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This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Diocese, the Rt. Rev. William Meade, Bishop, and the Rt. Rev. John Johns, Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. George's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. E. Boyden, and the Convention sermon preached by the Rev. George Adie.

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

The Secretary then called the roll of the Clergy, when the following were found to be present and entitled to seats, viz :

Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, D.D.

Rt. Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D.D.

Rev. GEORGE ADIE,	Rev. F. D. GOODWIN,
" C. W. ANDREWS,	" JOHN GRAMMER,
" JOHN BAUSMAN,	" C. J. GIBSON,
" UPTON BEALL,	" WM. HODGES,
" W. V. BOWERS,	" W. M. JACKSON,
" E. BOYDEN,	" W. G. JACKSON,
" T. T. CASTLEMAN,	" JAMES T. JOHNSTON,
" D. CALDWELL,	" ALEX. JONES, D.D.,
" JOHN T. CLARK,	" W. G. H. JONES,
" JOHN COLE,	" W. T. LEAVELL,
" E. CHRISTIAN,	" E. R. LIPPITT,
" G. W. DAME,	" T. E. LOCKE,
" C. B. DANA,	" WM. LOCKWOOD,
" E. A. DALRYMPLE,	" CHARLES MANN,
" C. H. DISBROW,	" JAMES MAY, D.D.
" J. EARNEST,	" B. M. MILLER,
" A. EMPIE, D.D.,	" E. C. MCGUIRE, D.D.,
" W. FRIEND,	" F. H. MCGUIRE,
" W. GOOD,	" ED. B. MCGUIRE,

Rev. JOHN McGUIRE,	Rev. W. SPARROW, D.D.,
" JOS. PACKARD,	" J. TOWLES,
" W. H. PENDLETON,	" J. UFFORD,
" W. Y. ROOKER,	" W. N. WARD,
" JOHN B. RICHMOND,	" D. M. WHARTON,
" P. SLAUGHTER,	" J. W. WOODVILLE,
" THOMAS SMITH,	" J. P. B. WILMER,
" ARISTIDES SMITH,	" R. W. WILMER,
" LEONIDAS SMITH,	" G. T. WILMER,
" JOHNATHAN SMITH,	" LEWIS WALKE,

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates.

REV. WILLIAM FRIEND,

MR. C. F. LEE, | MR. W. M. WILLIAMS,

who, having discharged the duty assigned to them, reported the following gentlemen as duly elected and entitled to seats in the Convention, viz :

Samuel H. Lewis, *Boyden Parish.*
 Edmund Fontaine, *St. Martin's, Hanover.*
 R. G. R. Catlett, *St. Peter's, Port Royal.*
 Thomas H. Clagett, *St. James', Loudon.*
 John Chewning, *Christ Church, Lancaster.*
 R. T. Tompkins, *Hamilton Parish, Fauquier.*
 William Brown, *Westover Parish.*
 W. P. Steward, *St. Paul's Norfolk.*
 W. H. Fowle, *St. Paul's, Alexandria.*
 John L. Bacon, *Christ Church, Richmond.*
 Stephen D. Watkins, *St. Paul's, Petersburg.*
 George M. Carrington, *St. John's, Richmond.*
 W. L. Clark, *Christ Church, Winchester.*
 Charles Minegerode, *Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.*
 James T. Logan, *St. Mark's, Botetourt.*
 Thomas F. Nelson, *Wickliffe Parish, Clarke.*
 Dr. A. B. Hooe, *St. Paul's, King George.*
 James L. Ransom, *Zion Church, Jefferson.*
 William Williams, *Monumental, Richmond.*
 William Royster, *Grace Church, Caroline.*
 Reuben T. Thom, *Trinity Parish, Wood county.*
 Thomas G. Coleman, *Antrim, Halifax.*
 Dr. Marcus Rowan, *Christ Church, Middlesex.*
 Francis Tompkins, *St. Margaret's, Caroline.*
 Jacob Morgan, *Trinity, Shepperdstown.*
 William Pollock, *St. George's, Fredericksburg.*
 John R. Edmunds, *Meade Parish, Fauquier.*
 C. F. Lee, *Christ Church, Alexandria.*

B. B. Minor, *St. James' Church, Richmond.*
 Samuel W. Shelton, *St. Paul's, Lynchburg.*
 Lewis A. Boggs, *St. John's, Berkeley.*
 John E. Page, *Frederick Parish, Clarke.*
 W. H. Tayloe, *Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County.*
 Samuel Slaughter, *St. Stephen's Culpepper.*
 Henry E. Coleman, *St. James', Mecklenburg.*
 Thomas M. Ambler, *Leeds Parish, Fauquier.*
 Strother Jones, *St. Thomas', Frederick.*
 Edward T. Tayloe, *St. John's, King George.*
 William Galt, *St. James', Goochland and Fluvanna.*
 W. J. Weir, *St. James', Prince William.*
 J. G. Guthrie, *Grace Church, Petersburg.*
 Jeremiah Morton, *St. Thomas' Church, Orange.*
 Samuel Pryor, *Dinwiddie.*
 Dr. F. T. Stribling, *Trinity, Staunton.*
 Marshal Harris, *Roanoke Church, Charlotte.*
 R. H. Cunningham, *St. James' Church, Culpepper.*
 Dr. M. F. Nelson, *Christ Church, Berkely.*
 John Allmand, *Christ Church, Norfolk.*
 Dr. N. M. Osborne, *Littleton Parish, Cumberland.*
 Charles A. Clark, *Brick Church, Roanoke Parish.*
 Thomas Nelson, *St. Paul's Church, Richmond.*
 Frederick Foote, *St. Paul's, Prince William.*

The Rev. B. M. Miller, in consequence of his contemplated removal from the Diocese, tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Convention—Whereupon, on motion, the election of a successor to said office was postponed until to-morrow. The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow at 9, A. M.

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, nor 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 *second* 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 Com-

mittee 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 the appointment of the Treasurer *pro. tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Addresses, Parochial Reports and the Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

THURSDAY, May 22, 1845, 9 A. M.

The Convention was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop. The roll being called, the following clergy, not present yesterday, appeared in Convention, viz: Rev. Messrs. R. K. Meade, John P. McGuire, W. L. Temple, James McElroy and Edward B. McGuire.

On motion, Mr. C. F. Lee and the Rev. Messrs. Grammer and Slaughter were appointed a committee to nominate suitable persons as Secretary to the Convention and Treasurer *pro. tem.*

BISHOP MEADE'S ADDRESS.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade then read his annual address, as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Being permitted, by the goodness of God, to meet with you once more for consultation on the affairs of that portion of the church committed to our care, I proceed, according to our rule, to lay before you a statement of my official acts during the last year. Those acts having been few, the narrative will be brief.

At the close of our last Convention, which was held in Lynchburg, I admitted to the priesthood the Rev. Mr. Richmond, and administered the rite of confirmation to three persons in private, others being confirmed in public by Bishop Johns. The following extracts from my diary will inform you of what was done in my visitation of some of the counties South of James River, after the adjournment of the Convention. "Spent two days in Campbell County and confirmed three persons. Three days in Pittsylvania, consecrating a new Church at the Court House, and confirming two persons. Two days at Henry Court House, confirming seven, and baptizing one adult. Three days at Danville, consecrating a new Church, confirming eight persons and ordaining Mr. W. Webb to the deaconship. Four days in the Rev. Mr. Grammer's parish, in Halifax county, confirming thirty-five persons, fifteen of whom were servants, and consecrating a new Church. Two days in the Rev. Mr. Clark's parish, in the same county, confirming three persons. One day in Charlotte county, confirming two. Three days in Mecklenburg, at three Churches, confirming five. Four days in Lunenburg, confirming twelve. Three

days in Brunswick, confirming six. Four in Dinwiddie, confirming seven. Spent one day at Dinwiddie Court House, where it is hoped a Church will be built. The preceding services occupied the latter part of May and all the month of June.

"The fourth of July was spent at the Church in Manakin town, on James River, where eight persons were confirmed. The first Sunday in July was spent at Fairfax Court House, where a new Church was nearly completed, and in which six persons were confirmed. The next week was spent at the Seminary in witnessing the exercises of the students, and on the following Sunday I admitted eleven of them to the deaconship, while Bishop Johns admitted two others to the priesthood in Christ Church, Alexandria. Those admitted to the deaconship were Thomas L. Franklin, Edwin Mendenhall, Henry M. Denison, Eli H. Canfield, Lewis Walke, Andrew Fisher, Henry M. Woods, Edward F. Putnam, Richardson Graham, Edward W. Syle, James Jackson; the three first of these being ordained by request of the Bishop of Pennsylvania. Those admitted to the priesthood were the Rev. George Wilmer, and Rev. William F. Lockwood. No other Episcopal acts were performed except the confirmation of six persons in the Church at Millwood, Clarke county, until the month of November, when I was called on to admit, at an earlier period than is contemplated by the canons, the Rev. Mr. Woods and Graham to the priesthood with a view to their mission to China. This solemn service was performed in St. George's Church, New-York."

Although, except the above, no special Episcopal acts, having reference to our Diocese, were performed during several successive months of the fall and winter, yet neither myself or beloved brother in the Episcopate of Virginia were unemployed. During nearly a month were we continually and anxiously engaged in the deliberations of our General Convention, the results of which you have in the pastoral letter of the Bishops, and the published proceedings of the two branches of our General Convention. Nor did our labors out of Virginia end with the close of the General Convention. In compliance with the request of our last Convention, we had already spent a short time in soliciting contributions for our Seminary in Baltimore, and now proceeded with that duty in a number of the congregations of Philadelphia, New-York, Brooklyn and Boston, in all of which ourselves and our cause were most kindly and generously received. The report of our treasurer will shew what additions have been made to our funds by the efforts of your Bishops during the last fall and winter. Though they are considerable, and call for much thankfulness to God, and to those into whose hearts he has put the will to help us, yet it will be seen that they fall far short of our need, and only encourage us to a new effort at home, by shewing us the high esteem in which our institution is held abroad.

Would that I were able to say that no other duty detained your Bishops yet longer from Diocesan claims on their time, delaying their visits to many of the parishes, and producing no slight disorder in their plans.

It was not until the middle of January that we found ourselves again in the bosom of our families, and at a period of the year forbidding any distant visits. On the painful subject which engaged our time and attention, so much has been spread before the public, that I forbear to add any thing, leaving it in the hands of him who overrules all for good to his Church. Proceeding with a narrative of my services after returning home, I have to state, that during my stay at home I visited

the Churches in Winchester, Middletown, Berryville and Upperville, in the first of which six persons were confirmed.

On the last week of March I entered on my present tour of duty. Passing through Alexandria and spending two days there, I reached my appointment, on the Eastern Shore, in due time, and spent ten days with the congregations in Accomac and Northampton, having, by the aid of several brethren, very frequent services. Three persons were confirmed in Accomac, and seven in Northampton. From thence I passed over to Norfolk, spending eight days with the congregations in that place, Portsmouth, Hampton, Old Point and Princess Anne. In Christ Church, Norfolk, eleven persons were confirmed, in St. Paul's three, in Portsmouth three, in Hampton three and Princess Anne three. In Christ Church, on Friday evening the 18th, I admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Leonidus Smith and the Rev. Jonathan Smith, and in the Church in Portsmouth, on Sunday the 20th, the Rev. Mr. Syle, one of our missionaries to China, to the same order.

On Wednesday the 25th, I laid the corner stone of a new Church in Suffolk, and on Friday administered confirmation to four persons in the Old Church. On Saturday two persons were confirmed in the Old Church at Chuck-a-tuck. Sunday and Monday, the 27th and 28th, were spent in Smithfield, where six persons were confirmed. On the two following days services were held at Old Surry Church and Surry Court House. The next four days were spent at Old Brandon and Merchant Hope Churches, in Prince George county, where four persons were confirmed. On the 6th of May I consecrated a new chapel by the name of St. Mathews, in the town of Petersburg, and confirmed three persons in the same. In the evening I confirmed eight persons in Grace Church of the same place. On the 8th I proceeded to the vicinity of Sussex Court House, where I confirmed three persons the next day. On Saturday and Sunday, the 10th and 11th, I was engaged in religious services at Jerusalem, in Southampton county, the Rev. Mr. Withers and Rev. Mr. McGuire being present and officiating as Deacons. On the 12th and 13th I attended at Hicksford, in Greenville county, where the Rev. Messrs. Slaughter and Gibson from Petersburg assisted in the services. On the 14th I admitted in Grace Church, which is about fifteen miles from the last mentioned place, the Rev. Messrs. McGuire and Withers to the order of Priesthood, the Rev. Mr. Gibson presenting them, the Rev. Mr. Francis McGuire preaching on the occasion, and the Rev. Mr. Grammer uniting in the imposition of hands. On the next morning, at six o'clock, I administered the rite of confirmation to eight persons in St. Paul's Church, Petersburg. My very imperfect services terminated on the last Sabbath morning by administering the rite of confirmation to seven persons in St. James' Church, Richmond.

Other Episcopal acts are as follows: The Rev. Messrs. Shiraz, Martin, Pendleton and Nelson have been dismissed to the Diocese of Maryland. The Rev. Mr. Massie, Priest, and Mr. Murdaugh, candidate for the ministry, to Alabama. The Rev. Mr. Craik to Kentucky. The Rev. Mr. Lee to North Carolina. The Rev. Mr. Putnam to Vermont. The Rev. Mr. Canfield to Ohio. The Rev. Mr. West to Pennsylvania. The Rev. Mr. Harrison to Indiana. The Rev. Mr. Parks to New-York.

I have received into the Diocese the Rev. Messrs. Richard and George Wilmer from North Carolina; the Rev. Mr. Smith and Berger from Georgia; the Rev. Mr. Ward from Rhode Island, and Rev. Mr. Nash from Kentucky. I have admitted as

candidates for orders Messrs. Piere Wilmer, Addison Cobbs, William McGuire, Francis M. Whittle, Charles W. Thomas, Edmond T. Perkins, Thomas L. Arthur, Charles W. Bolton, J. J. Page, William F. Zimmer, Mr. Minegerode Professor of William & Mary College, and the Rev. William Waller and James McCabe, ministers of the Methodist connexion. I have also received, by transfer from Pennsylvania Mr. J. Hammond. The transfers from Virginia have been, Mr. William Passmore to New Jersey, Mr. Freeman to Delaware, Mr. Mahan to New-York. I have also displaced from the office of Deacon the Rev. John K. Noel, for causes not affecting his moral character.

It becomes me to add to these official notices a few words concerning the memorial, directed by the last Convention to be made to the Legislature of Virginia, praying that some measure might be adopted by that body which should enable the religious and benevolent institutions of our State to receive and hold bequests.

The committee, to whom the duty of preparing and presenting such memorial was entrusted, did not fail to use such endeavors for accomplishing the object as were in their power.

A memorial was prepared and presented, and the same referred to a committee of the House. A full consideration of the subject by the Committee was postponed from time to time, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of an active member of that Committee which the Convention had appointed, Mr. William H. Macfarland, who was unable, by reason of an important engagement in a neighboring city, to appear before the Committee of the House at all.

At a late period of the session, however, Mr. James Lyons, another of those friends of the measure whom we had requested to act for us, did appear before the Committee, and stated our object. I am sorry to say that it did not find such favor with a majority of the Committee as to lead to a favorable report. The subject not being discussed by the House, but the unfavorable report silently accepted, it is impossible to ascertain with accuracy the real sentiments of the Legislature.

It is proper to state, that, in order to call the attention of the ministers and members of the Episcopal Church in Virginia to the resolution of the Convention recommending petitions to the Legislature from the different parishes, I addressed them in a circular through the Southern Churchman, during the last summer. I am sorry to say, that the resolution of the Convention was complied with in but few instances. Of course nothing but failure could be expected, if friends of the measure exhibited such luke-warmness in its prosecution.

Our hope of success rested not merely on the zeal and activity of the ministers and members of our own communion, but on the general concurrence of Christians of all the prevailing denominations amongst us. In this also have we been for the present disappointed. Not only has some diversity of sentiment prevailed, but those who were certainly desirous of the measure have not been sufficiently active in expressing to the Legislature their wishes, and the reasons on which their wishes are founded. I cannot but hope that, in due time, and by God's blessing on all proper efforts, such a general coöperation of all denominations of Christians will be effected, as to secure the object we have in view. In evidence of the importance of the object let me mention, in addition to the statements of last year, two facts occurring within the present. Some few years since, a legacy of two thousand dollars was left to one of the institutions of our Church, which, however, through the want of such legislative provision as that for which we seek, has been relinquished on a

compromise, within the last few months, for the sum of six hundred dollars—that being all we were able to obtain.

The second fact is as follows: Some fifteen years or more ago, a pious and warmly attached member of our Church left to myself, for the benefit of our Theological Seminary, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, the greater part of which, at different times, has been paid by her executor, and either expended on the Institution or vested in stock. How was I surprised, a few days before leaving home for my present visitation, to receive a legal summons to appear in court, to answer in a suit by which the bequest may be jeopardized. Need I ask whether it is possible that the citizens and legislators of the commonwealth of Virginia can continue to sit by and look on such violations of one of the dearest rights of freemen and christians, without even an effort to prevent them. Can it be that the different denominations of Christians amongst us, who are all from time to time suffering the same injuries, will long hesitate to unite in one general petition for so reasonable an act of protection, and in one strong effort to wipe away this foul reproach from our State? For my own part, whatever may be done by others, I shall continue to inform the Church of Virginia of all such violations of our just rights, and shall be glad to see the Convention uniting, from year to year, with other bodies, in presenting our claims to the Legislature, and making known the grievances under which we labor. Perseverance in a cause so just must eventually, by the blessing of heaven, be crowned with success.

It might perhaps be expected of me to say something, as usual, concerning our High School and Seminary, but as the trustees will, doubtless, speak very particularly concerning the temporary suspension and proposed renewal of the former, and the continued prosperity of the latter, I shall for once omit any farther mention of either.

This brief notice of the duties of the past year being over, may I not plead its very brevity as an apology for a few remarks which may not be without interest and benefit to the ministers and members of the Church in Virginia.

It is an useful employment for societies, as well as individuals, at certain seasons, to look back through their past history and mark the dealings of a kind Providence towards them. The History of the Episcopal Church of Virginia has, by universal consent, been, from the very beginning, a most interesting and eventful one—beyond that of any other Diocese in the union. I would briefly refer to some of its particulars, in order to raise our hearts in gratitude to God for its wonderful preservation, and to make us more faithful and zealous in using the proper means for its further advancement.

The Episcopal Church of Virginia commenced with the first settlement of the first colony. The code of laws of that colony was drawn up at a time when "religion, (as Bishop Taylor expresses it,) was painted upon banners," for it was "*divine, martial and moral,*" all in one, being enforced even among Protestants by civil pains and penalties, which we would fain now banish from our recollections, and blot from the page of history.

That there was much of sincere piety moving the hearts of those who incorporated the forms of the Episcopal Church with the colony of Virginia, as well as of those who established other forms among the Pilgrim Fathers of New England, I doubt not. Nor do I question the piety and fidelity of some of the people and pastors during its whole subsequent history. But that its spiritual condition was

ever, at any time, even tolerably good, bearing a comparison with that of the Mother Church, over whose defects also there was so much cause to mourn, faithful history forbids us to believe. Many were the disadvantages under which she had to labor, during the whole period of her existence in connexion with the Government of England, which were well calculated to sink her character beneath that of the Church of England, and of some other Churches in America. Immense were the difficulties of getting a full supply of ministers of any character; and of those who came, how few were faithful and duly qualified for the station. One who was indeed so faithful as to be called the apostle of Virginia, at an early period of its settlement, lamenting over the want of ministers in the Colony, thus upbraids those who refused to come. "Do they not either wilfully hide their talents, or keep themselves at home for fear of losing a few pleasures. Be not there any among them of Moses and his mind, and of the apostles, who forsook all to follow Christ?" The Council of Virginia also addressed the most solemn and pathetic appeals to the Clergy of England, beseeching them to come over to the work of the Lord in the Colony—though it is to be feared with little success—for in the year 1665 it is recorded, that many places were destitute of ministers, and like still to continue so, the people not paying their "accustomed dues." There were at this time about fifty parishes in the Colony, most of which were destitute of clergymen, as there were only ten ministers for their supply. To remedy this evil, it was proposed to establish in the English Universities Virginia fellowships, imposing it as a condition, that the fellows spend seven years in Virginia; but we do not read of its execution.

That the ministers then in the Colony were men of zeal can scarce be supposed, as a law was required enjoining it upon them to preach constantly every Sabbath and administer the sacrament at least twice every year.

If we proceed in the history of the Colony another fifty years, which will carry us beyond the first century of its existence, we shall find only a few more parishes established, and though glebes and parishes had been provided, not more than one half of the congregations were supplied with ministers, the rest being served by lay-readers. In some places indeed lay readers were preferred to settled ministers, because less expensive to the parishioners. The tenure by which ministers held their livings was precarious, and this contributed to the negligence of some, and was a severe trial to the fidelity of the more worthy. If a clergyman was faithful to his duty and preached against the vices of the people, he was removed; "and instances are numerous of clergyman having been displaced by vestries without a charge made, or even a reason assigned for it."* The effect of this on the better portion of the English Clergy who might be disposed to emigrate need not be stated. As to the unworthy and hireling Clergy of the Colony, there was no ecclesiastical discipline to correct or punish their irregularities and vices. The authority of a Commissary was a very insufficient substitute for the superintendence of a faithful Bishop. The better part of the Clergy, and some of the laity, long and earnestly petitioned for a faithful resident Bishop, for the Bishop of London was of necessity only the nominal Bishop.

