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STAUNTON, MAY 18, 1842.

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 Right Rev. William Meade, Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at 11 o'clock, A. M., in Trinity Church.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Thomas Atkinson, of Lynchburg, and the Convention sermon preached by the Rev. John P. McGuire, of Essex, from Rev. xii. 2.

Divine service being ended, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, as President.

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

RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE,

Rev. GEORGE ADIE,	Rev. WM. H. KINCKLE,
" THOMAS ATKINSON,	" WM. T. LEAVELL,
" PARKE E. BERKELEY,	" J. S. MARBURY,
" WILLIAM V. BOWERS,	" JAS. DOUGHEN,
" E. BOYDEN,	" RICHARD K. MEADE,
" R. T. BROWN,	" BENJ. M. MILLER,
" WM. T. BRYANT,	" JAS. MCELROY,
" THOS. T. CASTLEMAN,	" MALCOLM MCFARLAND,
" JOHN COLE,	" JOHN P. MCGUIRE,
" EDMUND CHRISTIAN,	" FRANCIS H. MCGUIRE,
" DAVID CALDWELL,	" CLELAND K. NELSON,
" CHAS. B. DANA,	" NELSON SALE,
" J. EARNEST,	" PHILIP SLAUGHTER,
" ST. MICHAEL FACKLER,	" THOMAS SMITH,
" WM. FRIEND,	" JOS. D. TYLER,
" F. D. GOODWIN,	" WM. N. WARD,
" JOHN GRAMMER,	" JOHN W. WOODVILLE,
" WM. M. JACKSON,	" GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,
" ALEX. JONES,	" D. WHARTON.
" WM. G. H. JONES,	

The certificates of Lay Delegates being called for and received, were subsequently referred to a committee of examination, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Friend, Earnest, and McFarland.

On motion, it was *ordered*, That the reading of the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports be deferred until to-morrow, (Thursday).

On motion, *ordered*, That the Convention take a recess each day from 2 until 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Mr. Friend, from the committee on examination of certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following named gentlemen as entitled to seats in this Convention, viz:

George M. Carrington, St. John's church, Henrico parish.
 Thomas Macon, Christ church, Charlottesville.
 Peyton Grymes, St. Thomas church, Orange county.
 Dr. Stribling, St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county.
 Francis H. Smith, Woodville parish, Rockbridge county.
 Thomas F. Nelson, Millwood church, Frederick parish.
 Thomas M. Ambler, Leeds parish, Fauquier county.
 Thomas N. Burwell, Botetourt parish.
 John B. Coles, Trinity and Callaways church.
 John Crenshaw, W. Russel parish, Bedford county.
 Edmund Fountaine, St. Martin's parish, Hanover.
 Wm. M. Bagley, Cumberland parish, Lunenburg.
 Thomas Nelson, Monumental church, Richmond.
 Wm. J. Chapman, Christ church, Norfolk.
 John Chowning, Christ church parish, Lancaster county.
 Dr. Isaac Winston, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper county.
 Carter H. Harrison, Lyttleton parish.
 Cassius F. Lee, Christ church, Alexandria.
 Samuel H. Lewis, Boyden parish, Augusta.
 Charles J. Richards, St. James church, Richmond.
 George Lambeth, Christ church, Richmond.
 Edward Valentine, Trinity church, Staunton.
 Dr. Edmund Berkeley, St. Margaret's church, St. Margaret's parish, Caroline county.
 Edwin W. Webb, St. Matthew's church, Lexington parish, Amherst county.
 John E. Dangerfield, Wickliffe parish, Clarke county.
 Benjamin B. Taliaferro, Trinity church, Franklin parish.
 John Nelson, St. James parish, Mecklenburg.

On motion, *ordered*, That, during the present session of the Convention, Divine service commence each day at 9 A. M.

On motion, *ordered*, That the execution of the 25th rule of order be postponed until to-morrow morning, immediately after Divine service.

The Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1842.

The Convention assembled for the transaction of business immediately after Divine service, when, after the journal of proceedings of the day previous had been read, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade presented and read the following address:

REPORT AND ADDRESS OF RT. REV. BISHOP MEADE.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: Through the good providence of God, we are permitted to meet once more in consultation for the welfare of that portion of his Church with which it is our high privilege to be connected. May that gracious presence which has hitherto been vouchsafed us, be now more abundantly afforded, according to our present need.

The Great Head of the Church, who for a long time has continued to the Diocese of Virginia the counsel and superintendence of a very beloved father, has, since our last meeting, been pleased very suddenly to take him away. I hope it will only make us look the more humbly and steadily to Him, from whom all good counsels come, that the interests of true religion may not suffer in our hands. If there be any of you, my friends, who deeply feel

the absence of our beloved father, (and which of you does not), how much more must I, who for so many years had been unitedly and harmoniously laboring at his side, as a son with his father, and who had begun seriously to think that my auxiliary services might probably be over before he should be called to his rest. God has otherwise determined, and permitted to devolve on one illy able, either in body or mind, to sustain it, the undivided responsibility of superintending this Diocese.

It is not my intention to undertake either an eulogy or biography of our departed father; that having been already done, and often and well done, by others, both from the pulpit and the press. And, indeed, there was something so peculiarly amiable in his character, and so correspondingly interesting and venerable in his form, and countenance, and manner, that it were worse than useless to attempt a delineation of one who has been so recently among us, and who can be so much better remembered than described. May God rather give us grace to imitate those traits which endeared him to the heart. For myself, who of necessity must now take his place, and enter more entirely upon all the anxieties and responsibilities of the Episcopal office, I must ask of you, my brethren, both of the Clergy and Laity, not only great indulgence for infirmities and unfitnesses, of which I am daily more and more sensible, but a very large share in your most earnest entreaties at a Throne of Grace, that the cause you have entrusted to me may not suffer. This I ask not in feigned humility; but, as God knows, from the very depth of a heart which feels more of its deficiencies than can be known to any human being.

While I speak thus, think not that I am disposed to magnify my office to the neglect of other instruments. On you, brethren and friends of the Clergy and Laity, much, very much, under God, depends of the efficiency of the means appointed of God for the promotion of His glorious cause. Without your active co-operation, the Episcopal office is a nullity. A common cause and most important interests are committed to us all. We are members one of another in the mystical body of Christ, and have no diverse interests. What is for the benefit and honor of one, is for the benefit and honor of all. What is injurious to one, must needs be injurious to all. Let us all desire to know each one his own place and duty, and to fill and perform the same; then the Church committed to us must prosper, according to the degree in which it shall please God to bless.

It becomes us, therefore, most carefully to inquire, in the sight of God, how we may perform our several parts, so as best to promote the great interests of religion in our Diocese, and make it an instrument of much good in our country and the world.

I will offer a few thoughts for your consideration touching our several duties, arranging them under different heads, that you may reflect upon them in their proper order.

1st. As to the co-operation of Clergy and Laity in harmonious and energetic action: their interests are so united, the prosperity of the one being that of the other; so indispensable are they to each other, so equal are they in numbers and influence in our conventions, according to the provision of the Constitution, that, as there has been no jealousy and contention between them in times past, so it is not to be feared there will be any in time to come. Instead of our conventions being entirely composed of ministers of religion, to legislate in separate assemblies, we call in the aid of pious and judicious laymen from all the parishes, and also encourage the assembling together of many others at the time and place of meeting, to join in those religious exercises which are so interesting and important an accompaniment to our other duties. By this union of Clergy and Laity in all the deliberative and legislative proceedings of the Church, and the gathering together of many pious and zealous members from different parishes, we are made to feel a more common and a deeper interest in all that is done, and that the promotion of Christ's kingdom belongs, as to many things, equally to all orders of the Clergy and to every layman in the Church. May this happy and harmonious action be perpetuated and increased more and more amongst us, to the edification of the Church in love, and to the greater abundance of all good works; and may the Clergy and Laity of our Diocese ever feel that they are one in Christ, by a living faith, and one in Christ by an active and harmonious movement as members of his mystical body; the Church.

2d. As to the different orders of the ministry: if, as we believe, they are of Divine origin, they must, undoubtedly, unless their relations and duties be most improperly understood and exercised by those invested with them, be productive of order, peace, and effective action. If, in times past, and in other lands, those holding the highest order have, through the infirmity of human nature, or the temptations presented by wealth and power, become lords over God's heritage, instead of examples to the flock, surely a thousand circumstances in our country and State happily combine to prevent even the attempt at such usurpation of authority, and to give him the most influence in the Church who least desires to magnify his office and dictate to others; who wishes all orders of the Clergy, and the two divisions of Laity and Clergy, to hold and exercise their own rights, rather parting with a portion of that authority which his office and the Canons might seem to give, than endeavoring to assume the least which they do not. While such is the condition of the Episcopal office in our Church, such at once the

interest, duty, and true happiness of a Bishop, on the other hand, there is, on the part of the Clergy, a full disposition to accord to the Bishop all the authority and influence which is either necessary or desirable to the successful discharge of his duties, and the full trial of the virtue of his office. Such, certainly, has ever been my experience, even in that subordinate station which I have now occupied for more than twelve years. In not a single instance, during that period of time, have I met with the slightest disposition, on the part of any of my brethren, to withhold from me any thing which properly belongs to the Episcopal office. On the contrary, it has often happened that there was a wish to seek not merely counsel, but even authoritative decisions, where I did not think it proper to give them; often a disposition to rest a responsibility which I thought too great to be imposed on myself or office. Such having ever been the case, surely I may look forward with a pleasing hope to the continuance of the same happy and affectionate relation; and, when death shall dissolve the tie which binds us, may I then, also, be able to say, as I can now say of that connexion which existed between myself and the aged father who has gone before us, that on no single occasion has there ever been the slightest conflict or jealousy as to the authority or duties of the relation between us. While, however, there is this general disposition to accord to the Episcopal office all desirable authority and influence, yet, it must not be imagined that the exercise of the same is unattended at times with painful difficulties and embarrassments, which make us call for the prayers, the charity, the patience and high moral principle of the brethren. We sometimes experience these trials when such confidence is reposed in the judgment and fidelity of the Bishop, on the part of the parishes, as to ask his advice and help in the choice of a minister; or in seeking to procure for the brethren suitable fields of labor, when advice and aid are desired. In such cases, and in all assignments of duty, a Bishop is most solemnly bound to act from the very highest principle of religious duty; and, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, and the character of the stations and candidates, seek to adapt the most suitable ones to each other, so as most to edify the Church of God. In doing this, he cannot always expect to be correct in his judgment, or to meet the expectations and wishes even of his best friends; but he must rigidly pursue what seems the path of duty, and look to the approbation of Heaven for his reward. Thus far, however, I have reason to be thankful for the measure of success which has attended my endeavors to meet the expectations of the parishes, and to give satisfaction to the brethren. I ask the prayers of the whole Church, that I may in this, as in all things, have grace to act from principle, and with an eye singly directed to the glory of God. I think that it is my desire to feel toward the Clergy of this Diocese just as a father to the younger ones, and a brother to the elder ones; and, in the exercise of any influence belonging to my office, and in the direction of their labors, where advice is wished, to act as a father and brother would do, so as to promote their usefulness and happiness, according to the gifts of God to them, for the welfare of his Church. Often, indeed, is our heart pained at thought of worthy brethren, with increasing families, who wish labor in fields which would yield a better harvest of things spiritual and things temporal; but it is not ours to render them a service, which we would gladly do; and, could they see all that passes within us at such thought, and know that it is by far the most painful of our trials, they would pity our anguish, rather than suspect us of indifference. In this, as in all other things wherein our mutual relations are concerned, we have only to seek the path of duty, laying aside our own will, and choosing that of God, remembering Him who pleased not himself, and we shall be guided and blessed.

3d. Having thus attended to the relation between the Clergy and Laity, and to that between myself and the brethren, I would now speak in few words as to that which binds the clergy to each other, a deeply affecting one, on which the honor and efficacy of Christ's kingdom greatly depends. They, especially, should love as brethren; remembering how good it is to dwell together in unity; how it is like unto the precious ointment which ran down upon the beard, and even to the skirts of the garment, of him who was first in the order of God's ordained ministers. God hath hitherto blessed us with a large share of this cementing grace. This it is which hath brought us together in such numbers from distant parts of this widely extended Diocese, has been the charm of our meetings, and especially marked the closing scene thereof. I hope that it may still be regarded by us as greater than faith and hope, and the knowledge of all mysteries, and the eloquence of tongues, and that it may never fail from amongst us. As one means of promoting this brotherly kindness, let us be careful to cherish a spirit of deepest humility before God. It is in lowliness of mind only that we shall esteem others better than ourselves, and thus be disposed in honor, to prefer one another. Even though we cannot sometimes but think that, by comparison with others we might have been more honored, yet should we remember our Lord's example, who, though not only thinking, but well knowing, that in him it was no robbery to be equal with God, yet voluntarily made himself of no reputation and consented to be treated as one of the lowest of the human race. If such a spirit as this had ever been in the hearts of all Bishops and other ministers, in all councils and other assemblies and operations of God's Church, how much more of peace and love would have prevailed in the same, and from what reproach

would religion have been saved. God hath blessed us with no small share of this grace, also, in times past, and if we seek more and more, it shall be given more abundantly, and we shall always remember what our Lord said to those disciples who wished to secure the first places in his kingdom, learning thereby that, to be truly great, we must become as little children.

If this spirit of humility and love be in us, it will also be seen in all our judgments and conduct one to another, as to those opinions and sentiments which divide pious ministers of the Gospel. God has, indeed, blessed us with a remarkable degree of unanimity as to those points of doctrine and practice which, in some degree, divide the ministers of our Church; and yet there has ever been great freedom of thought and expression amongst us, and some diversity of sentiment, without at all interfering with brotherly love. We know how, while earnestly contending for the great principles of the faith, to agree to differ on minor and more doubtful points; and from this spirit of Christian charity I hope there will be no departure.

4th. But while, by the exercise of brotherly kindness and charity, we thus avoid evils which have sometimes greatly afflicted the Church of God, we should remember that God's ministers and people must not only cease to do evil, but learn to do well. His people are a peculiar people in this respect—they are zealous of good works; and his ministers should be as a flame of fire—not only shining, but burning lights. Without great zeal and labor, much will not be done in building up our Zion and saving souls. It is not only good to be zealously affected in a good thing, but lukewarmness is a most odious and offensive thing in the sight of God. It will sometimes happen that faithful and laborious ministers will not see much fruit of their labors, either through the limited size of their field, or from the barrenness of the soil, or multitude of very noxious weeds which infest it; but, for the most part, the fruit of diligence will appear; and seldom does a man work with a hearty zeal, praying as heartily for God's blessing on all the suitable means used, without considerable success. Our parishes, I know, are generally small, and the families connected with our Church, though interesting and intelligent, but few. The poor, though still in the land, have generally failed out of our churches, so that our ministers, often in sadness of heart, feel that it cannot be said, in truth, that the Gospel is preached to the poor by them. I know that this is a great grief to many, and hope that all will strive more diligently to supply the defect, by paying especial attention to any poor persons who may be so situated as to be drawn by ministers into the Church. We ought to rejoice more over one such convert than over a rich one, and feel that, in the sight of God, a neglect of one such poor person is more criminal and offensive than of a rich one; for Christ says he dwells in the poor, and will receive any kindness done to them as intended for himself, and will resent any neglects, as offered to himself. There is one class of the poor of this world abounding in our parishes, which I cannot too often and earnestly commend to your pastoral care. The subject was presented to you at the last Convention in a report, of which I would remind you, and which I should be glad to see republished in some way that will bring it before the eyes of our people. I am happy to know that there is an increased sense of duty towards the servants, on the part of some of the Clergy, especially the younger ones, whose first love and labors in the ministry have been in a good measure directed to this subject. I hope it will never abate, but that, from the press and pulpit, from house to house, by day and by night, on the Sabbath and other days, they will seek to bring down God's blessing on the Gospel faithfully preached to these, the poor of our land. If the first men in the ministry of our Mother Church—men of birth, and fortune, education, and talents—devote themselves, as many do, entirely to large congregations of the very poor—far poorer often than our servants; where sometimes scarce a family of birth, education, or refinement is to be found—should not all of our ministers feel it a privilege to spend some portion of their time in attending to these most ignorant and neglected ones, whom our common Father made of one blood with ourselves, and for whom, as for us, one Saviour died. Let us, my brethren, seek all opportunities of ministering to them, and of pressing the duty of their religious instruction upon their owners. Just in proportion as the ministers of religion shall feel deeply and labor zealously in this cause, will the masters and mistresses be influenced to do the same. If the former be indifferent and inactive, the latter will be negligent, and their consciences fall asleep. In this respect, it will surely be, like priest, like people; and, therefore, it becomes the Clergy to feel the heavy responsibility resting upon them. It should encourage us to action in this cause, to think that a small congregation becomes quite large when considered as comprehending this class of our fellow-beings. Nor would our ministers be less benefited than their hearers; for in seeking to bless the poor, themselves will be blessed of the poor man's friend. Moreover, a better school there cannot be for learning how to practice that foolishness of preaching by which God is pleased to save men; and he who does not know how to preach the Gospel to the poor, does not know how to preach as Christ and the Apostles preached.

While on this subject, we cannot refrain from expressing our gratification in the knowledge that the hearts of some of the Laity are more and more alive to this duty, and that they will be ready to encourage the Clergy to a trial of their ministry among the servants. May

God put it into their hearts, and into the hearts of their wives and children, to take an active part in the use of the necessary means for accomplishing the desired object. If such persons as Wilberforce, the Thorntons, and Mrs. Hannah More felt it to be a duty and honor to teach in the Sunday-schools of England, where the poorest of her children were collected to receive instruction, surely it would not be regarded as beneath any of our Christians in Virginia to take part in teaching the Truths of Heaven to our ignorant servants. For our encouragement, let it again be mentioned, that not only the ministers of religion, but some of the first amongst the masters and mistresses of the South, spend a portion of the Sabbath, in the churches or other places, in delivering oral instruction to the servants; and let the question be renewed, whether, in many of our congregations, Sunday-schools for oral instruction to the servants, under the care of the minister and members of the church, might not easily be raised and effectually prosecuted.

5th. As, however, we would have our Church to be made the instrument of the greatest good in the world, I hope we shall not confine our labors and zeal to the poor and ignorant of our own State or land; but that our hearts will be enlarged and our hands stretched out with the Gospel to all lands.

