

JOURNAL  
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CONVENTION  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,  
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WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA,

*On the 19th of May, 1847.*

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PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.

NORFOLK,	<i>Third Wednesday in May,</i>	1848
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WINCHESTER, MAY 19, 1847.

This being the day appointed, by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of said Diocese, the Right Rev. the Bishop, and the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in Christ Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. HOFF, of the Diocese of Maryland, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. JAMES MAY, D. D.

The roll of the Clergy being called, the following were found to be present and entitled to seats:

Rt. Rev. WM. MEADE, D. D.

Rt. Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.

Rev. GEORGE ADIE,	" WM. G. JACKSON,
" C. W. ANDREWS,	" ALEXANDER JONES, D. D.
" TEMPLEMAN BROWN,	" WM. G. H. JONES,
" T. T. CASTLEMAN,	" WM. H. KINCKLE,
" D. CALDWELL,	" O. A. KINSOLVING,
" JAMES CHISHOLM,	" WM. T. LEAVELL,
" JOHN T. CLARK,	" E. R. LIPPITT,
" G. S. CARRAWAY,	" WM. T. LOCKWOOD,
" H. M. DENISON,	" CHARLES MANN,
" JOSEPH EARNEST,	" JAMES MAY, D. D.
" A. EMPIE, D. D.	" CHARLES MINNEGERODE,
" THOMAS B. FLOWER,	" ED. C. MCGUIRE, D. D.
" C. J. GIBSON,	" JOHN P. MCGUIRE,
" WM. H. GOOD,	" ROBERT NELSON,
" WM. HODGES,	" G. H. NORTON,
" WM. M. JACKSON,	" JOSEPH PACKARD

" W. H. PENDLETON,	" A. B. TIZZARD,
" W. Y. ROOKER,	" JOHN TOWLES,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW,	" EDMUND WITHERS,
" WM. SPARROW, D. D.	" H. D. WARD,
" H. W. L. TEMPLE,	" R. H. WILMER,
" C. W. THOMPSON,	" GEORGE T. WILMER.

The Rev. John P. McGuire and T. M. Ambler, Esq., were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who reported the following gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention:

Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.  
 Zion Church, St. Andrew's, Jefferson—Bushrod C. Washington.  
 Westover Parish, Charles City—F. L. Marshall.  
 Grace Church, Petersburg—Josephus Hurt.  
 Leeds' Church, Fauquier—Thomas M. Ambler.  
 Wickliffe Parish, Clarke—Ed. J. Smith.  
 Trinity Church, Staunton—Wm. H. Garber.  
 St. James' Church, Culpeper—R. H. Cunningham.  
 St. Thomas' Church, Orange—Jacqueline P. Taliaferro.  
 St. James' Church, Brentsville, Prince William—Wm. J. Weir.  
 Christ Church, Winchester—Philip Williams.  
 St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—John Rowlett.  
 Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland—Nelson Page.  
 St. George's Church, Fredericksburg—Wm. Pollock.  
 East Russell Parish, Bedford—Wm. M. Blackford.  
 Antrim Parish, Halifax—C. H. Cabanis.  
 Hamilton Parish, Fauquier—Robert L. Randolph.  
 Norborne Parish, Berkeley—Edmund P. Hunter.  
 Christ Church, Charlottesville—Chas. J. Meriwether.  
 St. Paul's Church, Richmond—Thomas H. Ellis.  
 Christ Church, Mill Creek, Norborne Parish, Berkeley—Wm. G. Morgan.  
 Christ Church Parish, Lancaster—Raleigh D. Carter.  
 St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton.  
 Roanoke Parish, Halifax—Patrick H. Foster.  
 Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg—Francis W. Whittle.  
 St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas' Parish, Frederick—Isaac F. Hite.  
 Bruton Parish, Williamsburg—Richard Randolph.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 9 A. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened by prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

On motion, THOMAS H. ELLIS, Esq., was requested to act as Treasurer, *pro tem*.

The following Clergymen, not present yesterday, reported themselves and took their seats:

The Rev. C. B. DANA,
" " WM. V. BOWERS,
" " JOSEPH P. B. WILMER,
" " J. H. WINGFIELD.

On motion, Clergymen from other Dioceses, present on the occasion, were invited to take seats within the bar of the Convention—whereupon, the following gentlemen availed themselves of the privilege, viz: Rev. Messrs. Butler, Peterkin, Bean, Hoff, Nelson, Holmead and Pendleton, of the Diocese of Maryland, and the Rev. Mr. McCoy, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were then read, and, on motion, were adopted for the government of the present.

#### 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, nor 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 de-

cision 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, nor 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 limit of those pews allotted for the use of 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 Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

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

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

29. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Addresses; the proceedings of the Standing Committee; and Parochial Reports.

The Reports of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop were then read.

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*Dear Brethren and Friends*—This is the seventeenth occasion on which I have been permitted to report to you the Episcopal services of the year. The visitations have been somewhat less than usual; the other services have been heavier. Immediately after the last Convention, I proceeded to Chesterfield county, but by reason of debility, consequent on the duties just performed, was unable to fulfil my appointment at old Sapony Church. That at Grubhill, in Amelia, was met on the 27th of May, as were those at Genito Bridge, on the 28th and 29th, where two persons were confirmed. On those of the 30th and 31st, at St. Luke's Powhatan, one person was confirmed, and the Rev. Mr. Fisher admitted to Priest's orders. On the 1st of June, three persons were confirmed at Peterville Church. On the 3rd, five at Beaver Dam, in Goochland. The 4th and 5th were spent in services at St. Paul's. On the 7th, five persons were confirmed at Columbia, in Fluvanna. On the 8th, one person was confirmed at the Church near Cartersville, in Cumberland county. On the 9th, services were held at Ca Ira. On the 11th, at Curdsville, in Buckingham. Heavy rains and high waters prevented my attendance at the Court House. Services were held, on the 13th and 14th, at the Church, on Green Mountain, in Albemarle, where three persons were confirmed. After spending one day in Charlottesville, instead of proceeding to my remaining appointments in Fauquier and Prince William, which were visited soon after by Bishop Johns, I went to New York, in order to take part in the deliberations of the Board of Missions. Whilst there, I attended a meeting of the Trustees of the General Seminary, and also a special call of the Managers of our Sunday School Union. The proceedings of these several bodies, having been spread before the public, need not be noticed. It may not be improper to add that, while in New York, I took part in laying the corner stone of a new Church in that city. It was not without great reluctance, for reasons which need not be mentioned, that I consented to perform that service, though not an Episcopal act; and the only condition on which I promised so to do, was that all the Bishops, assembled in New York at the time, should be invited to attend, and if I were the oldest present I would perform the duty requested. On reaching New York, and finding that neither of my senior brethren were present, I fulfilled my promise by taking a leading part in the midst of several of my younger brethren of the Episcopate.

The duties in New York being over, I returned to Virginia, and spent a week at the Seminary and High School. At the close of the exercises of the occasion, I admitted to the Deaconship the following persons—Mr. D. Francis Sprigg, Henry C. Lay, John Stearns, George H. Norton, James A. Woodward, Dudley A. Tyng, Ambler A. Weed, John M. Banister—the Rev. Dr. Tyng, of New York, preaching the ordination sermon. From this time, until September, I remained at

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home, performing no Episcopal services, except the confirmation of five persons in the Church at Berryville. In September, I commenced the fall visitation at Middletown, in Frederick county, where one person was confirmed: thence to Harrisonburg, where I spent a day and baptized one infant: thence to Port Republic, where four persons were confirmed: thence to Staunton, where two days were spent, and where I baptized one child, and one adult, and confirmed twenty-two persons: thence to the Chapel in the neighborhood, where four were confirmed: thence to Lexington, where two days were spent, two persons confirmed, and the Rev. Mr. Nelson and the Rev. Mr. Walker admitted to Priest's orders—the Rev. Mr. Castleman preaching the ordination sermon. The next service was at Buchanan, where two days were spent, a new church consecrated, and three persons confirmed. Two days were also spent at Fincastle, and as many at the Brick Church in Roanoke. At the former two persons were confirmed. The next appointment was in Liberty, Bedford county, where two days were spent and three persons were confirmed. Service was also held one day at St. Thomas', and two days at St. Stephen's, where three persons were confirmed. Two days were also given to Trinity Church in the same county. At Lynchburg I spent two days, and confirmed six persons. From Lynchburg, crossing the river, I entered Amherst, and spent a day at Pedlar Mills, confirming two persons; another day at Rucker's Church; and another at New Glasgow. At the Church in Rockfish Gap, I confirmed three; spent one day at the North Garden in Albemarle; another at St. Paul's, where seven were confirmed, and the Rev. Dr. Waller admitted to the Priesthood—Mr. Boyden preaching on the occasion. Five persons were also confirmed at Buck Mountain Church; three at Charlottesville; four at Walker's Church; one at the new Church in Louisa; one at Orange Court House, where I spent three days, being kept one day by heavy rains and high waters, which prevented my visit to Madison. Two days were spent at Culpeper Court House; on one of them, being the day of Annual Thanksgiving, I spoke somewhat at length on the subject. A heavy rain prevented my attendance at St. James. At Fauquier Court House, I spent two days and confirmed two persons. The foregoing services occupied about two months. Returning home, I spent a few days, and then visited the congregations in Jefferson and Berkley, beginning at Smithfield, where one was confirmed—spending a day at Leetown—then two at Charlestown, where four white persons and three colored ones were confirmed; then two days at Shepherdstown, where two were confirmed; two at Martinsburg, where four were confirmed; two at Hedgesville, confirming one; one at Back Creek, where a new Church was consecrated; one at Bunker's Hill, where two were confirmed. This was the last of my appointments and brought me to the winter season.

It will be noticed that, in the foregoing narrative, I have confined myself, almost entirely, to a simple statement of places visited, time spent at them and such services rendered as were strictly Episcopal.

I hope my brethren of the Clergy will not feel themselves slighted, because, on this occasion, for the sake of brevity, I have omitted to mention how kindly and abundantly they supplied my lack of service, by their many and faithful discourses, in all the churches visited; while I could only add my testimony to their truth, in a few words of exhortation following after. My inability to perform the duties of the pulpit leads them to collect together more certainly, and in greater numbers, so that my visitations are more like continued clerical associations, adjourned from parish to parish. Neither will they complain that I do not make particular mention of the more interesting circumstances belonging to each parish, since all these will soon be heard in the Parochial Reports about to be read. I have but little to add in the way of visits and confirmations. During the Spring, I have confirmed two persons in the Church at Millwood; three at the Church at Fairfax Court House; eleven in St. Paul's and four in Christ Church, Alexandria: three at the Female School of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer, in Loudon county; and nine in Leesburg. In re-visiting the scene of the pious labors of the late Miss Mercer, peculiar were the emotions awakened within me at thought of the past. Little did I think when, two years since, I dedicated her little chapel to the worship of Almighty God, herself and the interesting group of pupils and crowd of poor neighbors being present, that when I again should visit it, her lifeless form would repose beneath its humble chancel. I was happy to find that those who have taken her place, together with the teachers who for years have been conducting the School, are anxiously and faithfully endeavoring to sustain its well earned reputation.—Most sincerely do I wish them success.

In continuance of my report, I have to state that I have been enabled to pay my annual visit to the Seminary, and spend a few weeks in delivering, each day, some plain practical lectures to the class about to graduate and enter on the duties of the ministry.

I am directed, by one of the canons, to present to the Convention a list of candidates admitted, and ministers received or dismissed, during the year, and accordingly now state, that I have added to the number of candidates, Mr. J. C. McCabe, Anderson Wade, Edmund Richards, Robert Castleman, Alexander G. Tyng, Cleveland Keith, Charles H. Shields, Robert D. Brooke, Charles J. Fox, Charles W. Quick, William N. Irish, George Hall, W. H. C. Robertson, William D. Hanson and Samuel Boyd. I have received, by letters dimissory from Maryland, the Rev. Mr. Stringfellow and the Rev. Mr. Flower. I have transferred the Rev. Mr. Stearns and the Rev. Mr. Tyng to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. Mr. Woods to Maryland; the Rev. Mr. Lay and Mr. Zimmer, a candidate for orders, to Alabama; the Rev. Mr. Woodward to Georgia; and the Rev. Dr. Waller to Kentucky.

Having now completed the statement of those Episcopal acts required to be reported to the Convention, let me add a few words concerning two of those agencies for the promotion of our Church's welfare, which are under the direction or patronage of the Convention,

First, let me allude to our High School, instituted for the purpose of advancing the cause of Christian education. For the last eighteen months, it has been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, in such a manner as to obtain for itself the highest commendation of many who are well qualified to judge of its character.

The professors of our Seminary, who have the best opportunity of observing its operation, and who attend its examinations, assure us, that, for good government, for the promotion of studious habits, for the development and active exercise of all the faculties of the youthful mind and for great proficiency in learning, no institution in the land can surpass it; while a faithful attention is also paid to religious instruction.

I sincerely hope, therefore, that parents and guardians in our Diocese, remembering the great expense which has been incurred in rearing this Institute, and the pains taken to make it a nursery of young Christians for the Church and State, will afford it that patronage which it so justly deserves, so reasonably expects, and which is so necessary to its prosperity. In the next place, as to our Theological Seminary. It continues still to enjoy the smiles of God, and a good share of the favor of the Church, and yields to the Diocese most effectual service. But its funded capital is yet far from being sufficient for the support of the Professors, so that we have to depend on annual contributions for one-half of their salaries, as well as for all other expenses. Greatly is it to be desired, that this fund were increased to the needful amount, and earnestly do we commend the same to the members of our Church, while living and when dying; but, until such increase shall be made, we hope and entreat that our ministers and their congregations will be faithful in attending to the reasonable calls that are annually made upon them.

And now, dear Brethren, one other notice, one painful notice, remains to be made. It has been reserved for the last, because of its solemn and warning character. The past year has been distinguished from all previous years by the more numerous inroads of death upon the clergy of Virginia. Four of our beloved brethren have been called away from us, for the most part, suddenly, unexpectedly. In the death of the Rev. Mr. Bryant, the Diocese has lost one of the most single minded, kind hearted and disinterested of men, as all who knew him can testify. Leaving the service of his country for the more immediate service of his God, under circumstances forbidding all doubt as to the purity of his motives, he devoted himself to his duty, and was loved and esteemed by all. Suddenly, and when his prospects for usefulness and happiness were most promising, he was taken away from his family and people—leaving another warning to us all, that 'in the midst of life we are in death.' In the death of the Rev. Mr. Lemmon, the Church has parted with one who had grown old and grey in her service, having devoted all his strength of body and mind to the promotion of her welfare. He who now addresses you has lost his earliest and oldest brother in the ministry. Our acquaintance, our friendship, our choice of the ministry, are all of the same date, and

reach back to forty years save one. During all this period, we have been living in the most intimate communion of soul. A sounder theologian, a more true-hearted minister, a more sincere Christian, I have never known. In that most afflictive dispensation which has deprived the large congregation of Norfolk of the Rev. Mr. Beall, we have indeed sustained a loss not easily to be supplied. He was suddenly cut off in the midst of years, full of vigor, abundant in labors, and esteemed by all as a faithful man of God, mingling great discretion with an integrity and firmness which knew nothing of hesitation, or doubt, or compromise, where truth or duty was concerned. His character has been portrayed by the brother at my side, so fully and so justly, that I need only refer you to that picture, which all my knowledge of him testifies to be a faithful and true one. And yet, once more, in the death of the Rev. Mr. Smith, we have lost a fellow laborer who, from his first entrance on the ministry, has been spending and being spent in the service of the Church. In his disposition and manners he was kind and charitable, and thereby, as well as by his active zeal, secured to himself warm friends in the places where he exercised his ministry.

Need I say, to my brethren in the ministry, that, in these bereavements, God has addressed to us all very solemn admonitions to prepare for our own summons. In the continual personal exercise of repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, with their accompanying graces; in the zealous enforcing of the same from the pulpit; and in the faithful discharge of every ministerial duty, we also may be prepared to meet our God, and to be re-united to those beloved brethren, who have gone before us. In the cultivation of the same graces, and in obeying those who rule over them, in all things enjoined of the Lord, and following them, only so far as they follow Christ, you also, dear brethren of the Laity, will again meet God's ministers with joy and not with grief, and, together with them, make up the Church triumphant in Heaven.

That such may be the happy lot of us all, may God grant for his son Jesus Christ's sake.

#### BISHOP JOHN'S REPORT.

In enumerating the services in which I have engaged, during the Conventional year which has just closed, I commence with a statement of those which were performed in Petersburg, immediately after the adjournment of our last Convention.

Sunday, May 24—In St. Paul's Church, I delivered an address to the congregation on the subject of confirmation and administered that apostolic rite to seven persons. In the afternoon of the same day, in Grace Chapel, I confirmed eight persons.

May 31—In St. Paul's Church, Richmond, I admitted Mr. S. W. Childs to the order of Deacons. The sermon was preached and the candidate presented by the Rev. Mr. Norwood. An exhortation, as directed by the rubric, was delivered by myself.



June 10—I left Richmond to visit the Churches South of the Rappahannock, and the same night preached in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg. My appointment for the next morning was at Grace Church, Caroline. The incessant rain preventing the congregation from assembling, I passed on to Port Royal where I preached, June 12th.

June 13, 14—Were assigned to Vawter's Church, Essex. The continual rain, however, detained me at Port Royal until the morning of the 14th, when I succeeded in reaching the Church, and preached to a congregation, which in size did not seem to have been affected by the unpleasantness of the weather.

June 15—Was occupied in travelling to Tappahannock, where, at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Ward, I addressed the congregation.

June 16—In the morning I preached at Tappahannock, and in the afternoon proceeded to the vicinity of my next appointment.

June 17—Preached at St. Paul's, Essex, and confirmed four persons, and in the afternoon delivered an address, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Ward.

June 18—Preached in St. David's Church.

June 19—Preached in the Old Church, in Hanover county, and in afternoon of the same day, rode to Mrs. Mason's, New Kent, where I was called to engage in sad, but I trust salutary, services. Mr. Nelson, her son-in-law, who for several months had been suffering from an incurable malady, and who was anxiously waiting my arrival, that he might avail himself of the occasion to renew his baptismal vows, and seek the strength and solace which may be expected in the due observance of this sacred service, I found at the point of death, incapable of the formal part of the holy rite, but I trust not of the spirit of the devotion by which it should be attended. As I raised my voice in prayer, removing the locks which obstructed his hearing, he gave the last indication of intelligence, and caught the last language of supplication of which he was conscious. In a few hours, the silence of the night was broken by the shrieks of bereavement, and it became my melancholy privilege to endeavor to minister the precious consolations of the Gospel to the worthy, but sorely afflicted, family with which I sojourned.

June 20—The previous day had been to me one of unusual solemnity and sorrow. In addition to the sad scene to which I have adverted, it had brought to me the distressing tidings of the death of two valued friends in Richmond—one a kind and beloved neighbor, of whose grateful hospitality I had partaken just before leaving my home, and for whose sudden departure I was ill prepared—the other, an aged and honored Christian, at whose couch I had often been permitted to bend in prayer, and whose departure was as rich in hope as her life had been abundant in the fruits of faith. With these impressive events in mind, I reached St. Peter's, New Kent, on the morning of the 20th of June, and preached to the congregation, I hope not unprofitably, on a subject in keeping with these providential admonitions.