For about two hundred years did the Episcopal Church of Virginia try the experiment of a system, whose constitution required such an head, but was actually

*Dr. Hawkes' history of the Church of Virginia, from which interesting and faithful work the facts embodied in this statement are taken.

without it. No such officer was there, as the Church requires, to watch over the conduct, and punish the vices of the Clergy; none to administer the rite of Confirmation, and thus admit the faithful to the Supper of the Lord.

It must be evident, that the Episcopal Church without such an officer is more likely to suffer for the want of Godly discipline, than any other society of Christians, because all others have some substitute, whereas our own Church makes this office indispensable to some important parts of ecclesiastical government and discipline.

Such being the corrupt state of the Church in Virginia, it is not wonderful that here, as in England, disaffection should take place and dissent begin. The preaching and zeal of Mr. Whitfield, who visited Virginia about this time, contrasted with the sermons and lives of the Clergy generally, contributed no doubt to increase disaffection. The pious Mr. Davies, afterwards President of Princeton College, made the first serious inroad upon the unity of the Church. His candid testimony deserves to be here introduced. "I have reason to hope," he says, "that there are and have been a few names in various parts of the Colony who are sincerely seeking the Lord, and groping after religion in the communion of the Church of England." "Had the doctrines of the Gospel been solemnly and faithfully preached in the established Church, I am persuaded there would have been few dissenters in these parts of Virginia, for their first objections were not against the peculiar rites and ceremonies of that church, much less against her excellent articles, but against the general strain of the doctrines delivered from the pulpit, in which these articles were opposed, (or which was the more common case,) not mentioned at all, so that at first they were not properly dissenters from the original constitution of the Church of England, but the most strict adherents to it, and only dissented from those who had forsaken it."

That there was at this time not only defective preaching, but, as might be expected, most evil living among the Clergy, is evident from a petition of the Clergy themselves to the Legislature, asking an increase of salary saying, "that the small encouragement given to Clergymen is a reason why so few come into this Colony from the Universities, and that so many who are a disgrace to the ministry find opportunities to fill the parishes."

It is a well established fact, that some who were discarded from the English Church, yet obtained livings in Virginia.

Such being the case, who can question for a moment the entire accuracy of the account, both of the preaching and living of the Clergy of his day, as given by the faithful and zealous Mr. Jarrett, and who could blame him for the encouragement afforded to the disciples of Mr. Westley, at a time when neither he, nor they, thought there could be a separation from the Church of England.

Dissent, from various causes, was now spreading through the commonwealth; dissatisfaction with the Mother Country and Mother Church was increasing, and the Episcopal Clergy losing more and more the favor of God and man, when this devoted minister, almost alone in preaching and living according to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was glad to avail himself of any aid in the good work he was endeavoring to perform. For the time, however, his efforts were unavailing. The war of the Revolution was approaching, and with it the downfall of the Church.

Many circumstances contributed to this event. The severities exercised towards

some of the dissenters in times past had embittered their minds against the declining establishment.

The attachment of some of the Clergy to the cause of the king subjected the Church itself to suspicion, and gave further occasion to its enemies to seek its destruction. The dispute about Church property now came on, and for twenty-seven years was waged with bitterness and violence. At the commencement of the war of the Revolution, Virginia had ninety-one Clergymen, officiating in one hundred and sixty-four Churches and Chapels; at its close only twenty-eight ministers were found laboring in the less desolate parishes of the State. Whither numbers of them had fled, and to what secular pursuits some of them had betaken themselves, it is not in our power to state. Had they been faithful shepherds, they would not have thus deserted their flocks. We come now to the efforts of the more faithful, though faint-hearted ones, to strengthen the things that remained and were ready to die.

In common with some other Dioceses, the Church in Virginia resolved on an effort to obtain consecration from abroad for a Bishop who might complete her imperfect organization. A very worthy man, the Rev. Dr. Griffith, was selected for the purpose; but so depressed was her condition, so little zeal was found in her members, that though for three successive years calls were made upon the parishes for funds to defray his expenses to England, only twenty-eight pounds were raised, a sum altogether insufficient for the purpose, so that the effort on his part was abandoned through poverty and domestic affliction.

Even at a subsequent period, when renewed efforts, prompted by shame at past failures, and a sense of duty to the Church, were made to secure what was necessary for Bishop Madison's consecration, a sufficiency even with some foreign aid, was not obtained to pay all the necessary expenses of the voyage. The object, however, was accomplished, and at the end of almost two hundred years from the establishment of a most imperfect Church in Virginia a Bishop was obtained.

But she was too far gone, and there were too many opposing difficulties for her revival at that time. From the addresses of Bishop Madison to the Episcopalians of Virginia, it will be seen that he entered on his duties with no little zeal and with very just views of the kind of men and measures necessary for the work of revival. He plainly admits the want of zeal and fidelity in many of the ministers as one of the causes of the low condition of the Church, and that the contrary qualifications were indispensable to her resuscitation. He made an ineffectual effort at bringing back into the bosom of the Church the followers of Mr. Westley, for they had now entirely separated from her.

After a few partial visitations of the Diocese, his hopes of the revival of the Church evidently sunk; and the duties of the College of William and Mary, of which he was President, requiring his attention during the greater part of the year, at the Convention of 1805, he called for a Suffragan or Assistant Bishop. The subject was referred to the next year's Convention, but no such meeting was held, nor was there another until after his death. For seven years it seemed as if the worst hopes of her enemies, and most painful fears of her friends were about to be realized in her entire destruction. In the General Convention of the Church, held in the city of New Haven in 1811, there was no representation, or any report whatever from Virginia, but the following entry is found on the journal, "they fear, indeed, that the Church in Virginia is, from various causes, so depressed, that there

is danger of her total ruin, unless great exertions, favored by the blessing of Providence, are employed to raise her."

During the ensuing spring Bishop Madison died, and shortly after a Convention of the Clergy and Laity was invited by Dr. Buchanan, at the instance of the Rev. Dr. Wilmer and myself, both of us then and ministering in Alexandria, for the purpose of electing a Bishop. Important as was the object, and imperious as was the necessity of such a meeting, in order to the existence of the Church, only thirteen Clergymen; and about as many Laymen, were found, who had interest enough in the cause to come together. The result was, the election of Dr. Bracken to the vacant Episcopate, who, however, declined at the ensuing Convention. At that Convention, only eight Clergymen and ten Laymen met together for a few hours around a table in one of the committee rooms of the Capitol, in Richmond, and when they separated, scarce expected ever to meet again for ecclesiastical purposes.

During the following year, however, in the good providence of God, circumstances arose which led to further efforts. The Monumental Church, built on the ruins of the Richmond Theatre, needed a minister; and the minds of a few individuals interested for a suitable supply for that interesting station, and also for the vacant Episcopate, were by a most gracious overruling Providence directed to one at a distance, personally unknown to any, and only by good report to a very few. I need not add that the person alluded to was the good Bishop Moore, so long the affectionate pastor of one of the Churches in Richmond, and the beloved Bishop of Virginia. At the Convention, however, which elected him, only seven Clergymen were present. It would thus appear, that after the lapse of two hundred years, the Church of Virginia was reduced to about the same number of ministers, which served at her altars during the first ten years of her existence. And is it wonderful that many, even of sincere friends, should think that the effort at resuscitation must be fruitless, and that enemies poured derision upon the same. I well remember, even some years after this, and when our prospects had brightened not a little, as I presented a petition to that great and good man, Chief Justice Marshall, a true friend to the Church, asking a contribution to our Seminary, that, although with his accustomed liberality, he freely gave, he yet accompanied the gift with a remark, "that it seemed almost cruel to tempt young men to enter the ministry of a Church which was too far gone ever to be recovered." But he lived long enough to rejoice in his mistake, and to see children, and children's children blessed by the fruits of an Institution which he feared might be worse than useless. I may be permitted to add, that when the Church of Virginia, at an early period, wished to unite sister Dioceses with her in the great work of ministerial education, it was made an objection to the proposal, that her morals and religion were so corrupt, that it would be unsafe to trust such an institution within her borders. We wonder not at such reproaches, although they may sometimes have come with an ill grace from those who made them, seeing that the whole Church largely partook of the same corruption. I can remember too well the time when, in every educated young man of Virginia, I was prepared to meet a sceptic, if not a scoffer. At the time of my first ordination, by Bishop Madison, about a year before his death, although it took place on a bright Sabbath morning, only about fifteen gentlemen, young and old, and two ladies, were present in the old and venerable church of Williamsburg. More of the young men indeed did I meet on my way to the Church, with guns on their shoulders and dogs at their sides, going into the fields and woods in search of game, than were to be found in the Church itself.

And what more could be expected from the character of the Clergy generally at that time, or for a long time before. It is a melancholy fact that many of them had been addicted to the race-field, the card-table, the ball-room, the theatre—nay, more, to the drunken revel. One of them, about the very period of which I am speaking, was, and had been for years, the President of a Jockey Club. Another, after abandoning the ministry, fought a duel in sight of the very Church in which he had performed the solemn offices of religion. Nothing was more common, even with the better portion of them, than to celebrate the holy ordinance of Baptism, not amidst the prayers of the congregation, but the festivities of the feast and the dance, the minister sometimes taking a full share in all that was going on. These things being so, and the Churches having been, on account of such things, almost entirely deserted, or else occupied by those who only held our Zion up to derision, what but a firm conviction of God's watchful providence over her could keep alive hope in the most ardent of her friends? How often, in looking at the present comparative prosperity of the Church, do we say, surely God must have greatly loved this branch of his Holy Catholic Church, or he would not have borne so long with her unfaithfulness, and so readily forgiven her sins.

It becomes us, my Brethren, with deep humility and lively gratitude, to compare together our past and present condition, and say "what hath God wrought?" If, towards the close of two hundred years, there were nearly one hundred ministers and one hundred and sixty Churches, and then in seven years after only a few faint-hearted ones, serving in the few remaining and almost deserted sanctuaries; now again, after the labors of only one-third of a century, our hundred ministers are restored, and one hundred and sixty churches at least are open for the people of God. If for two hundred years not a Bishop ever visited the Diocese, and even after one was sent, only a few ministrations performed; now two Bishops have full employment in visiting nearly two hundred Churches or stations. If it was for years found impracticable to raise sufficient funds for the consecration of one Bishop; now funds are raised for the annual support of two, independent of parochial charges. If it was once proposed in a declining state of the Church, but in vain, to raise funds for the education of only two candidates for the ministry; now more than fifty are receiving preparatory instruction at our Seminary. Whereas formerly we were entirely dependent on foreign parts for our supply of Clergymen, insufficient as to numbers, and worse as to character; now by the blessing of God on our Seminary we are enabled to send forth to the decayed Churches, or to the heathen of Europe, Asia, and Africa, a goodly number of faithful and zealous missionaries of the cross. Whereas formerly and for at least a century, numbers were deserting our communion, as that which had deserted God, and was deserted of God; now, for the last thirty years or more, either themselves or their children, or children's children, have in considerable numbers been returning to our fold, as to one which God himself was keeping and blessing. Whereas once, almost all men thought and spoke ill of our Clergy and communicants, as devoid of piety; now, only those who are misinformed, or most prejudiced, refuse to acknowledge that through God's grace there is at least as large an amount of true piety in both priests and people, as is to be found in those of any other denomination. Whereas, once, we had for many years no conventions, and then for some years a few faint-hearted ministers and people meeting together; now, what numbers of Clergy and Laity delight to assemble, not for the dry business of legislation only, or

for religious controversy, but chiefly for the blessed privilege of joining hearts and voices in the sweet exercises of God's word and worship, and thus becoming knit together in love.

Thus graciously hath God dealt with us. But does it not, out of gratitude to God, and that we may continue to enjoy his smiles, become us to enquire by what means this hath been done; how our Jacob arose, when he was not only so small, but crushed to the earth, trodden under foot of man, after having been betrayed by friends, and dishonored by the very ministers of God who were appointed to defend him. In the character, habits, views and history of the man whom God sent to us from a distance, to be our head and leader in this work, and in the views of those, whether from our own State or elsewhere, who entered into the service, may be seen the religious principles and methods of action, by which, under God, the change has been effected; and it need not be said, how entirely different they were from those by which the disgrace and downfall of the Church had been wrought. Of the efficacy of these means, we are the more convinced, from the peculiar and very great difficulties to be surmounted, which have nevertheless, in a great measure, been surmounted. We are persuaded that, in no part of our own land, were such strong prejudices, and such violent oppositions to be overcome, as in Virginia, in consequence of the former character of the Episcopal Clergy, and the long and bitter strife which had existed between the Church and those who had left its pale, which latter were never satisfied until the downfall of the former was accomplished.

Let me briefly allude to the means used. Bishop Moore, in his previous correspondence, and his first sermon and address, declared his determination to preach as he had ever done, when God so greatly blessed his ministry, the glorious doctrines of grace, instead of a mere morality, such as many of the English Clergy had once preached, and such as had been but too common in Virginia. The young clergy, who engaged in the revival of the church of Virginia, took the same resolve, and made the great theme of their preaching Jesus Christ and him crucified, on the ground of a total apostacy from God on the part of man, which required such a sacrifice, as well as the renewing of the Holy Ghost, in order to meetness for the joys of Heaven. But they did not turn this grace of God into licentiousness, and think that either priest or people might indulge in sin. Among the first acts of the earlier Conventions, it will be seen that it was at once set forth before the world, that the revival of the Church was to be undertaken on principles entirely different from those which had hitherto prevailed, and under the influence of which religion had been so dishonored. It was plainly declared that there was need of discipline both for clergy and laity; and canons were provided for the exercise of the same. Not merely were grosser vices stigmatised, but, what by some were considered the innocent amusements of the world, and which the Clergy themselves had advocated and practised, were condemned as inconsistent with the character of a Christian Professor.

Baptism, by which we renounce the pomps and vanities of the world, as well as the sinful lusts of the flesh, and which had been customarily celebrated in private, directly in opposition to the rubric, and often amidst ungodly festivities, was now sought to be performed only in the house of God, and with pious sponsors, instead of thoughtless and irreligious ones. Candidates for confirmation, instead of being presented because they had reached a certain age, and could repeat the cat-

echism, were told what a solemn vow, promise and profession they were about to make, and that it was none other than an immediate introduction with full qualification to the Lord's Supper. Of course, very different views of the Lord's Supper, and the conduct of communicants were inculcated, and the Minister even bound, by express canon, to converse with each one, before admitting him for the first time to the Lord's Supper. Thus, was the whole tone and standard of religion changed, to the dissatisfaction and complaint, it is true, of some of the old members of the Church, and not without condemnation of some from abroad.

In due time, the important measure of requiring that all who enter our Convention to legislate for Christians and Christian Ministers, should themselves be Christian Professors, was adopted, though there were those at home, who feared the attempt, and there were those abroad, who prophesied evil in such a manner as to encourage disaffection at home. But God was with us, and has granted most entire success.

As to the manner of exciting zeal in Christians, and awakening interest in those who were not, it was thought that no better example could be followed, than that of the Apostles, who preached not only in the temple and synagogues, but, in some places, from house to house, as occasion required, and opportunity offered. As to the manner of preaching, written sermons were generally preferred in the pulpit; extemporaneous exhortations were often resorted to in smaller assemblies; and, without slighting the excellent prayers of our Liturgy, there were many occasions, both in private families, and in social meetings, when extemporaneous petitions seemed edifying both to the pastor and his flock. As to the great benevolent and religious institutions of the age, our Ministers felt that they were doing well to encourage their people to a lively participation in them. The Missionary and Bible Societies, the Colonization and Temperance Societies especially, received their most cordial support, and they considered it a subject of devout thankfulness to God, if their congregations took a deep interest in the same.

To provoke each other and their congregations to zeal in all good works, and especially to awaken the careless to a sense of their lost condition, the Ministers would meet together occasionally, and for several successive days, make full trial of prayer and God's word, expecting the blessing promised to two or three who come together and ask somewhat of God.

To these, I will only add a few words as to the spirit cherished, and the course pursued towards our Christian brethren who walk not with us in all things of Church order and worship.

We have seen how long and bitter the strife that subsisted between them and our fathers, how violent the prejudices that raged against us; and it would have been easy to enter on the work of revival in the spirit of retaliation and fierce opposition. But would it have been right, and as our Master would have had us do? Had not our forefathers done religion and them some wrong? Had not God made much use of them for good to religion? Were they not most sincere in their fear of us, and opposition to us? Did it not become us rather to win them over by love, and secure their esteem by living and preaching differently from our predecessors?

Such was the conciliatory course pursued by our deceased Father in God, and followed by those who perceived the good effects of his example; and most happy was the effect of the same.

And now, brethren, are there any who, in view of the past, and of God's blessing upon the doctrines preached, and the measures adopted, would, for a moment, listen to the proposal of a change? More especially, when we remember, that in the course adopted by us, we only followed closely in the footsteps of a noble host of faithful Ministers and Laymen in our Mother Church, who, during the last fifty years, have been so successfully engaged in the work of her revival. Though not so deeply corrupted as the Church of Virginia, yet was the English Church most sadly defective, both in doctrine and practice. But God raised up the Venns, Newtons, Scotts, Cecils, Martins, Buchannans, among the Clergy, and the Wilberforces, Thorntons, Grants, and Hannah Moores, among the Laity, to bear their testimony against the jejune morality of the pulpit, and to condemn, as well by their writings as example, the worldliness both of Clergy and people in that day. And what a blessed change has been effected? None pretend, for a moment, to question either the effect or the cause thereof. And yet, alas! so fickle, so fond of various experiment is man, there are not a few, who, within the last twelve years, while lavishing praises on those who were the chief instruments of the happy change, have yet proposed to do more good by means and instruments widely different from those which Heaven has so greatly blessed for the last half century. I need not tell of the confusion, discord and unhappiness already produced by the unwise experiment, and the injury our Church is suffering thereby. We, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, will keep to the old ways, assured that he, "in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning," will continue to bless us as he has done, and yet more abundantly, if we will only be more faithful in those ways.

And while we have reason at thought of our present, by comparison with our past condition, to exclaim "what hath God done," "to thank Him and take courage," yet should we beware of boasting, or of supposing that all is done, or that what remains will certainly and easily be done. I consider it as the great error of many in our Church, throughout the land, that we are too much given to boasting, too apt to overrate our own successes, and calculate too largely on far greater, while underrating the present or probable future successes of others. God will, in his own way, correct us if we be guilty of presumption. Our Jacob is still small, and it becomes us now, as of old, to ask, by whom shall he arise? Much is there yet to be done, and there are many difficulties in the way. Though we have a goodly number of Ministers, yet by no means enough to carry on the work of enlargement as we could wish, and as the door seems opening to us.

Although we have many Churches, yet how many of the congregations are small, and not rapidly increasing, being still unable to afford even a moderate support to the Ministry.

Many are the discouragements which meet us in our efforts to sustain some of the old, and to raise up new congregations. Among the most painful is the difficulty of attaching the poor of this world, to our communion. When our Lord was on earth, he gave, as one of the signs of his heavenly descent, the blessed fact, that "to the poor the Gospel is preached," and "the common people, it is written, heard him gladly;"—"the multitudes followed him." Such should be our constant endeavor, my brethren of the Clergy; and if, from the causes alluded to in the past history of our Church, one description of the poor of Virginia have been almost entirely alienated from us, let us rejoice to know that there is another description not less acceptable in the sight of Heaven, who, if we are kind to them, and will

take due pains to win them over, will more easily be led to come under the faithful preaching of the word. The poor servants will, if we persevere in our labors of love towards them, and be to them what God's faithful pastors in every age have been to the poor, be benefitted by our Ministry, and may, if we will, in conjunction with their owners, attend to them betimes as we do to our own children, become regular and pious members of our communion. But whether we think of the rich, or the poor, or those of any and every condition and character amongst us, with the hope of converting them to Christ, and attaching them to the communion of our Church, we need not expect much success, without much zeal and diligence, such as was put forth in our first efforts for its resuscitation. Our State is not one of those whose population is rapidly increasing, in which flourishing villages are springing up in every direction, calling for neat Churches to fill up the measure of their beauty and excellency, and where the support of the Ministry is sure, so that our Zion must needs lengthen her chords, and strengthen her stakes. Very different is it with us now, has it been for many years, and will it in all probability be, for many years to come. It is only by patient perseverance in well-doing, that we can hope to make advances in the establishment of our Church. Much self-denial, and enduring of hardship, and abounding in labors, and itinerant zeal, and contentedness with a little of this world's goods, on the part of many of our Ministers, are indispensable to the growth of the Church in Virginia, much beyond her present attainment. Without these things, she may continue stationary, or even retrograde in some places, during years to come. The want of such Ministers, and the pressing demands of our Missionary Societies, and of vacant places in other Dioceses, depriving us of a number of our young men, and of some of those more advanced in life, have left us, during the last year or two, with a larger number of destitute places than usual, which I fear will not be supplied during the present year. In addition to these difficulties in the way of our rapid progress, requiring great zeal and self-denial in order to advancement, I should suppress the truth, were I not to say, that recent circumstances in the history of our own and Mother Church have contributed not a little to revive old prejudices and former opposition, which, for the last thirty years, had been gradually and happily subsiding, under the faithful preaching, and peaceable, conciliatory deportment of our Ministers. The cry of false doctrine and Romish tendencies has been renewed under circumstances well calculated to mislead the judgments of many good people, who are not so well qualified to distinguish between the errors of individuals and the positive corruptions of a Church. There are those, who, of course, would make use of these circumstances to our injury, the temptation being too strong for poor human nature entirely to resist. And in what spirit, and with what weapons shall we meet and contend with this old enemy, now risen up with renovated strength against us? Surely it becomes us to remember in what manner, and with what success, old prejudices were put down, and former opposition in a measure disarmed. Let us adopt the same method now, when we would overcome a less formidable foe, for it cannot be, that prejudice now exists to the same extent as formerly. Making all allowance for honest prejudice, and little regarding any other, let us, in the spirit of Christian kindness and patience, set forth the true doctrines of our Church, as established by the Reformers, and their conformity with Scripture, more emphatically than ever.