Let me, therefore, commend to your generous and hearty zeal and liberality the great missionary cause, whose field is the world, beginning with the destitute places of Virginia—extending to the thick forests of the West—crossing the wide Atlantic—and traversing the globe; knowing no other bounds but the habitation of the lost race of man. I shall ever consider our Diocese to be then in her best state, when she is most zealously engaged in such works; that when she seeks thus to water others, herself will be most abundantly watered of Heaven. It is difficult to conceive how an individual or a Church can grow in favor with God, except when faithfully praying for, generously giving to, and diligently laboring for, the extension of the Gospel far and near, according to Christ's will and command. We hope that the Clergy of this Diocese will study this subject more and more, and press it most earnestly on the consciences of their hearers. All our operations, foreign and domestic, are now suffering for want of that support which the Church can so easily give. In order to furnish the required means regularly and sufficiently, more system than is usually adopted is indispensably necessary. If we cannot in many of our parishes conveniently pursue the primitive plan of weekly offerings, yet still there might be stated and frequent periods when the results of labor, self-denial, and generosity shall be brought into the Church, received by the ministers and others appointed for the purpose, and applied according to the wishes of the donors. While on this subject, I would suggest to my brethren the advantage of presenting the great objects of Christian benevolence often and fully in the larger assemblies of the Sabbath morning, so that all may be informed, rather than leave them to some special meetings, where only the few who are already interested will probably attend.

In order to promote the great missionary cause, let me commend to your prayers, your alms, and continued support, our Theological Seminary. Its instrumentality in promoting the missionary spirit and preparing missionaries for foreign fields, has ever endeared this institution to many hearts, and, I doubt not, attracted to it a large share of the blessings of Heaven. Most important and valuable it is to us, as a means of supply to the wants of Virginia, and much has it done for other portions of the United States; but what if the wants of Virginia and of our whole land, through this and other institutions, were already amply supplied, its work would be but just begun. The whole world is its field—that world in various distant parts of which its alumni are already to be found, and into which thousands ought annually to be sent from Christian lands. Let me exhort you, then, to attempt great things, and expect great things through the agency of our Seminary, never better fitted than at present to be an effective instrument in the hands of God for accomplishing the high hopes of its friends. And let it ever be remembered by Christian parents and ministers, that the support it most needs is students of right hearts. To this let their prayers be directed. As an auxiliary to this, let me also commend to your prayers and patronage our High School, designed not merely to educate our sons in all that is useful for this life, but in that which is needful for the next, and even to prepare the more pious, who are looking forward to the ministry, for the higher studies of the Seminary. So far as I am able to judge, I believe it to be conscientiously and diligently conducted, with a view to the great objects of its establishment.

To these few suggestions as to some of the means of promoting the truest prosperity of our Diocese, I will only add one word on the duty of cultivating peace and love with the pious of every name and denomination amongst us. Without that intercommunity of religious services, which is so apt to lead to discord and confusion, there are occasions when, as ministers and Christians, we can testify our love to all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. A tender regard for the pious who differ from us is not at all inconsistent with a zealous attachment to the peculiarities of our own Church, and an inculcation of them at proper times, in proper ways, and according to their relative importance. The revival of our Church in Virginia has, directly, and indirectly also, been a great blessing to our State;

not only introducing a number of faithful and intelligent ministers of our communion, and rearing up numerous congregations of the same, but increasing the zeal and efforts of others, multiplying other ministers and assemblies; and, although some envying and jealousy has, through the infirmity of our nature, too often mingled with these efforts, yet, on the whole, good has been done; Christ has been more abundantly preached, and thereat, with the Apostle, we do rejoice, and will rejoice, trusting that the Great Head of the Church will go on to correct all that is evil, and bring good out of it. By acting well the part assigned us, pursuing a prudent and conciliatory course, without the sacrifice of any principle, we shall promote the welfare of the whole, make friends of the pious, the candid, and the intelligent; shall receive and communicate good, shall know no enemies, (as our deceased father would often say,) but the enemies of Christ, and throw open the doors of our Church as wide as those of heaven itself. As one of the means of promoting Christian love, while at the same time spreading abroad the knowledge of the Lord, let me commend to your prayers and charity that excellent institution over which our deceased father so long presided, and which was ever so dear to his heart—I mean the Bible Society of Virginia. I rejoice to know that one of our own brethren is its zealous agent, and hope that no year may ever be permitted to pass by in one of our congregations without a generous collection for its benefit.

Having thus adverted to some things worthy of our consideration and observance in prosecuting the work assigned to our joint efforts, it is time that I should come to a narrative of those partial services rendered to the Diocese since our last meeting. They have been fewer in number than in any past year, through bodily indisposition, which led me to ask (what was kindly granted) a respite from labor during the last summer. I need not inform you that the period of relaxation was spent in a visit to the land and Church of our fathers. Having already, in a few brief letters, published in our Diocesan paper, stated the great kindness experienced while there, and the satisfaction enjoyed in witnessing much that came under observation, mentioning some facts which might not only interest, but edify my brethren and friends, I shall forbear the repetition of the same, except simply to advert to the wonderful providence of God over our Mother Church in times past, and his great grace in making her what she now is, by comparison with what she has been. Always laboring, as she has done, both before and since the Reformation, under many disadvantages, though attended with some greater advantages, from her connection with the State, always suffering not a little from many unworthy ministers, who still adhered to her, not from attachment to her doctrines, discipline, and worship, but from a love of revenues; a period also arrived when lukewarmness came over and settled itself upon the great body of her Clergy, and a meagre morality and lifeless theology was substituted for the plain and faithful exhibition of the Gospel of the grace of God, which so strongly marked the preaching of the reformers. From that lifeless condition it, however, pleased God, by various instruments, to arouse the Church of England during the latter part of the last century; and, from that to the present period, there has been a regular and great increase of faithful ministers, evangelical preaching, and pious members of her communion. The pulpit and the press, the Laity and the Clergy, have vied with each other in their endeavors to spread the spirit and doctrines of the Gospel over the whole Church and land, and, by the blessing of God, great has been the success.

Such has been the acknowledgment of the candid and pious of every name in England, and the traveller from our land, however prejudiced by birth and education, has been forced to admit its truth. It is, however, to be lamented, that, within the last few years, some have sprung up within the bosom of the Church, who, while acknowledging the glorious improvement in her character, by means of the faithful and zealous exhibition of truths hitherto neglected, have nevertheless sought, by a very serious change in the manner of preaching, and by giving undue prominence to things of less importance, to bring about something like another reformation, professing itself to be more allied to the Church in primitive times. It is deeply to be lamented that, while God had so signally blessed the ministry and preaching of the last fifty years, under which the Church of England and America had been so wonderfully improving, any of her ministers, not content with pursuing more and more zealously the same, should strike out into some other path, venturing on an experiment, which, so far as it had hitherto been tried, had proved fatal to true piety. The result thus far has been truly unhappy; though we trust the kind providence of God will bring good even out of this evil. The tendency of the system to which I allude, in some of its doctrines and usages, is evidently towards some things in the Church of Rome, which our reformers most clearly renounced. The enemies of our Church have always delighted to ascribe such a tendency to her. Many pious persons of other communions, not examining its truth for themselves, were induced to believe that such was actually the case. This, which has ever been an obstacle to the conversion and return of numbers to our Church, has been gradually passing away from the minds of the candid, and an acknowledgment becoming general that our reformers established, between the Church of England and of Rome, a line so broad and deep that fellowship was impossible; a line deeply stained with the blood of thousands of martyrs, who died the most cruel deaths, rather than for a moment assent to doctrines and practices of

the Church of Rome, which some would now have us believe differ little from our own. It is one of the evils of this new movement that it has again revived fears and prejudices in the minds of many truly sincere and pious persons, as to the affinity between the Church of Rome and our own, emboldening those who ought to know and speak otherwise to use it in a spirit of party against our Church. We may, however, now, as of old, boldly affirm that no Church in Protestant Christendom more fearlessly contended for the faith once delivered to the saints, and more thoroughly renounced all the unchristian doctrines and practices of Rome; and it becomes both our ministers and people more carefully to review the bloody contest, and know for what our forefathers fought, seeing there are those within our own communion who are disposed to make light of some of the causes of the Reformation, and even to regret some of the changes effected thereby; and seeing, also, that Rome herself, as if waking up from sleep, is now in our own and mother country, putting forth new and more vigorous efforts to recover what she had lost.

I cannot, while on this subject, but commend to the notice of my brethren some short and well-written essays now in the course of publication in some of our religious papers, by our venerable presiding Bishop, and which I hope will be republished in some form better calculated to perpetuate them. In these numbers, while the differences between our Church and that of Rome, in many important particulars, are very truly and forcibly set forth, the peculiar opinions and practices of the Tractarians receive their merited condemnation. I dismiss this painful subject with only one other remark. It is the most frequent and plausible praise bestowed upon the leaders of this party, and used even as an excuse for their errors by those who cannot but condemn much of their doctrine, that the state of things in the Church of England called for some new and stronger exhibition of certain peculiarities in her polity which distinguished her from other Protestant Churches; that those who for the last fifty years had been the instruments of reviving true piety within her pale, by insisting upon the true doctrines of the Gospel and the holy observance of its precepts, had been too negligent of those external arrangements of Christ's kingdom, which, though of minor importance by comparison with the great doctrines of life, are, nevertheless, of great importance, by reason of their use in the preservation of order and unity, and their value in many other respects.

It has moreover, been affirmed, that by reason of their agreement with pious dissenters in the leading doctrines of revelation, and in the promotion of various pious and benevolent works, there was danger of greater neglect of the distinctive principles of the Church. That such was in some measure, the case with some of the members, and Ministers of the establishment, is not to be denied, but the evil was undergoing correction without the help of that extravagance into which the leaders of this new school were hurried, even as to their views of Church polity and sacerdotal authority, to say nothing of their Heretical opinions and Romanistic tendencies. The Protestant dissenters of England with the exception of the followers of Mr. Wesley have for many years, been more and more clearly uniting together with the Romanists, Radicals, and Infidels, in a steady and organized opposition to the established Church, so as to make the most truly Catholic and charitable of her communion feel the necessity of guarding themselves and her, most effectually against assault. This with many other causes, was operating so as effectually to prevent the evil apprehended, and it was surely unnecessary to bring in another and worse error, other and more injurious extreme, to correct what was only apprehended. Still less were such writings and their extravagant doctrines needed in our own country and Church where so many circumstances had from the first combined to place the defence of our principles on the ground of scripture and primitive practice, rather than any human establishment, and where works containing such arguments in its behalf have been ever so freely used. And as to the danger of too much intercommunion with our Christian brethren of other denominations, unfortunately, too many circumstances attending the efforts to build up our churches, not only serve as an effectual antidote to that, but strongly tempt our frail nature to the indulgence of feelings which we would fain suppress, as contrary to that charity which should ever rejoice to hope all things.

I trust this notice of one of those "erroneous and strange doctrines," which from time to time, in all ages, have assailed the peace of the Christian Church, and which the Bishops are solemnly sworn "to banish and drive away," as far as they can, while seeking to promote love and peace among all Christian people, will not appear improper for one who has endeavored to give the subject a full and impartial examination, and has been since we parted, in the country where it originated, and in circumstances enabling him to form a more correct judgement of its merits. Let us pray that the great Head of the Church may bring good out of this evil also, and by the examination into which it has led, only ground us the more deeply in the faith once delivered to the Saints, and again revived by wise and pious reformers of our branch thereof.

I now enter upon the brief recital of the few services rendered since my last report. On the Sabbath morning after the Convention adjourned, I administered the rite of confirmation in Christ church, Alexandria. Leaving the country immediately after, I did not return until the meeting of our General Convention in New York, where were convened all

the Bishops of the Church in these United States, twenty in number, and a large body of Clergy and Laity. Many subjects of deep interest were before us and engaged the deliberation of both houses of ecclesiastical confederation. As these have been spread before the public in different ways, it is unnecessary to dwell upon them. I will only mention that the number of our Bishops was increased on that occasion by the consecration of a beloved brother, for the Diocese of Delaware. Two others were nominated and recommended by the house of Bishops, for Africa and Texas, but the measure being considered premature by a small majority of the other house, at a late period of the session, an effort for extending our Church in its complete organization which seemed very important to nearly all of the Bishops, and we must suppose to the great body of Clergy and Laity, throughout our land thus failed for a time. At our next general Convention it is hoped all difficulties will be removed.

At the close of the General Convention, I returned home, by the way of Alexandria, where I preached in St. Paul's church, and afterwards performed some duties at the Seminary and High School. During the winter, I occasionally officiated in the parishes around me, confirming four persons at Millwood, eight in Winchester, and nine in Berryville. Towards the last of January, I visited Richmond and Petersburg, passing through Alexandria and Fredericksburg, preaching in both of them. I spent a week in Petersburg, enjoying much pleasure in beholding the rich fruits of God's grace, in blessing the word, frequently and faithfully preached, and the services of the Church zealously and devotedly used by the rector and many other brethren, who for the last three months, had been almost daily meeting with the people in the house of God, where they never seemed weary with calling on him in prayer and hearing his truth. One of the results of this great grace on the means of Heaven's appointment was the confirmation of ninety-three persons, who it is hoped, not merely with the mouth, but the full consent of their heart, renewed that solemn vow, promise, and profession made in their baptism, and which none can make, except those who are renewed in the spirit of their minds. While in Petersburg, I also admitted the Rev. Aristides Smith, to Priest's orders, the candidate being presented by the Rev. Mr. Grammer, and the sermon preached by Mr. Cobbs. During my visit to the lower country, I also spent ten days in Richmond, with the brethren in that place, and others from the parishes around, who assisted in having services in one or other of the churches, twice each day. I held confirmation in three of the churches, receiving fifty-three to that rite, and having reason to hope, that many others were not unconcerned for their immortal souls. On my return, the 22d of February was spent in Fredericksburg, where Mr. Edward McGuire Jr., was admitted to the Deaconship, Mr. Cobbs, preaching, and Mr. Wm. Friend, presenting the candidate. In the evening, eight persons were confirmed. From Fredericksburg I proceeded to Alexandria, and spent two days with the Rev. Mr. Adie and Mr. Dana, in attending the examination of the High School, which, as already stated in the papers, was satisfactory to ourselves and creditable to the pupils and teachers. On that occasion I addressed a discourse to the students at the Seminary, and the youths at the High School and Fairfax Institute. On the following Saturday and Sunday, the 26th and 27th of February, I was engaged in duty at Leesburg, where seventeen persons were confirmed, and the communion administered to them and many others. During the month of March, I again held confirmation at Millwood, Berryville and Winchester, admitting four at the first place, eleven at the second, and three at the last.

Early in April, I set out on the journey which has ended at this place. On the first Sunday, I preached at Zion church in Hampshire county, where only a very few of the small congregation gathered there many years since, now remain. These few seemed glad once more to unite in a worship which is very grateful to their hearts. Crossing the mountains, I proceeded to Clarksburg, where I was pleased to find that the Rev. Mr. McMechin had established a female seminary, adapting one apartment of the building to public worship, where service is performed each Sabbath for those who are partial to our Church. I baptized one adult and several children, and confirmed three. While there, besides preaching repeatedly and administering the communion. Could a missionary of suitable character unite his labors to those of Mr. McMechin, who must necessarily be much occupied with his school, it is believed that a door is now open in that place, and several others in counties around, for laying the foundation of Episcopal churches, which might be gradually built up with the general improvement of the country. A portion of his support would at once be contributed by friends in Western Va. From Clarksburg, I went towards Morgantown, stopping a short time at the house of Mrs. Watson, about ten miles from Morgantown. In this neighborhood are some families which could easily be formed into a small church, which might by God's blessing, be enlarged, in time to come. I baptized several children and confirmed one person in this place. At Morgantown, I was unable through indisposition of body to preach as was expected, but baptized a number of children, most of them colored ones, being the property of a kind Christian master, who feels for their souls as well as provides for their bodies. I should be glad to see many others follow his example, and act as sponsors for the little ones born in their houses. My next services were at St. John's church, in the neighborhood of Wellsburg, where I preached, and confirmed three persons. The following day I consecrated a very neat brick

church in Wellsburg, which was chiefly built by the zeal and liberality of one family. I also confirmed eight persons, in the same. After spending two days in Wellsburg, I went to Wheeling, where in conjunction with some brethren from Va., and Ohio, five days were spent in continued religious exercises. On the Sabbath, fifty-five persons were confirmed, and admitted immediately after to the Lord's table. From Wheeling, I proceeded accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, to Parkersburg. This place has increased of late years beyond all others in Western Va. Many excellent and handsome houses have been built on its beautiful sites; and among them two houses of worship. There was however, none to consecrate according to the forms of our Church, as I had hoped, when I last visited it. There is still I think, an opening here, and in the adjoining county, for the successful operation of a suitable, faithful and zealous minister. After spending two days in Parkersburg, I proceeded to Point Pleasant, where the Rev. Mr. Goodwin officiates as Missionary. Here I spent three days in religious services, aided by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Wheeling, and Mr. Craik, of Kenhawa. Eight persons were confirmed on the occasion, and some baptisms administered. I had hoped to have been called upon to consecrate a new church, about twelve miles from Point Pleasant, but it was not in readiness for that ceremony. On my way from Point Pleasant to Coalsmouth, I stopped for a short time at a little village on the Kenhawa, where Mr. Armstrong preached, and I administered the rite of confirmation to two persons. After this I spent one week with our friends at Coalsmouth, Charlestown and the Salines, at the latter of which places, a neat brick church was almost ready for consecration. During our exercises, twenty-five persons were confirmed, and a number of adults baptized. Thus ended my labors in Western Virginia; concerning which portion of the Diocese I would remark, that it becomes each year a more proper subject for the operation of the Domestic Missionary Society of the Church of Virginia. Although I dare not promise great immediate results from missionary labors judiciously distributed over this mountainous, but rich and interesting region, yet is it highly proper that the Church, in its efforts for its religious improvement, should keep pace with that spirit of enterprise which now seems to animate the citizens of Western Virginia in other things, and which bids fair to render it one day a very important part of our State and country. Two or three missionaries might now be well employed in places which have hitherto received very little attention.

Having concluded my notices of Western Virginia, I feel it to be an act of justice to my brethren, the clergy, of that portion of the Diocese, to notice a circumstance which has obtained publicity through some of our religious papers in such a way as to make a false impression as to their participation in the same. I allude to the proposition for the formation of a new Diocese out of parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, and for which it has been stated the clergy of Western Virginia are particularly desirous. The fact, as stated to me by the worthy brother who first made the suggestion, is simply this: on meeting with a presbyter of Pennsylvania during the last summer, he mentioned the subject, not having consulted with any one of the other four, who compose the clergy of Western Virginia. The suggestion being well received, a time was proposed for a meeting of the clergy to take the matter into consideration; when it was insisted upon by the brethren of Virginia that it should be held at a time when I was expected at Wheeling, so that the consultation might be in my presence. At a subsequent time, it was also proposed by the same that the laity should be invited to attend. Only two others of the clergy of Western Virginia had ever heard of the proposition, until they saw it announced in the public papers. All of these are, however, now well satisfied that any plan which would disjoin Western from Eastern Virginia would be highly injurious to the former.

