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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 purpose aforesaid, 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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PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.

WHEELING,	<i>Third Wednesday in May,</i>	1849
CHARLOTTESVILLE,	" "	1850
ALEXANDRIA,	" "	1851
STAUNTON,	" "	1852
RICHMOND,	" "	1853
LYNCHBURG,	" "	1854
FREDERICKSBURG,	" "	1855
PETERSBURG,	" "	1856
WINCHESTER,	" "	1857
NORFOLK,	" "	1858

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 decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
5. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
6. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.
7. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across, the house, nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse—nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.
8. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he

is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a 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 lay 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 has 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 referred to a committee of one clerical and two lay members, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention: and if 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.

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NORFOLK, MAY, 17, 1848.

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 the said Diocese, the Right Reverend 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. KINCKLE, assisted by the Rev. Dr. JONES; the Ante Communion Service by the Rev. Dr. MCGUIRE; and the Convention Sermon preached by the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop:

After which, an adjournment was made to the Lecture Room of the Church, and the roll of the Clergy, entitled to seats, being called, the following were found to be present:

RT. REV. WM. MEADE, D. D.

RT. REV. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.

Rev. G. ADIE,	" C. B. DANA,
" C. W. ANDREWS,	" H. M. DENISON,
" WM. ARMSTRONG,	" WM. DUVAL,
" P. F. BERKELEY,	" JOSEPH EARNEST,
" W. V. BOWERS,	" WM. FRIEND,
" J. M. BANISTER,	" F. D. GOODWIN,
" R. T. BROWN,	" JOHN GRAMMAR,
" WM. F. BRYANT,	" C. J. GIBSON,
" T. T. CASTLEMAN,	" W. H. GOOD,
" D. CALDWELL,	" WM. HODGES,
" G. D. CUMMINS,	" J. F. HOFF,
" JAMES CHISHOLM,	" WM. M. JACKSON,
" JOHN COLE,	" ALEX. JONES, D. D.
" G. S. CARRAWAY,	" W. G. H. JONES,

" WM. H. KINCKLE,	" NELSON SALE,
" O. A. KINSOLVING,	" H. STRINGFELLOW,
" WM. T. LEAVELL,	" GEO. A. SMITH,
" WM. F. LOCKWOOD,	" D. FRANCIS SPRIGG,
" CHARLES MANN,	" WM. SPARROW, D. D.,
" R. K. MEADE,	" H. W. L. TEMPLE,
" JAMES D. McCABE,	" JOHN TOWLES,
" JOHN C. McCABE,	" A. B. TIZZARD,
" E. C. McGUIRE, D. D.,	" J. UFFORD,
" J. P. McGUIRE,	" D. M. WHARTON,
" F. H. McGUIRE,	" J. H. WINGFIELD,
" E. B. McGUIRE,	" GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,
" WM. McGUIRE,	" J. P. B. WILMER,
" W. C. MEREDITH,	" LEWIS WALKER,
" ROBERT NELSON,	" WELLINGTON WEBB,
" G. H. NORTON,	" C. WALKER,
" JOSEPH PACKARD,	" AMBLER WEED,
" E. T. PERKINS,	" F. M. WHITTLE.

The Rev. C. MANN, DR. W. H. CLAGGETT and E. T. TAYLOR were appointed a Committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who reported that the following gentlemen had been duly chosen by their respective vestries: viz:

Antrim, Halifax.—Charles H. Cabaniss.
 Christ Church, Lancaster—John Chewning.
 Christ Church, Millwood—Dr. Wm. Nelson.
 Christ Church, Winchester—Philip Williams.
 Christ Church, Norfolk city—Wm. H. Thompson.
 Christ Church, Charlottesville—Charles J. Meriwether.
 Christ Church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county—Jas. H. Tucker.
 Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.
 Grace Church, Rockbridge—Charles A. Rose,
 Grace Church, Genito, Powhatan—James M. Harris.
 Grace Church, Caroline—George G. Butler.
 Leeds, Fauquier—Thomas M. Ambler.
 Lynhaven, Princess Ann—Thurmer Hoggard.
 Lyttleton, Cumberland—Nelson Page.
 Meade Parish, Fauquier—Dr. J. R. Edmunds.
 Monumental Church, Richmond—J. A. Smith.
 Meherin, Greensville—Edmund Mason.
 Norborne, Berkeley—Edmund P. Hunter.
 Russell Parish, Bedford—William M. Blackford.
 Sapony, Bath, Dinwiddie—Samuel Pryor.
 Sapony, Chesterfield—H. Tatum.

South Farnham, Essex—Meriwether Lewis.
 St. Andrew's, Brunswick—John R. Jones.
 St. George's, Fredericksburg—Wm. Pollock.
 St. James' Church, Culpeper—Richard H. Cunningham.
 St. James' Church, Leesburg—Thomas H. Claggett.
 St. James', Richmond—Wm. M. Harrison.
 St. James', Mecklenburg—Wm. O. Goode.
 St. James' Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna—Wm. Galt.
 St. John's, King George—Edward T. Tayloe.
 St. John's, Spotsylvania—James R. Holliday.
 St. Marks, Botetourt, Roanoke county—George P. Tayloe.
 St. Martin's, Hanover—Edmund Fontaine.
 St. Matthew's, Wheeling—Andrew P. Woods.
 St. Paul's, Richmond—Wm. Williams.
 St. Paul's Church, Nansemond—Joseph Prentice.
 St. Paul's, Hanover—Geo. W. Bassett.
 St. Paul's Church, Alexandria—Wm. H. Fowle.
 St. Paul's, Norfolk—Dr. A. M. Cooke.
 St Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton.
 St. Paul's, Cumberland—Roger B. Atkinson.
 St. Peter's, Port Royal—Charles Urquhart.
 St. Peter's, New Kent—Francis Nelson.
 St. Stephen's, Fauquier—C. J. Stovins.
 St. Stephen's, Bedford—Edward S. Hutter.
 St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper—Jeremiah Morton.
 St Thomas', Orange—Anthony Twyman.
 Trinity, Botetourt—Walter H. Taylor.
 Trinity Church, Shepherdstown—Tazewell Taylor.
 Trinity, Staunton, Augusta—B. B. Minor.
 Trinity, Portsmouth—Holt Wilson.
 Wickliffe, Clarke—John S. Millson.
 Westover Parish, Charles City county—Austin H. Ferguson.
 York Hampton, York Town—Charles J. Fox.
 Zion Church, Jefferson—Edward Colston.
 Fall's Church, Fairfax—Samuel R. Slack.
 The Rules of Order of the last Convention were then read, and, on motion, were adopted for the government of the present.
 On motion, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and of this Diocese, not entitled to seats, and Students of the Theological Seminary, were invited within the bar of the Convention.

On motion, WM. H. FOWLE was appointed Treasurer, *pro tem.*, in the absence of the Treasurer.

At the instance of the Secretary, EDWARD T. TAYLOR was appointed Assistant Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Convention then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1848.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop. The Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese took the chair and the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

The Rev. Messrs. THOMAS E. LOCKE, E. BOYDEN and N. A. OKESON appeared and took their seats.

The certificates of the following Lay Delegates, not present yesterday, were presented, referred to the special committee, and found to be in due form:

Bruton Parish, Williamsburg—Goodrich Durfey.

St. John's, Richmond—George M. Carlington.

Grub Hill Church, Raleigh Parish—Thos Meaux.

St. James', Powhatan—Thomas L. Hobson.

St. John's, Chuckatuck, Nansemond—Dr. Wm. Shepherd.

St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—John Rowlett.

St. Thomas' Church, Frederick county—Charles E. Ambler.

The Reports of the Right Reverend the Bishop and Assistant Bishops, were then read.

REPORT OF BISHOP MEADE.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity.—Through the unmerited goodness of God, I am permitted to meet you once more, and report some Episcopal services during the past year.

Immediately after the rising of the last Convention, I commenced a visitation, and, in passing on to the field of labor, spent part of a day and night at Harrisonburg, and baptized two children in the family in which I tarried. We have some members and friends of our Church in and around Harrisonburg, who would gladly have occasional services there; and I hope the time is not far distant, when they will be gratified. Passing through New Glasgow, I attended Divine Service there and made an address after a sermon by my son. Spending a night at Amherst Court House, I was pleased to find that there was a determination to have an Episcopal Church erected at that place during the present year. My appointed services commenced at Lynchburg, where I admitted the Rev. Mr. Kinsolving to the Priesthood, and Mr. John A. Wharton to the office of Sub-Deacon. I also confirmed three persons in that place and baptized a child of the Minister of the congregation, the Rev. Mr. Kinckle. In Campbell county, in one of the congregations of the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, I confirmed four persons, all of them the children and grand children of a venerable old Mother in Israel, over whose remains, with a good conscience, I had preached a funeral sermon about thirty-five years before—all who were then present feeling that one of God's purest saints had been taken from them. Who can doubt but that the prayers, instructions and example of old Mrs. Withers, of Fauquier, in the hands of God, were in some measure instrumental in leading the hearts of her descendants, even at this distant day, to the choice of that wise part which shall not be taken away from them. My next visit was to Pittsylvania Court House, where no confirmation was called for, and all that I was able to do was to make an address after a sermon from the Rev. Mr. Dame. Sickness prevented my proceeding to Franklin Court House. In Henry, I spent two days, where I consecrated a Church and confirmed three persons. I spent two days also at Danville and confirmed two persons. I spent four days in Halifax, holding services in the congregations of Rev. Messrs. Grammar and Clark, confirming five persons and consecrating a new Church. I next visited Clarksville and St. Luke's Church, south of the Roanoke, in Mecklenburg county, also Boydton, in the same county, where I confirmed three. At St. Andrew's, in the same county, I addressed the servants at some length, it being the Sabbath day and many being present. At St. John's Church, Lunenburg, one was confirmed. Services were also held at Brunswick Court House, at Willis's Chapel and Sapony Church: at the latter place two were confirmed. A Sabbath was spent at the new Church at Dinwiddie Court House, where, in the afternoon, there was a full attendance on the part of the servants, who were addressed by the Ministers present. Two days

