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RICHMOND, MAY 17, 1843.

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, and Right Rev. John Johns, Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the Monumental Church.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Upton Beall, of Norfolk, and the Convention sermon preached by the Right Rev. John Johns, Assistant Bishop, from 1 Timothy iv. 16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this, thou shalt both serve thyself, and them that hear thee."

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

A list of the Clergy belonging to this 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, D. D., Bishop.

Rt. Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D., Assistant Bishop.

Rev. GEO. ADIE,	Rev. WM. HODGES,
" WM. ARMSTRONG,	" WM. M. JACKSON,
" THO'S ATKINSON,	" WM. G. H. JONES,
" CHA'S W. ANDREWS,	" WM. H. KINKLE,
" UPTON BEALL,	" WM. T. LEAVELL,
" PARKE F. BERKELEY,	" EDW'D R. LIPPITT,
" WM. V. BOWERS,	" THO'S E. LOCKE,
" E. BOYDEN,	" CHA'S MANN,
" R. T. BROWN,	" J. S. MARBURY,
" WM. T. BRYANT,	" JOHN MARTIN,
" THO'S T. CASTLEMAN,	" J. A. MASSEY,
" MARK L. CHEYERS,	" RICH. K. MEADE,
" JAS. CHISHOLM,	" BENJ'N M. MILLER,
" JNO. T. CLARKE,	" J. H. MORRISON,
" NICH'S H. COBBS, D. D.,	" MALCOLM MCFARLAND,
" JOHN COLE,	" EDW'D C. MCGUIRE, D. D.,
" JOHN COOKE,	" JOHN P. MCGUIRE,
" GEO. W. DAME,	" FRANCIS H. MCGUIRE,
" CHAS. B. DANA,	" EDW'D B. MCGUIRE,
" JAS. DOUGHEN,	" CLELAND K. NELSON,
" JOS. EARNEST,	" WM. NORWOOD,
" ADAM EMPIE, D. D.,	" JOS. PACKARD,
" WM. FRIEND,	" WM. N. PENDLETON,
" FRED. D. GOODWIN,	" WM. Y. ROOKER,
" JOHN GRAMMER,	" NELSON SALE,
" C. J. GIBSON,	" PHILIP SLAUGHTER,

Rev. THOMAS SMITH,  
 " ARISTIDES SMITH,  
 " WM. SPARROW, D. D.,  
 " JOHN TOWLES,  
 " NICH'S P. TILLINGHAST,  
 " WM. N. WARD,  
 " DABNEY M. WHARTON,

Rev. JOHN H. WINGFIELD,  
 " GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,  
 " JOHN W. WOODVILLE,  
 " RICH'D H. WILMER,  
 " J. P. B. WILMER,  
 " SAM'L WINCHESTER.

### RULES OF ORDER.

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

15. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17. On the previous question, there shall be no debate.

18. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limits of those pews allotted for the use of the members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25. There shall on the first day of the Convention be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:

A committee on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred the addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance consisting of laymen.

26. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be by him read to the Convention, and if it shall appear that there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27. When three members require it the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes.

28. None of the rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29. The business first in order after the organization of the Convention, shall be reading of the Pastoral addresses, Parochial Reports, and the Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

The certificates of Lay Delegates being called for and received, the Rev. Messrs. Grammer and Sale, and Mr. Nelson Page, were appointed a committee to examine and report thereon.

On motion of Rev. Thomas Atkinson, *Resolved*, that the 2d resolution, making provision for the salary of the Assistant Bishop, passed at the last Convention, be amended by inserting the word "white" before "communicant," so that the said resolution will hereafter read as follows: *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 white communicant.

*Committee on New Parishes.*—The following gentlemen were appointed the committee on the admission of new parishes, viz: Messrs. Bowers and Sale, of the Clergy, and Col. Carrington and Roger B. Atkinson, of the Laity.

The Rev. C. J. Gibson thereupon presented an application from Grace church congregation, Petersburg, for admission into the Diocese.—Referred.

The Rev. Jos. Earnest presented an application from St. John's church congregation, Mechanicsville, Louisa county, for admission into the Diocese.—Referred.

Mr. Nelson Page, from the committee appointed to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following named gentlemen as duly entitled to seats in this Convention, viz:

John Crenshaw, West Russell parish, Bedford.  
 Hector Harris, Russell parish, Bedford.  
 Henry Dennison, Falls church, Fairfax parish.  
 Roger B. Atkinson, Cumberland parish, Lunenburg.  
 Robert K. Dabney, St. James' parish, Southam.  
 George Lambeth, Christ church, Richmond.  
 Rich'd H. Cunningham, St. James' church, Culpeper.  
 John R. Robinson, Grubb Hill church, Raleigh parish.  
 Wm. W. Moseby, St. Paul's church, Lynchburg.  
 Lewis A. Boggs, Berkley Parish, Spottsylvania.  
 John Cole, Meherrin parish, Greensville.  
 Hugh W. Sheffey, Trinity church, Staunton.  
 Geo. M. Carrington, St. John's church, Henrico parish.  
 Nelson Page, Lytleton parish, Cumberland.  
 John G. Hatton, Trinity church, Portsmouth.  
 Chas. J. Merriwether, Christ church, Charlottesville.  
 David W. Broadnax, St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick.  
 R. W. Royster, King William parish, Powhatan.  
 Thos. Withers, Bath parish, Dinwiddie.  
 Walter C. Winston, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper.  
 Chas. Urquhart, St. Peter's church, Port Royal.  
 Thos. H. Clagett, St. James' church, Shelburne parish.  
 Rob't C. Harrison, Westover parish, Charles City.  
 Fred'k Foote, Leeds parish, Prince William.  
 Wm. Pollock, St. George church, Fredericksburg.  
 Thurmer Hoggard, Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann.  
 Philip A. Bolling, Tillotson parish, Buckingham.  
 Wm. Williams and Wm. H. McFarland, Monumental church, Richmond.  
 John R. Noel, St. Martin's parish, Hanover.  
 Wm. Bolling, St. James', Northam, Goochland.  
 Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas' church, Orange.  
 Wm. H. Richardson, St. James' church, Richmond.  
 Philip Williams, Christ church, Winchester.  
 Robert Gilliam, Martin's, Brandon parish, Prince George.  
 Hugh M. Nelson, Frederick parish, Clarke.

Edw'd S. Pegram, Christ church, Norfolk.  
 Jno. W. Brockenborough, Woodville parish.  
 Jas. S. Gilliam, St. John's church, City Point.  
 Wm. T. Weir, Dettinger parish, Prince William.  
 Wm. Brown, Hanover parish, King George.  
 Thos. Nelson, Newport parish, Isle of Wight.  
 Geo. S. Carraway, St. Paul's church, Norfolk.  
 Cassius F. Lee, Christ church, Alexandria.  
 Dr. Sam'l R. Shield, St. John's church, Hampton.  
 John Chowning, Christ Church parish, Lancaster.  
 Jacob C. Sheldon, Bruton parish, Williamsburg.  
 Jacob W. Stuart, St. Paul's parish, King George.  
 David May, Bristol parish, Petersburg.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Norwood, *Resolved*, That during the remainder of the Convention, Divine Service be held every day (Sunday excepted) at 9 o'clock, A. M.; and that the Convention assemble for the transaction of business immediately thereafter.

On motion of Mr. R. B. Atkinson, the Convention adjourned to meet at the appointed time.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1843.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment immediately after Divine Service. The journal of yesterday's proceedings having been read,

Rev. Mr. Friend presented an application from St. John's church, Hanover parish, for admission into the Diocese.—Referred.

Rev. Mr. Berkeley presented an application from the wardens and vestry of Grace church, Genito parish, Powhatan, for a division of St. James' parish and the admission of the former into this Diocese.—Referred.

The Right Rev. Bishop Meade presented his annual address, and read as follows:

REPORT AND ADDRESS OF RT. REV. BISHOP MEADE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Although very much disabled during the past year from preaching the gospel, as formerly, yet through the goodness of God I have been permitted to visit a number of the congregations, and perform those services which belong peculiarly to the Episcopal office.

Early on the Sabbath morning after the adjournment of the last Convention, I confirmed seventeen persons in the church at Staunton, and at a subsequent hour, admitted Mr. Gillet to the Deaconship, and the Rev. Mr. Kinkle, Mr. McFarland and Mr. Caldwell to the Priesthood. After this I visited the following places, performing the duties specified: Charlottesville, confirming eleven; Green Mountain, Albemarle county, confirming one; Nelson county, four; Buckingham county, fifteen; Cumberland, eight, and consecrating a new church at Ca Ira; Goochland, 16; Powhatan, confirming seven, and consecrating a new church at Genito, also confirming six at Peterville, and two at Manakin town; was prevented by high waters from reaching Grubhill in Amelia; preached once in Hanover; spent some time in Richmond, confirming fifty-four in the Monumental church, thirty-four at St. James', twenty-nine at Christ's, ten at St. John's; at Petersburg, confirmed ten; at City Point, seven, and consecrated a new church; spent two Sabbaths and the intervening days at Norfolk and Portsmouth, confirmed eighty-two in Christ's church, and eleven in St. Paul's, and forty-four in Ports-

mouth; visited Princess Ann, confirming three; Hampton, confirming six, and Old Point, two. In the month of July attended the examinations at the Seminary and High School; confirmed at the chapel of the Seminary; ten at St. Paul's, sixteen at Christ's church, and ordained the Rev. Mr. Chisholm, Priest, and Mr. Winchester and Mr. Todd, Deacons. In August visited Winchester and Wickliffe parish; also Leed's parish, Fauquier, consecrating a neat brick church, and confirming ten. In September, visited Culpeper, consecrating a new church, and confirming twelve; also visited Warrenton and Haymarket, confirming seven at the first and nine at the last. I was too indisposed to visit Brentsville and the new church in Fauquier. Early in October, I went to Alexandria, where I met with the venerable Bishop Griswold. On Sunday we united in the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Gillett as Priest, and Mr. Tillinghast as Deacon: the latter being ordained by Bishop Griswold, as he came from the Eastern Diocese. We also visited together our Seminary and I addressed the students. It was truly gratifying to me to hear from his own lips a strong approval of that Institution. Proceeding together to Richmond, we united with the Bishops of North Carolina and Maryland in a solemn act, the consecration of a beloved brother as Assistant Bishop of Virginia. For this kind dispensation of Providence to myself and the Diocese of Virginia, I have cause for daily gratitude, in which I am assured your hearts sympathize most deeply. While in Richmond I ordained the Rev. Mr. Massey, Priest, Bishop Griswold preaching; and also confirmed twenty-three in St. James' church. Proceeding to Lynchburg, Bishop Johns and myself spent several days, himself preaching repeatedly, and myself confirming twenty-two persons. From thence, parting from Bishop Johns, I proceeded to Ronoake and Botetourt counties, preaching several times and confirming five. Being joined by the Rev. Mr. Atkinson, I now visited, for the first time, the most southwestern part of our State, going as far as Abingdon near the Tennessee line. Mr. Atkinson and myself spent five days in religious services at this place, during which, five were baptized, and the Lord's Supper administered, and seven persons confirmed. We were much gratified by our visit to this place, and left it with the hope that our Church would at no distant day be established there, and with the promise to do what is practicable to effect the same. During our journey to and from Abingdon, we stopped at Marion and Wythe Court Houses, performing some services, spending two days at the latter, where baptism to one adult and one infant, was administered, and confirmation to one person, and the Lord's Supper to a small number. At this place we were indebted to the kindness of the Methodists, as we had been at Abingdon to that of the Presbyterians, for a house of worship. After leaving Wytheville, I returned to Roanoke, where I officiated two days. Thence to Liberty, in Bedford county, where I spent two days, confirming nine persons. With most commendable zeal, our friends in this place had just contributed \$3,000 for the erection of a church, and their example, I was told, was about to be followed in another part of the county, though in a humbler way. Two days were spent also at St. Stephen's, in Bedford, on the first of which fourteen were confirmed, and on the second Rev. Mr. Marbury and Mr. Tomkins were admitted to the Priesthood, the Rev. Mr. Nelson preaching the sermon and Mr. Sale presenting the candidates. During the same week, one night was spent in the church at Lynchburg, where two were confirmed, the one being a colored person. The next Saturday and Sunday were spent at Trinity; on the first day the Rev. Mr. Doughen preached; and on the second I did the same, and confirmed ten. Three days were now spent at Buchanan, where several of the brethren met and had frequent services, and where seven were confirmed. From thence we proceeded to Lexington, in Rockbridge, where very interesting services were continued for four days. Besides preaching several times, I confirmed sixteen, administered the Lord's Supper, and, by request of the presiding officers, addressed the students in the College and Military Institute. With great kindness were we received by the inhabitants of the place, and deeply were we interested with that religious feeling which pervaded the whole town, but especially the young men of the College and Institute. The prospect of erecting an Episcopal church in Lexington, must be very gratifying to us all. The worthy minister of that parish

will give you a more detailed account of the success attending his efforts. I next visited Staunton, where seven persons were confirmed; then Charlottesville, where nine were confirmed, and when there, preached once at the University to the students. I also spent a Sunday at Fredericksburg, preaching once, and confirming fifteen. After spending a Sunday in Alexandria, and preaching once, I returned home for the remainder of the winter; during which I visited Winchester, Berryville and Upperville, confirming sixteen at the first, nine at the second, and seven at the third place. To these may be added two confirmations in Alexandria, during April, of nine persons in Christ's church, and ten in St. Paul's; also one in Hanover, of thirteen persons. While at the Seminary, I ordained Mr. Lockwood, Deacon.

Being to a considerable extent deprived of the privilege of preaching the gospel, and *not* expecting again to be able to perform that duty as formerly, my thoughts were directed to some other method of rendering a little service to the cause of religion in our Church. Having been often urged to take part in the preparation of the students of our Seminary for the active discharge of pastoral duty, I have spent a portion of the winter in preparing some very plain, practical lectures on pastoral theology, which I have been recently delivering to those who are soon to enter on duties of which, without experience, few can form any just idea. The exercise has been so gratifying to my feelings, that I have resolved, should it be the wish of the Trustees, to continue the same from year to year, if my life be spared, endeavoring to improve myself in the use of these unfashioned materials with which the work has been begun.

Having thus stated the duties performed during the past year, I would add a few remarks on several topics considered to be of sufficient importance to justify particular notice.

1st. It will be observed that during the past year, as well as that preceding it, the additions to the communion have been large beyond all former years. This is to be ascribed to the sovereign grace of God, working by the means of divine appointment, on the more diligent use of which the more abundant blessing is usually bestowed. In no previous years have the labors of our ministry, in preaching the word and offering up prayers, not only in the large and consecrated temples of religion, but from house to house and in other places, been so abundant; in none have the ministers associated together so much in preaching the word, line upon line, and precept upon precept, for several successive days and nights. While the success attending such diligent use of means encourages us to perseverance, in the hope of the continuance of great grace from above, we should not be unmindful of attendant dangers. Among the dangers belonging to such a season of great effort and proportionable success, is that of a too hasty admission to full communion with the Church, of those who, it is hoped, will be saved. Although I am confident that the gospel was never more faithfully preached, nor the qualifications for confirmation and the Lord's supper more faithfully set forth, than during the period of which I am speaking, and which I trust will still be continued to us, yet it may not be amiss to warn my brethren of the ministry against the temptation of speaking peace too soon by admitting hastily the newly awakened converts to sealing ordinances. If such do not prove true friends of God and faithful soldiers of Christ, then are they enemies, and the more dangerous because admitted in the guise of friends within the camp. It is not the number but the valor of soldiers which constitutes the strength and effectiveness of an army. Numbers, even of inefficient soldiers, only serve to retard the motions and diminish the power of the brave, and render the defeat more probable. So it is in the Church of God; those who are added to it, without being added by a true conversion to the Lord himself, are likely to prove only dead weights to it. God's ministers have ever found these to be the greatest hinderers to their work. Old and experienced ministers have declared, that while they had often cause to regret giving encouragement to hasty professions of religion, they had never repented of advising a little delay in order to more thorough examination and preparation. The relative positions of the different denominations of christians in our land, and the anxiety to add to their numbers, together with the desire of each

individual minister to increase his own body of communicants, tends much to promote this evil. In times of unusual interest, when the cry from many hearts is "what must I do to be saved," there is the temptation strongest to say too speedily—partake of the ordinance of God's Church, and to add—come and partake of them with us, and join with us in the everlasting covenant and we will do you good. This fear of losing and desire of gaining new converts who are undecided as to the choice of a communion, has probably contributed no little to betray ministers into the error of removing scruples, which, in some cases, had better been encouraged for a time, and to lead some to be more ingenious to persuade the awakened that they are already christians, than faithful to declare what it is to be truly christian.

Against yielding to such temptations I would affectionately warn my brethren.

2dly. Although it be not always necessary to refer to the condition of our High School and Seminary, as the reports of the Principal and Professors exhibit the same, yet as there are some circumstances in relation to them which deserve special consideration at this time, I will briefly present them. Beginning with the High School as being the nursery for the Seminary, I remark, that you will perceive from the report of the Principal a considerable diminution of numbers from those of the two preceding years. This, it is believed, has been chiefly occasioned by the pecuniary embarrassments of the country, which have effected almost every literary institution of the same, and brought some to destruction. I feel it, however, a duty to state as the result of my own observation upon our own Institution, and of the testimony of others, and the history of all high schools, that while there are peculiar excellences attending them when rightly conducted, there are also peculiar and very great difficulties in the way of their right conduct and success; so great indeed that could I have foreseen them all, I should not have had the courage to propose and undertake the enterprise. The entire failure of some of the largest through certain causes, and the partial failure of others under the present pressure, sufficiently show the peculiar difficulties of which I speak. I will briefly allude to two of them. 1st. The expensiveness of them. It being designed to make our school answer for the complete education of the sons of those who are either unable or unwilling to send them to college; there must of course be a larger number of teachers and wider range of studies than in ordinary schools. This cannot be accomplished without considerable expense, and without the employment, as indeed is necessary even in colleges, of some younger instructors. In the High School of Virginia the expense has hitherto been less than in any other in our land, and it is hoped that the Trustees will be able to lessen it yet more, according to a plan submitted to them, and without diminishing the value of the instruction delivered therein. The teachers, who are for the most part the same as at its commencement, have been acquiring knowledge and experience every year, and are believed by those fully competent to judge, to be well qualified for their office, so that as thorough an education may be had under their care as in any other institution within our reach.

2d. I would allude to the difficulty of maintaining that good government, that moral and religious discipline, for which, chiefly, such institutions are established. As all the religious services are conducted according to the worship of our Church, it is not to be expected that many of other denominations will be found among our scholars, and as the morals of all entrusted to it are to be regulated by the principles of our holy religion, it is not to be expected that boys of evil habits and principles will be content long to remain there, even if it were permitted them.

To accommodate the school to the depraved tastes of youth, would be to abandon the very object for which it is designed. The peculiarly Episcopal character of the school and the religious discipline of it are both opposed to its prosperity as to numbers. On both these accounts an appeal is made to those who love their Church, and who love the good government of their children, to sustain the same by supporting the authority of the Institution.

While I thus advert to the difficulties of sustaining an High School according to the principles on which it is established, and to the fact that our own is diminish-

ed in numbers during the past year, I should do it great injustice were I not to state, that, in the most important points, it has, by the blessing of God, fully realized the highest hopes of its friends, and is now an instrument of great usefulness. Although its numbers are diminished, even in that respect, it now exceeds any other in the Church; and there is reason to hope, that it will soon regain as large a number as it may be desirable to have within its walls. As to its moral and religious character, it has never been so good since the first favored year of its existence; while its literary advantages have been improving with the age and learning of the teachers. We think that it may be confidently affirmed, that no institution in our Church or in our country has, in the same period of time, been an instrument, under God, of effecting more good by the instrumentality of faithful religious instruction and discipline. The facts stated in the report and circular of the Principal, are referred to in proof of this; from which will be seen the number of those who have given evidence of a religious change during their residence there, also the number of beneficiaries and sons of clergymen who have, at a very cheap price, received the benefits of its instruction.

Passing from this preparatory school to our Seminary, I may be permitted to call upon the Church to rejoice in the increasing favor it finds with God and man. At the last Convention we stated the important accession to our Professors of the Rev. Dr. Sparrow, and now state the further addition, during the present session, of the Rev. Dr. May, of both of whom it may be confidently affirmed that they have more than fulfilled the expectations entertained of them.

While at no previous period of time has there been such a number of students, so at none has there been so much of the regular observance of all the rules established for the good order of the Seminary, and of diligent attention to all the studies and exercises thereof.

While, however, we thus, with thankfulness to God, speak of its prosperity in these respects, it becomes us faithfully to set before the Church the duty resting upon all its friends, to furnish the pecuniary means, which, from year to year, are needful for its due support.

Our vested capital being utterly insufficient for the support even of the Professors, we depend in a great measure for them as well as for the beneficiaries on annual contributions. The embarrassments of the times and other circumstances have diminished these during the past year, so as to create a considerable deficiency, which, added to a sum due for necessary improvements about the institution, constitute a debt for the discharge of which I have promised to recommend to the Convention a special collection in the churches during our present meeting.