June 21—I preached at St. Thomas' Church, Wyanoke, and confirmed four persons. This service completed the visitation, and the next day I returned to Richmond.

July 5—I preached in Immanuel Church, Newcastle, Delaware.

July 8, 9, 10—I was engaged in attending the examination at the Theological Seminary, and visiting the High School, both of which furnished such evidences of skill and fidelity on the part of the preceptors, and good order, diligence and improvement on the part of the pupils, that I found continued and increased cause of gratitude that we are blessed with Institutions so well calculated to advance the interests of sound education and evangelical religion. The extending and well deserved reputation of the High School must ensure it a patronage which will enable it to stand and flourish on its own resources.—The organization of the Seminary occasions a different operation and result. Within its walls instruction is gratuitously afforded to all, and where circumstances require, the other expenses of the student are also defrayed. It must therefore be sustained by the voluntary contributions of its friends, and its very excellencies, which make it attractive to youthful aspirants to the ministry, by multiplying its pupils, increase the demand for enlarged contributions for its support. It would be wrong to conceal that these have not been adequate. Time after time, the Trustees have been much embarrassed in its pecuniary management. They have been pained to find the salaries of the professors and other expenses irregularly provided for, and this often only by onerous impositions on the generosity of an individual, who, to sustain the credit of the Institution, is frequently called on to assume responsibilities and endure annoyances, to which he ought not to be permitted to be subject. To prevent the recurrence of such difficulties, the Convention, which met at Lynchburg, resolved that application for aid should be made beyond the limits of our own Diocese, with the distinct understanding and pledge, that renewed efforts should be made among ourselves. The appeal to our distant friends has added *more than twelve thousand dollars* to our invested fund. But at home we have not met our engagement, and I now take the liberty of alluding to our remissness, in hope that this Convention will not adjourn without adopting efficient measures to redeem our pledge, and place this beloved Seminary on a full and firm foundation.

July 9th—I attended and addressed an early morning meeting, in Christ Church, Alexandria, and at 8 o'clock, A. M., I held a confirmation in the Chapel of the Seminary, on which occasion five persons were confirmed, two of whom were pupils of the High School.

July 10—I united with Bishops Meade and Lee in the ordination service in Christ Church, Alexandria.

July 11—I rode to Leesburg, and at night addressed the congregation after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Thompson.

It was my intention on this ride to have turned aside for a few hours, as usual, at Belmont, that I might enjoy the gratification of visiting the excellent Female Seminary, there established by Miss Mercer. Her absence, however, deprived me of the anticipated pleasure,

which I the more lament, as it was soon followed by the afflicting intelligence of her death—if indeed an end so serene and sweet as to have produced the enquiry by her own lips, “can this be death?”—should be called more than its “shadow.” I dare not trust myself but to allude to one so much admired and dearly loved. Her memoir, I understand, is in preparation by one who lacks neither the sympathy nor the skill for the service, and in and by this, as well as through the influence of her numerous and worthy pupils, I trust, our departed sister will still and long speak to survivors.

July 12—I preached in the morning in St. James Church, Leesburg, and by request presented the claims of our Theological Seminary. The appeal was responded to by a contribution of \$500, which I placed in the hands of the Treasurer. At night I preached in the same church.

July 13—I proceeded as far as Aldie, and the next morning was furnished by Mr. Berkeley with a conveyance to Hay Market.

July 14—I preached in St. Paul’s, Prince William, and confirmed four persons.

July 15—I preached in Zion Church, Fairfax, and confirmed three persons.

July 16—I preached in St. James’, Prince William, and confirmed three persons. At Brentsville, in this parish, a substantial stone edifice has been commenced, and is so far advanced, that only the interior finish is necessary to fit it for use. I trust the requisite funds for this purpose will soon be provided, and the building consecrated to the service of Almighty God.

July 17—I preached in St. Stephen’s, Fauquier, and confirmed four persons. In the evening I rode to Warrenton, and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. W. H. Pendleton, I addressed the congregation.

July 18—I proceeded to Leed’s parish.

July 19—My appointment for this morning was at the Church on Leed’s Manor, but a heavy rain prevented the congregation from assembling. I read service, however, and lectured at Oak Hill.

July 20—In passing to Oak Hill, I had, on the preceding Saturday, left notice at Salem, that service might be expected there as I returned, and on this morning I preached in the Methodist Church, which had been kindly offered to us, to a large and attentive congregation.—It is the intention of our friends in this vicinity to erect a church in this village, to be under the pastoral charge of the Rector of Leeds Parish.

After the services at Salem, I rode to Warrenton, and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. W. H. Pendleton, addressed the congregation.

July 21—I preached at Warrenton and confirmed six persons.

July 22—I preached at Little Forks Church, Culpeper, where, notwithstanding the rain, the swollen streams and bad roads, we were met by a very respectable congregation, and I performed the usual services. I had made my arrangements to give another day to this Church, but the prospect of the continuance of the rain, which had already rendered travelling in that region almost impossible, determin-

ed me, on consultation with those interested, to recall the second appointment, and, as the line of my visitation terminated at this Church, I returned from thence to Richmond.

During the remainder of July, in August and September, I performed the following services:

July 26—I preached in St. Luke’s, Richmond.

August 9—I preached at Cape May, New Jersey.

August 16—I preached in Immanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware.

August 23—I preached in Epsom Chapel, Baltimore county, Maryland.

Sept. 6—I preached in Little Falls Church, Fairfax.

Sept. 13—I preached in St. Paul’s, Alexandria, in the morning; and, in the afternoon, in Christ Church.

Sept. 20—I preached in St. Paul’s, Richmond.

Oct. 4—I preached in St. John’s, Richmond.

Oct. 11—In the Monumental Church, Richmond, I admitted the Rev. William Duvall to Priest’s orders. Morning service was read by the Rector, who, with the Rev. Dr. Empie, by whom the candidate was presented, united in the imposition of hands. Sermon by myself.

Oct. 12—I took passage in the canal boat for Lynchburg, and arrived there the next evening.

Oct. 14—Preached in St. Paul’s, Lynchburg.

Oct. 15—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Doughen, I rode to Liberty, and at night preached in the Presbyterian Church—our own house of worship not yet being completed. This, it was supposed, would be effected by my return, and I accordingly made my arrangements for its consecration at that time. The Vestry, however, were disappointed in their calculations, and the service remains to be performed at the next visit.

Oct. 16—I resumed my journey towards Abingdon. In the evening, at Big Lick, I was joined by the Rev. G. T. Wilmer, who kindly consented to accompany me on my route and share in the services by the way.

After riding that night and the next day, we reached Wytheville late on Saturday, and were here met by the Rev. James D. McCabe.

Oct. 18—In the morning, in the Presbyterian Church in Wytheville; the Rev. Mr. Wilmer read prayers, and I preached, and confirmed one person. At night, in the Methodist Church, the Rev. Mr. McCabe read prayers, and, after a sermon by the Rev. G. T. Wilmer, I addressed the congregation. Wytheville is one of the Missionary Stations at which the Rev. Mr. McCabe officiates, and with encouraging prospects. At present, his services are conducted in the Court House, and, of course, under many disadvantages. By the zeal and energy of a female communicant residing there, more than \$400 have been obtained for the purpose of erecting a Church, and it is to be

hoped that this commendable beginning will soon secure the gratification of the Christian feelings in which it originated.

Oct. 19—We resumed our journey, and that evening reached the Seven Mile Ford, where we were kindly received and comfortably entertained by Mr. Hanson. The next morning we arrived at Abingdon.

Oct. 22—I consecrated St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. McCabe. Morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, and sermon by myself. At night, the Rev. Mr. Wilmer preached, and I followed with an address.

Oct. 23—I preached in the morning; and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer, I again addressed the congregation.

Oct. 24—I preached and baptized two infants, at the request of the Rector.

Oct. 25—In the morning, I preached and united with the Rev. Mr. Wilmer and the Rector in administering the communion. In the afternoon, I preached to the colored people and confirmed two; at night I preached and confirmed two persons.

It was my intention on this visit to have admitted the Rev. Mr. McCabe to Priest's orders, and every arrangement was made for the service, which, on many accounts, it was desirable to have performed in this place. But the failure to attend on the part of several Presbyters, whose presence had been relied on, left us without the number of that order proper on such occasions, and not only caused great disappointment to the congregation and their minister, but rendered it necessary for him, at a subsequent and inclement season, to leave his parish and subject himself to a fatiguing journey and heavy expense in the accomplishment of his wishes.

In taking leave of this interesting congregation, it may be proper to notice, briefly, some particulars of its history. In the month of January preceding the consecration, the Rev. Mr. McCabe, invited by a few friends of the Church in that vicinity, and with the promise of aid from the Missionary Society of the Diocese, entered upon his duties as the Minister of the then but recently organized parish of Holston. He commenced his services in the Court House, in Abingdon. The inconvenience of that building for religious worship soon suggested the importance of providing some more appropriate place. Though not without apprehension as to the practicability of the undertaking, the reasonable wishes of their Minister were at once, and cordially, responded to by the few, but liberally minded, parishioners who had gathered around him. Fifteen hundred dollars were immediately subscribed in the village and vicinity. This, together with contributions obtained in Eastern Virginia, determined them to prosecute their undertaking. The corner-stone of the Church was laid on the 24th of June last, and in less than four months the house was completed and consecrated to the service of Almighty God. The Church is a plain Doric structure, 45 by 33 feet, having an open vestibule, supported by two columns, and surmounted by an Ionic tower of four pyramids—the height from base to pinnacle being 57 feet. In the rear

of the building there is a comfortable Vestry room. The pulpit, desk, chancel rail, pews and gallery front, are of black walnut, and give a very becoming finish to the whole interior. On the same lot with the Church, there is a suitable parsonage fitted up for the use of the Minister. The entire cost of the lot, church and parsonage, is about \$3200. The prospects of the congregation are encouraging, and it must cheer the hearts of the contributors and other friends of our Diocesan Missionary Society, to know that, by their co-operation, the Church has thus been established permanently, as we hope, in that distant, but highly interesting and important, part of our State.

Oct. 26—In company with Mr. Thomas Preston and family, we went to Saltville, Smyth county, another point to which the Rev. Mr. McCabe directs his labors. On our way, at the suggestion of Mr. Preston, who had provided horses for the purpose, we left the carriage and, under his guidance, rode across to visit Henry and Emory College, where we were politely received and conducted through the establishment by one of the Professors. The cheapness of the necessary means of subsistence, in that abundant region, so reduces the expenses connected with a collegiate course, that it may be conducted with great economy—a fact, the consideration of which may have an important influence upon any further plans which we may adopt in the performance of our duty in this respect.

At Saltville, I officiated in the afternoon, and only regretted that my limited time rendered the service necessarily a hasty one, and prevented a repetition. The place is evidently one of much missionary interest, and the labors of the Rev. Mr. McCabe, sustained and encouraged as he is by the Christian zeal and energy of the worthy proprietor of the extensive works there established, promise to be productive of much good.

Tuesday morning, Oct. 27—Having met all the appointments which had been made, I turned my face homeward, and travelling night and day, with scarce any intermission, I reached Richmond, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 31st.

Nov. 15—I preached in the morning in the Monumental Church, and in the afternoon at the Armory.

Nov. 22—I consecrated Calvary Church, Dinwiddie Court House. Sentence of consecration by the Rev. Mr. Gibson. Morning service by the Rev. Mr. Bannister. Sermon by myself. The erection of this neat little edifice, and the gathering of the congregation, for whose use it has been built, are the fruits of the occasional services of the Rev. Mr. Gibson, who, in addition to his labors in Petersburg, engaged in the cultivation of this portion of Bath parish, under the permission of its former Rector. The Rev. Mr. Gibson has since retired from that station, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Bannister, who has been elected as their Minister, by the Vestry of Bath parish, and now officiates at Old Sapon and Calvary Churches, Dinwiddie county.

Nov. 29—I preached in Merchants' Hope Church, Prince George's

county and, by the request of the Rector, administered the communion.

Dec. 2—In St. Paul's Lecture Room, Richmond, I addressed the congregation, after the Rev. Mr. Bannister.

Dec. 6—In St. James' Church, Richmond, I admitted the Rev. James D. McCabe to Priest's orders. Morning service by the Rev. Mr. Duvall, who, with the Rev. Dr. Empie, by whom the candidate was presented, united in the imposition of hands. Sermon by myself. At night, I preached in St. Paul's Church.

Dec. 13—I preached in St. Luke's Church, Richmond.

Dec. 20—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond, in the morning and also at night.

Dec. 23—I addressed the congregation in St. Paul's Lecture Room, after the Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Dec. 25—I preached in St. John's, Richmond, and, by request of the Rector, administered the communion.

Dec. 27—I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond.

Dec. 29—By request, I preached to a very numerous congregation of colored people, in Richmond.

Dec. 30—Lectured in St. Paul's Church.

1847—Jan. 3—In the morning, I preached in St. Paul's, and at night confirmed one person.

Jan. 10—I preached in St. Paul's Church.

Jan. 13—Lectured in the same.

Jan. 16—By request, I delivered an address, in St. Paul's, to the recruits.

Jan. 17—In St. James' Church, I delivered an address for the Bishop Moore Prayer Book Society.

Jan. 24—I preached in St. Paul's in the morning and, in the afternoon, confirmed three persons in St. James' Church.

Jan. 31—I preached in St. Paul's.

Feb. 7—In St. Paul's Church, I admitted Mr. A. B. Tizzard to Deacon's orders. Morning prayers by the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer. Candidate presented by the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge. Sermon by myself.

Feb. 9—I met with and addressed the Sunday School Teachers of St. Paul's.

Feb. 14—I preached in St. Paul's.

Feb. 17—I lectured in St. Paul's.

Feb. 21—I preached in St. Paul's.

Feb. 26—I lectured in St. Paul's.

Feb. 28—In the morning, I delivered an address on confirmation, and administered the communion. At night, I preached in the same Church.

March 3—I lectured in St. Paul's.

March 6—I preached in St. Paul's, Norfolk.

March 7—I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, and admitted the Rev. Mr. Good to Priest's orders. Morning prayer by the Rev. L. Smith. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Caldwell, who,

with the Rev. Messrs. W. G. Jackson and Smith, united in the imposition of hands.

March 8—I preached in Trinity Church, Portsmouth.

During my short visit to Norfolk on this occasion, I found our Christian friends, and the community at large, in the deepest concern on account of the alarming illness of the worthy and beloved Rector of Christ Church. I need not say how sincerely I shared in their painful solicitude. When I parted with him for the last time, it was not without hope that his sickness would not be unto death. I had, however, scarcely reached my home, when a special messenger came to request my presence and assistance in connexion with his interment. Circumstances, which it is not necessary to state, deprived me of the melancholy satisfaction of uniting in those solemn services, but, in a few days, I re-visited the scene of sorrow, and, on the 18th of March, by request of the afflicted family and congregation, delivered a funeral address in Christ Church. It was a hasty and but feeble expression of my affectionate estimation of our departed brother, whose eminent worth and usefulness are known to us all, and whose early removal, from a sphere which he so happily occupied, forms one of those mysterious dispensations of Providence, which call for all the submission of faith.

March 21—I preached in St. John's Church, Richmond, confirmed two persons, and admitted Mr. C. W. Bolton to Deacon's orders. Morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, who also presented the candidate. In the afternoon, in St. James' Church, I confirmed one person.

March 23—In St. Paul's Church, Richmond, I admitted the Rev. Messrs. C. W. Thompson and W. C. Meredith to Priest's orders.—Service and sermon by the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge. Candidates presented by the Rev. Dr. Empie, who, with the Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge and Duvall, united in the imposition of hands. I preached at night in the same Church and confirmed eight.

March 30 and April 1—I lectured in St. Paul's.

April 2—I preached in the Monumental Church and confirmed six.

April 4—I preached and administered the communion in St. Paul's.

My frequent services in this congregation were occasioned by the absence of the Rector, whose impaired health rendered it necessary for him to intermit the duties of his ministry, and pass the winter in a milder climate. At his request, and that of the Vestry, I consented with pleasure to unite with the Rev. Mr. Thompson, in officiating for the congregation until the period for resuming my visitations in the Spring.

April 7—I left Richmond for Petersburg, and the same night I preached in St. Paul's and confirmed three persons.

April 8—I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg, and confirmed six persons.

April 10—I preached in the Church at Williamsburg.

April 11—In the same Church, I admitted the Rev. C. J. Minne-

gerode to Priest's orders. Morning prayers by the Rev. Mr. Cheevers. Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Empie. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Hodges, who, with the Rev. Dr. Empie and the Rev. Messrs. Cheevers and Leavell, united in the imposition of hands. At night, I preached again and confirmed one person.

April 12—I preached at Yorktown, in the Court House, and confirmed three persons. For some months past, the Rev. Mr. Minnerode has been officiating at Yorktown. The stone walls of the old Church, which some years since was consumed by fire, are still standing. It is proposed to use them, in part, to provide a suitable place for our services in that village. Several hundred dollars have already been subscribed for that purpose, and a little assistance from others will secure the desirable object.

April 13—I preached in Abingdon Church, Gloucester, and confirmed one person.

April 14—I preached in Ware Chapel.

April 15—I preached in Christ Church, Matthews county, and confirmed one person.

April 17—I preached in Christ Church, Middlesex, and admitted the Rev. G. S. Carraway to Priest's orders. Morning prayers by the Rev. J. P. McGuire. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Mann, who, with the Rev. Messrs. McGuire and Flower, united in the imposition of hands.

April 18—I preached in Christ Church, Lancaster, and confirmed one person.

April 19—I preached in White Chapel, and confirmed one person.

April 20—I preached in North Farnham Church.

April 21—I preached in the Church at Warsaw, baptized two infants, at the Rector's request, and confirmed two persons.

April 23—I preached in Wycomico Church.

April 24—At Oak Grove, I confirmed one person.

April 25—I preached in St. Paul's, King George.

April 25—I preached in St. John's, King George.

May 2—I preached in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, morning and night.

May 7—I left Richmond for Lawrenceville, Brunswick county, and, by travelling all night, reached the village by nine o'clock the next morning, and preached there the same day.

May 9—In the same church, by request of the Rector, I baptized an infant, preached again and confirmed three persons.

May 10—I preached in Sapony Church, Dinwiddie, and confirmed three persons.

I have thus concisely enumerated the services in which, during the past year, I have, by the good providence of God, been privileged to engage. I would that I were permitted to speak more encouragingly of the spiritual interests of the Diocese; but, so far as my visitations have extended, I have neither seen nor heard much in which we may glory. On the contrary, the uniform lamentation on the part of the parochial clergy is, that, in comparison with past years, so little

is accomplishing. The word of the Lord seems bound. Its members are pained to be compelled to exclaim, "who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed!"