were then given to the congregation at Fork Church, Hanover county, where two persons were confirmed. A few days after this, I reached Alexandria, and spent some days in the performance of the duties required by the Seminary at that season. After the close of the examination of the Students, I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. W. E. Bryant, R. A. Cobbs, W. McGuire, J. P. Hammond, F. M. Whittle, W. C. Stout and E. T. Perkins; my brother, the Bishop of Alabama, preaching on the occasion. Two persons were also confirmed in Christ Church, during my visit to Alexandria. On my way home, I spent a day in Middleburg and confirmed one person. In the month of August, I spent two days in the congregation at Fauquier, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Pendleton, and confirmed seven persons. In September, I confirmed one person at the Church near my residence in Clarke county, also admitted Mr. R. D. Dwyer to the order of Deacon. Of the transactions at the General Convention, to which I went in October, I need say nothing, as they were so fully spread before the public in the religious papers at the time. After the duties of that body were over, I went to Norfolk, where I found a very encouraging state of things in both of the congregations of that place. Eighteen persons were confirmed in St. Paul's and twenty-three in Christ Church. I also confirmed one in Portsmouth.— While in Norfolk, I admitted the Rev. Mr. Downing to Priest's orders, and Mr. John C. McCabe to Deacon's orders. From Norfolk I crossed over to the Eastern shore, and spent two weeks in the congregations of Northampton and Accomac, confirming nine persons and admitting the Rev. Mr. Weed to Priest's orders. Unable to cross the bay at the time appointed, by reason of the weather, I was prevented from fulfilling appointments made at Hampton and Old Point. Two days were now given to Suffolk, where two persons were confirmed; one at the Church at Chuckatuck; two at Smithfield. Services were also held at old Surry Church, and Surry Court House; at the latter place, there being no minister, I baptised four children. In Prince George, I spent four days, one at Old Brandon Church, two at Merchant's Hope, and one at City Point, confirming three persons. In Petersburg, I confirmed fourteen persons in Grace Church, and four in St. Paul's; also admitted Dr. Wade, of Henry county, Deacon's orders. Passing through Alexandria on my way home, it being now near Christmas, I spent a Sabbath at the Seminary and High School, addressing the students of each institution. After spending the remainder of the Winter and a part of the Spring at home, I repaired to my accustomed duties at the Seminary, which were not completed when it became necessary for me to set out for our present Convention. Previous to entering on those duties, I spent a Sabbath at Little Falls Church near the Seminary, in the county of Fairfax, where two persons were confirmed. During the period of my services there, I confirmed eleven persons at the Chapel of the Seminary, three of whom were youths from the High School, the rest from the place and neighborhood around. I also admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Mr. Hening, one of our Missionaries to Africa, who is now in this country. The Sabbath was spent in Christ Church, Alexandria, where

eight persons were confirmed, amongst them an African, who accompanied Mr. Hening to this country, and is receiving private instructions from some of the students of the Seminary, during Mr. Hening's continuance here. His humble and correct deportment in all respects has secured him the confidence of those who have the best opportunity of observing him, and encourage the hope that he will return to his own country prepared to be a still more effectual assistant to our Missionaries.

Having concluded the statement of duties performed, let me remark, that for the sake of brevity, I have omitted to mention the many and most acceptable services which were rendered by my brethren who came to my help in all the congregations which were visited, being able only in a few words to testify to the truth of their faithful discourses, and invoke God's blessing on the same.

In addition to the above mentioned services, performed during the visitations of the past year, I have to report that the Rev. Mr. Smith, our former missionary to Africa, who is now residing in Western New York, has received letters dimissory to that Diocese; the Rev. Mr. Thompson to Pennsylvania; the Rev. Mr. Berger and the Rev. Mr. Flower to Maryland. I have received, by letters dimissory from Maryland, the Rev. Mr. Hoff and the Rev. Mr. Cumming. The names of those who have been admitted as candidates for the ministry are as follows: Theodore F. Romney, Patrick Gibson Roberts, Edward C. Drew, Charles Callaway, Joseph H. Terry, John Campbell White, Lewis P. Clover.

Most sincerely do I regret the painful necessity of communicating to the Convention an act of discipline recently performed on an offending Deacon of our Church; and, as it is the first, so I hope it may be the last, during my Episcopate. The Rev. Mr. Dwyer, who was admitted to Deacon's orders during the last summer, having been charged with acts affecting his character for veracity and honesty in pecuniary transactions, and having been regularly tried, and found guilty, has been degraded from the sacred ministry.

From this painful subject I turn in order to advert very briefly to two or three of a different character.

In my visits during the last Autumn and present Spring to the High School and Seminary, I saw much to encourage our hearts in the belief, that these institutions will continue to be great blessings to our Church and country. As to the former, if entire devotion of time and labor, and watchful care on the part of the Principal—if a deep interest in the happiness and welfare of the pupils—can, with the Divine blessing, ensure ample success, that success may confidently be expected under its present conduct. Each year witnesses an increase of its numbers, and bears testimony to the fidelity of its administration. If parents would be wise and consult the present and eternal welfare of their children, and faithfully co-operate with those into whose hands they are committed then will all our hopes and expectations from the High School be realized.

As to our Theological Seminary, though the number of our students is not so great as it has been during a few more favored years of its

existence yet I have never been more gratified with any previous accounts of the zealous and active piety of its inmates. The poor in the country around, whether bond or free, are the objects of their pious and laborious care. The Sunday Schools for children, far and near, never ask their aid in vain. Societies among themselves for promoting personal piety and cherishing an ardent zeal in the Missionary cause are duly attended to, and the hearts of a goodly number of them burn with an holy desire to go forth to the work as soon as Providence may direct. Besides the interesting fact already mentioned, that a young and most promising African is receiving private instruction from some of them, it may be added, that a young German, who has renounced Judaism, is also in their midst, and it is fondly hoped that, by God's blessing on the instructions now afforded, he may be prepared to preach the blessed Gospel to his own people who have not hitherto received it.

It is gratifying to him who makes this report, and will I know be gratifying to those who hear it, to learn that the appeal made for an increase of the funds of the Seminary, during the past year, has met with a favorable response from the members and friends of the Church in Virginia, as the report of our treasurer will show. If the instalments shall be punctually paid, in a few years, we shall experience very sensible relief from a burthen of care, which has hitherto pressed very heavily on those most engaged in attending to the pecuniary concerns of the Institution.

To one other subject let me call your especial attention. The editorial care of the Southern Churchman, our Diocesan paper, has recently, as you all know, been transferred to another. The Reverend George A. Smith, one of our most esteemed Ministers, has undertaken the charge of it, in the confident hope that the Ministers and members of the Church in Virginia will not withhold their active co-operation, in order that it may fully answer the object of its first establishment. Those who have long known, and those who best know, Mr. Smith, will need nothing to induce a sure confidence in his disposition and ability to conduct it in such a manner as to give satisfaction to the Church of Virginia. But it is proper that all of us should know that the number of its subscribers is small, and must be greatly increased in order to its continuance. If all of the Ministers and some of the lay-members of the Church will only take a little pains in the several parishes to promote the circulation of our Diocesan journal, I doubt not but the object which we seek will be accomplished.

The continuance and increase of my bodily infirmities still disabling me from the performance of pulpit duties, when visiting from parish to parish, I feel bound to seek in some other way to compensate for this lack of service, as God may permit, and therefore have for some years occupied myself, during such part of the winter as is spent at home, and which is the only period of the year when I am capable of it, in preparing something which my brethren of the Clergy and Laity may read, and which by God's blessing may not be altogether useless. During a part of the last winter, I employed myself in preparing a charge to the clergy, as required by the canon, and which but for

unexpected delay in passing through the press would have been in their possession some time since. It has however probably reached many of them before setting out for this Convention. And as there is not a topic considered in it which does not also interest the lay-members of the Church, copies have been transmitted to a few of them also. The remaining copies are at the disposal of the members of the Convention, if they shall deem them worthy of being taken home and distributed.

In the present state of our country, of the Church, and of the world, how can a Bishop, in addressing even a few words to such an assembly as this, refrain, without offering violence to his feelings, from alluding to that most unexampled state, and urging a more than ordinary resort to prayer? The Church of God in all its branches and all the nations of Christendom are greatly moved. Those who are most learned in the whole past history of man do not now attempt to reason from the past to the future, so as to form any conjecture what shall be, from what has been. The fond hopes of a speedy approach of millennial peace and happiness can only be cherished in connexion with the fulfilment of dark prophecies concerning attendant or preceding and dreadful commotions. It becomes us at this juncture then to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, and yet not idly folding our arms and lifting up no banner against the tide of licentiousness, heresy, infidelity and lawlessness, which seems to threaten much that has been held sure and sacred and permanent. While trusting in God and believing that all will terminate in good, we must make use of mighty prayer and put on the whole armor of God, and thus stand, contending for the faith, and if needs be dying where we stand, assured that the victory will be the Lord's. By means of the mighty power of steam & the yet mightier power of electricity the world seems as it were, about to become as one people, dwelling in one place; and who knows but, in its daring, it may attempt to build another Babel, only more intellectual in its character and therefore more offensive to God, which may bring him down to earth once more, to demolish all the proud edifices of man's erection, and establish the mountain of the Lord's house upon the top of all other mountains.—Whatever, brethren and friends, may be the character and duration of the conflicts which are now going on, may all of us be found among the faithful on the Lord's side.