This statement brings me to a subject, which, after much deliberation and consultation, I have determined to present to the consideration of the Convention.

Although the earth is the Lord's and all that therein is, yet has he been pleased to allow this his property to be divided among the inhabitants of this world in different proportions, and to be regarded, in one sense, as their own; with an express understanding, however, that for the use of it they must be accountable to him. In compliance with the plain directions of his word many feel themselves solemnly bound to expend a portion thereof in promoting the welfare of his kingdom upon earth. Some, unable to do what they desire during life, resolve to do it at their death, and their bequests, under certain regulations, have ever been held sacred.

It has long been a matter of grief and complaint that so little favor has been shewn to this right by the Legislature of our State. At different times applications have been made by the trustees of benevolent, religious, and literary institutions, or of particular congregations belonging to the different denominations of christians, asking of the Legislature some protection for property given during life, or bequeathed at death by friends to these several institutions. These applications have, for the most part, been unsuccessful, and the chief reason assigned has been the fear of seeming partiality to the denomination making the request; but the sentiment has been often expressed, that if all the christian societies in the State would unite in a petition for some general act in behalf of all literary, religious, and benevolent institutions, the Legislature would not refuse so reasonable a claim. We are encouraged to hope that such would be the case, from the fact

that, in the session before the last, an act was passed securing to every congregation which might choose to avail itself of the benefit, a portion of ground for a church and parsonage. If it could be shewn to any future Legislature, that an extension of this protecting act to useful institutions is most needful to their well being, we may sure expect a favorable answer to a petition for such.

My thoughts have been especially called to this subject by the fact that since our last meeting the institutions to which I have called your attention have sustained considerable losses through the want of that legal security which is pleaded for. Requests to the amount of several thousand dollars have been declared to be null and void, only because there was no legislative act empowering our institutions to receive the same. Nor are these the only instances which have occurred. Within the last ten years I am confident we have in this way been deprived of as many thousand dollars, which the benevolence and piety of friends designed for the benefit of institutions which they loved. Such being the complaint, we believe, of all christian societies in our State, may we not hope that they will concur in presenting to the Legislature a respectful request that this subject receive its impartial consideration. May we not indeed hope that after all the applications which have been made, the Legislature will of its own accord adopt some measure of a general character, calculated to afford the desired relief.

The last topic to which I propose to allude, requires but a few words. Since we last met, it has pleased Providence to withdraw from us two of our number. Our beloved brother, Dr. Keith, after a long and painful malady, affecting both body and mind, was removed during the last summer from a world of suffering to one of ease, from a state of hope to that of full fruition. He will not soon be forgotten. The impress of his strong mind and holy spirit has been left on the minds and hearts of many ministers of our Church in this and other lands, who received from his lips a faithful exhibition of those great principles of our religion, without the right understanding and deep feeling of which, it is awful danger to undertake the ministerial office. In the death of the Rev. Mr. Tالياferro, we have also lost a most worthy, faithful, and zealous minister of the gospel. May those who are left behind to labor still longer in the ministry, have grace to follow the example of those who now rest from their labors and whose works do follow them.

Nor must I close without mentioning another loss which not the Church in America only has sustained. In the death of Bishop Griswold the Church of God has been bereaved of one of the most perfect specimens of true piety and heavenly wisdom. Humble, silent, retiring as he was, the knowledge of his worth had found its way far beyond the bounds of our own land. May his pure example be faithfully followed by us all, that with him we may be partakers of the heavenly kingdom. Amen.

WILLIAM MEADE.

NOTE.—From the above report it will appear that between seven and eight hundred persons have been confirmed by me during the past year, which, added to those confirmed by Bishop Johns, make more than one thousand, a number considerably more than double that of preceding years. The number of candidates for the ministry in our Diocese has increased in due proportion, there being now thirty-one on the list, while there are nine more at our High School in the previous stages of preparation for the Seminary.

The Right Rev. Bishop Johns presented and read the following annual address to the Convention :

#### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT BISHOP.

On the 14th of October, the day succeeding my Consecration, I left Richmond, in company with Bishop Meade, for Lynchburg, and arrived there the evening of the 15th. The next day being Sunday, I preached both morning and night, and also at night on the 17th.

The events of the last few days, my brethren, were well calculated to produce an impression not easily described, and I trust, not soon to be forgotten. Those

solemn services which had introduced me to the untried and eventful responsibilities of the Episcopate, engaging me to a participation in its unceasing cares and varied labors, and that in a field comparatively unknown and amongst a people to whom I came almost as a stranger, were vividly present to my mind. The affecting associations irresistibly suggested by the scenes through which I passed—consecrated in the very church which had so long been blessed by the invaluable pastoral services of the venerable and beloved Bishop whose lamented death furnished the occasion for the proceeding, consecrated on the very spot on which the bier which sustained his mortal remains had rested during the funeral rites; the drapery of mourning still covering the sacred places where he had so often and so earnestly officiated for men in things pertaining to God; surrounded by those whose wounds, not yet healed, were opened afresh by the recollections inseparable from the occasion; then starting to enter upon my duties along the very line of the canal by which the corpse of the good Bishop had been brought home; commencing my services in the very town where his labors ended; preaching my first sermon in the very pulpit in which his pleasant voice proclaimed for the last time the precious gospel which he loved to publish—all these affecting coincidences crowded upon me with inexpressible power. My heart's desire and prayer to God, were, that I might be blessed with the faithful and affectionate spirit with which he served Christ, and honored to aid in sustaining the Church in this Diocese, which he and the beloved friend and brother with whom it is my privilege to be associated had so largely contributed to revive and enlarge. To share in the confidence and affections of the Clergy and Laity, which they enjoyed, to carry out their wise policy, and to partake of their success and reward, is my most ardent desire. And to this end, I earnestly entreat the prayers and co-operation of my brethren in the ministry and of the good people, whose servants, for Christ's sake, we are.

Before I resume the details of my services during the few months which measure my connexion with this Diocese, indulge me in another allusion which I cannot forbear: scarcely had I entered upon the duties of my office, when the lips which gave me my commission were sealed in death. The melancholy feelings of the sudden departure of our venerable presiding Bishop called us all to mourn the sore bereavement which we had experienced by his unexpected removal. Unexpected, for, notwithstanding his age, his erect form and elastic step, as he moved among us, during his recent visit, led us to hope, that his life, so valuable to the Church at large, would be prolonged, yet many days.—We felt it to be a high privilege to have him here; though the grateful intercourse has rendered us but the more deeply sensible of the loss we have sustained. May those who survive this father in God, profit by the wisdom and purity of his instructions and the beautiful humility and holiness of his life, and so follow him as he followed Christ.

My first extra diocesan duty consisted in signifying, as I did most cordially, my consent to the consecration of the worthy brother chosen as the assistant, and now the successor of Bishop Griswold in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

To resume my narrative. On the 18th of Oct., I parted with Bishop Meade, at Lynchburg, and accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Doughen proceeded to St. John's church, Campbell, where I preached and confirmed one person. In the evening we rode to Mr. Pannell's on the Staunton river, where we were kindly received and hospitably entertained.

October 19th, preached at St. Andrew's, Pittsylvania, where we were joined by the Rev. Mr. Dame who has the charge of this congregation, in connexion with those at Competition and Danville. Mr. D. is alone in his ministrations in this extensive county. He is constrained to officiate under the disadvantage of

being cumbered by the duties of an academy from which, mainly, he derives his support. Could he be sustained so as to devote his whole time to the Church, the fruit, judging from the measure of success with which he has been blessed, would be gathered more rapidly and abundantly. In the afternoon we proceeded to the residence of Mr. — Coles, where, at night, I had the opportunity of conducting religious services, and administering the communion to the aged and excellent surviving parent of the extensive family bearing that name.

October 20th, in the morning I preached in the Court House at Competition. In the afternoon, baptized a child of the Hon. Walter Coles. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Doughen, I again addressed the congregation.

October 21st, preached in the house of worship occupied by the Methodists and confirmed five persons. The services at Competition were attended with considerable interest. Before I left the town, a subscription paper for the erection of a church, was prepared and circulated by a pious lady, not of our communion, and I was informed that in a few hours a sum was secured sufficient to ensure the accomplishment of the object.

October 22d, 23rd, and 24th, I spent at Danville, preached each day, and on the 23rd confirmed five persons. We were here joined by the Rev. Mr. Grammer, who, together with the Rev. Mr. Doughen, assisted in the services both by reading prayers and preaching. As the new church, which is building here, was not completed, we were indebted to the courtesy of the Presbyterian congregation, who kindly tendered to us the use of their house of worship.

October 25th, proceeded to the vicinity of Meadsville, where, the next day, I preached and confirmed four, two white and two colored persons.

October 27th, reached Halifax Court House. 28th, met with and addressed the communicants at the rector's house. At night, after service and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Doughen, I addressed the congregation in the church.

October 29th, I preached and confirmed six persons.

October 30th, preached and assisted in administering the communion.

October 31st, consecrated St. Paul's church, Roanoke parish, Halifax and preached.

November 1st, preached at Mount Laurel church, Halifax county, and confirmed two persons. Nov. 2d, preached at Roanoke church, Charlotte county, and confirmed one person. This church, which is now vacant, is in good repair. It is hoped that by uniting it with some adjacent place, and obtaining moderate assistance from the Missionary Society, arrangements may be made for its being regularly opened for divine service.

November 4th, on my way to Boydton, I had the satisfaction of spending the night at Mr. John Nelson's, where I administered the communion to Mrs. Nelson, Senr., and other members of the family.

November 5th, consecrated St. James' church, Boydton, and preached. The Rev. Messrs. Grammer, Locke, F. and E. McGuire were present and assisted in the services. This church is a very neat brick building, substantially constructed, convenient in its general arrangement, and altogether very creditable to the congregation. At night I delivered an address after service and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Grammer. November 6th, I preached and confirmed twelve persons.

November 7th and 8th, preached each day at the old church, Christiansville and confirmed two persons.

November 9th, preached at St. Andrew's, Mecklenburg county; Nov. 10th, at Mr. R. Nelson's, Lunenburg, I confirmed one person who was unable to go to church.

November 11th and 12th, preached at St. Paul's, Lunenburg, and on the second day confirmed four persons.

November 13th, preached at St. John's, Lunenburg, the first day confirmed three persons; the second day, after sermon, catechised the children.

November 15th, proceeded to Brunswick, and in the afternoon baptized a child of the Rev. Mr. Castleman.

November 16th, preached at Lawrenceville, morning and afternoon; Nov. 17th, preached and confirmed twenty-two, eleven white and eleven colored persons.

November 19th, preached at Saponny church, Dinwiddie; Nov. 20th, preached at the same place and confirmed seventeen, fifteen white and two colored persons.

Since my visit to this church it has been bereaved of the patriarch of the congregation, by the death of the venerable and excellent Mr. Withers. He was a pupil of the Rev. Mr. Jarratt. Through a protracted life, his walk was one of exemplary consistency. His intelligent attachment to the Church, and his efforts for its prosperity will be long had in remembrance. On his tomb may be inscribed with an trembling hand, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors."

November 21st, passed on to Petersburg, where I preached at night, and the next day reached Richmond; and thus, with much to be thankful for, completed my first visitation.

The lateness of the season rendered it necessary that I should now adopt measures for the immediate removal of my family to the Diocese. Understanding it to be the decided wish of the Convention that I should be located in Richmond, and the members of the church in this City having generously rented a house for our accommodation, we took up our residence here the first week in December.

During my absence in making the arrangements required by my removal, I had the satisfaction of paying a transient visit to each of the parishes with which it has been my privilege to have been connected. At Fredericktown, Md., where I began my ministry and spent its first nine years, I officiated on the evening of the 30th of Nov. Time had made sad changes in the congregation, but my recollection of the kindness which I there experienced, and of the happy days passed there, is unchanged and unalterable. In Christ church, Baltimore, I preached, November 27th, morning and night, and Dec. 4th, at night. In parting with this people, gathered round me during the labors of fourteen years—bound to them as I had become, by all that is endearing in the most pleasant pastoral association, no language can express my feelings. Though separated from them in place and service, they have a hold upon my affections which distance cannot weaken, nor death itself relax. "I can have no greater joy than to hear that they walk in the truth, and continue steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Since my settlement in Richmond, my services have, with the exception of occasional visits to other places, been confined to the city.

December 11th, preached in the Monumental church. Dec. 18th, preached in Christ church in the morning, and in the Monumental at night. Christmas day, preached in the Monumental church. 1843, Jan. 1st, preached in St. James' church. Jan. 8th, preached in St. John's—11th, in the Monumental—15th, in Christ church, in the morning, and confirmed seven persons. In the afternoon, in the Monumental church, and baptized a child of the rector. 22d, in the Monumental, and confirmed sixteen; 25th, preached to a very large and interesting congregation of colored persons in the Baptist church; 27th, preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg, at night; 28th and 29th, preached in St. John's church, City Point, morning and afternoon, and confirmed three persons.

Feb. 6th, preached in St. James' church, Richmond. Feb. 11th and 12th, preached morning and night of each day in Williamsburg—and on the second day confirmed seventeen persons. Feb. 13th, the vestry of the church in Williamsburg,



having lent it for the purpose of having a service for the colored people, I preached at night to a very large and very attentive congregation. Here, as at Lawrenceville, I found that the attention given by the rector to this class of our community was most encouragingly compensated. Feb. 19th, preached in the Monumental church. Feb. 24th, I visited Petersburg. In the evening I participated in the interesting services of the lecture room of St. Paul's church, where I was met by the Rev. Messrs. Berkeley, Massey, A. Smith, and E. McGuire, who had assembled in Petersburg to be present at the consecration of the Missionary chapel. On the next day I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the name of Grace church, the appropriate building erected for missionary purposes by the members of St. Paul's congregation, Petersburg. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. Gibson, who is officiating as the missionary. Morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Massey, and the sermon by myself.

Grace church is a plain but very neat and commodious building. It cost \$1,400, and is paid for. The benevolent persons by whom it was erected contribute, annually, \$500 for the support of the missionary, whose prospects of usefulness are very encouraging.

At night the Rev. A. Smith preached in St. Paul's, and I followed him with an exhortation.

Sunday, Feb. 26th, in the morning, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed twenty persons. In the afternoon, in Grace church, I confirmed seven persons, and at night I again preached in St. Paul's.

This visit furnished an opportunity for communicating the proposed plan of soliciting aid for our diocesan institutions on every occasion on which Episcopal services are performed. The beginning was made in Grace church, on the day of its consecration, and yielded \$36 25 in aid of our Diocesan Missionary Society. The next morning I presented the same cause to the congregation of St. Paul's, and was responded to by a contribution of \$76 75. I am happy to say that wherever I have since made the experiment, which has always been done without any previous notice, it has been met with liberality.

March 1st, (Ash Wednesday,) I preached at the Monumental church morning and night. March 5th, preached in Christ church in the morning, and St. James' at night. 8th, lectured at the Monumental church.

March 11th, at Charlottesville, in the morning, after a sermon, by the Rev. Mr. McElroy, gave an exhortation. In the afternoon, by appointment, addressed the Bible Society of the University, in the chapel. At night, preached at the church in Charlottesville. Sunday, 12th, morning—preached, and confirmed three persons, and preached again at night. The collection for the Missionary Society amounted to \$36 57.

I cannot here forbear expressing the satisfaction which I experienced in my visits to William and Mary College, and the University of Virginia. The ability and urbanity of the Professors are too well known and too highly appreciated to need my commendation. My reference is particularly to the discipline of those institutions. So far as my opportunity of obtaining information extended, I have reason to believe that both are conducted with a well regulated regard to moral character, and are free from any peculiar influence likely to prove unfriendly to the cultivation of piety. On the several occasions on which I officiated, I was pleased to observe a number of the students voluntarily present, and to find their deportment such as to be creditable to themselves and to the institutions with which they were connected.

March 19th, preached at St. James' church, Richmond. 22d, lectured at the Monumental church. 26th, preached at St. John's, in the morning, and the Monumental at night.

April 1st, left Richmond on my spring visitation. April 2d, preached at Merchant's Hope, Prince George, and confirmed three persons; collection for Missionary Society, \$18 46. April 3d, preached at Brandon church, and confirmed two persons. April 4th, preached in the morning at Surry Court House. Though it rained very hard, the number in attendance was quite encouraging. In the afternoon, I baptized a child of Mr. W. R. Drinkard. April 5th, at Surry chapel—the unfavorableness of the weather prevented many from assembling. Morning service was read by the Rev. T. Smith, after which I addressed those present, under the influence of feelings produced by the dilapidated and deserted condition of the building in which we worshipped. It was once a noble brick structure, and accommodated a large congregation. It is now scarcely fit to be occupied for religious service—left open as a lodging place for those who can find no better shelter, and unless soon attended to, must be desecrated yet more by becoming a stable for the cattle. This is but one of several such buildings in this region, now fast sinking into ruin. It might be supposed that these had been abandoned for other edifices erected in more convenient situations. I would that this were the case; but it is not so. Such is the destitution of religious privileges here, that, as I was over and again informed, there is not a single minister of the gospel, of any denomination, resident in the county. One of the few communicants residing in this district, who, whilst the services were performing, wept tears of joy for the privilege, and of sorrow at the thought that so long a time might elapse before it would be repeated, asked me most anxiously, at parting, if no minister could be sent to them. I gave her my pledge and now look for some young man, who for the love of souls, will go and itinerate through that county, till, by the blessing of God, the scattered members are gathered and the waste places repaired. April 5th, at night, preached at Smithfield; also the next day morning and night; and on the 7th I preached in the morning, and confirmed fourteen persons. In the afternoon I catechised and addressed the children. Collection for the Missionary Society \$23 70, and a gold ring.

April 8th, preached at Chuckatuck, and confirmed four persons—collection \$7 00. At night preached at Suffolk; also the next day, morning and afternoon, and at night lectured at a social meeting in a private house. On the morning of Sunday, (9th,) I confirmed fifteen persons, and preached again on Monday morning. The same evening, (10th,) I preached, and confirmed seven persons, at Portsmouth. The collection here and at Suffolk amounted to \$40.

April 11th, at Norfolk—in the morning preached at St. Paul's and confirmed thirteen—collection \$32. At night preached in Christ church, and confirmed seventeen persons—collection \$142 12. April 12th, preached in the morning at Hampton, and confirmed seven—collection \$11 31. In the afternoon I baptized three children at Fortress Monroe, and at night preached in the garrison. The next morning I confirmed an invalid at his own house. April 13th, started for the Eastern Shore. The weather was so boisterous that the captain considered it best to put back, and I was obliged to return to Norfolk and wait until the following Monday. April 14th, (Good Friday,) I preached in Christ church, Norfolk, morning and night. April 16th, (Easter Sunday,) I preached in Christ church, morning and night. In the afternoon I preached at Portsmouth, and again confirmed there, four more persons being presented by the rector. April 17th, crossed to the Eastern Shore, made new appointments in Northampton as I passed, and by forced stages hastened on to meet my engagements in Accomac. April 18th, at Drummondtown I admitted the Rev. T. W. Winchester to the order of Priests. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Wilmer. I delivered the address. The Rev. Messrs. Miller, of Norfolk, and Robins, of Snow Hill, together with the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, assisted at the ordination. It was peculiarly gratifying to me

that this, the first act of ordination on my part, was performed in the case of one with whom I became acquainted when he was a youth in the Sunday school of my church in Baltimore—whom I had admitted to the communion and guided in his course to the ministry. May his usefulness fully answer the expectations which his friends have felt authorized to form.

In the afternoon I preached at Drummondtown—collection \$13 87. At night I lectured in a private house at Onancock.

April 19th, in the morning I preached at Pungoteague, and at night at Eastville. April 20th, in the morning I preached at Eastville again, and confirmed fourteen. Collection \$23. In the afternoon I recrossed the bay to Norfolk.

April 21st, preached at Donation church, Princess Ann, and confirmed thirteen. Collection \$6 06.

The congregation worshipping in Donation, have procured a suitable lot at Kempsville, and provided the means for erecting a new church, which, it is expected, will be ready for consecration in the ensuing fall. Their present rector, though disabled for preaching, has labored very effectually from house to house. May his health be soon restored and his usefulness enlarged.

April 22d, I took the James River boat from Norfolk to the Grove, and crossed by Yorktown to Gloucester.

April 23d, preached in Ware church, and confirmed nine persons. Collection \$20. April 24th, preached at the same place, and baptized two children. April 25th, consecrated Christ church, Matthews county, and confirmed one person. This is a very neat brick church, beautifully situated on the bank of East river. It was built, mainly, by the exertions and liberality of a christian lady, and was scarcely completed when she was removed from the house on earth to which her cares and toil had been given, to the building of God, and its rest and joy in a better world. Her modest grave, near the door of the church, needs no sculptured marble to record her work of faith and labor of love. The church itself is her memorial, and whilst it stands, those who there enjoy the privileges of the gospel cannot forget to call her blessed.