Nor is their sorrow abated, but rather swelled, by the causes to which, without a dissenting voice, we find them imputing what they so much mourn—the worldly conformity of those who profess and call themselves Christians. Such testimony from those who "watch for souls" is sad and dispiriting indeed! Did the evil complained of proceed from open enemies, it might be better borne—but that it comes by those who have named the name of Jesus—that those who should be helpers prove hinderers—this is the grievous aggravation! The effect on their own experience, though, as is usual in such cases, imperceptible to themselves, must be baneful and perilous—dwarfing their statures as Christians—paralyzing their spiritual energies—annihilating their religious usefulness and comforts and jeopardizing their souls. But alas! the disastrous results are not limited to their own persons and interests. The incongruous spectacle of professing Christians returning with appetite upon those vanities, which they have renounced, reconciles others to remain with complacency in the embrace of the world, and inspires them with disdainful views of a religion, the unsatisfactoriness of which is thus practically proclaimed by its avowed adherents. In the midst of such counteracting influences, it is not surprising, if the word preached do not profit, but return void. May we not add—"Nevertheless, woe! to those by whom the offence cometh?" To be capable of a course which, in the opinion of the Parochial Clergy and the Bishops, is actually fettering their usefulness and neutralizing the Gospel in its prevailing power, is to assume a responsibility which, one would suppose, no right minded Christian would have the heart to encounter. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the recent well timed Pastoral Letter, to the truth and appropriateness of which our Ministers as one man have subscribed, and to which I take this occasion to affix my own signature, may, under God, be the means of arresting the crying evil, and that this and all other like obstacles being removed, the word of the Lord may be not only "truly preached," but also "truly received and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan and Death," and the prevalence and establishment of that religion which is "pure and undefiled."

In my visitations, I have continued to present to the several congregations, the strong claims of our Diocesan Missionary Society, and, on conference with the Clergy, have made collections in aid of its funds. But for the means thus obtained, by Bishop Meade and myself, in addition to the regular annual contributions, the useful action of the Society must have been seriously arrested. I am gratified to say, as the Report of the Treasurer will show, that these appeals have not been made in vain. The amount so procured has aided in sustaining operations, the results of which will be stated by the Executive Committee.

I deem it my duty, before closing this report, to advert to a sub-

ject, which I thought to have disposed of without the necessity of presenting it to the consideration of the Convention.

In October last, I received an un-official communication, made for the purpose of ascertaining whether, if elected, I would accept the Presidency of William & Mary College, assuring me, at the same time, that, if it were understood I was disposed to favor the appointment, it would be so made, and urging my consent by various strong considerations, which I need not recite. From my reply to this very interesting communication, I take the following extract—"When I consider the nature of the duties of the Episcopal Office, and the incessant and increasing demands of a Diocese so extensive as this, it seems to me that a Bishop in Virginia may not look to any other employment than that of the ministry for which he is specially consecrated. It is, from the nature of the case, and, under existing circumstances, a mastery incompatible with any second occupation. It would, I fear, only be by robbing it, that a second could be served. With these impressions, I cannot respond to your suggestions as your desire. Yet so deeply do I feel the responsibility imposed on me by your communication, that I am unwilling to send you a final answer, before consulting with my honored associate, in whose judgment and wisdom we all have good cause to repose the greatest confidence. I expect to meet him in Lynchburg, on the 13th of this month; when I shall take pleasure in laying your letter before him and availing myself of his excellent counsel. If his views differ from my own, and the considerations furnished by him produce any change in the opinion which I have expressed, I will then immediately apprise you."

In the conference which I anticipated, this subject was carefully examined by Bishop Meade and myself, and, as nothing appeared that wrought any alteration in my convictions, I found it unnecessary to trouble my correspondent with any further communication.

By others interested in the proposed arrangement, it was again and again earnestly pressed, during the past winter. On every such occasion, I returned substantially the reply which had been previously made.

In the month of February, I was called on by one of the Board of Visitors, who renewed the application, and, with great zeal and ability, urged my compliance, assuring me that it was greatly desired, and that the Board would make every arrangement as to services and time which might be requisite to prevent any interference with the duties of the Episcopate. His statements did not change my convictions. They did, however, lead me to suspect that, perhaps, I was too confident in an opinion, from which this gentleman and others, entitled to my highest respect, seemed to differ so decidedly. I therefore, thought it but proper to say, that, if Bishop Meade and the Convention approved of the proposed arrangement, I should feel it my duty to make the experiment. Not that I supposed it possible to do what I am now performing and, at the same time, meet the demands of the new station; but such approval, on their part, I should regard as an expression of their judgment, that I ought to dispense with so much of my

present engagements, as might be necessary to enable me to enter upon the Presidency, with some hope of answering the expectations of my friends. On this statement, the gentleman alluded to replied, that he would, with this understanding, assume the responsibility of nominating me to the Board.

Subsequent correspondence, with persons most likely to anticipate the probable action of the Convention, led me to the conclusion, that the proposed arrangement would not be favorably regarded by the Diocese—that no such general concurrence could be secured, as would be necessary to justify the experiment. I, therefore, to prevent all misapprehension, and to avoid even the appearance of any ground of dissatisfaction, immediately addressed to the gentleman alluded to a letter, from which I give the following extract—"With the knowledge of the fact stated, it might seem to be trifling with the Board of Visitors, if I were to acquiesce in your kind purpose to nominate me for the Presidency. You must, therefore, permit me to return to the original position from which your earnest appeal, in some measure, moved me."

This letter was laid before the Board at their last meeting, when, as informed by a communication from the Rector, dated February 24th, I was "elected President of William & Mary College and Professor of the Moral Chair, with great unanimity."

To this communication I replied as follows—"Under the peculiar circumstances in which I am placed, and in view of the statement which I forwarded to Judge Christian, and which, I understand, he submitted to the Board of Visitors, no action on my part can be expected at present. I conclude, therefore, to wait respectfully for such further information as may place me in a position to dispose of the honorable appointment, without even seeming to be insensible to its importance, or averse from any course which duty may require."

Such, my respected brethren, is a brief history of this transaction, a knowledge of which I supposed it might be important for you to possess, that, in the event of its being, in any form, presented for your consideration, you may be prepared to take such counsel as will best subserve those great interests for the promotion of which we are assembled.

On motion, so much of the Report of the Assistant Bishop, as relates to his election to the Presidency of William & Mary College, was referred to a select committee to be appointed by the Bishop, who announced the following gentleman as the said committee—Rev. Messrs. Mann, Sparrow, E. C. McGuire, Hodges, Castleman and A. Jones—and Messrs. Bryan, Nelson, Page, Richard Randolph and Colston.

The committee announced the following gentlemen, not present yesterday, as entitled to seats in the Convention, as Lay Delegates,

St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper—Edward Colston.  
 Martin's, Brandon Parish—N. M. Osborne.  
 Martin's Parish, Hanover—Philip Nelson.  
 Abingdon Church, Gloucester—John R. Bryan.  
 St. James' Church, Richmond—Thomas H. De Witt.  
 St. Paul's Church, Richmond—John Stewart.  
 Trinity Church, Portsmouth—Holt Wilson.  
 Meade Parish, Fauquier—John R. Edmonds.  
 Trinity Church, Shepherdstown—Richard Henry Lee.  
 St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Prince William—Frederick Foote.  
 Frederick Parish, Clarke county—John E. Page.  
 Lynhaven Parish, Princess Ann—Thurmer Hoggard.

The Assistant Bishop then announced the Standing Committees of the Diocese.

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D.	N. M. Osborne, M. D.
C. Mann,	R. H. Cunningham,
A. Jones, D. D.	Nelson Page,
J. H. Wingfield,	Charles J. Merewether,
T. T. Castleman,	John Stewart,
Wm. M. Jackson,	Francis W. Whittle,
John T. Clark,	Richard Randolph.

ON FINANCE.

Philip Williams,	Sam. W. Shelton,
William Pollock,	Edward Colston.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Rev. C. B. Dana,	John R. Bryan,
C. W. Andrews,	John R. Edmonds, M. D.

ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. Wm. T. Leavell,	C. H. Cabaniss.
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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. Wm. H. Kinckle,	Philip Nelson,
Wm. V. Bowers,	Richard Henry Lee,
Geo. T. Wilmer.	

ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

Rev. John T. Clark.	John Rowlett,
J. P. B. Wilmer,	Edward J. Smith,
John Cole.	

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Rev. J. P. McGuire,	Frederick Foote,
Charles Minnegerode,	Wm. H. Garber,
C. J. Gibson,	Holt Wilson.

On motion, so much of the Reports of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, as relates to the permanent fund of the Theological Seminary, was referred to a select committee, composed of the following gentlemen :

Rev. C. W. Andrews,	Edward Colston,
John T. Clark,	Wm. Pollock,
Wm. H. Kinckle,	Cassius F. Lee,
Charles Mann,	Nelson Page,
J. P. McGuire,	R. H. Cunningham,
R. H. Wilmer,	Bushrod C. Washington.

The Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese were then read, by the Rev. Mr. Dana.

The Parochial Reports were then read.

The Report of the Executive committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, together with the Treasurer's account, was presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to nominate suitable persons as Delegates to the next General Convention, with instructions to report to-morrow.

Whereupon the Chair appointed the following Committee.

Rev. Messrs. Castleman, Stringfellow and Cole, and Messrs. C. F. Lee and Blackford.

On motion, Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Diocese be, and he is hereby, directed to procure, under the supervision of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, handsomely engraved copper plates of the certificates granted at the ordinations of Priests and Deacons in this Church; and cause such a number of copies to be stricken off, from time to time, on fine parchment, as the Bishop or Assistant Bishop may require.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be also directed to have engraved, on such substance as may be judged most proper, an official seal for the Bishop of this Diocese, containing such devices as the Bishop may direct, and that the expense of engraving such plate and seal, be paid out of any moneys in the hands of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the attention of the clergy be, and is hereby respectfully, called to the provisions of the canon of the General Convention, in reference to the mode of presenting their Parochial Reports.

The Assistant Bishop presented the following Report.

The committee appointed, at the last Convention, to take into consideration the propriety of altering and amending the canons of this Diocese, and to report to this Convention, ask permission to defer their report until the next annual Convention.

J. JOHNS, Chairman.

The Convention then balloted for members of the Standing Committee, when it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly chosen :

Rev. Edward R. Lippett,	Orlando Fairfax, M. D.
Charles Dana,	John Hooff,
Wm. Sparrow, D. D.	Cassius F. Lee.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, whereupon the following gentlemen were chosen :

Rt. Rev. William Meade, D. D.  
 " " John Johns, D. D.  
 " A. Empie, D. D.  
 " Wm. Norwood,  
 " George Woodbridge,  
 John Steger, Sec'ry.  
 William Williams, Treasurer.

On motion, Resolved, that the Secretary be requested to call the attention of the clergy and laity to the provisions of the act of the Legislature of Virginia, passed February 3, 1842, entitled "An act concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship."

The following resolution was offered and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That, in order to facilitate the labors of the Finance Committee, it shall be the duty of the Rector of each church or churches within the Diocese, (or of the Wardens, in case there be no Rector,) before the meeting of each annual Convention, to inform the Secretary of the Convention of the number of white communicants belonging to each Church; and, in cases where such Churches may have been reported delinquent as to the contingent fund at any previous Convention, the Rector (or Wardens,) shall also state whether the same has been paid, or will probably be paid; or make any proper explanation in relation thereto. Such information and statement to be communi-

cated by letter, to be sent by mail before the meeting of each Convention, so as to arrive at least a week before such meeting, addressed to "The Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Convention," at the place for the meeting of the succeeding Convention. The Secretary of the Convention shall place all such communications in the hands of the Finance Committee. The postage to be paid out of the contingent fund.

FRIDAY, May 21, 9 A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The Bishop presented a letter from the General Agent of the Bible Society of Virginia, whereupon the attention of the Convention was called to the following Resolution, adopted May 16, 1828 :

"Resolved, That this Convention do most fully approve of the Holy Enterprize of the Virginia Bible Society, and earnestly recommend it to the patronage of the various parishes and churches in this Diocese."

The Rev. Messrs. Friend and F. H. McGuire appeared and took their seats.

The following Lay Delegates, not present yesterday, presented their certificates and took their seats :

St. Peter's Church, Port Royal—Charles Urquhart, M. D.

Christ Church, Norfolk—Tazewell Taylor.

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—John G. Hatton.

St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond—Joseph Prentis.

The Rev. Mr. J. P. McGuire, from the committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund, presented the following Report of the Trustees of the same.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Trustees of the Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia, report—

That, since last Convention, they have collected a note which had been for many years owing to the Fund for money lent,	\$200 00
Also two bonds of \$800 each,	1,600 00
And \$5 per share on 9 shares stock in the Bank of Alexandria, which Bank failed many years ago, and this is supposed to be a final dividend,	45 00
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	\$1,845 00

They have purchased 5 shares stock in the Far-



mers' Bank of Virginia, at \$92 50 per share, \$462 50  
 And 12 shares same stock at \$90 50, 1,086 00  
 And paid the Widows and Orphans Society the  
 arrears of interest reported due them at last  
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Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer	\$66 45
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They have also collected dividends on 147 shares stock in the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria,	\$367 50
Dividends on 4 shares of stock in Bank of Potomac,	10 00
do " 1 share of stock in Bank of Virginia,	4 20
do " 17 shares of stock in Farmers' Bank of Va.	55 25
Interest on the above mentioned note of \$200,	13 00
do " above mentioned bonds of \$800 each,	121 47
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Total,	\$571 42

Which amount, \$571 42, being the accruing interest of the Fund, the Treasurer thereof, who is also Treasurer of the Widows and Orphans' Society, has passed to the credit of the latter, in conformity with a resolution of the Convention in 1837.

The Fund now consists of

147 shares stock in Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, worth at par	\$7,350 00
4 " " in Bank of Potomac, worth at par	400 00
1 " " in Bank of Virginia do	70 00
17 " " in Farmers' Bank of Va. do	1,700 00
Balance due on a note for \$600, bearing interest from 23d July, 1845,	\$246 93
Deduct interest due on this note from May, 1838, to 23d July, 1845, which, with all interest ac- cruing thereafter, belongs to the Widows and Orphans' Society,	236 63— 10 35
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	66 45
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	\$9,596 80

The Certificates of the stock in the Virginia Banks are in possession of the present Treasurer; the other securities are still held by the late Treasurer, John Hooff, Esq., who continues to give them his attention as heretofore.

WH. H. HUBBARD,  
 THOMAS NELSON,  
 WM. WILLIAMS, Treas'r. } Trustees.

RICHMOND, May 15th, 1847.

The Committee appointed to nominate Clerical and Lay Delegates

reported a ticket, whereupon the Convention proceeded to an election, by ballot, which resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen:

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

James May, D. D.  
 Adam Empie, D. D.  
 Alexander Jones, D. D.  
 Charles Mann.

LAY DELEGATES.

Philip Williams,  
 Wm. C. Rives,  
 Wm. H. Macfarland,  
 Edward Colston.

And the following alternates were appointed, to supply vacancies, in the order in which they are named:

CLERICAL ALTERNATES.

J. P. McGuire,  
 C. Andrews,  
 H. Stringfellow,  
 W. G. H. Jones.

LAY ALTERNATES.

Tazewell Taylor,  
 R. H. Cunningham,  
 Sam'l. H. Lewis,  
 Geo. W. Summers.

A resolution was offered, proposing to amend the 2d article of the Convention, which was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. W. M. Jackson and Adie, and Tazewell Taylor, Esq.

On motion, Resolved, That the resolution of the Convention, passed 19th May, 1827, recommending the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union to the patronage of this Diocese be hereby rescinded.

Resolved, further, that the thanks of this Convention, and of the friends of Evangelical truth throughout the Church, are due to our beloved Bishop, for the faithful manner in which he has warned the Church against the errors contained in some of our Sunday School books and other publications.

The Rev. Mr. Dana, from the committee on the Episcopal Fund, made the following Report:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

The Committee on the "Episcopal Fund" have performed the duty assigned to them, and beg leave to present to the Convention the following statement, (which they have received from the Church Wardens of Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria,) as their Report.

C. B. DANA, Chairman.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report that, since the last Convention, they have, with the cash on hand, as then stated, purchased three shares of stock of the Bank of the Valley in Virginia, at \$101 25 per share, and that they have received—

Dividend on Farmers' Bank of Alexandria stock	\$292 50
do " Bank of Potomac "	49 50
do " Bank of the Valley "	56 25
do capital stock Bank of Alexandria,	90 00
The Bishop's Fund now consists of	
117 shares Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, par value,	\$5,850 00
9 do Bank of Potomac do do	900 00
9 do Bank of the Valley, Va. do do	900 00
Cash on deposit in the Farmers' Bank of Alex'a.	508 25
do do Bank of the Valley.	75 00
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	<u>\$8,233 25</u>

At the Convention in May, 1846, the amount of this fund was \$7,748 75—increase since that time, \$484 50.

WASHINGTON C. PAGE, } Church Wardens Christ  
R. C. MASON, } Church, Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, May 15, 1847.

The Convention took a recess of an hour.

1 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Mr. CLARK, from the committee on the admission of Parishes, made the following Report :

The Committee on the admission of new parishes beg leave to report : That the petition of Heber Parish, Bedford county, is reasonable, with the exception only of the precise metes and bounds marked off for the parish, and they recommend that the convenience of families, in Liberty and its vicinity, be consulted more than any artificial or local boundaries, in the formation of the congregation and parish. And if it be not beyond the power of this committee, they beg leave to call the attention of this Convention to the subject of the metes and bounds of parishes, in order, as far as possible, to remove all occasions of disagreement from these causes, among neighboring churches and parishes.

JOHN T. CLARK, Chairman.

The Report of the Committee was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on canons be requested, especially, to take into consideration the canon or canons in relation to the division of parishes, or formation of new ones, and also to enquire into the expediency of abolishing so much of the canons as requires that the boundaries of parishes shall be defined, and report to the next Convention.

Resolved, That the consideration of the substitute, recommended for the 12th canon, be postponed until the next Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Jones presented the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary :

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

In making their annual statement of the condition of the Seminary, the Trustees, with devout thankfulness, report to the Convention the continued prosperity of this important Institution.

In all its departments it still enjoys the rich blessing of God. The instructions of its Professors are sound and thorough, and all their duties diligently and commendably performed. The industry and deportment of the students are also such as to give the assured hope that they will be able and faithful ministers of the blessed Gospel. Above all, the presence of the Divine Spirit is evinced in the prevalence of the power of true religion, the existence of an evangelical faith, and the manifestations of holy character. For this rich blessing from on High, the Church has reason to be most deeply thankful, especially in times such as the present, when so much unchristian strife, error in doctrine, and false religion, are widely prevalent. It is a distinguished mercy from our God, that this Institution, so deservedly honored and valued among us, is untainted by the evil influences of the times; that its duties are discharged by able and faithful men; and that pious and devoted young men, offering themselves as soldiers of the cross, are there assembled, and there acquiring such learning, and undergoing such Christian discipline, as will render them efficient ambassadors of God's infinite mercy to a sinful and ruined world. May the "fervent and effectual prayers" of its pious friends be ever offered for the continual grace and mighty protection of the Great Head of the Church! But, with our prayers, we should also watch against the rashness and negligence too apt to be produced by a sense of security, and, as expressive of our earnest and unfeigned gratitude to God for His past great mercies, we should maintain holy aims, and make such strenuous and self-denying efforts, as His grace and providence may indicate. Much is yet to be done for this beloved school of the prophets. Its vested funds, the interest of which is applied to the preservation of its buildings and the salaries of its professors, need to be greatly increased. Heretofore, necessity has compelled to call upon

the Education Society for assistance, thus restricting its legitimate benevolence in *directly* aiding poor and pious men called to the Gospel ministry. This should not be. And, therefore, a renewed and vigorous effort, on the part of its pious founders and friends, is strongly urged by the Board of Trustees. The funds, now obtained and vested, amount to \$40,442 50. But they are still insufficient for the purposes required. Some \$20,000, or \$25,000, should still be raised, and this is earnestly recommended.