Let us avoid as much as possible all contention, not rendering railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing, and thus, as in former times, commend our Church to the hearts and judgments of the pious and peaceable. I well know the difficulty of this in some places, and under some circumstances, but am not the less persuaded of the duty, because of its difficulty, and the temptations to an opposite course.

To conclude. In urging you, my Brethren, to an adherence to those modes of exhibiting truth, and those means of advancing religion, which, in our Mother Church, and in the Church of Virginia, have been so blessed of Heaven; in warning you against changes in this time of innovation; you will not understand me as intimating that those who were first engaged in the work were incapable of error, and that no improvement could be made, neither that circumstances being changed in the progress of events, there might not be some modifications in the manner of promoting the same great object.

I am well aware of the folly of supposing that any one age or generation can be an unerring standard of truth and holiness. I admit the justness of the wise son of Sirach's warning, "say not that the former times were better than these, for thou speaketh not wisely concerning this thing." I admit, with readiness and gratitude, a general improvement in the condition of mankind, as to morals and religion, not only since my own recollection and observation, but for a much longer previous period. I dissent entirely from those who can see nothing but deterioration in the history of man, either in our own, or other lands. I see the very reverse of it in all Protestant Christendom, and even in some parts of the corrupt Church of Rome. Nevertheless, I cannot close my eyes to the fact, that some in the Episcopal Church of England and America, in their desire for its rapid extension, and its universal prevalence, and in their haste to attain some ideal perfection of unity, have embraced exploded errors, and subjected the whole Church to the charge of retracing its steps towards apostate Rome. In this, and in the vigorous and too successful efforts of Romanists to regain some of their lost power, we may perhaps see the approach of that last fearful conflict between truth and error, which is, happily, however, to be of short duration, and to end in a sure victory to the former. However this may be, my Brethren, and whether we shall see, or be engaged in this battle or not, one thing is certain, that we cannot be too earnest in our endeavors, each one, after personal holiness. We need not fear as an innovation or presumption, the attempt to be more holy than any who have gone before us, provided only, that we go by the rule of God's word. Neither can we be too zealous and faithful in preaching according to the law and testimony. If, in any thing, any of us find that we have erred, laying too much or too little comparative emphasis on doctrines, duties, ordinances, promises, threatenings, or any thing pertaining to the whole council of God; of course it is our duty, by the unerring word, to correct the same, not without a careful regard to the warning and instructive voice of history, which shows how prone some have been to give to the mint the anise and cummin of religion, that regard which is due only to the weightier matters of the law.

BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT

Of Episcopal and other services during the Conventional year ending May 21, 1845.

The Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop then read his address, as follows:

In commencing this statement, it may be proper to mention, that, in consequence of the absence of the Clergyman appointed to preach the usual Sermon to the gentlemen at the last Convention, that duty was devolved on me, and performed in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, on the evening of the 17th of May.

Sunday, May 19.—At 6 o'clock A. M., I preached in the same Church, and confirmed 15 persons. On the same day, and in the same Church, at the usual hour for Morning Service, I preached again, and assisted Bishop Meade in the ordination of a presbyter; and at night I preached there a third time, previous to the parting Address by Bishop Meade.

May 20.—I left Lexington on a visitation of the Churches West of the Ridge.

May 21.—At Lexington, I consecrated Grace Church, and admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Edwin A. Dalrymple, of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover. In these and other services in the Valley, I was assisted by several of the Clergy who accompanied me from the Convention. Grace Church, which is one of the evidences of the usefulness of our Diocesan Missionary Society, is a brick building, very convenient in all its arrangements, and capable of accommodating from four to five hundred persons. Commanding in its site—appropriate in its architecture, and adorned by a handsome steeple, it forms a beautiful addition to a scene, striking in its natural features, and rendered still more so by the range of fine buildings which belong to Washington College and to the Military Institute. The Christian courtesy extended to us by the different officers of those Institutions, I would not omit to notice, and I trust they may find the toils of education in some measure alleviated, and their success in their responsible work promoted, by the salutary influence of the Services of the Church which I was privileged to consecrate.

May 22.—I preached again in Grace Church, and confirmed nine persons.

May 23.—Rode to Buchanan, and preached there at night. The congregation in this place are engaged in erecting a Church, which will soon be ready for consecration. The Rev. Mr. Bryant, who, at the time of my visit, officiated alternately at Lexington and Buchanan, purposes confining his labors to Buchanan. The Church at Lexington wish to engage a minister who can give them the whole of his time.

May 24.—In the morning I preached at Fincastle, and admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. William H. Pendleton. In the afternoon I preached again, and confirmed twelve persons.

May 26.—I preached at Big Lick, and confirmed eight persons.

May 27.—Was occupied in reaching Liberty.

May 28.—I preached in the Methodist Church in Liberty, and confirmed one person.

May 29.—Consecrated St. Stephen's Church, Bedford, and confirmed six persons.

May 30.—Preached in Trinity Church, Bedford, and confirmed two persons.

My next appointment was at Ca Ira, Cumberland, at which place I arrived Saturday morning, June 1st—preached there that morning, and on the morning and afternoon of the next day, when I baptized four children, at the request of the Rector, and confirmed three persons.

June 3.—Preached at Painville in the morning, and in the afternoon baptized an infant.

June 4.—I was at the Church near Manakin town, Powhatan, but a heavy rain prevented the congregation from assembling.

June 9.—Preached in Christ Church, Richmond.

June 16.—Preached in St. John's, Richmond.

June 18.—At the request of Mr. Gifford, I preached at Black Heath Coal Pit, on the occasion of the interment of the persons who perished by an explosion in one of the mines.

June 23.—I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Hanover,—preached, and assisted the Rector in the administration of the Communion.

June 28.—Preached in Christ Church, Richmond.

June 29. Consecrated Grace Church, Meherrin Parish, Greenville—preached and confirmed four persons. The same night, at the residence of Mrs. Wyatt, I confirmed five colored persons.

From the 1st of July until the 14th I was confined by sickness. An appointment which I had made at Manakin town for July 4th was met by Bishop Meade, whose line of visitation providentially brought him to the vicinity at that time.

July 14.—I left my room for Alexandria that I might be present at the ordination which was to take place there the next day, and render to Bishop Meade such aid as he might require.

July 15.—In Christ Church, Alexandria, I united with Bishop Meade in the ordination services. After he had admitted the members of the graduating class to Deacon's Orders, I admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. George Wilmer and the Rev. William F. Lockwood. At night, in the same Church, after sermon by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee, of Delaware, I addressed the congregation on behalf of our Diocesan Missions, and also administered confirmation to four persons.

It will be recollected, that at the last Convention a resolution was adopted, requesting me to suspend my regular visitations and engage in presenting an appeal to our friends in other Dioceses to aid us in endowing two professorships in our Theological Seminary. To this undertaking, much of my time during the rest of the year was devoted, and yet, so far as I am aware, no inconvenience has been experienced by any of the Parishes from want of Episcopal services.

Towards the end of July, I went to the District to prepare and have printed a Circular, addressed to the friends of Theological education, setting forth concisely the history and the claims of our Institution, and stating our plan to secure its permanency and extend its usefulness. In connexion with this important object, it was thought expedient that I should make an immediate visit to some of the Northern Cities, and confer with the several Rectors and some of the influential members, as to the best time and mode for making our application. On my way I found it necessary to avail myself of the sea air and bathing at Cape May, where I preached July 29th.

Aug. 4.—Preached in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia. A few days in this city satisfied me that very little could then be done in the way of my mission. The persons with whom I wished to confer were, with very few exceptions, absent. I therefore returned to Newcastle, Delaware, where I preached on the 11th, and spent several days in corresponding with brethren at a distance. Every letter which I received contained very gratifying assurances of interest in our Seminary, and of a disposition to aid us in the accomplishment of our wishes. There was, however, but one opinion as to the inexpediency of making our application at that time. The months of October and November were indicated as the proper period. Concurring in this view, I returned to Richmond.

Aug. 18.—Preached in Christ Church, Georgetown.

Aug. 25.—Preached in St. John's.

Sep. 1.—I officiated in the Monumental Church.

Sep. 15.—Preached in the same Church.

Sep. 22.—Preached morning and night in St. James' Church, Richmond.

Sep. 24.—Left home for the purpose of being present at the General Convention, and passed the rest of the week in Baltimore, distributing our circulars and visiting, preparatory to our application on behalf of the Seminary.

Sep. 30.—I preached on the subject of our Mission in St. Peter's Church in the morning, and at night in Christ Church. On each occasion Bishop Meade also delivered an address.

The next day we occupied in visiting and soliciting subscriptions. The result, both here and in other places, will be made known to you in a separate communication.

Oct. 2.—We were compelled to suspend our application in Baltimore and proceed to Philadelphia, as the Session of the General Convention was to commence the next day.

During the General Convention, as opportunity was afforded to me, I preached in several of the Churches of Philadelphia, and so arranged it as to render the services preparatory to our application on behalf of the Seminary.

Oct. 6.—Preached in St. Philip's in the morning, at St. Andrew's at night.

Oct. 9.—Lectured in St. Paul's.

Oct. 13.—Preached in Grace Church in the morning, and in the Epiphany at night.

Oct. 19.—Lectured in Grace Church.

Oct. 20.—In Christ Church united in the consecration of the Bishops of New Hampshire, Alabama and Missouri. At night I preached in St. Paul's.

Oct. 24.—Preached in Grace Church.

Oct. 26.—In St. Peter's Church I united in the consecration of the Missionary Bishops for China, Arkansas, and the dependencies of the Sultan of Turkey.

Oct. 27.—Preached in St. Luke's in the morning, and in Christ Church in the afternoon.

After the adjournment of the General Convention, I remained in Philadelphia, making personal application on behalf of the Seminary during the week, and on Sunday, November 3, I preached in the Church of the Epiphany in the morning, and at night for the congregation under the care of the Rev. Mr. Kerr.

Nov. 6.—Having completed, as far as practicable for the present, the collection in Philadelphia, I proceeded to New York, and, according to arrangements pre-

viously made by Bishop Meade, I preached that night at St. Mark's, and subsequently, as follows—

Nov. 7.—In the Church of the Ascension.

Nov. 8.—In St. George's.

Nov. 10.—In the Church of the Ascension in the morning; in St. Bartholomew's in the afternoon; and at night in St. Ann's, Brooklyn.

Nov. 12.—Proceeded to Boston.

Nov. 13.—Lectured in St. Paul's.

Nov. 15.—In Grace Church united with Bishop Meade in presenting the claims of the Seminary, and also in St. Paul's, on the 17th, in the morning, and in Trinity in the afternoon.

As Bishop Meade consented to complete the collection in Boston, I found myself at liberty to return for a few days to Richmond.

Dec. 1.—In the Monumental Church I read prayers, and, after a sermon by Bishop Otey, on Female Education, addressed the congregation in commendation of his subject.

Dec. 7.—I left home again for New York, and the next day preached morning and night in Christ Church, Baltimore.

From the 10th of December until the 3rd of January, I was engaged in the duties of the Court convened at St. John's Church, New York, for the trial of Bishop B. T. Onderdonk, D.D., on a presentment made by Bishops Meade, Otey and Elliot. The proceedings of the Court having been published, and the sentence canonically communicated to the Diocese, no further reference, on my part, can be necessary. During my detention in New York I officiated as follows:

Dec. 15.—Preached in St. Ann's, Brooklyn, in the morning, and at night in Calvary Church.

Dec. 22.—In St. Thomas' Church in the morning, and at night in St. Ann's, Brooklyn.

Dec. 25.—In St. Bartholomew's united with Bishop Lee and the Rector in the administration of the Communion.

Dec. 29.—Preached in St. Mark's Church in the morning, and at night, by the request of the Rector of Emanuel Church, Brooklyn, communicated by one of the wardens, Bishop Meade and myself presented the claims of the Seminary to the congregation.

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Jan. 5.—On my way to Richmond, I attended service in the morning in St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, and aided the Rector in the administration of the Communion. At night, I preached in Christ Church.

Jan. 12.—Preached in the Monumental Church.

Jan. 19.—Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning, and at night, in St. James' Church, united with the Rev. Mr. Gillett in commending to the congregation the objects of the Mission.

Jan. 26 and 29.—Preached in the Monumental Church.

Feb. 2.—Preached in the Monumental in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

Ash Wednesday.—Preached in the morning in the Monumental Church, and at night in St. James'.

Feb. 9.—Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

Feb. 12.—In St. James' Church.

Feb. 16 and 19.—In St. James' Church at night.

Feb. 23.—In the Monumental Church.

March 2.—In the Monumental in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

March 5.—St. James' at night.

March 9.—In Christ Church in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

March 10, 11, 13.—Lectured in the Monumental on confirmation.

March 12.—Preached at St. James' at night.

March 14.—Preached in St. John's Church.

March 16.—Preached in St. John's Church in the morning, and confirmed six persons. At night preached in St. James', and confirmed 15 persons. Ten from the Monumental Church.

March 17 and 18.—Preached in St. James' Church.

Easter Sunday. Preached in the Monumental Church in the morning, and in St. James' at night.

March 25.—Preached for the colored people in their Church on Broad street.

March 28.—Preached at Williamsburg, at night.

March 29.—In the same Church, after a sermon in the morning by the Rev. Mr. Beall, I addressed the congregation, and preached at night. In the afternoon, at the request of the Rector, I baptized an infant.

March 30.—Preached in the same Church in the morning, and confirmed seventeen persons. Preached again at night.

March 31.—At York Town, where the Rev. Mr. Hodges officiates occasionally, I preached in the Court House.

April 3.—Preached at Brandon Church, Prince George county.

April 4.—Preached to the colored people in their Chapel on the Brandon Estates.

April 10.—Consecrated St. Luke's Church, Powhatan, and preached. This building has much to commend it. It is well arranged, and neatly finished, but its dimensions are so small, that I trust its enlargement will soon be found necessary.

April 11.—Preached in St. Luke's, and confirmed one person.

April 12.—Preached at Grub Hill, Amelia.

April 13.—Preached in the same Church, and confirmed five persons.

April 14.—Preached in Grace Church, Powhatan, and confirmed three persons.

April 19.—Preached in Trinity Church, Hanover, in the morning. In the afternoon, I was requested to address the servants at Mr. Nelson's—a request with which it gave me much pleasure to comply.

April 20.—At Fork Church I preached, and confirmed four persons, and united with the Rector, and the Rev. Wm. G. Jackson, in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

April 30.—I left Richmond to visit the Churches in Louisa, Orange, Madison and Culpepper.

May 1.—Consecrated St. John's Church, near Mechanicsville, and preached. The erection of this building is very creditable to the zeal and liberality of the few by whose efforts it has been completed. I was pleased to perceive, in the enclosure with which it had been so promptly surrounded, the evidence of a considerable care that what had been wrought, should not be impaired. I hope the example may be followed by other congregations.

May 2.—Preached again in St. Luke's, and confirmed one person.

May 3.—Preached in the morning, in St. Thomas' Church, Orange Court House, and, in the afternoon, addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Cole.

May 4.—Preached in the same Church in the morning, and confirmed six persons. Preached also at night.

May 6.—Preached at Madison Court House. In the afternoon, confirmed a sick lady in her own dwelling. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Cole, I again addressed the congregation. This Church, and the one at Liberty, are vacant. Their solicitude to be supplied is very great, and we have hope that it will soon be gratified. A little aid from our Diocesan Missionary Society will enable them to secure the services of a Clergyman; and in a short time, I should hope that the Parish, under proper cultivation, will be able to sustain its Pastor, and even to assist in succoring others.

May 7.—Rode to Culpepper Court House, where I preached the next day, morning and night, and also on the 9th.

May 10.—Preached at Stephensburg.

May 11.—Preached in St. James', Culpepper, and confirmed nine persons.

In closing this statement, I cannot refrain from an expression of gratitude on account of the revival of our Diocesan Missionary Society, and for the patronage extended to it during the past year. But for the helping hand it affords, and the hope which it inspires, it would be painful indeed to pass through many portions of this extended State, and see its desolations and destitution. A commencement, and a very encouraging commencement, of the remedy has been made, by the instrumentality of which I speak. Enough has been done to show us what may be accomplished and to inspire us in the blessed work. If the Church in Virginia will come up to its duty and privilege, and sustain this and the Education Society, together with our Theological Seminary, as they should be sustained, a day is before us, the dawn of which we have yet scarcely seen, and a harvest is to be reaped, the first fruits of which have hardly been gathered. Brethren, let us in faith, devise liberal things, and the abundant blessing of Heaven is in store for us.

The Convention then took a recess until after divine service—when, having reassembled:

The Committee on the examination of certificates of Lay Delegates reported the following gentlemen, not before present, as entitled to seats, viz:

W. C. Latané, <i>South Farnham P., Essex.</i>	
W. T. Taliaferro, } <i>Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester.</i>	}
John R. Bryan, }	
Thomas Matthews, <i>St. Ann's P., Essex.</i>	
Thomas H. Williamson, <i>Woodville P., Rockbridge.</i>	
B. C. Chinn, <i>North Farnham P., Richmond Co.</i>	
Robert C. Steptoe, <i>Russell P., Bedford.</i>	
Robert W. Tomlin, <i>St. Paul's, Hanover.</i>	
B. W. Bramham, <i>St. John's Church, Louisa.</i>	
James Murdaugh, <i>Portsmouth P., Portsmouth.</i>	

The Assistant Bishop, presiding, announced the following Standing Committees.

Committee on State of the Church.—Rev. A. Empie, D.D., John Grammer, Edward C. McGuire, D.D., Alexander Jones, D.D., William Sparrow, D.D., Charles Mann, E. Boyden, of the Clergy; and Messrs. Thomas G. Coleman, William Pollock, John Allmand, Jeremiah Morton, Samuel Slaughter, of the Laity.

Committee on Finance.—General Samuel H. Lewis, Messrs. Edmund Fontaine, Lewis A. Boggs, William H. Fowle, William Williams, Cassius F. Lee, James Ransom.

Committee on Episcopal Fund.—Rev. C. B. Dana, Rev. J. T. Johnson, Messrs. Thomas H. Clagett, John E. Page, R. H. Cunningham.

Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.—Messrs. George M. Carrington, B. B. Minor, W. P. Stewart, William Galt.

Committee on Parochial Reports.—Rev. T. T. Castleman, Rev. John Cole, Rev. William Friend.

Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.—Rev. C. B. Dana, Rev. James May, D.D., Mr. Thomas Ambler.

Committee on Widows and Orphans Fund.—Rev. W. N. Ward, Rev. John McGuire, Rev. Aristides Smith.

Rev. Mr. Earnest presented a petition for the admission of a new Parish—referred.

Mr. Lee, from the select Committee, presented the following report.

Resolved, That the resignation of the Rev. B. M. Miller, as Secretary of the Convention, be accepted, and that the thanks of the Convention be presented to him for the faithful discharge of his laborious duties for the several years he has held that office.

Resolved, That William M. Blackford, Esq., of Fredericksburg, be appointed Secretary of the Convention.

Resolved, That Mr. Edmund Fontaine be appointed Treasurer *pro tem*.

Said resolutions being submitted by the chair were unanimously adopted.

Rev. W. N. Ward submitted sundry amendments to Canon 7th, and requested the appointment of a special committee—subject laid over by rule until to-morrow.

The reading of the Parochial reports was then commenced, and continued until, on motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 9 A. M.

FRIDAY, MAY 23.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev., the Assistant Bishop.

Mr. Blackford, elected Secretary yesterday, appeared and assumed the duties of his office.

The Secretary read the record of the proceedings of yesterday.

The roll of the Convention was then read, and reports from Parishes received.

Mr. Williams, from the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans Fund, read their Report, which was referred to the appropriate committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Convention was presented, and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia be requested to admit to the Holy Order of Deacons such persons as they shall consider qualified to hold that office, under the provisions of the 6th Canon of the late General Convention.

Mr. Williams, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented his account, which, on his motion, was referred to the appropriate Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, reported favorably upon the Petition of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa County—which Report was adopted by the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Ward, from the select Committee, to which was referred the resolution to amend the 7th Canon, made the following Report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO AMEND 7TH CANON.