April 26th, preached in Abingdon church, Gloucester. In the afternoon, crossed York river, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Mann, and preached that night at Williamsburg.

April 27th, returned to Richmond, having completed my spring visitation. April 30th, preached in St. James' church, Richmond.

May 7th, preached in St. John's, and confirmed seven persons. Collection \$34 84. Sunday, May 14th, I attended the Anniversary meeting of our Richmond Sunday schools in St. John's church, assisted the rector in the morning service, and after a very judicious sermon delivered by him, addressed the congregation in reference to the special objects of the meeting. In the afternoon, I preached in St. James' church, and confirmed twelve persons—eleven whites and one colored.

Summary of Episcopal services from October 13th, 1842, to May 17th, 1843. Confirmations, 302: Baptisms, 9: Churches consecrated, 3: Admitted to Priests' Orders, 1. The collections for the cause of Diocesan Missions, \$517.

So far, my brethren, as my visitations have extended, I have been strongly impressed with the conviction, that there is yet much, very much for us to do in this Diocese. Prejudices with which the Church once had to contend are rapidly giving way; and a decidedly favorable feeling is beginning to prevail. A wide and effectual door is opening to us, under God. I ascribe this largely to the meekness and moderation which have marked the policy of the bishops and

clergy, to the plainness, simplicity, and affection with which the gospel has been preached, and to the consequent and evident increase of piety on the part of those who confess and call themselves christians. The silent but steady effect of this has been to disabuse the minds of many who were alienated from us, and to dispose them to appreciate what we regard as the distinctive excellences of our Zion. No furious zeal, or controversial strife, or disdainful sharpness of wit, could have accomplished like results. If we only persevere as you have hitherto proceeded, I confidently believe that our sphere of usefulness will be limited only by the number of ministers we can procure, and the amount of our means to sustain them in their work. With men—and, I trust, of the the right stamp—our promising Seminary, we may hope, will furnish an increasing supply. Let us then fervently pray the Lord of the harvest, that from this and other similar sources, he would send forth more laborers. And, as for the means, I am persuaded, from the experiment which I have made, that if we appeal intelligently and confidently to our people, they will not suffer the missionary operations to be straitened for want of resources. They love their own spiritual privileges too dearly not to sympathise with the destitute, and if need be, make sacrifices to provide for their supply.

I cannot close this report without expressing the pleasure which I have experienced in discovering, both on the part of the clergy and laity, in many places, a growing concern for the religious instruction of our colored population. In different parts of the Diocese, the owners of slaves have manifested a strong solicitude on this important subject, and have declared their readiness to further any plan which we may devise for the promotion of an object so desirable. Wherever our ministers have been able to appropriate a portion of their time to this work of mercy and justice, they have found the result surpassing their expectations. In my Episcopal services, I know not that I have experienced more satisfaction, than when, as in one instance reported, I have been called upon to confirm not less than eleven persons of color. These first fruits should encourage us to meditate more abundant labor in this portion of the field assigned us; knowing that such labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

In conclusion, permit me to acknowledge the good providence of God in connexion with the imperfect services which I have been enabled to perform, and to tender my thanks to the kind friends in the several parishes which I have visited, for the christian courtesy which it has been my privilege to receive.

J. JOHNS.

The reading of the Parochial reports being called for, the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, of Northampton, objected to the mode hitherto pursued, and moved a suspension of the Rule which requires the reading of the reports. Motion lost—two-thirds not having voted in the affirmative.

The Parochial reports were then read.

The following Standing Committees were announced by the Rt. Rev. President:

*Committee on the State of the Church.*—Clergy—Rev. Mr. Grammer, Dr. Cobbs, Dr. Sparrow, Dr. McGuire, Mr. Mann, Mr. Wingfield, and Mr. Atkinson; Laity—Messrs. Chowning, May, Thos. Nelson, and Philip Williams.

*Committee on Parochial Reports.*—Rev. Messrs. Beall, Hodges, and Slaughter.

*Committee on Episcopal Fund.*—Rev. Messrs. Dana and W. G. H. Jones; and Messrs. Lee and Pollock.

*Committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.*—Rev. Messrs. J. P. McGuire, Ward, and Wm. M. Jackson.

*Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.*—Rev. Messrs. C. W. Andrews and R. H. Wilmer; and Mr. J. B. Sheldon.

*Committee on Finance.*—Messrs. Wm. Williams, Cunningham, Pegram, and Crenshaw.

*Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.*—Messrs. Bowers and Sale, of the Clergy; and Col. Carrington and Roger B. Atkinson, of the Laity.

Rev. James McElroy appeared and took his seat in Convention.

Rev. Mr. Dana read the minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Committee for the past year.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge read the following report of the Diocesan Missionary Society:

*Report of the Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in Virginia, for the year ending May, 1843.*

The Executive Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia, respectfully report: That they have, during the past year, appropriated to the Rev. Mr. Harrison, at Wellsburg, two hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Brown, (at that time officiating in Rappahannock,) two hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, in Jackson county, one hundred and fifty dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Dame, in Danville, two hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Rooker, in Middlesex, one hundred and fifty dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, at Point Pleasant, one hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. McGuire, in Sussex and Greensville, one hundred and fifty dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, in Campbell, one hundred dollars; to the Rev. Mr. Gibson, in Petersburg, one hundred and fifty dollars.

It will be observed that they have paid to their Missionaries this year, one thousand four hundred dollars. The necessities of the Diocese will probably require a larger amount during the ensuing year. For there has never been a period when so fair an opportunity was presented for planting the Church in this Diocese, as the present. Unless the Diocese will sustain the society by large and generous contributions, far greater than they have ever given, it must withdraw its assistance from parishes where the Church without such aid cannot sustain itself. The next year, larger appropriations from the Committee will be needed, and if men could be obtained, two thousand five hundred dollars might be advantageously devoted to this object. It remains with this Convention to decide whether the Society shall efficiently prosecute the work assigned to it, or whether it shall be suffered to decline and languish.

A much larger amount than usual was this last year paid into the treasury. About twenty years since, several pious ladies belonging then to the Monumental church, formed a Sewing Society, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to missionary objects. The money which was not appropriated, was put out to interest, and for the last ten or fifteen years has been accumulating in that way. One of the last acts of the late lamented Bishop Moore was to direct this money to be paid to the Treasurer of our Society. No such accession can be expected for the future, and the Society, therefore, must depend upon the voluntary donations of the parishes.

At the request of the Executive Committee, the Assistant Bishop has consented to take up collections, in aid of this Society, wherever he performs Episcopal duty, and so favorably has the plan been received, and so efficiently has it operated, that he has paid into the Treasury of the Society since the first of February, nearly six hundred dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. WOODBRIDGE, *Sec. of the Ex. Com.*

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge presented the account of the Treasurer of the "Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen."

Mr. R. B. Atkinson reported the following Lay Delegates as entitled to seats in this Convention, who appeared and took their seats accordingly, viz: F. K. Nelson, Edward S. Wright, and Robert Wood.

Rev. Dr. Empie moved a reconsideration of the resolution of yesterday relative to the hour of assembling for business, which motion being carried in the affirmative, the resolution of yesterday appointing 9 A. M. as the hour for divine service, was repealed.

On motion, the hour of 9 A. M. for the transaction of Convention business was determined on, and the Convention adjourned to meet the following day at said hour.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1843.

The Convention assembled agreeably to adjournment at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns.

Mr. Philip Williams offered the following:

*Resolved*, That so much of the presiding Bishop's Address as relates to an application to the Legislature of this State, for an act to enable Religious and Benevolent Institutions to receive bequests of money, &c., be referred to a special committee; which being unanimously concurred in, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to report thereon—viz.

Messrs. P. Williams, W. H. McFarland, P. Bolling, Rev. J. Grammer, and Rev. T. Atkinson.

Mr. Mallory M. Todd, Lay Delegate from Chuckatuck church, Nansemond parish; and Mr. John R. Bryant, Lay Delegate from Abingdon and Ware parishes, Gloucester, presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Bowers from the committee on admission of new Parishes, submitted the two following reports, viz.:

The committee on new parishes respectfully report,

That the applications of Grace church, Petersburg; Grace church, Genito parish, Powhatan; and Hanover parish, King George, for admission into connexion with this Convention, comply with the requisitions of the Canon, and the committee, therefore, recommend that they be received.

On consideration of the above, and for reasons stated in convention, the application from Hanover parish was, for the present, withdrawn, and the report in reference to the two first named parishes adopted.

The application from St. John's church, Louisa county, appears to be deficient in not complying with that part of the 12th Canon which requires the original subscriptions of the vestry to be produced and connected with the test contained in the 10th Canon; though the committee have the testimony of the reverend gentleman presenting the petition, that a vestry of six persons has been elected, and that four of them have subscribed the prescribed form.

The committee reluctant to recommend this application with its present defect, would submit it to the decision of the Convention.

On consideration of this part of the report in convention,

The motion to receive said parish was decided in the negative.

The following report, submitted by Mr. P. Williams, and, as subsequently considered and amended, was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade, as relates to the propriety of requesting some legislative enactment in relation to property given or bequeathed to religious, benevolent and literary institutions was referred, respectfully report: That it is expedient to ask the Legislature to pass some law authorizing religious, benevolent and literary institutions to take property which may be given, or devised, or bequeathed to them, and that a committee of nine, with power to increase its numbers, be appointed to prepare and present a memorial to the General Assembly upon the subject; and that this committee be authorized to solicit the co-operation of other religious denominations in the way best calculated to secure the object proposed.

Mr. Thomas Meaux, Lay Delegate from Grace church, Powhatan, and Mr. Joseph Hurst, Lay Delegate from Grace church, Petersburg, presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in this Convention.

Mr. Wm. H. McFarland offered the following, which was concurred in.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report to the Convention the al-

lowance proper to be made to the Bishops of this Diocese, and upon the mode of raising the necessary funds.

Whereupon the following named gentlemen were appointed said committee.

Messrs. W. H. McFarland, David May, Wm. Pollock, Nelson Page, Cassius F. Lee, Edward S. Pegram, and Philip Williams of the Laity; and Rev. Dr. McGuire and Rev. Mr. Grammer of the Clergy.

On motion—*Ordered*, That when the Convention adjourns, it adjourns to meet again in the Lecture room attached to this church.

Rev. Aristides Smith asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Robert Giliam for the remainder of the Session.

The following report was presented and accepted:

The committee to whom were referred the Parochial Reports, beg leave to say that they have performed the duty assigned them to the best of their ability. They have examined each report separately, and made such alterations as they thought advisable, previous to their being embodied in the Journal.

UPTON BEALL,  
W. HODGES.

The Convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M., in the Lecture room.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1843.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Dana submitted the following:

The committee on the Episcopal Fund, have received from one of the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, D. C., the following statement which they present to the Convention, as exhibiting the present condition of the said Fund.

CHARLES B. DANA, *Chairman*.

*Alexandria, May 14th, 1843.*

Horatio Claggett, one of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, being absent, it devolves on the undersigned to report that, since the last Convention they have purchased with the dividends of the Bank of Potomac, and the Farmers Bank of Alexandria, six Shares of the Stock of the last named Bank, making the number of Shares now held in the Farmer's Bank 114, the par value

The number of Shares in the Bank of Potomac is 9, the par value 900  
Cash in hand unemployed 18

Amount of available Funds in hand \$6,600 18  
Nine Shares in the Bank of Alexandria, par 1,800 00

\$8,400 18

No dividend has, as yet, been received from the Bank of Alexandria.

EDMUND I. LEE.

Mr. Festus Dickinson, Lay Delegate from Grace church, Caroline county, presented his certificate of election and was admitted to a seat in this Convention.

Rev. R. H. Wilmer submitted the following:

The Committee upon the accounts of the "Protestant Episcopal Association for the promotion of Christianity in Virginia," would respectfully report: That they have examined the same, and found them correct.

RICH'D H. WILMER,  
CHAS. W. ANDREWS,  
JACOB C. SHELDON.

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

1842.		Dr.	
May 21.	To cash paid F. S. Smith, treasurer of church at Lexington, for Rev. Wm. Bryant,	-	\$150 00
	To cash paid do. this amount contributed by Trinity church, Staunton, for church at Lexington,	-	17 75
July 11.	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Sperryville, Rappahannock,	-	200 00
	To cash remitted Rev. A. Wheeler, Springfield, Jefferson county, Ohio, Missionary in Jackson county, Va.,	-	150 00
	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg,	-	200 00
Sept. 15.	To cash remitted Rev. C. J. Gibson, Petersburg,	-	50 00
Oct. 22.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,	-	200 00
	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Gallipolis,	-	100 00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. Y. Rooker, Matthews Court House,	-	150 00
Nov. 11.	To cash remitted Rev. E. C. McGuire, for his son, Rev. E. B. McGuire, Missionary in Sussex and Greenville,	-	150 00
1843.			
Jan. 10.	To cash paid expenses of Rev. Mr. Kohler to Richmond, to make arrangements for organizing a German congregation, and back to Maryland,	-	44 20
Feb. 9.	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Pigeon Run, Campbell county,	-	100 00
April 14.	To cash remitted Rev. C. J. Gibson, Petersburg,	-	100 00
May 16.	To balance due the Association,	-	865 22
			\$2,477 17

1842.		Cr.	
May 14.	By balance in hand per account rendered at Convention in Staunton,	-	\$94 88
18.	By cash from Mrs. Lucy Marshall, Warren county,	-	5 00
	By cash from St. James' church, Southam, Powhatan,	-	6 00
	By cash from Rev. J. C. Clarke, Halifax county,	-	30 00
	By cash from a friend in Lexington, per Rev. Mr. Lippitt,	-	5 00
	By cash from West Russell parish, Bedford county,	-	8 00
	By cash from Walker's church, Albemarle county,	-	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. Parham, Sussex county,	-	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. C. Turnbull, Lawrenceville,	-	3 00
	By cash from Mr. J. L. Withers, Brunswick county,	-	24 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. Withers, Dinwiddie county,	-	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Bland, Prince George county,	-	1 00
	By cash from Lyttleton parish, Cumberland county,	-	9 25
	By cash from St. James' parish, Culpeper county,	-	10 00
	By cash from St. Stephen's church, do.	-	2 00
	By cash from Christ church, Alexandria,	-	17 00
	By cash from Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county,	-	8 50
	By cash from a few members of Trinity church, Portsmouth,	-	5 00
	By cash from Mr. Cassius F. Lee, Alexandria,	-	10 00
	By cash from Mr. Wm. B. Harrison, Brandon,	-	20 00
	By cash from Trinity church, Staunton, for Christ church at Lexington,	-	17 75
	By cash from a lady of Meade parish, Loudon county,	-	2 50
	By cash from Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade,	-	100 00
June 8.	By cash from the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Monumental church, Richmond,	-	988 54
	By cash from Dr. J. A. Marshall, per Rev. Geo. Lemon,	-	10 00
28.	By cash from King William and St. James parishes, Powhatan,	-	20 00
July 29.	By cash from Lewis Berkeley, Loudon county, per Rev. Mr. Adie,	-	20 00
	By cash from Miss Lucy Fontaine, do.	-	5 00
Aug. 17.	By cash from little children of Bruton parish, Williamsburg,	-	40 00
27.	By cash from Mrs. Elvira A. Bruce, per Rev. John Grammer,	-	100 00
	By cash from Miss Ellen C. Bruce, do.	-	100 00
	By cash from Miss Sarah Bruce, do.	-	50 00
Sept. 15.	By cash from City Saving's bank, for interest,	-	2 53
16.	By cash from Miss Ann Miller, per Rev. S. Tompkins	-	3 00
Oct. 1.	By cash from two ladies of St. Paul's church, Petersburg,	-	6 00

Amount carried forward. \$1,724 95

		Amount brought forward.	\$1,724 95
1842.			
Oct. 22.	By cash from City Saving's bank, for interest,		2 03
	By cash, as interest on State stock,		6 00
24.	By cash from a lady of Dale parish,		11 25
	By cash from G. W. Bassett, Esq.,		10 00
Nov. 10.	By cash from Mr. Robert Gilliam, Prince George county,		1 00
	By cash from Rev. Malcolm McFarland,		1 00
16.	By cash from Rev. Malcolm McFarland,		20 00
	By cash, weekly offerings of St. George church, Fredericksburg,		5 00
23.	By cash from Mrs. Mary Jackson, for church in Wellsburg,		5 00
	By cash from several friends for same,		2 50
Dec. 12.	By cash from Dr. James Bolton, Richmond,		10 00
15.	By cash from Miss Emily Hutton, Russell parish, Bedford,		1 87
	By cash from "Anonymous," Russell parish, Bedford,		40 00
27.	By cash from Christmas collection, St. Paul's church, Petersburg,		15 00
1843.			
Jan. 13.	By cash, interest on State stock,		3 00
Feb. 1.	By cash from St. John's church, City Point,		20 00
8.	By cash \$4, per share profit on five shares State stock, sold,		10 00
11.	By cash from Dr. J. A. Marshall, Fauquier county,		21 37
22.	By cash from Peterville church, per Rev. Mr. Massey,		36 25
March 4.	By cash from collection by Bishop Johns, in Grace church, Petersburg,		76 75
	By cash from do in St. Paul's church do		30 57
	By cash from do in Frederickville parish, Charlottesville,		10 00
April 3.	By cash from Mrs. Eliza Marshall, Fauquier county,		2 50
4.	By cash from Magdalen Allen, Russell parish, Bedford,		50
	By cash from Mrs. Steptoe, do do		1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Burwell, do do		1 50
	By cash from Mrs. Sale, do do		2 50
	By cash from Mrs. Wingfield, do do		2 50
	By cash from Mrs. Donal, do do		1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Wilson, do do		50
	By cash from A friend, do do		7 00
	By cash from collection by Miss Mary Henry, do		1 69
	By cash from half proceeds box of jewelry, do		20
14.	By cash from interest from City Saving's bank,		22 50
26.	By cash from Rev. E. C. McGuire, being weekly offerings of St. George's church, Fredericksburg,		5 00
May 8.	By cash from St. Paul's, Goochland, by Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	\$18 46	
16.	By cash from collections by Bishop Johns, viz:		23 70
	At Merchant's Hope,		7 00
	At Smithfield,		40 00
	At Chuckatuck,		32 00
	At Suffolk and Portsmouth,		125 00
	At St. Paul's, Norfolk,		11 31
	At Christ church, Norfolk,*		23 00
	At Hampton,		6 06
	At Christ church, Eastville,		20 00
	At Donation church,		13 87
	At Ware church,		34 84
	At St. James', Accomac,		365 24
	At St. John's church, Richmond,		\$2,477 17
			\$865 22
	By balance due the Association,		E. E. WM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

RICHMOND, May 16th, 1843.

Mr. Pegram, from the Committee on Finance, submitted a list of delinquent parishes to the contingent fund, upon which a conversation ensued in reference

\* This collection as reported to the treasurer by Bishop Johns, who requested that it might be included in this account, though the money has not been received by the treasurer.

to the basis upon which said contributions should be made, whereupon the following resolution, offered by Mr. P. Williams, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the contributions from the respective parishes to the contingent fund, shall be according to the number reported to each Convention, at which the payment is requested to be made.

Mr. W. H. McFarland, from the Special Committee, submitted the following:

*The Committee appointed to inquire into the allowance proper for the Bishops of the Diocese, and the mode of raising the necessary funds, respectfully report:*

That the limited funds at the disposition of the Convention, do not admit of the provision which, if at liberty to choose, the Committee would regard as proper and suited to the exalted stations and invaluable services of the Bishops. Their compensation ought to be fixed at a sum beyond what would suffice to meet the necessary expenses of themselves and families; if for no other reason, because their conspicuous position in the Church involves expenditures not easily estimated, nor to be avoided. But, unfortunately, the present resources of the Convention create a necessity for limiting salaries to a scale of economy which yields nothing to liberality, if it be not too rigid to be just. The Committee express the hope that a better state of things may be expected from the growth of the Church, and the prevalence of stronger feelings of benevolence and charity among all her members; and that before long, all who minister at her altars, Bishop, Priest, and Deacon, will find the people willing as they are able adequately to provide for them.

The Committee recommend that the salary of Bishop Meade be continued at one thousand dollars; and the salary of Bishop Johns be fixed at two thousand dollars.

In limiting the salary of Bishop Johns at that sum, the Committee was controlled by the consideration that the congregations in the city of Richmond may be relied on to provide him with a house. That, as it seemed to the Committee, was a return which might be expected of their liberality for the large share of his ministrations with which they are favored.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the Rt. Rev. William Meade, one thousand dollars, for his salary for the year commencing on the 1st May, 1843.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the Rt. Rev. John Johns, two thousand dollars, for his salary for the year commencing on the 1st May, 1843.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer apply to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, for the current year's interest on that fund, the Convention hereby undertaking to return the amount paid over when the finances of the Convention will admit of it.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer apply to such of the parishes as are in arrears, for the payment of the assessments now due, for the sums due from them respectively.