My chief reason for adverting to this, is the desire to do away the impression which the publication referred to is calculated to make: that, on the part of the clergy of Western Virginia, there was a want of due consideration for the Episcopal office, in not conferring with me on the subject. Even if it were wrong to consider such a matter without the previous consent of the Bishop, (which I am far from maintaining,) in this case the worthy brother, who begs to be considered as alone responsible among the clergy of Western Virginia, for what was meditated, resolved that nothing should be wanting in the way of due regard to myself and office.

With this explanation I close my lengthened address, and now commit what I have said to the care of Him who loves his Church, and will watch over it and guard it to the end.

WILLIAM MEADE.

The following clergymen appeared and took their seats in Convention, viz: Rev. Upton Beall, Rev. Churchhill Gibson, Rev. J. A. Massey, Rev. John H. Wingfield, Rev. Wm. Hodges, Rev. Wm. N. Pendleton, Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs, Rev. Dr. Sparrow, and Rev. E. R. Lippitt, Rev. James McElroy.

The following gentlemen presented their credentials as Lay Delegates, and were reported as entitled to seats in this Convention, viz:

Mr. David May, St. Paul's church, Bristol parish, Petersburg; Mr. Edward C. Fisher, Camden parish, Pittsylvania; Dr. Edward M. Watts, Trinity church, Portsmouth parish; Wm. B. Harrison, Martins Brandon parish, Prince George county; Randolph Harrison, St. James Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna.

The following standing committees were appointed by the President, viz:

Committee on the State of the Church—Rev. Mr. Grammar, Rev. Mr. Cobbs, Rev. John McGuire, Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, Rev. Alexander Jones, Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, John Nelson, Col. Thomas N. Burwell, Thomas Nelson, Sr., Thomas M. Ambler.

Committee on Parochial Reports—Rev. Mr. Adie, Rev. Mr. Boyden, Rev. Mr. Beall, Dr. Isaac Winston, John Chowning.

Committee on Finance—Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, Carter Harrison, Thomas Macon, David May, Edmund Fontaine.

Committee on the Episcopal Fund—Rev. Mr. Dana, Rev. Mr. Jones, Clarke, Mr. Cassius F. Lee, George M. Carrington.

Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society—Rev. Mr. Atkinson, Rev. Mr. Smith, Mr. Randolph Harrison.

Committee on the Admission of new Parishes—Rev. Mr. Bowers, Rev. Mr. Sale, Edmund Fontaine, Col. Francis H. Smith.

Committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen—Rev. Mr. Wingfield, Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, Edward Valentine, J. B. Coles.

Rev. Mr. McFarland presented the application of the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's church, City Point, Prince George county, praying for admission into this Diocese. Referred.

Rev. Mr. Christian presented the application of the Wardens and Vestry of Franklin parish, Franklin county, praying for admission into this Diocese. Referred.

Mr. Christian gave notice, also, that he would, on to-morrow, offer an amendment to the Canons of this Diocese.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge presented and read the report of the "Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in Virginia," which, together with the Treasurer's accounts of the same, were referred to the Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

The same gentleman read also the report and presented the Treasurer's account of the "Fund for relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen." Referred.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, Thomas Nelson, Sr., was appointed a Trustee of the "Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen," to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Orrin Williams.

Mr. Thomas Nelson presented the Treasurer's accounts of the Episcopal Fund. Referred.

The Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1842.

The Convention met this morning at the usual time and place.

On motion of Gen. Lewis,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the Bishop of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Fontaine,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of four of the Clergy and four of the Laity, be appointed to consider and report to this Convention some appropriate mode of expressing its sense of the loss which the Church has sustained in the death of its late venerable and beloved Diocesan, and also of testifying its respect for his memory.

The following gentlemen compose the committee on the aforesaid motion: Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge, Cobbs, McGuire, and Adie; Messrs. Fontaine, Lewis, Burwell, and Carter Harrison.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Grammar,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to nominate Trustees for the Theological Seminary.

Whereupon, the President named the following gentlemen to compose said committee: Rev. Mr. Grammar, Rev. Mr. Adie, and Gen. Lewis.

Rev. Mr. Adie, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, submitted the following:

The committee beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them to the best of their ability; and, having each report separately, they have made such alterations as were thought advisable, previous to their being embodied in the Journal of the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Bowers presented the following report and resolution:

The Committee on the Application of New Parishes, respectfully report:

That the application from Trinity church, Franklin parish, Franklin county, conflicts with no provision of Canons referring to the formation of parishes; and that the application from St. John's church, City Point, Prince George county, although referring to provisions in the 11th Canon, complies with the 10th Canon, under which the reverend gentleman presenting it says it, was intended to sue for admission

Resolved, therefore, That this Convention receive these parishes into connection with this Diocese.

Adopted.

Rev. Mr. Christian, agreeably to notice given, called the attention of the Convention to an amendment to the Canons of this Diocese; which having been read, he asked that a select committee be appointed to consider the proposed amendment. Motion laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Charles Gillett presented his credentials as Lay Delegate from St. James' church, Culpeper county, and was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Grammar, from the Committee appointed to nominate Trustees to the Theological Seminary, submitted the following names to the consideration of the Convention, viz:

Rev. Edward C. McGuire, D.D., Rev. N. H. Cobbs, Rev. J. Grammar, Rev. John P. McGuire, Rev. Alexander Jones, Rev. George Adie, Rev. Charles B. Dana, Mr. Robert P. Waring, Mr. Wm. Pollock, Mr. Cassius F. Lee, Mr. Thomas F. Nelson, Mr. John Nelson, Gen. Samuel H. Lewis.

The aforesaid gentlemen were, thereupon, unanimously elected as Trustees of the Theological Seminary for the ensuing three years.

Rev. Mr. Wingfield, from the Committee on the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c., presented the following statement of the Trustees of that Fund, with the annexed report, viz:

The surviving Trustees of the "Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia," report:

That the fund still remains in the name and under the management of Mr. John Hooft Alexandria, to whose account they refer. They at one time contemplated investing the fund in other securities, but the death of one of their body (Mr. Orrin Williams) shortly after the adjournment of the last Convention, and the low price at which they would have been obliged to sell the bank stock of the District of Columbia, in which the largest part of the fund is invested, induced them to defer the change. The dividends and interest accruing have been collected by Mr. Hooft, and paid to the Treasurer of the Society organized for the same benevolent object under a resolution of the Convention.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer and Trustee.*
WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, *Trustee.*

Your committee find the above report of Messrs. Williams and Hubbard to be correct.

Mr. Fontaine, at whose suggestion the amendment proposed by the Rev. Mr. Christian was laid on the table, offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether the 12th Canon does not require amendment, and that they have leave to report a substitute therefor.

Which having been accepted by the mover of the original preamble and resolution, and adopted by the Convention, the following gentlemen were appointed the committee thereon: Rev. Mr. Christian, Rev. Mr. Atkinson; Messrs. Fontaine and Lewis.

Rev. Mr. Christian moved the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas the extent of territory and the number of churches in this Diocese is so great as to deprive it of the advantages of frequent Episcopal visitations, and thereby impede the growth and prosperity of the Church; be it therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention, that the division of this Diocese would greatly promote the interests of the Church therein.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of five clergymen and three laymen be appointed to bring in a bill which shall divide the Diocese and designate the line of division and also which portion of the Diocese shall be denominated the new one, and to report the same to this Convention, if practicable, if not, to the next.

After some conversation in reference to a point of order, and of the expediency of presenting said resolutions at this time

Mr. Cassius F. Lee moved to lay the whole subject on the table, whereupon Gen. Lewis in seconding the motion moved also the previous question.

Mr. Thomas Nelson, Sr., called for the ayes and noes on the latter motion, but at the request of several gentlemen subsequently withdrew the call. The previous question being sustained the main question was put and carried without division.

The Bishop now made the following communication to the Convention:

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS: Since the decease of our beloved father, Bishop Moore, my thoughts have often been led to a subject which I now wish to propose for your consider-

ration—I mean the appointment of an Assistant Bishop, to aid me in the arduous duties of this extensive Diocese. During the last twelve years, I have, with the exception of a very few places, performed the whole of the itinerant duties of the Diocese. It has required, on an average, at least eight months in each year, of successive services from day to day, to render what has still appeared to me very inefficient supervision of the Diocese. The effect of this incessant labor of mind and body, has been so injurious to me already, especially to my voice, which is often insufficient for duty, and the attempt to continue the same so likely to result in entire disability, that I feel it a duty to ask, according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Church, that I may have an assistant, who may divide with me the labors of a Diocese, which, from its extent, and other circumstances, is much more difficult to be served than any other in our country. I do this under the advice of many friends, and also of physicians, who are competent to judge of my infirmities. Hoping that you will accede to my request, and that God may guide you in the choice of a suitable person.

I remain your faithful friend and brother in Christ,

WILLIAM MEADE

Col. F. H. Smith thereupon offered the following, which was subsequently withdrawn:

Resolved, That yielding to the necessity presented by the Bishop of this Diocese for aid in the discharge of his Episcopal duties, this Convention do adopt the recommendation of the Bishop, and will proceed to-morrow, at 8 o'clock to the election of an Assistant Bishop of this Diocese.

After some discussion, and in order to obtain the sense of the Convention on both the foregoing subjects, the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on the communication of the Bishop to the Convention, in relation to the election of an Assistant Bishop, or the division of the Diocese, to consist of four clergymen and four laymen and to report at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The committee appointed on said resolution consisted of the Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge, Grammer, J. P. McGuire and Adie, and Messrs. Lewis, Burwell, Carter Harrison, and Fontaine.

Rev. Mr. Smith presented certain resolutions to be laid on the table for the present, and to be called up hereafter for consideration.

Rev. John Towles and Rev. J. H. Morrison appeared and took their seats in Convention.

Rev. Mr. Towles presented the application of the vestry of St. Stephen's church, Cedar Gum parish, Fauquier county, for admission into the Diocese, which, on being referred to the appropriate committee, was reported upon favorably and the prayer granted.

Mr. William Williams, lay delegate from the aforesaid parish, presented his credentials and was admitted to a seat in this Convention.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge from the select committee appointed for the purpose, presented the following:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the communication of the Bishop, to this Convention relating to the election of an Assistant Bishop, and also the proposition for the division of the Diocese have discharged the duty assigned them, and beg leave respectfully to report: *That it is inexpedient to divide the Diocese at this time for the following reasons.*

1st. The impossibility of fixing upon any geographical limits or other well defined boundaries either by Counties or Parishes on either side of which there should be the requisite canonical number of presbyters, the whole number being only about sixty.

2nd. The difficulty of dividing the funds of the Diocese, and establishing any regulations for the control and support of the Theological Seminary and High School.

3rd. The impolicy of separating the Church in this Diocese which hitherto has been so harmonious and conduced so much to the binding together and consolidating the different sections of the State.

4th. That fact that an associate would have to be appointed to the present Bishop, which soever of the two divisions he might select.

5th. This plan would postpone the relief of the Bishop for at least three years, a period when relief might no longer be availing, and moreover, the Convention, at either of its two succeeding sessions, might act upon this subject in time for the General Convention. Your Committee, therefore, deem it inexpedient at this time to take any action upon the subject of a division of the Diocese.

With respect to the election of an Assistant Bishop, the only remaining subject submitted to their consideration, your Committee deem it highly expedient that it should be done at once. The Bishop's health imperatively demands repose. If he attempt to discharge the duties which will devolve upon him during the present season, unaided by an assistant, the worst consequences are to be apprehended. His Physicians prescribe repose as absolutely necessary to the continuance of even his present health. They therefore, respectfully recommend to this Convention, the election of an Assistant Bishop.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the report of the select committee be accepted.

On motion, that this Convention will proceed on to-morrow at 9, A. M., to the election of an Assistant Bishop, the ayes and noes were demanded, and ordered accordingly. Motion carried in the affirmative, ayes 47, noes 20.

Convention adjourned.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1842.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment at 9, A. M.

Bishop Meade opened the meeting with prayer.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Slaughter, and agreeably to adjournment, the Convention proceeded to the election of an assistant Bishop.

After some appropriate remarks by the Bishop, in reference to the importance of the work they were now about to be engaged in, the Clergy and Laity, with all present, were called upon, as usual on such occasions, to devote a few moments in silent prayer to Almighty God, for the aid and guidance of His Holy Spirit.

In compliance with the 5th article of the Constitution, the Convention was then organized into two deliberative and elective bodies.

Rev. Messrs. Atkinson and Grammer were appointed Tellers on part of the Clergy.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson rose and said, that, although aware the name of no individual had been formally announced to the Convention as a candidate for the high trust about to be bestowed, it was known to many of the friends of the Rev. Mr. Cobbs, that that gentleman's name had been mentioned in connection with the office of Assistant Bishop. He would, therefore, state to the friends of Mr. Cobbs, and at his particular request, the desire that his name might not be used; and, further, that he had deposited with him (Mr. A.) his ballot for Dr. Johns, of Maryland.

General Lewis, in a few remarks addressed to the Laity, stated (in corroboration, if necessary, of what had been said) that a similar request was made through him of the Rev. Mr. Cobbs.

Whereupon, the Clergy proceeded to cast their votes; and, on the first ballot, it appeared that the whole number of votes taken were 49; of which number, the Rev. John Johns, D.D., of Maryland, received 43.

The Rev. Dr. Johns was, thereupon, nominated by the Clergy to the Laity as a suitable person for the office of Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

Mr. John Nelson and Mr. Cassius F. Lee were appointed Tellers.

The votes of the Laity were then received; and, on the first ballot, announced to be as follows: whole number of votes given 33; of which the Rev. John Johns, D.D., of Maryland, obtained 25.

The Rev. Dr. Johns was then declared by the President to be Canonically elected Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. John Nelson, *ordered*, That Bishop Meade be requested to communicate with Dr. Johns on his election to the Episcopate of this Diocese.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention do consider the election of Dr. Johns *unanimous*.

The Convention then went into an election for a standing committee for the ensuing year.

Rev. Mr. Slaughter nominated the following gentlemen, viz: Rev. Dr. Sparrow, Rev. E. R. Lippitt, Rev. C. B. Dana, Mr. E. I. Lee, Mr. John Hooff, Mr. C. F. Lee.

The aforesaid gentlemen were then unanimously elected the standing committee of this Diocese for the ensuing year.

Rev. E. R. Lippitt read the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee for the year past, all of which were approved.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge presented the following:

The special Committee appointed to consider so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the late Bishop of this Diocese, have performed the duty assigned them and beg leave to report:

Whereas, this Convention deeply feel the loss of that venerable man and Father in God, the Rt. Rev. Richard Channing Moore, who has for so many years presided at their meetings, and whose patriarchal form was wont to be the first object they saw when they assembled together, but whom God hath now taken to himself, full of years and full of honors: and deeming it expedient to express their high sense of his services and their gratitude to God, who has so long spared him to the Church in Virginia, therefore:

Resolved, That the Church in this Diocese owes much of its success to his singular wisdom and prudence, and that we esteem it an evidence of the goodness of God, that one of such high and peculiar qualifications, should have been so long spared, to guide us by his councils and edify us by his example.

Resolved, That in the unbending integrity of his principles, in the uniform consistency of his life, in the primitive simplicity of his manners, in the affectionate tenderness of his disposition, in his quiet, pacific and conciliatory deportment towards all men, in the fervor and zeal, the fidelity and eloquence with which he preached the Gospel of Christ; in the promptitude and diligence, the love and sympathy which he manifested as Pastor of a Congregation; in the prudence, moderation and paternal spirit with which he administered the affairs of the Diocese; in the judgment with which he presided over the deliberations of the Convention, and the patient attention with which he listened to all who opposed his sentiments; in the condescension and kindness which marked his intercourse with the clergy, he has established for himself a character which, for the loveliness of its graces and the brightness of its example, the Church in Virginia may delight to contemplate, and which she may well cherish as one of her most valuable legacies.

Resolved, That we tender to his surviving family our most affectionate respect and sympathy, and that it be recommended to the Church throughout the Diocese, to subscribe for his life and sermons, about to be published by the Rev. Dr. Henshaw.

Resolved, That this Convention present to the Rt. Rev. William Meade, assurances of their warmest respect and affection; their fidelity and attachment, and that by the help of God, they will do all in their power to promote his welfare and happiness and to support his authority.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the Bishop's family.

Rev. ~~Wm.~~ Grammer moved to refer the subject of the necessary amount required for the support of the assistant Bishop, to a select committee.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Pendleton,

Resolved, That the Committee to be appointed to take into consideration the subject of a support for the Assistant Bishop, consist of three clerical and three lay members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and three other clerical and three other lay members of this Convention the whole to be designated by the Bishop.

The following gentlemen were accordingly appointed said Committee:

Rev. Messrs. Pendleton, J. McGuire, Cobbs, Atkinson, Grammer and Wingfield; and Messrs. Lewis, Thos. Nelson Sr., John Nelson, Randolph Harrison, Ed. Valentine and F. D. Smith.

Gen. Lewis from the Committee on finance presented and read the following, viz:

The Committee of Finance have, according to order, performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report:

That, according to the account of our Treasurer, there was on the 12th day of May, 1842, a balance of \$775 98

Out of which there remains unpaid, for defraying the expenses of two of the Lay Deputies to the late General Convention in New York 146 75

629 23

Amount of contributions from the several parishes to the contingent fund 1968 75

Total - - - - - \$2597 98

Contributions to Contingent Fund.