Of the High School, which is also committed to the charge of this Board, we have likewise an encouraging statement to present.

During the past year, there has been a considerable accession to the number of its members, and all, who have visited and personally examined this important nursery for a portion of the youths of the Church, speak in the highest commendatory terms of the arrangements, the management, and the ability of its Principal, and the proficiency, good conduct and happiness of its pupils. We congratulate the church in Virginia on its liberality and wisdom in establishing such a preparatory school of learning. It is a safe home for our sons, where they may be preserved from the injurious influences of the world; too often affecting the usefulness of other schools; where they may also learn to respect the faith of their fathers; to venerate the institutions of the church, and be fitted, through the Divine blessing, for the right performance of the duties of this life, and for the higher duties and the infinite enjoyments of eternity. It asks and deserves the prayers and patronage of our people, and we confidently believe, that, in the advantages it gives to their sons, it will return more to its patrons than it receives from them.

The Reports of the Professors of the Seminary, and of the Principal of the High School, herewith appended, will exhibit the condition of their several departments.

All which is respectfully submitted.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY.

The subscriber has, on the present occasion, substantially the same account to render to the Trustees, of his duties in the Theological Seminary of Virginia, that he has rendered in previous years. The studies of the three classes, so far as under his direction, have been varied only by the addition of a brief course in Mental Philosophy, Logic and Rhetoric, in conformity with the vote of the Board at the

last Convention. These studies have added one recitation a week to the engagements of the Senior and Middle classes; but it is his conviction that they have in no way interfered with their purely theological pursuits: the effect of them, on the contrary, has rather appeared helpful to the latter. Indeed, he thinks that all the classes, taken together, have never done better with him, than during the year now drawing to a close. With the exception of a very few individuals, the daily attendance has been very good.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SPARROW.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The Professor in this Department has, in substance, the same report to make as in previous years. He thinks it unnecessary to go into detail. The Junior class, to whom his principal attention is given, have finished the Harmony of the Gospels in Greek, and in Hebrew have made as much proficiency as usual. They have also read Critical Essays twice a week, and have studied the subject of Biblical Interpretation, Antiquities and Introduction.

The Middle class have examined as usual the Prophecies of Christ in the Hebrew, and in Greek have read critically the Epistles to the Romans, Hebrews, Galatians and Ephesians.

The Senior class have read in Greek the first and part of the second Epistle to the Corinthians.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PACKARD.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND CHURCH POLITY.

The Senior class have finished the usual course of English Ecclesiastical History, with Bishop Short's work as the text book, and also had the usual course of instruction in Church Polity, after Hooker.— Within a few weeks they have begun to review their studies in those subjects, and after this are to give attention to the subject of the Liturgy.

The Middle class are just finishing the course of study in the General History of the Church. This will remain for review.

The several studies have been pursued with commendable diligence on the part of the classes, and (as we trust,) not unsuccessfully.

JAMES MAY.

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of Virginia :

The Rector of the High School begs leave to present his second annual Report.

Since the last Convention, at which a report of the first session of the School was made, the second and third terms have closed.

The second session opened in May, 1846, with 10 students, and, by gradual accessions during the term, reached 23, with which number it closed on the 30th September.

The third session opened in November, with 18 students, and at one period reached 36. By removals, however, it was reduced to 33, and with this number it terminated on the 31st March last.

The changes in the plan and arrangement of the School, as referred to in my last report, and as explained in the prospectus, have been steadily carried out, to the satisfaction of patrons and to the improvement in mind and morals of the students themselves.

The Literary, Domestic and Religious Departments of the School have been managed, as heretofore reported, and with similar satisfactory results. In the Literary Department, besides five or six hours teaching daily by myself, the services of an additional assistant have been found necessary to meet the increased wants of the School.

The pecuniary affairs of the School are in a more satisfactory condition, than when last reported. Some debts are still unpaid. It is hoped, however, should the number of students be increased, and the prospects continue encouraging, that no very serious inconvenience will be felt, by such as may remain unliquidated at the close of the term.

The attention of the Trustees is earnestly called to the state of some portions of the building of the School. Very important repairs are needed for the roof and ceiling of the dormitory, and the whole establishment, for its proper and decent appearance, and even for its preservation from injury and decay, requires to be thoroughly repaired.

In conclusion, it affords me much pleasure to testify to the diligence and faithful application of the students in the pursuit of knowledge.— It especially, however, becomes me to testify to their respectful and devout attention to all the religious exercises of the School. Great encouragement is drawn from this to cherish the hope, that there is

going on in their hearts a perhaps slow, but yet certain, influence for their present and everlasting good.

E. A. DALRYMPLE, Rector.

Howard, May 17, 1847.

The Rev. Mr. KINCKLE, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, presented the following Report :

The Committee on Parochial Reports beg leave to state that they have discharged the duty imposed upon them, and herewith submit the usual tabular statement. Of 102 parishes and churches belonging to the Diocese, only 76 have made the canonical returns. All which is very respectfully submitted.

The Convention took a recess until half past 4, P. M.

$\frac{1}{2}$  past 4, P. M.

The Rev. Mr. Mann, from the select committee to which was referred so much of the Assistant Bishop's address, as relates to the offer made to him of the Presidency of William and Mary College, made a brief report, accompanied with a resolution, which gave rise to a long debate, the result of which was the adoption of the following preamble and resolution :

The committee to whom were referred so much of the report of the Assistant Bishop, as relates to the Presidency of William & Mary College, have given to that subject the most earnest consideration. They are deeply impressed with the importance of this subject, and therefore trust, that, on both sides of this question, a spirit of calm consideration may be displayed, which will give just weight to all reasons which have influenced their minds on this difficult subject. Your committee feel that, under the providence of God, great benefits might result to the Church in Virginia, by placing that venerable and well endowed institution under such influence as they believe the Assistant Bishop would exercise there. They cannot but feel a deep interest in the success of this college, which has conferred such lasting benefits on Virginia and the world, in the education of many of our own ancestors, and many of the most distinguished fathers of the republic. They are not insensible to the benefits which might accrue to this whole commonwealth, from placing this valuable institution under not only religious but Episcopal influences ; and yet, your committee

sincerely regret to say, that, notwithstanding all these desirable results, they are compelled, in view of the great difficulties and serious objections which present themselves, to concur with the Assistant Bishop in the opinion that this appointment should be declined. Whilst your committee have come with pain to this conclusion, they feel that some explanations are due to the authorities of William & Mary, and as these can better be made in a full and frank correspondence, than detailed in a report, your committee beg leave to conclude with the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Bishop and Assistant Bishop be requested to unite in a letter to the authorities of William & Mary College, expressing the thanks of this Convention for the confidence they have manifested in the Episcopal Church of this Diocese, by honoring one of her chief pastors with the highly responsible office of President of that most respected and valued Institution; and also to explain to them the objections, in our view insuperable, which compel this Convention, with great regret, to decline advising our Assistant Bishop to accept that appointment.

The Convention then, at half past 9, P. M., adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, May 22, 9 A. M.

The Convention assembled at the hour to which it adjourned, and was opened by prayer, by the Right Rev., the Assistant Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Leavell, from the standing committee, presented a report on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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 find them correct.

WM. T. LEAVELL,  
C. H. CABANISS.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia respectfully report, that they have, during the past year, contributed to the support of seventeen missionaries, of whom, two (the Rev. Wm. Bryant, of Buchanan, and the Rev. Thomas Smith, of Par-

kersburg,) have since died; one (the Rev. Wm. I. Waller,) has removed from the Diocese; and five others have, from various causes, left the employment of the Society; leaving in its employment, at the present time, nine missionaries. These are, the Rev. G. S. Carraway, in Matthews and Middlesex; the Rev. G. W. Dame, in Henry, Patrick and Pittsylvania; the Rev. James D. McCabe, in Washington and Wythe; the Rev. S. D. Tompkins, in Campbell; the Rev. D. F. Sprigg, in Greensville; the Rev. W. F. Lockwood, in Fauquier and Fairfax; the Rev. James McElroy, in Botetourt, in place of the Rev. Wm. Bryant, dec'd.; the Rev. R. T. Brown, in Jefferson and Berkeley; and the Rev. William Duval, in the city of Richmond.

By the account of the Treasurer, herewith submitted, it will be seen that the receipts of the Society, during the past year, have been \$2,104 58, and the disbursements for the same period \$2,396 98, leaving in the treasury, at this time, including the balance of \$727 43 reported to the last Convention, the sum of \$435 03.

The condition of the Depository of the Society is as follows :

Prayer books on hand, as reported to the last Convention,	568
Purchased during the year	600
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Distributed, during the year, of which 431 were given to the Regiment of Volunteers raised in this State for the Mexican war,	1168
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Balance now on hand,	933
Whole number of prayer books purchased since the establishment of the Depository,	235
Distributed	1800
	1565
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	235

From the Tract department, there have been distributed, during the past year, 26,808 pages.

There are now in the Depository, 24,170 pages of tracts; 129 copies of Reasons why I am a Churchman; 50 copies of Bishop Griswold on the Reformation; 209 copies of the Doubting Christian encouraged; a large number of copies of the Life of Devereux Jarratt; Jarratt's essay on Justification; Bishop Meade's address to the young on Confirmation; and sundry tracts addressed to the Jews.

The Depository is now kept at the store of Messrs. Nash & Wood-

house, Richmond, who generously agreed to render the service gratuitously.

In the deaths of the Rev. Thomas Smith and the Rev. William Bryant, the Society has sustained a most serious loss. To their faithful, devoted and self-denying labors in the missionary cause, the committee bear most cheerful testimony.

The spiritual condition of the Diocese, at this time, demands the increased exertion and the earnest prayers of every member of the Church, in behalf of our missionary operations. In Eastern Virginia, there are many sections which require missionary aid, and the whole of Western Virginia is almost an uncultivated field. In all the region west of the Blue Ridge, containing a population of more than 500,000 souls, our Church has now but fifteen ministers; of these, ten are confined to the Valley, leaving but *five* west of the Alleghany mountains.

Inadequate, however, as are the present means of the Society, when compared with the wants of the Diocese, the committee see no cause for despondency. On the contrary, there is every incentive to greater exertion. A more general acquaintance with the history and principles of the Church is gradually removing, from the minds of the people, those prejudices which have heretofore formed the great barrier to its extension. The past success of our labors affords the amplest assurance for the future. Above all, we have, for our encouragement, the command of the Great Head of the Church, and the sure promise of His blessing. Let us then, brethren, with increased zeal and energy, continue our exertions in this great work, and, ever bearing in mind that "God alone must give the increase," let us continually lift up our hearts to Him in earnest prayer for his blessing on our labors.

JOHN O. STEGER,  
Sec. Dio. Miss. Society.

*The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with William Williams, Treasurer.*

1846	DR.	
May 21.	To cash paid Rev. Edmund Withers, Missionary in Sussex county, 2nd quarter of appropriation,	\$50 00
	To amount carried up,	\$50 00

	To amount brought up,	\$50 00
	To cash paid Rev. Edmund Christian, Charlotte county, in full,	25 00
23.	To cash paid Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex counties, on account,	100 00
	To cash paid Rev. James Bolton, Missionary in the city of Richmond, from funds collected in the churches of that city,	100 00
	To cash paid Rev. Thomas Smith, Parkersburg; \$8 from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria; and \$10 from Meade parish, for his church,	18 00
June 1.	To cash paid expenses on Prayer Books from New York to Petersburg,	3 75
	“ “ “ from Petersburg to Richmond,	0 67
	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Pittsylvania county, 3d quarter of his appropriation,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, 2nd quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
27.	To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Withers, Sussex county, 3d quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. J. D. McCabe, Washington county, 2nd quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
July 3.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Missionary in Richmond, from funds furnished by churches there,	20 00
	6. To cash paid J. W. Randolph for an account book,	0 75
Sept. 19.	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, 1st quarter of his appropriation,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. Edmund Withers, Sussex county, 4th quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Pittsylvania county, 4th quarter of his appropriation,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, in full	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, 3d quarter of his appropriation,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. J. B. Goodwyn in full for services to the 1st May last, at Point Pleasant, &c.	56 00
	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. I. Waller, Albemarle county, for first 6 months,	75 00
21.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, city of Richmond, out of the funds collected in the churches there,	50 00
	To amount carried over,	\$911 67

	<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$911 67
29.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Prince William county, 1st quarter of his appropriation,	25 00
Nov. 11.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, 2nd quarter of his appropriation,	37 50
12.	To cash paid Rev. Geo. Woodbridge, to be remitted to the widow of the late Rev. Wm. Bryant, in full for his services as missionary at Buchanan,	50 00
13.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Thomas Smith, Parkersburg, Wood county, for first 6 months of his appropriation,	100 00
	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Prince William county, 2nd quarter,	25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, in full of his appropriation,	50 00
	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. D. McCabe, Abingden, Washington county, 3d quarter,	50 00
14.	To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greensville county, 1st quarter of his appropriation,	25 00
Dec. 11.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Norwood, to purchase tracts,	9 63
30.	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse, for 300 prayer books, for distribution among Mexican Volunteers.	55 55
1847.		
Jan. 6.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, city of Richmond, out of the funds collected in the city churches,	50 00
8.	To cash remitted Rev. Thomas Smith, part of receipts from Ware parish, for church at Parkersburg,	20 00
15.	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse for 300 prayer books, for distribution among Mexican Volunteers,	55 55
16.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Prince William, 3d quarter of his appropriation,	25 00
	To cash paid Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex, 1st quarter,	37 50
30.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. I. Waller, Albemarle county, 3d quarter,	37 50
	To cash paid Rev. J. D. McCabe, Washington county, 4th quarter,	50 00
	<i>To amount carried up,</i>	\$1,614 90

	<i>To amount brought up,</i>	\$1,614 90
Feb. 3.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county, 3d quarter,	37 50
4.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Thomas Smith, Parkersburg, Wood county, 3rd quarter,	50 00
March 4.	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex, 2nd quarter,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greensville county, 2nd quarter,	25 00
12.	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, for first 4 months,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county, to purchase prayerbooks and tracts,	10 00
27.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, city of Richmond, out of the funds there collected, 3rd quarter,	50 00
12.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Pittsylvania county, on account,	50 00
27.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. I. Waller, Albemarle county, in full,	12 50
April 7.	To cash paid Jos. Gill for tracts,	5 58
10.	To cash remitted Rev. J. D. McCabe, Washington county, 1st quarter,	50 00
17.	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse for tracts,	4 00
	To cash paid Rev. James Bolton, city of Richmond, out of funds collected there, in full to 1st December last,	150 00
24.	To cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed, temporarily officiating in St. Luke's Chapel, Richmond, out of the same funds,	50 00
May 3.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, in full,	25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan, for first 6 months,	100 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, 2nd quarter, in full,	25 00
4.	To cash paid draft Rev. Thomas Smith, in full of appropriations made him,	50 00
15.	To balance for cash in hand,	435 03
		<hr/> \$2,832 01
1846.		
May 20.	By balance in hand, per Report to Convention in Petersburg,	\$727 43
	By receipts at Convention in Petersburg, viz:	
	From Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	10 00
	<i>By amount carried over,</i>	<hr/> \$737 43

<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$737 43
From Christ Church, Lancaster county,	37 00
From Missionary Society of St. James' Church, Leesburg,	16 00
From St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,	56 50
From Sunday School scholars of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, of which \$8 are for the Rev. Thomas Smith's Church,	31 84
From a lady of Christ Church, Caroline co.	2 00
From St. James' Church, Culpeper co.	8 35
From the family of Mrs. Stringfellow, St. Ste- phens, Culpeper,	10 00
From Fayette Mauzy, do do	5 00
From Mrs. Mary Bailey, Antrim Parish, Halifax,	5 00
From Mrs. Sarah A. Leigh, do do	1 00
From Mrs. E. S. Easley, do do	1 00
From Rev. John Grammer, do do	10 00
From Mrs. E. A. Clark, do do	5 00
From Mrs. Rebecca Leigh, do do	1 00
From Mrs. Catherine Easley, do do	2 00
From Mr. Richard Logan, do do	4 00
From Mrs. Eliza Bruce, do do	15 00
From Miss Mary Smith, do do	3 00
From C. H. Cabaniss, do do	2 00
From Mr. Thos. G. Coleman, do do	20 00
From Mr. Robert A. Atkinson, St. John's Church, Lunenburg,	3 50
From Mrs. Ann S. Neb'ett, do do	5 00
From Mrs. Lucy A. Locke, do do	3 50
From Mr. Peter Raney, do do	0 25
From St. Paul's Church, King George co.,	7 50
From church in Berkeley co.	5 88
From a member of St. James' Church, Richmond,	0 50
From Christ Church, Middlesex,	10 00
From a little boy of do do	0 12
From a lady, by Rev. G. S. Carraway,	5 00
From St. Thomas' Church, Orange county,	16 71
From Mr. John R. Edmonds, Meade Parish, of which \$10 is for church at Parkersburg,	20 00
From Nelson parish, Nelson county, of which \$5 is for tracts,	22 00
From Raleigh, Genito and Dale Parishes,	23 00
From Christ Church, Alexandria,	23 61
From Mrs. Ann Page, Gloucester county,	1 00
From Wickliffe Parish, Clark county,	29 50
From Christ Church, Charlottesville,	31 25
From Brunswick Parish,	10 00