The Convention took a recess in order to attend divine service, after which it re-assembled. Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns in the Chair.

Mr. P. Williams availed himself of the absence of the presiding Bishop, to offer the following:

*Resolved*, That this Convention have perceived with deep regret, the continued indisposition of our Bishop, aggravated, we believe, by the laborious discharge of his Episcopal duties; we therefore respectfully but earnestly request him to suspend his labors for a time, in the hope that his health and strength may thus be restored.

Rev. Mr. Ward presented the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the Widows and Orphans Fund, have examined the following report of the Trustees of the said fund, and find it to be correct.

There are bonds in the hands of the Trustees amounting to about two thousand dollars, from one of which there never has been any interest received, from another, none since the year 1835, and from another, (the largest) the last quota of interest has not been paid. Your Committee

would recommend that all bonds not paying interest regularly, be collected; and also, that all bank stock held by the Society, be sold as soon as the Trustees shall deem it expedient, and the proceeds be invested in State stocks. Respectfully submitted.

JNO. P. MCGUIRE,  
W.M. N. WARD,  
W.M. M. JACKSON.

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

That the fund consists of—				\$7,350 00
147 shares stock of Farmer's Bank of Alexandria, at par,				400 00
4 do do of Bank of Potomac	do			100 00
1 do do of Bank of Virginia	do			1,600 00
Bond dated 29th April, 1833,				200 00
Note on demand, dated 20th April, 1841,				273 50
Do do dated 2d do do		\$600 00		
Note due 5th Sept., 1833, and protested, Since paid,		250 00		350 00
				<u>\$10,273 50</u>

And five shares stock in Bank of Alexandria, at par, one thousand dollars, believed to be lost, the bank having suspended many years ago.

That there have been received since last Convention—				\$367 50
Dividends on stock in Farmer's Bank of Alexandria,				8 00
Do on stock in Bank of Potomac,				96 00
Interest on bond for \$1,600 to 29th October, 1842,				15 75
Dividends on stock in Bank of Virginia, from July, 1839, to 1st January, 1843,				3 87
Premium on specie received for dividends in Alexandria,				
				<u>\$491 12</u>

Which amount of four hundred and ninety-one dollars and twelve cents, has been paid over to the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia, in conformity to a resolution of the Convention of 1837.

No interest has ever been paid on the notes for two hundred dollars and two hundred seventy-three dollars and fifty cents. On the note for six hundred dollars, interest has been paid to 5th May, 1835, and none since.

With the exception of the one share stock in Bank of Virginia, which has been transferred to the present Treasurer, the fund still remains under the care of Mr. John Hooff, of Alexandria, to whose communication the Trustees respectfully refer the Convention for further information.

Soon after the last Convention, the Trustees resolved, if possible, to sell the bank stock, and collect the money loaned out, in order to invest the whole fund in Virginia State stock, then selling at ten and twelve per cent. below par, and since that, much lower. In this attempt they were unsuccessful, for reasons which will appear in the correspondence herewith submitted.

They now ask instructions from the Convention, to guide them in their future management of the fund with which they are entrusted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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

Rev. Mr. Grammer presented the following report from the Committee on the State of the Church:

The Committee on the State of the Church would respectfully report: That the aspect in which the Church in our Diocese is represented by the addresses of our Bishops, and the reports from the several parishes, exhibit an advancement far exceeding any that has been known during any previous year in our history. The number of those who have taken upon themselves the solemn vows which were made in their behalf in baptism, and who have consequently been admitted to the highest privileges of the visible Church; the number of young men now in the course of pre-

paration for the work of the ministry; the number of new congregations organized, and of new churches consecrated for divine services, and in the progress of erection; the increasing demands upon our Diocesan missionary association for aid in sustaining new parishes, and in supplying destitute places; and the growing attention to the spiritual wants of that portion of our population which has been so long neglected and which so greatly needs religious instruction;—these circumstances furnish most cheering and conclusive evidence not only of the enlargement of our borders, but of a deepening tone of christian sensibility. This last fact, especially, affords a most encouraging indication of a decided improvement in the spiritual condition of our Church, inasmuch as it evinces, on the part both of ministers and masters, an awakening sense of the inestimable worth of immortal souls, and of the importance and sufficiency of that salvation which the Lord of all has graciously provided for the bond as well as for the free.

Your Committee, therefore, by referring to all the sources from which they might draw information relative to the appropriate objects of their inquiry, and after duly considering the several subjects which bear upon the prospects of the Church, find nothing which requires to be presented to your notice, save only the high obligation we are under to the great Head of the Church, for the rich blessings he has bestowed upon us. God has indeed blessed us, probably above what our dulness had hoped for, and at least, beyond what we had faith to expect. And while we are called upon imperatively to shew forth our gratitude, not only with our lips but in our lives, it especially becomes us to remember that a season of prosperity is a state of trial and danger. If we would avoid a forfeiture of such blessings, and secure the continuance of the divine favor, we must humbly and diligently endeavor not only to persevere, but to increase in those efforts through the instrumentality of which we have been so highly benefited. As it has been by laboring to set forth the great doctrines and principles of revelation as they are so admirably condensed and embodied in the articles and formularies of our Church;—by cherishing a spirit of devotion and zeal, of benevolence and peace;—following out with faithfulness our own principles without uncharitably reflecting on those of others who might differ from us;—promoting the great design of the gospel by sustaining those institutions which, as subordinate agencies, are the means for continuing the Church, and spreading the knowledge of salvation;—as it has been by this course that we have obtained the blessings of our present prosperity, it is only by continuing in the same, that we can hope to be still further prospered.

The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese being called for, took place, and resulted in the election of the following gentlemen, viz: Rev. Messrs. E. R. Lippitt, C. B. Dana, Dr. Sparrow, and Messrs. Ed. I. Lee, Jno. Hooff, Dr. Orlando Fairfax.

Rev. J. P. McGuire nominated the following named gentlemen as the Executive Committee of the "Protestant Episcopal Association for the Promotion of Christianity in the Diocese of Virginia," viz: Rt. Rev. William Meade, Rt. Rev. John Johns, Rev. Dr. Empie, Rev. William Norwood, Rev. Dr. Cobbs, Rev. George Woodbridge, Secretary, Mr. William Williams, Treasurer. Concurred in.

Rev. Mr. Grammer proposed the re-adoption of the original title of the above named society, and that it be hereafter known and distinguished as the "Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia." Concurred.

The Rev. Mr. Dana presented and read to the Convention the following report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, &c., together with the accompanying reports of the Faculty:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

In reporting last year upon the condition of the Seminary, all the statements which we were called upon to make were, with one exception, pleasant to ourselves and to the members of the Convention: we had then to take notice of the absence of the Rev. Dr. Keith from the corps of Instructors. We begin our report to this Convention by recording with feelings of the truest sorrow, that that holy and gifted man has since been taken from us. To say what our feelings might well prompt us to say on the occasion, is unnecessary. A large proportion of the younger clergy now present are witnesses, in their spirit and usefulness, to his great worth as a christian, a minister of the gospel, and a professor of Theology; and were they called upon to speak in our stead, would do so with the utmost sincerity and earnestness. It is needless to say more, than that having been the first officer of the Institution committed to our care, and having continued in it uninterruptedly to the end, a most faithful and efficient teacher of the great doctrines of the cross, his death was regarded by all connected with the Seminary as a deep affliction, though alleviated by the conviction that what was loss to us, was unspeakable gain to him.

It is a subject of thankfulness, that, in recording this bereavement, we are still enabled, through the good providence of God, to record the continued prosperity of the Seminary. During the past year the Rev. Dr. May has been added to the Faculty, in consequence of the transfer of the Rev. Dr. Sparrow to the chair formerly occupied by Dr. Keith, and the resignation of the Rev. Professor Lippitt, and the exclusive devotion of his valuable time and energies to the editing of the "Southern Churchman."

The talents, piety, and success of Dr. May in the discharge of parochial duties, together with the enjoyment of his services since the commencement of the present session, give us full assurance that our choice has been wisely made, and that great good may be expected from it to the Seminary and the Church.

It is proper also to mention, that during the Spring the Senior Class in the Seminary has enjoyed the instructions of our Bishop in the department of Pastoral Theology. Such is our conviction, as well as that of the professors and students, of the importance of this arrangement, that we earnestly hope our Diocesan may find time and strength to continue his instructions for many years to come.

From the reports of the Professors, which are appended, and from observation made personally by some of our number, it is evident that great industry in their studies, a fraternal feeling among themselves, and, we hope and believe, a true spirit of piety in their hearts, characterize the great body of the young men who are members of our Theological Institution. And if the faithful use of means gives any assurance that we are not mistaken, and that we may hope for the continuance of the present prosperous state of things, we think that has been furnished by the Professors.

But we feel most deeply ourselves, and would fain have others to feel, that here, more than in any department of Ecclesiastical operations, our dependence should be ceaseless, earnest, and direct upon the presence and aid of the good Spirit of our God. The Spirit should be present in larger measure, and greater power, in the "Schools of the Prophets," than in any other place. They are, without exception, the highest and most abundant fountains of influence to the Church of God, which are to be found upon the earth. It is mentioned here, however, only that it may be urged upon all the friends of our Blessed Saviour, and his holy cause, that in their approaches to a throne of grace they may bear the interests of the Seminary on their hearts before the Lord. We have great confidence in prayer. By this, we believe, has been called down that blessing which has carried our humble beginnings to their present height of prosperity; and chiefly upon the use of the same divinely appointed means would we depend in all future time. In our capacity, therefore, of Trustees and Guardians of this important Institution, we would say to all the true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Brethren, pray for us."

The permanent fund of the Theological Seminary amounts at this time to about twenty-five thousand and three hundred dollars; and, it is believed, is all invested in good stocks and bonds.

Of the High School, which is also intrusted to the care of this Board, we entertain the same favorable opinion which we have expressed in former years; but a more particular account of its present condition is contained in the accompanying report of the Principal of that Institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

#### REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

The Faculty of the Seminary respectfully report: That the following persons have been connected with the Institution during the present session. Of the Junior Class, viz:

Francis M. Baker, candidate for orders in the Diocese of Virginia.  
 G. S. Carraway, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 William Duvall, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Albert W. Duy, candidate for orders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.  
 William J. Ellis, candidate for orders in Georgia.  
 Richardson Graham, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Daniel Henshaw, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
 O. A. Kinsolving, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 William C. Meredith, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 E. J. P. Messinger, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 Benjamin F. Mower, candidate for orders in Georgia.  
 James Mulchahay, of the Diocese of Rhode Island.  
 E. C. Murdaugh, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Robert Nelson, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 S. Ridout, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
 J. A. Shanklin, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Owen P. Thackara, candidate for orders in Virginia.

Cornelius Walker, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 William C. Williams, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 Henry W. Woods, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 J. F. Young, candidate for orders in Maine.

#### The Middle 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.  
 Edwin Mendenhall, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 Thomas L. Franklin, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 H. M. Dennison, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 J. T. B. Smith, candidate for orders in Virginia.

#### The Senior Class, viz:

A. J. Berger, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
 E. A. Dalrymple, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 William H. Good, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 H. T. Hiester, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 G. A. Leakin, candidate for orders in Maryland.  
 \*Charles Gillett, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 J. R. Lee, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 A. T. McMurphy, candidate for orders in Ohio.  
 S. P. Nash, candidate for orders in Pennsylvania.  
 \*G. Packard, candidate for orders in Maine.  
 C. Page, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 W. H. Pendleton, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 J. B. Richmond, candidate for orders in Rhode Island.  
 R. M. White, candidate for orders in Western New York.  
 G. T. Wilmer, candidate for orders in Virginia.  
 E. Withers, candidate for orders in Virginia.

Whole number of Students,

46

\* Ordained.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

The Professor of Systematic Theology, reports: That during the portion of the Seminary year which is past, the *Junior Class* has studied with him the Evidences of Christianity; the *Middle Class*, Butler's Analogy, the Evidences of Christianity, and all the doctrinal part of a course of Theology; and the *Senior Class*, Burnet on the Thirty-nine Articles, Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity, and Bishop Onderdonk's "Episcopacy Tested by Scripture." The subject of the Church Government has fallen under his care only by a temporary arrangement. Several of the members of the *Senior Class* have voluntarily reviewed Butler's Analogy with the *Middle Class*, and some few have studied the Evidences of Christianity again with the *same class*. The *Middle Class* has read at every recitation in Theology, an essay on some subject in the course, and the members of the two upper classes have continued, as heretofore, to exercise themselves weekly in committing to memory select portions of the English Bible. As to the punctuality and industry of the classes, they have been every thing that I could desire.

In the High School, I continued to give instruction in Mental and Moral Philosophy, until the middle of January, when the Rev. Dr. May took charge of the department. My connexion with that Institution was in every way most pleasant to me, and nothing but the pressure of other duties, too great for my strength, made me willing to dissolve it. Such is my conviction of the efficiency with which the High School is conducted, and of its great importance to the interests of sound education, both moral and intellectual, in the Church, and to the growth and prosperity of our Seminary, that whenever circumstances allow it, and my services can be made any way available, it will give me pleasure to be associated again with the Principal and his assistants in their labors.

WILLIAM SPARROW.

## REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY.

The current term is the first one of my connexion with the Seminary, as Instructor. In consideration of this, Dr. Sparrow has generously relieved me of a portion of my duties, by instructing the Senior Middle Class in Church Polity. They have thus had the benefit of his experience in teaching.

The Middle and Senior Classes have given attention to Church History, under my direction. The former have gone over the ground in Mosheim's work, and are now reviewing it. The latter have studied the History of the Church of England, out of the work of the present Bishop of Sodor and Man, (Dr. Short,) and are also now employed in reviewing it. The members of the classes have, in general, been punctual and diligent, and showed proper attention to their studies.

I have instructed, also, a class at the High School, in Intellectual and Moral Philosophy. During the first part of the term, I had the aid of Dr. Sparrow, who led the class through Intellectual Philosophy: since which time, they have reviewed that study, and nearly finished their recitations in Moral Science, from the work of President Wayland. The class is composed of about twenty promising youths, who are to be commended for exemplary propriety of deportment, and diligence in study. A portion of them are preparing themselves for entering upon a course of Theology in the Seminary. I may add, that the importance of the High School, as a nursery for the Theological Seminary, is well worthy of attention.

Respectfully submitted.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, May 15, 1843.

JAMES MAY.

## REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The Professor of Biblical Literature would respectfully report: That he has been enabled, by the grace of God, to discharge the duties of his office almost without interruption from sickness, or any other cause.

The classes under his instruction, have pursued the prescribed course of study; and their proficiency has been satisfactory. The members have been, generally, very punctual, as indicated by the roll call.

Their studies have been as follows: The Junior Class have studied Bush's Hebrew Grammar, and will have finished the Book of Genesis in Hebrew in a few more recitations. The exercise of translating English into Hebrew has been carried on simultaneously with the Grammar, and, it is believed, with good success. In Greek, a private class was formed for the more deficient in knowledge of Greek, before commencing the Harmony of the Gospels. The class are now advancing in the Harmony, and it is expected, will finish it before the close of the session. They have also studied, and been regularly examined upon, Jahn's Introduction to the Old Testament, his Jewish Antiquities, and Ernesti on Interpretation. An Epitome of Jewish History, prepared by myself, has also been studied, and generally transcribed. Instruction has been given from time to time, in Sacred Geography and Chronology, and the class have been referred to the best sources of information on all subjects connected with the department, and urged to pursue a course of reading marked out.

They have written fifty Exegetical Essays on the most important and difficult passages of the Gospels.

The Middle Class have read in Hebrew, all the more important Prophecies of Christ in the Old Testament.

In Greek, they have studied the Epistles to the Romans and Hebrews, and the Pastoral Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

Rev. Mr. Pendleton, in compliance with instructions from the Trustees, presented and read to the Convention his report as Principal of the Episcopal High School. Report unanimously adopted.

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

I again submit for your consideration my Annual Report of the condition, &c., of the High School.

This is the fourth year of the existence of the Institution: and although it has been a year fraught with trial and embarrassment, to nearly all benevolent and literary institutions in our

land, owing to the general pecuniary pressure: yet there is reason to "thank God and take courage" in reviewing the degree of success enjoyed by our Institution, under the Divine blessing, even during this trying year.

The present number of students (and about the average number since the beginning of the session, 1st October, last) is 51. Although this number is much less than those of the two previous years, yet there has been a decided gain in the proportion of pious and exemplary students during this year, rendering the task of governing the Institution far less trying and difficult.

The condition of the Institution as a nursery of piety as well as of learning, is such as to cheer our hearts. God has been pleased, notwithstanding the infirmities and errors of those conducting the work, to continue his blessing upon the honest effort to teach his own truth, as the basis of all right cultivation of the human faculties. Of the 51 students, 17 are professors of religion; and 8 or 10 others are even now, we trust, in that interesting state of concern and serious reflection, which the scriptures teach us to ascribe to the gracious operation of the Holy Spirit; for the happy result of which we may fervently pray, and gladly trust. Besides these most interesting facts, we must believe that the constant inculcation of God's word, the general spirit of prayer, and the sincere though imperfect endeavor to practice in instruction and government the precepts of the Gospel, at the Institution, are attended by other and wider blessings from God's goodness. That it is his kindness which has ensured to the Institution during the past year, a degree of order, industry, peace, harmony and happiness delightful to witness; and that many of those who may leave their Alma Mater at Howard, without appearing to human eye, subjects of grace, or recipients of heavenly wisdom, may prove, ere many years are passed, the efficacy of that training they have there enjoyed, "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," to which he has promised his blessing.

It is believed that instruction has been faithfully and successfully given during the session, in the various branches of learning pursued in the Institution. The illness and death of the lamented Dr. Keith, having devolved upon the Rev. Dr. Sparrow responsible and onerous duties in the Theological Seminary, it became desirable that he should be relieved of the charge of the department of Mental and Moral Philosophy in the High School. It was accordingly arranged that his place should be filled, in that department, by Rev. Dr. May, who during the latter part of the session, has therefore bestowed, and will continue to bestow, in these subjects, his excellent and acceptable instruction. All the other departments have been conducted by the same teachers, and in the same manner, as during previous years.

While on this subject, permit me to submit for consideration, some views, called for by an impression injurious to the school, of the existence of which, in some quarters, I have been informed.

That impression is, that the teachers of the High School are, in general, too young and inexperienced, to be rightly qualified for the responsible charge committed to them. A fair statement of facts, may, I trust, prove sufficient to remove such an impression.

Of Rev. Dr. May I need not speak; his experience and wisdom need here no vindication. As already stated, an important department of the Institution is under his care.

Of myself, it becomes me to say very little; I will only say, that during ten years have I been acquiring experience in teaching the subjects especially under my care in the High School, viz: Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

The principal teacher in the department of languages, though still a young man, I may modestly mention as one of peculiar attainments as a scholar, and peculiar ability as a teacher. Having been employed as an assistant teacher for two years, in Dr. Muhlenberg's successful Institution at Flushing, Long Island, he was engaged on strong recommendation when our Institution went into operation four years ago. Ever since, he has been diligently devoted to instructing in his appropriate branches in the High School. Surely six years thus passed may be adduced as satisfactory evidence of experience and skill; especially when conjoined, as in this case they are, with a peculiar aptitude for the useful though unappreciated office of teaching.

Others of the assistant teachers, have been engaged in their labors at the Institution, from its commencement. They were known at first, to be well qualified in learning and character. To these they now have added the recommendation of four years' experience.

Nearly two years ago, four tutors were employed from among the senior students, who had successfully pursued the higher studies of the Institution. They were well known, of exemplary piety, of approved habits of diligence, and of excellent qualifications for teaching. They have continued their duties, and still instruct appropriate classes. And what they do, they do well. So far from this arrangement being just cause of objection; to every judicious person acquainted with the necessary working of such Institutions, it must approve itself as a peculiar advantage. Inasmuch as classes are hereby multiplied, every pupil can be more accurately adjusted to his proper place, and each can receive fuller and more exact instruction; while a kindly and conservative influence is necessarily exerted by the diffusion of so many tutors among the students, and through the constant and familiar intercourse between them and their junior brethren of the household. A general supervision of an affectionate, honest, and wholesome kind is secured. And order, virtue, peace, and love more generally prevail.

It is my conviction, after much reflection, and no loose observation, that in the foregoing facts may be traced peculiar indications of the Divine care, in answer to those who gave their sub-



stance and their prayers, in the establishment of the Institution. In this, that He provided for the work competent and worthy *young men*, nearly all natives of our own diocese; associated with some elder and more experienced; who could, as they have done for years, devote themselves steadily to the arduous business of teaching in the High School. For, while means could not be raised to pay large salaries to men of high distinction, such men themselves, were there abundant means, could not be had for our Institution. Old established, distinguished institutions, secure them, and posts of higher honor than any we could offer, attract them. But even if obtained, they could not, as well as those we have, discharge the important functions of familiar association, close supervision, toil and drudgery of elementary teaching, and submitting with elastic buoyancy to the perpetual annoyances of such a life. Indeed, how proverbial are the fluctuations and changes in the officers of schools! especially when men who have earned distinction accept such offices. How surely and speedily do they, in general, withdraw, discouraged by the inadequate rewards, and disgusted by the incessant annoyances incident to such posts!