So prays your friend and brother in Christ,

WILLIAM MEADE.

BISHOP JOHN'S REPORT.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Convention at Winchester, I returned to Richmond, to make necessary arrangements for visiting the Churches on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers.

May 30—I preached in St. James' Church, Richmond.

June 5—I left home for the West, via Baltimore.

June 6—Preached in Christ Church, Baltimore, in the morning and at night.

June 7—Proceeded, by the way of Cumberland and Brownsville, to Pittsburg, and, descending the Ohio, reached Wellsburg on the evening of the ninth.

June 10—Preached in Christ Church, Wellsburg, morning and night, and confirmed three persons.

June 11—Preached in St. John's, Brooke county, and confirmed two. The same evening, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, I proceeded to Wheeling.

June 12—Preached in St. Mathew's, Wheeling.

June 13—Preached in the same Church, morning and night, and confirmed nineteen persons.

June 14—The Rev. Mr. Armstrong and myself took a boat at 9 P. M. and reached Parkersburg the next morning by seven.

The Church in this place had been vacant for some months, but the fruit of the untiring labors of its lamented Rector was not lost. I found the appropriate building, for the erection of which he exerted himself so zealously, very nearly finished; and a spirit, on the part of the people, which promised its early completion, as a becoming expression of their interest in the good cause, to which it is to be dedicated and an affecting monument of their Minister, whose mortal remains are entombed at its entrance, within its tower. The congregation, which he had been instrumental in gathering, was neither dispersed nor diminished by his removal. The training which they had enjoyed had attached them, intelligently, to the Church of their own choice, and they continued in the same doctrine and fellowship, worshipping together in a room, fitted up for the purpose, and availing themselves of a Lay Reader, as provided for by the canons.

June 15—I preached for this congregation.

June 16—Again, morning and night.

June 17—In the morning, I baptized two adults. The Rev. Dr. Brooke, of Cincinnati, who kindly joined us here, preached and I confirmed nine persons. In the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Armstrong baptized twelve infants. The same night I preached. For these services, the Methodist Church was courteously lent to us. The three days passed at Parkersburg deepened my impression of its importance as a radiating point for Missionary operation, and as an eligible location for an Institution of learning, similar to our High School, near Alexandria. The two schemes might well be combined for the present, and if suitable men could be found for conducting the enterprise, I have the assurance that other means may be commanded.—Since my visit, the congregation have secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Perkins, of the last class of our Diocesan Seminary, and I trust, by the blessing of God on his ministrations, the way will be more fully prepared for the plan to which I have alluded.

June 18—Was occupied in passing to Point Pleasant, where we were met by the Rev. Mr. Nash.

June 19—I preached at Point Pleasant, and in the afternoon rode to the vicinity of the Church at Mercer's Bottom.

June 30—I preached in Bruce Chapel—returned the same afternoon to Point Pleasant, and at night baptized two infants and preached

These two Missionary stations, within 8 miles of each other, have for some time been without a Minister. The people at both points expressed a solicitude to be supplied. We have not yet been able to gratify their desire. Could a faithful laborer be procured for this field, I doubt not he would find it susceptible of very encouraging improvement; meanwhile, we must hope that the occasional services, which the Ministers of Kanawha and Wood counties may be able to render, will at least keep alive the interest, until a suitable Missionary be obtained.

June 21—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Nash, I rode 21 miles up the east bank of the Kanawha to Buffalo, and preached there in the afternoon. Although the members of our Church here are few, they hope not to be neglected, and think, that in the community around them, there exists a favorable feeling in reference to our services which should not be overlooked.

June 23—I preached in Teas' Valley and confirmed three persons. The building in which these services were conducted was once a Still House. It is now answering a better purpose. The congregation assembling here have become so numerous as to be encouraged in undertaking to provide for themselves a commodious edifice. The beautiful site selected was pointed out to me, and I trust, on the next Episcopal visitation, a Church there will be ready for consecration.

June 24—At Coalsmouth, I consecrated St. Mark's Church.—The sentence and service were read by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Nash. I preached and confirmed two persons. The Rev. Mr. Armstrong, who much to my gratification accompanied me from Wheeling, was present, but was prevented by indisposition from taking part in the offices.

St. Mark's Church is of brick, built after a good model, and is not only convenient for the services of religion, but attractive to the traveller's eye, in passing that portion of the rich and beautiful valley of the Kanawha.

June 25—I preached in St. John's, Charleston.

June 26—I preached in St. Luke's, Salines.

June 27—In the morning, I preached in St. John's, Charleston, and confirmed eight; at night, I preached again in the same Church.

This congregation and that at the Salines are now vacant, by the resignation of their esteemed Rector, the Rev. H. W. Ward. The Rev. Mr. Nash, under these circumstances, has kindly officiated for them in the services preparatory to confirmation, and in this, and other ways, contributed much to promote the objects of my visit. These congregations, as stated in the official report, have since obtained the services of the Rev. Mr. Whittle, of the last class of our Diocesan Seminary, and the prospects of the Church in that region were never more promising.

June 28—I left Charleston at an early hour, in the stage, to cross the mountains to Staunton, the place of my next appointment, and after riding, with scarcely an interval, until 9 o'clock of the night of the next day, I reached the White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier coun-

ty. The services in which I had been engaged, the heat of the previous day, and the fatigue of the tedious ride, so affected my system, that I retired to my room with little hope of being able to reach Staunton, in time to meet my appointments. The next day I was incapable of travelling, but, by a second night's rest, I became sufficiently recruited to resume my journey.

July 4—I preached in Trinity Church, Staunton, in the morning, and confirmed five persons. I preached again, at night.

In the afternoon, I had the opportunity of attending the Chapel of the Asylum for the Insane, of which Dr. F. T. Stribling is the physician and superintendent. I cannot refrain from recording the great satisfaction which I experienced in beholding the admirable arrangements for the physical well being of the inmates, and the judicious provision for affording them, as far as they could receive, the salutary and tranquilizing influence of our Holy Religion. The services were short, and a more composed, attentive and apparently interested audience, I have rarely witnessed. The Gospel, which by its action on the instinct of benevolence, originated these noble Institutions, appears of late to have baptized them with more of its own peculiar influence, constituting them, at once, Asylums for the relief of both soul and body; and may they ever largely subserve this combined object.

July 6—I reached Richmond and I trust not without gratitude for the good Providence, by which, during this long visitation, of much exposure, I had been preserved from seen and unseen dangers.

July 9—I preached at the Alms House, one of the places at which the Rev. Mr. Duval, our City Missionary, regularly officiates.

The same evening I baptized two children.

June 13—I went to Alexandria, and during several successive days, was engaged in attending the examination at the Seminary, and visiting the High School, both which Institutions are so well conducted as to be entitled to the entire confidence and liberal patronage of the Diocese.

July 14—In Christ Church, Alexandria, I addressed the congregation on the subject of Missions, the Ministers appointed for this purpose having been prevented from attending.

July 18—I preached in St. James' parish, West River, Maryland.

July 25—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond.

August 1—At the White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier county, the Bishop of Tennessee read prayers and I preached, morning and night.

August 8—At the same place, I read prayers and the Bishop of Tennessee preached.

August 15—In the morning, I preached at Union, Monroe county, in the Baptist Church, which was kindly lent to us. At night I preached at the Salt Sulphur Springs.

August 16—At the residence of Mr. Alexander, in Union, I confirmed one person and baptized an infant.

August 22—I preached at the Sweet Springs.

August 23—I proceeded to Fincastle to enter upon a series of ser-

vices which I had appointed for the Churches, in that part of the Valley.

August 24, 25 and 26—I preached in the Church at Fincastle.

August 28—I preached in the Brick Church, in Roanoke.

August 29—I preached in the same Church, and confirmed two persons.

August 31—In the morning, I preached in Trinity Church, Buchanan, and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. G. T. Wilmer, I again addressed the congregation.

September 2—I preached, morning and night, in Christ Church, Lexington, and confirmed three persons.

September 5—I preached in the morning, in Trinity Church, Staunton, confirmed one person, and united with the Rector in the administration of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon, I baptized an infant and preached again at night.

September 26—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond.

September 29—I left home to attend the General Convention.

October 3—I preached in the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

During the Session of the General Convention, I officiated as follows:

October 10—In the morning, I preached in Christ Church, Brooklyn. In the afternoon, in St. Bartholomew's, New York.

October 17—In the morning, I preached in St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn—and at night in the Church of the Ascension, New York.

October 21—I addressed a Missionary meeting in St. Bartholomew's Church.

October 24—In the morning, I preached in St. Peter's, New York, and, in the afternoon, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn.

October 31—I preached, morning and night, in Christ Church, Baltimore.

November 10—I commenced a visitation of the Churches on the River, above Richmond, beginning this day with St. Luke's, Powhatan. A very heavy rain prevented the congregation from assembling. I found no one at the Church.