The Committee, to whom was referred the motion to amend the 7th Canon, would report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the 7th section of the Canon be so amended as in the 4th line, after the words "not guilty," insert the words *what punishment shall be awarded if guilty*. In the 6th line strike out the words "such sentence as shall to him appear proper," and insert the words "*sentence according to the finding of the council*." In the 7th line strike out all after the word "but," and insert the words "the Bishop, with the advice of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, may mitigate, or remit the punishment, or may grant a new trial, if desired by the accused, in which case a new council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided."

The section as amended would read. "When the trial shall be gone through, the council shall declare, in a writing to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty, and what punishment shall be awarded if guilty, and shall forward the decision, together with the evidence and a record of the proceedings, to the Bishop. Whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce sentence according to the finding of the council, and such sentence

shall be final. But the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, may mitigate or remit the punishment: or may grant a new trial if desired by the accused, in which case a new council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided."

WILLIAM N. WARD.

On motion, the consideration of the whole subject was postponed until the next session of the Convention.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the 12th Canon be referred to a committee to inquire into the propriety of adopting a substitute for the same.

The resolution was adopted, and a committee appointed, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Christian, the Rev. Mr. Clark, and Messrs. Allmand and Carrington.

The Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, made the following Report, which was adopted.

The Committee on the "Episcopal Fund" have received from the wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, D. C., the following statement, which they beg leave to submit to the Convention as their Report.

C. B. DANA,
J. T. JOHNSTON,
JOHN E. PAGE,
THOMAS H. CLAGETT,
R. H. CUNNINGHAM.

REPORT ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

The trustees of the Bishop's Fund report, that since the last Convention they have received dividends from the Bank of Potomac and Farmers Bank of Alexandria, amounting to three hundred, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, which, added to the cash on hand last year uninvested, of three hundred one dollars and twenty-five cents, makes the sum of six hundred thirty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents now to invest.

Par value of 117 shares of Farmers Bank of Alexandria Stock.	\$5,850 00
Do. do 9 do. Potomac Bank Stock.	900 00
Cash on deposit in the Farmers Bank of Alexandria to the credit of the trustees,	638 75
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	\$7,388 75

WASHINGTON C. PAGE, } *Church Wardens, Christ Church,*
RICHARD C. MASON, } *Alexandria, Fairfax Parish.*

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Committee of Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of releasing to the several delinquent parishes all arrearages to the Contingent Fund due prior to the year 1844.

To which Resolution an amendment was proposed, in the following words:

"And also into the expediency of releasing missionary stations from the contribution to the Convention Fund."

The amendment being adopted, the resolution was, thus amended, adopted.

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

SATURDAY, 24TH MAY, 1845.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M., in the Lecture room, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by prayer from the Right Rev., the Assistant Bishop.

On motion—*Resolved*, That at all future Conventions it shall be the duty of each clergyman to hand in, or, if not present, to forward to the Secretary of the Convention, on the first day of its meeting, a statement of the number of white communicants under his charge, specifying the number belonging to each, if he be the rector of more than one Church or parish, which number shall be the rule to determine the amount to be paid to the Contingent Fund—and that, in cases where there is no rector, it shall be made the duty of the wardens to make such return.

The subject of the revival of the High School was brought before the Convention, by the Right Rev., the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, who announced that arrangements had been made to reopen that institution under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple.

Professors Sparrow, Packhard, May and Lippit, and the Rev. Mr. Ufford, being called upon by the Bishop, bore the highest testimony to the qualifications of the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, and to the importance of the school to the interests of the Theological Seminary and the Church.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the trustees be directed to proceed, as soon as practicable, to reopen the High School, at Howard, in the neighborhood of Alexandria, under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple.

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly commend the school, when thus reopened, to the patronage of the friends of the Church.

Resolved, That for the purpose of raising a sum for repairs and furniture necessary for reopening the High School a subscription be now opened, the money to be payable on the 1st of October next, and that a committee be appointed to wait upon friends of the Church now present.

The resolution was adopted, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Lee and Fowle, appointed, which committee, in a few minutes, reported that the sum of one thousand dollars had been obtained.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the 29th Rule be amended, by inserting after the word "be," in the second line, the words "the appointment of the Treasurer *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Grammer,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of Virginia receive, with thankfulness, the donation of the library recently made by Mrs. Griswold, according to the provisions of the will of her late venerable husband, and

that Bishop Meade be requested to address a letter to her, expressive of the high sense in which they hold the memory of Bishop Griswold, and their gratitude for her having selected our institution as the object of the bequest.

Resolved, That this Convention, deeply impressed with the importance of having some legal protection of the rights of property of the religious, benevolent and literary institutions of the Church, and trusting to the wisdom and justice of the Legislature, after due consideration, to afford the safest and best security for the same, requests the committee, to whom the duty of presenting the subject to the Legislature of Virginia was assigned, to continue such efforts as shall seem most likely to effect the object, and this Convention hereby calls upon all the ministers, members and friends of the Episcopal Church of Virginia to adopt such measures, on their part, as the above mentioned committee shall advise.

Rev. Mr. Ward from the Committee on the Widows and Orphans Fund, made the following report.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

The committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans Fund, would state that they have examined the reports of the Treasurer and Trustees, and find them correct. It appears that there are two bonds due the trustees of the fund, on which nothing has been paid—one of \$200 dollars the other \$273 50 cents. Your committee recommend that they be collected as soon as practicable, and be so invested as to yield a dividend. Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM N. WARD.

The trustees of the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia report,

That there has been received by the Treasurer from that fund, for interest and dividends, and paid to the Widows and Orphans Society, since last Convention, \$566 78 as follows:

Interest to 1st March last on bond for \$1,600,	- - - -	\$80 53
On account of note for \$600,	- - - -	100 00
Dividend on 1 share stock in Bank of Virginia,	- - - -	3 75
do on 5 do in Bank of Alexandria on winding up its affairs, and probably the last,	- - - -	5 00
do on 4 shares stock in Bank of Potomac,	- - - -	10 00
do on 147 shares stock in Farmers Bank of Alexandria,	- - - -	367 50
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		\$566 78

The only change in the state of the fund since last Convention is the payment, above mentioned; of \$100 on account of the note of \$600, which amount was paid to the Widows and Orphans Society on account of the arrears of interest due that society as per last report. And that the Trustees, at the request of one of the obligors in the bond for \$1,600, heretofore forming part of the fund, agreed to take in lieu thereof two bonds for \$800 each, one at 6 and the other at 12 months from 1st March last, with interest. They were induced to make this change from a desire to have a definite time fixed for payment, and the new bonds are considered undoubtedly good.

The fund now consists of			
147 shares stock in Farmers Bank of Alexandria, at par,	-	\$7,350	00
4 do do in Bank of Potomac, do	-	400	00
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2 Bonds of \$800 each, dated 1st March, 1845, one payable at 6 and the other at 12 months from date, with interest,	-	1,600	00
A note dated 20th April, 1841, payable on demand, on which nothing has ever been paid,	-	200	00
Another note dated 2nd April, 1841, payable on demand, on which nothing has ever been paid,	-	273	50
A note due 5th September, 1833, and protested, interest on which has been paid to 5th May, 1835,	-	\$600	
Paid 7th August, 1840, \$250. 18th May, 1844, \$100	-	350	250 00
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		\$10,173	50
Deduct balance of arrears of interest due Widows and Orphans Society,	-	853	55
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		\$9,319	95

Also 5 shares stock in Bank of Alexandria, worth at par \$1,000, on which nothing more will probably ever be realized.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS NELSON,	} Trustees.
WM. H. HUBBARD,	
WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.	

The Rev. Dr. Empie, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following report :

The Committee on the state of the Church beg leave to report, that they know of no subjects of importance calling for their *special* attention, as through the blessing of God the Church continues both safe and prosperous, and the duties, as well as cautions, most peculiarly appropriate to the present day, will be spread out on the face of our Journal in the Episcopal reports, and the interesting, appropriate and instructive address of our Diocesan.

But though released from *special* duty, your Committee would beg leave to throw out a few *general suggestions*, which they hope will not be found altogether destitute of importance.

God has enabled us, for many years past, to report an annual increase of numbers; a growing state of prosperity, and a hopeful condition of increasing piety. Let the Church be admonished to remember, that *prosperity has its dangers*:—that the Church may *outwardly* flourish, and yet not be rich towards God—that a fair and promising exterior may sometimes exist, when there is unsoundness, or even corruption within,—and that the more we are outwardly blessed, so much the more will God expect us to bring forth the fruits of righteousness and true holiness. As individuals and as Churches, should we not all enquire, whether we are growing in grace and in spirituality, and abounding in good works, in proportion as God has blessed us? Do our inward holiness and our Christian graces, and our light, shine and abound in proportion to our visible prosperity?

The Spirit of God has, from time to time, produced, in different places among us, a revival of religion. But after all revivals there is a *tendency to reaction*,—and

while God claims our gratitude for His loving kindness to our Zion, we hear some *complaints of coldness and formality* that should warn us of our danger; put us all upon our guard against the evils of religious declension; and renewedly stir us up to greater zeal and diligence. God's blessing has always been withdrawn from Churches that grow lukewarm in His service.

From the *great importance* of the subject, your Committee cannot but reëcho the advice of our Bishops, as to the great duty of Christian charity, and a forbearing spirit of brotherly kindness towards those who differ from us, both within and without the Church.

The excitements of party invariably tend to all the sins of uncharitableness in thought, word and deed. While we firmly maintain the truth, and resist both error and innovation, may God ever give us grace to do it in the spirit of love. However widely some of our Christian brethren may depart from the evangelical system of truth and duty, and however sharply we may rebuke what we deem their errors in faith and practice, let us leave their motives before God, untouched, and accord to them the same honesty, sincerity and piety of intention, which we claim for ourselves.

Some of the parochial reports have noticed a subject, which we cannot pass over in silence; for, although nothing particular has occurred to call forth our sentiments on this point, yet, as we deem it a matter of *more than common importance*, we cannot consent to pass it by altogether without notice—we mean the *religious instruction of our colored classes*, children and adults, bond and free. And we mean—not the *teaching them to read*—but teaching them *orally*, such things as may make them “wise unto salvation.” It is a fact, that in families, and in Sunday Schools, established on plantations and in Churches, throughout our villages and cities, in numerous instances, colored children and adults have been orally taught just as our own children are in our Sunday schools. Experience has every where shewn that they learn with great facility,—and we have both reason and experience,—both the authority of God and the testimony of man to prove, that those who have enjoyed the benefits of sound religious instruction are generally more useful and faithful,—better men—better servants, and better Christians, than those not thus instructed. God's honor is pledged that it shall be so, for He hath said; that, “His word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish that whereto He hath sent it.” Experience, too, has proved, that those who are brought up under erroneous religious teaching are often made worse instead of better, by becoming professors of religion, under the influence of their ignorance, their prejudices and their errors. Is it not then our *interest*, as well as our *duty*, and for the benefit of the community as well as of masters and of families, that in all families, plantations and Churches, our colored classes should, as far as possible, be gathered into schools for religious instruction,—just as our children are in Sunday Schools? Is it not a fact, that Almighty God holds us just as much bound to train up our servants, as to train up our children, “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?” The very reason that He gave for selecting Abraham out of all the men in the world, for the head and founder of His Old Testament Church and people, was, because, as God himself says, He knew “Abraham, that he would command his children and his household after him, to keep the way of the Lord.” And Abraham, accordingly, as God expressly commanded, brought all his servants and

slaves, as well as his children, under the bond of the covenant. If the souls of our servants, as well as of our children, are entrusted to our care, how shall we answer it to our consciences and unto God, if we do not endeavor to secure to them all the benefits of careful religious instruction. And since God in His Providence has caused Sunday Schools to be established for this purpose, does He not clearly make it our duty to bring our colored classes, as far as practicable, under the religious instruction of Sunday Schools? May God give Christians grace, everywhere, to lay these things to heart.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. EMPIE,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Williams, from the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented the following report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Executive Committee report, that during the last year they have appropriated \$1,837 50 to the support of the Missionaries in connexion with the Society. The following parishes have received assistance from the funds, in such proportion as the Ex. Com. deemed most advisable—Mill Creek, Jefferson county; Parkersburg; Point Pleasant; Pittsylvania; Campbell county; Greenville county; Elizabeth City; Southampton county; Augusta county; Fairfax county; Brooke county; Rockbridge and Kanawha counties. The reports of the several Missionaries, as received by the Committee, have been published in condensed form in the Southern Churchman. It is therefore unnecessary to enlarge this statement, by the repetition of what has already been sufficiently made known to the Diocese. We may add, however, that the results of the operation of the Society have been such as should gladden and encourage the hearts of its friends. It is only necessary to enlarge its means, and under the blessings of God we may look for proportionable success. The contributions received during the past year amount to \$1,866 31. There has been expended in the purchase of Prayer Books, \$21; and in the purchase of Tracts, \$54 45. The committee hope soon to make such arrangements as will secure a constant supply of Prayer Books, and of such standard Tracts as it may be most desirable to put in circulation.

F. H. DEANE,
Secretary of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Mr. Carrington, from the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, made the following Report:

The Committee, appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and found them correct.

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Chairman.*

William Williams, Treas., in account with the Diocesan Missionary Society.

		Dr.	
1844.	May 20.	To cash paid draft of Rev. W. H. Goode, in full of his appropriation for last year,	\$75 00
		Paid Edward S. Pegram, for Rev. W. H. Goode, being a specific donation to him from Christ Church, Norfolk,	50 00
	28.	Paid Rev. Geo. Woodbridge for postages,	50
	June 17.	Paid do do	25
	28.	Paid draft of Rev. Thos. Smith, Missionary at Parkersburg, amount of specific donations to his Church,	15 00
	July 2.	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Missionary, Point Pleasant, Mason county,	37 50
		To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Missionary, Danville, Pittsylvania county,	37 50
		To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Missionary, Pigeons Run, Campbell county,	37 50
		To cash remitted E. B. McGuire, Missionary, Poplar Mount, Greenville county,	35 00
		To cash remitted Rev. John P. Bausman, Missionary at Hampton,	37 50
		To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Withers, Missionary, Drewrysville, Southampton county,	37 50
	27.	To cash paid 1 per cent. discount on \$60 Georgia money, received from Christ Church, Alexandria,	60
	Aug. 1.	To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Missionary, Wellsburg, Brooke county,	37 50
		To cash paid Rev. James Craik's draft in full, for appropriation made Rev. Mr. Wirt, Kanawha county,	112 50
	Sept. 3.	To cash paid Joseph Gill, for 100 Prayer Books, and expenses thereon,	21 00
		14. To cash paid draft of Rev. Wm. Bryant, Missionary, Lexington, Rockbridge county,	42 00
		24. To cash paid Rev. E. B. McGuire, Greenville county,	37 50
	Oct. 10.	To cash paid draft of Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,	37 50
		18. To cash paid draft of Rev. J. P. Bausman, Hampton,	37 50
		To cash paid Rev. W. H. Goode, Missionary, Middleway, Jefferson county,	50 00
		22. To cash remitted Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, Wellsburg,	12 50
	Nov. 2.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Thos. Smith, Missionary, Parkersburg, Wood county,	65 00
		To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Mason county,	37 50
		6. To cash paid Rev. E. Withers, Southampton county,	37 50
		To cash paid Rev. Wm. Bryant, Lexington,	33 00
		8. To cash paid Rev. Wm. H. Goode, Jefferson county,	50 00
		19. To cash paid Joseph Gill, to purchase 100 copies of Tract, "Reasons why I am a Churchman,"	7 50
		20. To cash paid draft of Rev. Thos. Smith, Parkersburg,	60 00
	Dec. 2.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell co.,	12 50
		13. To cash paid Jos. Gill, for 79,540 pages Tracts ordered for Society, and expenses,	46 95
		28. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Bryant, Lexington,	37 00
	1845.		
	Jan. 13.	To cash remitted Rev. E. Withers, Southampton county,	37 50
		To cash remitted Rev. E. B. McGuire, Greenville co.,	37 50

Amount carried forward,

\$1,213 80

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,213 80
Jan. 13.	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwin, Mason county,	37 50
18.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Jas. McElroy, Missionary, in Augusta county,	75 00
	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. P. Bausman, Hampton,	75 00
	To cash paid draft of Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,	37 50
31.	To cash paid Rev. W. H. Goode, Jefferson county,	50 00
Feb. 7.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell co.,	50 00
March 4.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Missionary, Hay Market, Fairfax county,	50 00
20.	To cash remitted Rev. Thos. Smith, Parkersburg,	75 00
26.	To cash remitted Rev. Mr. Bryant, Lexington,	38 00
27.	To cash paid draft of Rev. James McElroy, Staunton,	22 00
April 1.	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell co.,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. Withers, Southampton,	37 50
10.	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. McElroy, Staunton,	3 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. B. McGuire, Greenville,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. J. P. Bausman, Hampton,	37 50
May 20.	To balance of cash in hand,	304 93

\$2,219 23

1844.	Cr.	
May 15.	By balance in hand per account to Convention at Lynchburg,	\$352 32
	By cash from St. James' Church, Culpepper county,	20 00
	By cash from Russel Parish, Bedford county,	4 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, for Rev. Mr. Goode,	50 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, for general purposes,	100 00
	By cash from E. W. Roy, Mathews county,	1 00
	By cash from John Henley, Charlotte county,	1 00
	By cash from Hampton Church, per Rev. Mr. Bausman,	11 00
	By cash from John Wilkins, Brunswick county,	10 00
	By cash from Mrs. Mary A. Jones, Brunswick county,	2 00
	By cash from Congregation at Buchanan,	10 62
	By cash from C. F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria,	10 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Alexandria,	10 00
	By cash from Dale Parish, Chesterfield county,	13 00
	By cash from St. Martin's Church, Hanover county,	7 00
	By cash from Miss M. W. Sims, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Bruce, Antrim Parish,	10 00
	By cash from Miss Sarah Bruce, Antrim Parish,	75 00
	By cash from Mrs. M. E. Grammer, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Rev. John Grammer, Antrim Parish,	10 00
	By cash from Miss C. Holt, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Clarke, Antrim Parish,	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Borum, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Sarah Wauhup, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. S. Easley, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Mrs. Ann Henderson, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, for Church at Parkersburg,	10 00
	By cash from St. John's Church, Lunenburg county,	11 00
	By cash from Mrs. M. B., Bottetourt county,	5 00
	By cash from Thos. G. Goodwin, Bottetourt county,	2 50

Amount carried forward,

\$736 44

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$736 44
May 15.	By cash from Mrs. E. Breckenridge, Bottetourt county,	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. M. E. Taylor, Bottetourt county,	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. B. Watts, Roanoke county,	5 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Lancaster county,	30 00
	By cash from Mrs. H. Stribbling, Staunton,	3 00
	By cash from Miss M. J. Smith, Antrim Parish,	1 00
	By cash from Hatley Norton, Trinity Church, Staunton,	25
	By cash from Monthly Concert of Prayer, Trinity Church, Staunton,	12 20
	By cash from Christ Church, Charlottesville,	67 20
	By cash from Mrs. Jas. H. Garland, Lexington Parish,	4 00
	By cash from Mrs. E. Withers, Dinwiddie county,	2 00
	By cash from Dr. Thos. Withers, Dinwiddie county,	3 00
	By cash from Raleigh, Dale and Genito Parishes,	11 00
	By cash from a Daughter of the Church, Christ Church, Smithfield,	1 00
	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	33 50
	By cash from Mrs. Capt. Tyler, St. Paul's, Norfolk,	7 00
	By cash from Sunday School, St. Paul's, Norfolk,	5 00
	By cash from Trinity Church, Portsmouth, for Church at Parkersburg,	5 00
	By cash from Trinity Church, for general purposes,	22 00
	By cash from Mrs. Hill, Spotsylvania county,	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. H., Spotsylvania county,	2 00
	By cash from Miss. H., Spotsylvania county,	50
	By cash from Widow's Mite, Spotsylvania county,	57
	By cash from Mr. R., Spotsylvania county,	1 50
20.	By cash from St. James' Parish, Goochland and Fluvanna,	45 00
June 9.	By cash from Bishop Johns' collections, viz:	
	Churches in Northern Neck,	55 47
	Bruce Chapel,	4 00
	Church at Point Pleasant,	9 18
	Church at Parkersburg,	11 90
	Church at Fineastle,	17 00
	Brick Church, Roanoke,	14 00
	Church at Liberty,	25 46
	Sunday School Children at Liberty,	8 85
	St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county,	15 06
	Trinity Church, Bedford county,	5 00
	Church at Ca Ira,	23 00
	Church at Petersville,	19 54
July 1.	By cash from a friend, Christ Church, Richmond, per Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,	2 00
	By cash from Savings Bank, for interest,	6 77
5.	By cash from Bishop Johns, for collections, viz:	
	St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick,	11 20
	Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	19 32
	St. Paul's Church, Lunenburg,	7 55
	St. John's Church, Lunenburg,	12 75
	At Halifax Court House,	20 56
	Boydton, Mecklenburg,	15 75
12.	By cash from Church at Fairfax Court House,	8 81
13.	By cash from a member of the Monumental Church,	8 00
20.	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	15 00

