret's parish, Caroline, & }	Richmond.
Goodwin, Rev. Frederick D.	{ St. John's ch'h, Berkeley parish, }	Athens, Greece.
Goodwin, Rev. James	{ Spottsylvania, }	Williamsburg.
Grammer, Rev. John	{ St. Peter's, Port Royal, and Grace, }	Winchester.
Hart, Rev. William H.	Caroline,	Winchester,
Hill, Rev. John H.	Augusta parish,	Eastville, Northampton.
Hodges, Rev. William	Antrim parish,	Alexandria, D. C.
Hutchinson, Rev. Mr.	St. John's church,	Alexandria, D. C.
Jackson, Rev. J. E.	Missionary,	Charlestown, Jefferson.
Jackson, Rev. William M.	Bruton parish,	Millwood, Clarke county.
Johnson, Rev. William G.	Christ church,	Suffolk.
Johnson, Rev. James T.	Hungar's parish,	
Johnson, Rev. Wm. P. C.	St. Paul's church, Alexandria,	
Jones, Rev. Alexander	Pohick church, Fairfax,	
Jones, Rev. William G. H.	St. Andrew's parish,	
Keeling, Rev. Jacob	Frederick parish,	

CLERGY.

Keith, D.D., Rev. Reuel
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 Payne, Rev. John
 Parks, Rev. Martin P.
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 Smith, Rev. George A.
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 Woodville, Rev. John W.
 Wilmer, Rev. Richard H.
 Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.

PARISHES.

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 Westover parish,
 Hamilton and Leeds parishes,
 Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.,
 Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,
 Abingdon and Ware parishes,
 East Russel parish, Bedford.
 St. Paul's,
 Frederickville parish,
 St. Paul's church,
 Missionary,
 Trinity church,
 Agent Bible Society,
 Martins Brandon parish, Prince Geo.,
 St. George's church,
 St. Ann's and S. Farnham parishes,
 St. James' parish,
 Missionary,
 Trinity and Callaway churches,
 Assistant Minister Monumental ch.,
 Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.,
 Missionary,
 Chaplain to Military Academy,
 Principal of the High School,
 West Russel parish, Bedford,
 Wickliffe parish, Clarke,
 Meade parish,
 Newport parish,
 Missionary,
 Principal of Fairfax Institute,
 Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.,
 Norborne parish,
 St. James' and St. Paul's churches,
 Principal of Deaf & Dumb Asylum,
 { Cople parish, Westmoreland, and
 Lunenburg and North Farnham
 parishes, Richmond county,
 Botetourt parish,
 Portsmouth parish,
 Christ church,
 St. Mark's parish,
 St. Paul's, Northam,
 Chaplain United States Navy.

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 Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
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 Petersburg.
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 Petersburg.
 Martinsburg, Berkeley.
 Brentsville, Prince William.
 Staunton, Augusta.
 Big Lick, Botetourt.
 Portsmouth.
 Richmond.
 Stevensburg, Culpeper.
 Belham, Goochland.

Present number of Clergy in the Diocese,	89
Attended the Convention,	65
Absent,	24
Total number of Clergy and Laity who attended the Convention:	
Clergy,	65
Laity,	56
	121

The next Convention will meet at Staunton, Augusta county, on the third Wednesday in May, 1841.

CLERGYMEN OF OTHER DIOCESES,

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

- REV. J. W. FRENCH, of Maine.
 " JAMES MILNOR, D. D., of New York.
 " DAVID MOORE, "
 " JOHN A. VAUGHAN, D. D., "
 " CHARLES W. ANDREWS, of Pennsylvania.
 " GREGORY T. BEDELL, "
 " JOHN A. CLARK, D. D., "
 " LYMAN N. FREEMAN, "
 " JOHN G. MAXWELL, "
 " JAMES MAY, D. D., "
 " HENRY AISQUITH, - of Maryland.
 " JAMES A. BUCK, "
 " THOMAS B. FLOWER, "
 " WILLIAM HAWLEY, "
 " J. P. K. HENSHAW, D. D., "
 " JOHN F. HOFF, "
 " JOHN W. HOFFMAN, "
 " JOHN JOHNS, D. D., "
 " SAMUEL C. KERR, "
 " GEORGE L. MACKENHEIMER, "
 " HENRY MAJOR, "
 " ALEXANDER M. MARBURY, M. D. "
 " FRANCIS PECK, "
 " RICHARD H. PHILLIPS, "
 " WILLIAM PINCKNEY, "
 " KENSEY J. STEWART, "
 " HORACE STRINGFELLOW, "
 " HENRY WILLIAMS, "
 " LEMUEL WILMER, "
 " JACOB MORSS, of North Carolina.
 " ASHBEL STEELE, of Indiana.
 " M. L. FORBES, of Mississippi.
 " PHILIP BERRY, of Jamaica, W. I.