*By amount carried up,*

\$1,191 44

<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$1,191 44
From Roanoke Parish, Halifax county,	16 50
From Christ Church, Smithfield,	2 00
From Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties,	14 00
From Miss M. A. Jones, Brunswick county,	6 00
From Christ Church, Norfolk,	200 00
25. By cash from Rev. Mark L. Chcevers, for Prayer Books,	5 00
By cash from Rev. John T. Clark, do do	2 28
26. By cash from a lady by Mr. Wm. H. Hubbard,	1 00
By cash from Mr. J. A. Marshall, Fauquier co.	11 00
June 1. By cash from two children, by Rev. Wm. Nor- wood,	0 50
20. By cash from a lady of Hamilton Parish, by the Rev. Geo. Lemmon,	0 50
By cash from Mrs. John Horner, do do	1 00
By cash from Mrs. Robb, do do	1 00
By cash from Mrs. E. C. Stevenson, do do	1 00
By cash from Mrs. Wm. Wallace, do do	1 00
By cash from Epis. Sunday School, do do	3 05
22. By cash from Rev. Geo. Lemmon, do do	2 45
By cash from Camden Parish, Pittsylvania co.	1 00
By cash from Miss Mary Stanard, St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	25 00
26. By cash from Bishop Johns, for collections be- fore last Convention,	
One of Rev. Mr. Wharton's congregations,	13 60
Grace Church, Peter-burg,	12 75
Sapony Church, Dinwiddie co.	13 15
St. Paul's Church, Cumberland co.	10 60
A member of do do	5 00
Immanuel Church, Sussex co.	13 92
Tappahanock and St. Paul's Churches, Essex,	35 00
St. Thomas' Church, Westover,	20 00
27. By cash from Church at Haymarket, by Bishop Johns,	7 50
By cash from Zion Church, Truro Parish, do	8 88
By cash from St. Stephen's Cedar Run, do	10 83
By cash from Church at Brentsville, do	8 63
By cash from Church at Warrenton, do	27 50
By cash from Mrs. A. Brooke, do do	2 00
By cash from Mrs. M. A. Beall, do do	1 00
Sept. 5. By cash from Missionary Society of Theological Seminary, by F. M. Whittle,	39 00
28. By cash from Wm. B. Harrison, Esq., by C. F. Lee,	20 00

*By amount carried over,*

\$1,733 88



	<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$1,733 88
Nov. 2.	By cash from Church in King William, by Rev. E. B. McGuire,	10 00
	By cash from Church in Hanover, do	13 25
	By cash from ladies in New Kent, do	2 50
11.	By cash from Mrs. Janet A. Lemmon, by Rev. S. D. Tompkins,	1 00
13.	By cash from City Savings Bank for interest,	4 00
23.	By cash from a member of St. Paul's congregation, Richmond,	5 00
	By cash from St. James' Church, Richmond,	40 15
Dec. 31.	By cash from Leeds Parish, by Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	10 00
1847.		
Jan. 8.	By cash from Ware Parish, by Rev. Ch Mann;	22 30
15.	By cash from Mary Selden, a colored native child, at the Mission school in Africa, being the avails of a dress made by her, by Rev. C. B. Dana,	1 00
25.	By cash from part of a collection in Abingdon and Ware Parishes, by Rev. Ch. Mann,	18 00
	By cash from Rev. C. J. Gibson, Petersburg,	5 00
30.	By cash from Missionary Society of St. James' Church, Leesburg, by Rev. Geo. Adie,	14 00
	By cash from part of collection in same church,	15 38
Feb. 10.	By cash from Raleigh and Dale Parishes, by Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	12 00
March 7.	By cash from Wickliffe Parish, by Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	32 00
11.	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, by Bishop Johns,	100 00
	By cash from St. Paul's Church, do do	17 00
	By cash from Trinity Church, Portsmouth, do	42 75
12.	By cash from church in Charleston, Kanawha, by Rev. Mr. Ward,	10 00
25.	By cash from the lady of Commander Farragut, U. S. N.	5 00
	By cash from church at Abingdon, by Bishop Johns,	22 25
April 1.	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	192 14
3.	By cash from Monumental Church, do	25 00
8.	By cash from Rev. John T. Clark, for Prayer Books,	4 50
9.	By cash from Grace Chapel, Petersburg, by the Rev. C. J. Gibson,	26 22
	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	15 00
	<i>By amount carried up,</i>	\$2,899 12

	<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$2,899 32
12.	By cash from Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Prince William, by Rev. Mr. Dalrymple,	12 00
15.	By cash from St. James' Parish, Northam, by Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer,	20 00
	By cash from Leeds Parish, Fauquier co., by the Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	40 00
17.	By cash from Christ Church, Charlottesville, by Rev. R. K. Meade,	10 00
29.	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, by Mr. J. Entwisle,	34 89
	By cash from Sunday School scholars of same by do	30 87
May 5.	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Petersburg, by Rev. Mr. Stringfellow,	75 00
8.	By cash from St. John's Church, Richmond, by Col. Carrington,	11 00
	By cash from Sewing Society of St. James' Church, Warrenton, by Rev. G. H. Norton,	20 00
13.	By cash from Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, by Bishop Johns,	24 62
	By cash from Christ Church, Mathews co., by Bishop Johns,	21 10
	By cash from Christ Church, Lancaster co., by Bishop Johns,	25 00
	By cash from White Chapel Church, do by Bishop Johns,	15 00
	By cash from St. Paul's Church, King George co., by Bishop Johns,	21 00
	By cash from St. John's Church, do by Bishop Johns,	15 21
	By cash from a lady, do	5 00
	By cash from a friend in Fairfax co., by Bishop Johns,	2 00
	By cash from two persons in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Bishop Johns,	10 00
	By cash from a friend in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Bishop Johns,	25 00
	By cash from a member of St. James' Church, Richmond, by Dr. Empie,	5 00
		\$2,832 01
May 15.	By balance in the Treasury of the society,	\$435 03
	<i>WM. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.</i>	
	<i>Richmond, 15th May, 1847.</i>	

The Rev. Mr. Andrews, from the Special Committee, upon the Theological Seminary, made the following Report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolutions adopted :

*Report of the Special Committee appointed to devise means for completing the endowment of the Theological Seminary.*

The Convention has already heard, in the Report of the Trustees of this Institution, that its vested fund amounts to the sum of \$40,000, and that, in order to the completion of this fund; so that its income shall be adequate to the support of the Professors, and the preservation of the buildings, the sum of \$20,000 is yet to be raised.

The Convention is also already apprized of the very great embarrassment, which oppresses this Institution, and ever must oppress it, until this endowment shall be completed. It is also deemed unnecessary to speak further of the pledges which have been given, by the authorized representatives of this Diocese, to donors in other Dioceses, (who have recently contributed to this fund the sum of \$13,000,) that a general effort should be made here to complete the endowment.

This is regarded as emphatically the Institution of the Diocese—the prosperity of Religion and of the Church among us being, under God, in a great degree, the result of its influence. And further than this, it is impossible to estimate the extent and blessedness of the influence which it is exerting throughout our entire Church in this country, as also in our missionary stations.

The committee appointed to consider this subject is a large one, representing the different sections of the Diocese, and, after protracted deliberation upon the many and various propositions submitted, they have unanimously agreed to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

1. That two agents be appointed to visit the parishes in the Diocese, and communicate information as to the character and condition of the Theological Seminary, and to set forth its claim to the continued confidence and patronage of the church, and to take such measures as, in their judgment, may seem most expedient, for raising the said fund, and report to the Trustees of the Seminary, on or before the next Convention.

2. That the Trustees of the Seminary be authorised to make such compensation to the agents, as in their judgment may seem suitable.

3. That the Minister and Lay Delegate to this Convention, from

every parish which shall be visited by the agents, be earnestly requested to co-operate with them in the accomplishment of their object.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Castleman and C. K. Nelson were appointed agents, and power given to the Bishop to appoint others, should either be unable to undertake the agency.

Philip Williams, Esq. from the Committee on Finance, presented the following Report, which, with the accompanying Resolutions, being read, was adopted :

The Committee of Finance have had under consideration the several subjects referred to them, and respectfully report :

That the account of William H. Hubbard, Treasurer of the Diocese, (marked A) has been examined, and is sustained by proper vouchers, showing in his hands, on the 14th of May, 1847,

The contributions from the Parishes and Churches for the year ending 19th May, 1847, is (see statement B)

\$911 35

Amount received for delinquencies of 1846, (see statement C)

4,252 70

52 00

Amount in Treasurer's hands,  
The amount remaining delinquent for the year 1846, after crediting payments made, is (see statement D)  
The amount delinquent for 1845 is, no part being paid, (see statement D, Journal of 1846,)  
The Parishes which have made no return will appear by statement E, hereto annexed.

\$5,216 05

\$310 61

324 25

The delinquents for the present year, ending 19th May, 1847, will appear from statement F, hereto annexed, amounting to

478 50

Of the churches which made no return to the last Convention, the following sums have been paid, viz :

Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,

\$26 90

Kanawha Parish,

35 00

Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson,

76 27

Making the sum of

\$138 17

Haymarket Parish, Prince William, and St. James' Parish, Prince William, were reported as making no return. There are no such Parishes. They are Churches in Dettingen and Leeds Parishes, which reported.

Your committee have endeavored to make their report accurate ;

but they have probably fallen into errors from the difficulty of ascertaining certainly the names of Parishes and the number of white communicants.

The imperfect manner in which many, we may say most, of the Rectors make out their Parochial Reports occasions delay and difficulty.

A form has been prescribed by the Convention, which has been repeatedly published, and your committee would earnestly recommend to the Rectors to make out their reports before they leave their respective parishes, and in the form prescribed by the Convention, and stating accurately the names of their parishes and the counties, or cities, in which they are situated.

These may seem to be small matters, but they are important—method and order are God's laws, and should be imitated by those who are his ministers.

We have reported a substitute for the resolution referred to us on this subject, and an additional resolution, which are hereto annexed.

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

1846.		Dr.	
May 23.	To cash paid postage of Standing Committee, per C. B. Dana's Bill, receipt No. 1,	5	50
24.	To cash paid Bishop Meade, on account of salary for ensuing year,	295	00
	Travelling expenses and postage to 1st inst.	240	00
26.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary,	500	00
	Balance of travelling expenses for past year,	25	00
29.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Messrs. Gideon & Co.	4,	100 00
June 22.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of R. K. Meade,	5,	50 00
	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Messrs. Bell & Entwisle,	6,	20 00
	<i>To amount carried up,</i>		\$1,235 50

	<i>To amount brought up,</i>		\$1,235 50
26.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary,	7,	250 00
30.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of P. N. Meade,	8,	60 00
July 8.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Messrs. J. & G. S. Gideon,	9,	78 00
	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Messrs. J. Curlett & Son,	10,	255 00
16.	To cash paid Bishop Meade, on account of salary,	11,	142 00
	To cash paid Wm. M. Blackford, Secretary, expenses, &c.	12,	22 38
Sept. 14.	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Mrs. F. Berkeley,	13,	30 00
	To cash paid Blackford, Statham & Dillard, for printing 2000 copies of Journal,	14,	250 00
	To cash paid Bishop Meade's draft in favor of Jas. H. Clark,	15,	100 00
	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary,		250 00
	Travelling expenses,	21	32
19.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary,	16,	271 32
	Travelling expenses,	12	00
Oct. 30.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary,	17,	262 00
Nov. 23.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of salary,	18,	400 00
		19,	500 00
1847.			
Jan. 2.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, balance of salary,		350 00
	Travelling expenses to date,	63	00
	To cash paid Rev. P. Slaughter, for Doorkeeper, &c.	20,	416 00
March 12.	To cash paid H. K. Ellyson, for printing 1000 copies Bishop Meade's Pastoral Letter,	21,	12 00
	To cash paid J. Warrock, printing 300 circulars,	22,	55 10
April 3.	To cash paid H. K. Ellyson, for printing 250 circulars,	23,	10 00
May 14.	To cash paid Bishop Johns, postage and balance of travelling expenses,	24,	5 00
		25,	102 00
	<i>To amount carried over,</i>		\$4,453 30

<i>To amount brought over,</i>	\$4,456 30
To cash paid sundry postages by Treasurer during year,	0 50
To balance in hands of the Treasurer,	911 35
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	\$5,368 15

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May 19. By balance on hand, per account rendered this date,		\$815 52
23. By cash received from Tazowell Taylor, Esq. Treasurer pro tem.		4,212 03
By cash received from Rev. G. T. Gilmer, for Botetourt and Roanoke Parishes,		39 00
By cash received from do for Woodville Parish, Botetourt and Rock-bridge,		16 00
By cash received from Bishop Meade, for Kanawha, St. John's and St. Mark's.		35 00
By cash received from a lady for the contingent fund,		1 00
28. By cash received from Rev. C. Walker, from Lexington Parish, Amherst county,		73 25
June 13. By cash received from Rev. Alex. Jones, for Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish,		76 27
16. By cash received from Rev. James D. McCabe, per hands Rev. Wm. Norwood, for Holston Parish, Abingdon, Washington county,		8 00
By cash received from Rev. Geo. W. Dame, per hands Rev. Wm. Norwood, for Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county,		24 00
26. By cash received from Wm. Williams, Esq., for Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county,		2 90
1847.		
April 19. By cash received from Rev. Mr. Cook, per hands Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, for Church in Louisa, for Convention of 1846,		3 00
May 14. By cash received from Richmond Savings Institution, interest on money deposited,		62 18
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		\$5,368 15
May 14. By balance in hands of Treasurer, E. E.		\$911 35
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		WM. H. HUBBARD, <i>Treas.</i>

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*The Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, assembled in Winchester, May, 1847, in account with Thomas H. Ellis, Treasurer, pro tem.*

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By "Contingent Fund" received as follows :

Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester, Rev. C. Mann,	\$46 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax, Rev. John Grammer,	57 00
Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke, Rev. G. T. Wilmer,	26 00
Bruton Parish, James City, Rev. Wm. Hodges, \$68 00	
Deficiency 1846,	24 00
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie, Rev. J. M. Banister,	92 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison, Rev. J. Earnest,	32 00
Christ Church, St. George's Parish, Rev. D. M. Whar-ton,	15 00
Christ Church, Elizabeth Parish, (late) Rev. U. Beall,	14 50
Christ Church, Fredericksville Parish, Rev. R. K. Meade,	338 00
Deficiency (in part)	\$66 00
Christ Church, Norborne Parish, a Missionary station, Rev. R. T. Brown,	8 00
Christ Church Parish, Middlesex, Rev. G. S. Carra-way,	74 00
Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Rev. G. S. Carraway,	10 00
Christ Church Parish, Lancaster, Rev. T. W. Flower,	6 00
Christ Church, Newport Parish, Smithfield, Isle of Wight, by Tazowell Taylor, Esq.	32 00
Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	82 00
Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Rev. C. B. Dana,	120 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, Rev. T. E. Locke, Deficiency 1846,	5 00
Dale Parish, Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	3 00
Fall's Church, Fairfax Parish, Rev. W. F. Lockwood,	5 00
Frederick Parish, Clarke, Rev. W. G. H. Jones,	62 00
Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Rev. R. Nelson,	20 00
Grace Church, Petersburg, Rev. C. J. Gibson,	40 00
Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, Rev. Mr. Norton,	39 50
Leeds Parish, Fauquier, Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	34 00
Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland, Rev. O. Bulkley,	38 00
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann, Rev. H. C. Lay,	31 00
Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George, Rev. H. M. Denison,	31 00
Moore Parish, Campbell, Rev. S. D. Tompkins,	21 00

By amount carried over,

\$1,316 00

<i>By amount brought over,</i>	
Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon, Rev. W. M. Jackson,	\$1,316 00
Meherrin Parish, Greensville, Rev. ———	22 50
Monumental Church, Henrico Parish, Rev. G. Woodbridge,	16 00
Nelson Parish, Nelson, Rev. F. D. Goodwin,	143 00
Norborne Parish, Berkeley, Rev. J. Chisholm,	25 00
Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk county, Rev. J. H. Wingfield,	37 50
Roanoke Parish, Halifax, Rev. J. T. Clark,	63 00
Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Amelia, Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	20 00
St. Paul's Parish, King George, Rev. L. Walke,	38 00
St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth Parish, Rev. D. Caldwell,	24 00
St. Paul's Church, Moore Parish, Rev. W. H. Kinckle,	138 00
St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Rev. J. Towles,	120 00
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk Parish, Rev. C. H. Disbrow,	35 00
St. Paul's Church, Fairfax Parish, Rev. J. T. Johnson,	30 00
St. Paul's Church, Henrico Parish, Rev. W. Norwood,	152 00
St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Rev. H. Stringfellow,	240 00
St. John's Church, Kanawha Parish, Rev. H. D. Ward,	235 00
St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Rev. J. Earnest,	24 00
St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, Rev. W. Friend,	8 00
St. John's Church, Rev. C. H. Disbrow,	12 00
St. John's Church, St. George's Parish, Rev. D. M. Wharton,	10 00
St. John's Church, Elizabeth city Parish, Rev. W. H. Good,	12 00
St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas' Parish, Rev. J. Earnest,	44 00
St. Thomas' Church, Frederick Parish, Rev. W. Y. Rooker,	66 00
St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Rev. J. Cole,	19 00
St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Rev. O. A. Kinsolving,	31 00
St. George's Church, St. George's Parish, Rev. E. C. McGuire,	63 00
St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish, Rev. J. Towles,	152 00
St. James' Church, Southam Parish, Rev. A. Fisher,	19 00
St. James' Church, Mecklenburg, Rev. F. H. McGuire,	25 00
St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Rev. J. Cole,	55 00
St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Rev. G. Adie,	25 00
	87 00

*By amount carried up,*

\$3,307 00

<i>By amount brought up,</i>	
St. James' Church, Henrico Parish, Rev. A. Empie,	\$3,307 00
St. James' Northam Parish, Goochland and Fluvanna, Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer,	123 00
St. Mathew's Church, St. Mathew's Parish, Rev. W. Armstrong,	40 00
St. Luke's Church, St. Luke's Parish, Rev. Mr. Ridley,	75 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover, Rev. W. V. Bowlers,	10 00
Deficiency 1846,	54 00
St. Ann's Parish, Essex, Rev. J. P. McGuire,	15 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick, Rev. A. G. Berger,	69 00
South Farnham Parish, Essex, Rev. J. P. McGuire,	27 00
St. Mary's Parish, Caroline, Rev. W. Friend,	58 07
St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline, Rev. D. M. Wharton,	33 00
Trinity Church, Russell Parish, Rev. J. M. Cofer,	48 00
Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Rev. C. W. Andrews,	17 80
Trinity Church, Augusta Parish, Rev. T. T. Castleman,	33 13
Trinity Church, Woodville Parish, Rev. J. McElroy,	50 00
West Russell Parish, Bedford, Rev. C. W. Thomson,	72 00
Walker's and St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle, Rev. E. Boyden,	21 00
Westover Parish, Charles City County, Rev. W. T. Leavell,	24 00
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke, Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	73 70
Zion Church, Truro Parish, Rev. W. F. Lockwood,	31 00
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Rev. A. Jones,	78 00
	18 00
	91 00

Errors excepted.

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THOMAS H. ELLIS, Treasurer, *pro tem.*

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<i>Shewing amounts received on account of delinquencies for 1846 :</i>	
Bruton Parish, James City county,	\$24 00
Christ Church, Frederickville Parish,	8 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	5 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	15 00
	<u>52 00</u>

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<i>List of Parishes still delinquent for year ending 20th of May, 1846 :</i>	
Abingdon and Ware Parishes,	\$21 00
Boyden Parish, Augusta,	15 00
	<u>36 00</u>

*Amount carried over,*

\$36 00

<i>Amount brought over,</i>	\$36 00
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	4 50
Farnham Parish, Westmoreland,	10 00
St. James' Church, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	30 25
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann,	7 00
Lexington Parish, Amherst, (balance)	28 75
Norborne Parish, Berkeley,	73 00
Trinity Church, Portsmouth, Norfolk county,	44 28
Trinity Church, Russell Parish, Bedford,	14 00
St. Stephen's Church, do do	10 00
St. George's Parish, Accomac,	9 00
St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline,	7 50
St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper,	8 33
Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson,	11 00
St. James' Church, Southam Parish, Powhatan,	6 00
Christ Church, Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle,	11 00
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List of Parishes not reported at Convention, 1847:

Accomac Parish, Accomac county.
Boyden do Augusta.
Brunswick do Stafford.
St. John's Church, Richmond city.
St. Luke's do do
Hungar's Parish, Northampton.
Nottoway do Nottoway.
St. Andrew's do Brunswick.
St. Mark's do Culpeper.
Southwark do Surry.
St. David's do King William.
St. Peter's do New Kent.
St. Mark's do Kanawha.
St. Matthew's do Ohio.
Trinity do Wood,
Tillotson do Buckingham.
St. Paul's do Hanover.