Amount carried forward,

\$1,349 33

		\$1,349 33
<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		
July 26.	By cash from Christ Church, Alexandria, collected after an address by Bishop Johns, 14th instant, By cash from individuals of that Church, subsequently,	85 37 26 63
Aug. 1.	By cash from Savings Bank, for interest,	2 79
21.	By cash from John Gray, Esq., Fredericksburg,	10 00
29.	By cash from a sale of Flowers and Needle Work, by a few little girls, at Fauquier Springs,	7 50
Sept. 6.	By cash from a Letter without name, postmarked "Mill-wood,"	5 00
Oct. 24.	By cash from Green Spring Parish, per Rev. Mr. Earnest,	13 00
29.	By cash from Sunday School in Madison county, for 24 Prayer Books, at 12 1-2 cts.,	3 00
Nov. 4.	By cash from J. Marshall, Leeds Parish, Fauquier,	10 00
14.	By cash from St. Thomas' Church, Orange, per Rev. J. Earnest,	20 80
Dec. 2.	By cash from Grace Church, Lexington, per Rev. Wm. Bryant,	5 41
10.	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	11 74
11.	By cash from Boyden Chapel, Augusta county, per Rev. J. McElroy,	4 00
	By cash from John Churchman, Chapel Hill, in part to constitute him a life member,	15 00
14.	By cash from Mrs. Rowan, Middlesex county,	5 00
23.	By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond, part of a collection for Missionary purposes, per Rev. Wm. Norwood,	123 60
26.	By cash from Miss Mary Meade, Clarke county, per C. F. Lee,	5 00
	By cash from Miss Polly Page, Clarke county, per C. F. Lee,	5 00
Jan. 3.	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	22 50
10.	By cash from Russell Parish, Bedford county, per Rev. Mr. Marbury,	10 00
11.	By cash from Savings Bank, for interest,	16 35
13.	By cash from St. John's Church, City Point, per Rev. M. McFarland,	5 00
	By cash from Rev. M. McFarland, for Prayer Books,	1 50
20.	By cash from Rev. R. K. Meade, Charlottesville,	30 00
29.	By cash from Mrs. M. Tidball, Winchester, per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	2 50
	By cash from Philip Williams, Jr., per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	5 00
	By cash from Mrs. R. M. Marshall, per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	5 00
	By cash from a Lady in Leeds Parish, per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	5 00
	By cash from Prayer Meeting Band No. 4, of Christ Church, Winchester, per Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	12 00
Feb. 8.	By cash from St. Ann's and South Farnham Parishes, per Rev. J. P. McGuire,	25 00
March 8.	By cash from a Lady of Leeds Parish, per Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	20 00
10.	By cash from Piedmont Church, Madison county, per Rev. J. Earnest,	15 11
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		1,883 13

		\$1,883 13
<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		
March 24.	By cash from two Ladies at a distance, for Missions in Western Virginia, by Bishop Johns,	200 00
	By cash for Premium of Exch. on the above, being in Northern Notes,	1 50
April 1.	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	25 00
3.	By cash from St. John's Church, City Point, per Rev. Malcolm McFarland,	5 08
9.	By cash from Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, by Bishop Johns,	33 30
14.	By cash from Shelburn Parish, Loudon county, per Rev. George Adie,	40 00
	By cash from Bishop Johns, for collection at consecration of St. Luke's Church, Powhatan,	6 22
25.	By cash from Raleigh Parish, Amelia, by Bishop Johns,	19 00
	By cash from Genito Parish, Powhatan, by Bishop Johns,	6 00
		<u>\$2,219 23</u>
May 21.	By balance of cash in hand,	\$304 93

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WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.**Richmond, 21st May, 1845.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention cause to be printed 2,000 extra copies of so much of the Address of Bishop Meade as relates to the origin, progress and present state of the Episcopal Church of Virginia.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the different Denominations of this town, for the use of their Churches, kindly offered to us during this Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, which resulted in the choice of the old Board, with the exception of the election of Richard H. Cunningham, Esq., in the place of Thos. F. Nelson, Esq.

The Standing Committee was elected, as follows:—Rev. Messrs. Lippitt, Dana and Sparrow, and J. Hooff, Esq., Dr. O. Fairfax, and C. F. Lee, Esq.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, for the last year, was then re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, be held in the Town of Petersburg, on the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1846.

The Convention then took a recess.

SATURDAY, 8 o'clock P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, the Rt. Rev., the Bishop, in the Chair.

Gen. Lewis, from the Committee of Finance, made the following Report :

The Committee of Finance, having performed the duty assigned them, respectfully report,

That upon examination of the accounts of our Diocesan Treasurer, (Mr. Hubbard,) marked A, we have found them fairly and accurately stated, with satisfactory vouchers for all his disbursements.

Your Committee find that the contributions from the several Parishes to the contingent fund for the present year amount to the sum of \$4,560 74, as per list B. That the sum of \$67 75 has been received on account of arrearages due prior to the last year, (see C,) making, together with the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of \$4,645 62. The delinquencies for the year 1844 amount to \$390 28; (see D,) the delinquencies for the present year amount to \$432 85, as per list E, and the following Parishes have made no report.—See list F.

Your Committee have also, according to order, had under consideration the expediency of striking off the arrearages due from the several Parishes to the contingent fund for years prior to 1844,—and whilst your Committee cannot forbear the expression of their regret, that any Parish should ever suffer itself to become delinquent in the performance of a duty, so obviously necessary and proper, that your Committee deem it an act of supererogation to make one single remark to enforce it, yet, in the hope that more punctuality for the future will be observed, your Committee have been induced to recommend that no further effort should be made to collect the said arrearages, nor any report be made of any delinquency that occurred previously to the year 1844—earnestly appealing to all the Parishes not to suffer any delinquency of the kind to occur for the future.

Your Committee are aware, that the plan of assessment upon the several Parishes in proportion to the number of communicants in the Parish, rather than according to the pecuniary ability of the Parishioners to pay, is liable to objection; but when it is recollected that the Committee have no means of ascertaining the relative wealth of the several Parishes, and when it is recollected, moreover, that men are not always willing to contribute to religious and benevolent institutions according to their abilities, your Committee are persuaded that the assessment upon the several Parishes, according to their respective number of communicants, is the most eligible plan that has been suggested. Your Committee cannot forbear reiterating that which has so often been heretofore explained, to wit: That, in adopting the present mode of collecting the contingent fund, it was never intended by the Convention to be understood as a tax imposed upon the communicants as individuals; but as an assessment upon the several Parishes, which the vestries may collect in the mode which they themselves may deem most eligible, provided only, that the amount of contributions shall always correspond in number of dollars with the number of white communicants in the Parish, reported to the Con-

vention for the current year. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That no further effort shall be made to collect any arrears to the contingent fund that were due prior to the year 1844.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. LEWIS, *Chairman*.

Report and Resolution adopted by Convention.

The accompanying resolution of the foregoing report was adopted.

(A)

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia in account with William H. Hubbard, Treasurer.

1844.		Dr.			
May	21.	To cash paid Bishop Johns,	per receipt, No. 1,		\$525 00
		To cash paid Bishop Meade,	" 2,		715 00
		To cash paid C. M. Smith,	" 3,		10 00
		To cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller,	" 4,		20 00
June	12.	To cash paid " " "	" 5,		10 00
	24.	To cash paid " " dft. favor B. B. Minor,	" 6,		200 00
July	3.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's dft. favor William H. McFarland,	" 7,		200 00
	11.	To cash paid Bishop Johns', dft. favor K. Johns,	" 8,		500 00
Sept.	20.	To cash paid Bishop Johns', dft. favor Bearer,	" 9,		500 00
Oct.	25.	To cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller's dft. favor Rev. A. Empie,	" 10,		73 50
		To cash paid Rev. A. Empie,	" 11,		65 90
	29.	To cash paid Bishop Meade, per William H. McFarland,	" 12,		130 00
		To cash paid Rev. J. Grammer,	" 13,		62 67
		To cash paid Rev. William Sparrow's dft. favor Rev. J. Grammer,	" 14,		17 00
		To cash paid Rev. Wm. Sparrow's dft. favor Rev. J. Grammer,	" 15,		28 00
		To cash paid Rev. S. H. Lewis', dft. favor William H. McFarland,	" 16,		85 00
		To cash paid Rev. Edw. C. McGuire,	" 17,		31 70
Nov.	12.	To cash paid Bishop Johns', dft. favor Mrs. Johns,	" 18,		100 00
Dec.	3.	To cash paid H. K. Ellyson,	" 19,		3 50
		To cash paid Rev. George Woodbridge's dft. favor Eli Ball,	" 20,		11 50
	21	To cash paid Bishop Meade's dft. favor C. F. Lee, and Exchange,	" 21,		100 75
		To cash paid Bishop Johns' dft. favor Mrs. Johns,	" 22,		400 00
	1845.				
Jan.	18.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's dft. favor Bishop Johns,	" 23,		100 00

Amount carried forward,

\$3,889 52

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$3,889 52
Jan. 20.	To cash paid Rev. B. M. Miller, per William Williams,	" 24,	10 00
Feb. 7.	To cash paid P. D. Bernard,	" 25,	4 00
	To cash paid Bishop Johns,	" 26,	500 00
March 25.	To cash paid do	" 27,	150 00
May 19.	To cash paid Sunday postages, by Treasurer, during year,	"	75
	Balance on hand,		17 13
			<u>\$4,571 40</u>

Note.—From the above account, it would appear that Bishop Meade has received \$245 more than his salary, of \$1000. We are requested to state, that this was required for travelling expenses and postage of eighteen months, and for the printer's bill for his address to the Convention of 1844, amounting to \$40.

	1844.	CR.	
May 11.	By balance at this date as per account rendered,		\$37 42
	" Amount received from Convention per sundry persons, as follows, viz :		
13.	" Cash per letter from Rev. Allen Williams from Wickliffe Parish, as reported,	42 25	
21.	" Cash from E. S. Pegram, Treas. pro. tem., viz : cash from " Bishop Johns' receipt,	2,922 29	
	from " Bishop Meade's receipt,	525 00	
	from " C. M. Smith's receipt,	715 00	
24.	" " Rev. Alex. Jones, from Zion's Church, St. Andrew's Parish,	10 00	
	" " Rev. Mr. McGuire, from South Farnham Parish, June 1,	86 50	
22.	" " Millwood, Frederick P., Clarke co., delinquent,	9 68	
29.	" " St. Stephen's Church, Cedar Run P. Fauquier county, delinquent,	7 00	
	" " St. Paul's Church, King George co., delinquent,	5 00	
Sep. 6.	" " Nelson Parish, Nelson co., per Rev. Mr. Wilmer, part delinquent,	25 00	
27.	" " Cople Parish, Westmoreland co., per Rev. William N. Ward, part delinquent,	20 00	
	" " Farnham Parish, Richmond co., per Rev. Wm. N. Ward, part delinquent,	15 00	
	" " Lunenburg Parish, Richmond co., per Rev. Wm. N. Ward, in full delinquent,	10 00	
	" " Russell Parish, Bedford co., per Rev. J. S. Marbury, in full delinquent,	24 00	
Jan. 6.	" " Trinity Church, Louisa co., per Rev. John Cook, in full delinquent,	33 00	
Feb. 7.	" " Trinity Church, City Point, per Bishop Johns, in full delinquent,	7 00	
11.	" " Interest on money deposited in Savings Institution,	5 00	
April 16.	" " Centurion Church, Fort Monroe per Rev. M. L. Chevers, in full delinquent,	58 26	
		14 00	
			<u>\$4,571 40</u>
May 19.	By balance on hand,		\$17 13
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WILLIAM H. HUBBARD. *Treasurer.*

(B)

Account of money paid to the Contingent Fund from the several parishes at the Convention which assembled at Fredericksburg on Wednesday, 21st of May, 1845.

St. Mark's } parish, <i>Culpepper,</i>	-	-	\$24 00
St. James' } parish, <i>King George,</i>	-	-	25 00
St. Paul's parish, <i>Norfolk,</i>	-	-	108 00
Trinity Church, <i>Shepherdstown,</i>	-	-	50 00
Lynhaven parish, <i>Princess Anne,</i>	-	-	39 00
St. Thomas' Church, <i>Middletown, Frederick co.,</i>	-	-	20 00
Leed's parish, <i>Fauquier co.,</i>	-	-	30 00
St. James' Church, <i>Dettengin parish, Prince William co.</i>	-	-	17 00
St. Margaret's, <i>Caroline co.,</i>	-	-	27 35
Abingdon and Ware parishes, <i>Gloucester,</i>	-	-	40 00
St. Ann's parish, <i>Essex,</i>	-	-	30 00
Albemarle, parish, <i>Sussex,</i>	-	-	12 00
Lyttleton parish, <i>Cumberland,</i>	-	-	39 00
Hamilton parish, <i>Fauquier,</i>	-	-	44 00
St. Paul's Church, <i>Lynchburg,</i>	-	-	121 00
Antrim parish, <i>Halifax,</i>	-	-	59 00
South Farnham, <i>Essex,</i>	-	-	32 00
Roanoke parish, <i>Halifax,</i>	-	-	20 00
Meade parish, <i>Loudon,</i>	-	-	24 00
Bruton parish, <i>Williamsburg,</i>	-	-	68 00
St. George parish, <i>Fredericksburg,</i>	-	-	150 00
St. Paul's parish, <i>Hanover,</i>	-	-	10 00
St. David's parish, <i>King William,</i>	-	-	7 00
St. Peter's parish, <i>New Kent,</i>	-	-	14 00
St. Peter's Church at <i>Port Royal,</i>	-	-	30 12
Christ Church, <i>Middlesex,</i>	-	-	6 00
Elizabeth City parish, <i>St. John's, Hampton,</i>	-	-	32 00
Shelburn parish, <i>St. James' Church, Loudon,</i>	-	-	70 00
Church at <i>Aldie,</i>	-	-	5 00
Christ Church, <i>Frederick,</i>	-	-	75 00
Frederick parish, <i>Millwood,</i>	-	-	62 00
St. Paul's, <i>Petersburg,</i>	-	-	240 00
Christ Church, <i>Norfolk,</i>	-	-	352 00
Grace Church, <i>Petersburg,</i>	-	-	27 50
Hungar parish, <i>Northhampton,</i>	-	-	61 00
St. Stephens, <i>Culpepper,*</i>	-	-	20 00
Russel parish, <i>Bedford,</i>	-	-	89 00
Trinity Church, <i>Portsmouth,</i>	-	-	90 00
Trinity Church, <i>Staunton,</i>	-	-	73 00
St. Thomas parish, <i>Orange,</i>	-	-	65 00
St. Paul's, Leeds parish, <i>Prince William.</i>	-	-	29 00
St. James', <i>Southam and King William,</i>	-	-	23 00
St. Martins, Brandon parish, <i>Prince George,</i>	-	-	25 00
Cornwall parish, <i>Charlotte, Roanoke Church,</i>	-	-	10 00
Walker's Church, <i>Albemarle,</i>	-	-	19 00
St Ann's Church, <i>Albemarle,</i>	-	-	13 00
Woodville parish,	-	-	31 00
Nelson parish, <i>Nelson co.,</i>	-	-	34 00
Christ Church, <i>Norborne parish, Berkley,</i>	-	-	20 00
From a lady in <i>Amherst co.,</i>	-	-	1 00
Norborne parish,	-	-	18 00

Amount carried forward,

\$2,530 97

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,530 97
St. Andrew's parish, <i>Zion Church,</i>	101 50
Moore parish,	16 00
Camden parish, <i>Pittsylvania,</i>	17 25
Christ Church, <i>Alexandria,</i>	125 00
Monumental Church, <i>Richmond,</i>	287 00
Tillotson parish, <i>Buckingham,</i>	7 00
St. John's Church, Berkley parish and Christ's Church, <i>Spotsylvania,</i>	30 12
Christ Church, <i>Lancaster,</i>	22 00
St. Stephen's Church, Cedar Run parish, <i>Fauquier,</i>	14 00
Lunenburg parish, <i>Richmond co.,</i>	20 00
St. James', <i>Northam, Goochland, and Fluvana,</i>	51 00
St. Paul's Church, <i>Suffolk,</i>	30 00
St. John's Church, <i>Chuckatuck,</i>	11 00
Grace Church, St. Mary's parish, <i>Caroline,</i>	20 00
St. Andrew's parish, <i>Brunswick,</i>	10 00
St. James' parish, <i>Mecklenburg,</i>	66 00
Meherrin parish, <i>Greensville co.,</i>	12 00
Cumberland parish, <i>Lunenburg,</i>	40 00
Christ Church, <i>Richmond,</i>	106 00
St. Andrew's, <i>Brunswick,</i>	20 00
St. Paul's, <i>Alexandria,</i>	163 00
St. John's, Hanover parish, <i>King George,</i>	11 00
Boyden parish, <i>Augusta,</i>	15 00
St. Matthew's Church, <i>Wheeling,</i>	75 00
Boutetourt parish, <i>Boutetourt and Roanoke counties,</i>	40 00
Newport parish and Southwark,	39 00
Farnham, <i>Richmond co.,</i>	8 60
Cople, <i>Westmoreland,</i>	14 50
Wickliffe parish, <i>Clark co.,</i>	76 00
Lexington parish, <i>Amherst,</i>	25 00
West Russell parish, <i>Bedford,</i>	50 00
Raleigh, Genito and Dale parishes,	45 00
Bloomfield parish, <i>Madison co.,</i>	12 50
Henrico parish, St. John's Church,	51 00
Christ's Church, <i>Charlottesville,</i>	66 00
Buck Mountain parish,	8 00
Green Spring parish, St. John's Church,	8 00
St. Martin's parish, <i>Hanover,</i>	70 00
Westover parish, <i>Charles City,</i>	29 00
Kanawha parish, <i>Kanawha co.,</i>	23 00
Centurion Church, <i>Fort Monroe,</i>	14 00
St. George parish, <i>Accomac,</i>	21 00
St. James' Church, <i>Richmond,</i>	140 00
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From St. John's Church, <i>Berkley parish,</i>	\$4,541 44
	2 00
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St. Stephen's Church, <i>Culpepper,</i> erroneously credited to delinquency,	\$4,543 44
	17 30
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Received from previous delinquents. See Schedule C.	4,560 74
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	\$4,628 49
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After the above statement was made and the account closed, showing the receipts, the Secretary, by direction of the Convention, received,	
From Bath parish, Dinwiddie,	20 00
From delinquent parishes,	14 00
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	\$4,662 49

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Account of money received from parishes reported as delinquent at the last Convention.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes, <i>Gloucester,</i>	\$2 00
Hamilton Parish, <i>Fauquier,</i>	6 00
Hungar's Parish, <i>Northhampton,</i>	12 00
*St. Stephen's, <i>Culpepper,</i>	17 30
Norborne Parish,	2 00
Christ Church, <i>Lancaster,</i>	3 00
St. James' Parish, <i>Mecklenburg,</i>	6 00
Meherrin Parish, <i>Greensville,</i>	1 00
Wickliffe Parish, <i>Clarke,</i>	35 75
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	\$85 05
*Deduct this sum which should have been passed to the Contingent Fund for 1845,	17 30
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	\$67 75

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DELINQUENCIES, 1844.

Christ Church, <i>Middlesex co.,</i>	1844	\$3 00
Farnham Parish, <i>Richmond co.,</i>	"	9 00
Cople Parish, <i>Westmoreland co.,</i>	"	12 00
Church at Parkersburg,	"	18 00
Weston Church,	"	6 00
Trinity Church, <i>Shepherdstown,</i>	"	19 00
Church at Buchanan,	"	1 00
West Russell Parish, <i>Bedford,</i>	"	8 00
St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish, <i>Caroline co.,</i>	"	11 00
Church at Clarksburg, <i>Harrison co.,</i>	"	7 00
Falls' Church, <i>Fairfax co.,</i>	"	15 75
Norborne Parish, <i>Berkley co.,</i>	"	94 00
St. Paul's Church, <i>Alexandria,</i>	"	74 78
St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, <i>Culpepper</i>	"	28 75
Lexington Parish, <i>Amherst co.,</i>	"	35 00
St. John's and St. Mark's Churches, <i>Kanawha co.,</i>	"	32 00
Camden Parish, <i>Pittsylvania co.,</i>	"	16 00
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		\$390 28

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List of Parishes delinquent 21st May, 1845.

Cumberland, <i>Lunenburg,</i>	\$24 00
Camden, <i>Pittsylvania,</i>	17 75
Christ Church, <i>Lancaster,</i>	9 00
Christ Church, <i>Winchester,</i>	31 00
St. Margaret's, <i>St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline,</i>	11 00
Grace Church, <i>Petersburg,</i>	21 50
Patrick Parish, <i>Hardy,</i>	30 00
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	\$144 25

Amount carried forward,

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$144 25
Norborne Parish, <i>Berkley,</i>	67 00
Meherrin Parish, <i>Greensville,</i>	13 00
Farnham Parish, <i>Richmond co.,</i>	9 40
Cople Parish, <i>Westmoreland,</i>	5 50
Russel Parish, <i>Bedford,</i>	44 00
Christ Church, <i>Smithfield,</i>	35 00
St. Stephen's Church, <i>St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper,</i>	15 70
Trinity Church, <i>Wood county,</i>	24 00
Clarksburg, } <i>Rev. Thomas Smith's</i>	7 00
Weston, } <i>Missionary</i>	5 00
Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, <i>Albemarle,</i>	17 00
St. Ann's Parish, Trinity Church, <i>Shepherdstown,</i>	12 00
St. Mark's Parish, <i>Culpepper, Rev. Mr. Woodville,</i>	11 00
St. George's Parish, <i>Accomac,</i>	9 00
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	\$418 85
Add amount received by the Secretary after the report was presented,	14 00
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Amount reported,	\$432 85

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Parishes which have made no report to this Convention.