Antrim parish, Halifax,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Boyden parish, Augusta,	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
Bloomfield parish, Madison,	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
Buck Mountain Church, Albermarle,	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Bruton parish, Williamsburg,	-	-	-	-	-	29 00
Christ church, Norfolk,	-	-	-	-	-	160 00
Christ church, Fredericksville parish,	-	-	-	-	-	34 00
Cople parish, Westmoreland,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Christ church, Winchester,	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Christ church, Richmond City,	-	-	-	-	-	52 00
Centurion church, Elizabeth City parish,	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
Chuckatuck parish, Nansemond,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,	-	-	-	-	-	23 50
Camden parish, Pittsylvania,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Christ church, Alexandria,	-	-	-	-	-	70 00
Christ church, St. Anns' parish,	-	-	-	-	-	9 00
Christ church, Millwood parish,	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Christ church, St. Georges' parish, Spottsylvania,	-	-	-	-	-	7 50
Clarksburg, (per Bishop Meade,)	-	-	-	-	-	7 00
Christ church parish, Lancaster,	-	-	-	-	-	17 00
Dettinger parish, -	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
Grace church, Caroline, -	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
Hungar's parish, Northampton, -	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Hampshire, (per Bishop Meade,) -	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
King George Court House, (chapel,) -	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Kenawha Parish, (per Bishop Meade,) -	-	-	-	-	-	27 75
Lunenburg parish, Richmond Co., -	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
Lexington parish, Amherst, -	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Leeds parish, Fauquier, -	-	-	-	-	-	17 00
Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland, -	-	-	-	-	-	14 50

Amount carried forward, - - - - - 717 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$717 25
Monumental church, Richmond,	130 00
Martins' Brandon parish, Prince George,	10 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier,	10 00
Morgantown, (per Bishop Meade,)	25 00
North Farnham parish, Richmond Co.,	6 00
Nelson parish, Nelson Co.,	30 00
North Garden church, Albermarle,	1 50
Newport parish, Isle of Wight,	23 00
Parkersburg, (per Bishop Meade,)	10 00
Roanoke parish, Halifax,	10 00
Raleigh and Dale parishes, Amelia,	36 00
Russell parish, Bedford,	23 00
St. George's parish, Fredericksburg,	50 00
St. Ann's parish, Essex,	17 75
South Farnham parish, Essex,	13 50
St. Peter's church, Port Royal,	20 00
St. James' parish, Mecklenburg,	27 00
St. Thomas' church, Orange,	20 00
St. John's church, Hampton,	8 00
St. John's church, City Point,	10 00
St. Martin's parish, Hanover,	30 00
St. James' Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna,	15 00
St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick,	20 00
St. James' church, Richmond,	43 00
St. Paul's church Lynchburg,	51 00
St. Paul's church, Petersburg,	118 00
St. Stephen's church, Culpeper,	16 00
St. James' church, Culpeper,	13 00
St. Paul's church, Norfolk,	39 00
St. John's church, Henrico parish,	15 50
St. Paul's church, Suffolk, Nansemond,	8 75
St. Mark's parish, Culpeper,	10 00
St. Matthew's church, Wheeling, (per Bishop Meade,)	35 00
St. Paul's church, Alexandria,	43 00
St. Margaret's parish, Caroline,	10 00
St. John's church, Berkeley parish,	6 00
St. Mark's church, Botetourt,	16 00
Shelburne parish, Leesburg,	45 00
Trinity church, Staunton,	30 00
Trinity church, Portsmouth,	40 00
Tillouson parish, Buckingham, (in part,)	11 50
Trinity church, Shepherdstown,	10 00
Woodville parish, Rockbridge and Botetourt,	12 50
West Russell parish, Bedford Co.,	12 50
Walker's church, Walker's parish,	12 00
Westover parish, Charles city Co.,	10 00
Wickliffe parish, Clarke,	35 00
Zion church, St. Andrew's parish, Jefferson,	41 00
From Miss S. Claybrook,	5 00
From Mrs. Tatum,	1 00
From Mrs. Hooe,	1 00

\$1972 75

The following parishes have been delinquent in the payment of their respective quotas to the contingent fund, viz:

Abingdon and Ware parishes, Gloucester,	\$24 00
Antrim parish, Halifax,	7 00
Cople parish, Westmoreland,	5 00
Cornwall parish, Charlotte,	3 50
Christ church, Winchester,	6 00
Dittenger parish, Prince William Co.,	4 50
Bunker Hill, Berkeley,	13 00
Bloomfield parish, Madison,	3 00

Hamilton parish, Fauquier,	15 50
Holstein parish, Washington,	8 50
Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann,	6 50
Meade parish, Fauquier,	4 50
Point Pleasant parish, Mason,	4 50
St. Thomas' church, Middleton Frederick,	5 00
Norborne parish, Berkeley,	55 50
St. Matthew's, Wheeling,	8 50
St. George's, Accomac,	21 50
St. George's church, Fredericksburg,	21 50
St. Margaret's, Caroline,	2 00
St. John's church, Berkeley parish, Spotsylvania,	8 00
St. Paul's church, Alexandria,	36 50
St. Paul's, King Geo. and Washington parishes, Westmoreland,	15 00
Trinity church, Shepherdstown,	12 00

Your committee have also had under consideration the resolution to increase the compensation paid to the Bishop of the Diocese, and have come to the following resolution: that one thousand dollars per annum be paid to Bishop Meade for his services, and also, that he be paid the amount of his necessary expenses in performing his Episcopal duties.

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

1841.	Dr.		
May 11.	To cash on hand, per account rendered at this date	- - -	\$568 79
	To cash received from Convention, per hands Rev. Dr. Empie	- - -	1,160 75
	To James Dover's receipt for cash, per Rev. B. M. Miller	- - -	10 00
	To Bishop Meade's receipt for his salary	- - - \$600 00	
	Do. travelling expenses and postage	50 00	
			650 00
	To Rev. B. M. Miller's receipt for expenses at Convention	\$10 00	
	To cash received from Rev. B. M. Miller from Convention	1 92	
			11 92
June 9.	To cash received from Rev. G. W. Dame, per hands Mr. Joseph Gill	- - -	4 00
	To cash received from Mr. James Gray	- - -	154 00
			<u>\$2,559 46</u>
1842.			
May 12.	To balance brought down	- - -	\$775 98
1841.	Cr.		
May 26.	By cash paid James Dover, sexton, for services, (voucher No. 1.)	- - -	\$10 00
	By cash paid Bishop Meade for his salary \$600 00		
	Do. travelling expenses and postage 50 00		
	Do. 400 copies of a pamphlet to be distributed among the parishes 150 00		
			800 00
29.	By cash paid Bishop Moore, his salary for 1841	- \$300 00	
	Do. expenses to Alexandria 18 00		
			318 00
June 15.	By cash paid Rev. Wm. Norwood, on account of the committee appointed to publish the Constitution and Canons of the Church, (voucher No. 4.)	- - -	36 81
	By cash paid Mr. Jos. Gill, for trunks, drayage, &c., for Diocese Tracts, (voucher No. 5.)	- - -	6 75
	By cash paid M. Howell, hack-hire for Bishop Moore, (voucher No. 6.)	- - -	14 00
Aug. 4.	By cash paid E. R. Lippitt, for printing, &c., (voucher No. 7.)	- - -	182 35
17.	By cash paid Bishop Moore's expenses to Petersburg and Spotsylvania, (voucher No. 8.)	- - -	15 00
			<u>\$1,382 01</u>
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	- - -	

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	-	-	-	\$1,382 01
Sept. 23.	By cash paid Rev. Alexander Jones, expenses to Convention at New York, (voucher No. 9.)	-	-	-	50 00
Nov. 2.	By cash paid Wm. Norwood, expenses to Convention at New York, (voucher 10.)	-	-	-	78 12
	By cash paid H. Anthon, Secretary, for contingent expenses of General Convention, (voucher No. 11.)	-	-	-	66 75
13.	By cash paid hearse-hire for burial of Bishop Moore, (voucher No. 12.)	-	-	-	6 00
Dec. 21.	By cash paid for grave-box, (voucher No. 13.)	-	-	-	3 00
1842.					
Jan. 10.	By cash paid exchange on New York, for \$66 75, paid H. Anthon, Secretary General Convention, (voucher No. 14.)	-	-	-	2 45
	By cash paid Rev. N. H. Cobbs' expenses to Convention in New York, (voucher No. 15.)	-	-	-	80 00
15.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, (voucher No. 16.)	-	-	-	60 42
Feb. 3.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, (voucher No. 17.)	-	-	-	40 00
15.	By cash paid Mr. Joseph Gill, for expense in receiving and forwarding Journals of Convention and Board of Missions for 1841, (voucher No. 18.)	-	-	-	3 45
May 12.	By cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller, expenses as Secretary of Convention, (voucher No. 19.)	-	-	-	10 00
	By cash paid postages, (Rev. Alex. Jones and E. I. Lee)	-	-	-	38
	By cash on hand, viz:				
	Deposited in Richmond Savings Institution	\$600 00			
	Deposited in the Bank of Virginia	172 51			
	Deposited in the Treasurer's hands	3 47			
					775 98
					<u>\$2,559 46</u>

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WM. H. HUBBARD.

Rev. T. Smith presented several resolutions, which on being read, were ordered to lay on the table.

Rev. Mr. Christian, from the Committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of amending the 12th Canon of this Diocese, offered the following report, which was subsequently ordered to be laid over for further consideration until the next Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the twelfth Canon, beg leave to report, that on examination, they think it highly objectionable, and recommend that it should be stricken out, and another substituted in its place. They would urge upon the convention, the adoption of the substitute which they propose: because, in the first place, it makes provision for the organization of new parishes, and their admission in connexion with the Diocese, which cannot at present be done, in strict accordance with the letter of the Canons. And in the second, because it proposes to alter the mode of dividing Parishes, prescribed by the twelfth Canon. That Canon authorizes a division whenever an old church shall be repaired, or a new one erected, and a vestry shall be elected: provided, that three months' notice has been given to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of the Parish. There is no authority vested by that Canon in the Rector or Vestry to arrest such proceedings, however injurious they may be to the interests of the Parish. The newly formed parish may then claim admission in the Convention, and cannot be denied it, without a violation of the Canons, although it may be made to appear to the Convention, that a decision was wholly uncalled for, and undesirable. This feature in the Canon the Committee think particularly objectionable. They think that the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, are the best judges in the first instance, when a Parish ought to be divided, and have consequently given them the authority. They have likewise provided for the case of a division, which is desired by a part of a Parish, and approved by the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, in which case they allow an appeal to the Convention itself.

E. CHRISTIAN, *Chairman.*

OF THE ORGANIZING OF NEW PARISHES AND THE DIVISION OF OLD ONES.

Section 1. Any minister, member or friend, of this Church, may, after due notice, call a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Parish in any county or town, in this Diocese, where there is none.

Sec. 2. The meeting shall elect a Vestry and Wardens; shall accede to and ratify the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, and the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of this Church, in the United States; and shall also designate the name of the Parish and the Church or Churches therein.

Sec. 3. Any Parish so organized, shall, on application, be received in connexion with the Church in this Diocese, and shall be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to the same.

Sec. 4. Whenever the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, of any existing Parish shall deem a division of the same desirable, they shall meet for that purpose, and shall designate the line of division, and which portion of the Parish so decided shall be denominated the new one, and shall forward to the Secretary of the Convention, a duly authenticated copy of their proceedings.

Sec. 5. Whenever, in any existing Parish, a number of its inhabitants shall desire a division thereof, which division shall be considered inexpedient by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, it shall be the right of those desiring such division, after having given three months notice of their intention to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, to apply to the Convention for such division, which, if approved by it, shall entitle said Parish to all the rights and privileges of the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

Sec. 6. The new Parish may then proceed to organize, in the mode prescribed by the 1, 2, and 3, sections of this canon.*

Mr. Cassius F. Lee resigned his appointment as Lay Member of the Standing Committee, and nominated Dr. Orlando Fairfax. Concurred in.

Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee on the Bishop's Fund, reported as follows:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund, have received from the Wardens of Christ church, Alexandria, the following statement, which they beg leave to present to the Convention as their report.

C. B. DANA,
GEO. M. CARRINGTON,
W. G. H. JONES,
CASSIUS F. LEE.

ALEXANDRIA, May 17, 1842.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, report that since the last Convention, they have from the dividends of the stock of the Farmers Bank of Alexandria, and the Bank of Potomac, purchased three shares of the stock of the first Bank, and one share of the stock of the second. At the last Convention, the number of shares of the Farmers Bank was 105. The number now, is 108. The number of shares in the Potomac Bank was eight. The number now, is nine.

There are in the hands of the Trustees, unemployed, forty-seven dollars.	
The par value of the 108 shares of the Farmers Bank, is	\$5,400 00
Of the nine shares of Bank of Potomac	900 00
Cash in hand	47 00

Nine Shares of the Bank of Alexandria, par value of \$200 per share,	6,347 00
	1,800 00
	<u>\$8,147 00</u>

No dividend has been received, or is expected, from the Bank of Alexandria. When its affairs are closed, it is expected, that some portion of the stock will be received, but how much is uncertain.

E. I. LEE,
HO. CLAGETT.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Grammer,
Resolved, That the following gentlemen be appointed the Executive

* The Secretary ought perhaps to put the 6th section of this Canon in the place of the 5th, and vice versa.

Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia, viz :

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D.D., Rev. N. H. Cobbs, Rev. Geo. Woodbridge, Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, Rev. Wm. Norwood, and Mr. William Williams.

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

Rev. Mr. Atkinson read the following report, and moved its adoption, viz :

The committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in the Diocese of Virginia, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and find them sustained by the proper vouchers, and in all respects correct. The committee find that the receipts of the society have considerably increased since its new organization, but they think that yet they are greatly below what ought to be contributed, to such an object, by a Diocese like that of Virginia.

In the Southwestern part of this Diocese, there is a region of country larger, it is believed, than the whole of Massachusetts, or even Maryland, in which region, however, there is not a single Episcopal church or minister. In many parts of it the Gospel is preached very imperfectly, and with not a few corrupt additions. In some parts it is hardly preached at all.

Those benefits with which our Church enriches every spot where it is planted they are entirely destitute of, and none can supply them but ourselves. We have similar wastes, though not so extensive, in the Northwest, and in the Southeast, and in other parts of this Diocese. These are placed under our care by Providence itself, for their wants are under our eyes, and there is none else effectually to care for them. The General Missionary Society will do nothing for them, because they belong to our Diocese, which is supposed to be able and willing to do the missionary work in its own limits. But how are we doing it? In all this wide field, embracing hundreds of thousands of souls, we have five missionaries, laboring at an expense of \$600 or \$700 a year.

It may well be questioned how far we are justifiable in passing by objects so much needing our help, to go Westward to assist those who are not so necessitous; although, indeed, there is no conflict of claims, for we might do all that we do for our Western Dioceses, and much more, and yet be vigorously prosecuting missions in our own Diocese. The subject is recommended to the attention of the Convention, although no definite action is asked for at this time.

Report of the Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in Virginia.

The committee have employed, during the last year, as missionaries, the Rev. R. T. Brown, in Rappahannock county, the Rev. Mr. Dame in Danville, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin at Point Pleasant, the Rev. Mr. Harrison at Wellsburg, and the Rev. Mr. Bryant at Lexington and Buchanan.

They have appropriated to Mr. Brown, \$100; to Mr. Dame, \$150; to Mr. Goodwin, \$200; to Mr. Harrison, \$200; and to Mr. Bryant, \$150.

No report has been received from any of the missionaries, except the Rev. Mr. Harrison, whose parish and prospects are in a flourishing condition.

The committee believe there would be no difficulty in procuring funds, and in enlarging the sphere of their operations to any indefinite extent, provided suitable missionaries could be obtained. This will account for the little that has been done in the Diocese. There never has been, at any time, a want of funds, but a want of men.

The following historical sketch of this society may be interesting and useful as a matter of record:

At the Convention of 1827, it was resolved that the Bishop should lay off the Diocese into districts, and appoint two or more ministers to meet in association twice every year, in the places assigned them.

In 1829, a Diocesan Missionary Society was formed. The first missionary employed was the Rev. Mark L. Cheevers, who, in 1831, was sent into the counties of York, Warwick, and Elizabeth City.

In 1830, the receipts were	-	-	-	\$324 72	
1831, " " " "	-	-	-	293 30	One missionary.
1832, " " " "	-	-	-	320 00	"
1833, " " " "	-	-	-	95 00	"
1834, " " " "	-	-	-	105 75	Three missionaries.
1835, " " " "	-	-	-	25 00	One missionary.

1836, the receipts were	-	-	-	\$194 69	Three missionaries.
1837, " " " "	-	-	-	155 02	Six missionaries.
1838, " " " "	-	-	-	112 50	One missionary.
1839, " " " "	-	-	-	29 00	Two missionaries.
This year the society was reorganized under its present Constitution.					
In 1840, the receipts were	-	-	-	\$537 28	Five missionaries.
1841, " " " "	-	-	-	536 56	"
1842, " " " "	-	-	-	692 72	"

Total receipts in thirteen years, \$3,401 19; of which \$1,766 56 were received during the last three years, and since the present organization of the society.

The Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in Virginia, in account with William Williams, Treasurer.

1841.	Dr.		
July 23.	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg, Brooke county, (a check on Baltimore for \$150, at 1 per cent. premium.)	-	\$151 50
Aug. 15.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville	-	150 00
26.	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. M. Cofer, Abingdon, favor of Jer. Bronaugh	-	250 00
Oct. 5.	To cash remitted Rev. Richard T. Brown, Rappahannock	-	100 00
1842.			
Feb. 11.	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Gallipolis	-	200 00
	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg	-	50 00
	To cash paid postage of a check on Norfolk	-	25
May 14.	To balance due the Association	-	94 88
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			\$996 63

1841.	Cr.		
May 19.	By balance in hand, per statement to Convention at Alexandria	-	\$303 91
	By cash from Russell parish, Bedford county	-	24 00
	By cash from St. John's church, Berkeley parish, Spottsylvania county, per Rev. St. M. Fackler	-	12 00
	By cash from Cassius F. Lee, Esq.	-	10 00
	By cash from the Ladies' Working Society of Tillotson parish, Buckingham	-	18 50
	By cash from Nelson parish, Nelson county, by Rev. Cleland K. Nelson	-	30 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. Hutton, Portsmouth, Virginia	-	4 00
	By cash by Rev. Thomas E. Locke, from Miss Jane Patterson, Lunenburg	-	3 00
	By cash from Mrs. Sarah G. Jones, Lunenburg	-	2 50
	By cash from Robert Nelson, Esq., Lunenburg	-	5 00
	By cash from Roger B. Atkinson, Esq., Lunenburg	-	5 00
	By cash from Robert A. Atkinson, Esq., Lunenburg	-	5 00
	By cash from Christ Church Missionary Society, Norfolk, by Edward S. Pegram, Esq.	-	120 60
	By cash by Rev. Thomas T. Castleman, from John L. Wilkins, Esq., Brunswick county	-	24 00
	By cash from L. C. Castleman, Esq., Brunswick county	-	5 00
	By cash from collection in Sapony church, Brunswick county	-	26 54
	By cash from Mrs. Eliza Marshall, Prospect Hill, Fauquier county, by Rev. Geo. Lemmon	-	20 00
	By cash from Roanoke parish, Halifax county, by Rev. John T. Clark	-	11 25
	By cash from West Russell parish, Bedford county, by Rev. Thomas Atkinson	-	20 00
	By cash from St. Paul's church, Lynchburg, by Rev. Thos. Atkinson	-	45 00
	By cash from Rev. George Lemmon	-	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. Lemmon	-	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Maria Burwell, Upperville	-	5 00
	By cash from Dr. J. A. Marshall, Fauquier	-	20 00

Amount carried forward - \$725 39

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	-	-	-	-	\$725 39
June	7.	By cash from two communicants of Monumental church, Richmond, by Rev. Wm. Norwood	-	-	-	-	30 00
		By cash from Miss Elizabeth Price, Brunswick county, by Rev. Thos. T. Castleman	-	-	-	-	15 00
		By cash from Mrs. C. Trumbull, Brunswick county, by Rev. Thomas T. Castleman	-	-	-	-	2 75
July	1.	By cash from a friend to domestic missions, Monumental church, Richmond	-	-	-	-	5 00
	30.	By cash from Dr. Patrick H. Foster, Halifax county, by Rev. John T. Clark	-	-	-	-	20 00
Aug.	17.	By cash from Rev. Malcolm McFarland, by Rev. Wm. Norwood	-	-	-	-	50 00
Sept.	21.	By cash from Christ church congregation, Norfolk, by Edward S. Pegram, treasurer	-	-	-	-	40 63
Oct.	4.	By cash from Rev. E. C. McGuire, being weekly offerings from St. George's church, Fredericksburg	-	-	-	-	30 00
1812.							
Feb.	5.	By cash from Mrs. Catherine Coles, Pittsylvania, by Rev. George W. Dame	-	-	-	-	2 00
	11.	By cash from Mrs. Elvira A. Bruce, Halifax county, by Rev. John Grammer	-	-	-	-	15 00
		By cash from Miss Ellen Bruce, Halifax county, by Rev. John Grammer	-	-	-	-	30 00
		By cash from Rev. John Grammer	-	-	-	-	10 00
May	11.	By cash from Rev. E. C. McGuire, being weekly offerings from St. George's church, Fredericksburg	-	-	-	-	20 55
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							\$996 63
By balance due the Association, now in the City Savings Bank on interest							<hr/>
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RICHMOND, May 14, 1812.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. P. McGuire, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that, of the subjects brought before it, there are several which demand some consideration, though a want of time, and other causes, must prevent more than a very brief notice of them.