## (F)

List of Parishes that have not paid in their proportion of Contingent Fund, for the year ending 19th May, 1847:

Elizabeth City Parish, Centurion,	\$16 00
Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish,	10 00
West Russell Parish, Bedford,	21 00
St. John's Church, City Point,	4 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	8 00
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<i>Amount carried up,</i>	\$59 00

<i>Amount brought up,</i>	\$59 00
St. John's and Christ Church, Brooks,	49 00
St. George's Parish, Accomac,	32 00
Hamilton Parish, Fauquier,	8 50
St. James' Parish, Powhatan,	5 00
Norborne Parish, Berkeley,	37 50
Christ Church, Norborne Parish,	6 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon,	8 50
Lexington Parish, Amherst,*	97 00
Lunenburg Parish, Richmond,	19 00
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	18 00
Kanawha Parish,	12 00
Hampton Parish, Yorktown,	8 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,	30 00
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, and	
Patrick Parish, Henry,	50 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	44 00
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	\$483 50
Hampton Parish, Yorktown,—error of \$5, belonging to other parishes, not yet transferred,	5 00
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	\$478 50

\*The Secretary, since the Convention, has received and transmitted to the Treasurer \$11 31 from this parish.

Resolved, That, in order to facilitate the labors of the Finance Committee, it shall be the duty of the Rector of every church within the Diocese, or of the Wardens in case there be no Rector, to furnish to the Secretary of the Convention, on the first day of its session, a statement in writing, showing the number of white communicants belonging to such Church; and, if said Church shall have been reported delinquent as to the contingent fund at the last previous Convention, showing also, whether the same has been or will probably be paid, and containing any explanations in relation thereto, which statements so made shall be delivered, by the Secretary, to the Finance Committee.

When the Rector of any Church, or a Lay Delegate, shall not attend the meeting of Convention, it shall be the duty of the Rector, or, if there be none, of the Church Wardens, to send a statement as aforesaid, addressed to the Secretary at the place for the meeting of said Convention, so as to reach such place by the first day of the session

—Any postage paid by the Secretary to be refunded to him out of the contingent fund.

On the morning of the second day of the Convention, the Secretary shall call the roll of the Parishes, in order to receive such reports as shall not have been delivered to him.

Resolved, That the Treasurer address a circular to all the delinquent Parishes, stating the amount in arrear from each, and requesting that it shall be paid over to him, and also that the Rector be requested to read to his respective congregations the Treasurer's circular.

The following resolution was offered and, after some discussion, was *rejected*.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the next Convention to take into consideration the expediency of altering the arrangement, entered into some years since, as to the places in which the annual meetings of this body shall be held.

The Rev. Dr. McGuire, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee on the State of the Church do not find much occasion to change the language of the last annual report, to make it suitable for the present year. The condition of the Diocese, as set forth in the Episcopal addresses and the parochial reports, is not distinguished by the highest prosperity, is yet not without claim on our gratitude. There are many proofs of life and growth, which encourage hope and give pledge of success, where patient continuance in well doing and diligence shall be found. It is always true that "the kingdom of God cometh not with observation." There is much earnest piety and zeal in the Diocese, through which, under God, living stones are fashioned for his spiritual temple.

The Diocese is at unity with itself, and we trust that the unity is not simply in the outward framing, but the true unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. We hold fast to the doctrines embodied by the Reformers in our standards, in the full persuasion that they are the pure truths of the Word of God. This we would not urge as a ground of confidence, but of thankfulness. Nothing but ceaseless watching and prayer can keep us, with the blessing of God, in the truth and peace which have been graciously given us. It is important that the living truths of the Word of God should ever be held up as the prop-

er food of the soul, and then the devices and commandments of men fall naturally to their proper place. In our Diocese all things that properly distinguish us as Protestant Episcopalians are cherished as the patrimony descended to us from honored forefathers. They are universally prized as means which God has blessed to the upholding and propagating the pure faith of the gospel.

Complaints are made that in some places the life and power of the gospel are not so clearly seen as in past years. This may be owing partly to the agitation of mind, occasioned by the great controversies of the times, many of them fitted to fix the attention on questions of outward arrangements, and by the excitement of events of a political cast which have, in an unusual degree, interested the citizens of our whole country.

Some of our ministers complain of inroads of a secular spirit. Members of the Church are sometimes drawn into unfit compliances with the demands of the world, in regard to amusements and fashionable entertainments. Your committee would draw attention to this point as one to be specially guarded. All must see that in order to have the Church properly active and effective in labors for the conversion of the world, Christians must be known distinctively as such, a peculiar people shining as a light in a dark place. We are happy to acknowledge the most seasonable and judicious pastoral letter of our Diocesan on this subject. The grounds taken in it and the sound instruction and counsel given must commend themselves to the judgment and conscience of all. We most sincerely hope that it will be universally read and pondered, as wisely suited to the present times.

The committee regard with much satisfaction the evidences of increasing attention and effort among some of the clergy in behalf of the servants in their respective parishes. From faithful and well directed labors in this cause, great good may be anticipated for both worlds, and it is earnestly hoped that the Church in Virginia will fully acquit herself of her solemn obligations in behalf of this neglected portion of our population.

The recommendation, given last year, of attention to the annual Thanksgiving service, it is believed, was not without effect. As our civil authorities do not lead in this matter, it is earnestly hoped that the provisions of our Church in regard to it will be fully carried out. We think that the experience of last year fully confirms our hopes as to the advantages of the present suggestion.

The Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, from the special committee to which was referred the second article of the constitution, made the following Report, which, after discussion, was laid upon the table.

The committee to whom was referred the second article of the constitution beg leave to report the following amendment.

The Convention shall be composed of the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, and of the officiating ministers, who now are, or may hereafter be, regularly and canonically elected in parishes, or churches within this Diocese, so long as they continue officiating in the same; professors of the Theological Seminary of Virginia; Missionaries acting under the authority of the Bishop, and within this Diocese; of those whom age or infirmity prevent from exercising their clerical functions; agents for any benevolent society; Chaplains of the Army and Navy, performing clerical duty within the Diocese; of those connected with Literary Institutions of the State, incorporated by law; and also of editors of religious periodicals, published within this Diocese, being clergymen of this church, and who are under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of this Diocese, *Provided, that* no person under ecclesiastical censure or process, &c.

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Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention be directed to refund to Bishop Meade the amount paid by him for printing his letters on the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered, through the Rector of Christ Church, to the authorities of the several Religious denominations of the town, for the kind use of their respective places of worship, during the session of the Convention.

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

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

/ Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the door-keeper of this Convention ten dollars.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed two thousand copies of this Journal, for distribution among the Parishes.

After the usual religious services, the Convention then adjourned,

to meet in Christ Church, Norfolk, on the 3d Wednesday in May 1848.

WILLIAM MEADE,  
*President of the Convention.*

WM. M. BLACKFORD, *Secretary.*



## APPENDIX.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Antrim Parish, Halifax*—J. GRAMMER, Rector.—Communicants added, white 2; died 1; removed 1—total 57; colored, added 2—total 18. whole number 75; baptisms, white, infants 5; colored, adult 1; infant 1—total 7; marriages, white 4; funerals, white 2.

The contributions to the benevolent enterprises of the Protestant Episcopal Church, apart from parochial objects, which have passed through the hands of the Rector, during the past year, have been the following, viz: To Foreign Missions, \$47 50; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$60 50; Theological Seminary, \$8 00; Education Society, \$134 23—Amounting together to \$249 23—Which, with \$55 contributed to the Virginia Bible Society, and \$87 to the American Colonization Society, makes the whole amount of contributions, \$391 23 cts.

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester*—CHARLES MANN, Rector.—Communicants, added 5; removed 2; died 2; suspended 0—total 46; baptisms, adult 0; white infants 3; colored infants 1—total 4; confirmations 1; Marriages 1; funerals 4; amount collected for different institutions connected with the church, \$190.

*Bruton Parish, Williamsburg*—WM. HODGES, Rector.—Communicants, added 6; removed 8, died 0—total, whites 68; colored 2—70; baptisms, infants 4; marriages 2; funeral 4 in the congregation and 3 out of it—total 7; contributions to objects out of the Parish, \$195 00. One candidate for Deacon's orders; Sunday School and other things connected with the Parish about the same as last reported.

*Martin's Brandon Parish*—HENRY M. DENISON, Rector.—Communicants, added from another Parish 3—total 26; baptisms, adult, colored, 1; infants, white, 8; infants, colored, 13—total 22; funerals 7; marriages 4; families 28, including adults 53, children about 60—

total 113; contributions for religious purposes, since April, 1846, \$79 08. Of the above contributions, \$2,50 were given by my colored congregations for the African Mission, besides a number of useful articles of clothing.

*Bristol Parish, Petersburg*—H. STRINGFELLOW, Rector.—In consequence of the register of the late Rector being mislaid, I am unable to report the state of the parish since the last Convention, up to the time when I entered upon my duties as Rector, which was about the 1st of January last. Since I have had charge of the parish, there have been added to the communion 7, of whom 3 are from other parishes; confirmations 3; died 2—total 235; baptisms, white infants 2; funerals 7; marriages 4; amount contributed to the various benevolent objects of the church, since I have been with them, \$872, of which there were given to Theological Seminary, \$100; to our Missions in China, \$81 97; to Diocesan Missions, \$305 00; to Africa, \$75; to Virginia Bible Society, \$95; assessment for Convention, \$235.—While there is not much in the spiritual condition of the parish to encourage the heart of the Rector, he believes that an improvement has commenced, which will, ere long, under the blessing of God, be productive of the happiest results.

*Bath Parish, Dinwiddie*—J. M. BANISTER, Rector.—Confirmations 3; communicants, added 3; white 32; colored 2—total 34; amount collected for the church, \$61 35.

I took charge of this parish in January last, and have already seen much to encourage the expectation of a considerable increase of the church in this county. Through the exertions of the Rev. Mr. Gibson and others, a very neat church edifice has been erected at the court-house, about 12 miles from Sapony church, and was consecrated shortly before the present Rector came into the parish. He preaches in this church twice, on the second and fourth Sundays of every month, in the afternoon, to large and attentive colored congregations.

*Christ Church, Lancaster*—THOS. B. FLOWER, Rector.—Communicants 28; baptisms 14; confirmation 1; collected for Diocesan Missions, 40; for contingent fund, 32—total 72.

I entered upon my duties in this parish on the 8th of April last.

*Christ Church, Middlesex*—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants, died 1—total 10; baptisms, 1 infant, white; funerals 1; number of families 9; amount collected for the following objects—Education Society, \$17; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$23; Contingent Fund \$10; Bible Society, \$1—total \$51.

*Christ Church, Matthews*—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 1—total 6; baptisms, adults 2; confirmations 1; funerals 1; number of families 4. There has been contributed as follows—Education Society, \$10 38; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$7 50; Contingent Fund, \$6—total \$23 38.

*Cople Parish, Westmoreland*—WM. N. WARD, *Rector*.—Communicants—total 18; funerals 2; number of families 12; adults 25; infants 32.

*Christ Church, Alexandria, Fairfax Parish*—CHARLES B. DANA, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 11, 7 from other cures; removed 12; died 6—total 132, twelve of whom are colored persons; baptisms, infants, white 9; colored 3—total 12; confirmations 4; marriages 6; funerals 12; number of families, 80; amount collected for benevolent purposes, about \$750.

*Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, including the Ancient Parish of Patrick*—GEO. W. DAME, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 6; 1 colored; removed 2—total 53, 3 of them colored; baptisms, adults 1, colored; infants 2, white—total 3; marriages, 4 white; 2 colored—total 6; funerals 3; number of families 34; adults 98; infants 56. A very neat church building has been erected at Henry court house, and is now ready for consecration.

*Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg*—THOMAS E. LOCKE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 0; removed 3; withdrawn 2—total, including 2 colored communicants, 46; baptisms, infants, white 1; colored 1—total 2; marriages 2; funerals 5. In consequence of the Rector's indisposition, collections for the various benevolent institutions have not been made.

*Elizabeth City Parish, Centurion Church*—M. L. CHEVERS, *Rector and Chaplain of Fort Monroe*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 5—total 16; baptisms, infants, white 16; marriage 1; funerals, (of which number 11 were of the Virginia Volunteers,) 17; contributed to Missions, &c. \$25. The Sunday School, numbering five teachers and about thirty scholars, is doing well.

*Elizabeth City Parish, St. John's Church, Hampton*—WILLIAM H. GOOD, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 0; died 1—total 44; baptisms, 5 white infants; marriages 1; funerals 2; contribution to Convention \$43.

*Frederick Parish, Christ Church, Winchester*—W. Y. ROOKER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 7; removed 5; died 1—total 84; baptisms, white infants 12; marriages 7; funerals 1; number of families 55. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church about \$260.

*Frederick Parish, Clarke*—W. G. H. JONES, *Rector*.—Baptisms, infant 6; marriages 4; funerals 7; confirmations 4; communicants, added 3; died 1; removed 4—total 62; number of families 34; contributions—Bible Society, \$345 50; Education Society, \$80 45; Colonization Society, \$56 70—total \$482 65.

*Fredericksville Parish, Christ Church, Charlottesville*.—R. K. MEADE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4; removed 4; died 0—total 66; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants, white 2; confirmations 3; marriages 6; funerals 5; amount collected for charitable purposes \$364.

*Furnham Parish, Richmond county*—WM. N. WARD, *Rector*.—Communicants, removed 1—total 19; baptisms, 2 infants, white; funerals 1; number of families 11; adults 27; infants 21.

*Franklin Parish, Franklin county*—GEO. W. DAME, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1; removed 1—total 3. The distance of Franklin court house (54 miles,) from my residence, is such that I cannot render much service in building up the Church. The duties of my school allow me to be absent only on Saturdays and Sundays, and thus prevent all pastoral visiting.

*Grace Church, Dinwiddie*—CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 21; removed 5; died 1; suspended 2; withdrawn 1—total 70; baptisms, adults 6; infants 23, white 19, colored 4—total 29; confirmations 14, including one belonging to St. John's Church, City Point; marriages 19; funerals 43. Amounts contributed—about \$100 to Church objects; \$20 to the African Mission from the Sunday School, and \$56 to the relief of the Irish.

*Hampton Parish, Yorktown*—CHS. MINNEGERODE, *Rector*.—Since the time of my ordination, I officiated at Yorktown, where the Church had been given up entirely for many years, and the circumstances seemed altogether so unpromising, that I entered upon my missionary labors almost against hope. A regular congregation has been raised. The attendance is numerous for the size of the place.—The services are held at the court-house, but so much interest is felt by the congregation, that efforts have been made to raise sufficient funds for the rebuilding of the ancient church at York. Five hundred dollars have been made up, and exertions are made to raise one thousand dollars more, to complete the sum required by the contract already entered upon. Number of communicants, after several transfers now to take place are made, 8; confirmed 3; baptised, adults 2, infants 3; buried 1.

A Sunday School, where more than thirty children are weekly instructed in the word of God, has been organized and is in a promising condition.

A Sewing Society, for benevolent and religious purposes, has also been organized, and counts almost all the ladies of the place among its members.

I further assisted the Rev. Mr. Hodges as far as, and whenever it was, in my power, in the services at Williamsburg. I also preached occasionally to the colored congregations in Williamsburg.

*Hamilton Parish, Warrenton, Fauquier, St. James' Church*—GEORGE H. NORTON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3—total 48; baptisms, adult, white, 1; infant, white, 1—total 2; funerals 3; families 30. Amount collected for religious and benevolent purposes—Diocesan Missionary Society, per Ladies' Sewing Society, \$20 00; Contingent fund, \$39 50; other objects, \$80 00—total \$139 50.

The present incumbent took charge of this Church the latter part of November last—his report therefore is only for the intermediate time.

*Henrico Parish, St. John's Church, Richmond*—J. H. MORRISON, Rector.—Communicants, added 9; removed and transferred 7; died 2—total 57, (including 1 colored,) baptisms, 3 white infants; confirmations 3, marriages 4, (including one of colored persons;) funerals 8. The contributions have been, for Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$53 54; for Diocesan Missions, \$10; for the Seminary, \$24 08; communion alms, \$30 13; for the relief of the Irish, \$46 41—total \$164 16.

*Holston Parish, St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon, Washington county*—JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.—Communicants, added 5—total 13; baptisms, white adults 1, colored 2, white infants 3—total 6; confirmations, white 1, colored 3—total 4; marriages 2; funerals 1; families 7; infants under 14, 20; collections—for Diocesan Missionary Society by Bishop Johns, \$22; for the salary of a colporteur for the county, \$28; for the benefit of the suffering Irish, \$87—total \$137.

We have a Sunday School numbering some twenty pupils and five teachers

Since the last Convention we have completed our church and parsonage at a cost of about \$3,500—exceeding our estimates some \$700, in consequence of the additional expense for the parsonage house and lot. The spiritual condition of the parish is encouraging.

*Kanawha Parish, St. John's, Kanawha C. H. and St. Luke's Sables*—HENRY DANA WARD, Rector.—Communicants, added 4; removed 10—total 36; baptisms, infants 20, adults 4, 1 colored adult; marriages 10; funerals 11; number of families 20; Sunday Scholars 50; donations to Domestic Missions, \$15; to Foreign Missions, \$10; Virginia Education Society, \$27.

*Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann*, HENRY C. LAY, Rector.—Communicants 30, died 1; removed 1; added 2—total 30; baptisms; adult 1, infant, white 8, colored 5—total 13. This parish is now vacant.

*Latimer Parish, Rockbridge county*—ROBERT NELSON, Rector.—Communicants, added 2; removed 4; died 2; withdrawn 1—total 20; baptisms, infants 8, white; confirmations 2; marriage 1; funerals 4, one of Rev. Wm. Bryant, in his own parish; number of families 10; adults 35; infants 20. Amount collected for the church \$32 62½.

*Littleton Parish, Grace Church and St. James' Church, Cumberland*—OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, 2 from other parishes, and 1 from the Protestant Methodists; removed 4; died 1; colored 1—total 39; confirmations 1; marriages, white 1, colored 1; funerals 1. Amount of collections during the year for church purposes \$183.

A Sunday School is kept up most of the year in Grace Church, and is generally well attended.

The ladies of the parish continue their Society, which contributes to various religious objects from \$150 to \$200 a year.