November 11—I consecrated Immanuel Church, Powhatan. The sentence was read by the Rev. Mr. Fisher; prayers by the Rev. Mr. Meredith; and the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Walker; sermon by myself. The Rev. Messrs. J. P. B. Wilmer, Webb and Tizzard, were present.

Immanuel Church is a brick building, stuccoed, of the Gothic order, highly creditable to the good taste and liberality of those by whom it has been erected. This is the second Church, which, in little more than two years, I have been called to consecrate within the bounds of this parish; both paid for, and all without soliciting aid from others. This is as it oftener should be, and deserves to be recorded as worthy of imitation.

November 12—I preached in St. James', Cumberland.

November 14—I preached in St. Peter's, Curdsville, and confirmed eight persons.

- November 15—I preached at Buckingham Court House.
- November 16—I preached in Grace Church, Cumberland, and confirmed two persons.
- November 18—I preached in the Church at Columbia, and confirmed one person.
- November 20—I preached in St. Paul's, Goochland.
- November 21—I preached again, at the same Church.
- November 22—In Beaver Dam Church, I admitted the Rev. Mr. Webb to Priest's orders; sermon by the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer; exhortation by myself. The Rev. Messrs. Wilmer and Fisher united in the imposition of hands. On the same occasion, I addressed the congregation on the subject of confirmation and administered the rite to four persons.
- November 28—I preached at the Armory, Richmond, a station at which our City Missionary officiates.
- December 5—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond.
- December 12—I preached in the Monumental Church.
- December 15—I officiated in St. Paul's Lecture Room.
- In consequence of a joint and earnest request, from the Rectors of the Churches in Norfolk, founded on the deep interest on the subject of religion then pervading their congregations, and evinced by the fact, that, though a confirmation had been held there so recently by Bishop Meade, there were many others desirous to renew their baptismal vows, I made a special visit to those Churches, and rejoiced to find them in so prosperous a state.
- December 19—I officiated, at night, in the Lecture Room of Christ Church.
- December 20—In the morning, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed twenty-one persons; at night, I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed sixteen persons.
- On Christmas Day—I preached in the Monumental Church.
- December 29—I officiated in the Lecture Room, of St. Paul's, Richmond.
- January 2, 1848.—I preached in St. Paul's.
- January 4—In the same Church, I preached the Funeral Sermon of Mrs. S. C. Stevenson, a lady distinguished for her intelligence and piety, who, notwithstanding her exposure at our own metropolis, and subsequently at the Court of St. James, held fast her Christian confidence to the end; and, by the lovely consistency of her life, adorned the Gospel which she professed, and commended it to others with the happiest effect, both by word and deed.
- January 9—In St. Paul's, I assisted in the Morning Service, and delivered a Missionary address. In the afternoon, I preached at the Armory.
- January 23—I preached in the Monumental Church, in the morning, and, in the afternoon, at the Armory.
- January 30—I preached in the Church of the colored people.
- February 6—In the morning, I preached in St. John's Richmond, and, in the afternoon, in the Armory.
- February 13—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond, and confirmed

- thirteen persons. In the afternoon, I read prayers at the Armory, and the Rev. Mr. Norwood preached.
- February 20—I preached in St. James' Church.
- February 21—I addressed the congregation of colored people, in their Church.
- March 5—I read prayers and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper in the Monumental Church. At night, I preached in St. Paul's.
- March 8—Ash Wednesday, I addressed the congregation in St. Paul's, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Thackara, and at night officiated in the Lecture Room.
- March 12—I preached in the old Church, Hanover, and confirmed one person.
- March 17—I lectured in St. James' Church, Richmond.
- March 24—I lectured in the same Church.
- March 26—I preached in the Monumental Church, and confirmed five persons, two of whom were from Christ Church, Mathew's county.
- March 31—I lectured in St. James' Church, Richmond.
- April 2—I preached in St. John's, Richmond, and confirmed seven persons.
- April 7—I lectured in St. James' Church, Richmond.
- April 8—I preached in St. Paul's, Hanover.
- April 9—I preached in the same Church, and confirmed one person, and united with the Rector in the administration of the Lord's Supper.
- April 14—I lectured in St. James', Richmond.
- April 16—I preached in the same Church, and confirmed six persons.
- On the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before Easter, I attended service in the several Churches in Richmond, and on each occasion addressed the congregation.
- On Good Friday,—I officiated at St. James', Richmond.
- On Easter Day—I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg, and confirmed ten persons. At night, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed ten persons.
- Monday in Easter week—In St. Paul's, Petersburg, I admitted the Rev. Henry M. Denison and the Rev. J. Monroe Banister to Priest's orders. The service was read by the Rev. C. J. Gibson; sermon by the Rev. J. H. Morrison; candidates presented by the Rev. P. Slaughter. The clergy named, together with the Rev. E. Withers and the Rev. James D. McCabe, united in the imposition of hands.
- April 25—Preached in the Church at City Point, and confirmed two persons.
- April 30—Preached at Beaver Dam Church, Goochland. In this Church, which, a short time since, was nearly in ruins, the congregation was collected by the occasional services of the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, and it has since had the benefit of the stated ministrations of the present Rector, the Rev. W. E. Webb, through whose labors, the congre-

gallon has been much increased, the building thoroughly repaired, an organ procured and the entire services of the Church re-established, under very favorable circumstances.

May 1—I crossed the river to Powhatan, and, as my last appointment at St. Luke's was frustrated by the weather, I preached in that Church and confirmed two persons.

May 2—I preached in Grace Church, at Genito.

May 3—I preached at Grub Hill, and confirmed one person.

May 4—I preached in Sapona Church, Chesterfield, and confirmed ten persons. This congregation, which for a long time was kept alive, by the occasional services of the Rev. Mr. Berkely, now enjoys the stated ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Tizzard, and, with its increased privileges, already exhibits decided improvement.

May 5—I preached in a building, which had been erected for the use of the people belonging to the Clover Hill Pits.

May 6—I preached in a School House, at Black Heath Pits.

The last two places are Missionary Stations, at which the Rev. Mr. Tizzard officiates, and which present strong claims upon the attention and nurture of the Church. There is reason to believe, that the services which they now receive will prepare the way for better arrangements, and that our brother, who labors so diligently at these points, will find his reward in God's blessing on his ministrations.

May 7—I read prayers and preached, in St. John's, Richmond.

May 15—In St. Paul's, Richmond, I confirmed four persons.

In the course of the visitations, thus briefly enumerated, I have met with every thing to gratify me, in the way of kind reception and facilities furnished for accomplishing the duties of my office. And, though in the condition of the Churches visited, I have observed nothing which needs more notice than has been taken, yet my impressions as to the state of the Diocese at large are such as afford cause for gratitude and encouragement.

J. JOHNS.

The Rev. Mr. DANA then read the proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, during the past Conventional year.

On motion, Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address, as refers to the Southern Churchman, be referred to a committee, of four clergymen and three laymen, to consider the best means of promoting the usefulness and prosperity of that paper.

Whereupon, the following committee was announced:—Rev. Messrs. ANDREWS, PACKARD, CLARK and COLE, and Messrs. W. WILLIAMS, GALT and MERIWETHER.

On motion, Resolved, That the 29th Rule of Order be suspended for the present.

On motion, Resolved, That a committee, of two clergymen and three laymen, be appointed to take into consideration the propriety

of amending the 2nd article of the Constitution, so as to read as follows:

“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 prevents from exercising their clerical functions; agents for any benevolent society; Chaplains of the Army and Navy, and Literary Institutions of the State, incorporated by law; and the Rector of the Episcopal High School, 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.”

The following gentlemen were named as the committee:—Rev. Messrs. WM. M. JACKSON and GRAMMER, and Messrs. P. WILLIAMS, GOODE and CHEWNING.

The Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop, from the committee on the revision of the canons, made a report, which was ordered to be printed and made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE presented the report of the Executive Committee, together with the Treasurer's account, of the Diocesan Missionary Society, which, on motion, was referred to the appropriate committee.

WM. WILLIAMS, Esq., presented the report of the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, together with the Treasurer's account, which was referred to the appropriate committee.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention was also presented and appropriately referred.

The Bishop announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. E. C. McGUIRE, D. D.	JOSEPH PRENTICE,
GEORGE ADIE,	EDWARD COLSTON,
CHARLES MANN,	RICHARD H. CUNNINGHAM,
WILLIAM SPARROW, D. D.	JOHN CHEWNING,
ALEXANDER JONES, D. D.	WM. SHEPHERD, M. D.

ON FINANCE.

WM. H. FOWLE,	THOMAS H. CLAGGETT, M. D.
GEORGE M. CARRINGTON.	CASSIUS F. LEE.

ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

REV. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, W. G. H. JONES.	CASSIUS F. LEE, THOMAS H. CLAGGETT, M. D.
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ON ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MIS-
SIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. P. F. BERKELEY, WM. FRIEND.	SAMUEL PRYOR, JOHN A. SMITH.
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ON PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REV. WM. M. JACKSON, WM. H. KINCKLE.	WILLIAM POLLOCK, JOHN ROWLETT.
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ON NEW PARISHES.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, T. T. CASTLEMAN, JOHN P. MCGUIRE.	NELSON PAGE, EDMUND FONTAINE, JEREMIAH MORTON.
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ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

REV. C. B. DANA, WM. V. BOWERS, WM. ARMSTRONG.	ROGER B. ATKINSON, THOMAS MEAUX, M. D. FRANCIS NELSON.
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E. P. HUNTER, ESQ., presented a petition, for a division of Norborne Parish, Berkeley, which was referred to the appropriate committee.