From evils of this kind the High School has hitherto been preserved, under the blessing of heaven, through that very system—to which the objection here noticed has been made. Do not these considerations prove how unfounded is that objection?

I will add, on this subject, that knowing several students who had been trained at our Institution, to be now in attendance upon the courses at William and Mary College, and the University of Virginia, I have made inquiry as to their standing in learning, character and habits, and have been much gratified by the information that in both institutions they stand very high.

Since my last Annual Report, an arrangement has been made to provide suitable rooms for those students who may pursue, at the High School, studies preparatory to entering the Theological Seminary; and for such others of the more mature and worthy of our students as it may be deemed proper to intrust to themselves in such private rooms. These rooms are designed and used only as sitting and study rooms for those assigned to them; while the younger pupils still assemble in a large room, for study, under the direction of a teacher. And all are required to lodge, as heretofore, in the common dormitory.

This arrangement has been found to work well; the important purpose of accommodating preparatory theological students, has been encouragingly answered, there being 9 such at the Institution; while the comfort and satisfaction of the elder youths are materially promoted. Nor has any lack of order and industry been perceived to result from this plan, but rather the contrary.

It has been mentioned to me, that the provision of a common dormitory is made a serious objection to our Institution on the part of some persons otherwise well disposed as its friends, on the ground that health, or order, or both, are thereby impaired. Now, so far from this being a just impression, it may be confidently declared that the reverse is secured in both respects. No one can inspect the room without being struck with the excellent arrangement thereof for thorough ventilation. Its dimensions are 110 feet long, 35 broad, 13 high. It has 26 large windows, opening above or below, and is provided with two well adjusted apertures in the ceiling. Surely it is obvious that the supply and circulation of pure air, with such an arrangement, is far better secured than it could possibly be were the space cut up into smaller apartments, in accordance with the views of those who urge the objection now noticed. The advantage of the present arrangement for health, is further secured, by the provision made for the sick. Invalids are at once removed from the dormitory, into a suitable room provided as a hospital for the Institution.

So far as the purposes of order and virtue are concerned, it is too evident to need argument, that they are greatly promoted by this arrangement: inasmuch, as by it, all the students are placed, by night as well as by day, under the superintendence of all the junior and some of the senior teachers, who lodge in the same room. Indeed, this is deemed one of the most valuable conservative influences secured in the Institution.

Let me now bring to your notice a subject of the deepest interest towards the probable future success and usefulness of the Institution. I mean its financial condition and prospect of future support.

Through the liberality of some generous christians of our diocese, the Institution has been established, and the site, buildings, and appurtenances all paid for. And during its four years' operation, it has been so sustained, that now, estimating together the first more abundant season of its existence, and the present more straightened one, the Institution stands about free of debt or gain.

In connection with this fact, there are some others very important to be borne in mind. And first, I mention the circumstance, that while hitherto the nominal charges of the Institution have been \$200 per annum—the actual average amount received has been only \$170 for each student. A reduction caused by having admitted 30 youths, sons of clergymen, and others, at the half charge of \$100 per annum, and 10 others, under peculiar circumstances, free of all charge. And it ought not to be forgotten, that this is in fact a benevolent contribution by the Institution, to the amount of \$5,000, bestowed in a very noiseless and unpretending mode, but in a cause second in importance to none other, and destined it is hoped, under God's blessing, to result in wide and lasting benefit.

Another consideration not to be overlooked, is, that while this average income of \$170 has thus served to bear the Institution in safety to its present position—leaving it now free of debt or gain; some expenses incident to the commencement of the enterprise may be hoped to be avoided in future, though some others, not hitherto borne, may accrue, but less, it is hoped, in amount. So that, on the whole, from this result of four years' trial, and from the experience of students at the Theological Seminary, for many years past, it may be assumed as safe to fix the average income to be secured from each student at the High School at \$150 per annum. This I regard as the lowest average income from each student, of which the safe conduct of the Institution can possibly admit. And should the whole number of students not reach fifty, the amount thus raised, will not cover the unavoidable expenses.

Again, experience shows, that the charge of \$200 per annum occasions, even to wealthy parents, so much inconvenience and difficulty, especially at this time of pecuniary distress, as to prevent many from sending their sons to the Institution; while the candidates for reception at the half charge, or free of all charge, are abundant.

Hence it is obvious that justice and prudence require an arrangement by which a portion of the higher charge may be abated, while at the same time, a portion of the deficiency of the lower charge may be supplied.

Towards this double object I propose, 1st, a reduction of the higher charges according to the following scale. Secondly, the establishment, permanently or for a limited time, of a number of scholarships for the benefit of such as have hitherto been received without charge or at the half charge.

The scale of charges to be this:

1st. For each student not entitled to abatement on some one of the following conditions, \$200. For each such one continuing at the Institution two years, the charge for the second year to be \$180.

For the third year, \$160.

For the fourth, and each succeeding year, \$150.

Where two or more enter from the same family, the charge from the first to be \$150. The amount received from those first enumerated, beyond \$150 per annum, to constitute a fund to be paid to the treasurer of the Trustees, and by them applied as they deem best for the welfare of the High School and the Theological Seminary.

Towards the raising the scholarships proposed, the outline of a plan was sketched by me some months since, and an appeal founded thereon, in accordance with the sanction of the Executive Committee of the Trustees, partially presented in a circular designed for general distribution; owing, however, to the advice of some friends, and the prospect of stronger grounds for such an appeal, after the meeting of the Trustees, and the Convention—further proceedings on the subject have been postponed, in the hope of obtaining the high sanction, and effectual influence of the Trustees and Convention. That sanction and that influence I now ask, on the grounds of the value of the cause, the necessity of the case, and the just claims of the Institution.

The main feature of the plan which I propose for raising scholarships, is this, of securing donations of a limited but fixed amount from a sufficient number of individuals. Say, from 300 individuals, \$10 per annum each, for five successive years. Could 300 individuals be gotten thus to bestow \$10 per annum for the next five years, the object would be attained, within that period, and great good done; while the foundation would doubtless be thus laid for the establishment of a permanent system of scholarship at the Institution. About twenty-five persons have subscribed the \$10 per annum, for five years, and it is hoped that many others may, by the merits of the cause, be induced to do likewise.

But, inasmuch as there are many persons who can scarcely afford the sum of \$10, while there are many others who shrink from making a pledge for future years, the suggestion is made to all such to contribute to the object, in any form, and to any extent they deem best.

Moreover, there are other individuals justly concerned in the important cause of education, especially christian education, who might readily contribute for this purpose, far more than \$10 per annum. May not any such individual accomplish more good by endowing a scholarship of \$100 per annum, than by the appropriation of that sum in any other way?

I merely add the suggestion that the whole sum raised, might be wisely divided into scholarships of three grades.

A few of \$150 per annum to pay the whole charge for a few worthy youths whose friends might be unable to pay any thing for them.

Some of \$100 per annum, where there might be ability on the part of friends to meet the additional charge of \$50.

And the remainder of \$50 per annum, to be applied to cases where, from private resources, \$100 could be paid.

Towards commending this cause, and the Institution, to the serious attention, and cordial interest of the Trustees and Convention, and of the clergy and pious laymen of the diocese, I annex some statistics, showing the useful agency of the Institution, as a nursery of piety and learning.

The whole number of students admitted into the Institution up to the present time is 167.

Of these there were pious, and communicants of the Church when admitted, 12. There have become so, since their connection with the Institution, 40; who would compare favorably, it is believed, in consistency and faithfulness, with the like number added to the communion in any congregation.

Besides these, others have certainly been awakened to a serious pondering of their spiritual state, and all have been trained, under the continual inculcation of the saving truths of the Bible: the happy result of which may be looked for at a future day.

The whole number now at the High School attending or preparing for the Theological Seminary, including several of the teachers, is 15. Of those who have left the Institution there are known to have entered on business, or engaged in the study of professions, 38. And others who have gone to college, 12. Most of whom have carried with them, we are assured, much useful knowledge, good mental habits, and above all, the valuable blessing of christian principles.

Of all those admitted into the Institution, there have been, sons of clergymen, and beneficiaries of the Education society preparing for the ministry, at the half charge, 30. Those for whom no charge has been made, 10. Besides a few others, in whose favor there have been abatements of charge, when warranted, as was thought, by peculiar circumstances.

These statistics show the actual usefulness and value of the Institution, under the favor and blessing of Him to whom it is dedicated. And surely they furnish a strong incentive to perseverance in the useful work; nor only so, but to additional efforts towards extending that usefulness.

In conclusion, I would remark:

I. It must be perceived to be a very important and desirable arrangement, if it be a practicable one, to secure places in our School, for a reasonable number of youths at the reduced cost to them, of \$100 per annum; for some others, at the still lower cost of \$50; and for a few free of all charge.

How many valuable youths, might thus be trained for highest usefulness, in every sphere to which Providence might assign them, from among that portion of society to which we must ever look for most worth, most piety, and most benefit to the world!

II. Should it prove practicable to raise these scholarships, as we must vainly hope it will, the mode proposed for assigning them is this: for the Trustees or the Convention, to designate a suitable tribunal, which may invite applicants, and decide upon their respective claims, according to testimonials furnished; and thus fairly and justly appoint candidates to the scholarships of either grade. Of course sons of the clergy of the Diocese, and those who hitherto have been admitted as beneficiaries of the Education society, would be fairly considered among such applicants. And thus a double benefit would result; 1st, to the clergy, by having secured the good education of their sons at a cost moderate to them; 2nd, to the Education society and Seminary, by relieving that society of its beneficiaries at the High School, and leaving its means and energies free to be fully applied to the Seminary.

III. In recommendation of the scholarship foundation, herein proposed, these two important facts should be borne in mind: 1st, that it is the system which has long prevailed in the best institutions of learning in England, (perhaps the best in the world,) to which must be attributed, not only much of their permanence and general value, but much of their highest usefulness, in sending out into the world the many good and great men who have been educated on scholarships, and who otherwise might never have been prepared so nobly to serve God, and bless mankind. 2nd, that for want of such foundation, several institutions, established in our country, and by our Church, (of these nearly all indeed) have failed and disappeared, after a few years of apparent prosperity, and a brief struggle against difficulties, which must ever result from a fluctuating support: while many disturbing causes render such support in our Southern country peculiarly uncertain and unstable.

IV. The questions remain. Is not the cause one well worthy the contribution asked? Is not the crisis at hand, when the provision recommended is needed? Ought not the effort be made in the Church of our beloved State? Is not this a judicious mode of making the effort? Shall it be sustained as the cause of God?

\* All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. N. PENDLETON,  
Principal Epis. High School of Va.

Bishop Meade announced the following named gentlemen as composing the "Committee on application to the Legislature," viz: Mr. William H. McFarland, Gen'l Richardson, Gen'l Pegram, Mr. William Williams, Mr. Edmund Fontaine, Mr. Randolph Harrison, Mr. David May, Col. Carrington, and Mr. James Lyons.

Mr. Wm. Williams, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

The Committee of Finance have performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report: That the Treasurer's account, having been examined, is found supported by proper vouchers, and that the balance due him, 17th May, 1843, was \$731 49.

That the amount of contributions from the several parishes to the Contingent Fund paid in during the present Convention, is \$3,780 82, agreeably to the annexed list, No. 1.

That they have, to the best of their ability in the limited time at their disposal, compared the receipts with the reports of this and the last year, and ascertained that there is due from delinquent parishes, agreeably to the list annexed, No. 2, \$752 23.

WM. WILLIAMS,  
EDW'D S. PEGRAM,  
R. W. CUNNINGHAM,  
JNO. CRENSHAW.

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

1842.		Dr.	
May 12.	To cash on hand as per account rendered,	-	\$775 98
25.	To cash received from Sec'y of Convention, per Wm. Williams, Esq., viz:		
	Bishop Meade's receipts,	\$1,600 00	
	S. H. Lewis',	80 00	
	Henry Taylor's,	10 00	
	Edw. S. Tayloe's draft on treasurer,	66 75	
	E. I. Lee's check,	41 00	
	Benj. L. Meade's check,	30 00	
	Current notes,	90 00	
			1,917 75
Nov. 5.	To cash received interest on amount deposited in the Saving's Institution,		30 15
1843.			
May 17.	To balance,		745 49
			<u>\$3,469 37</u>
1843.			
May 17.	To cash received from Rev. B. M. Miller, viz: his receipt, \$50; cash, \$5,	55 00	
	To cash received from Rev. John Towles, Leed's parish,	9 00	
	To balance,		731 49
			<u>\$795 49</u>
1842.		Cr.	
May 21.	By cash paid Bishop Meade's salary, per Rev. B. M. Miller, Secretary,	\$1,000 00	
	By cash paid Bishop Meade's salary, per Rev. B. M. Miller, Secretary,	600 00	
	By cash paid Rev. Wm. Friend, Ed. T. Tayloe's draft,	66 75	
	By cash paid S. H. Lewis, per Rev. B. M. Miller, Secretary,	80 00	
	By cash paid Henry Taylor, do	10 00	
June 16.	By cash paid Rev. Herman Hooker, for Bishop Meade's draft,	125 00	
20.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Lippitt, for printing,	190 78	
24.	By cash paid Bishop Meade,	375 00	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Bishop Griswold, per C. B. Dana,	120 00	
	By cash paid exchange for check on New York,	50	
	By cash paid C. B. Dana, postage bill,	34 00	
	By cash paid Bishop Ives, per Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,	30 00	
	By cash paid Bishop Whittingham, do	25 00	
20.	By cash paid E. R. Lippitt for printing,	8 20	
Dec. 10.	By cash paid P. D. Bernard for printing,	54 14	
1843.			
May 5.	By cash paid Bishop Johns,		750 00
			<u>\$3,469 37</u>
1843.			
May 17.	By balance brought down,		745 49
	By cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller,		50 00
			<u>\$795 49</u>
1843.			
May 17.	By balance brought down,		731 39
	E. E.		

WM. H. HUBBARD,  
Treasurer Ep. Convention of Va.

## Contributions to Contingent Fund.

Abingdon and Ware parish, - - - - -	\$25 50
Antrim parish, Halifax, - - - - -	47 00
Augusta parish, Trinity church, Staunton, - - - - -	55 00
Aldie church, Loudon county, - - - - -	4 50
Buck Mountain church, \$12—N. Garden, \$3—Mountain Place church, \$1—Albemarle, - - - - -	21 00
Bristol parish, St. Paul's, Petersburg, - - - - -	225 00
Botetourt parish, Botetourt county, - - - - -	30 00
Bruton parish, Williamsburg, - - - - -	58 00
Berkely parish, and Christ church, Spottsylvania, - - - - -	29 00
Bath parish, Dinwiddie, and St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, - - - - -	34 00
Camden parish, Pittsylvania and Henry, - - - - -	14 00
Cople parish, Westmoreland, - - - - -	14 00
Christ Church parish, Lancaster, - - - - -	22 00
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg, - - - - -	39 00
Chuckatuck parish, Isle of Wight, - - - - -	8 00
Cedar Run parish, Fauquier, - - - - -	6 00
Dettingen parish, Prince William, - - - - -	14 00
Elizabeth River parish, Christ church, Norfolk, - - - - -	330 00
Do St. Paul's church, Norfolk, - - - - -	98 00
Elizabeth City Parish, Fort Monroe, - - - - -	14 00
Do St. John's church, Hampton, - - - - -	30 00
Frederickville parish, Christ church, Charlottesville, - - - - -	78 00
Frederick parish, Christ church, Winchester, - - - - -	80 00
Fairfax parish, Christ church, Alexandria, D. C., - - - - -	120 00
Frederick parish, Christ church, Clarke county, - - - - -	60 00
Farnham parish, Richmond county, - - - - -	10 00
Grace church, Caroline, - - - - -	22 00
Hamilton parish, Fauquier county, - - - - -	32 25
Henrico parish, St. James' church, Richmond, - - - - -	150 00
Hungar's parish, Northampton, - - - - -	56 00
Henrico parish, St. John's church, Richmond, - - - - -	33 00
Henrico parish, Christ church, Richmond, - - - - -	118 00
Henrico parish, Mounmental church, Richmond, - - - - -	279 00
Kenawha and St. Mark's parish, Kenawha, - - - - -	47 00
Lynhaven parish, Princess Ann, - - - - -	19 00
Lexington parish, Amherst, - - - - -	35 00
Lytleton parish, Cumberland, - - - - -	34 00
Lunenburg parish, Richmond, - - - - -	21 00
Leed's parish, Prince William, - - - - -	22 00
Martins Brandon parish, Prince George, - - - - -	23 00
Meherin parish, Greenville, - - - - -	8 00
Meade parish, Fauquier, and Middleburg, Loudon; - - - - -	20 00
Moore parish, St. Paul's church, Lynchburg, - - - - -	114 00
Nelson parish, Nelson county, - - - - -	18 00
Newport parish, Isle of Wight, - - - - -	45 00
Portsmouth parish, Trinity church, Portsmouth, - - - - -	100 00
Raleigh and Dale parishes, and Grace church, Powhatan, - - - - -	45 50
Russell parish, Bedford, - - - - -	106 50
Roanoke parish, Halifax, - - - - -	13 00
St. John's church, King George, - - - - -	6 00
St. Paul's parish, King George, - - - - -	25 00
St. Andrew's parish, Trinity church, Shepherdstown, - - - - -	36 00
St. Ann's parish, Essex, - - - - -	25 00
South Farnham parish, Essex, - - - - -	29 00
St. George's parish, Accomac, - - - - -	27 10
St. George's parish, St. George church, Fredericksburg, - - - - -	150 00
St. James', Southam, and King William parishes, - - - - -	24 00
St. James', Northam, Goochland, - - - - -	38 00
St. John's church, City Point, - - - - -	12 00
St. Margaret's parish, Caroline, - - - - -	20 05
St. Mark's parish, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper, - - - - -	22 52
Do St. James' church, do - - - - -	19 42
Amount carried forward, - - - - -	\$3,161 34

Amount brought forward, - - - - -	\$3,161 34
St. Matthew's parish, St. Matthew's church, Wheeling, - - - - -	75 00
St. Martin's parish, Hanover, - - - - -	37 75
St. Peter's church, Port Royal, - - - - -	31 00
St. Thomas' church, Orange, - - - - -	37 50
St. Paul's church, Alexandria, - - - - -	75 00
St. Paul's parish, King George, - - - - -	25 00
Shelburne parish, St. James' church, Leesburg, - - - - -	80 00
St. Ann's parish, Albemarle, - - - - -	10 00
St. Paul's, Suffolk, - - - - -	15 00
St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, - - - - -	25 00
Southwark, Surry, - - - - -	1 00
Theological Seminary, Fairfax, - - - - -	20 00
Walker's parish, Walker's church, Albemarle, - - - - -	22 50
Westover parish, Charles City county, - - - - -	23 00
West Russell, Bedford, - - - - -	24 05
Woodville parish, Rockbridge and Botetourt, - - - - -	39 00
Washington parish, Westmoreland, - - - - -	2 50
Total, - - - - -	\$3,780 83

Rev. Dr. Cobbs offered the following resolution, which was also unanimously concurred in:

*Resolved*, That this Convention earnestly recommend to the favorable consideration of the Church, the scheme of scholarships as proposed by the Principal of the Episcopal High School in his report made to the Board of Trustees.

The unfinished business of the last Convention, being the consideration of the substitute for the 12th Canon, as heretofore proposed by Rev. Mr. Christian,\* was, on motion, laid over until next Convention.

Mr. P. Williams submitted the following, which was concurred in, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary deliver to the Treasurer a copy of the list of delinquent parishes; and also, of the resolution of the Select Committee, directing the Treasurer to write to delinquent parishes, informing them of the amount of their delinquency.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson moved, That the next Convention of this Church be held in the town of Lynchburg, on the third Wednesday of May, 1844.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong offered an amendment, substituting the city of Wheeling therefor, and at the time appointed as above.

The sense of the Convention being taken on the amendment, it was determined in the affirmative.

After some suggestions by the Bishop in reference to the tabular arrangement heretofore made, in which Wheeling was not then included, and expressing the doubtful expediency of interrupting the order then laid down, without more consideration than could now be given to it; stating, also, that a change now made, would materially affect the arrangement of Episcopal services contemplated during the year; Mr. Pegram, who had voted in the affirmative, moved a re-consideration of the question; which was concurred in.

Mr. Atkinson, thereupon, renewed his motion in favor of Lynchburg, and it was decided in the affirmative, by the required majority of two-thirds of the members present.

The following resolutions were then passed unanimously:

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

\* See Journal for 1842, pages 22 and 23.

*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 two thousand copies of the Journal of this Convention published for distribution among the parishes.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

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

Rev. BENJAMIN M. MILLER, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Abingdon and Ware parishes, Gloucester county.*—Chas. Mann, Rector.—Communicants, added 11, died 3—whole number 61; Baptisms, adults 1, infants 21—total 22; Confirmations 9; Funerals, adults 7, infants 2—total 9; Marriages 4. Amount collected for different institutions \$300.