*Lexington Parish, Amherst*—C. WALKER, Rector.—Communicants, added 3; removed 4; dead 2—total 97; confirmations 2; bap-

tisms, white infants 1; colored infants 4; marriages 2; contribution to Theological Seminary fund, \$20.

One of the churches, that at New Glasgow, through the exertions of the ladies, and of a gentleman not a member of the church, has been repaired and neatly painted, at an expense of \$60, during the last summer.

*Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county*—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants, added 2; removed 1; withdrawn 1—total 19; baptisms, infants, 3 white; confirmations 2; marriages 3; funerals 3; number of families 11, adults 25, infants 26.

*Leeds Parish, Fauquier*—W. H. PENDLETON, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; died 2—total 34; baptisms, infants 4; marriages 3; funerals 6; number of families 14. Amount collected for benevolent objects connected with the church, \$436.

*Monumental Church, city of Richmond*—GEO. WOODBRIDGE, Rector.—Communicants, added 17; removed 7; died 3; suspended 3—total 144, of whom one is colored; baptisms, 2 adults, 24 infants—total 26; confirmations 6; funerals 15; marriages 8; collections, for the Education Society, (Bishop Moore Scholarship,) \$100; Theological Seminary about \$75; Foreign Missions, \$50 50; Domestic Missions, \$6 50; Diocesan Missions, \$25; Convention Fund, 143; benevolent purposes connected with the church, about \$200—total \$630.

*Meherrin Parish, Greensville*—D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, 4 from other cures; removed 1; died 4; suspended 1—total 32, (16 white and 16 black;) baptisms, colored adults 2, infants, white 1, colored 1—total 4; marriages 1; funerals 2. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$130.

A church is now being erected at Hicksford. The congregation at this place has generally been good.

*Moore Parish, St. John's Church, Campbell*, SAM'L. D. TOMPKINS, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, one from another parish; died 1—total 22, of whom one is colored; baptisms, 1 infant, white; marriages 4, of whom 1 is colored; funerals 4, of whom 1 is colored. Number of families 10; infants 30.

*Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon*—WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.—Communicants, added 4; removed 5—total 31; baptisms 6; marriages 1; funerals 3; contributions \$157.

*Norborne Parish, Berkeley*—JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.—Communicants, added 12, (of whom 7 by removal from other cures;) removed 5; died 0; suspended 1—total 100; baptisms, infants, white 9; colored 10—total 19; confirmations 5; marriages 5; funerals 6. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$140. A church consecrated.

*Newport Parish, Smithfield, Christ Church*—The undersigned

Wardens beg to report, that the religious condition of this Parish is generally about the same as reported last year.

To our anxious regret, the Rectorship of our Parish continued vacant up to the 24th ult., when the Vestry gave a very cordial and unanimous invitation to the Rev. J. G. Downing, of the Diocese of Maryland, to take charge of the Parish as their Rector. It gives us pleasure to add, that our invitation has been accepted, and that Mr. D. has already entered upon his duties.

Communicants, removed 1—total 36, viz: white 32, colored 4; contributions to the Bishop's Fund, \$32.

JAS. H. TUCKER, }  
SAMPSON WHITE, } Wardens.

*Nelson Parish, Nelson county, F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.*—Communicants, added 2; withdrawn 2—total 24; baptisms, white infant 1; marriages 2; funerals 4; collections—for Virginia Bible Society, \$20; Virginia Education Society, \$36; Mission for the Jews, \$20; Foreign Missions, \$35; Diocesan Missions, \$10; Convention fund, \$24—total \$146.

The parish in Amherst county having been vacant, since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Walker to Richmond, I have been invited to take charge of the church at New Glasgow, and have entered upon the duty of preaching there once a month.

*Norborne Parish, Berkeley, Christ Church, Millcreek, RICHARD T. BROWN, Rector.*—Communicants, added 3—total 18, 2 colored; baptisms, 1 white adult, 2 white infants; confirmations 2; marriages 2; funerals 1.

A convenient house, with an excellent garden attached to it, has been purchased by the people as a parsonage. Communicants, added 1; removed 1; received from another parish 1—total 8; baptisms, infants, white 3; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 4. I officiate for the colored people every other Sunday afternoon.

*Leetown, Jefferson county.*—This may be considered as a new point of labor, no Episcopal minister having officiated there since the removal of the Rev. Benjamin Allen, dec'd. I found a few communicants, who now number about 12; there are several families who are prepared to unite with us, as soon as a congregation is organized. A flourishing Sunday School has been organized, numbering about 40 scholars. We are pleased to state that the Sunday School of Christ Church, Baltimore, has presented us with a Library.

*Portsmouth Parish, Trinity Church, Norfolk county.*—J. H. WINFIELD, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; removed 6; died 1—total 63; baptisms, adults, white 1; infants, white 6, colored 1—total 8 confirmations 0; marriages 3; funerals, white 5; colored 4—total 9; number of families 54, adults 126, infants 106—total 232. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church out of the parish, \$126; contributions to Convention, \$63.

*Raleigh, Genito and Dale Parishes, Amelia, Powhatan and Chesterfield.*—F. BENKELEY, Rector.—Communicants, added 3; removed 2—total 43; baptisms, adults, viz: white 1; infants, viz: white 3—total 4, confirmations 2; marriage 1; funerals, white 9, colored 2 total 11; number of families 34, adults 103, infants 61; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church, \$234.

The Rector continues to officiate in Raleigh and Genito Parishes, except on the Sunday which makes the fifth Sunday in the month, which day is appropriated to Dale parish. He preaches in the morning in the churches, in the afternoons, as often as practicable, to the colored people who may assemble on some neighboring farm.

*Russell Parish, Bedford.*—JAMES M. COFER, Rector.—The Rector of this parish has nothing of interest to report. His congregations have been good—the attention of the people devout, but there has been very little religious sensibility manifested. The "ways of Zion do mourn because none come to the solemn feasts."

Marriages 2, funerals 2; baptisms 0; communicants 35; contributions to benevolent objects, amount not known.

*Ryanoke Parish, Halifax county.*—JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.—Baptisms, 1 infant, funerals 9, marriages 8, candidates for confirmation 2; contributions \$159; communicants 20. We have two flourishing Sunday Schools.

*St. Stephen's Church, Bedford.*—O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.—Communicants 64, of whom 1 is colored; baptisms, infants 6; confirmations 3; marriages 2; funerals 2. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church—Education Society, \$30; Contingent Fund, \$63. By the exertions of the ladies of the Parish, the church is about to be enclosed, which work will cost about \$200.

*St. Martin's Parish, Hanover.*—WM. V. BOWENS, Rector.—Communicants, added 2; removed 5; died 1—total 62 baptisms, 6 white infants; marriages 5; funerals 6 number of families 37; Sunday Schools 2. Amount collected for institutions connected with the Church—Contingent Fund, arrears for 1846, \$15, for 1847, \$54—\$69; Education Society, \$65; Missionary Society, \$55; relief of Ireland, \$80; Sunday Schools of St. Martin's Parish, \$12—total \$281.

*St. John's Church, City Point.*—N. A. OKESON, Rector.—Communicants present number 4; baptisms, infant 1, white; adult 1, colored; infants 9, colored. Divine service has been regularly celebrated in this church, since October of last year, to an interesting congregation.—And from the interest felt in the church here, the hope of its being sustained may be entertained.

*St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county, Zion Church.*—ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.—Communicants, added 9, white 7, colored 2; removed 8; died 1; present number 91; baptisms, adults, colored 2 infants, white 21, colored 5—total 23; confirmations 4; marriages 6; funerals 8 number of families 84; amount collected for different institutions of the Church, and other charities, \$574 15.

He has nothing otherwise of special interest to notice, except it be, an energetic and liberal effort on the part of his people to enlarge and much improve their present church edifice. For this enterprise nearly \$3,000 are already subscribed. He may also mention, as a matter worthy of notice, that he has regular appointments for the colored population of his parish, and has always large, attentive and interesting congregations of this too much neglected class of our people.

*St. Paul's Church, Alexandria*—J. T. JOHNSON, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 17, 2 from other cures; removed 15; died 3—total 152; baptisms, infants 27, white—total 27; confirmations 11, 2 from the Theological Seminary; marriages 5; funerals 11; Sunday School—superintendent 1, teachers 21, scholars 163.

The Female Prayer Book and Tract Society connected with the congregation has purchased and distributed, during the past year, about 1500 Tracts, and between 80 and 90 Prayer Books.

Amount collected for religious and benevolent purposes, \$876 31.

*St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth River Parish, Norfolk*—DAVID CALDWELL, *Rector*.—Baptisms 6, 2 adults, 4 children; marriages 3; funerals 6, 3 adults, 3 children; communicants, added 14; died 1; removed 5—total 138. Amount collected for various benevolent purposes, \$400.

*St. George's Church, Fredericksburg*—E. C. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 9, chiefly from other cures; died 3; removed 7—total 152; baptisms, adults 1, infants 21—total 22; marriages 8; funerals 13. Sunday Schools 5, scholars 300, teachers 30. Two of the schools are for oral instruction of colored children. Contributions to religious and benevolent objects about \$1600.

*St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg*—JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, (of N. C.) *Rector*.—Communicants, white 10, colored 2—total 12; baptisms, infants, white 0, colored 12—total 12; funerals, colored 2; catechumens, white 10, colored 17—total 27; number of families 7; amount collected for Seminary, \$7; Episcopal assessment, \$10.

*St. Peter's Church, Fort Royal, and Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline*—WILLIAM FRIEND, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; died 2—total 48; funerals 5; baptisms 6, marriages 2; contributions for purposes connected with the church, \$300.

*St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George*—WM. FRIEND, *Rector*.—Communicants, removed 2—total 12; baptisms 4; funerals 1; contributions for purposes connected with the church, \$70.

The Rector also reports that, during the past year, he has preached occasionally at Oak Grove, Westmoreland county.

He also continues to preach twice a month, on Sunday evenings, to the young men at Concord Academy, and he has reason to believe that his services are acceptable and useful to the pupils of this Institution.

*St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg*—F. H. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added, white 2, 1 by removal, colored 1—total 3; removed

1; died 1; transferred to St. Luke's Parish, white 10, colored 1—total 11; present total 56; baptisms, white infants 6, colored adult 1—total 7; confirmations 1; funerals 9.

*St. John's and Christ Churches, Brooke county*—JAMES D. GOODWIN, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; died 1—total 49; baptisms, 1 white infant; marriages 2; funerals 2.

After resigning the parish at Point Pleasant, Mason county, in May last, and supplying five weeks at Parkersburg, in the absence of the Rector of that Church, I came to this parish the 25th of June. One third of my time has been bestowed upon a very thriving congregation in East Liverpool, Ohio county, made up, in part, of families residing in the extremest and most destitute corner of Brooke county.

*St. Paul's Parish, King George county*—LEWIS WALKER, *Rector*.—Communicants; removed 2; added 1—total 24; marriages 6; baptisms, infants, white 2. Amount contributed to Foreign Missions, \$20; to Domestic Missions \$15; to Diocesan Missions, \$21; to Bishop's Fund, \$24—total \$80.

*St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Prince William*—JOHN TOWLES, *Rector*.—Communicants, added, 2 from other parishes; removed 1—present number 35; baptisms, infants, white 1, colored 8; confirmations 4; funerals 2.

*St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish, Prince William*—JOHN TOWLES, *Rector*.—Communicants; added, 2; removed 2; died 1—present number 19; baptisms, infants, white 4, confirmations 3; funerals 5.

*St. Thomas' Church, Orange*—J. EARNEST, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 3; removed 2; died 1—total 66; baptisms, infants 5; confirmation 1; marriages 3; funerals 5; contributions for religious and benevolent objects—Education Society, \$58 50; Diocesan Missions \$3; Colonization Society, \$10 33; Contingent Fund, \$66; Irish and Scotch, \$89 50—total \$227 33.

*St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa*—J. EARNEST, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1, from another cure; died 2—total 9; baptism, infant 1; funerals 2; contributions, viz:—Education Society, \$28 50; Contingent Fund, \$8—total \$36 50.

Since the last Convention, at the urgent request of the parishioners of Bloomfield Parish, Madison, I have preached once a month to the congregations at the Court House and Rapid Ann. The number of communicants in this parish is 20, of whom 3 are colored. There has been 1 added to the communion within the past year, and 1 has withdrawn; baptisms, white, infants 3, colored, infant 1—total 4; marriage 1; funeral 1; contribution to Diocesan Missions \$9 35, Contingent Fund \$15—total \$24 35.

*St. Paul's Church, Richmond*—WM. NORWOOD, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 16; removed 21; died 3—present number 240; baptisms, infants 21; confirmations 9; marriages 7; funerals 11; number

of families 132; Sunday Schools 2, one of which is for the oral religious instruction of colored children, and has an attendance varying from 130 to 150. Sums collected for different religious purposes— for Diocesan Missions, \$252 64; for General Missions, \$373 27; Assessment, \$240; Communion Alms, \$297 92; Irish relief fund, collected in Church, \$533, and at least as much more collected from the congregation out of the Church; by a few members to the church at Terre Haute, Indiana, \$33. The usual collection for the Seminary was not made.

*St. George's Parish, Accomac*—J. B. T. SMITH, *Rector*.—Communicants, added, white 2; colored 2—total 4; removed 5—total 32; baptisms, adults, white 1, colored 2; infants, white 18, colored 9—total 30; funerals 2, contributions—Convention Fund, \$30; in payment of church debt about \$1,200.

A portion of this Parish has been resigned to the care of the Rev. Mr. Weed, preparatory to a permanent division.

*Suffolk Parish, Nansemond county*—JACOB KEELING, *Rector*.—In compliance with the 35th canon, I herewith report—baptisms, white 2, colored 1—total 3; funerals, white 3, colored 1—total 4; marriages, white 2, colored 1—total 3.

*St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas' Parish, Frederick*—W. Y. ROOKER, *Rector*.—Communicants—total 19; baptisms 5.

An associate Rector has been obtained for this church, who enters upon his duties in July next.

*Shelburne Parish, Loudon*—GEO. ADIE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 13, 3 from other Parishes, white 12, colored 1—total, white 80, colored 1—whole number 81; confirmations 9; marriages 6; funerals 6; baptisms, adults, 1 white, colored 1, infants 8—total 10; number of families 66; amount collected for the different institutions of the church, including collection by Bishop Johns for permanent fund of the Seminary, \$900. In addition to this a new organ has been purchased at a cost of \$600.

He continues to officiate regularly on Sabbath afternoon, at Belmont, late Miss Mercer's, now Mrs. Mary Mercer's, school, where there are 11 communicants, 2 lately added. Three were confirmed by Bishop Meade at his late visit there. This congregation have sustained a heavy loss in the death of Miss Margaret Mercer, the pattern of every human and christian virtue. She died, as she lived, exhibiting in the clearest light the power of the gospel and the beauty of holiness. Having lived to the glory of her God and the good of her fellow-beings, she died in peace with God, in love with all men, and in the bright and assured hope of a blessed immortality. Her obituary has been written by the spirit of God, in these words: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

*St. James Parish, Southam, Powhatan*—ANDREW FISHER.—The Rector reports: There have been added to the list of communicants

four; confirmed four; baptized two, one infant and one adult; one marriage; two burials;—Lost one communicant by death. Present number of communicants 30. Contributions \$88,50.

*St. Ann's Parish, Essex*—JOHN P. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1; died, colored 1—total 28; baptisms, infants white 5; confirmations 2; marriage 1; funerals, white 3, colored 2—total 5.

*South Farnham Parish, Essex*—JOHN P. MCGUIRE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 1, died 1—total 33; baptisms, white 5, colored, 12—total 17; confirmations 4; funerals 2.

Amount contributed for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$200.

The benefits resulting from Sunday School and bible class instruction are still enjoyed by some of the children belonging to both parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Temple continues his labors as assistant minister of South Farnham Parish.

*St. James' Church, Richmond*—A. EMPIE, *Rector*.—Communicants, added, 20 whites and 1 colored; removed 10; died 3—total 133, of whom 5 are colored; baptisms, adults 2, infants 6—total 8, white; confirmations 4; marriages 6; funerals 9, 5 not of the Parish; number of families 81; adults 238; children 140. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$313 35; Sunday School children, 70.

Of our Church debt \$725 have been extinguished this year.

*St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, and St. John's Church, Chuckatuck, Nansemond*—CHAS. H. DISBROW, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 4; removed 4; died 1—total 40; baptisms, adults 1, infants 7—total 8. The Bishop not having visited the Parish during the present ecclesiastical year, there have been no confirmations. Marriages 2; funerals 16; number of families 50; contributions by the parish for church purposes and benevolent objects \$500.

*St. James' Parish, Northam, Fluvanna and Goochland*—J. P. B. WILMER, *Rector*.—Baptisms, infants, white 4, colored 3, adults 1; confirmations 7; communicants, added 7, 2 from other cures—total 40; marriages 1; funerals 5; contributions to the several institutions of the church, \$500.

*St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick*—A. J. BERGER, *Rector*.—Communicants, added 6, 4 from other cures, removed 4—total, white 34, colored 21—55; baptisms, infants, white 9, (2 extra-parochial, and 1 by Bishop Johns,) colored 3—total 12; confirmations 3; marriages 4, (2 extra-parochial;) funerals 7; contributions—Diocesan Missionary Society, \$55 07; Education Society, \$3; Communion Alms, \$18 67; Contingent Fund, \$34—total 108 74.

Heretofore this parish has been united to the adjoining one of Bath in Dinwiddie. During the past year a separation was effected, and each parish provided with its own clergyman.

The Rector is happy to state, that the services of the church at

Lawrenceville are generally very well attended, and that his prospects for usefulness are encouraging. In addition to his regular appointment at Lawrenceville, he has lately made another at Wilkins' Chapel, some twelve miles distant.

*St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper*—JOHN COLE, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; removed 0; died 0; suspended 0—total 31; baptisms, adults 1, white; colored 0; infants 1, white, colored 0; confirmations 0; marriages 3, viz: white 2, colored 1; funerals 5; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church—Contingent Fund, \$31; China Mission, \$5; African Mission, \$5; Education Society, \$51 19—total \$92 19.

*St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper*—JOHN COLE, Rector.—Communicants, added 3; removed 0; died 1—total 25; baptisms, infants 4; marriages 3; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions belonging to the church—Diocesan Missions, \$3; African Missions, \$10 35; China Missions, \$15; Education Society, \$23; Contingent Fund, \$25—total \$81 35.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg*—WILLIAM H. KINCKLE, Rector.—Communicants, added 7, of whom 4 are from other parishes; expelled 1, colored; removed 9; present number 123, of whom 3 are colored and 1 is a candidate for orders; baptisms, 6 white infants; confirmations 6; marriages 13, of whom 5 were colored; funerals 6; contributions to benevolent objects, viz.: Contingent Fund, \$120; Communion Alms, \$160 69; Jews Mission, \$12; collection for the Irish, \$175; Diocesan, Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$166 20; Education Society, \$202 22—total \$836 11.

*St. Peter's Parish, New Kent*—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; removed 1—total 13; funerals 1.

*St. Paul's Parish, Hanover*—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants—total 9; marriage 1; funerals 3.