Dr. A. T. M. COOKE presented a petition for a new Church, in Portsmouth, which, together with a counter petition, presented by HOLT WILSON, ESQ., was referred to the same committee.

The Rev. Mr. DUVAL presented a petition from the Vestry of the Armory Church, Richmond, for admission into the Convention of the Diocese, which was referred.

The reading of the Parochial Reports was then commenced.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE presented the report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, which was appropriately referred.

The reading of the Parochial reports occupied the remainder of the session, and the Convention adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 9 A. M., 1848.

The Convention met, and was opened by prayer, by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop. The Bishop of the Diocese, took the Chair.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings, was read and corrected.

The Rev. Mr. NORWOOD, not present yesterday, reported himself, and took his seat.

The following Lay Delegates presented their certificates of election, which being found to be in due form, they took their seats:

St. John's Church, Hampton—G. W. Temple.

Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George—Robert Gilliam.

Grace Church, Petersburg—Charles Kent.

Christ Church, Mathews county—Henry W. Daingerfield.

Abington and Ware Parishes, Gloucester—Warner T. Taliaferro.

The Rev. WM. M. JACKSON, from the committee on Parochial Reports, presented as their report, a tabular abstract, which will be found in the usual place.

Rev. WM. M. JACKSON, from the committee to whom was referred the amendment of the Constitution, presented their report in opposition to said amendment, and a report in favor of it, by a minority of the committee.

REPORT OF THE MAJORITY.

The majority of the committee are of opinion, that it is inexpedient to make the alteration in the Constitution, which is proposed in the resolution submitted to us. Some of the reasons, which have brought us to this conclusion, are the following:

That those who are entrusted with the power of legislating for the Church should be so permanently connected with the Diocese, as to feel attached to it, and be especially interested in its prosperity.

That the proposed change will materially affect that equality of representation, between the clergy and laity, which we think it is important to preserve.

And as no injury, or even inconvenience, has resulted from the practical working of the Constitution as it is, we think it unwise to make a change in our organic law, unless the necessity for it is manifest.

J. GRAMMER,

P. WILLIAMS,

W. O. GOODE.

REPORT OF THE MINORITY.

The minority of 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 ministry who now are, or may hereafter be, regularly and canonically elected in parishes or churches within this Diocese, so long as they may continue officiating in the same; Professors of the Theological Seminary of Virginia; Missionaries acting under the authority of the Bishop, and within this Diocese; those whom age or infirmity may prevent from exercising their clerical functions; agents for any benevolent society; Chaplains of the Army and Navy, and of Literary Institutions incorporated by law, occupying their stations under the approbation of the ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese, and also the Rector of the Episcopal High School, being clergymen of this Church, and who are under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of this Diocese, *Provided, &c.*'

It will be perceived that the proposed amendment admits to a seat in the Convention two classes of the Clergy at present excluded, viz: Chaplains of the Army and Navy, and of Literary Institutions, incorporated by Law, including the Rector of the Diocesan High School.

The minority may be allowed briefly to state the reasons, upon which they recommend that this bar of exclusion be removed.

These Clergymen are all, by the provisions of the amendment, under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop, amenable to the laws, interested in the legislation, and solicitous for the prosperity of the Diocese.

With a solitary exception, the Rector of the High School, they are all engaged in the appropriate functions of their ministry.

The positions which they occupy afford very favorable opportunity for advancing the interests of the Church. The congregations, for the most part, are large and interesting, and composed of classes of the community over which the Church is bound to extend her fostering care. The committee deem it important in a high degree, that these positions should be occupied, when practicable, by clergymen of the Church of decided piety and talent. By excluding such from seats in the Convention, we throw a serious impediment in the way of their acceptance of these positions.

The minority may be allowed, also, to anticipate the objection, which will probably be raised against the amendment, viz: its supposed tendency to destroy the equilibrium of power between the clergy and laity.

That such is not the case will appear from two considerations.

By the existing Article of the Constitution, there is a majority of the

laity over the clergy in the Conventions of the Diocese. That article admits to a seat in the Convention one lay-delegate, "for each Parish or Church." By a reference to the list of Parishes and Churches, appended to the Journal of 1847, it will be seen that we have 95 Parishes, containing upwards of 140 Churches. In a number of cases, several of these Parishes and Churches are under the pastoral care of a single Rector, and yet, each of these Churches, with a vestry of its own, is allowed a representation in the Convention.

Secondly, by the provision which already exists of voting by orders, which can always be done, when three members require it, an effectual check is provided against any undue preponderance of either branch of our ecclesiastical legislature over the other.

Upon these grounds, the minority beg to submit the proposed amendment for the consideration of the Convention.

WM. M. JACKSON.
J. CHEWNING.

On motion, the question was, after full debate, laid on the table, and referred to the next Convention, ayes 62, noes 52.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being the Report of the Committee on the revision of the Canons.

The members of the Convention, being invited by Messrs. WM. E. CUNNINGHAM & Co., to make use of their Reading Room;

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to these gentlemen for their polite attention.

At 3 P. M., the Convention took a recess, until 5 P. M.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met.

The Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop appeared and took the Chair.

On motion, Resolved, that the order of the day be postponed until 9 A. M., to-morrow.

Rev. Mr. MINNEGERODE, Rev. Mr. SLAUGHTER and Rev. Mr. MORRISON, appeared and took their seats.

The following Resolution was adopted

Resolved, that the Clergy of the Diocese be respectfully requested, annually, on some day most suitable in their opinion, to bring before the people of their Parishes the wants and claims of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, and take up a collection in its behalf.

The Rev. Mr. BERKELEY presented the following report :

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

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The executive committee respectfully report, that they have contributed to the support of fourteen Missionaries, of whom one, the Rev. J. G. Downing, has removed from the Diocese, having been succeeded by the Rev. John C. McCabe.

These are the Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county; the Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex; the Rev. D. F. Sprigg, Greensville; Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon; Rev. Wm. Duval, City of Richmond; Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson; Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville; Rev. W. F. Bryant, Frederick; Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan; Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac; Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland; Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg; Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Fairfax; Rev. J. G. Downing, (succeeded by the Rev. J. C. McCabe,) Smithfield.

They have kept a full supply of prayer books in the Depository, of which 313 have been distributed. They have partially replenished their stock of tracts, of which 14,716 pages have been distributed, and also 293 copies of a tract, published by them on confirmation.— They have now in the Depository, 203 prayer books and 50,384 pages of tracts, and 1,702 copies of the tract on confirmation.

Since the last report, they have received \$1,806 63, being \$300 less than the receipts of last year, and \$870 less than the receipts of the year before. They have been obliged to curtail their appropriations during the past year for want of funds. They have not only diminished their contributions to some of the Missionaries, but they have been prevented altogether from contributing to the support of others who need assistance. It remains for the Diocese to say whether our Missions in this State shall, for the want of funds, be embarrassed and perhaps given up; and whether we shall be prevented from entering fields which call for assistance, and where immediate aid might secure permanent results, but which neglected now may be forever lost.

To the Missionaries we have contributed during the past year \$2,048 50. They have paid for prayer books, \$61 62, for tracts, \$70 78.

There are now remaining in the treasury, \$60 76; Appropriations made but not yet due \$744.

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

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May 21.	To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,		\$21 00
31.	To cash remitted Rev. J. G. Downing, Smithfield,		50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex counties,		37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greensville county,		25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county,		50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,		16 50
July 1.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Missionary in Richmond, from City collections,		50 00
	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse, for Prayer Books,		12 48
15.	To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greensville county,		25 00
19.	To cash remitted Rev. J. G. Downing, Smithfield,		50 00
Aug. 7.	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county,		37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon,		50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex,		37 50
Sept. 17.	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville,		50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,		50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Bryant, St. Thomas' Church, Frederick county,		37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan,		50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county,		37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac county,		50 00
<i>To amount carried over,</i>			\$737 48

	<i>To amount brought over,</i>	\$737 48
	24. To cash remitted Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland,	50 00
Oct.	2. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, from City collections,	50 00
	4. To cash remitted Rev. J. G. Downing, Smith- field,	50 00
Nov.	8. To cash paid Rev. W. Duval, Richmond, from funds collected in the City,	30 00
	22. To cash paid draft of Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county,	50 00
	25. To cash paid Rev. W. Duval, Richmond, from collections in City congregations,	70 00
Dec.	21. To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buch- anan,	50 00
	22. To cash remitted Rev. D. F. Sprigg, Greens- ville county,	37 50
	27. To cash paid draft of Rev. W. E. Webb, Gooch- land,	36 00
	To cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac,	25 00
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Jan.	27. To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkers- burg, Wood county,	37 50
Feb.	22. To cash remitted Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Fair- fax county,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Camp- bell county,	25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county,	75 00
	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Ab- ingdon,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex,	75 00
	23. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, from City collections,	50 00
March	11. To cash remitted James B. Dow, Boston, for Tracts ordered by Bishop Johns,	20 28
	15. To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buchan- an,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. John C. McCabe, Smith- field,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Bryant, Frederick county,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkers- burg, Wood county,	37 50
	30. To cash paid freight on Tracts from Boston,	50
April	18. To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse for 286 Prayer Books, procured by them for the Depository,	49 14
	<i>To amount carried up,</i>	\$1,793 40