There is nothing in the state of these churches worthy of particular remark. The congregation at Ware has increased in numbers until it forms quite an interesting body of attentive hearers of the gospel. Some expensive and valuable improvements have been made in the buildings at Abingdon, and some improvements at Ware.

*Antrim parish, Halifax county.*—J. Grammer, Rector.—Communicants, added 17, (viz: 15 white, 2 colored,) removed 3, died 2 (1 white and 1 colored)—total (46 white and 1 colored) 47; Baptisms, adults 7 white and 2 colored, 9; children, 22 white and 28 colored, 50—total of baptisms 59; Confirmations, 11 white and 2 colored—total 13; Marriages, 3 white and 2 colored—total 5; Funerals, 3 white and 5 colored—total 8. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, viz: Missions, Domestic \$176 06½, Foreign \$187 81½—total \$363 87½; Association for promotion of christianity in Virginia \$396 75; Education Society \$78 01½; Theological Seminary \$8 00—grand total \$846 64.

*Trinity church, Staunton.*—Rev. F. D. Goodwin, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, removed 3, died 1, suspended 1—total 74; Baptisms, white infants 5; Confirmations 25; Marriages 8; Funerals 7. Amount contributed to objects connected with the Church—Colonization Society of Virginia \$32; Bible Society of Virginia \$50; Diocesan Missions \$32 25; General Missions, Domestic and Foreign, \$110 27; Education Society \$75; Bishop's fund \$55—total \$354 52.

*St. Paul's church, Bristol parish, Petersburg.*—N. H. Cobbs, Rector.—Communicants, added 41, removed 21, died 6, withdrawn 2, transferred to Grace church 25—total 225; Baptisms, of adults 4, of infants 45—total 49; Confirmations 30; Marriages, of whites 7, of colored persons 5—total 12; Burials 16. Contributions to various benevolent objects \$1,250.

The rector has nothing of special interest to report in regard to his charge. He would hope that although there has not been so great an accession of numbers as in former periods, yet there has been a steady increase of spirituality in religion. The Mission church spoken of in last year's report has been erected and consecrated, and now stands as a separate and independent parish, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Gibson. Measures are about being taken with a view to repair the old dilapidated parish church, commonly known as Blandford church. Should this church be repaired, the rector believes that a new and an interesting field of labor will be opened to his efforts.

*Botetourt parish, Botetourt county, Va.*—D. M. Wharton, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, suspended 1—whites 30, colored 1—total 31; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 2—total 5; Marriages 3; Confirmations 7; Funerals 3. Amount collected for benevolent objects, about \$150.

A gradual increase in our congregation, and other indications of a growing partiality to the church, encourages the hope that the prospects of the parish will continue to improve.

*Bruton parish, Williamsburg.*—W. Hodges, Rector.—Communicants, added 137, (whites 7, colored 130,) removed 4, died 1—total (white 60, colored 130,) 192; Baptisms, white infants 9, colored 1, colored adults 38—total 48; Confirmations 17; Marriages 10; Funerals, white 7, colored number unknown. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church \$210.

The Rector of this church, during the last three years, has officiated regularly every Sabbath afternoon for a congregation of colored people; during which time he has baptized more than 150, but never attempted to form them into a regular church, because he did not think them (though christians) *Episcopalians* in principle. They had been brought up under the influence

of another denomination of Christians; and among those who came to hear him were some who had been members of the church under the influence of which all had been (at least *in part*) educated. Circumstances of late seem to require that an effort be made to unite as many as should be found willing into a body that should observe all the ordinances of the Church, and be under the pastoral care of the Rector. The number reported above are those who have given in their names as candidates for *confirmation*, the Lord's supper, and to be subject to his pastoral supervision.

*Bristol parish, Grace church, Petersburg.*—Churchill J. Gibson, Rector.—Since the meeting of the last Convention my field of labor in Petersburg affords a prospect of increasing usefulness. The missionary chapel, which was at that time under contract, is now almost entirely completed, and was consecrated to the service of God, by our Assistant Bishop, on the 25th of last February, under the name of Grace church. The congregation is steadily increasing. The Sunday school connected with it is also flourishing, and numbers about 90 scholars. A second school is sustained, in another neighborhood, consisting of 25 or 30 scholars. The state of things altogether is so encouraging that the organization of a new parish has been found, I think, most fully authorized. A vestry was accordingly elected on Easter Monday, who have appointed one of their number to act as lay-delegate in this Convention, and their petition for admission into the diocese is now before them. Since their election the vestry have nearly completed the erection of a vestry room, at a cost of nearly \$100.

During the year I have solemnized 2 Marriages and attended 20 Funerals, also administered 33 Baptisms, 7 adults and 26 children—total 33. The church has now connected with it 25 communicants, 7 of whom were confirmed at its consecration.

\* *Report of Geo. W. Dame, Rector of Camden parish, Pittsylvania and Henry counties.*—Communicants, added 16, (3 from other parishes,) removed 3, withdrawn 1—total 33; baptisms, adults 4, all white, infants 16 white, 2 colored—total 22; Confirmations 10; Marriage 1; Funerals 3.

The prospects of the church in this parish are rather encouraging. The church edifice in Denville is in progress, and we expect it will be ready for consecration by the fall, if we can raise \$500 more than is now promised. We also expect to build a small church at Competition during the present year.

*Report of John Cooke, Missionary, Hanover county.*—My labors during the past year have been chiefly confined to the congregations at the Court House and Locust Grove, Louisa county; and I am sorry to add that I have nothing of interest or importance to report respecting them.

At both places the congregations have been respectable and attentive; but I fear that but little impression has been made in favor of the Church.

At the Court House they still talk of erecting a place for public worship; but, in consequence of the embarrassments of the times, the failure of some, and the death and removal of others, the prospect at present is rather discouraging; but we still indulge the hope of finally succeeding in the object.

At Locust Grove the continued sickness of the neighborhood greatly interfered with the regular attendance on public worship, as well as with my own administrations.

Having no conveniences for administering the ordinances of the Church, I am yet unable to state the number of families that give her the preference, or of those that are attached to her communion. I should think, however, that there could not be more than some half dozen of each.

I have officiated during the past year at but 2 Funerals and 1 Marriage.

*The Rev. George A. Smith, Principal of the Fairfax Institute, reports:* That he has regularly preached in the chapel of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, in connexion with the other clergy of the vicinity, and occasionally elsewhere. Being disqualified by weakness of voice from regular parochial duty, he continues to devote himself to the intellectual and religious education of his pupils, the number of whom, at the present time, is forty-five.

*Report of Lunenburg parish, Richmond county.*—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1—total 21, Baptisms, 2 infants; Funerals 7; Marriages 6.

*Report of Furnham parish, Richmond county.*—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, (one from another parish,) removed 1, excommunicated 1, died 1—total 19; Baptism, 1 adult; Funerals 5; Marriages 3.

*Report of Cople parish, Westmoreland county.*—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 21, one colored; Baptisms, 4 infants.

He has also solemnized 1 Marriage in Northumberland county, and performed 3 Funerals in Lancaster county.

*Christ Church parish, Lancaster county.*—J. Chowning, Lay-Delegate.—There having been no Rector in this parish for more than a year past, no report of the character required by the

canons can be made. The efforts of the vestry of this parish to obtain a pastor has, so far, been unavailing. Since the last report, the communicants, by death and removal, have been reduced to the number of thirty. Collected for the bishop and contingent funds \$22.

*Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county.*—Thomas E. Locke, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, died 1—total 53; Baptisms, adults, white 2, infants, white 5, colored 19—total 26; Confirmations 8; Marriages 2; Funerals 3. Amount contributed, to Education Society \$11; to Missionary purposes \$54 65.

*St. James' church, Dettingen parish, Prince William county.*—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 2, died 1, withdrawn 1—present number 14; Baptisms, infants, white 3, colored 2; Marriage 1, between free persons of color; Funerals 2. The project of building a suitable place of worship is again agitated in this parish.

During the past summer and autumn the Rector preached regularly every 4th Tuesday at Dumfries, Quantico church, Dettingen parish, and every fourth Wednesday at Aquia church, Overwharton parish, Stafford county. Congregations generally small; sometimes large. Communicants very few in number. Quantico church 3, Aquia church 4.

He has performed a few services in the new parish of Cedar Run, Fauquier county. Communicants 6; Baptism 1; Marriage 1; Funeral 1. It is hoped that the new church will be ready for consecration at the next visitation of the Bishop, and that this small, but zealous and deserving congregation will be soon supplied with the services of a devoted and efficient pastor.

*St. Paul's church, Leeds parish, Prince William county.*—J. Towles, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, removed 1, died 1—present number 22; Baptisms, adult 1, infants, white 7; Confirmations 8; Marriage 1; Funeral 1.

*Christ church, Norfolk.*—Upton Beall, Rector.—Communicants, added 28, died, removed, &c. 21—present number 330; Confirmations 99; Deaths 14; Marriages 6; Baptisms, infants 22, adult 1—total 23. Sunday school, number of teachers, female and male, 46; number of scholars, female and male, 235; superintendent, librarian, and secretary—total 284. Contributions \$3,652.

*St. Paul's church, Norfolk.*—B. M. Miller, Rector.—Communicants, added 23, (10 from other cures,) died 1, removed 4, withdrawn 1, present number 98; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 44—total 47; Confirmations 24; Funerals 10; Marriages 4. Contributions to various objects about \$250.

In addition to the above, the Rector would state, with grateful feelings to God, the continued advance of the external condition of the venerable sanctuary at whose altars he is permitted to minister. During the past year, beside several improvements of minor importance, there have been put up a new organ and a cupola and a bell of excellent tone. There is also now being erected within the sacred enclosures a neat and commodious building for a Sunday school and lecture room, of which possession, it is believed, will be had by midsummer.

*Elizabeth city parish, St. John's church, Hampton.*—M. L. Chevers, Rector.—Communicants, added 14—total 30; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 4—total 5; Confirmations 13; Funerals 5. Collected for missions \$11 50; also between 11 and 12 dollars for diocesan; Contingent and Bishop's fund \$30.

*Centurion church, Fort Monroe.*—M. L. Chevers, Chaplain.—Communicants, added 6—total 14; Baptisms, adult 1, infants, white 23, colored 2—total 26; Confirmations 4; Marriages 3; Funerals 8. Collected for missions \$18 50; Contingent and Bishop's fund \$14. A Sunday school, numbering 40 children, in successful operation.

*Christ church, Winchester.*—William Y. Rooker, Rector.—The present Rector took charge of this parish in January of this year. The names of Communicants left upon record by his predecessor numbers 75, there have since been added 17—total 92; Confirmations 16; he has baptized 2 adults and 5 children—total 7; solemnized 1 marriage, and buried 1 person. There are attached to the Sunday school 90 children, with 1 superintendent and 2 assistant superintendents and 15 teachers; the children are catechised once in two months in the church. Much interest upon the subject of religion has been manifested. Contribution to Bishop's fund \$45.

*Falls church, Fairfax parish.*—Richard T. Brown, Rector.—I took charge of this venerable church in October last, and found it in a languishing condition. As I could find no parish register, I was compelled to visit from house to house, and, as far as could be ascertained, found but 10 communicants and 6 families regularly connected with the church. Since my connexion with the congregation the following changes have taken place:

Communicants, died 1, added 10, (2 of whom were received from another denomination, and several of the others from other cures,)—total 20; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 2—total 4; Funerals 3. Families in constant attendance upon the services of the church 16.

A Bible class and Sabbath school and services for the benefit of the colored people, are also established at the church, under the care of brethren from the Theological Seminary.

**Fairfax court house.**—On the 8th of February last we had the pleasure of organizing a new congregation at this very destitute place, and prompt measures were adopted for the immediate erection of a plain and substantial church. The edifice has been commenced, and if not entirely finished, will be used during the present year. Some of the most influential citizens of the place and neighborhood are interested in the work; the ladies also are zealously engaged; and we trust that, by the blessings of God, the church at this place will exert a wide and purifying influence. Communicants 5. Families who will be regularly connected with the church, about 12. I preach once a fortnight to the colored people in the neighborhood of my location, and will extend my labors during the coming summer. This whole county, receiving, as it constantly does, large accessions to its population by emigration from the northern States, is indeed a field white unto the harvest.

**Christ church, Charlottesville.**—R. K. Meade, Rector.—Communicants, added 19, removed 3, died 3—total 78; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 4—total 7; Confirmations 23; Marriages 1; Funerals 5. Number of families 40. Amount collected for objects connected with the church \$682 70.

**Fairfax parish, Christ church, Alexandria, D. C.**—Charles B. Dana, Rector.—Communicants, added 30, twelve of whom are from other cures, removed 12, died 3—total 150; fifteen of this number are colored persons; Baptisms, adults 5, infants white 10, colored 2—total 17; Confirmations 25; Marriages 7; Funerals 9. Number of families 75. Amount contributed for benevolent purposes about \$600.

Connected with this church are a flourishing Sunday school, Bible class, and several benevolent societies. The services in the church and lecture room, which have been on an average three each week throughout the year, have generally been well attended; and an unusual degree of seriousness and religious interest has been prevalent in the congregation. In no former years since the present Rector's connexion with this parish, has he been more encouraged in his ministrations than during the year past; and he would add, with thankfulness to God, that he believes the present condition of the parish to be in all respects better, and its prospects more cheering, than at any previous time during the same period.

**Christ church, Millwood.**—W. G. H. Jones, Rector.—Communicants, removed 3, added 1—total 60; Baptisms, infants 6; Funerals 2; Marriages 3. Contributions to benevolent objects \$300.

The only item of special interest to be reported is the employment of a minister, whose labors will be devoted exclusively to the colored population of the parish.

The Rev. C. K. Nelson is the brother who has been selected for this noble object, and he is expected to enter upon his duties immediately after the convention.

**Franklin parish, Franklin county.**—E. Christian, Rector, reports that since the last Convention he has officiated, as regularly as his health would permit, in four different congregations, and that the prospects of the church are much more flattering than he had anticipated a year ago. Measures are now in progress for the erection of a neat and substantial church edifice in Rocky Mount.

**Hungar's parish, Northampton county.**—J. P. B. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 3, died 2—total 56; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 4, colored 16—total 22; Confirmations, 13; Funerals 18; Marriage 1. Amount contributed to benevolent institutions of the Church \$365.

**Hamilton parish, Fauquier.**—Geo. Lemmon, Rector.—Communicants, about 30; Baptisms 7; Confirmations 6; Marriages 6; Funerals 5. The reduction of the number of the communicants so much below former reports is to be accounted for, in part, by the fact that a new parish has been organized during the last 14 or 15 months within the ancient limits of Hamilton parish, and the additional fact that, after the erection of Leeds church, some of the communicants of Hamilton parish attached themselves to Leeds church. The congregation of St. James, Warrenton, however, continues good, and some vivid indications of an increasing interest in divine things have lately cheered the heart of the Rector. The church-building is now undergoing some repairs and improvements through the liberality and active zeal of a few ladies. Feeble health detains the rector from this Convention. Contributions to benevolent objects \$57 90.

**Leeds parish, Fauquier.**—Geo. Lemmon, Rector.—The writer of this report, constrained by feeble health, has lately resigned this parish; but has left it, he hopes, in a state, through the divine blessing, to profit richly by the labors of a faithful pastor. Communicants, about 30 or 35, added 10; Baptisms 3; Confirmations 14; Marriage 1; Funerals none. Contributions to benevolent objects \$64 85.

**St. Peter's church, Port Royal, and Grace church, St. Mary's parish, Caroline county.**—Wm. Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, removed 2, died 1—total 56; Marriages 3; Funerals 13; Baptisms 8. Contributions to various religious purposes, upward of \$300.

No material change has taken place in these churches since the last report, and their spiritual condition is healthy.

**St. John's church, Hanover parish, King George county.**—William Friend, Rector.—Communicants 6; Baptisms 3; Funeral 1.

The congregation in this church is at present small, but it is permanent and increasing. A neat brick church has been erected during the past year, and is now ready for consecration. Divine service is held in this church twice a month on Sunday evening, and on every fifth Sunday in the morning. Prospects are encouraging.

**St. James' church, Richmond.**—A. Empie, Rector.—Communicants, added 75, removed 14, died 2, withdrawn 1—total 150; only one of these is a colored person; Baptisms, adults 5 white and 1 colored, children 23—total 29; Confirmations 68, making, in the last 15 months, 89; Marriages 5; Funerals 15, only 6 of which belonged to the parish. Number of families 100, adults 234, children about 150. Amount of collections \$252 85.

The Sunday school has much improved, and has on its register 66 pupils. The church has been completed (the steeple excepted) at an expense of from 1100 to 1200 dollars. A parish library has been founded, comprising now between 300 and 400 volumes. Seven hundred dollars of our church debt has been extinguished, and the condition of the parish, temporally and spiritually, is still slowly improving. God be thanked for his goodness to our church and people.

**St. John's church, Henrico parish, Richmond.**—J. Horace Morrison, Rector.—The Rector has only had charge of this parish between two and three months. According to the best information he can obtain, the number of communicants, at the time of his taking charge of it, was 32. One has since been added, and one infant baptized. Seven were recently confirmed. There has been one funeral. The services held during lent were well attended, and it is hoped that they were instrumental in producing some degree of seriousness in the congregation. The Rector thinks the prospects of the church, on the whole, encouraging.

**Christ church, Richmond.**—George Woodbridge, Rector.—Communicants, added 27, removed 10, died 3—total 120; Baptisms, adults 6, (1 colored,) infants 24—total 30; Confirmed 36, (2 colored;) Marriages 4; Funerals 16.

The Rector would state, as a matter of interest and encouragement, that there are four very promising students from Christ church at this time at the Theological Seminary, preparing for ordination.

The congregation have raised, during the past year, about \$720; a part of which has been devoted to the repairs of the church edifice, the remainder to the general institutions of the church. A large part of this sum was raised by the zeal and exertions of the ladies.

**Monumental church, Richmond.**—Wm. Norwood, Rector.—Funerals 22; Marriages 11; Baptisms, adults 5, infants 48—total 53; Confirmed 63; Communicants, added 38, removed 16, dead 5—total 279. Contributions, to monument to Bishop Moore \$1,623, diocesan purposes \$500, missions \$285 61, charities \$335, Sunday school \$94 26, Theological Seminary \$164, Convention fund \$279, from Benevolent Society of Monumental church, for missions, \$55—total \$3,335 87.

**St. John's and St. Luke's churches, Kanawha parish, and Bangor and St. John's in the Valley, St. Mark's parish.**—James Craik, Rector.—Communicants, added 13, removed 1, died 1, withdrawn 1—total 63; Baptisms, adults 3, infants white 27, colored 3—total 33; Confirmations none; Marriages 2; Funerals 4; Families about 50; adults about 150, infants about 150. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$25.

[We reported something under this last head last year, but the Secretary or publisher of the Journal has omitted to state it. We cannot do much, but do not like to be published as altogether unmindful of our obligations.]

A part of the ground included in the above report is missionary; and I am happy to say that if the "poor" had nearly "failed out of our churches," as was most sadly true, they are beginning, in one portion of this field, to return. On this account I have not attempted at one of these points to collect the conventional fund, or in any way to speak of pecuniary contributions.

**Lytleton parish, Cumberland county.**—W. H. Kinckle, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, died 1—total 36; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 2—total 4; Confirmations 9; Marriages 3; Funerals 3; Contributions about \$100.

Since the last Convention a new church has been consecrated at Ca-Ira. It is built of brick, 32 by 48, with vestry room and a gallery for servants. Considerable interest is beginning to be felt by several individuals of the parish in behalf of servants. Two gentlemen have put up, at their joint expense, a neat and commodious chapel, near the dividing line of their plantations, for the instruction of their people. Another gentleman has a chapel in progress for the same purpose. And a third intends fitting up a spare room on his premises in which to have religious instruction imparted to them. The prospect of doing good among both bond and free in this parish, we think, encouraging.

*Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann county.*—J. G. Hull, Rector.—Since the last Convention the number of communicants added is 21—total 32; Confirmed 16; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 30—total 34; Marriage 1; Funerals 3.

The prospects of this parish are surely brightening. Through the vigorous exertions of its members a flourishing Sunday school has been lately established, and the erection of a new church edifice is now in progress, to be completed in September next; when it is confidently believed the strength of the parish will be greatly augmented.

*Lexington parish, Amherst county.*—David Caldwell, Rector.—Communicants, added 10, removed 7, died 1—total 90; Baptisms, 9 infants; Marriages 5; Funerals 8.

There are in this parish four well attended congregations, and the religious state of them all is of such a character as to encourage the belief that the growth of our church in Amherst will be large and rapid.

*Martin's Brandon parish, Prince George county.*—Aristides S. Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, removed 2, transferred to St. John's church, City Point, 6, died 1—total 23; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 8—total 12; Confirmations 5. Four other communicants were confirmed during the year in adjacent parishes. Funerals, 6 whites.