*St. David's Parish, King William*—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants—total 10; baptisms 1; marriages 1.

*Trinity Church, Staunton*—T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.—Communicants, added, white 12, colored 2—total 14; removed 10; died 2, colored 1—total 3—whole number, white 82, colored 9—total 91; baptisms, white, adults 2, infants 5, colored adults 1—total 8; confirmations, whites 17, colored 5—total 22; marriages 5; funerals 10.—Amount contributed to benevolent purposes, \$543 12½.

*Trinity Parish, Louisa*—JOHN COOK.—In consequence of sickness and absence from home during the last summer, I have been enabled to do but little missionary labor during the past year—consequently things remain pretty much as when last reported. There are now but six communicants. I have officiated at but one funeral, no baptisms and no marriages.

*Trinity Church, Shepherdstown*—C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.—Communicants, added 5; died 4; removed 1—present number 60;

baptisms, 6 infants, 1 colored adult; confirmations 2; marriages 1, colored; funerals 11; contributions, \$3,441 23, of which \$190 was contributed for the relief of Ireland; \$2,800 for the purchase of a Rectory. The remainder has been given to the Education, Missionary and Bible Societies, and to the institutions of the Diocese—\$641.

*Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, Albemarle*—E. BOYDEN, Rector.—Communicants, added 4, died 3—total 51; confirmations 7; baptisms 4; marriages 4; contributions to benevolent objects about \$150. Walker's church is being substantially and handsomely rebuilt. The congregations at Christ Church are much larger than formerly.

*Wickliffe Parish, Grace and Wickliffe Churches, Clarke*—RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.—Communicants, added 5; removed 3; died 2—total 81, viz: white 77, colored 4; baptisms, adults, white 3, infants, white 8—total 11; confirmations 5; marriages 6; funerals 11; number of families 50; adults 150, infants 160.—Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church, \$271.

*Wythe Parish, Wythe*—JAMES D. MCCABE, Missionary.—Communicants, added 2, 1 from another cur.—total 3; baptisms, adults, white 1, colored 2; infants, white 1, colored 3—total 7; confirmations 1; deaths 1; families 4; infants under 14 years of age, 6.

This parish was organized a short time before the last Convention, with but two communicants. Some five or six hundred dollars have been subscribed by the friends in Wytheville for the purpose of erecting a house of worship, and, with some aid from friends abroad, we hope to commence the work during the ensuing summer.

I visit Wytheville, and hold service on the second Sunday in each month.

*Westover Parish, Charles City*—W. T. LEAVELL, Rector.—Communicants, added 2; died 1; suspended 1—total 30; baptisms, infants 12, viz: white 11, colored 1; confirmations 4; marriages 2; funerals, white 5, colored 8—total 13. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church, \$150.

*West Russell Parish, Bedford*—C. W. THOMSON, Rector.—Communicants, added 1, removed 1; died 1—total 45; baptisms, adults 1, infants 1, both white; confirmed 4; marriages 1; funerals 2; number of families 30; amount collected for Convention Fund \$24.

The above embraces the changes since last Report, as far as I have been able to ascertain, having just taken charge of the parish. The new church in Liberty is nearly completed, and awaits consecration.

*Woodville Parish, Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt*—JAMES McELROY, Rector.—Communicants, added 7; removed 1—total 21, white, 1 colored; number of families 12, adults 23, infants 30; number of Sunday School scholars 25; teachers 7; volumes in Library 60.—Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church—Diocesan Missions, \$8 10; Education Society, \$5 69—total \$14 79 cts.

I have been in charge of the parish but a few weeks. I found a beautiful parish church, small indeed, but sufficiently commodious for the present inhabitants of the parish, and a most interesting monument of the refined taste and untiring zeal of my devoted and lamented predecessor—the late Rev. Mr. Bryant. By way of extending my usefulness, I have commenced, at the parish church, a semi-monthly afternoon service for the servants, and, on the way side, at the *Etna Furnace*, a similar service for the hands, and for the benefit of the whites who inhabit the neighboring glens of the *Purgatory mountain*.

*Report of Nelson Salt.*—I am residing in West Russell Parish, Bedford county, performing occasional services as opportunity offers and circumstances admit. Baptised 4 children, white; buried 4, white; married 2.

*Report of Edmund Withers.*—Baptisms, infants, white 2; marriages white 1.

The missionary charge of Sussex and Southampton I resigned in December last, the Missionary Society having withdrawn further aid from this station. Since December, I have resided in Danwiddie, officiating occasionally for surrounding clergymen.

*Zion Church, Providence, Fairfax.*—W. F. Lockwood, Rector.—Communicants, added 6; removed 2—total 18; confirmations 6; marriages 2; funerals 1. During the year the ladies of the congregation have paid \$200 towards the debt of the Church. On the 15th of March, I resigned the Rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier. Since my last report, from that church, there have been 4 persons confirmed; 2 marriages; 1 funeral.

The last of April I took charge of Falls Church, Fairfax county. Through the liberality of one of its members, it has been neatly fitted up and newly painted, and is now one of the finest country churches in the Diocese. I can only report 7 communicants.

The subscriber has been engaged, during the past year, as a Missionary in the City of Richmond. Services have been held at the Armory regularly once every Sunday and sometimes twice. The congregations generally have been good. He has been prevented from visiting the Penitentiary regularly, by other engagements, but has preached to the very attentive congregation at this place whenever opportunity would offer. At the Aims house he has attended once a week—3 of the inmates have already given good evidence of piety, and two of these have made profession of the faith in baptism. Several others are deeply interested on the subject of religion.

Services have been held on Belle Isle once in two weeks. One communicant has been received; baptisms, adults 3, infants 18; marriages 11; funerals 47. In addition to the above he has preached to the colored people at the Tredegar Works.

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*Berkeley Parish, St. John's Church, Spottsylvania.*—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants, removed 1—total 17; baptisms, infants 2; marriages 2; amount collected for contingent fund, \$12; for other benevolent objects, \$22.

*Christ Church, Spottsylvania.*—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants, whites 17, colored 2—total 19; baptisms, infants 2; funerals, 1 white and 2 colored.

*St. Margaret's Church, Caroline.*—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants, added 1; died 1—total 38; baptisms, infants 2; funerals, 3 whites and 3 colored; amount collected for contingent fund, \$17 80; for other benevolent objects, \$7 54.





Zion Church, Providence, Fairfax,	18	3	18	21	11	47	25 00
Rev. Wm. Duval, City Missionary,	16	4	16	16	1	17	150 00
Centurion Church, Fort Monroe,	51	4	51	4			32 00
Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, Albemarle,	3		3				
Christ Church, Newport Parish,	1	1	1	1			
Lynchaven Parish, Princess Ann,	30		30	5	14		300 00
St. Peter's ch., Port Royal, and Grace ch., St. Mary's Par-	48	2	48	4	4		70 00
St. John's Church, Hanover Parish,	12		12	12	12		17 00
St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg,	12	2	12	4	4		234 00
Raleigh and Dale Parishes, Amelia, &c.	46	2	46	1	111	7	
St. Paul's Parish, Mecklenburg.	24	1	24	6	6	34	80 00

(Parochial Reports were received by the Secretary since the Convention, and published, which were not before the Committee and are, of course, not embraced in this abstract.)

## A LIST

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

CLERGY.	PARISH OR CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.
Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.		Milwood, Clarke.
Rt. Rev. J. Johns, D. D.		Richmond.
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburne parish,	Leesburg.
Andrews, Rev. C. W.	Trinity church,	Shepherdstown.
Armstrong, Rev. Wm.	St. Matthew's church,	Wheeling.
Bulkley, Rev. O.	Lyttleton parish,	Ca Ira, Cumberland.
Berkeley, Rev. P. F.	Raleigh and Dale parishes,	Amelia Court House.
Bowers, Rev. Wm. V.	St. Martin's parish,	New Amsterdam, Hanover.
Boyden, Rev. E.	St. Ann's & Walker's pr's.,	Everettsville, Albemarle.
Berger, Rev. A. J.	St. Andrew's parish,	Lawrenceville, Brunswick.
Banister, Rev. J. M.	Bath parish,	Dinwiddie Ct. Ho.
Bolton, M. D., Rev. James		Richmond.
Brown, Rev. R. Templeman	Norborne parish, Berkeley,	Middleway, Jefferson.
Castleman, Rev. T. T.	Trinity church,	Staunton.
Caldwell, Rev. D.	St Paul's church,	
Cummins, Rev. G. D.	Christ church,	Norfolk.
Chevers, Rev. M. L.	Centurion church,	
Chisholm, Rev. James	Norborne parish,	Old Point Comfort.
Clark, Rev. John T.	Roanoke parish,	Martinsburg.
Cole, Rev. John	St Stephen's church,	Mt. Laurel, Halifax.
Cook, Rev. John	Officiating in Louisa,	Culpeper Ct. Ho.
Cofer, Rev. J. M.	Residing in Bedford,	Abna, Hanover.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Residing in Amherst,	Lynchburg.
Carraway, Rev. G. S.	Kingston p'sh, Math. & Mx. Urbanna.	Amherst Ct. Ho.
Dame, Rev. G. W.	Camden & Patrick parishes, Danville.	
Dana, Rev. C. B.	Christ church, Fairfax p'sh. Alexandria.	
Doughen, Rev. James	Residing in	Lynchburg.
Dalrymple, Rev. E. A.	Rector Epis. High School,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Disbrow, Rev. C. H.	St. Paul's church,	Suffolk, Nansmond.
Denison, Rev. H. M.	Martin's Brandon parish,	Garysville, Prince George.
Duval, Rev. Wm.	Missionary,	Richmond.
Downing, Rev. J. G.	Newport parish,	Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	St. Thomas' church,	Orange Ct. Ho.
Empie, D. D., Rev. A.	St. James' church,	Richmond.
Flower, Rev. Thomas B.	Christ church,	Lancaster Ct. Ho.
Friend, Rev. Wm.	White chapel,	
Fisher, Rev. Andrew	St. Peter's & Grace churches,	Port Royal, Caroline.
Goodwin, Rev. F. D.	St. James' Southam,	Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan.
Goodwin, Rev. James	Nelson Parish,	Tye River Ware H., Nelson.
Grammer, Rev. John	St. John's & Christ churches,	Wellsburg.
Gibson, Rev. C. J.	Antrim parish,	Halifax Ct. Ho.
Gillett, Rev. Charles	Grace church,	Petersburg.
Graham, Rev. Richardson	Missionary,	Houston, Texas.
Good, Rev. W. H.	Missionary,	China.
Hill, Rev. John H.	St. John's church,	Hampton.
Hodges, Rev. William	Missionary,	Athens, Greece.
Hening, Rev. Edmund W.	Bruton parish,	Williamsburg.
Jackson, Rev. W. M.	Missionary	Africa.
Jackson, Rev. W. G.	Trinity, Meade parish,	Upperville, Fauquier.
Johnston, Rev. James T.	Chaplain U. S. Navy,	Norfolk.
Jones, D.D., Rev. Alexander	St. Paul's church,	Alexandria.
Jones, Rev. W. G. H.	St. Andrew's parish,	Charlestown, Jefferson.
Kaeling, Rev. Jacob	Frederick parish,	Millwood, Clarke.
		Suffolk, Nansmond.

Kinckle, Rev. W. H.	St. Paul's church,	Lynchburg
Kinsolving, Rev. O. A.	St. Stephen's church,	New London, Bedford
Leavell, Rev. W. T.	Westover parish,	Charles City Ct. Ho.
Lippitt, Rev. E. R.	Editor South. Churchman,	Alexandria,
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Okeson, Rev. N. A.	Hamilton parish,	City Point, Pr. George.
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Wilmer, Rev. G. T.	St. James Northam parish,	Berryville, Clarke.
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Webb, Rev. Wellington		Hampstead, King George.
Walker, Rev. C.	St. Paul's, King George,	Loch Lomond, Goochland.
Wood, Rev. Ambler	Missionary,	Richmond.
	Asst. Mia. St. Paul's ch.,	Bedhaven, Accomac.
	St. George's church,	

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WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE  
**COUNTIES, CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.**

PARISHES.	COUNTIES.	CHURCHES:	MINISTERS:
Accomac,	Accomac		Charles Mann
Abingdon;	Gloucester		John Grantham
Antrim,	Halifax	St. John's	R. Withers
Albemarle;	Sussex		T. T. Castleman
Augusta,	Augusta	Trinity	J. M. Banister
Bath,	Dinwiddie	Sapony	D. M. Wharton
Berkeley,	Spottsylvania	{ St. John's	G. T. Wilmer
Botetourt;		Christ	William Hodges
Bruton,	Bot. and Roanoke		
Boyden,	Williamsburg	Boyden Chapel	
Bloomfield,	Augusta,	{ Piedmont	
	Madison	{ Trinity	H. Stringfellow
		{ St. Paul's	C. J. Gibson
Bristol,	Prince George	{ Grace	
Brunswick,	King George	Lamb's Creek	
Clarksburg,	Harrison		W. N. Ward
Cople,	Westmoreland	Christ	T. B. Flower
Christ Church;	Lancaster	{ St. John's	Thomas E. Locke
Cumberland;	Lunenburg	{ St. Paul's	
Cornwall,	Charlotte	Roanoke	G. S. Carraway
Christ Church;	Middlesex		G. W. Dame
Camden,	Pittsylvania	{ St. Andrew's	
		Emanuel	John Towles
Dettingen,	Prince William	{ Epiphany	W. H. Good
Elizabeth City,	Elizabeth City	{ St. James'	M. L. Chevers
		St. John's	D. Caldwell
Elizabeth,	Norfolk	{ Centurion	G. D. Cummins
		St. Paul's	
		Christ	
		Trinity	
Frederickville,	Albemarle,	Buckmountain	
		{ St. Paul's	
		Rockfish	
Frederick,	Frederick	Christ	R. K. Meade
		Christ	W. Y. Rooker
Fairfax,	Fairfax	Christ	C. B. Dana
		St. Paul's	J. T. Johnston
		Falls'	Wm. F. Lockwood
Frederick,	Clarke	{ Wickliffe	W. G. H. Jones
Franklin,	Franklin	{ The Chapel	
Genito,	Powhatan		G. W. Dame
Green Spring,	Louisa	Grace	P. F. Berkeley
Holston,	Washington	St. John's	J. Earnest
Hampton,	York	St. Thomas'	J. D. McCabe
			Charles Minnegerode
			Wm. Norwood
		{ St. Paul's	George Woodbridge
		Monumental	J. H. Morrison
Henrico,	Henrico	{ St. John's	A. Empie, D. D.
		{ St. James'	
		St. Luke's	
		Missionary	William Duval

Heber,	Bedford	St. John's	C. W. Thompson
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Hanover,	King George	St. John's	William Friend
Hungar's,	Northampton	{ Hungar's	J. Ufford
Hamilton,	Fauquier	{ Christ	G. H. Norton
		{ St. James'	H. D. Ward
Kanawha,	Kanawha	{ St. Johns, Kanawha	F. B. Nash
		{ C. H.	
		{ St. Luke's, Salines	
		{ St. Mark's, Coals-	
		{ mouth,	
Kingston,	Matth. & Middlesex	Christ	G. S. Carraway
Leeds,	Fauquier		W. H. Pendleton
Latimer,	Rockbridge,	Grace	Robert Nelson
Lynnhaven,	Princess Ann	{ Emanuel, and	
		{ Chapel	
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		{ Pedlar Mills	
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Lexington,	Amherst		W. N. Ward
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Lyttleton,	Cumberland	{ Grace,	W. M. Jackson
Meade,	Fauquier & Loudon	{ St. James'	
		{ Trinity	
Martin's Brandon,	Prince George	{ Merchant's Hope	H. M. Denison
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Mcherrin,	Greensville		S. D. Tompkins
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		{ Trinity	Jas. Chisholm
Norborne,	Berkeley	{ Mt. Zion	
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Newport,	Isle of Wight	{ Christ church	J. G. Downing
Nelson,	Nelson	{ Trinity	F. D. Goodwin
		{ Callaway	
North Farnham,	Richmond		W. N. Ward
Portsmouth,	Norfolk	Trinity	J. H. Wingfield
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*Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the  
Episcopal Church in Virginia.*

"I GIVE to A. B. and C. D., the survivor of them, or ex-  
 ecutors, or administrators, of such survivor, (should such survivor die  
 before this will takes effect,) for the  
 Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virgin-  
 ia, to be paid to the Treasurer of such institution, and the receipt of  
 said A. B. and C. D. the survivor or executor, or administrators of such  
 survivor, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor. And this  
 legacy is to be paid by my executors, as above directed, whether the  
 person to whom the payment as above directed is to be made shall be  
 under any legal obligation to apply it as above described or not; it  
 being my intention, that no kindred or other legatee of mine shall  
 take or be entitled to, directly or indirectly, any interest or trust in  
 the said legacy, and the same shall at all events be paid as directed,  
 so that, if the person who may receive it shall not voluntarily apply it  
 to the use of the said Theological Seminary, and cannot in law be  
 compelled so to apply it, he shall take to his own use the benefit of  
 the said legacy."

In obedience to a resolution of the Convention, the following act of the Legislature is published, for the information of the Clergy and Laity.

*An ACT*

*Concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship.*

[Passed February 3, 1842.]

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly,* That where any lot, or part of a lot, tract or parcel of land has been heretofore conveyed or devised, or shall hereafter be conveyed or devised, to one or more trustees for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, as and for a place of public worship, the same, and all buildings, and other improvements thereupon, shall be held by such trustee or trustees, (and their successors) for the purposes of the trust, and not otherwise.

2. *And be it further enacted,* That where any conveyance or devise shall hereafter be made of such property for the use and benefit, and purpose aforesaid, the same shall not be void or frustrated by reason of the want of trustees to take and hold the same in trust; but trustees may be appointed in the manner hereinafter directed.

3. *And be it further enacted,* That where such conveyance or devise has heretofore been made to a trustee or trustees, or where such conveyance or devise shall hereafter be made, whether by the intervention of trustees or not, the circuit superior court of law and chancery of the county or corporation where such property is or may be situate, shall, on application of the attorney for the commonwealth on behalf of the authorized authorities of any such religious congregation, have full power and authority to appoint trustees originally where there were none, or to substitute others from time to time, in cases of death, refusal or neglect to act, removal from the county or corporation, or other inability to execute the trust beneficially and conveniently; and the legal title shall thereupon become exclusively vested in the whole number of the then trustees and their successors.

4. *And be it further enacted,* That a majority of the acting trustees for any such congregation may sue and be sued in their own names, in relation to the title, possession or enjoyment of such property without abatement by the death of any of the trustees, or the substitution of others; but the action or suit may notwithstanding be prosecuted to its final termination in the names of the trustees by or against whom the same was instituted, and all other proceedings had in relation thereto, in like manner, as if such death or substitution had not occurred: *Provided however,* That such trustees for the use of any religious congregation shall not hereafter take or hold at any one time, any tract of land in the country exceeding in quantity thirty acres, or in any incorporated town exceeding two acres; nor shall such real property be held by them for any other use than as a place of public worship, religious or other instruction, burial ground and residence of their minister.

5. This act shall be in force from the passing thereof.

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