Accomac Parish, <i>Accomac.</i>	Petsworth, <i>Gloucester.</i>
Brunswick Parish, <i>Stafford.</i>	St. James, <i>Prince William.</i>
Brunswick Parish, <i>King George.</i>	Brooke, <i>St. John and Christ Churches.</i>
Franklin Parish, <i>Franklin.</i>	St. Mark's and St. John's, <i>Kanawha.</i>
Trinity Church, <i>Fredericksville.</i>	Truro, <i>Fairfax.</i>
Fall's Church, <i>Fairfax.</i>	Washington, <i>Westmoreland.</i>
Haymarket, <i>Prince William.</i>	Christ Church, <i>Middlesex.</i>
Manchester, <i>Chesterfield.</i>	Lexington Parish, <i>Amherst.</i>
St. John's Church, <i>City Point.</i>	St. Matthew's Church, <i>Wheeling.</i>
Nottoway, <i>Nottoway.</i>	Tillotson Parish, <i>Buckingham.</i>
Overwharton, <i>Stafford.</i>	St. Andrew's Parish, <i>Brunswick.</i>

Mr. Castleman, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That every Report, which is not drawn up according to the form prescribed in the Journal, shall be returned to the Rector, or Lay Delegate, for correction; and, if handed in the second time uncorrected, shall be excluded from the Journal.

Mr. Christian, from the Select Committee, to which the 12th canon was referred, made the following report.

The Committee, to whom was referred the motion to repeal the 12th canon and prepare a substitute therefor, prescribing more fully the mode of dividing old parishes and forming new ones, report, that they think such change inexpedient, and that the 12th canon remain as it is.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary made the following report:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF VIRGINIA.

Often as we have had cause to commence our reports with expressions of thankfulness for benefits received, and mutual congratulations over the cheering pros-

pect before us, never, perhaps, had we more cause than at present. The year just closed has certainly been marked by blessings from God and favors from men. For reasons which we need not here state, the attention of the Church has been recently directed, with more than ordinary interest, to the Institution under our care; and the indications of friendly regard among those who love the truth, as it is in Jesus, have been neither few nor unimportant. The number of students is greater than at any previous period. A considerable amount has been added to the permanent fund; and a large addition secured to the library; at the same time the duties incumbent upon professors and students have been so discharged, as to promise the happiest results. A more detailed statement of the exercises and progress of the different classes will be found in the reports of the professors herewith presented.

The addition to the library alluded to, has been made by the widow of Bishop Griswold, who recently presented to your Board the large collection of books which had belonged to that venerable and holy man. For this munificent gift,—made, it is believed, in accordance with the views and feelings of the deceased,—they present to Mrs. Griswold their heartfelt acknowledgments, feeling most sensibly her kindness and liberality. In return, they can do nothing better than offer an earnest prayer that the favor of Him who is the husband of the widow and the father of the fatherless, may crown her days with goodness.

The efforts to obtain funds for the endowment of one or more professorships in the Seminary, and the measure of success attending them, have been stated by the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, in their reports read to this body. For their success we offer thanks first to God, who has ever been our unfailing friend, and then to the brethren and others by whom they were so kindly received. The amount pledged, and which will probably be collected, is about \$15,000. As it comes to hand, it is carefully invested for the purpose of increasing the permanent fund, the understanding, when it was solicited, being that nothing but the interest should be used. Thankful, as we doubtless are, for whatever has been thus obtained, yet it is matter of duty with us to remind you that the object contemplated by the last convention has not been fully secured. A considerable sum is still requisite for the endowment of professorships, and we earnestly call for renewed exertions among our many friends, particularly those found within the limits of our own diocese.

The Treasurer's account will show the state of the funds. The present amount of the principal is \$34,119.

Since July last the exercises of the High School have been suspended. At that time the Rev. Mr. Pendleton resigned his station as its Principal. In parting with this worthy and excellent Brother, we thought it to be not only just to him, but due to our own feelings, to enter upon record some expression of our confidence and regard. This being at that time spread before the Church, is here referred to, both for the purpose of informing you as to our proceedings, and that we may reiterate what was then said with regard to our kindly sentiments towards him, and our sincere wishes for his happiness and prosperity.

The re-opening of this School has been with us a subject of great anxiety, and kept constantly in view. Deeming it an object of such vast importance, we are glad to believe that the attempt can now be made with a reasonable hope of success. The Rev. E. A. Dalrymple has agreed to take charge of the Institution, and pro-

poses to commence his duties during the next fall. Of his fitness for the station, we have the strongest assurances, so that we can, with great confidence, recommend the school to the Church in Virginia, and every other friend of sound Christian education. The reasons for establishing and supporting an Institution of this kind we need not state; they must strike with great force every Christian mind. And we cannot but hope that enough will be found ready and able so to aid in this good work, that the experiment may be a successful and most useful one.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Professor of Biblical Literature would respectfully submit the following report:

The classes under his instruction have pursued the prescribed course of study in his department, and with the usual success.

The junior class have acquired the elements of the Hebrew language, by frequent perusal of the grammar and by written exercises. They have read about 23 chapters in Genesis, and 15 Psalms; rather less than usual, from the loss of more than two weeks at the opening of the session, and from more frequent reviews.

In Greek, they have read about two-thirds of the Harmony of all the Gospels. A private class, for the benefit of those who wished to review the elements of Greek, and preparatory to the study of the New Testament, was formed, and met till Christmas.

In connexion with these studies, they have read Jahns' Jewish Antiquities, Horne's Introduction to the Old Testament, and Ernesti on Interpretation, and been examined on them, two or three times a week. Something has been done in Sacred Chronology and Jewish History. More than 40 Exegetical Essays have also been written.

The middle class have read, in Hebrew, the principal Prophecies of Christ, with the commentary of Hengstenberg, and in Greek, the Epistles to the Romans, Hebrews, the First Epistle to Timothy, and are now reading the Second.

There has been, according to the resolution of the Trustees, a weekly exercise with the senior class, alternately in Hebrew and Greek. They have read the First Epistle to the Corinthians, and most of the Apocalypse in Greek, and in Hebrew, selected chapters. With one or two exceptions, the attendance on these exercises by the senior class has been good.

The Professor in this department feels the need of the influence and encouragement of his brethren in the ministry, to sustain his efforts to promote the cause of sound Biblical learning.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

As Librarian, he would farther report that but a very few books have been added to the library the past year. Some expenses have been incurred in the putting up of new shelves, &c.

The present rooms are now quite full, and will be altogether insufficient to contain the large addition soon to be made by Bishop Griswold's Library. He would leave it to the Trustees, without proposing any thing, to make such arrangements for their accommodation as may seem best to them.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY.

The subscriber respectfully reports to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, that the classes have gone through the course of instruction put in his charge, during the past year, with the usual measure of interest and success. The junior class has studied the Evidences of christianity with care; the middle class, after a thorough study of Butler's "Analogy," has been busily occupied with Biblical Theology; and the senior class has reviewed Theology in its connexion with our Protestant Episcopal standards of doctrine. The customary Text Books have been employed; and a few subjects, not discussed in them in a sufficiently extended form, have been pursued beyond the limits of these books, with a view to a more complete understanding of the principles of our Church.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM SPARROW,
Professor of Systematic Theology.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND CHURCH POLITY, OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF VIRGINIA, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The course of instruction proper to this Professorship has been followed, as usual, from the beginning of the present session. The senior class have gone through the History of the Church of England with Bishop Short's work as a Text Book, and are now reviewing it. They have studied also Ecclesiastical Polity, using Hooker's work on the subject, which was finished, in the primary course, a few weeks ago. The middle class have studied the General History of the Church, with Mosheim as a Text Book, and are now engaged in a review.

The closing of the High School, since the end of the last term, has occasioned, for the time, the discontinuance of my services there.

JAMES MAY.

Theological Seminary, May 19th, 1845.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the salaries of the Bishops in advance, when the funds of the Convention shall admit of his so doing.

The Rev. Thomas Smith presented the claims of his mission to the North-Western part of the Diocese, and on his motion,

Resolved, That this Convention takes the liveliest interest in the success of the mission to the North-Western part of the Diocese; is deeply impressed with a sense of its peculiar destitution, and warmly commends it to the especial care of the Church.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed 1000 copies of the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and in the Diocese of Virginia.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Fredericksburg, for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.

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

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

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed, Two Thousand Copies of this Journal, for distribution among the parishes.

After the usual religious services, by Bishop Johns, the Convention then adjourned, to meet in Petersburg on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1846.

WILLIAM MEADE, *President of the Convention.*

WM. M. BLACKFORD, *Secretary.*

Note.—On the 26th page of the Journal of 1844, an error exists as to St. John's Church, Hanover Parish. Said Church was admitted, according to the canons, in 1843, and was then represented by a Lay Delegate. The petition referred to in the Journal of 1844 prayed for a change of the bounds of Hanover Parish, and was granted by the Convention. The bounds of said Parish are as follows: Beginning at the boundary line between Westmoreland and King George Counties on the Rappahannock river, following said river, (excluding those portions of King George County embraced in the Parish of St. Peter's,) to Poplar Swamp, and with said branch to the line of St. Paul's Parish—thence with Southward line to the dividing line of Westmoreland and King George—and thence with Southward line to the beginning.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg, Va.—George Ade, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, from other parishes, removed 2, died 2—total white, 69; colored 1—total 70; baptisms, infants, white, 10; marriages 4; funerals 4; number of families 60.

The Rector continues to preach one Sunday in the month at Aldie, where there are seven communicants; also about once a fortnight, in the afternoon, at Belmont, Miss Mercer's Seminary for young ladies, where there is an interesting congregation.

Also, when otherwise not engaged, in other destitute places in the neighborhood, in the afternoon.

Amount collected for the different Institutions of the Church, and benevolent objects, about three hundred dollars.

There are Sabbath Schools at each of these places, where he holds regular services.

St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown—C. W. Andrews, Rector.—Communicants, added 8; died 3; removed 2; present number 63; baptisms, 14, colored 5—all infants; funerals 5; marriages 5; candidates for confirmation 33; contributions for purposes out of the Parish \$425, of which \$100 was for the sufferers by fire in St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg; for purposes within the Parish, \$300—total \$725.

Woodville Parish, Rockbridge and Bottetourt Counties, Lexington—Wm. Bryant, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, 3 from other Parishes; withdrawn 1; removed 7, (6 of whom were Students of the Military Institute, and the College)—total 25; confirmations 8; baptisms, adults 1; infants, white 3; colored 2—total 6; burials 1, an infant; collected for Church purposes, \$38.

Buchanan.—Communicants, added 3, one from another Parish; died 1; withdrawn 1—total 16; baptisms, adults 1, infants 5—total 6; marriages 1; contributed for Church objects, about \$14.

Having discontinued my services in Lexington, I am officiating exclusively in Buchanan. In this place, a small but neat edifice is in the progress of erection, and will be completed in July next. The Congregation is steadily though slowly increasing, and a delightful harmony pervades it, giving evidence of the presence of a christian spirit, and affording a source of rejoicing to the Pastor, and of happiness to the members of his little flock.

Raleigh, Genito and Dale Parishes, Amelia, Powhatan and Chesterfield Counties—P. F. Berkeley, Rector.—Communicants, added 11; removed 8; died 2—total 45; baptisms, infants, viz: white 7, adults 3—total 10; confirmations 7; marriage 1; funerals, viz: white 6; number of families 34, adults 101, infants 68; amount collected for different Institutions connected with the Church \$200.

Walker's and St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle County—E. Boyden, Rector.—Communicants, died 2; removed 2; added 3—total 49; baptisms 3; marriages 2; funerals 4; contributions for Missionary and other benevolent purposes, in amount about \$150—St. Ann's Parish is in a more flourishing condition than in former years.

Report of Wm. V. Bowers, Rector of St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.—Communicants, added 3; removed 3; died 2—total 72; baptisms, adult 1; infants 6—total 7; marriages 5; confirmations 4; funerals 4; number of families 45.

Amount collected for the different Institutions connected with the Church,

Contingent Fund,	\$66 00
Education Society,	40 00
Missionary Society, (general)	62 50
Diocesan Missionary Society (by collection at Bishop Johns' visitation,)	52 50
For the Virginia Tract Society,	10 00
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	\$230 00

Sunday Schools 2, with about 20 teachers, and upwards of 100 scholars.

St. Paul's Church, near Hanover Court House, was consecrated on the 23rd of June last, by Bishop Johns; and it is gratifying to report that the cost, about \$2300, has been nearly paid.

Christ Church, Norfolk, May 1845.—Marriages 9; baptisms, infants, white 30, infants, colored 4, adult, white 1—total 35; funerals 18; communicants, last reported 330; died 18, removed 8; added 32, 18 from other Cures; present number 352; confirmations 9; contributions \$3,531 26; Sunday School about the same as last reported.
UPTON BEALL, Rector.

Elizabeth City Parish, St. John's Church, Hampton—John P. Bausman, Rector. Communicants, added 3; removed 3; died 1; withdrawn 1—total 32; baptisms, 1 adult; confirmations 3; marriages 2; funerals 4; Sunday School Scholars 31; amount collected for the different Institutions connected with the Church: Convention Fund \$32; General Missionary Society 10; Diocesan Missionary Society 30. In addition to the above, upwards of \$350, the proceeds of a Fair, have been expended by the ladies in improving the Church.

Littleton Parish, Cumberland County, Va.—Olcott Bulkley, Rector.—Communicants, added 10; removed 3; died 2—total 40; baptisms, adults 4; infants 5—total 9; confirmations 3; Marriages 1; funerals 4; amount contributed during the year for religious purposes \$185. The state of this infant Parish, is one of encouragement. A new Church, situated on the road from Cartersville to the Court House, and about four miles from the former place, is in a course of erection. It is expected to be ready for consecration in October. The expense of building this house has been met mostly by a few faithful and devoted friends of the Church.

In Grace Church, which is situated in Ca Ira, we have an interesting Sunday School, in which we are glad to report, that the gentlemen as well as the ladies are much interested, and attend with a commendable zeal to their duties as teachers. Since our last annual Convention, the ladies have furnished this School with a Library.

The attendance at this place upon Divine Worship is generally very good, and gradually increasing.

St Stephen's Church, St Mark's Parish, Culpepper—John Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 53; baptisms, adults 1 white; infants 3 white; confirmations 5; marriages 1; funerals 2; contributions to the Church \$37.

St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper—John Cole, Rector.—Communicants, added 4—total 24; baptisms, infants 4 white; confirmations 5; marriages 3; funerals 1; contribution for Church purposes \$69 08.

The Rector has but little to say in relation to the condition of these Churches, more than that the prospect for usefulness has not, he believes, diminished since his last report. The attendance is uniformly good, and attention seems to be given to the word preached. Besides his regular places of preaching, he officiates on 5th Sundays, and at such other times as he can, consistently with his other engagements, at *Stevensburg*, where the attendance has been generally very good, and the attention holds out the hope, that God's truth will not be preached in vain.

Roanoke Parish, Halifax County, Va.—Wm. T. Clark, Rector.—Communicants, added 5, one of whom is from another Parish; withdrawn 1—total 20; baptisms, adult 1, infants 2—total 3; ready for confirmation 4; marriages 6; funerals 5; number of families 16; amount collected for Education Society \$125; Diocesan Missionary Society \$60; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society \$75; Colonization Society \$25; Sunday School and other purposes \$35; contingent fund \$20—total \$340.

There is a flourishing Sunday School, and a very attentive and interesting Bible Class. The congregations are gradually increasing, and are always most solemn and attentive. And, although so far there have been but few additions to the communion, yet the Parish is in a far more flourishing condition than heretofore; and the Rector is very happy in the thought, that after a long and apparently void and unprofitable Ministry, he begins, now, at last, to be cheered by some evidences of usefulness, and to have a prospect of building up the Church, where heretofore it seemed useless for him to labor.

Roanoke Church, Cornwall Parish, Charlotte County—Edmund Christian, Rector.—Communicants, added 3; died 1—total 9; funerals 4; confirmations 2. There are four congregations in which services are performed monthly. Three Sunday Schools are now in operation, and the prospects of the Church are very encouraging.

West Russell Parish, Bedford County, Va.—David Caldwell, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, in part from other Cures; died 1; removed 1; number now 50; baptisms 6, one adult, and five children; funerals 6, five out of the Parish; marriages 3.

I have been in this Parish less than a year, having removed to it from Lexington Parish, Amherst county, in September last. This Parish is yet young and comparatively weak; it has, however, during the last year, built and had consecrated, a very neat Brick Church Edifice, ten miles North of Liberty; and has also another of the same sort at Liberty, which will be ready for consecration in a few weeks. Besides these two places of worship, we have also a right in a Free Church, five miles from the Court House, where we have services once a month. Our services are every where attended by large and apparently interested congregations. Prejudice is giving way, and popular feeling evidently inclining in our favor. With the blessing of God upon its services, our Church in West Russell Parish promises a rapid growth.

Report of Centurion Church, Fort Monroe.—Communicants, added 2; died 1; removed 1—total 14; baptisms, infants white 13, colored 1—total 14; marriages 1; funerals 10; contributions to various objects, viz: Missions \$40 50; Convention \$14; Education Society 12; Sunday School Library 27; Bible and Tract Society 3—total \$96 50.

The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition, numbering 10 Teachers, and about seventy Scholars.

As heretofore reported, a large and attentive congregation of colored persons assemble for public worship on Sunday evenings, in a spacious and convenient room provided by the Commanding Engineer.

Augusta Parish, Trinity Church, Staunton—T. T. Castleman, Rector.—Communicants, added whites 7, 3 of these from other Cures, colored 2—total 9; removed 1; died 3; whole number whites 73; colored 4; baptisms, adults, whites 1; colored 2—total 3; infants, whites 13—total 16; marriages 9; funerals 13; amount collected for various benevolent objects of the Church \$169 38.

The gradual increase in the numbers of the congregation—the apparently serious and devout attention to the word preached—the readiness to contribute liberally and cheerfully to the advancement of the Church, give the Rector good ground to hope that his labors will not be in vain. In addition to his regular services, he preaches every Monday night to the servants; and his heart is often cheered by the interest they manifest in these services.

During the last year a house and lot have been purchased and very handsomely improved as a Rectory, at an expense of about 3000 dollars; and plans are formed, and efforts are now being made, to erect buildings for the permanent establishment of the "Virginia Female Institute." The heavy tax which these two objects have laid on the congregation, must account for the comparatively small amount contributed this year to benevolent objects of the Church.

Norborne Parish, Berkeley County—Churches, Mount Zion, Hedgesville; Trinity, Martinsburg; Calvary, Valley of Back Creek—James Chisholm, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; removed 6; died 5—total 85; baptisms, viz: white 13; colored 2—total 15; marriages, white 6, colored 7—total 13; funerals 11.

Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, G. W. Dame, Rector.—Communicants, added 13, 3 from other Parishes; removed 6; ordained 1, [Rev. W. E. Webb]; transferred to the care of Rev. W. E. Webb 10; died 3—total (1 colored) 36; baptisms, adults 6; infants 6—total 12; funerals 4; marriages 2; confirmations 15. Consecration of two Churches, Epiphany and Emanuel; No. of families 19; No. of baptized children in these families, under 12 years, 24; Catechumens 16.

The Rector has paid such attention to Franklin Parish, as his health and the duties of his School would permit. That Parish, under the immediate care of a Minister, would, I think, yield a speedy and an abundant harvest.

St. David's Parish, King William County—E. A. Dalrymple, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 7; baptisms, infants white 4; marriage 1.

The situation of this Parish continues as when last reported; on the whole, very encouraging. The congregations are respectable as to numbers and interest.

Fairfax Parish, Christ Church, Alexandria, D. C.—Charles B. Dana, Rector. Communicants, added 20, 10 from other Parishes or Cures; removed 14; died 5; suspended 1—total 140, fifteen of whom are colored persons; baptisms, infants white 19, colored 11—total 30; confirmations 4; marriages, white 5, colored 2—total 7; funerals 13; number of families 80; amount collected for religious and benevolent objects \$1,041 73.

The general condition of this Parish is good. The number of families belonging to the Congregation has been gradually increasing throughout the year. The services on Sunday, and during the week, have been well attended, and, it is hoped, have been productive of spiritual benefit. The size of the Congregations, and the amount of the pecuniary contributions, have been larger than in any former year since the present Rector took charge of the Parish. The Sunday School and Bible Class are in a prosperous condition; and the benevolent institutions connected with the Church have generally been well sustained.

St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County—E. A. Dalrymple, Rector.—Communicants, died 1—total 14; baptisms, white infants 3; funerals 2; marriage 1.

The Church in this Parish, appears to be daily growing in favor; the congregations have increased two-fold since the last report. The venerable Church is now undergoing extensive repairs, which will be completed in the course of a few weeks. Services are held monthly for the servants.

St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County—E. A. Dalrymple, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 10; baptisms, infants white 2; funerals 1.

The prospects of the Church in this Parish continue to be very encouraging. A flourishing Sunday School has been established, numbering about 30 pupils. Regular services are held at the Church for the servants, who now are in the habit of attending in considerable numbers.