In any estimate which we can take of the state of the Church, the first thing presenting itself to every mind, is the lamented death of that aged and beloved man of God, our late Diocesan. Of the character of Bishop Moore—his usefulness, the debt of love and gratitude which we owe him, our obligations to our Divine Lord for enabling him to continue his apostolic labors to almost the last hour of his long life—your committee do not intend to speak; nor will it attempt any suitable tribute to his memory, as that has been made the duty of others. But no view of the Diocese could be taken, at all satisfactory, without some respectful allusion to some record of the profound sensibility with which we remember him, who will, for many a day to come, live in the filial affections of the Church of Virginia.

At the last Convention, it was known that the impaired health of our present Diocesan rendered it expedient for him to travel abroad; and the Church having commended him to the blessing and protection of Almighty God, it is now her duty to acknowledge that good Providence which preserved him by land and sea, and in due season restored him to his "loved duties and Diocesan home." But it is cause of deep regret that the hoped for restoration of his health was not secured. That is still so much impaired as to render proper the election of an Assistant Bishop, to aid him in the discharge of his Episcopal duties, as he himself has informed this body. In ready response to his wishes, you have called the Rev. John Johns, D.D., to that responsible office. May the blessing of God rest upon this momentous transaction.

The pastoral address, delivered on the second day of the Convention, is a document of great value. Your committee will not go over the various topics there so well discussed, particularly as it will appear upon the Journal with this report. If it is presented to the Church in no other form, an earnest hope is expressed that the Journal will be so carefully and punctually sent to every parish, that its lessons of wisdom may be speedily presented to the whole Diocese.

The general aspect of the Church is certainly very encouraging. The address of the

Bishop and the Parochial Reports furnish the most pleasing evidence of this. The number of new churches ready for consecration, or about to be erected, is much larger than usual. The amount contributed to various institutions connected with the church, though it must be admitted, far short of what the Church could and ought to do, is yet, considering the pressure of the times, very respectable; and many have been added to her communion of such as, we trust, will be saved. In some places, indeed, the spirit of slumber is still upon the people; but, in others, and at important points, there has been, within a few months, a signal outpouring of the Spirit's influence, and a larger ingathering of souls than has ever been experienced by us within so short a time, and at an equal number of places. And it is worthy of remark, that this great blessing has, so far as your committee is informed, been sought through the ordinary means of grace, frequently and perseveringly used.

But, blessed as we are, yet many parts of our vineyard continue very destitute, and in great need of the most zealous efforts on their behalf. In this connection, the wants of your Diocesan Missionary Association must be again brought to your notice. It never has attracted the attention to which it is entitled by its importance; and, therefore, never has accomplished the great work which it might, if rightly used. It now needs both men and money; and we earnestly call upon all the parishes to remember its wants. Let there be, from every one of them, liberal contributions to its treasury, and much prayer to God, beseeching Him to infuse into it new life and power, that it may exert a much wider influence, and produce an abundant harvest of good fruit.

It is not, however, intended to recommend that the charity of the Diocese be confined within its own borders. The field is the world; and we verily believe that those who bless others will themselves be blessed. To succeed at home, it is absolutely necessary that she should send the fruits of her love and zeal abroad. The work in which the Church is engaged, is a great and glorious one; fit to occupy the powers and affections of the angels of God. To rouse all her energies, and fix them upon it, there is surely enough in the circumstances of the times. God himself is certainly accomplishing great things through her instrumentality. What commanding motives, then, urge her members to the most devoted zeal and self-sacrificing labors: to be instant in prayer, that this Divine cause may move on prosperously, and that the Holy Spirit may be poured out abundantly upon all people; that the Gospel may have free course, and be glorified; that men may be converted to God, and His name honored amongst all nations, is their bounden duty and high privilege. The sacred command is, pray without ceasing; the Divine promise, ask and ye shall have; the Holy Spirit is given to those who seek, more freely than tender parents give good things to their children. But the Lord's people must not come before him empty-handed. Prayers alone, when labors and sacrifices are withheld, make but a cheap offering; and he who would be accepted of God, must let his alms go up together with his prayers, before the Divine majesty. A spirit, fruitful in prayers and good works, your committee rejoices to see increasing among our congregations; and it solemnly and earnestly commends to all the duty and happiness of increasing in that spirit more and more; assured that when the whole body is animated by an influence so divine, the Church will become a praise in the whole earth.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The President, on retiring, called the Rev. Mr. Grammer to the Chair, pro tempore.

Gen. Lewis, from the Committee on Finance, offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Bishop Meade, out of any moneys now in his hands, (not otherwise appropriated,) the sum of one thousand dollars, as his salary for the present year; and that the Treasurer be also directed to pay the amount of expenses that may be incurred by the Bishop in the discharge of his Episcopal duties. Concurred in.

Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and accompanying documents, presented the following reports, all of which were accepted:

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary beg leave to present to the Convention their Annual Report:

The condition of the Seminary may be learned from the accompanying reports of the

Faculty, and Theological Professors. The Church will perceive with sorrow, that there is no report from the Rev. Dr. Keith, and must deplore the event which has deprived this institution of his able and efficient services. But while we mourn most sincerely over this affliction, we still look forward with hope to the continued usefulness of the institution. It is each year acquiring more system, more completeness, increased facilities, and more prominence before the Church. From the information which we have received, we have reason to believe that the young men are characterized by diligence in their studies, and that a pleasing spirit of brotherly love prevails among them. An active and enlarged benevolence is cherished and exercised by them; and it is hoped that the religious services held with them by the Faculty, as well as their own more private meetings, contribute largely towards the formation of those spiritual habits, without which talent, and theological attainments, and strict morality, and a rigid orthodoxy, are of little avail.

Among other changes, the Board have to announce to the Convention the resignation of their late Treasurer, John Gray, Esq., who has found it expedient and necessary, from increasing years and bodily indisposition, to resign his office, and who is entitled to the gratitude of the whole Diocese for his long, faithful, and gratuitous services, in managing the funds of this institution. William Pollock, Esq., of Fredericksburg, has been elected to supply the place of Mr. Gray.

The permanent funds of the Seminary now amount to \$27,500, and are all invested, it is believed, in good stocks and bonds. Balance of cash now in the hands of the Treasurer, \$350.

The High School, which is entrusted to the care of this Board, is believed to be faithfully conducted, according to the principles upon which it was established, and to be well deserving the confidence and patronage of the Church and community. We hope and trust that it will be cordially and efficiently sustained, and that it will fully accomplish the objects for which it was instituted. A more particular account of its present condition is contained in the accompanying report of the Principal.

In concluding their report, the Board of Trustees cannot fail to express their sense of the loss they have sustained by the death of their late President, the venerable and beloved Bishop of the Diocese; and pray that, although they are deprived of his counsels, which have so long been enjoyed, they may still, and ever, be guided by that wisdom which is profitable to direct.

All which is respectfully submitted.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

The Faculty of the Seminary respectfully report, that the following persons have connected themselves with the institution during the present session, and constitute the Junior Class, viz:

Edmund W. Henning, candidate for orders in Virginia.
Edward F. Putnam, candidate for orders in Virginia.
Lewis Walke, candidate for orders in Virginia.
Andrew Fisher, candidate for orders in Virginia.
E. H. Canfield, candidate for orders in Virginia.
E. W. Syle, candidate for orders in Virginia.
Edwin Mendenhall, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.
Thomas L. Franklin, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.

The Middle Class is composed of the following persons, viz:

Alexander J. Berger, candidate for orders in Maryland.
Henry M. Denison, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.
Charles Gillett, candidate for orders in Virginia.
W. H. Good, candidate for orders in Virginia.
Henry T. Hiestler, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.
George A. Leakin, candidate for orders in Maryland.
A. T. McMurphy, candidate for orders in Virginia.
Samuel P. Nash, candidate for orders in Virginia.
Carter Page, candidate for orders in Virginia.
W. N. Pendleton, candidate for orders in Virginia.
John B. Richmond, candidate for orders in Rhode Island.
Rufus M. White, candidate for orders in Western New York.
George T. Wilmer, candidate for orders in Virginia.
Edmund Withers, candidate for orders in Virginia.

The Senior Class is composed of the following persons, viz:

E. A. Dalrymple, candidate for orders in Virginia.
S. Hazlehurst, Jr., candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.
W. F. Lockwood, candidate for orders in Virginia.
Joshua Morsell, candidate for orders in Virginia.
John K. Noel, candidate for orders in Virginia.
O. E. Shannon, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.
N. P. Tillinghast, candidate for orders in Rhode Island.
E. T. Walker, candidate for orders in Virginia.
T. W. Winchester, candidate for orders in Virginia.

Junior Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Middle Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Senior Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Whole number of students									<u>31</u>

E. T. Walker, of the Senior Class, has been ordained by the Bishop of Georgia; and S. Hazlehurst, who expects to go as a missionary to Africa, is about to be ordained by the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Faculty:

E. R. LIPPITT, *Secretary.*

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, May 14, 1842.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

Professor Sparrow reports that, in addition to his original duties in the Seminary, as soon as it became apparent that the institution must forego the benefit of Dr. Keith's invaluable services, in compliance with the wish of the Board of Trustees, he undertook to discharge his duties also. The following statement embraces both:

The members of the Middle Class have read the greater part of Knapp's Theology, and expect to review it before examination. They have also nearly completed the three volumes of Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, and hope to review it. With every recitation has been connected the reading of an essay, by a member of the class, in that department of study to which the recitation belonged. As a gratuitous exercise, they have occupied themselves, once a week, in reciting, *memoriter*, two chapters from the New Testament; and, in this way, have, during the term, committed several epistles, with apparent pleasure to themselves, and, I doubt not, no little benefit to their future ministry.

The gentlemen of the Senior Class have read Pearson on the Creed and Burnet on the Articles, and hope to have time to review the latter, at least. They commence immediately Short's History of the Church of England, and will complete it before the end of the term. They have had the usual exercise in sermonizing and reading the Service of the Church once a week, and have also been required to present skeletons of discourses for the pulpit.

The attendance of these classes upon their daily duties has been tested, by a regular calling of the roll, and has proved, on the whole, highly satisfactory. It is believed they have been actuated, not only by a sense of duty to the Seminary, the Church, and the Divine Head of the Church, but also by regard to the wishes and feelings of their Professor.

It ought to be borne in mind that these classes, in the department of Systematic Divinity, lost several weeks, while waiting for the much-desired return of Dr. Keith.

In the High School, a class has read, reviewed, and been examined, before the Bishop, upon Upham's Philosophy. They have since nearly completed Wayland's Moral Science; and have throughout, in the main, given great satisfaction to their teacher.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH POLITY, &c.

The Professor of Church Polity, &c., respectfully reports, that in his instruction in the department entrusted to his care, he has adopted during the present session, the course which he has usually pursued, and of which he has furnished the details in former reports. He has had two recitations a week with the senior class; which has read Bp. Onderdonk's Tract on Episcopacy, Potter on Church Government, Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity four books, and is just completing Wheatley on the Book of Common Prayer. To finish the

full course marked out for the class in this department, there remain to be studied, Barrow on the Pope's Supremacy, and Bridges on the Christian Ministry.

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E. R. LIPPITT.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SACRED LITERATURE.

The Professor of Sacred Literature, would respectfully report, that the classes under his instruction have pursued the usual course of studies.

The middle class have studied, the Prophecies of Christ, in Hebrew, as far as through Isaiah. In Greek, they have read the Epistles to the Romans, Galatians and Ephesians, together with the Pastoral Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

The junior class expect to finish the Harmony of the Gospels in Greek, by the close of the session. In Hebrew, they have gone through the Hebrew Reader of Professor Stuart, together with frequent perusals of his Grammar. They have also read in addition, the History of Joseph, comprising ten chapters of Genesis, and are now reading the Psalms. A new Exercise has been introduced of translating English into Hebrew, with good success, it is believed, in familiarizing them with the elements of the language. Something too has been done, in the introduction to the Old Testament, or what is known concerning the authorship, age and contents of the different books.

They have also studied Ernesti on Interpretation, and Jahn on Biblical Antiquities.

They have also written about thirty Exegetical Essays on the most important difficulties, and apparent discrepancies, in the Gospels, whether in language or Chronology. The instructor in this department has had for most of the session one or more private classes, made up mostly of members of the Middle class, who have finished the Psalms, and commenced the book of Job. He has always been ready to give instruction in his department, in addition to his regular duties. The average number of his recitations has been ten per week, of about one hour each. He has, by the help of God, been enabled to discharge his duties conscientiously, and has reason to be satisfied with the proficiency of the classes under his instruction. And which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

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

At the expiration of another year, it becomes my duty to submit to you a report of the condition and prospects of the institution entrusted to my care; and, in doing so, let me first, as is most fit, express a grateful acknowledgment to God, for that continued care and blessing bestowed from Heaven, under which the High School has been hitherto encouragingly prospered. To His guardian goodness let it be ascribed, that the many and great difficulties incident to such a work have not been permitted more to hinder its success. Founded in His name, nurtured by many prayers, and conducted most sincerely and anxiously, however imperfectly, with an earnest desire to carry out that spirit of pious wisdom in which it was established, the Lord hath cheerfully smiled upon the effort; and his name be praised that the insufficiency, infirmities, and unworthiness of the agents employed, have not wholly frustrated the good designed. To His guidance and blessing, deeply conscious of an utter inadequateness to duties so difficult and responsible as those resting on us, do we commit the School for the future, entreating him to bestow on us (what we so much need) wisdom, fortitude, energy, and devoted fidelity in our posts.

From the time of my last annual report till the end of the session, (the last of July,) nothing material occurred, calling for notice at this time; save the fact, that the youths then reported as ready for confirmation, did soon declare themselves thus followers of Him, to whom they had been devoted in infancy.

On the 1st October, the third year of the institution began, under auspices highly encouraging: the number of pupils admitted being about 95; the corps of teachers remaining much the same as during the previous year. An arrangement was then made, however, calculated, as was believed, to increase the efficiency of instruction and government. Four of the most mature, and best qualified in their respective departments, chosen from the students trained at the institution during the two previous years, were appointed tutors. And to them were committed certain duties of supervision and of instruction, in elementary branches. Four chief considerations recommended this arrangement:

1st. The importance of having classes as small as possible, in order that each individual pupil might receive a large share of attention.

2d. That the incessant watchfulness, requisite to guard against the evils to which the young are ever prone, might be secured, by providing an able corps of sentinels.

3d. That the salutary influence might be obtained of those thus situated: associated intimately with some, as students in the higher classes; and with all, as elder brothers in the same household.

4th. That the individuals thus engaged, might, by practice and experience, acquire skill in a vocation too much neglected, though second only in importance to the sacred ministry itself.

This is dwelt upon, because information has been communicated to me, that the measure was, in some quarters, regarded as unwise. I will only add, upon the subject, that this is the system which, for centuries, has worked so well in the celebrated English schools; and that it has, for many years, prevailed efficiently at that admirably-governed institution, the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Besides this, there has been no important change in the order of things reported last May. Religious instruction has been anxiously, and we hope faithfully given, in the methods heretofore described; not, we are encouraged to say, altogether without some indications of success; but the blessing vouchsafed, has not been what was formerly bestowed. There are a few in interesting states of mind, whom we hope soon to find joining that precious band of Christian youths among us, whose hearts the Lord hath, in other days, turned to himself.

Concerning the general instruction of the school, it is just that my deep and earnest conviction be expressed, of the fidelity and success with which it has been given. In confirmation of this, I refer to the testimony of the visitors, who attended the examination late in February, among whom were several of your own body. And I must also, in justice to the work in which we are laboring, add, that if, through the steadiness of parents, a fair opportunity is allowed for testing the efficiency of the teachers, in their respective spheres, the learning imparted at the High School will prove unusually exact, sound, useful, and as far as possible, various and elevated.

Concerning the discipline of the School, it is not necessary to say much. It has been the great endeavor, during the past year, as before, to mingle kindness and firmness. The right exercise of this has been, as it always will be, a difficult and a painful task. Unerring wisdom cannot be applied, and serious mistakes will be severely censured; indeed, condemnation, unkindness, and opposition, may be expected in many quarters, where is felt the application of uncompromising law, however needfully, and however conscientiously executed.

The health of the institution has been as good as could be expected. During one season, we suffered from a form of cold, influenza, or catarrhal fever. During another, from a visitation of measles. Both of these disorders were generally prevalent through the country, and we could not, with such a community, expect to escape. Under an attack of the former, one amiable and interesting youth fell a victim to his own imprudence, in transgressing the injunctions of the physician and attendants; and we were called to mourn his sudden death; and follow him to an untimely grave.