	<i>To amount brought up,</i>	\$1,793 40
May	1. To cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac county,	30 00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, Fair- fax county,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson county,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews & Middlesex,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Greens- ville county,	37 50
	2. To cash paid Rev. James D. McCabe, Abing- don,	50 00
	6. To cash paid draft of Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Campbell county,	25 00
	11. To cash paid Shepherd & Colin. for printing 2000 copies of Bishop's John's Tract on Confir- mation,	50 00
	13. To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, out of collections in the City Churches,	70 00
	15. Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	60 76
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		\$2,241 66

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May	15	By balance reported in hand to Convention in Winchester	\$435 03
	18	By cash from Raleigh, Dale and Genito Parishes, by Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	9 00
	20	By cash from Mrs. Major Morris, U. S. A., by Bishop Johns,	5 00
	do	do Rev. C. J. Gibson, Petersburg,	5 00
	do	do Zion Church, Jefferson county, by Rev. A. Jones, D. D.,	21 7
	do	do Antrim Parish, Halifax county, by Col. Cabanis, viz: Miss Mary Smith, \$3; Mrs. S. A. Leigh, \$2, Mrs. E. A. Clark, \$5; Mrs. Mary Beasley, \$7; Mrs. P. F. Holt, \$1; Mrs. E. S. Easley, \$4; Mrs. Eliza Bruce, \$15; C. H. Cabanis, \$2; Mrs. Rich- ard Logan, \$5; Rev. J. Grammer, \$10; Mrs. M. E. Grammer, \$2,50; Mrs. C. Eas- ley, \$2; Miss Martha Smith, \$2,	60 50
		By cash from St Paul's Church, Lynchburg, by Mr. Shelton,	77 20
	do	do Mrs. M. J. Davis, Christ Church, Albemarle,	3 00

By amount carried over,

\$616 48

<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$616 48
do do M. M. Garland, Christ Church, Albemarle,	2 50
do do Mrs. P. Minor, sr., Christ Church, Albemarle,	3 00
do do Trinity Church, Buchanan, by Rev. J. McElroy,	6 69
By cash found in Missionary box of Rev. Wm. Bryant, dec'd.,	1 32
By cash found in little Mary Bryant's Missionary box,	09
By cash from Roanoke Parish, Halifax county,	20 00
By cash from Nelson Parish, Nelson county, by Gen. Brown,	10 00
By cash from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county,	9 50
By cash from Bath Parish, Dinwiddie county,	12 35
By cash from St. James' Church, Culpeper county,	3 00
By cash from Mrs. B. G., Christ Church, Middlesex county,	2 00
By cash from Mrs. J. M. S., Christ Church, Norfolk,	5 00
By cash from Ware Church, Gloucester, balance of collection taken last December,	9 50
By cash from St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	20 00
By cash from a member of St. Thomas' Church, Orange county,	3 00
By cash from Bloomfield Parish, Orange county,	9 35
By cash from Westover Parish, Charles City county,	7 50
By cash from St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg county,	4 27
By cash from Christ Church, Alexandria,	20 00
By cash from a Lady, Grace Church, Caroline county,	2 00
By cash from the Ladies' Sewing Society of Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland county,	10 00
By cash from three little children of Lyttleton Parish, received by them for self denial during Lent,	1 50
By cash from a Lady, by Bishop Johns,	50
By cash from a collection in Christ Church, Winchester, during Convention,	140 00
June 8. By cash from Mrs. Douglas Gordon, Fredericksburg,	10 00
By cash from Rev. R. K. Meade, Charlottesville,	10 00
<i>By amount carried up,</i>	\$939 55

<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$939 55
By cash from Christ Church, Bunker Hill, by Rev. R. T. Brown,	5 00
14 By cash from Mrs E. A. Bruce, by Rev. Wm. Norwood,	30 00
17 By cash from Mrs. M. Burwell, Botetourt, by Rev. G. T. Wilmer,	5 00
19 By cash from Hungar's Parish, Northampton county, by Mr. Wm. G. Smith,	20 00
July 19 By cash from the Missionary Society of Enquiry of the Theological Seminary of Virginia,	50 00
24 By cash from collection in Lunenburg Parish, by Bishop Johns,	11 13
By cash from collection in Cople Parish, by Bishop Johns,	11 50
By cash from collection in Farnham Parish, by Bishop Johns,	10 13
26 By cash from sales of Bishop Meade's Pastoral letter, by Rev. George Woodbridge,	1 50
By cash from St. Mathew's Church, Wheeling, by Bishop Johns,	66 17
By cash from St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, by Bishop Johns,	10 71
By cash from Church in Charleston, Kanawha, by Bishop Johns,	18 55
By cash from Mrs. Ward, Charleston, Kanawha, by Bishop Johns,	5 00
By cash from Mrs. Ward's pupils, Charleston, Kanawha, by Bishop Johns,	2 97
By cash from Trinity Church, Staunton, by Bishop Johns,	57 00
Aug. 11 By cash from Dr. M. Rowan, Christ Church, Middlesex,	10 00
By cash from collections by Bishop John's at various places	10 00
By cash from sales of prayer books, by Rev. G. S. Carraway,	2 50
Sept. 4 By cash from Dabney C. T. Davis, by Rev. R. K. Meade,	2 50
By cash from Mrs. P. Minor, sr., by Rev. R. K. Meade,	1 00
24 By cash from collections in Goochland, by Rev. W. E. Webb,	7 00
29 By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	16 00
Oct'r. 9 By cash from Mrs. James Brown, jr., Richmond, by Rev. Mr. Norwood,	2 00
<i>To amount carried over,</i>	\$1,295 26

	<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$1,295 26
16	By cash from Mrs. Harriet Skinner, Fauquier, by Rev. G. H. Norton,	10 00
21	By cash from Christ Church, Millwood, by Dr. Randolph,	30 00
Nov'r. 1	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Bruce, St. Paul's, Richmond,	30 00
29	By cash from collection 25th inst., in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	19 80
	By cash from Immanuel Church, Powhatan, by Bishop Johns,	22 13
	By cash from St. Peter's Church, Curdsville, by Bishop Johns,	25 00
	By cash from Grace Church, Cumberland, by Bishop Johns,	10 62
	By cash from Church in Columbia, by Bishop Johns,	20 56
	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Goochland, by Bishop Johns,	17 87
	By cash from Beaver Dam Church, Goochland, by Bishop Johns,	15 12
Dec. 14	By cash from Christ Church, Smithfield, by Bishop Meade,	22 00
	By cash from Merchant's Hope, Prince George, by Bishop Meade,	18 00
31	By cash from Rev. Mr. Tizzard, for prayer books, 1848.	1 00
Jan'y. 1	By cash from members of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, for City Missions, by Mr. Alex. McRae,	24 00
11	By cash from same for same purpose, by Mr. T. H. Ellis,	127 00
	By cash from Christ Church, Millwood, by Dr. Randolph,	5 50
18	By cash from St. John's Church, Richmond,	27 50
20	By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond, by cash from Mrs. Anne S. Niblett, by Rev. T. E. Locke,	7 50
		5 00
29	By cash from St. Thomas' Church, Orange, by Rev. J. Ernest,	20 25
Feb. 21	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, by Bishop Johns,	200 00
March 1	By cash from St. James' Church, Loudon, by Rev. George Adie,	46 00
10	By cash from Leeds Parish, Fauquier, by Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	30 00
26	By cash from St. Ann's and South Farnham Parishes, by Rev. J. P. McGuire,	48 00
	<i>By amount carried up,</i>	\$2,078 11

	<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$2,078 11
	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	16 50
April 15	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Hanover, by Bishop Johns,	18 55
May 2	By cash from Hungar's Parish, by Rev. J. Ufford,	30 00
	By cash from St. James Parish, Goochland and Fluvanna,	25 00
8	By cash from Mrs. E. A. Bruce, by Rev. Wm. Norwood,	30 00
9	By cash from Mr. Wm. Stevens, for prayer books,	5 00
10	By cash from members of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, by Mr. John O. Stegar,	38 50
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		\$2,241 66
	By balance in the hands of the Treasurer, E. E. WM. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.	\$60 76
	RICHMOND, 15TH MAY, 1848.	

The Convention proceeded to elect the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society; and the following gentlemen were chosen:

RT. REV. WM. MEADE, D. D.

RT. REV. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.

REV. ADAM EMPIE,

REV. WM. NORWOOD,

REV. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE.

WM. H. FOWLE, Esq., presented the following Report, from the Committee on Finance, which was read and adopted:

The Committee of Finance, having fully considered the subjects, referred to them, beg leave respectfully to report.

That the account of the Treasurer of the Diocese, W. H. Hubbard, Esq., is sustained by the vouchers and is correct. (Marked A) Balance in his hands on 13th May, was

Contributions to Diocesan Fund, for 1848, (as detailed on paper B,) are	\$456 58
Received for delinquencies in 1846, (as shown by paper C,) are	\$4,581 17
Received for delinquencies in 1847, (paper D,) are	9 00
Amount remaining delinquent for 1845, (paper E,) are	62 00
do do do for 1846, (paper F,) are	324 25
do do do for 1847, (paper G,) are	301 01
do do do for 1848, (paper H,) are	462 00
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The parishes which have made no report appear in paper I.

Your committee have used every effort to make their report accurate, but there is great room for error, arising mainly from the loose and informal manner, in which Parochial returns are made, particularly as to the *distinctive* names of *Churches and Parishes*.

In making these returns, if special reference should be had to the list published at the end of the Journal, this difficulty will be in a great measure overcome.