St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, and St. John's Church, Chuckatuck, Nansemond County—Chas. H. Disbrow, Rector.—Communicants, added 6; removed 1; died 3—total 41; baptisms, adults 2, infants 20—total 22; confirmations 6; marriages 3; funerals 11; number of families 50; contributions about \$100.

Since my last report, the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, have purchased an eligible site for the erection of a new Church Edifice; the corner stone was laid by the Bishop during his recent visitation. The work is now progressing, and we hope that it will be ready for consecration before the close of the present year. I have also officiated once a month in the vicinity of an old Church in the lower Parish of Nansemond, where a considerable interest has been manifested in the services of the Church, and several hundred dollars have been subscribed for repairing the old Church Building.

St. Thomas' Church, Orange County—J. Earnest, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, 3 from other Cures, and 1 who had withdrawn, and become a member of another Denomination; removed 6; died 1—total 65; baptisms, infants 4; confirmations 5; marriages 3; funerals 4; contributions to various benevolent objects \$189 75.

St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa County—J. Earnest, Rector. Communicants, added 1—total 8; confirmation 1; marriage 1; funeral 1; amount collected for institutions connected with the Church \$73 50.

A neat and substantial brick Church, at the cost of about \$1800, has been erected within the past year, at Mechanicsville, which was consecrated by the Assistant Bishop, on the first day of the present month.

St. James' Church, Richmond—Adam Empie, Rector.—Communicants, added 14; removed 14; died 2; withdrawn 2—total 140 white, and 2 colored; baptisms, 12 children; confirmations 12; marriages 3; funerals 10, of which 6 belonged not to the Parish; number of families about 90; adults about 245; children about 140; amount of collections \$375; Sunday School Children \$80.

A Sunday School for colored children and adults, bond and free, has just been opened by the Rector, on last Lord's day, with 120 pupils.

St. James', Southam and King William Parishes, Powhatan—Andrew Fisher, Rector.—I took charge of these Parishes in November last. From the Parish register, I am able to make a report for the year. Communicants, added 7, 4 of these from other Cures; removed 2—total 28; confirmations 7; marriage 1; funerals 2; number of families 28. Amount contributed to the different Institutions connected with the Church \$50. This is a small amount; but, in addition, a new Church, costing \$1500, has, with some assistance from abroad, been paid for. A Rectory has also been purchased, repaired and furnished, at a cost of \$700, and \$850 have been subscribed for the erection of another Church.

St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, and Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline County—William Friend, Rector.—Communicants, added 5; died 2; removed 6—total 50; baptisms 5; funerals 13; marriages 5; contributions for purposes connected with the Church \$150.

The Rector has nothing of interest to communicate beyond the statistics of the Churches under his care. He would further report, that he officiates once a month at Concord Academy, in Caroline County, where he has an attentive and interesting congregation of Students, and where he hopes, by the Divine blessing, to accomplish much good.

St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George County.—Communicants, 11; baptism 3; marriages 1. The congregation in this Church is increasing, and the Rector has much to encourage him in his labors among them.

GALVESTON, April 4th, 1845.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

Having been absent much of the past year, my report in regard to my Parish must, of necessity, be not as full or interesting as I could wish.

I had been home but one Sunday when Bishop Freeman paid me a visit. The good seed, before sown, had, I trust, been springing up during my absence, and through God's blessing I hope may yet bring forth fruit unto perfection. Nine came forward to receive the holy rite of confirmation.

During my absence, two of my communicants died. My present number is thirty-five. After my last report, and previous to my leaving for the United States, there were several baptisms; but being now absent from home, and consequently not able to refer to my record, I cannot tell how many. As yet, we have no place in which to meet, though we hope soon to have a temporary room. We expect also, in a short time, to commence a small Church Edifice—what may be our success in completing it, God only knows. During my long and tedious journey for collecting funds to aid in this matter, I secured only twelve hundred dollars in hand. I have promises for something like six hundred more; but I am told by those who have had more experience in such matters than myself, that these promises are like bankrupt debts—that there is no hope of collecting them. Yet I hope God will put it into the hearts of those who have promised to aid us, not to forget us in our time of need. Could our brethren at home know our wants, so as to feel their reality, and at the same time, reflect how they would advance the Redeemer's Kingdom, by bestowing of their abundance, and according to their ability, they would not leave us long to suffer for a place in which to meet to worship God. It is discouraging and disheartening, after contending with all the difficulties attendant upon a station in this new country, and our unsettled state of affairs, to find so little feeling among those to whom our wants have been made known. But I have this consolation. I have tried to do my duty. If, at the last, it shall appear that the cause of Christ has suffered in this place, through the indifference or the supineness of Christians, who have known our wants, but refused to supply them, I pray God the sin may not be laid to my charge.

Let me have an interest in your prayers; and, as soon as convenient, let me hear from you.

Very truly, your Son in the Ministry of Jesus,

CHARLES GILLETT.

RT. REV. WM. MEADE.

Antrim Parish, Halifax County, Virginia, John Grammer, Rector.—Communicants, white, added 12; removed 7; withdrawn 1—total 59; colored, added 6; suspended one; died one—total 15; baptisms, white adults 2; infants 10; colored adults 1—total 13; confirmations, white 20; colored 15—total 35; marriages,

white 1; colored 2—total 3; funerals, white 2; colored 6—total 8; amount of contributions to the different institutions connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, which passed through the Rector's hands, viz:

Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	63 50
Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	88 00
Education Society,	-	-	-	-	127 56
Theological Seminary,	-	-	-	-	60 00

In addition, there has been contributed to the Bible Society,					\$341 06
Colonization Society,					87 50
					120 00
					\$548 56

Grace Church, Petersburg—C. J. Gibson, Rector.—Communicants, added 12; one returned; 2 from other Churches; removed one; suspended 2—total 49; baptisms, adults 6; infants 43, viz: white 33, colored 10—total 49; confirmations 8; marriages 20; white 19, colored 1; funerals 31. The Sunday School—number of Teachers 25, and about 100 Scholars, who contribute annually \$20 to the African Mission.

I continue also to preach at Dinwiddie Court House, once a month, where our Church numbers 10 communicants, 3 having been added the last year.

Nelson Parish, Nelson County—F. D. Goodwin, Rector.—Communicants, removed 3; died 2—total 36, including 2 colored; baptisms, 3 infants; confirmed 1; funerals 5; contributions to the Virginia Bible Society \$25; General Missionary Society \$26; to Domestic Department \$50; to Diocesan Missionary and Tract Society \$25; Education Society \$50; American Colonization Society \$15; for building a Church at Parkersburg \$10—total \$201.

The Church, which was mentioned last year as in progress of building at New Market, is now finished, and ready for consecration. The old Church, (Callaway's,) is being removed to a place near the Parsonage, and will be devoted to the use of the servants. This will also be ready for consecration in a few weeks.

Norborne Parish, Berkley—Wm. H. Good, Rector.—Communicants, 12; colored 1; baptisms 1; amount contributed to the Convention or Bishop's Fund \$20. The Church at Smithfield numbers 7 communicants.

Bruton parish, Williamsburg.—W. Hodges, Rector.—Communicants, added 20, (3 by removals into the parish and 2 from other denominations of Christians,) removed 6, died 3, transferred 1—total 70; whites 68, colored 2; Baptisms, white infants 19; colored infants 7; adults 8—total 34; marriages, white 3, colored 5—total 8; funerals, white 12, colored number unknown. Contributions to objects out of the parish, \$283.

There are two Sunday schools in the parish, one for white, and the other for colored children. Professor Minnigerode, of William and Mary College, has charge of the latter, which numbers over one hundred attendants. One candidate for orders.

The Rector still holds services every Sabbath afternoon for a colored congregation, which is large and attentive.

Trinity Church, Meade parish, and Emanuel Church, Shelburn parish.—Wm. M. Jackson, Rector.—Baptisms 8; funerals 3; marriages 1; communicants, added 2; removed 3, leaving the present number 31; number of families 30.

The Rector took charge of this parish in the month of August last, and, as the report will show, found it in its infancy and, from a variety of circumstances, in a languishing condition. Since that time 3 Sunday schools, (2 for the servants,) connected with the parish, have been revived, and are now in successful operation; the Catechetical instruction of the children has been renewed, and Bible classes formed.

Zion Church, St. Andrew's parish, Jefferson county.—Alexander Jones, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, removed 4, died 3—total 105; baptisms, infants, white 22, colored 17; marriages 6; funerals 11; number of families 84. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church \$326 27.

Frederick parish, Clarke county.—W. G. H. Jones, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, removed 4, died 1, transferred 2—total 62; baptisms, children 7; marriages 3; Funerals, children 4; families 35. Contributions to benevolent objects.

Missions, Foreign and Domestic,	-	-	-	\$115 65
Education Society,	-	-	-	70 75
Colonization Society,	-	-	-	50 00
Bible Society,	-	-	-	45 00
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St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.—J. T. Johnston, Rector.—Communicants, added 15, (6 from other cures and denominations,) died 9, removed 19—total 150; baptisms, adults 1 white, infants 18 white, colored 8—total 27; confirmations none, owing to the absence of the Bishop; Marriages 6; Funerals 19; Sunday school, superintendent 1, teachers 24, scholars 175. Amount collected for religious and benevolent purposes \$824 97.

St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.—William H. Kinkle, Rector.—Communicants, added 21, died 3, removed 5—total 126, of whom 3 are colored; baptisms, adults 4, infants 19—total 23, all white; confirmations 14; candidate for orders 1; marriages 13; funerals 13. Contributions about \$600.

Nansemond county, May 16th, 1845.—In compliance with the 35th canon I herewith report that I have, when my health would permit, officiated for brother Disbrow, in this county; baptisms, white infants 2, colored 3—total—5; funerals 7; riages 2. J. KEELING.

St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier county, Va.—Wm. F. Lockwood, Rector.—Communicants, added 6—total 14; baptisms, adults 3, infants 11, colored, infants 2—total 16.

A Sunday School has just been organized, hence there are, at present, but few children that attend.

I have also had charge, for the past year, of the Episcopal congregation, Providence, Fairfax county, Va., during which time the congregation has increased, by degrees, and much interest has been manifested, and still exists for the cause of religion and the prosperity of the church.

A few individuals have succeeded, with some assistance from abroad, in erecting a neat church edifice, which I am in hopes will be consecrated some time during the summer.

Communicants added 6, removed 2—total 14; baptisms, adults 2, infants 5—total 7; confirmations 6.

Westover parish, Charles City county.—W. T. Leavell, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 1—total 29; baptisms, infants, white 8, colored 53—total 61; funerals, 3 white and 9 colored—total 12; marriage, 1 colored. Amount con-

tributed towards the support of different institutions connected with the church \$60.

The Rector would remark, that the parish is in a more prosperous condition, in every respect, than when last reported to the Convention. Of the large number of colored children reported as baptised during the past year, about 40 are members of one household. They were instructed in the doctrines and duties of Christianity, by the mistress of the family, who, at the request of their parents, presented them for this Holy Sacrament, and appeared as their sponsor.

Cumberland parish, Lunenburg county.—Thomas E. Locke, Rector.—Communicants, added 11, four from other cures, died 2—total 64; baptisms, infants, white 4, infants, colored 3—total 7; confirmations 13; marriages 3; funerals 4. Amount collected for the benevolent institutions of the church, viz: for Missions, Domestic and Foreign, \$32 50; Diocesan Missions \$30 50; for Education Society \$46—total \$109.

Hamilton parish, Fauquier.—George Lemmon, Rector.—Communicants, 1, removed 1, deceased 7, added 5 from other parishes—whole number 44; baptisms 3; marriages 3; funerals 3.

The congregation has never been so uniformly large as within the last six months, nor apparently more interested in the services of the Church. The Sunday School is well attended, and has been, it is hoped, and promises to be, an instrument of much good. Contributions to benevolent and pious uses connected with the church, about \$350.

A fine toned organ, purchased by the ladies in the parish, has been erected in the church.

Virginia Female Institute.—This is an incorporated Institution. 50 young ladies have been members of it during the year; 3 have joined the communion of the Episcopal Church in Staunton. The Holy Scriptures are daily read in the Institute and the young ladies attend a weekly Bible recitation. \$6,000 of the capital stock have been subscribed, and measures are being taken to erect a commodious and suitable building for the Institute. The members and friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Western Virginia, look with interest to this Institute and confidently hope that it will, under God, be a means of extending our beloved Zion and promoting in our Diocese a sound and thoroughly evangelical female education.

JAMES McELROY, *Principal.*

Boyden Chapel, Augusta county.—James McElroy, Rector. Communicants, added 3, removed 3—total 15; baptisms, adults, colored 1, infants 14, viz: white 8, colored 6—total 15; marriages 1; number of families 12, adults 35, infants 20. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$42.

A monthly service has been held at Boyden Chapel for the neighboring colored population with very encouraging prospects of success. The Rector has also preached at three other places. At Port Republic the attendance is always large. Here he found 11 communicants. One has died and one removed to another cure, and two have been added. With the coöperation of Rev. Mr. Castleman, he hopes to be able to sustain at this interesting point a monthly service.

St. Ann's and South Farnham parishes, Essex county.—J. P. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 2—total 30; baptisms, adult, white 1, infants, white 5, colored 1—total 7; Funerals 4; South Farnham communicants, removed 1—total 32; baptisms, infants 7; marriages 1; funerals 6. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church \$206 50.

Since the last Convention the Rev. H. W. L. Temple has been elected assistant Rector of South Farnham parish. His attention has been, in a great measure, turned to the colored population.

St. James' parish, Mecklenburg county.—F. H. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, removed 7—total 65; baptisms, infants, white 7; confirmations 5; marriages 7; funerals 5. Amount contributed to the benevolent institutions of the church \$94 75.

The handsome church edifice, reported at the last Convention as being erected in this parish, is now finished.

St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.—E. C. McGuire, Rector.—Communicants, added 8, in part from other cures, died 2, removed 1—total 155; baptisms, adult 1, infants 11—total 12; marriages 10; funerals 12, of which seven only belonged to the parish: Sunday schools 3, scholars 250, superintendents 3, teachers 30, libraries 2. Contributions to religious and benevolent objects \$800.

Meherrin parish, Greensville county.—E. B. McGuire, Missionary.—Communicants, removed 2, died 2—total 25; baptisms, infants, white 3, colored 1—total 4; funerals 2.

The condition of this parish is much the same as when last reported. The new church then mentioned as in progress of erection, has been completed and consecrated.

The efforts heretofore made to advance the spiritual welfare of the colored population are still continued. The amount contributed for various religious and benevolent objects is \$29.

Russell parish, Bedford county.—J. S. Marbury, Rector. Communicants, added 15, Removed 8, died 2; present number 113; baptisms, adults 2, infants 13—total 15; confirmations 21; marriages 4; Funerals 5. Amount collected, &c., about \$130. One new church consecrated.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County.—Communicants, removed from other Churches, 2; transferred to other Churches, 4—total 40; baptisms, infants; white 4; black 2—total 6; marriages 3; funerals 3. Collected for Institutions in the Church \$120.

CHAS. MANN, Rector.

Christ Church, Charlottesville, R. K. Meade, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, removed 6, died 3—total 66; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants, white 14—total 15; marriages 4; funerals 5. Amount collected for charitable purposes \$375.

St. John's Church, Richmond, Henrico Parish, J. Horace Morrison, Rector.—Communicants, added 12; removed 3—total 51; baptisms, 2 adults and 5 infants; confirmations 5; marriages 4; funerals 3; number of families about 31.

The collections during the past year have been for the Seminary \$45; for missions \$33 50; communion alms \$52, Bishop's and contingent fund \$51.

In addition to the above, about \$540 have been expended in repairing and improving the Church edifice.

The Rector feels encouraged by the degree of success which God has bestowed on his labors in his present charge. Cut off as his Church is from the populous part of the city, a rapid increase of the congregation cannot be expected. In looking over the number of families, however, he finds that about one fourth of them have been added during his connexion with the congregation, which commenced a little more than two years ago. The number of communicants has, during the same period, increased from 31 to 51, and the hope is entertained that there has been a corresponding increase in holiness.

Monumental Church, Richmond—Rev. Wm. Norwood, Rector.—Communicants, added 26, removed 28, died 6—total 287; baptisms, adults 1, infants 26—total 27; confirmations 10; marriages 7; funerals 17. Amount collected for various benevolent and missionary purposes \$1,742 98.

The new church which this congregation have been engaged in erecting is nearly completed, and will be ready for consecration early in the fall.

Leeds Parish, Fauquier—W. H. Pendleton, Rector.—Communicants, added 1—total 30; baptisms, infants 7; marriages 2; funerals 1; number of families 13. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$103.

The Rector took charge of this Parish on the first of August last. His report, therefore, only includes the period intervening between that date and the present.

Christ Church Parish, Lancaster county, Va.—John B. Richmond, Rector.—Communicants, died 2—total 31; marriages 2; funerals 4. Amount contributed by the congregation for the Education Society \$50.

Amount contributed by the Ladies Society for the same \$39.

No material change has taken place in this parish since the last report.

Christ Church, Winchester, and St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick Parish—W. Y. Rooker, Rector.—Number of communicants last reported 95, since added 19, (8 from other cures;) died 2; removed 6,—total 106; baptisms, adults 2; children 11; marriages 2; burials 5.

Attached to the Sunday School 98 children, 16 teachers, 1 superintendent, 1 assistant superintendent. Contributions to benevolent objects \$295.

The spiritual condition of the parish is good, and the prospect of the Church encouraging.

Trinity Parish, Wood county—Thomas Smith, Missionary.—Communicants, added 8, (3 from other cures,) died 1; removed 1—total 24; baptisms 7; marriages 4.

Clarksburg.—Communicants 7.

Weston.—Communicants 5.

Christ Church, Smithfield, Newport Parish.—Jonathan B. T. Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, removed 5, died 1—total 39; white 35; colored 4; baptisms, infants, white 6; colored 1—total 7; confirmations 6; marriages 1; funerals 3. Contributions \$35.

Southwark Parish, Surry county—Jonathan B. T. Smith, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, 2 from another parish, died 1—total 8; marriages 1; funerals 3.

The Rector is enabled to devote but a small portion of his time to this Parish, but from the increasing attendance on the services of the Church, is encouraged to hope that it is gaining in the affections of the people, and that his labors will not be unavailing.

Report of St. George's Parish, Accomac county.—Communicants, added 3; removed 5, died 3—total 30; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants white 4; infants colored 1—total 6; confirmations 3.

EDWARD S. SNEAD, Warden.

St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg—Philip Slaughter, Rector.—Communicants, added 26, removed 15, died 3, suspended 3—total 240; baptisms, white, infants 22, confirmations 8; marriages 7; funerals 8. Amount collected, for the different institutions connected with the Church \$2,000.

A new Chapel has been erected by the congregation of St. Paul's, which was consecrated by Bishop Meade on the 6th inst., who also administered the right of confirmation to three persons in the same. Regular services have been performed in the new Chapel, by the Rev. Mr. Gibson and myself.

St. Martin's, Brandon Parish, Prince George county—A. S. Smith Rector.—Communicants, added 6, 2 from another cure, removed 3, 1 to Rome; the result,

not of the Rector's teaching, but of an education in a Romish Seminary—total 25; baptisms, adults 1; infants 14—all white; confirmations 4; marriages 2; funerals, white 9; number of families 24; adults 50; infants 52.

The Rector would barely add, that the Church in this parish, though it has to encounter the deep-rooted prejudices of many, is yet growing, he trusts, in the confidence and affections of the people; and that his congregations, though not large, are yet encouraging, and gradually increasing.

Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne county—Leonidas S. Smith, Rector.—Baptisms 1; confirmations 2; marriages 1; communicants 30. Contributions \$39.

This parish has been without a resident pastor for upwards of two years. And it has been only six months since I have commenced officiating for them on the Sabbath. The congregation is small, but very attentive; and the appearance of things is such as to encourage the belief that a resident minister might be very successful in reviving the Church and establishing it on a permanent basis.

Report of H. W. L. Temple, Assistant Rector of South Farnham Parish, Essex.—To this office he was elected in January last, and has since been engaged in the discharge of the duties thereof. From the last Convention up to that time, his duties were pretty much the same as when last reported, preaching to and otherwise instructing the colored persons of his neighborhood.

Since the time of his accepting the assistant rectorship of South Farnham parish, he has preached less frequently to the servants, but more regularly in the Churches of said parish.

He has preached regularly once a month at Acquinton Church, King William.

He has under his charge a Bible Class, which promises to do good.

He trusts good has been done by the religious instruction imparted to the colored people from time to time, particularly the young.

St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Prince William county—Jno. Towles, Rector.—2 marriages; 2 funerals.

St. James' Church, Dettengen Parish, Prince William county—John Towles, Rector.—I have to report from this parish 3 baptisms, infants; 2 marriages and 3 funerals. I have performed a few services at old Aquia Church, Overwharton Parish, Stafford county, and have received one addition to the communion, and administered 1 baptism, infant.

Moore parish, Campbell county.—Samuel D. Tompkins, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, (colored,)—total 17; baptisms, infants 3 white, 12 colored, adult, (colored,) 1—total 16; funerals 2; marriages, 2 white, 2 colored; confirmations 3; number of families 11; infants 28.