Concerning the police and general management of the institution, I will briefly say, that these have been as efficiently conducted as could be secured in such an establishment; that the best has been attempted; and, if there has been failure or disappointment, in any respect, it is not known, and has only occurred through the unavoidable difficulties incident to the management of such a household.

In the hope of accomplishing something serviceable to the good cause of Christian education, and especially of securing a continued interest in the High School, the publication of a monthly journal, termed the "Monthly Record of the Episcopal High School of Virginia," has been undertaken, within the present session; and it is trusted that, humble as is the effort, it will not prove unavailing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. N. PENDLETON.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson, from the Committee appointed to fix the salary for the support of the Assistant Bishop, presented the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of fixing the salary of the Assistant Bishop, and designating the source from which it was to be raised, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report: That they are of opinion that the sum of \$1500 a year is an adequate provision for that object, while they are well assured that, or a larger sum, if necessary, would be readily contributed by the Church in Virginia. They know of no more equal or convenient mode of raising it than increasing the assessment already

levied on the parishes for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Diocese. By an addition of half a dollar to the rate already paid for each communicant, a sum will be raised sufficient for the salary of the Bishop elect, and his travelling expenses, and leaving perhaps a small surplus. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese, in communicating to Dr. Johns the fact of his being elected Assistant Bishop, be authorized to offer him a salary of \$1500 besides his travelling expenses.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the vestries of the different parishes in the Diocese be required to send to the next Convention their respective quotas towards the payment of the expenses of the Diocese, assessed at the rate of one dollar for each communicant.

Rev. W. G. H. Jones from the Committee upon the "Religious Instruction of the colored population of this Diocese" asked that the Committee have leave to sit again and report to the next Convention. Concurred in.

On motion of Col. Carrington

Resolved, That the next Convention be held in the city of Richmond, on the third Wednesday of May, 1843.

On motion

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to endeavor to have the consecration of the Assistant Bishop, whenever it takes place, held in the city of Richmond.

The Convention then proceeded to sign the testimonials of the Assistant Bishop elect.

Gen. Lewis moved that the Treasurer be directed to pay to Bishop Meade the sum of \$500 out of any monies in hand (not otherwise appropriated,) in part reimbursement of the expenses of his voyage to England. Adopted unanimously.

Rev. Mr. Slaughter offered the following, viz:

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

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered, through the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, to the ministers and members of 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 Doorkeeper of this Convention \$10.

Resolved, That the Secretary have 2,000 copies of the Journal of this Convention published for distribution among the parishes.

After singing, and prayer by the President pro tempore, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE,
President of the Convention.

Rev. BENJAMIN M. MILLER, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Antrim parish, Roanoke co.—John Grammer, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1, Died 4, present number 35; Baptisms, infants 9; Marriages, white 4, colored 2—total 6; Funerals, white 7, colored 3—total 10. Sums collected for the different institutions of the Church, viz: Domestic and Foreign Missions \$152 10—Pro. Episcopal Association of Va., \$45—Theological Seminary \$300—Education Society \$202—total \$639 10.

Augusta parish, Trinity church, Staunton.—F. D. Goodwin, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 1, withdrawn 1—total 67; Baptisms, white infants 13, colored 1—total 14; Confirmations, 1 at last Convention; Marriages 5; Funerals 8; Families about 40. Amount contributed to the various objects of benevolence connected with the Church: to the Va. Colonization Society \$7 62, Va. Bible Society \$50 00, Diocesan Missionary Society \$17 75, General Missions, Domestic and Foreign, \$160 00, Bishop's fund \$30. Education Society of Va., \$75 00—total \$341 31.

Bloomfield parish, Piedmont church, Madison co.—R. T. Brown, Rector.—Communicants, removed 4, received 1 by removal—total 11; Baptisms, infants white 1, colored 3—total 4. The congregation at this place was once large and flourishing, but it has been reduced to its present state by constant removals.

Bloomfield parish, Trinity church, Madison co.—R. T. Brown, Rector.—Communicants added 3—total 13; Baptisms, 1 colored adult; Funeral 1.

This church is certainly commanding more of the attention of the community around this point than at any other period, and if the congregation had a church edifice of their own to worship in, it would continue to increase, but being compelled to use a free meeting house, we are necessarily very much retarded in our growth.

I have continued to officiate as Missionary in Rappahannock county during the last year, and although no congregations have been organized, yet your Missionary has reason to believe, that the preaching of the word has been attended by the blessing of God.

Boletourt parish, Boletourt and Roanoke co.—D. W. Wharton, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, two from another parish, removed 2—total 26; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 6—total 8; Marriages 5; Families 16. Contributions to institutions connected with the Church \$140.

There is a Sunday school connected with the congregation in Roanoke. Special services have been frequently held for the colored portion of the Rector's charge. During the past year the Rector has also had under his charge a congregation in Buchanan, belonging to Woodville parish. He reports from this congregation, viz: Communicants, added 2—total 11; Baptisms, infants 2. The Rector has only been able to supply this congregation with a monthly service, yet he believes his labors have been blest.

Boydens parish, Augusta co.—There having been no Minister of this Parish for several years, the precise number of Communicants is not known, but as several have removed out of the parish, it is believed that the present number does not exceed 12. Contributions \$6.

S. H. LEWIS, Lay Delegate.

Bristol parish, St. Paul's church, Petersburg.—N. H. Cobbs, Rector.—Communicants, added 114, of these 11 were received from other parishes, removed 7, died 3—total 236; Baptisms, of adults 19, infants 23—total 42; Confirmations 93, of those confirmed 3 or 4 belonged to other parishes; Funerals 12; Marriages 9. Contributions to various benevolent objects, upwards of \$2,000.

The Rector is thankful that he is enabled to report favorably of the condition and prospects of this parish. For several months during the past year, there was evidently visible a great degree of sensibility to divine truth, which encouraged the hope that the spirit of God was moving upon the hearts of many. This sensibility continued to increase till about the beginning of winter, when it was heightened to a very remarkable degree of interest. Such was the desire to hear the word, that the church was opened for divine service once, and frequently twice a day, for the space of two months. But whilst the Rector felt it his duty and privilege to cherish this religious awakening, by multiplying his services, he carefully abstained from all measures promotive of artificial excitement. The prayers of the Church were invariably and exclusively used on every occasion of worship; and no other means were employed to produce effect but the simple exhibition of Gospel truth, followed up by prompt and vigilant pastoral visits.

The Rector would also report, that for want of seats to accommodate those who might be induced to attend the services of the Church, the Ladies of the parish determined to employ a Missionary to preach to the poor of the town, and especially to officiate amongst the families dependent upon the factories. Last autumn, they were enabled to carry their wishes into effect, by engaging the services of the Rev. Charles J. Gibson, who entering zealously upon his work, has been kindly received by those to whom he was sent. His faithful and affectionate labors have been much blessed; and having demonstrated that the Church careth for the poor, he has now before him an encouraging prospect of usefulness. Mr. Gibson has rendered much help to the Rector, and by his labors has been instrumental in bringing to the communion several of those who have been embraced in this report.

Bruton parish, Williamsburg.—W. Hodges, Rector.—Communicants, added 14, three from other parishes; died 3; removed—total 60, two of whom are colored; baptisms 9, three adults, six infants, all white; marriages 7; funerals, 15, (white 9, colored, 6.)

One candidate for the ministry.

Amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$255.

This congregation the Rector thinks is increasing in piety and good works. In addition to his *white*, the Rector preaches every Sunday afternoon to a large congregation of colored people, among whom there are some 20 or 30 candidates for baptism.

Camden parish, Pittsylvania county.—G. W. Dame, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, transferred to the charge of Rev. S. W. Tompkins, 5—total 16.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 2, all white—total 5.

Marriages 4, two of them colored; funerals 2.

In October, I transferred St. Andrew's church to the Rev. S. W. Tompkins. My regular appointments are twice a month each at Danville and Competition; fifth Sunday at Henry C. H., and one Saturday of each month at the Poor House of Pittsylvania. The congregations at Danville and Competition have increased a good deal. The Bible Class and Sunday School are both flourishing.

Christ's church, Charlottesville.—R. K. Meade, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, removed 1, died 3—total 65; Baptisms, adult white 2, infants, white 16, colored 1—total 19; marriages, 4; funerals 7; families 40. Amount collected for charitable purposes, \$400.

Christ church, Norfolk.—Upton Bealle, Rector.—Communicants, added 88, died and removed 11—total 320; marriages 11; baptisms, adult 12, infants 25—total 37; funerals 14; Sunday School Teachers 43; Scholars 219. Contributions for benevolent objects \$3450.

The Rector, in presenting his second report to the Convention, cannot withhold the expression of his devout and heartfelt gratitude to God for the signal evidences of his favor which he has been pleased to manifest towards the people of his charge. The congregation is in a most healthful state.

Christ church, Richmond.—Geo. Woodbridge, Rector.—Communicants, added 33, removed 4, died 1, still under sentence of suspension 1—total 103; baptisms, adult 10, infants 16—total 26; Confirmations 9; Marriages 8; Funerals 7.

Christ church, Winchester.—J. E. Jackson, Rector.—Communicants, added 10, removed 6, died 2, withdrawn 2—total 73; Baptisms, adult whites 6, infants white 8—total 14; Confirmations 11; Marriages 3; Funerals 6.

Cople parish, Westmoreland county.—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1—total 21, one colored; Marriages.

Lunenburg parish, Richmond county.—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 2—total, 31; Baptisms 1 adult, 2 infants—total 3; Marriages 4; Funerals 3.

North Farnham parish, Richmond county.—W. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, removed 2—total 12; Baptisms, infants 2; Funerals 2.

Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county.—T. E. Locke, Rector.—Communicants, added 5, (one from another cure,)—total 47; Baptisms, adult white 1, infants white 19—total 20; Confirmation 1; Marriages 2; Funerals 2. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$77.

Clarksburg, Harrison county.—Jas. H. McMechen, Rector.—Communicants 5; Baptism, adult 1, infants 8—total 9; Confirmations 3; Marriages 3.

Deltengen parish, St. James' church, Prince William county.—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants added 1—total 16; Baptisms, infants white 5; Marriages 6; Funerals 3. Five Communicants formerly belonging to this, transferred to the newly organized Parish, Cedar Run, St. Stephen's church, Fauquier Co.

Leeds parish, St. Paul's church, Prince William co.—John Towle, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, one from another parish—total 18; Baptisms, infants white 4; Confirmations 2; Marriages 1.

Elizabeth City parish, Centurion church, Fort Monroe.—M. L. Chevers, Rector, and Chaplain at Fort Monroe.—Communicants, added 2—total 8; Baptisms, infants 2; Marriages 1; Funerals 9. The Sunday school is in successful operation. A numerous congregation of colored persons assemble for public worship on the night of each Lord's day.

St. John's church, Hampton.—Communicants 16; Funerals 5; Marriages 2.

Elizabeth parish, St. Paul's church, Norfolk.—B. M. Miller, Rector.—Communicants, added 23, ten from other parishes; removed 2, deceased 1—total 78; Baptisms, infants white 8; Marriages 2; Funerals 7. Contributions to various objects \$100 00.

Franklin parish, Franklin co.—Edmund Christian, Rector.—Reports, that through the divine blessing, he has been permitted to resume his ministerial functions, which had been interrupted for some time past by ill health. This parish has been recently organized under circumstances which authorize him to hope for success, in his efforts to build up the Church, if faithful and indefatigable in the discharge of his duties. Since the last Convention he has performed one Baptism, and three Marriages.

Fairfax parish, Christ church, Alexandria.—C. B. Dana, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, from other cures 13—total additions 21; removed 20, died 6—total 135; Baptisms, infants white 17, colored 5—total 22; Confirmations 5; Marriages 5; Funerals 12; number of families 75. Amount collected for benevolent purposes, about \$500. Since the last Convention a new and superior organ has been procured for the church, at an expense of about \$1,300, and the general condition of the parish, it is believed, is now as prosperous as it has been at any time since the present Rector took charge of it.

Frederick parish, Clarke co.—W. G. H. Jones, Rector.—Communicants, added 11, died 1, removed 1—total 59; Baptisms, adults 2, infants white 10, colored 1—total 13; Confirmations 8; Marriages, white 4, colored 2—total 6; Funeral 1; Families 37. Contributions to various benevolent objects \$1,086 25.

The Rector is happy to report a decided improvement in the spiritual state of his charge, and it affords him much gratification to say, there is more sensitiveness to the importance and necessity of the religious instruction of the colored portion of the parish. He preaches to them as often as his health and strength will allow, chiefly one afternoon in the week, collecting the servants of several neighboring families, on one plantation, and performing sermons for them an hour or an hour and a half. So far, the plan is successful in view, and preaching for them a much confidence is reposed in it for good. Yet doubtless an efficient awakening interest, and much confidence is reposed in it for good. Yet doubtless an efficient system for the Sabbath ought to be devised, and he deprecates the want of it.

Hungar's parish, Northampton co.—J. P. B. Wilmer, Rector.—The present Rector having lately taken charge of this parish, is unable to make a full report of its actual condition. Under the efficient care of his predecessor, the congregation has been steadily increasing, and the benevolent institutions of the Church have been piously supported. Mea-

tures will soon be taken for the formation of one or two new congregations, and for the more active organization of the Missionary Society in the parish.

Communicants 35; Marriage 1; Funerals 5.

Hamilton and Leeds parish, Fauquier county.—George Lemmon, Rector.—The Rector reports: Communicants in Hamilton, about 44; 2 added, 3 removed; Baptisms, 9 infants, 1 adult; Marriages 7. Communicants in Leeds, about 27; 2 added. Contributions from Hamilton, \$114; from Leeds, \$74.

The new church spoken of in the last report, as erected in Leeds parish, has been finished except the rough casing, which it is hoped will soon be put on. It was opened for divine service on the fourth Sunday of January last, and the congregation has been large and increasing ever since, and there is ground to hope, that a merciful Lord has awakened a deeper concern about everlasting things, than has been experienced in the parish for some years past. The church, a beautiful building, cost \$2,500, contributed by a few zealous individuals.

Henrico parish, St. John's Church, Richmond.—W. H. Hart, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, removed 3, died 1—total 31; Baptisms, infants 8; Marriages 5; Funerals 4. The Sunday school teachers 12; scholars 72.

A considerable addition to our communion was expected on Whitsunday, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, and other circumstances, the communion was postponed until the following Sabbath.

Lexington parish, Amherst county.—D. Caldwell, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, removed 2, died 2—total 85; Baptisms, infants 29, viz: white 7, colored 22; Marriages 4; Funerals 9, five beyond the bounds of the parish.

I have been in the parish about ten months; for some time previous it had no Pastor, still the congregations, four in number, have been large, and uniformly increasing from the first. The tone of Christian piety is evidently much elevated and improved, and if circumstances allow the continuance of my labors, or a healthier Minister should come to take my place, our church in Amherst must, with the divine blessing, increase rapidly, both in numbers and grace.

Lyttleton parish, Cumberland county.—W. H. Kinckle, Rector.—Communicants, added white 8, colored 1, removed 6, died 1—total 29; Baptisms, adults white 2, infant white 1, colored 6—total 9; Marriages 3; Funerals 5. Contributions to various benevolent objects, \$300.

Martin's Brandon parish, Prince George county.—M. McFarland, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 2—total 22; Baptisms, adults 3, infants white 5, colored 1—total 9; Marriage 1; Funerals 2; number of families about 17.

Collected for different institutions of the Church, \$68. The Rector has divided his time during the past year between Merchant's Hope church, and town of City Point. At the latter place, a Sunday school has been in operation for twelve months past, numbering from 15 to 20 scholars.

Monumental church, Richmond.—W. Norwood, Rector.—Communicants, added 77, died 5, transferred 12—total 260; Baptisms, infants 30, adults 10—total 40; Confirmations 25; Marriages 8; Funerals 16; number of families 130. Contributions to various charities \$368.

Moore parish, St. John's church.—S. D. Tompkins, Rector.—Communicants 13; Baptism 1. I preach twice a month at St. John's, and once a month at Brookneal. I took charge of this parish the beginning of this year, although I preached for them once a month during last year. We have no Sunday school, but I catechise the children every two weeks. The congregation at St. John's increases, and there are some favorable appearances of the influence of divine truth among them.

Moore parish, Campbell county, St. Paul's church.—T. Atkinson, Rector.—Since the last Convention, there have been added to the communion 26, of whom, several were from other cures, 9 have removed, 1 died—whole number 102; Baptisms, there have been of adults 5, infants 23, all white; Confirmations 21; Marriages 9, (2 of colored persons); Funerals 7. Contributions to benevolent objects connected with the Church about \$391. The number of families in the congregation cannot be ascertained. The prospects of the church are considered encouraging.

Newport parish, St. Luke church, and Christ church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.—Thomas Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 8, died 2—total 46; Baptisms,

adults white 5, colored 2, infants white 10, colored 5—total 22; Marriages 2; Funerals 22. Contributions to various institutions of the Church \$53 22. Sunday school, 1 superintendent, 11 teachers, 50 scholars.

The Rector can truly say, that he has had more to cheer, as well as to distress him, during the last, than any previous year of his connection with the rectorship of this parish.

Nelson parish, Nelson county.—C. K. Nelson, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1—total 40; Baptisms, infants 2; Marriages 3; Funerals 4. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$108.

Portsmouth parish, Trinity church, Portsmouth.—J. H. Wingfield, Rector.—Communicants, added 53, removed 2, died 4—total 100; Baptisms, adult white 10, infants white 34—total 44; Marriages 5; Funerals 17; Families 73. Collected for different institutions of the Church \$200.

It will be seen, from the number of communicants added, that the Rector has much cause to be thankful for the blessing which has been vouchsafed to his labors during the late conventional year. Most of them were converted during the solemn season of Lent, when the public services were much more frequent, and well attended. This is believed to have greatly contributed, under the blessing of Heaven, to the great increase of religious interest which has existed in the congregation for some months past, and, I am happy to say, still continues, to a very encouraging extent. There are now ready for confirmation, at the next visitation of the Bishop, between forty-five and fifty persons, all of whom are already members of communion; and the number, it is hoped, will be yet further considerably increased by the time he will come to administer that holy apostolic rite.

Our Sunday school numbers now 7 male and 7 female teachers, and about 30 male and 40 female scholars.

The weekly offerings of the congregation are still continued, though not so liberally as they have been; and the ladies are still persevering in their efforts to assist in raising funds to purchase a parsonage house.