WM. H. FOWLE,
for the Committee.

(A)

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

1847.		DR.	
May 14	To balance of account rendered to this date,	\$911	35
26	To cash received from the Convention at Winchester, by the hands of Thomas H. Ellis, Treasurer, pro tem.	4,304	70
	To cash received by the hands of the Rev. Wm. C. Meredith, from Tillotson Parish, Buckingham, for present year,	20	00
28	To cash received by the hands of Rev. G. W. Dame, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, in part,	20	00
	To cash received interest from Savings Institution, on balance on first of January,	2	23
June 5	To cash received by the hands of the Rev. Mr. Walker, from a Parish in Amherst,	11	31
	To cash received by the hands of Bishop Johns, from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	38	50
	To cash received from Charleston, Kanawha Parish,	5	00
	To cash received from St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick,	34	00
26	To cash received from Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county, on account of arrears,	11	50
	To cash received from Farnham Parish, Richmond county, on account of arrears,	9	00
	To cash received from Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	8	87
Aug. 16	To cash received from St. John's Church, Henrico; in full for annual contribution,	56	00
Nov'r. 4	To cash returned by Rev. Dr. Empire, from the General Convention,	16	87
<i>To amount carried up,</i>		\$5,449	33

To amount brought up, \$5,449 33

1848.			
Jan. 21	To cash received by the hands of Rev. T. E. Locke, balance due from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	6	00
	To cash received interest from Savings Institution,	71	36
	To cash returned by Bishop Meade, for amount overdrawn, in 1847,	30	00
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		\$5,556	69

1847.		CR.	
May 26	By cash paid Bishop Meade, balance travelling expenses and postage for year ending 1st May, 1847,	voucher No. 1	60 00
	By cash paid Bishop Meade in full, for his salary, for the year ending May, 1848,	"	1,000 00
	By cash paid Bishop Meade, (expenses of publication,)	" 2	150 00
	By cash paid C. B. Dana, postage, Standing Committee,	" 3	2 50
June 3	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of his salary,	" 4	300 00
5	By cash paid Wm. M. Blackford, do do Blackford, Statham & Dillard,	" 5	39 20
	6. do do Bishop Meade, travelling expenses and postage,	" 6	250 00
	9 do do Wm. Dally, Doorkeeper at Convention,	" 7	100 00
	10 do do Bishop Johns on account of his salary,	" 8	10 00
	do do do travelling expenses,	" 9	325 00
	27 do do Bishop Johns on account of his salary,	" 10	75 00
Sept. 15	do do do do	" 11	450 00
	do do do expenses,	" "	375 00
22	do do Rev. Dr. Jones, expenses to Convention,	" 12	37 50
27	do do Rev. Dr. Empie, do	" 13	50 00
	do do do Va. quota,	" "	86 00
30	do do Rev. J. P. McGuire, expenses to Convention,	" 14	114 00
Oct. do	do do Rev. Dr. Jones, do	" 15	80 00
25	do do Mr. Newton Hill,	" 16	30 00
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<i>By amount carried over,</i>			\$3,539 20

	<i>By amount brought over,</i>			\$3,539 20
Nov'r. 3	do	do Rev. C. Mann's draft, "	17	75 00
11	do	do Rev. J. P. McGuire, "	18	13 37
26	do	do Bishop Johns, on ac- count of his salary, "	19	250 00
	do	do do do expenses, "	19	53 00
	do	do Rev. Wm. Suddards, "	20	39 00
Dec'r. 8	do	do Hon. Wm. C. Rives, "	21	75 00
1848.				
Jan'y. 3	do	do Bishop Johns in full of his salary, "	22	800 00
24	do	do Ed. Colston's draft, "	23	80 54
April 11	do	do Bishop Meade's ex- penses, "	24	115 00
May 8	do	do Bishop Johns do "	25	60 00
13		By cash on hand,		456 58
				\$5,556 69

E. E.

WM. H. HUBBARD, *Treasurer.*

(B)

Receipts for Diocesan Fund, 1848.

St. George's Church and Parish, Fredericksburg,	\$150 00
Leeds Parish, Fauquier,	37 00
Sapony, Bath Parish,	29 00
Botetourt Parish,	40 00
St. James', Culpeper,	27 00
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk,	30 00
St. John's Church, Chuckatuck,	10 00
St. James', Northam, Goochland and Fluvana,	36 00
St. James' Church, Warrenton,	42 00
Meherrin Parish, Greensville,	17 00
St. Paul's Parish, King George,	24 00
Westover Parish, Charles City,	30 00
Monumental Church, Richmond,	147 00
St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon,	10 00
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg,	57 00
Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish,	60 00
Grace Church, Rockbridge,	24 50
Zion Church, Truro Parish,	20 00
St Peter's Parish, New Kent,	13 00
St. James' Parish, Powhatan,	26 00
St. James' Church, Richmond,	130 00
St. Stephen's, Culpeper,	33 00
St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg,	12 00
Dale Parish, Sapony,	16 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	50 00

Amount carried up,

\$1,070 50

<i>Amount brought up,</i>	\$1,070 50
Christ Church, Millwood,	58 00
Christ Church, Smithfield,	36 00
Hungar's Parish, Northampton,	51 00
Norton Parish, Berkeley,	41 50
St John's Church, Hampton;	41 00
Christ Church, Winchester,	86 00
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke,	83 00
Christ Church, Norfolk,	357 00
Raleigh and Genito, Amelia and Powhatan;	35 00
St. John's Church, City Point,	4 00
Tillotson Parish, Buckingham,	28 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg,	66 00
St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier, Hamner Parish,	10 00
Dettingen and Leeds, Prince William,	52 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick,	34 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland,	39 00
Christ Church, Middlesex,	10 00
Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Mathews,	8 00
Christ Church, Lancaster,	23 00
St. Mark's Church, Kanawha,	10 00
Kanawha Parish, Charleston,	33 00
St. James' Church, Shelburn Parish,	82 00
Grace Church, Caroline,	48 00
Washington Parish, Westmoreland,	4 00
Cople Parish, do	1 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	117 00
St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell,	13 00
St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick,	17 00
Front Royal,	5 00
St. Mathews' Church, Wheeling,	75 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville,	66 00
Christ Church, Alexandria,	115 00
St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,	149 00
St. John's Church, Henrico Parish,	63 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier,	20 00
St. Paul's Church, Petersburg,	210 00
Russell Parish, Bedford,	26 00
St. Margaret's Church, Caroline,	36 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax,	59 00
St. John's Church, Spottsylvania,	17 00
Christ Church, do	14 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	44 30
Lexington Parish, Amherst, from a lady,	1 00
Roanoke Parish, Halifax,	18 00
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester,	47 00
St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	234 00

Amount carried over,

\$3,657 30

<i>By amount brought over,</i>	
Trinity Parish, Wood,	\$3,657 80
A lady of Weston, Lewis,	25 00
Two Communicants at Clarksburg,	2 00
Heber Parish, Bedford,	2 00
West Russel, do	11 00
St. Luke's Church, Amherst,	1 50
St. Ann's Parish, Essex,	21 75
South Farnham Parish, Essex,	27 00
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford,	38 00
Nelson Parish, Nelson,	60 00
St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle,	24 00
Walker's Parish, do	20 00
Trinity Church, Staunton,	24 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	88 00
A lady in Middleway, Jefferson,	62 00
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,	1 00
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson,	140 00
Beaver Dam, Goochland,	80 00
St. Thomas' Church, Orange,	11 00
Old Church, Hanover, St. Paul's Parish,	62 00
St. George's Church, Accomac,	12 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison,	8 00
St. John's Church, Greenspring Parish, Louisa,	11 00
Martins' Brandon Parish, Prince George,	6 00
Centurion Church, Elizabeth City,	33 00
Accomac Parish,	16 00
St. John's Church, King George,	19 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,	13 00
Woodville, Trinity Church,	41 37
Camden Parish, St. Andrew's,	21 00
York, Hampton Parish,	18 00
New Glasgow Church, Lexington Parish,	9 00
Lynnhaven Parish,	2 00
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	\$4,581 17

(C)

Amount received for delinquencies, 1846:
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, 9 00

(D)

Amount received for delinquencies, 1847 :

Botetourt Parish,	8 00
St. Paul's Church, Hanover,	7 00
St. Peter's, New Kent,	8 00
St. David's, King William,	7 00
Accomac Parish,	16 00
Centurion Church, Elizabeth City,	16 00
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	\$62 00

(E)

The amount delinquent for 1845 is, no part being paid, (See statement D. Journal of 1846.) \$324 25

(F)

The amount delinquent for 1846 is (as per statement D, Journal of 1847, less \$9 00, received from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county.) \$301 01

(G)

The amount delinquent for 1847 is (as per statement F, Journal of 1847, less \$16 00, paid by Centurion Church, Elizabeth city.) \$462 00

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The Parishes which appear to have made no report are as follows:

Albermarle Parish, Sussex,	
Boyden do Augusta,	
Cornwall do Charlotte.	
Camden do Pittsylvania.	
Fredericksville do Albemarle.	
Franklin do Franklin.	
Henrico do St. Luke's.	
Kanawha, St. Luke's, Salines.	
Lexington Parish, Amherst.	
Lunenburg do Richmond.	
St. George's, Accomac, St. James' Church.	
St. George's, Spottsylvania, Christ Church.	
St. John's and Christ Churches, Brooke county.	
Truro Parish, Pohick Church.	