Amount collected for different institutions of the church \$76, and upwards of \$333 given to other benevolent institutions not strictly belonging to the church. Besides this, the parish has also erected a comfortable parsonage, in which the rector now resides, costing about \$1,400. The prospects of the church in this parish, (which, a few years since, had almost gone to decay,) the rector thinks are brightening.

*Report of E. B. McGuire, Missionary in Meherrin parish, Greenville, and Albemarle parish, Sussex county.*—Communicants added, white 6, (2 of these from other cures,) colored 7—total 26; Baptisms, 2 adults; Funeral 1.

These parishes have been without regular religious services for many years, and the present mission commenced his labors in November last. He thinks that the ministrations of the Gospel have not been without usefulness. The religious instruction of the colored population occupies part of his time. A new church is in progress of erection, and will, it is hoped, be completed during the summer.

*Meade parish, Fauquier county, and Middleburg, Loudoun county.*—P. Slaughter, Minister.—Communicants, added 15, removed 2, died 1—total 40; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 5—total 7; Confirmations 9; Funerals 9.

The house of worship reported to the last Convention as being in contemplation at Middleburg, is now ready for consecration. Our grateful thanks are due to the Episcopalians of Norfolk for their noble contribution of more than \$300 to this edifice. One thousand dollars have been subscribed for a parsonage at Upperville; the completion of which we hope to have the pleasure of reporting to the next Convention. The demands upon our little flock for these works of internal improvement have necessarily curtailed their contributions to the general institutions of the church. In reviewing the brief history of this infant parish, the Minister finds many reasons for thankfulness and encouragement.

*St. John's church, Moore parish, Campbell county.*—S. D. Tompkins, Rector.—The whole number of Communicants 14; 1 Confirmation, and 1 Marriage.

There are only two Episcopal families living in the vicinity of St. John's. In these there are 8 adults and 10 children, and only 4 Communicants. The other friends and members of the church live at a distance from the place of worship.

I preach twice a month at St. John's, besides lecturing once a week. I also preach once a month at Brook Neal, and occasionally at other places in the county.

*St. Paul's church, Lynchburg.*—Thomas Atkinson, Rector.—Communicants, added since the last Convention 28, (of these, 3 were colored persons, and several were from other cures,) removed 13, died 2—total 116, including 1 omitted in last year's report; Baptisms, adults 9, viz: white 7, colored 2, infants 28, all white—total 37; Confirmations 24; Marriages 11, of these, 6 were white and 5 colored; Funerals 6.

The number of families belonging to the congregation could hardly be ascertained, there being no pews in the church, and the attendance of some families being only occasional.

There have been contributed to the various benevolent objects connected with the church \$376 25, besides contributions to other objects not supposed to be intended to be reported. It is believed that, in all respects, the church in Lynchburg is advancing, and likely to continue to advance.

*Nelson parish, Nelson county.*—Cleland K. Nelson, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 1—total 40; Confirmations 4; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 3—total 5; Marriage 1; Funerals 12. Contributions \$91.

*Christ church, New Port parish, Isle of Wight county.*—Thomas Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 14, died 2, removed 3—total, (including 5 colored,) 55; Baptisms, adults white 2, infants white 10, colored 5—total 17; Confirmations, (1 taking place at Chuckatuck,) 15; Marriages, 1 white, 1 colored—total 2; Funerals, white 7. Collections for different institutions of the church \$116 04.

Remarks.—The condition of the parish pretty much as heretofore.

*Chuckatuck, lower parish of Nansemond.*—Thomas Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 2—total 8; Baptism, 1 white infant; Confirmations, (omitting the one from Smithfield,) 3. Collections for different institutions of the church \$25 63.

Remarks.—No other special than the general one of encouragement. The Rector, about closing his eighth and last report from this portion of the Lord's vineyard, hopes to be indulged with the privilege of spreading on the Journal of the Convention a brief summary of his labors. He settled, in the year 1835, soon after his ordination, and has ever since continued in this most extensive and laborious mission. Admitting to the Communion about 100; presenting for Confirmation about 60; celebrating about 30 Marriages; Baptizing about 150; Burying about 130; and collecting for the various institutions of the church about \$550. These results have been coupled with the most cordial intimacy, the most unbroken harmony and uninterrupted friendship, of pastor and people. He has had his trials, heavy and grievous; but not at the hands or the lips of his charge. Notwithstanding the frequency of his calls to perform the funeral office, he does not know that one of his immediate flocks has departed this for the life to come without leaving behind a comfortable assurance of a happy exchange. His communions now consist of 63, of whom 18 are males and 45 are females; two or three are inclined to the ministry, and one has already entered it. At his first settlement he found only 11, and they in a very few families; he found no clergyman but one far advanced in years and infirm, from Portsmouth to Petersburg. Since then there have labored in the same bounds 6 others—3 of whom still occupy the ground, 1 has removed, and 2 have gone to their rest.

Heretofore the Rector has, single-handed, supported this interesting mission, spending out of his own substance what was requisite to that end. Having nothing more to spend, his affectionate pastoral love to the nurturing care of Bishops' Convention and Diocesan Missionary Society. The field invites earnestly, and promises abundantly.

Number of Communicants in Smithfield 55, in Chuckatuck 8 (5 colored off)—total 58.

Heretofore paid for servants, improperly, \$5. Now to be raised by Smithfield and Chuckatuck \$53.

*Norborne parish, Berkeley county.*—Churches, Mount Zion, Hedgesville; and Trinity, Martinsburg.—James Chisholm, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 6, died 1—total 94; (of the communicants added, 2 were from other parishes;) Baptisms, adults white 2, infants 8 white and 5 colored—total 15; Confirmations none; Marriages 5; Funerals 3. Number of families, \$40, for other benevolent objects \$16—total 56.

Remarks.—There are in the parish three church Sunday schools, containing, together, 100 pupils, and served by 20 teachers. In one of the schools there are classes of young colored catechumens, who are orally taught. By the aid of a devoted Lay Reader, the Rector is enabled to maintain constant services within the parish ten miles distant from either of the two parish churches. It is expected that the congregation at Martinsburg, which has been sometime without a stated place of worship, will, during the summer, enter their new church. In Mount Zion church, divine service is performed for colored congregations in the afternoon of every communion day.

*Trinity church, Portsmouth parish, Norfolk county.*—J. H. Wingfield, Rector.—Communicants, added 14, removed 8, died 5—total 100; Baptisms, adults white 6, infants white 13, colored 8—total 27; Confirmations, white 53; Marriages, white 3, colored 2—total 5; Funerals, white 7, colored 2—total 9. Number of families 74. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church: For missions \$100, for Bible society \$25, for Church in P. A. \$35, for pairs and improvements of the church edifice and contingent expenses of congregation, at least \$600 more—total \$1,427.

The vestry, upon their own responsibility, have succeeded in greatly improving the internal arrangements and appearance of the church, by erecting new pews with three aisles, and putting up a handsome and fine-toned new organ, purchased of Mr. Erben for 1,000 dollars. The Rector feels much encouraged by these laudable efforts, and trusts they will be approved by the Great Head of the church as promotive of his glory. Sunday school still in operation, and, it is hoped, doing some good.

*St. Paul's church, Suffolk, Nansemond county.*—J. H. Wingfield, Rector.—Communicants, added 14, withdrawn 1—total 27; Baptisms, adults white 5, infants white 5—total 10; Confirmations 15. Number of families 20. No contributions except to Convention of \$15 68.

The prospects in this parish are more encouraging at this time than at any previous period since the present Rector has had it in charge; and he thinks it only requires more frequent and regular services, by a resident minister, to effect a large increase, both to the congregation and communion.

*Raleigh parish, Amelia, Dale parish, Chesterfield, and Grace church, St. James' parish, Powhatan county*—P. F. Berkeley, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, removed 6—total 43; Baptisms, adults white 2, infants white 6, colored 1—total 9; Confirmations 9; Marriages 3; Funerals 8. Number of families 34; adults 117, infants 68. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$214.

Grace church, in St. James' parish, has been completed and consecrated since the last report from that parish. The cost (1,450 dollars) has been paid or secured, with the exception of a sum less than 100 dollars.

*Russel parish, Bedford county*—J. S. Marbury, Rector.—Since last Convention have been added to the Communion 25, several from other parishes, died 2, making the present number 106; Baptisms, adults 4, infants white 20, colored 1—total 25; Confirmations 24; Marriages 5, 2 of colored persons; Funerals 4. Amount of benevolent contributions \$145.

In addition to the contributions the Rector would add that the ladies of St. Stephen's church have, at the expense of \$220, presented to the church a neat service of plate. Also, that the gentlemen of same church are rebuilding it, in order to enlarge it for the increasing congregation.

*Ronoake parish, Halifax county*—Jno. T. Clark, Rector.—Communicants, died 1, added 2—total 13; Funerals 2; Marriages 2; Families 10. Candidates for confirmation 1. Confirmation 1. Contributions about \$100.

A new church was finished last year, and consecrated by Bishop Johns, in which services are held once a month.

*Trinity church, St. Andrew's parish, Shepherdstown, Jefferson county*—C. W. Andrews, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, died 1—total 36; Baptisms, infant 1. Number of families 35; parts of families 10. Parish library of 100 volumes. Amount collected since December, for different institutions connected with the church, \$225 64.

The Rector took charge of this parish in November last, and thinks it, although small, yet an interesting and promising field of labor. During the past year the congregation have erected a new church edifice, which they have furnished with an organ, bell, and clock, and they are out of debt.

*St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, and Bath parish, Dinwiddie county*—Thomas T. Castleman, Rector.—Communicants added, white 20 (6 from other cures,) colored 9—total added 29; transferred to other cures 14, died 5, suspended 1—whole number 100; Confirmations, white 27, colored 13—total 40; Baptisms, white adult 1, colored 8, infants white 13, colored 4—total 26; Marriages 3; Funerals 22.

Amount contributed to benevolent institutions of the church \$105 62½.

*St. Ann's parish, Essex county*—John P. McGuire, Pastor.—Communicants, added 2, removed 1, died 2—total white 23, colored 2; Baptisms, infants white 4; Marriages 3; Funerals 3.

*South Farnham parish, Essex county*—Jno. P. McGuire, Pastor.—Communicants, added 6, removed 5—total 29; Baptisms, infants white 7, colored 19—total 26; Marriages 3; Funerals 2.

The usual collections for the different institutions connected with the church have been made. There has been an increased attendance upon the public services of the church, and an improving prospect for usefulness.

The religious interests of the colored population has attracted more attention. In one of the parishes the Rev. Mr. Temple labors for their benefit. Good has been already done, by the implanting of divine truths in minds greatly in need of such instruction, and it is hoped that it is the beginning of an important work.

*St. George's parish, Accomac county*—Thos. W. Winchester, Rector.—Communicants 32; Baptisms, infants white 8, colored 7—total 15; Marriage 1; Funerals 4.

Nothing calling for special remark at present exists in reference to this parish. Up to the last six months it had been for some time vacant, consequently, no accessions have been made to the church since the last report. On the 18th of April the Rector was admitted to priest's orders in St. James' church, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns, on the occasion of his visitation to the parish at that time. This is the first ordination ever held in the parish.

*St. George's church, Fredericksburg*—E. C. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 16, died 5, removed 13, withdrawn 2—total 150; Baptisms, adults 2, infants 22—total 24; Confirmations 15; Funerals 16; Marriages 8; Sunday schools 3; scholars 150; Bible classes 2; members about 60. Contributions to various benevolent objects, about \$1,000.

The Lord has sent down upon the congregation, through the past year, the healthful spirit of his grace, whereby a number have been quickened who were dead in sin, and others have been

enabled to persevere in holy living. It is also mentioned, with pleasure, that an unusual religious sensibility seems at this time to prevail among the people, from which, as some good fruit has already been realized, so more, it is humbly hoped, will be gathered in due season.

*St. James' parish, Mecklenburg county*—F. H. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 11, removed 3—total 73; Baptisms 3; Confirmations 19; Funerals 3. Amount contributed to the different benevolent institutions of the church \$224.

During the visit of the Assistant Bishop to this parish last fall, the church edifice at Boynton was consecrated, and a favorable impression made in behalf of the church.

*St. Margaret's church, St. Margaret's parish, Caroline county*—William Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 11—total 36; Baptisms, adults 4, infants 2—total 6; Funerals 6.

*St. John's church, and Christ church, St. George's parish, Spottsylvania*—William Friend, Rector.—Communicants 27.

I have preached at St. Margaret's church regularly, since last September, on the Saturday preceding my service in Grace church. Attendance upon the service has, at all times, been large. Much interest in spiritual things has been manifested by the congregation during the past year. I have also given occasional services to the congregations in St. John's and Christ churches. The three churches which form one cure have been deprived of a pastor, during the last nine months, in consequence of the removal of the Rev. Mr. Falkler.

*St. James', Southam, and King William parishes, Powhatan county*—J. A. Massey Rector.—Communicants, added 19, 2 from other cures—total 27; Baptisms, adults white 7 colored 1, infants white 7 colored 39—total 54; Confirmations 7; Funerals 2. Number of families 26. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$50 37½.

The Rector adds, with gratitude to Almighty God, that his labors in this new and long-neglected field have been more abundantly blessed, during the past year, than he had any reason to expect. Prejudice and opposition, he thinks, are decreasing, and the present spiritual condition of the churches is such as to encourage hope. One new church is now under contract, and another will probably be commenced in the fall.

*St. James' parish, Northam, Goochland, and Fluvanna counties*—Richard H. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added white 8, colored 4—total 42; Baptisms, adults white 3, colored 4, infants white 5, colored 28—total 40; Confirmations 15; Marriages, white 2, colored 5—total 7; Funerals 4.

Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$150.

*St. John's church, City Point*—Malcolm Macfarland, Rector.—Communicants, added 5—total 14; Baptisms, adults white 2, infants white 6, colored 2—total 10; Confirmations 6; Marriages, white 1, colored 2—total 3; Funerals 5.

Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church, about \$40.

*St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county*—J. W. Woodville, Minister.—Since the last Convention 1 Communicant has died and 2 have removed from the parish, making the present number 10; Marriages 3; Funeral 1.

The congregations are regular and attentive.

*St. Stephen's church, St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county*—Jno. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, (1 colored) removed 5, died 4—total 51; Baptisms, infants colored 13; Confirmations 5; Marriages 2; Funerals 6.

*St. James' church, St. Mark's parish, Culpeper county*—Jno. Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, removed 4—total 15; Baptisms, infants white 2, colored 2—total 4; Confirmations 8; Marriages 1.

Since my last report the new church (St. James') has been consecrated to the service of Almighty God. Services have, during the past, as in preceding years, been held in each of these churches for the colored people, and in St. Stephen's church these services have been well attended, and good, it is hoped, has been done. The contributions by the members of the church, to the various benevolent objects, have, for a few years past, been comparatively small; but it may be proper to remark that, during that time, some 25 or 27 hundred dollars have been raised for the building of St. James', and for repairs on St. Stephen's; and that this amount has been contributed almost entirely by the very few among us who have the ability to contribute any thing.

There have been contributed, during the past year, for foreign missions, by St. Stephen's church, \$11 50, and \$5 to the Education Society. By St. James' church, \$11 50 for Foreign Missions, \$5 for Diocesan Missions, and \$11 50 for the Education Society—total \$44 50.

*St. Matthew's church, Wheeling, Ohio county*—Wm. Armstrong, Rector.—Communicants 100; Baptisms, adults 5, infants 20; Marriages 8; Funerals 8. Sunday school, 100 children, 13 teachers.



The Rector has nothing of special interest to report concerning the spiritual condition of his congregation. In common with many of the churches throughout the west, our means for rendering assistance to the benevolent institutions of the church have been seriously affected. The offerings of his congregation, however, though less in amount, are now as much, if not more, in proportion to the means of his people, than when times were considered favorable.

*St. Martin's parish, Hanover county.*—Wm. V. Bowers, Rector.—Communicants, added 13, (1 of whom was from another parish,) removed 1, died 1—total 72; Baptisms, adults 2, children 9—total 11; Confirmations 13; Marriage 1; Funerals 9. Number of families 46. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$120.

One Sunday school, containing 7 teachers, and 50 scholars in average attendance, and a library.

The Rector had the pleasure of moving into a neat and comfortable rectory, on the 1st of July last, erected by his parish. There is still a debt against it.

St. Paul's church, at Hanover court-house, is still incomplete; but the prospect of completing it, this summer, for consecration, is fair.

The colored population are instructed on Sunday evenings by the Rector.

*St. Thomas' church, Orange county.*—J. Earnest, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, (1 from another cure,) withdrawn 1, died 1—total 44; Baptisms, adult 1, infants white 5, colored 4—total 10; Marriages 6; Funerals 6. Contributions to various benevolent objects \$105 31.

Since the last Convention, the congregation in Louisa of which the Rector has had charge, has been organized, and a parish formed. The number of Communicants within the bounds of the parish amounts to but 3 or 4; but small as is the number at present, the prospects for building up the church, in this destitute region, are encouraging. Contributions to institutions connected with the church \$156 27.

*St. Paul's church, Alexandria.*—J. T. Johnston, Rector.—Communicants, added 28, (7 from other cures,) removed 12, died 3—total 150; Baptisms, adults white 6, colored 1, infants white 39, colored 1—total 47; Confirmations, (2 from Theological Seminary,) 22; Marriages 5; Funerals 4. Sunday schools 2; superintendents 2; teachers 26; scholars 215. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$581 05.

*St. Paul's parish, King George county.*—John Martin, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1, died 2—total 27; Baptisms, infants 2; Marriages 3; Funerals 7; Number of families, in aggregate, 30.

Since the last report, the parsonage then alluded to has been built, and is now occupied by the minister. The church edifice has also been repaired and improved. The congregation continues good, and the hope is entertained that the work of the Lord will not cease to prosper among them. Several hundred dollars have been contributed for parochial purposes, and fifty dollars forwarded for missions. Children are regularly catechised. Occasional services not mentioned.

*Washington parish, Westmoreland county.*—Jno. Martin, Rector.—Communicants 5; Number of families about 20.

No building has yet been erected for public worship. The purpose, however, has not been abandoned, and there is good reason to suppose that, under a more suitable arrangement than at present exists, the church will increase, and become strong in this neighborhood.

*St. James' church, Shelburne parish, Loudoun county.*—George Adie, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, died 1, removed 1, withdrawn 1—total whites 80, colored 2; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 4; Marriages, 3 white, 2 colored—total 5; Funerals 12; Families 60. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, about \$250.

The Sunday school is well attended; in which are occasionally visible some good fruits, growing out of the labors of pious and zealous teachers. Connected with this school, there is a colored department, in which Christian instruction is imparted to that too much neglected portion of our population. He still preaches, when his health will permit, at Belmont, Miss Mercer's school, twice a month in the year. He also preaches on the third Sunday in every month at Aldie, where there are 7 communicants.

*St. John's, Brooke county.*—J. L. Harrison, Rector.—Communicants, added 3—total 33; Marriages none; Burials, infants 2; Baptisms none.

*Christ church, Wellsburgh, Brooke county.*—J. L. Harrison, Rector.—Communicants, 2 added and 2 deceased—total 18; Marriages 4; Burials, 2 adults, 1 infant—total 3; Baptism, 1 infant. My time has been equally divided, during the past year, between the parish of St. John's, in the centre of the county, and the parish of Christ church, Wellsburgh, with the exception of 4 Sunday days, 2 of which were spent in the parishes in Ohio.

*Tillotson parish, Buckingham county.*—J. Horace Morrison, late Rector.—Communicants added, including 1 colored, 11, removed 9, withdrawn 1—total 33; Baptisms, adults (1 colored,) 5, 2 infants—total 7; Confirmations, 17 colored; Marriages 2; Funeral, 1 colored.

*Walker's parish, Albemarle county.*—E. Boyden, Rector.—The congregations in this parish have increased. 2 Communicants have removed, 1 has died, 3 have been added—total 23; Baptism 4; Funerals 2. A Bible class for the young is, usually, well attended. A fund is being raised for rebuilding the church edifice. Contributions for benevolent purposes \$75.

*Christ church, St. Ann's parish, Albemarle county.*—E. Boyden, Rector.—In this parish there has been little change during the past year. Greatly blessed with temporal prosperity, many are forgetful of the due return to God of grateful and zealous service.

Baptism 1; Funerals 3; Communicants, 2 added and 1 removed—total 18. Contributions for benevolent objects \$50.

*Wesiger parish, Charles City county.*—W. T. Leavell, Rector.—Communicants, added 3—total 23; Baptisms, infants white 9, colored 2—total 11; Funerals, white 3, colored 5—total 8.

Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$60. The Rector would further report the completion of the parochial improvements mentioned in his report of the last year. The cost of these has pressed so heavily upon the church as to demand contributions, which, otherwise, would have been made to objects of benevolence. The prospects of the church are far more encouraging now than they have been at any former period since its reorganization in the county.