Besides two services every Sunday, the church is opened for prayer every Wednesday and Friday morning, and on all festival and fast days, and a weekly lecture in private houses on every Wednesday evening, and once a month, on Saturday evening, preparatory to communion.

The Rector has still under his charge St. Paul's church, in Suffolk, Nansemond county. The number added to communion there, during the past year, has been but 1. Four have been admitted into the Church by baptism, of whom 1 was an adult; and 2 funeral services performed.

Roanoke parish, Halifax county.—John T. Clarke, Rector.—Communicants, removed 2, present number 14; Funerals 1; Families 10. Contributions for the Church about \$100.

Raleigh parish, Amelia county, St. James' parish, Southam, Powhatan county, and Dale parish, Stepona church, Chesterfield.—P. F. Berkely, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, died 1—total 40; Baptisms, infants white 4, colored 6—total 10; Marriage 1; Funerals, white 7, colored 4—total 11; Families 33. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$160.

The Rector is pleased to be able to report a church nearly ready for consecration, built during the past year, of brick, near Genito, in the county of Powhatan; cost, when completed, about \$1,400.

Suffolk parish, Chuckatuck, Nansemond county.—T. Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 6. Contributions \$14 50.

Though there are many adverse circumstances in connection with this parish, the Rector is pleased, in watching the signs of the times, to say its prospects are slowly, but surely brightening. He can, he thinks, truly apply to this, what he has said as to the increased feeling and activity of Newport parish. Their energies combined will insure mutual good, the happy fruits of which may be soon realized.

St. Mark's parish, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper county.—J. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, died 1—total 52; Baptisms, infants 4; Marriages 2; Funerals 3.

St. James' church, St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county.—J. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 4—total 15; Baptisms, infants white 3, colored 3—total 6. Amount collected for missions \$19.

During the past year, the minister of these churches has preached regularly once a month

at St. Stephen's, and twice a month at St. James', to the servants. There is a Sunday school connected with St. James', which has been kept up by a few zealous teachers, under circumstances that might have destroyed the good work in less ardent and devoted hands.

St. Thomas' parish, St. Thomas' church, Orange county.—J. Earnest, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, (two from other cures,) removed 3, died 2—total 44; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 4—total 7; Marriages 4; Funerals, white 5, colored 2—total 7. Amount collected for charitable purposes \$86.

The Rector has also charge of a congregation at Mechanicsville, in Louisa county, to which he devotes the third and fifth Sundays. As the congregation is not yet organized, the state of it cannot be reported definitely at this time. The prospects of religion, and of the church at that place, are encouraging.

Shelburne parish, St. James' church, Leesburg.—Geo. Adie, Rector.—Communicants, added 25, (3 from other cures,) removed 1; died 1—total white 78, colored 2—80; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 10—total 11; Confirmations 16; Marriages 3; Funerals 6; Families 60. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church about \$250.

The Rector acknowledges, with unfeigned gratitude, the many tokens of the divine favor bestowed upon his parish during the past year. Through the blessing of God upon his labors, notwithstanding his feeble health part of the time, and upon the labors of his brethren near him, who have kindly assisted in holding extra services, a larger accession has been made to the communion than in any previous year; and never, probably, were the prospects of the church more encouraging.

There is an interesting Sabbath school of whites, connected with this parish. Also one of colored scholars, who are taught orally.

He continues to preach occasionally in the afternoon, at Miss Mercer's school, Belmont. He also preaches once a month at Aldie, both morning and afternoon, where there are five communicants.

St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, and Bath parish, Dinwiddie county.—T. T. Castleman, Rector.—Communicants added, white 18, (3 from other cures,) colored 4—total added 21; removed 3, withdrawn 1, died 4—whole number 90; Baptisms, adults white 4, colored 4—total 8; infants white 9, colored 16—total 25; Marriages 8; Funerals 17. Amount collected for various benevolent objects \$281 74.

St. Andrew's parish, Zion church, Jefferson county.—Alexander Jones, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, present number 82; Baptisms, infants white 14, colored 10—total 24; Marriages 5; Funerals 8. Contributions to benevolent objects \$400.

St. George's parish, Christ church, Spotsylvania county.—St. M. Fackler, Rector.—Communicants, added 2—total 16; Marriage 1; Funerals 2. Amount collected for different institutions \$11 50.

Since the last Convention, this neat brick church has been finished and consecrated to God; the prospect is encouraging.

St. Margaret's parish, Caroline county.—St. M. Fackler, Rector.—Communicants, added 5, died 1—total 29; Baptisms, infant white 1; Marriages 2; Funeral 1. Amount collected for different institutions \$15 62. The Rector is glad to report that there is a decided increase of interest in religion in this parish.

St. Ann's and South Farnham parishes, Essex county.—John P. McGuire, Rector.
St. Ann's parish.—Communicants, died 3—total 28; Baptisms, white 3; Marriages, white 3, colored 1; Funerals 6.

South Farnham parish.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1, died 1—total 27; Baptisms, adult white 1, infants white 3—total 4; Marriage 1; Funerals 2.

The usual collections for institutions connected with the Church have been made. The general condition of the parishes promises more good than it has done for several years past. In South Farnham parish, there are two Sunday schools, from which we have reason to expect precious fruit. The attendance upon the public ministrations of the Gospel has also greatly increased of late, and other circumstances encourage us to hope for the blessing promised to those who sow in tears.

St. George's parish, St. George's church, Fredericksburg.—E. C. McGuire, D.D., Rector.—Communicants, added 21, deaths and removals 7—total 167; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 26—total 30; Marriages 2; Funerals 15; Sunday schools 3, superintendents 3, teachers 28, scholars 150. Amount collected for different purposes connected with the Church \$1,500.

Encouragement in the work of the Lord has been vouchsafed us through the past year. Those have been added to the Church, whom we believe will be saved.

St. James' parish, Southam, and King William parish, Powhatan.—J. A. Massey, Rector. The Rector took charge of these parishes early in last September, before which time no minister had been settled in them for many years. Notwithstanding the long absence of Episcopal services, and the peculiar difficulties with which the Rector has to contend, he thinks he has good reason to hope that his prospects, for God and the Church, are encouraging. Four children have been baptized; two communicants have been added, by removals; and several persons desire admission to the holy communion, as soon as an opportunity shall offer. Present number of communicants 10.

St. James' parish, Mecklenburg.—F. H. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 13, removed 2—total 65; Baptisms, adults white 3, infants white 11—total 14; Marriages 4; Funerals 2. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$419 81.

The church edifice in Boydton, reported as in progress at the last Convention, is now ready for consecration. A Sunday school and Bible class have lately been formed at this church.

St. James' church, Richmond.—A. Empie, D.D., Rector.—Communicants, added 33, removed 4, died 1—total 86; Baptisms, adults 9, infants 18—total 27; Confirmations 21; Marriages 3; Funerals 14, of which, 5 belonged not to this parish; Number of families about 80—adults 228, children 140. The Sunday school as last reported, though rather improving.

Symptoms of awakened attention to religion began to appear in this congregation about eight months ago, since which time, most of the additions have been made to the Church by baptism and the communion. But, under the influence of the word and spirit of God, the same good work is still calmly and slowly advancing. Let the glory be given to Him who is the author of all good, and may he graciously continue the work, till all are brought to know him, from the least to the greatest.

St. James' parish, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna counties.—R. H. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 2—total 30; Baptisms, infants white 3; Marriages 5; Funerals 5; Families 15. Amount collected for benevolent objects \$176.

Since my last report, the Vestry have fitted up a parsonage, at an expense of \$2,000.

St. Mark's parish, Bangor church, and Kenawha parish, St. John's church.—J. Craik, Rector.—Communicants, added 22, died 1—total 59; Baptisms, adults white 8, infants white 14, colored 1—total 23; Confirmations 25; Marriages 3; Funerals 7; Families 46—adults 122, children 135.

In addition to these two organized parishes, the Rector has charge of a congregation in the Kenawha Salines, and therefore combines the whole in one view. The building at the Kenawha Salines, for which, in May last, \$2,000 were reported as having been subscribed, is nearly completed, and will cost about \$3,300. A part of the sum not then subscribed has been provided, and the effort to complete this building absorbs all our resources.

St. John's church and Christ church, Wellsburg, Brooke county.—J. L. Harrison, Rector.
St. John's church.—Communicants, died 1, added 1—total, between 30 and 40; Baptisms, infants 8, adults 1—total 9; Confirmations 3; Marriages 2; Funerals 5.

Christ church, Wellsburg.—This church was opened for divine service the 6th June, 1841, and has since been opened for worship once in two weeks. Communicants, added 4, died 1—total 20; Baptisms, infants 10, adults 3—total 13; Confirmations 8; Marriages 2; Funerals 2.

St. Martin's parish, Hanover.—W. V. Bowers, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, from other cures, died 1—total 61; Baptisms, infants 2; Marriages 3; Funerals 9; Number of families 49. Amount collected for religious purposes \$174. Sunday schools 2, one of which is flourishing, containing a library, and about 60 children; the other is feeble and languishing, mainly for want of teachers. On Sunday evenings, the colored people are assembled for instruction, by the Rector.

St. Mary's parish, St. Peter's church, Port Royal, and Grace church, Caroline.—Wm. Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 7—total 54; Baptisms 10; Confirmations 3; Funerals 6. Contributions for objects connected with the Church \$150.

I preach, also, twice a month, on Sunday evening, at King George Court House. The congregation here is small, but permanent. A new church will probably be erected during the present year. The congregation have already subscribed near \$1,000 for that purpose. Communicants, added 3—total 6; Funerals 2; Confirmation 1.

St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county.—J. W. Woodville, Rector.—Communicants, died 3—present number 13; Marriage 1; Funerals 6. In other respects, the parish remains in much the same state as when I made my last report.

St. Paul's church, Alexandria, D. C.—J. T. Johnston, Rector.—Communicants, added 16, (3 from other cures,) removed 4, died 1—total about 150; Baptisms, adult white 1, infants 39, (viz: white 34, colored 5)—total 40; Confirmations 2; Marriages 10; Funerals 12; Sunday schools 2, superintendents 3, teachers 27, scholars 189. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$516 39.

Tillotson parish, Buckingham county.—J. H. Morrison, Rector. The Rector took charge of this parish shortly after the last Convention.

The number of communicants at that time was 23. Since then, there have been added 13, (2 of whom were from other parishes, and 2 colored persons,) removed 2, died 1, suspended 1—total 32; Baptisms, 1 adult, and 7 infants, all white; Marriages 5, (including 2 of colored persons;) Funerals 2.

Besides those already added, there are several others who have been prevented, by various causes, from coming to the communion, who are expected to come forward to the apostolic rite of confirmation on the approaching visit of the Bishop. The number of these, added to those reported above, would make the total addition about 20.

A Sabbath school went into operation last summer, which is in quite a flourishing condition. One of our church edifices (St. Peter's) was removed to a more convenient locality, shortly before my coming to the parish. It has been enlarged, and otherwise improved, at considerable expense. Among the improvements, a cupola has been added, which is furnished with a large and sweet-toned bell.

St. James' parish, Christ church, Albemarle county.—E. Boyden Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 1—total 19; contributions \$25.

Walker's parish, Walker's church, Albemarle county.—E. Boyden, Rector.—Communicants, added 2—total 24. Baptisms, infants 3; Marriage 1; Funeral 1. Contributions to benevolent institutions, about \$100. This Parish externally is more flourishing than in some former years.

West Russell parish, Bedford county.—N. Sale, Rector.—Total number of Communicants 22; Baptisms, white infants 5, colored infants 3; Marriages 2; Funerals 4. Amount collected \$20.

There is nothing of special interest to report. Things much the same as heretofore.

Westover parish, Charles City county.—W. T. Leavell, Rector.—Communicants, added 3—total 20; Baptisms, white 5, colored 3—total 8; Confirmation 1; Marriages, white 2, colored 1—total 3; Funerals, white 2, colored 10—total 12. Amount contributed to benevolent objects \$85.

The Rector still continues to give as much ministerial attention to the slave population as his health and other circumstances will allow. He is sorry not to be able to report the completion of our parochial improvements, which have been so long in progress. Having learned not to despise the day of small things, he yet hopes to see them finished and paid for, before the next annual meeting of the Convention. To effect this, nothing seems requisite but a little more attention, on the part of the Vestry, to the interests of the church.

Wickliffe parish, Clarke county.—A. Shiras, Rector.—Communicants, added 21, (2 from other parishes,) removed 3, died 3—making the present number 79; Baptisms, adults 9, infants 12, of whom 2 were colored—total 21; Confirmations 19; Marriages 4; Funerals 9; Number of families connected with the parish 44. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church \$250.

The state of religious feeling in the parish continues good. The congregations are large and attentive; and the public services seem to be generally accompanied by the divine blessing. A parish library has been established, which promises to be productive of good. Altogether, the condition of the parish is such as to awaken gratitude and encourage hope.

Woodville parish, Rockbridge and Botetourt counties.—W. Bryant, Rector.—Having but recently undertaken my duties in this parish, I can give but a general statement of facts in relation to it. The parish embraces Rockbridge county and a part of Botetourt. The points at which I preach are—the town of Lexington, the town of Buchanan, and the neighborhood of the Natural Bridge. There is no established church at Buchanan; the only church edifice is held in common by the different denominations of Christians. This place may, therefore,

be regarded as a favorable position for our operations. Episcopal services have been held here during the past year by Rev. Mr. Wharton, to whose report I refer for particulars. At Lexington, there have never before been regular Episcopal services; but we are encouraged to commence our work at this place, for the following reasons: first, the fact that there are numbers of youths, of Episcopal families, collected at the different institutions in the vicinity, chiefly the Military Institute, claiming the nursing care of the Church. The fact that there are several Episcopal families, parents with their children, growing up around them, who have for some time been anxiously calling upon the Church for her service. And, besides, the more important fact that there are here hundreds of the unconverted, a large proportion of whom are young men and young women, at the neighboring schools, accessible to the glad tidings of the Gospel. With these facts before us, we have planted the standard of our Church in this place.

The number of communicants in and about Lexington is 12 white; added to 11 at Buchanan, make the whole number in the parish 23.

Christ church parish, Lancaster county.—W. Bryant, late Rector.—Communicants, last reported 30, added 5, removed 1—present number, 34; Baptisms, white 8, colored 15—total, —23.

Report of J. Cooke, Missionary, Hanover county.—Shortly after our last annual meeting, the two churches, which through my humble exertions were erected at Courtland, Spotsylvania, and Monakin Town, Powhatan, were consecrated to the service of God by our late venerable and beloved Diocesan. Since then, until recently, my labors have been chiefly confined to the little congregation at Locust Grove, Louisa. Lately, I have taken the Rev. Mr. Fackler's place at Louisa C. H., but with what prospect of usefulness I am unable to say, not having as yet seen enough of the congregation to form any estimate of the probabilities of success. I have surrendered the congregations in Spotsylvania and Powhatan to the care of the Rev. Mr. Fackler and the Rev. Mr. Massie, and have parted with all the communicants except two which I have usually reported, one of whom has since died. I have celebrated but one marriage during the past year, and attended four funerals.

Report of C. J. Gibson, Missionary, Petersburg.—I undertook the duties of a missionary in the town of Petersburg late in October last. From that time to the present, I have held quite regularly two services on Sunday, a morning service at a private house immediately in the neighborhood of one of the largest cotton factories, and an afternoon service at a rented room more within the town, in the midst of a dense population of poor people. At these places Sunday-schools have been established, and the number of children in both amount to about 60. A weekly Bible class has also been formed within the last three months at the outer station, which already promises great usefulness.

On the whole I think I have much cause for encouragement. The prospect at this time seems daily to brighten before me; there is good reason to think that the congregation soon to be formed will be a large and interesting one. A missionary chapel is now under contract, which is to be finished in September, and to cost \$1400, one thousand of which has already been subscribed. Besides my regular services, I have attended 4 Marriages, 10 Funerals, and 8 Baptisms, 7 children and 1 adult.

Report of the Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, University of Virginia.—During the greater part of the last year my labors have been chiefly confined to the University of Virginia. On the morning of every Sabbath, I have preached in the chapel, and held a prayer meeting during the week at the same place, at which time our services have been well attended. It will be gratifying to the friends of religion to know that a very neat and commodious chapel has been fitted up, and appropriated to the worship of Almighty God. A Sunday-school, established for the benefit of the children in and around the University is still in operation. A Bible society is in successful operation, having lately completed the supply of a very destitute portion of the neighboring country. The receipts reported at the last annual meeting were \$160.

These facts warrant the hope of a state of things at this institution which will one day rejoice the hearts of the people of God. The afternoon of every Sabbath, with some few exceptions, have been devoted to three churches in the neighborhood, which together number 30 communicants, true, and friends of our Zion, who have proven faithful amidst a variety of discouraging circumstances.

The Rev. George A. Smith, in accordance with the provisions of the eighth canon of 1841, reports:

That he has regularly preached in the chapel of the Theological Seminary in connexion

with the other clergy of the vicinity, and occasionally elsewhere; that he has been engaged in religious services every Lord's day with the pupils of the Fairfax Institute, of which he is principal. These he regards as the subjects of his pastoral care, and has at all times endeavored to instruct in the truths of our holy religion. Nor has the effort, though made in weakness and unworthiness, been in vain. Not many, indeed, have confessed Christ before men; but the influence of divine truth upon the youthful character has in many instances been apparent. There is good ground to hope that the results of religious instruction (imparted with as much judgment, and as anxious a selection of the best means to render it effectual, as there has been ability to exercise) will be seen hereafter in mature age, when the tender blade shall ripen into the full corn in the ear.

CLARENS, May 14, 1842.

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Report of James B. Goodwin, Missionary at Point Pleasant and Mercer's Bottom, Mason county.—Communicants, added 5, removed 1, died 1, total—19; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 9; total—11; Marriages 4; Confirmations 12; four or five candidates for confirmation were unavoidably absent when the rite was administered. One third of my time the past year has been divided between Gallipolis and Pomeroy, Ohio.

The Church in this place is daily gaining strength, increasing, we think, not only in numbers, but in the spirituality and zeal of its members.

James Chisholm, at present officiating in Berkeley co., Va., respectfully reports: that for several months of the past year, his ministerial labors were devoted to the colored population of three or four contiguous plantations in Albemarle.

It was my custom to hold two services on each Sunday, at different preaching stations, and to accompany these services by oral catechism. I have no occasional offices to report, in connection with this sphere of labour.

NANSEMOND CO. 1842.

In compliance with the 35th Canon, I herewith report: that I have occasionally (when my health would permit) officiated for Brother Smith, in his church in this county. Baptisms, white 13, colored 5, Funerals, white 14, colored 5—total 19; Marriage 1.