The Rector would state, that, besides catechising the children, he has preached to and catechised regularly on Sunday afternoon the colored people, and has, at present, a class of 20 who can recite the catechism. The prospect for doing good among them is promising.

Hungar's parish, Northampton county.—J. Ufford, Rector.—Communicants, added 3, died 1—total 61; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants, white 9, colored 5—total 15; confirmations 7; marriages 3; number of families 50.

Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, died 2—total 20; baptism, 1 adult, (colored;) marriage 1; funerals 7.

Farnham parish, Richmond county—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1—total 18; baptisms, 2 infants; marriages 2; funerals 2.

Cople parish, Westmoreland county—Wm. N. Ward, Rector.—Communicants 20; marriages 3.

St. James' Church, Northam Parish, Fluvanna and Goochland counties—J. P. B. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added 6, died 1—total colored 2; white 51—total 53; baptisms, infants white 3; colored 9; adult white 1—total 13; funerals 2; number of families 17.

Divine Service has been held monthly, during the past year, in the venerable Church at Beaver Dam, where there is good encouragement to hope they will in time be able to support a minister.

Potuck Point, Henry and Patrick counties—Wm. N. Webb, Rector.—Communicants, added 4—total 13; baptisms, adults 3 white; infants 5 white; 7 colored—total 15; marriages 3; funerals 2.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk county—J. H. Wingfield, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, removed 10, died 2—total 92; baptisms, infants white 19; colored 11—total 30; confirmations 4; marriages, white 7; colored 1—total 8; funerals, white 8; colored 5—total 13; number of families 68. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$206.

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—B. M. Miller, Rector.—Baptisms, adults 2; children white 9; colored 1—total 12; confirmations 3; marriages 3; funerals 6; communicants, added 4; removed 6—total 108. Amount of contributions to various objects, including communion alms, about \$400.

Sunday School more flourishing than at any former period.

Christ Church, Richmond—Geo. Woodbridge, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, removed 9, suspended 1—total 108, of whom two are colored; baptisms, 11 infants; funerals 8; marriages 6. Contributions to the African mission, \$15 55; to foreign missions \$9; to missions in Texas \$25; to missions in Alabama \$45; to Theological Seminary \$75 16; to various benevolent purposes \$190; Convention Fund \$106—total \$462 71.

Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties—Geo. T. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added 2, removed 3, died 1—total white 40; colored 1—total 41; baptisms, infants white 1; funerals 1. Amount contributed to the Church, \$125.

Albemarle Parish, Sussex.—Edmund Withers, Rector, and Missionary in Southampton.—Baptisms, adults 7, infants 9—total 16; communicants, added 2, removed 2—total 12; confirmations 3; funerals 5.

Collected for Education Society,	-	-	-	\$20 00
Do Missionary Society,	-	-	-	5 00
Do Contingent Fund,	-	-	-	12 00
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				\$37 00

During the past year I have officiated, as previously, at Jerusalem and Berlin, Southampton, and at Sussex Court House. The 5th Sundays have been devoted to destitute places around me, by way of establishing outposts for future services. A portion of my time has been devoted to instructing the colored population. My congregations have been generally good. Interest in the Church has been steadily increasing, and the prospects for usefulness are encouraging.

Report of John W. Woodville, Minister of St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper county.—During the last year I have baptized, infants 4; marriages solemnized 2. The present number of communicants is 11, but there is an increasing interest on the all important subject of religion pervading the several congregations, and I am led to believe that some are asking in sincerity and truth, "what they must do to be saved."

Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county.—R. H. Wilmer, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, suspended 1, died 1—total, colored 4, white 76—80; baptisms, infants, viz: white 5, colored 1—total 6; Marriages, white 8, colored 2—total 10; funerals 4; number of families 48, adults 85, children 125. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church \$175.

St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, and Christ Church, St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania county, St. Margaret's Church, Caroline.—D. M. Wharton, Rector.—Communicants, added 2 whites, and 2 colored; removed 1; died 1—total 73; baptisms, adults, white 1, colored 2, infants 7—total 10; marriages 2; funerals, whites 4—total 8. Contributions to benevolent objects \$61 71.

St. Paul's Parish, King George county, Va.—Lewis Walke, Rector.—Communicants, removed 3; died 1—total 25; baptisms, infants 2 colored; marriages 2; funerals 4. Amount collected for Foreign and Domestic Missions, Bishop's Fund, 30 50
25 00
\$55 50

Bath Parish, Dinwiddie county.—The Rectorship of this parish has been vacant since the 1st of November last. Efforts have since been made to obtain a rector, but in vain. The last minister having left no record of the number of communicants or of his ministerial acts, no satisfactory report can be made. Amount contributed for benevolent objects \$25 00. SAMUEL PRYOR, *lay Delegate.*

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPTISMS.				Confirmations	Marriages.	Funerals.	No. of Families.	Contributions.
	Added.		Suspended	Died.	Total.	White.		Colored.						
	White.	Col'd.				Adults.	Infants.	Adults.	Infants.					
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester county,	2		4		40									\$120 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax,	12	6	7	1	74	2	10	1	2	13	35	3	3	548 56
Augusta Parish, Trinity Church, Staunton,	7		1		77	1	13			16		9	13	169 38
Albemarle Parish, Sussex and Southampton,	2		2		12		9			16	3			37 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Shepherdstown,	8		2		62		9		5	14		5	5	425 00
Bristol Parish, Petersburg,	26		15	3	240		22			22	8	7	8	2,000 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg,	20		7		70		19	8	7	34		8	12	283 00
Botetourt Parish, Botetourt,	2		3		41		1			1		1		125 00
Boyden Chapel, Augusta,	3		3		15		8	1	6	15		1		42 00
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,													12	25 00
Brandon Parish, Prince George,	6		3		25	1	14			15	4	2	9	96 50
Centurion Church, Fort Monroe,	2				14		13		1	14		1	10	109 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	11				64		4			7	13	3	4	
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,	13		17		36	6	6		3	12	15	2	2	462 71
Christ Church, Richmond,	4		9	1	108		11			11		6	8	89 00
Christ Church, Lancaster,					31							2	4	3,531 26
Christ Church, Norfolk,	18		8		362	1	30		4	35	9	9	18	375 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville,	3		6		66		14			15		4	5	
St. David's Parish, King William,	1				7		4			4		1	1	72 00
Elizabeth City Parish, and St. John's Church, Hampton,	3		3	1	32	1	7			3	3	2	4	
South Farnham Parish, Essex,			1		32		7			7		1	6	
St. Ann's Parish, Essex,	2		2		30	1	5		1	7		4	4	206 50
Frederick Parish, Winchester,	19		6		106	1	11			13		2	5	295 00
Fairfax Parish, Christ Church, Alexandria,	20		14	1	140		19		11	30	4	7	13	1,041 73
Frederick Parish, Clarke,	7		6		62		7			7		3	4	281 40
Grace Church, Petersburg,	12		1	2	49	6	33		10	49	8	20	31	20 00
Dinwiddie Court House, Petersburg,	3				10									
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg,	8		1		25	1	11			12		10	12	800 00
St. George's Parish, Accomac co.,	3		5		30	1	4		1	6	3			
Hungar's Parish, Northampton,	3		1		61	1	9		5	9			50	
Hamilton Parish, Fauquier,	7		1		44					3		3	3	
St. James' Church, Richmond,	14		16	2	142		12			12	12	3	10	90

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORT —(CONTINUED.)

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPTISMS.					Confirmations.	Marriages.	Funerals.	No. Families.	Contributions.	
	Added.		Removed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total.	White.		Colored.							Total.
	White.	Colored.					Adults.	Infants.	Adults.	Infants.						
St. John's Church, Richmond,	12		3			51	2	5			7	5	4	3	31	181 50
St. John's Church, and Christ Church, Spottsylvania, } and St. Margaret's Church, Caroline, }	2	2	1		1	73	1	7		2	10		2	8		61 71
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg,	6		7			65		7			7	5	7	5		94 75
St. John's Church, King George,						11		3			3		1			16 00
Leed's Parish, Fauquier,	1					31		7			7		2	1	13	103 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland,	10		3		2	39	4	5			9	3	1	4		185 00
Leed's Parish, Prince William,													2	2		
Dettengen Parish, Prince William, }								3			3		2	3		
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann,						30		1			1	2	1			39 00
Lunenburg Parish, Richmond co.,	1				2	20			1		1		1	7		
North Farnham Parish, Richmond co.,						18		2			2		2	2		
Cople Parish, Westmoreland, }			1			20							3			
Meherrin Parish, Greenville,			2		2	25			1	4	4			2		29 00
Monumental Church, Richmond,	26		28		6	287	1	26			27	10	7	17		1,742 38
St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper,						11		4			4		2			
Moore Parish, Campbell,		1				17		3		1	12	16	3	4	2	
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	3		3		2	72	1	6			7	4	5	4	45	230 00
Northam Parish, Fluvanna,	6				1	53	1	3			9	13	1	3	17	
Newport Parish, Smithfield,	6		5		1	39		6		1	7	6	1	3		35 00
Norborne Parish, Berkley,	1		6		5	85		13		2	15		13	11		
Nelson Parish, Nelson,			3		2	36		3			3	1		5		201 00
Norborne Parish, Christ Church, Berkley, }						13		9			9		1	1		20 00
Smithfield,						7										
Patrick Parish, Henry co.,	4					13	3	5			7	15	3	2		
Portsmouth Parish, Portsmouth,	7		10		2	92		19		11	30	4	8	13	68	206 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	21		5		3	121	4	19			23	14	13	13		600 00
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,	4		6			108		9		1	12	3	3	6		400 00
St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,	15		19		9	150	1	18		8	27		6	19		824 97
St. Peter's Parish, New Kent,					1	14		3			3		1	2		
St. Paul's Parish, Hanover,	1					10		2			2			1		
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, and St. John's Church, Nansemond,	6		1		3	41	2	20			22	6	3	11	50	100 00

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St. Paul's Parish, King George,			3		1	25				2	2		2	4		58 50
St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, and }																
Grace Church, Caroline, }	5		6		2	50		5			5		5	13		150 00
Russell Parish, Bedford,	15		8		2	113		13			15		4	5		130 00
Raleigh and Dale Parishes,	11		8		2	45	3	7			10	7	1	6	34	200 00
Roanoke Church, Charlotte,	3				1	9						2		4		
Roanoke Parish, Halifax,	5		1			20	1	2			3		6	5	16	340 00
Southwark Parish, Surry,	3				1	8							1	3		
St. Stephen's Church, } St Mark's Parish,	1							3			4	5	1	2		37 00
St. James' Church, } Culpepper,	4					53	1	4			4	5	3	1		69 08
Shelburne Parish, Leesburg,	7		2		2	70		10			10		4	4	60	300 00
Southam, St. James' and King William Parishes, Powhatan,	7		2			25					7	7	1	2	28	50 00
St. Stephen's Parish, Fauquier, }	6					14	3	11		2	16					
Providence, Fairfax,	6		2			14		5			7	6				
Shelburne Parish, Emanuel Church, and Meade Parish, Trinity Church,	2		3			31	2	8			8		1	3	33	
Trinity Parish, Wood County,	8		1		1	24		7			7		4			
Clarksburg,						7										
Weston,						5										
St. Thomas Church, Orange, }	7		6		1	65		4			4	5	3	4		189 75
Green Spring Parish, Louisa, }	1					8						1	1	1		73 50
Woodville Parish, Lexington, }	8		8			25		3			2	6	1	1		38 00
Buchanan "	3			1	1	16	1	5			6		1			14 00
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke,	1			1	1	80		5		1	6		10	4	48	175 00
Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, Albemarle,	3		2		2	49		3			3		2	4		150 00
Westover Parish, Charles City,	4				1	29		8		53	61		1	12		60 00
West Russel Parish, Bedford,	3		1		1	50	1	5			6		3	6		
Zion Church, Jefferson,	9		4		3	105		22			17	39	6	11	84	326 27

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FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Report of (or of	Rector of parish)	county.	Church,
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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, \$			
<i>(Remarks to be added by the Rector.)</i>			

NOTE.—The Clergy are respectfully requested to frame their Parochial Reports in strict conformity with the above; the time and labor required in framing the abstract, and the importance of furnishing the appropriate committee with a statement as 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.

WM. M. BLACKFORD,
Secretary of Convention, Fredericksburg.

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 OR CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.
Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.		Millwood, Clarke county.
Rt. Rev. J. Johns, D.D.		Richmond.
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburne parish,	Leesburg, Loudon.
Andrews, Rev. C. W.	Trinity church,	Shepherdstown, Jefferson.
Armstrong, Rev. Wm.	St. Matthew's church,	Wheeling, Ohio county.
Beall, Rev. Upton	Christ church,	Norfolk.
Bulkley, Rev. O.	Lyttleton parish,	Ca Ira, Cumberland.
Berkley, Rev. P. F.	Raleigh and Dale parishes,	Chesterfield Court House.
Bowers, Rev. Wm. V.	St. Martin's parish,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Boyden, Rev. E.	St. Ann's and Walker's parishes,	Everettsville, Albemarle.
Bryant, Rev. Wm.	Woodville parish,	Lexington, Rockbridge.
Berger, Rev. A.	Bath parish,	Dinwiddie Court House.
Castleman, Rev. T. T.	Trinity church,	Staunton, Augusta.
Caldwell, Rev. D.	West Russel parish,	Liberty, Bedford county.
Chevers, Rev. M. L.	Centurion church,	Old Point Comfort.
Chisholm, Rev. James	Norborne parish,	Hedgesville, Berkley county.
Clark, Rev. John T.	Roanoke parish,	Mt. Laurel, Halifax.
Cole, Rev. John	St. Stephen's church,	Culpepper Court House.
Cooke, Rev. John	Officiating in Louisa,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Cofer, Rev. J. M.		Lynchburg.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Cornwall parish,	Charlotte Court House.
Dame, Rev. G. W.	Camden and Patrick parishes,	Danville, Pittsylvania co.
Dana, Rev. C. B.	Christ Church,	Alexandria, D. C.
Doughan, Rev. James		Lynchburg.
Dalrymple, Rev. E. A.	St. Paul's parish,	Old Church P. O., Hanover.
Disbrow, Rev. C. H.	St. Paul's church,	Suffolk, Nansemond.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	St. Thomas' church,	Orange Court House.
Empie, D.D., Rev. A.	St. James' church,	Richmond.
Friend, Rev. Wm.	St. Peter's and Grace churches,	Port Royal, Caroline.
Fisher, Rev. Andrew	Southam parish,	Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan.
Goodwin, Rev. F. D.	Nelson parish,	Tye River Wa'house, Nelson.
Goodwin, Rev. James	Missionary,	Point Pleasant, Mason.
Grammer, Rev. John	Antrim parish,	Halifax Court House.
Gibson, Rev. C. J.	Grace church,	Petersburg.
Gillett, Rev. Charles	Missionary,	Houston, Texas.
Graham, Rev. Richardson	Missionary,	China.
Good, Rev. W. H.	Norborne parish, Berkly,	Middleway, Jefferson co.
Hill, Rev. John H.	Missionary,	Athens, Greece.
Hodges, Rev. William	Bruton parish,	Williamsburg.
Henning, Rev. Edmund W.	Missionary,	Africa.
Jackson, Rev. W. M.	Trinity, Meade parish,	Upperville, Fauquier county.
Jackson, Rev. W. G.	Chaplain United States Navy,	
Johnston, Rev. James T.	St. Paul's church,	Alexandria, D. C.
Jones, D.D. Rev. Alexander	St. Andrew's parish,	Charlestown, Jefferson co.
es, Rev. W. G. H.	Frederick parish,	Millwood, Clarke county.

CLERGY.

Keeling, Rev. Jacob
 Kinckle, Rev. W. H.
 Leavell, Rev. W. T.
 Lee, Rev. J. R.
 Lemmon, Rev. George
 Lippitt, Rev. E. R.
 Locke, Rev. Thomas E.
 Lockwood, Rev. William F.
 Mann, Rev. Charles
 Marbury, Rev. J. S.
 May, D.D., Rev. James
 Meade, Rev. R. K.
 Morrison, Rev. J. H.
 McElroy, Rev. J.
 McFarland, Rev. M.
 McGuire, D.D., Rev. E. C.
 McGuire, Rev. J. P.
 McGuire, Rev. F. H.
 McGuire, Rev. E. B.
 Newell, Rev. C.
 Norwood, Rev. W.
 Nash, Rev. F. B.
 Packard, Rev. Joseph
 Payne, Rev. John
 Pendleton, Rev. W. H.
 Rooker, Rev. W. Y.
 Richmond, Rev. J. B.
 Sale, Rev. Nelson
 Slaughter, Rev. P.
 Smith, Rev. Thomas
 Smith, Rev. Joshua
 Smith, Rev. George A.
 Smith, Rev. Aristides
 Smith, Rev. Leonidas
 Smith, Rev. Jonathan
 Sparrow, D.D., Rev. W.
 Syme, D.D., Rev. A.
 Syle, Rev. E. W.
 Temple, Rev. H. W. L.
 Towles, Rev. John
 Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.
 Tompkins, Rev. S. D.
 Ufford, Rev. J.
 Ward, Rev. H. W.
 Ward, W. N.
 Wharton, Rev. D. M.
 Wingfield, Rev. J. H.
 Woodbridge, Rev. George
 Woodville, Rev. J. W.
 Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.
 Wilmer, Rev. R. H.
 Wilmer, Rev. G. T.
 Withers, Rev. Edmund
 Woods, Rev. H. W.
 Walke, Rev. Lewis

PARISHES OR CHURCHES.

St. Paul's church,
 Westover parish,
 Missionary,
 Hamilton parish,
 Cumberland parish,
 { St. John's, Fauquier, & Christ }
 { church, Fairfax, }
 Abingdon and Ware parishes,
 Russel parish, Bedford,
 Professor Theological Seminary,
 Christ church,
 St. John's church,
 { Boyden Chapel and Principal of }
 { Female Institute, }
 St. John's church,
 St. George's church,
 St. Ann's and S. Farnham parishes,
 St. James' church,
 Meherrin parish,
 Chaplain United States Navy,
 Monumental church,
 Professor Theological Seminary,
 Missionary,
 Leed's parish,
 Frederick parish,
 Christ church, Lancaster,
 West Russel parish,
 Bristol parish,
 Missionary,
 " "
 Principal Fairfax Institute,
 Martin's, Brandon parish,
 Newport parish,
 Professor Theological Seminary,
 Missionary,
 Dettengen and Leed's parishes,
 Principal Deaf and Dumb Institute,
 Moore parish, St. John's church,
 Hungar's parish,
 Kanawha parish,
 { Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople }
 { parishes, }
 { Berkely, St. George's and St. }
 { Margaret's parishes, }
 Trinity church,
 Christ church,
 St. Mark's parish,
 Northam parish,
 Wickliffe parish, Clarke county,
 Botetourt parish,
 Albemarle parish, Sussex,
 Missionary,
 St. Paul's, King George,
 Suffolk, Nansemond.
 Lynchburg.
 Charles City Court House.
 Africa.
 Warrenton, Fauquier.
 Alexandria, D. C.
 Columbian Grove, Lunenb'g.
 Fairfax Court House.
 Gloucester Court House.
 New London, Campbell.
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
 Charlottesville.
 Richmond.
 Staunton, Augusta.
 City Point, Prince George.
 Fredericksburg.
 Loretto, Essex.
 Boydton, Mecklenburg.
 Poplar Mt., Greenville co.
 Richmond.
 Colesmouth, Kanawha.
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
 Africa.
 Upperville, Fauquier.
 Winchester.
 Lancaster Court House.
 Davis' store, Bedford.
 Petersburg.
 Parkersburg, Wood county.
 Cape Palmas, Africa.
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
 Garysville, Prince George.
 Norfolk.
 Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
 Theol. Seminary, Fairfax.
 Petersburg.
 China.
 Miller's Tavern, Essex.
 Millford Mills, Prince Wm.
 Staunton, Augusta.
 Lynchburg.
 Eastville, Northampton.
 Warsaw, Richmond.
 Mt. Pleasant, Spotsylvania.
 Portsmouth.
 Richmond.
 El Dorado, Culpepper.
 Pemberton, Goochland co.
 Berryville P. O., Clarke.
 Fincastle, Botetourt.
 Jarrett's Depot, Sussex co.
 China.
 King George Court House.

POST OFFICES.

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, Abingdon, Antrim, Augusta, Bath, Berkley, Botetourt, Barton, Boyden, Bloomfield,	Accomac, Gloucester, Halifax, Augusta, Dinwiddie, Spotsylvania, Botetourt and Roanoke, James City, Augusta, Madison,	St. Mark's, Trinity, Sapony, St. John's, Piedmont, Trinity, St. Paul's.	Charles Mann. John Grammer. T. T. Castleman. A. Berger. D. M. Wharton. G. T. Wilmer. William Hodges. J. McElfroy.
Bristol, Brunswick, Brunswick, Camden, Clarksburg, Cople, Lunenburg, N. Farnham, Christ church, Cumberland,	Prince George, Stafford, King George, Pittsylvania, Harrison, Westmoreland, Richmond, Lancaster, Lunenburg,	Lamb's Creek, St. Andrew's, Christ, St. James', St. Paul's, Roanoke,	P. Slaughter. G. W. Dame. T. Smith. W. N. Ward. J. B. Richmond. Thomas E. Locke.
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