*West Russel parish, Bedford county.*—Nelson Sale, Minister.—Communicants, added 13, one from another parish—total 37; Baptisms, adults 3, white infants 4—total 7; Confirmations 9; Funeral 1. Amount collected for different objects connected with the church, about \$60.

The Minister is encouraged, from recent indications, to hope for the greatly increased prosperity of the church in his parish. Not only is the relative accession to the number of communicants very encouraging, but there are gratifying evidences of increasing zeal in our communion, as well as of the increased number of friends and supporters.

About \$4000 have recently been subscribed for the erection of two new churches in the parish, in which there has been none hitherto. Upwards of \$3000 of which is to be appropriated to the building of a church in the town of Liberty, the county seat of Bedford; and the balance to the erection of one, ten or eleven miles north, in the country. It is hoped that both will be completed the ensuing autumn, or early next spring.

This most gratifying evidence of the success of the church in his parish, comparatively a new and feeble one, which, from its first organization, always paid out something to almost all the different institutions connected with the church, and never received the smallest aid from abroad, when viewed in connexion with the unparalleled pecuniary embarrassment of the country generally, the minister cannot but regard as extraordinary, if not almost unexampled in modern liberality.

*Wickliffe parish, Clarke county.*—Alexander Shiras, Rector.—Number of Communicants last reported 79, to these have been added 15, (three by removal from other parishes,) 3 have removed, and 4 have died, leaving the present number 87; Baptisms, adults 3 infant 1 colored—total 4; Confirmations 9; Marriages 10; Funerals 9. Families connected with the parish 46. Amount collected for parochial purposes about two hundred dollars. For different institutions connected with the church about the same.

Frequent indisposition has much hindered the rector in the performance of his duties during the past year. He has sown less of the seed of the Word, and received less of its precious fruits, than in any previous year. Still he is not discouraged. Tokens of the divine blessing are not utterly withheld; and his hope is that God's strength may be made perfect in his weakness.

*Woodville parish, Rockbridge and Bolecourt counties.*—Wm. Bryant, Rector.—Communicants, number last reported 23, added since 28, (one from another parish,) removed 1, died 1—total 49; Baptisms, adults 9, infants 8—total 17; Confirmations 21; Marriage 1; Funerals 2.

The prospects before us in this parish, I am happy to be able to say, are encouraging. We are every day convinced more and more of the importance of our position. This will be seen when it is considered that, of the additions already made to our communion, a large proportion (more than one-half) are young gentlemen of promise from the different literary institutions in the vicinity; and may we not reasonably expect that similar accessions will in future be made from the same? Formerly the objection was made to Lexington, as a place of learning, that there was no Episcopal church established there, and Episcopalians desiring to improve its advantages for the benefit of their children, could only do so at a sacrifice of other and important considerations. This objection has now, in some measure, been removed; and parents may send their sons, and young men, already in the church, may come to Lexington with the assurance that their spiritual interests, in the bosom of their own church, will be duly provided for.

We are not, however, without our discouragements. The want of a church edifice has, we believe, somewhat retarded our progress. The court-house in which we worship being most unsuitable for the building up of a congregation, a proposition, made at the time of Bishop Meade's visitation, to proceed at once to the erection of a building, has been responded to with a zeal and liberality highly gratifying, and promising ample success. \$2,800 have been pledged, \$1,600 of which is from our own parish.

Aided by the proceeds of our Ladies Missionary Society in the parish, a lot has been purchased at an expense of \$400, and a building, estimated at about \$3,500, put under contract, to be completed and ready for consecration by May next.

Henry W. L. Temple reports: That, with the approval of Bishop Meade, his efforts have been directed to the religious instruction of the servants in the neighborhood in which he resides. The servants of one individual (who has afforded every facility for imparting religious instruction to them, and kindly furnished a house for the purpose,) are sufficient of themselves to compose a large congregation. Besides these, there are many others whose owners are pleased to have instructed in the truths of religion. From this favorable disposition on the part of masters, (and some of them not professors of religion,) there is reason to believe that God's hand is in the work, and that labor thus spent "will not be in vain in the Lord."

His plan has been to preach to the older servants in a plain and simple manner, suited to their understandings; to catechise the younger on the doctrines, precepts, and duties of the Christian religion; to teach them to repeat passages of Scripture, parts of the church service, and hymns adapted to their capacity.

It is pleasing to find how soon, and with what interest, these are enabled to go through such exercises; and it is encouraging to hope that the seed of divine truth thus sown may bring forth fruit unto eternal life.

## FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

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

**NOTE.**—The Clergy are respectfully requested to frame their Parochial Reports in strict conformity with the above form—the time and labor required in framing the abstract, and the importance of furnishing the Committee on Finance with a statement speedily as possible after the opening of the Convention, renders this request necessary. The Clergy are further requested, when not attending the Convention, to transmit their reports to the *Secretary*, otherwise he cannot be answerable for their omission in the Journal.

B. M. MILLER,  
*Secretary of Convention, and*  
*Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.*

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAPTISMS.					Confirmations.	Marriages.	Funerals.	No. of Families.	Contributions.
	Added.		Removed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total.	Whites.		Colored.							
	Whites.	Colored.					Adults.	Infants.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.					
Abingdon and Ware parishes, Gloster county	11				3	61	1	21			23	9	4	9		\$300 00
Antrim parish, Halifax county	15	2	3		2	47	7	2	22	28	59	13	5	8		846 64
Augusta parish, Trinity church, Staunton county	12		3	1	1	47		5			5	25	8	7		354 52
Bristol parish, St. Paul's church, Petersburg	41		21		6	225	4	45			49	30	12	16		1250 00
Botetourt parish, Botetourt county	8			1		31	3	2			5		3	3		120 00
Bruton parish, Williamsburg	7	130	14			192		9	38	1	48	17	10	7		210 00
Bristol parish, Grace church, Petersburg						25	7	26			33	7	2	20		
Camden parish, Pittsylvania and Henry counties	16		3			33	4	16		2	22	10	1	3		
Cople parish, Westmoreland county	1	1				31		4								
Christ Church parish, Lancaster county (vacant.)																
Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county	7				1	53	2	5		19	26	8	2	3		65 65
Ceder Run parish, Fauquier county	6							1					1	1		
Christ church, Wellsburgh	2					18		1					4	3		
Dettingen parish, Prince William county	2		2		1	14		3		2	5		1	2		
Elizabeth River parish, Christ church, Norfolk	28		7		14	330	1	22			23	99	6			3632 00
Do. St Paul's, Norfolk	23		4		1	98	3	44	47		47	24	4	10		250 00
Elizabeth City parish, St. John's, Hampton county	14					30	1	4			5	13		5		23 00
Do. Centurion church, Fort Monroe	6					14	1	23	2		26	4	3	8		18 50
Falls church, Fairfax parish	10				1	20	2	2			4			3	16	
Frederickville parish, Charlotteville, Christ church	19		3		3	78	3	4			7	23	1	5	40	682 70
Frederick parish, Christ church, Winchester	17					92	2	5			7	16	1	1		
Farnham parish, Richmond county	9		1	1	1	19	1						3	5		
Fairfax parish, Christ church, Alexandria	30		12	3	3	150	5	10	2		17	25	7	9	75	600 00
Frederick parish, Christ church, Clarke county	1		3			60		6					3	2		300 00
Hamilton parish, Warrenton, Fauquier county						30		7				6	6	5		57 90
Hanover parish, St. John's church, King George county						6		3						1		
Henrico parish, St. James' church, Richmond	75		14		2	150	5	23	1		29	68	5	15	100	252 85
Hungar parish, Northampton county	9		2		2	56	2	4		16	22	13	1	18		365 00

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Henrico parish, St. John's church, Richmond	1					33		1			7			1		
Henrico parish, Christ church, Richmond	27		10		3	120	5	24			30	36	4	16		400 00
Henrico parish, Monumental church, Richmond	38		16		5	278	5	48	1		53	68	11	22		3335 87
Kenawha parish, St. John's and St. Lukes churches, and Bangor and St. John's churches, St. Mark's parish	13		1		1	68	3	27		3	33		2	4	50	25 00
Leeds parish, Fauquier county	10					30		3			3	14	1	3		64 25
Lynnhaven parish, Princess Ann county	21					32	4	30			31	16	1	3		
Leeds parish, Prince William county	7		1		1	22	1	7			8	8	1	1		
Lexington parish, Amherst county	10		7		1	90		9					5	8		
Lunenburg parish, Richmond county	1		1			21		2					6	7		
Lyttleton parish, Cumberland county	8				1	36	2	2			4	9	3	3		100 00
Martin's Brandon parish, Prince George county	12		2		1	23	4	8			12	5		6		76 00
Meherrin parish, Greenville and Albemarle parishes, Sussex county	6	7				26		2						1		
Meade parish, Loudoun county	15		2		1	40	2	5			7	9		9		
Moore parish, St. John's church						14							1			
Moore parish, St. Paul's church, Lynchburg	28		13		2	116	7	28	2		37	24	11	6		376 25
Nelson parish, Nelson county	4				1	40	2	3			5	4	1	12		
Newport parish, Christ church, Isle of Wight	14		3		2	55	2	10		5	17	15	2	7		116 04
Nansemond parish, Chuckatuck	4				2	8		1				3				25 63
Norborne parish, Berkeley county	9		6		1	94	2	18		5	15		5	3	10	56 00
Portsmouth parish, Trinity church, Portsmouth	14		8		5	100	6	13		8	27	53	5	9	74	160 00
Overwharton parish, Aquia church	4															
Raleigh parish, Amelia, Dale parish, Chesterfield and St. James' Parish, Powhatan	8		6			43	2	6		1	9	9	3	8	34	214 00
Russell parish, Bedford county	25				2	106	4	20		1	25	24	5	4		145 00
Roanoake parish, Halifax county	2				1	13							2	2	10	100 00
St. Andrews parish, Trinity church, Shepherdstown	3				1	36				1					35	22 64
St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick and Bath parish, Dinwiddie county	20	9		1	5	100	1	13	8	4	26	40	5	22		105 62
St. Ann's parish, Essex county	2		1		2	28		4					3	3		
South Farnham parish, Essex county	6		5			29		7		19	26		3	2		
St. George's parish, Accomac county						32		8			7	15	1	4		
St. George's parish, St. George's church, Fredericksburg	16		18		5	150	2	22			24	15	8	16		1000 00
St. James' parish, Mecklenburg county	11		3			73		3				19		3		224 00
St. James' parish, Southam and King William parish, Powhatan	19					27	7	7	1	39	54	7		2	26	50 37
St. James' parish, Northam, Goochland, and Fluvanna	8	4				42	3	6	4	28	40	15	7	4		150 00
St. John's church, City Point	5					14	2	6		2	10	6	3	5		40 00
St. Margaret's parish, St. Margaret's church, Caroline county	11					36	4	2			6			6		
St. George's parish, St. John's and Christ church, Spotsylvania						27										
St. Mark's parish, Stevensburg, Culpeper county			2		1	10								3	1	
St. Matthew's parish, St. Matthew's church, Wheeling, Ohio county						100	5	20						8	8	
St. Martin's parish, Hanover county	13		1		1	72	2	9			11	13	1	9	46	120 00

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PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	COMMUNICANTS.				BAPTISMS.				Confirmations.	Marriages.	Funerals.	No. of families.	Contributions.			
	Added.		Removed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total.	Whites.							Colored.		Total.
	Whites.	Colored.					Adults.	Infants.						Adults.	Infants.	
St. Mark's parish, St. Stephen's church, Culpeper county	8	1	5	4	51	2	2	13	2	6	6		\$44 50			
St. Mark's parish, St. James' church, Culpeper county	4	4	4	1	15	5	5	4	1	6	6		105 31			
St. Thomas' parish, St. Thomas' church, Orange county	3	3	12	3	44	1	1	4	4	3	3	30	581 05			
St. Paul's church, Alexandria	28	1	1	2	150	6	1	47	39	5	4	60	50 00			
St. Paul's parish, King George county	6	2	1	1	82	1	2	8	3	5	12	250 00				
Socburne parish, St. James' church, Leesburg	8	1	2	1	56	5	5	10	3	13	20	300 00				
St. Peter's church, Port Royal and Grace church, St. Mary's parish, Caroline county	14	3	2	1	24	2	2	24	1	1	1					
Suffolk parish, St. Paul's church, Nansmond county	3	3	1	1	33	1	1	18	1	3	1		50 00			
St. John's parish, Brooke county	2	2	1	1	18	4	4	33	1	2	2		75 00			
St. Ann's parish, Christ church, Albemarle county	11	9	2	1	33	3	3	5	9	8	1		60 00			
Tilston parish, Buckingham county	3	3	3	1	23	4	4	23	3	4	9		60 00			
Walker's parish, Walker's church, Albemarle	3	3	3	1	23	3	3	37	3	1	1		60 00			
Washington parish, Westmoreland county	13	13	3	4	87	3	3	49	9	9	21		200 00			
Westover parish, Charles City county	15	15	3	1	49	1	1	17	1	1	1					
West Russell parish, Bedford county	26	26	1	1	49	1	1	17	1	1	1					
Wickliffe parish, Clarke county																
Woodville parish, Rockbridge and Botetourt counties																

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

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

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
St. Matthews, Truro, Trinity, Pilloton, Walkers, Ware, Washington, Westover, West Russell, Wickliffe, Woodville,	Ohio, Fairfax, Louisa, Buckingham, Albemarle, Gloucester, Westmoreland, Charles City, Bedford, Clarke, Botetourt and Rock'ge,	St. Matthew's, Pohick, { St. Peter's, Goodwin's, Walker's,	William Armstrong.  E. Boyden. Charles Mann.  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.		
Rt. Rev. John Johns, D.D.		
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburne parish,	Millwood, Clarke.
Armstrong, Rev. William	St. Matthew's church, Wheeling,	Richmond.
Atkinson, Rev. Thomas	St. Paul's church,	Leesburg, Loudon.
Beall, Rev. Upton	Christ church,	Wheeling, Ohio.
Berkeley, Rev. Parke F.	Raleigh and Dale parishes,	Lynchburg.
Bowers, Rev. William V.	St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	Norfolk.
Boyden, Rev. E.	St. Ann's and Walker's parishes,	Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield.
Brown, Rev. R. T.	Fairfax parish,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Bryant, Rev. William T.	Woodville,	Everettsville, Albemarle.
Castleman, Rev. Thos. T.	{ St. Andrew's parish, Brunswick, }	Prospect Hill, Fairfax.
	{ and Bath parish, Dinwiddie, }	Lexington.
Caldwell, Rev. D.		Lawrenceville, Brunswick.
Craik, Rev. James	Kenawha parish,	New Glasgow, Amherst.
Chevers, Rev. Mark L.	St. John's church, Hampton,	Kenawha Court House.
Chisholm, Rev. James	Berkeley parish,	Old Point Comfort.
Clarke, Rev. John T.	Mount Laurel church, Halifax,	Hedgesville.
Cobbs, Rev. Nicholas H.	St. Paul's church,	Mount Laurel, Halifax.
Cole, Rev. John	St. Stephen's church,	Petersburg.
Cooke, Rev. John	Officiating in Hanover,	Culpeper Court House.
Cofer, Rev. James M.		New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Franklin,	Lynchburg.
Dame, Rev. George W.		Rocky Mount.
Dana, Rev. Charles B.	Fairfax parish,	Danville.
Doughen, Rev. James		Alexandria, D. C.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	St. Thomas' church, Orange,	Lynchburg.
Empie, D.D., Rev. Adam	St. James' church,	Orange C. H.
	{ St. Margaret's parish, Caroline, & }	Richmond.
	{ St. John's ch'h, Berkeley parish, }	
	{ Spottsylvania, }	Spotsylvania C. H.
	{ St. Peter's, Port Royal and Grace, }	
	{ Caroline, }	Port Royal.
Friend, Rev. William	Augusta parish,	Staunton, Augusta.
Goodwin, Rev. Frederick D.		Point Pleasant, Mason.
Goodwin, Rev. James		Halifax Court House.
Grammer, Rev. John	Antrim parish,	Petersburg.
Gibson, Rev. C. J.		Texas.
Gillett, Rev. Charles	Missionary,	Athens, Greece.
Hill, Rev. John H.	Missionary,	
Hull, J. G.	Donation and Chapel,	Williamsburg.
Hodges, Rev. William	Bruton parish,	Wellsburg, Brooke.
Harrison, Rev. J. H.		Charlottesville.
Jackson, Rev. William M.	Chaplain United States Navy,	
Jackson, Rev. William G.	St. Paul's church, Alexandria,	Alexandria, D. C.
Johnston, Rev. James T.	Pohick church, Fairfax,	Alexandria, D. C.
Johnson, Rev. Wm. P. C.	St. Andrew's parish,	Charlestown, Jefferson.
Jones, Rev. Alexander	Frederick parish,	Millwood, Clarke.
Jones, Rev. William G. H.		

## CLERGY.

## PARISHES.

## POST OFFICES.

Keeling, Rev. Jacob	Lyttleton parish,	Suffolk.
Kinckle, Rev. William H.	Westover parish,	Ca Ira, Cumberland.
Leavell, Rev. William T.	Hamilton and Leeds parishes,	Charles City Court House.
Lammon, Rev. George		Warrenton, Fauquier.
Lippitt, Rev. Edward R.		Alexandria, D. C.
Locke, Rev. Thomas E.	Cumberland parish, Lunenburg,	Whittle's Mills, Mecklenb'g.
Lockwood, Rev. William		Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
Mann, Rev. Charles	Abingdon and Ware parishes,	Gloucester Court House.
Marbury, Rev. J. S.	Russel parish, Bedford,	New London, Campbell.
Martin, Rev. John	St. Paul's,	King George Court House.
Massey, Rev. J. A.		Macon, Powhatan.
May, D.D., Rev. James	Prof. in Theol. Seminary of Va.	Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
Maude, Rev. Richard K.	Frederickville parish,	Charlottesville, Albemarle.
Miller, Rev. Benjamin M.	St. Paul's church,	Norfolk.
Minor, Rev. Launcelot B.	Missionary,	Cape Palmas, Africa.
Morrison, Rev. J. H.	Henrico parish,	Richmond.
McElroy, Rev. James	Agent Bible Society,	Staunton, Augusta.
Macfarland, Rev. Malcolm	Martins Brandon parish, Prince Geo.,	City Point, Prince Geo.
McGuire, D.D., Rev. E. C.	St. George's church,	Fredericksburg.
McGuire, Rev. John P.	St. Ann's and S. Farnham parishes,	Loretto, Essex.
McGuire, Rev. Francis H.	St. James' parish,	Boynton, Mecklenburg.
McGuire, Rev. E. B.		Greenville co.
Nelson, Rev. Cleland K.	Nelson parish,	Millwood, Clarke.
Newell, Rev. Chester	Chaplain U. S. Navy.	
Norwood, Rev. Wm.	Monumental ch.,	Richmond.
Packard, Rev. Joseph	Prof. in Theological Seminary of Va.	Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
Payne, Rev. John	Missionary,	Cape Palmas, Africa.
Parks, Rev. Martin P.	Chaplain to Military Academy,	West Point, N. Y.
Pendleton, Rev. W. N.	Principal of the High School,	Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
Hooker, Rev. W. Y.	Frederick parish,	Winchester.
Sale, Rev. Nelson	West Russel parish, Bedford,	Davis' Store, Bedford.
Shiras, Rev. Alexander	Wickliffe parish, Clarke,	Berryville, Clarke.
Slaughter, Rev. Philip	Meade parish,	Upperville, Fauquier.
Smith, Rev. Thomas		
Smith, Rev. Joshua	Missionary,	Cape Palmas, Africa.
Smith, Rev. George A.	Principal of Fairfax Institute,	Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
Smith, Rev. Aristides		Garysville, Prince Geo.
Smith, Rev. Leonidas		Norfolk.
Sparrow, D.D., Rev. Wm.	Prof. in Theol. Seminary of Va.,	Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
Syme, D.D., Rev. Andrew		Petersburg.
Temple, Rev. H. W. L.	St. James' and St. Paul's churches,	Miller's Tavern, Essex.
Towles, Rev. John	Principal of Deaf & Dumb Asylum,	Milford Mills, Prince Wm.
Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.	Moore parish,	Staunton, Augusta.
Tompkins, Rev. S. D.	{ Cople parish, Westmoreland, and }	Pigeon Run, Campbell.
	{ Lunenburg and North Farnham }	Warsaw, Richmond.
	{ parishes, Richmond county, }	
Ward, Rev. William N.	Botetourt parish,	Big Lick, Botetourt.
Wharton, Rev. Dabney M.	Portsmouth parish,	Portsmouth.
Wingfield, Rev. John H.	Christ church,	Richmond.
Woodbridge, Rev. George	St. Mark's parish,	El Dorado, Culpeper.
Woodville, Rev. John W.	St. George parish,	Onancock, Accomac.
Winchester, Rev. Thos. W.	St. Paul's, Northam,	Pemberton, Goochland.
Wilmer, Rev. Richard H.	Hungar's parish,	Eastville, Northampton.
Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.		