JACOB KEELING.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Report of _____ Rector of _____ church,
(or of _____ parish) _____ county.

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.

L. M. H. 2331 1842

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	Funerals.	Marriages.	BAPTISMS.				COMMUNICANTS.					Families.	Amount of contributions.	
			Adults.	Infants.	Colored.	Total.	Conf'd.	Addd.	Remov'd	Susp'ded.	Dead.			Total.
an parish, Halifax county	10	6		9		9								\$699 10
sta parish, Staunton	8	5		13	1	14	1	9	1	1	4	35	40	341 31
ey parish, Spotsylvania				2		2		1			17			23 00
field parish, Madison, Piedmont and Trinity churches	1			1	4	5		4	4		24			
urt parish, Bolcourt and Roanoke		5	2	6		8		6	2		26	16	16	140 00
n parish, Augusta											12			6 00
l parish, Petersburg	12	9	19	23		42	93	114	7	3	236			2,000 00
a parish, Williamsburg	15	7	3	6		9		14	11	3	60			255 00
en parish, Pittsylvania	2	4	3	2		5		7	5		16			
church, Charlottesville	7	3	2	16	1	19		7	1	3	65	40	40	400 00
t church, Norfolk	14	11	12	25		37		88	3	8	320			3,450 00
t church, Richmond	7	8	10	16		26	9	33	4	1	103			
church, Winchester	6	3	6	8		14	11	10	6	2	73			
t church, Lancaster				8	15	23		5	1		34			
parish, Westmoreland		1									21			
erland parish, Lunenburg	2	2	1	19		20	1	5			47			77 00
sburg, Harrison		3	1	8		9	3				5			
igen parish, Prince William	3	6		5		5		1			16			
oeth City parish, Centurion and St. John's churches	14	3		2		2		2			24			
oeth parish, St. Paul's church, Norfolk	7	2		8		8		23	2	1	78			100 00
clin parish, Franklin		3		1		1								
x parish, Christ church, Alexandria	12	5		17	5	22	5	13	20	6	135	75	75	500 00
rick parish, Clarke	1	6	2	10	1	13	8	11	1	1	59	37	37	1,066 25
ar's parish, Northampton	5	1									55			
ilton and Leeds parishes, Fauquier		7	1	9		10		4	3		71			188 00
ico parish, St. John's church, Richmond	4	5		8		8		3	3	1	31			
igton parish, Amherst	9	4		7	22	29		12	2	2	85			
eton parish, Cumberland	5	3	2	1		9		9	6	1	29			300 00
nburg parish, Richmond county		4		2		3		2			31			
s parish, Prince William	3	4	1	2		3	2	3			18			

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in's Brandon parish, Prince George	2	1	3	5	1	9		2	2		22	17		68 00
umental church, Richmond	16	8	10	30		40	25	77	12	5	260	130		868 00
re parish, Campbell county, St. John's church				1		1					13			
port parish, and Christ church, Smithfield	22	2	7	10	5	22		1	8	2	46			83 22
on parish, Nelson	4	3		2		2		1			40			108 00
h Farnham parish, Richmond county	2			2		2			2		12			
smouth parish, Trinity church, Portsmouth	17	5	10	34		44		53	2	4	100	73	73	200 00
noke parish, Halifax	1								2		14	10	10	100 00
igh parish, Amelia, St. James' parish, Powhatan, and Dale parish, Chesterfield	11	1		4	6	10		1		1	40	33	33	160 00
ark's parish, St. Stephen's and St. James' churches, Culpeper	3	2		7	3	10		7			67			19 00
Thomas' parish, Orange	7	4	3	4		7		7	3	2	44			86 00
burne parish, St. James' church, Leesburg	6	3	1	10		11	16	25	1	1	80	60	60	250 00
Andrew's parish, Brunswick and Bath parish, Dinwiddie	17	8	8	9	16	33		21	3	1	90			281 74
Andrew's parish, Zion church, Jefferson	8	5		14	10	24		3			82			400 00
George's parish, Christ church, Spotsylvania	2	1						2			11			11 50
Margaret's parish, Caroline	1	2		1		1		5		1	29			15 62
Ann's parish, Essex	6	4		3		3				3	28			
h Farnham parish, Essex	2	1	1	3		4		1	1	1	27			
George's parish, St. George's church, Fredericksburg	15	2	4	26		30		21	3	4	164			1,500 00
James' parish and King William parish, Powhatan				4		4		2			10			
James' parish, Mecklenburg	2	4	3	11		14		13	2		65			419 81
James' church, Richmond	14	3	9	18		27	21	33	4	1	86	80	80	176 00
James' parish, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna	5	5		3		3		2	2		50	15	15	
Mark's parish and Kenawha parish	7	3	8	14	1	23	25	22		1	59	46	46	
John's and Christ church, Wellsburg, Brooke	7	4	4	18		22	8	5		2	55			
Martin's parish, Hanover	9	3		2		2		3		1	61			174 00
Mary's parish, St. Peters' church, Port Royal, Grace church, Caroline, and King														
George Court House	8			10		10	4	12	7		60			150 00
Mark's parish, Culpeper	6	1								3	13			
Paul's church, Lynchburg, Campbell	7	9	5	23		28	24	26	9	4	102			391 00
Paul's church, Alexandria, D. C.	12	10		34	5	40	2	16	4	1	150			516 39
Ann's parish, Christ church, Albemarle			1					2	1		19			25 00
folk parish, Chuckatuck, Nansemond	19	1		13	5	18		1			6			14 50
lotson parish, Buckingham	2	5		7	4	8		13	2	1	32			
ilker's parish, Walker's church, Albemarle	1	1		3		3		2			24			100 00
st Russell parish, Bedford	4	2		5	3	8					22			20 00
stover parish, Charles City county	12	3		5	3	8	1	3			20			85 00
ckliffe parish, Clarke	9		9	10	2	21	19	21	3	3	79	44	44	250 00
odville parish, Lexington and Buchanan											23			

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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,	F. D. Goodwin.
Augusta,	Augusta,	Trinity,	T. T. Castleman.
Bath,	Dinwiddie,	Sapony,	St. M. Fackler.
Berkely,	Spottsylvania,	St. John's,	D. M. Wharton,
Botetourt,	Botetourt		William Hodges.
Bruton,	James City,		
Boydell,	Augusta,		
Bloomfield,	Madison,	{ Piedmont, }	R. T. Brown.
		{ Trinity, }	N. H. Cobbs.
Bristol,	Prince George,	St. Paul's,	Ed. B. McGuire.
Brunswick,	Stafford,		
Brunswick,	King George,	Lamb's Creek,	Jas. H. McMechen.
	Lexington,		W. N. Ward.
Camden,	Pittsylvania,	St. Andrew's	
Clarksburg,	Harrison,		
{ Cople,	Westmoreland, }		
{ Lunenburg,	Richmond, }		
{ N. Farnham,	Lancaster,	Christ,	Thomas E. Locke.
Christ church,	Lunenburg,	{ St. James', }	
Cumberland,		{ St. Paul's, }	
		Roanoke,	
Cornwall,	Charlotte,		
Christ church,	Middlesex,	{ Danville and }	G. W. Dame.
Camden,	Pittsylvania,	{ Competition, }	P. F. Berkely.
		Sapony,	John Towles.
Dale,	Chesterfield,	St. James,	M. L. Chevers.
Deftenger,	Prince William,	{ St. John's, }	B. M. Miller.
Elizabeth City,	Elizabeth City,	{ Centurion, }	U. Beall.
		{ St. Paul's, }	
Elizabeth,	Norfolk,	{ Christ, }	
		{ Trinity, }	R. K. Meade.
Frederickville,	Albemarle,	{ Christ, }	
		{ Buckmountain, }	J. E. Jackson.
Frederick,	Frederick,	St. Thomas',	C. B. Dana.
		{ Christ, }	J. T. Johnston.
		{ St. Paul's, }	
Fairfax,	Fairfax,	{ Falls, }	
		{ Wickliffe, }	W. G. H. Jones.
Frederick,	Clarke,	{ The Chapel, }	
Farnham,	Richmond,		E. Christian.
Franklin,	Franklin,		

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Henrico.	Henrico,	{ Monumental,	Wm. Norwood.
		{ St. John's,	William H. Hart.
		{ Christ,	George Woodbridge.
		{ St. James',	A. Eupie, D.D.
		K. George C. H.	William Friend.
Hanover,	King George,		J. P. B. Wilmer.
Hungar's,	Northampton,		George Lemmon.
Hamilton,	Fauquier,		J. Towles.
Haymarket,	Prince William,		
Kenawha,	Kenawha,	{ St. John's,	James Craik.
		{ St. Mark's,	
Leeds,	Fauquier,	{ Donation, and	J. G. Hull.
Lynnhaven,	Princess Ann,	{ Chapel,	
		{ Amherst C. H. }	D. Caldwell.
		{ New Glasgow, }	W. N. Ward.
Lexington,	Amherst,	St. Paul's,	J. Towles.
Lunenburg,	Richmond,		W. H. Kinckle.
Leeds,	Prince William,		
Littleton,	Cumberland,		
Manchester,	Chesterfield,		Philip Slaughter.
Meade,	Loudon,		A. Smith,
Martin's Brandon,	Prince George,	Merchant's Hope,	
Meherin,	Greenville,		S. D. Tompkins,
Moore,	Campbell,	{ St. John's,	T. Atkinson.
		{ St. Paul's,	
Norborne,	Berkeley,	{ Christ,	
		{ Mill Creek,	Thomas Smith.
		{ Brick,	
Newport,	Isle of Wight,	{ Christ,	C. K. Nelson.
		{ Trinity,	
Nelson,	Nelson,	{ Callaway,	
Nottoway,	Nottoway,	Aquia,	W. C. P. Johnson.
Overwharton,	Stafford,	Trinity,	J. H. Wingfield.
Portsmouth,	Norfolk,		
Petsworth,	Gloucester,		
		{ Trinity,	J. S. Marbury.
Russell,	Bedford,	{ St. Stephen's, }	P. F. Berkeley.
Raleigh,	Amelia,	Grub Hill,	J. T. Clarke.
Roanoke,	Halifax,	Mt. Laurel,	
St. James,	Prince William,		{ St. James', }
			{ and St. George's, }
St. George's,	Accomac,	Christ,	E. Boyden.
St. Anne's,	Albemarle,	St. Andrew's,	T. T. Castleman.
St. Andrew's,	Brunswick,	St. Margaret's,	St. M. Fackler.
St. Margaret's,	Caroline,	{ St. Peter's, }	W. Friend.
		{ Grace, }	
St. Mary's,	Caroline,	{ St. Stephen's,	J. Cole.
		{ ———, }	J. W. Woodville.
St. Mark's,	Culpeper		J. P. McGuire.
			J. P. McGuire.
St. Anne's,	Essex,		R. H. Wilmer.
South Farnham,	Essex,		W. V. Bowers.
St. James', Northam,	Goochland,	St. Paul's,	F. H. McGuire.
St. Martin's,	Hanover,		E. C. McGuire, D.D.
St. James',	Mecklenburg,	St. George's,	George Adie.
St. George's,	Spottsylvania,	St. James',	Alexander Jones.
Shelburne,	Loudon,	Zion,	J. Martin.
St. Andrew's,	Jefferson.	St. Paul's,	J. H. Wingfield.
St. Paul's,	King George,		
Suffolk,	Nansemond,		
Southwark,	Surry,		
		{ Peterville,	J. A. Massey.
Southam,	Powhatan,	{ Manakin,	Jos. Earnest.
		St. Thomas,	
St. Thomas',	Orange,	{ St. John's, church,	J. L. Harrison.
	Brooke co.	{ Christ church,	

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
S. Matthews, Truro, Trinity,	Ohio, Fairfax, Louisa,	St. Matthews, Polick,	William Armstrong. W. P. C. Johnson.
Tillotson,	Buckingham,	{ St. Peters, } { Goodwin's, }	J. H. Morrison.
Walkers, Ware, Winchester, Washington, Westover, West Russell, Wickliffe, Woodville,	Albermarle, Gloucester, Frederick, Westmoreland, Charles City, Bedford, Clarke, Botetourt, and Rock'ge,	Walker's, Christ,	E. Boyden. Charles Mann. J. E. Jackson. W. T. Leavell. N. Sale. A. Shiras. W. Bryant.

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. Wm. Meade, D.D.		Millwood, Clarke.
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburne 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.	Raleigh 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, }	Lexington.
Castleman, Rev. Thos. T.	Woodville,	
Craik, Rev. James	{ St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, }	Lawrenceville, Brunswick.
Chevers, Rev. Mark L.	{ and Bath parish, Dinwiddie, }	Kenawha Court House.
Chisholm, Rev. James	Kenawha parish,	Old Point Comfort.
Clarke, Rev. John T.	St. John's church, Hampton,	
Cobbs, Rev. Nicholas H.	Mount Laurel church, Halifax,	Mount Laurel, Halifax.
Cole, Rev. John	St. Paul's church,	Petersburg.
Cooke, Rev. John	St. Stephen's church,	Culpeper Court House.
Cofer, Rev. James M.	Officiating in Hanover,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Franklin,	Rocky Mount.
Clapham, Rev. Josiah		
Crawford, Rev. Wm.		Louisa C. H.
Dame, Rev. George W.	Fairfax parish,	Danville.
Dana, Rev. Charles B.		Alexandria, D. C.
Doughan, Rev. James	St. Thomas' church, Orange,	Lynchburg.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	St. James' church,	Orange C. H.
Empie, D.D., Rev. Adam	{ St. Margaret's parish, Caroline, & }	Richmond.
Fackler, Rev. St. M.	{ St. John's ch'h, Berkeley parish, }	Spottsylvania C. H.
	{ Spottsylvania, }	
Friend, Rev. William	{ St. Peter's, Port Royal and Grace, }	Port Royal.
Goodwin, Rev. Frederick D.	Caroline,	
Goodwin, Rev. James	Augusta parish,	Staunton, Augusta.
Grammer, Rev. John	Antrim parish,	Point Pleasant, Mason.
Gibson, Rev. C. G.		Halifax Court House.
Gillett, Rev. Charles		Petersburg.
Hart, Rev. William H.	St. John's church,	Alexandria, D. C.
Hill, Rev. John H.	Missionary,	Richmond.
Hull, J. G.	Donation and Chapel,	Athens, Greece.
Hodges, Rev. William	Bruton parish,	Williamsburg.
Harrison, Rev. J. H.		Wellsburg, Brooke county.
Jackson, Rev. J. E.	Christ church,	Winchester.
Jackson, Rev. William M.		Charlottesville.
Jackson, Rev. William G.	Chaplain United States Navy.	
Johnston, Rev. James T.	St. Paul's church, Alexandria,	Alexandria, D. C.
Johnson, Rev. Wm. P. C.	Polick church, Fairfax,	Alexandria, D. C.

CLERGY.

PARISHES.

POST OFFICES.

Jones, Rev. Alexander
 Jones, Rev. William G. H.
 Keeling, Rev. Jacob
 Keith, D. D., Rev. Reuel
 Kinckle, Rev. William H.
 Leavell, Rev. William T.
 Lemmon, Rev. George
 Lippitt, Rev. Edward R.
 Locke, Rev. Thomas E.
 Mann, Rev. Charles
 Marbury, Rev. J. S.
 Martin, Rev. John
 Massey, Rev. J. A.
 Meade, Rev. Richard K.
 Miller, Rev. Benjamin M.
 Minor, Rev. Bauncelot B.
 Morrison, Rev. J. H.
 McElroy, Rev. James
 Macfarland, Rev. Malcolm
 McGuire, D. D., Rev. E. C.
 McGuire, Rev. John P.
 McGuire, Rev. Francis H.
 McMechen, Rev. James H.
 Nelson, Rev. Cleland T.
 Newell, Rev. Chester
 Norwood, Rev. Wm.
 Packard, Rev. Joseph
 Paynter, Rev. John
 Parks, Rev. Martin P.
 Pendleton, Rev. W. N.
 Rooker, Rev. W. Y.
 Sale, Rev. Nelson
 Shiras, Rev. Alexander
 Slaughter, Rev. Philip
 Smith, Rev. Thomas
 Smith, Rev. Joshua
 Smith, Rev. George A.
 Smith, Rev. Aristides
 Sproun, D. D., Rev. Wm.
 Spurr, D. D., Rev. Andrew
 Staharano, Rev. Charles C.
 Tamm, Rev. H. West
 Twigg, Rev. John
 Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.
 Pumpkins, Rev. S. D.
 Ward, Rev. William N.
 Wharton, Rev. Dabney M.
 Woodfield, Rev. John H.
 Woodbridge, Rev. George
 Woodville, Rev. John W.
 Winger, Rev. Richard H.
 Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.

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,
 Russel parish, Bedford.
 St. Paul's,
 Frederickville parish,
 St. Paul's church,
 Missionary,
 Agent Bible Society,
 Martins Brandon parish, Prince Geo.,
 St. George's church,
 St. Ann's and S. Farnham parishes,
 St. James' parish,
 Trinity, and Callaway churches,
 Chaplain U. S. Navy,
 Monumental ch. Richmond,
 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 Theol. Seminary of Va.,
 St. James' and St. Paul's churches,
 Principal of Deaf & Dumb Asylum,
 Moore parish,
 (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,
 Hungar's parish,

Charlestown, Jefferson.
 Millwood, Clarke county.
 Suffolk.
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax co.
 Charlotte Court House.
 Charles City Court House.
 Warrenton, Fauquier.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Whittle's Mills, Mecklenb'g.
 Gloucester Court House.
 New London, Campbell.
 King George Court House.
 Macon, Powhatan.
 Charlottesville, Albemarle.
 Norfolk.
 Cape Palmas, Africa.
 Buckingham C. H.
 Staunton, Augusta.
 Petersburg.
 Fredericksburg.
 Loreto, Essex.
 Boydton, Mecklenburg.
 Clarksburg, Harrison co.
 Variety Mills, Nelson.
 Richmond.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Cape Palmas, Africa.
 West Point, N. York.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Matthews C. H.,
 Davis Store, Bedford.
 Berryville, Clarke.
 Upperville, Fauquier.
 Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
 Cape Palmas, Africa.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Petersburg.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Petersburg.
 Fredericksburg.
 Miller's Tavern, Essex.
 Brentsville, Prince William.
 Staunton, Augusta.
 Lynchburg.
 Warsaw, Richmond.
 Big Lick, Botetourt.
 Portsmouth.
 Richmond.
 Stevensburg, Culpeper.
 Pemberton, Goodland.
 Eastville, Northampton.