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The Parishes and Churches, which appear to be delinquent for 1848, are as follows :

Bloomfield Parish, Madison,	\$6 00
St. John's Church, City Point,	1 00
St. James', Southam, Powhatan,	6 00
Russel Parish, Bedford,	1 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier,	16 00
Trinity Church, Staunton,	8 00
Washington Parish, Westmoreland,	4 00
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	2 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	11 00
St. Thomas' Parish, Orange,	6 00
St. Mathews', Wheeling,	46 00
Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge,	2 50
St. David's Parish, King William,	5 00

Amount carried over,

\$114 50

<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$114 50
Beaver Dam, Goochland,	14 00
Falls Church, Fairfax,	8 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,	40 63
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,	29 00
Franklin Parish, Franklin,	4 00
St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick,	1 00
Trinity Church, Parkersburg,	32 00
St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish,	19 25
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	\$262 38

On motion, the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was made the order for 9½ o'clock, to-morrow.

The Convention adjourned, to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1848.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop—the Right Reverend the Bishop in the Chair.

The Rev. Mr. DANA, from the Standing Committee, presented the report concerning the Widows and Orphans' Fund, together with the Report of the Trustees and Treasurer's account, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund have examined the certificates of Stock, held by the Trustees of said fund and the accounts of the Treasurer; all of which they have found to be correctly represented in their respective reports, which are herewith submitted. The Committee concur with the Trustees in recommending that the two small sums of \$10 35, and \$16 45—amounting to \$26 80—be transferred to the Widows and Orphans' Society.

CHARLES B. DANA, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE 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 there has been received, during the past year, for dividends, \$612 30, which has been passed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Society—the Treasurer of the Fund being also Treasurer of the Society, see his account accompanying this report.

At the last Convention, there was a cash balance in hand of \$66 45, of which, \$50 has been applied to the purchase of one share of stock in the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, thereby making the number of shares 148, the par value \$50. That Bank having become a Branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, the Fund has now 74 shares in that Bank, par value \$100 per share. The Bank of Potomac, in which the Fund has 4 shares, has since become a Branch of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia, consequently the 4 shares, belonging to the Fund in the former, are 4 shares in the latter. These changes, the Trustees believe, will greatly increase the productiveness of the Fund.

With the exception of these changes, the condition of the Fund remains as last reported, viz:

74 shares of Stock in Exchange Bank of Virginia,	\$7,400 00
21 do do in Farmers' do do	2,100 00
1 share in Bank of Virginia,	70 00
Balance due on the note for \$600, which balance bears interest from 23rd of July, 1845,	\$246 98
Deduct interest accrued on this note from May, 1838, to 23rd of July, 1845, which interest belongs to the Widows and Orphans' Society, together with interest thereafter accruing;	236 63— 10 35
Cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	16 45
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	\$9,596 80

As the Fund cannot be increased, the income arising from the stocks being pledged to the Widows and Orphans' Society, the Trustees suggest that the last two items, \$10 35, and \$16 45, be transferred to that Society, the amounts being unavailable for investment.

THOMAS NELSON,
WM. H. HUBBARD,
WM. WILLIAMS,
Treasurer.

} Trustees.

RICHMOND, 16TH OF MAY, 1848.

The Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese of Virginia, in account with
Wm. Williams, Treasurer.

1847.

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July 6 To cash paid Mutual Assurance Society, for one share of stock in Farmers' Bank of Alex-

	andria,				\$50 00
	8 To cash paid Widows and Orphans' Society,				183 75
	13 do do do do				61 80
Sept. 16	do do do do				22 00
1848.					
Jan. 15	do do do do				334 95
Mar. 20	do do do do				10 00
May 16	To balance for cash in hand,				16 45
					<u>\$678 75</u>

1847.	Cr.				
May 15	By balance in hand as per report to Convention in Winchester,				\$66 45
July 8	By dividends received on 147 shares of Stock, in Farmers' Bank of Alexandria,				183 75
13	By Dividends received on 17 shares of Stock, in Farmers' Bank of Virginia,				59 50
	By dividends received on one share in Bank of Virginia,				2 10
Sept. 16	By dividends received on 4 shares of Stock, in Bank of Potomac,				22 00
1848.					
Jan. 15	By dividends received on 21 shares of Stock, in Farmers' Bank of Virginia,				75 50
	By dividends received on 74 shares of Stock, in Exchange Bank of Virginia,				259 00
	By dividends received on one share of Stock, in Bank of Virginia,				2 45
Mar. 20	By dividends received on 4 shares of Stock, in Bank of Potomac, due November, 1844, but only now collected,				10 00
					<u>\$678 75</u>

May 17 By balance of cash in hand, \$16 45
 E. E. WM. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.
 RICHMOND, 16TH MAY, 1848.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE presented the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School.
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HIGH SCHOOL.

In making their Annual Report, the Trustees cannot but recognize, with devout gratitude, the continuance of the blessing of the Most High, which has always so richly crowned the Seminary.

They have little to report, concerning its state, different from for-

mer years. The Professors have been faithfully and devotedly engaged in their duties. And the Students, as shown by the reports of the Professors, have been diligently engaged in their studies, and in the cultivation of those religious habits which will fit them, we trust, to be able ministers of the New Testament.

The Church, in almost every Diocese, is feeling the salutary influence of the Seminary. Its Alumni are scattered from Maine to Texas and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In Africa, in China, in Greece, they are faithfully endeavoring to fulfil the last command of the Lord to preach the Gospel to every creature. It is emphatically *The Institution* of the Diocese. It is identified with all our future anticipations of the prosperity of the Church. It has been founded and sustained almost entirely by the funds of the Church in this Diocese, and by the prayers of the faithful; and we trust it will continue to receive them till time shall be no more.

The vested funds of the Seminary amount now to \$41,541 33; besides a balance now in the hands of the Treasurer, to be invested, of \$924 17; being an addition of \$2,023 00, during the past year.

About \$18,00, have been subscribed, during the past year, of which the preceding \$2,000 have been paid. We shall need about \$10,000 more, before we make up the sum of \$70,000 as the permanent fund of the Seminary. The interest of this sum is absolutely required in order to support the Professors comfortably. A few more years of care and faithful nurture, on the part of the Diocese, will put the Institution on a stable foundation.

But we trust that the friends of the Church will never feel themselves relieved from the duty of praying for it, and watching over it in the Lord. Our help is in the name of the Lord. The usefulness of our students will be in proportion to the measure with which they are baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brethren pray for them.

The High School is increasing rapidly in public favor. It is a School than which no better can be found—we might almost say desired. Its numbers now amount to more than fifty. The Rector, the Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, deserves the thanks of all the friends of the Church, for the self-denying labors which he has undergone to establish it. We trust his reward is on high, and his memorial is with his God.

The Reports of the Professors, herewith submitted, will show the state of their various departments.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY.

The subscriber has little more to do, on the present occasion, than repeat what he has reported of his duties in the Theological Seminary of the Diocese in former years. The three classes have received instruction on the subjects embraced in his department, just as usual, except that the Junior class, in addition to their regular studies, have voluntarily taken up a review of Logic and are now engaged in it.—The other two classes have attended to the new studies prescribed by the Board of Trustees at their last annual meeting. All the classes have exhibited, thus far in the year, a satisfactory degree of punctuality and diligence in their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. SPARROW.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The Professor of Sacred Literature begs leave to report, that, by Divine help, he has been enabled to discharge his duties without interruption during another year. The students under his instruction have pursued the prescribed course of study in his department with diligence, and made the usual progress. The Junior Class have mastered the elements of the Hebrew Language, and have read the usual amount of prose, and some *thirty-five* Psalms. In Greek, they will in a few recitations have finished the Harmony of the Gospels. They have also read and been examined in Jewish Antiquities, the Introduction to the Old Testament, Biblical interpretation, and Jewish History, and have read about forty evangelical essays.

The Middle class have studied in Hebrew the Prophecies of Christ, as far as through Isaiah; and in Greek, they have read with great care, and are now, the *second* time, reviewing the Epistles to the Romans and the Hebrews. The Senior Class have read in Greek the first Epistle to the Corinthians, and part of the second.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND CHURCH POLITY IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The usual studies in this department have been attended to, according to the prescribed routine. The senior class has gone through

the History of the Church of England, studied Hooker on Ecclesiastical Polity, and is now ready for review. The members of this class have also attended to the composition and delivery of Sermons, in a weekly meeting of the students for this purpose.

In the middle class, the General History of the Church has been studied, as usual, and the course now nearly completed, except the review.

JAMES MAY.

Theological Seminary, May 15, 1848.

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 third annual report.

Since the last Convention, the 4th session of the School, (commencing 1st of May, 1847,) has closed, and the 5th commenced. At one period of the 4th session, the number of students reached 36, but by removals, &c, was reduced to 31, with which number it closed on the 30th of September, 1847.

The 5th session commenced on the 1st of November, 1847. The number of students at one time reached 55, at present it is 54. In order to enable the authorities of the School, to return to the former regulation, in regard to vacation and length of session, the present session will continue 9 months, and expire on the 31st of July. The sessions of the School, in future, will be 10 months.

The School continues to be managed, as last reported, and it is believed with the same satisfactory results to the Church and its patrons. A pamphlet, setting forth the principles and detail of the School, in its various departments, is herewith annexed.

The Rector devotes several hours, daily, to giving instructions in various branches. In the department of instruction, he has the aid of five efficient assistants, three of whom are looking forward to the Ministry of the Church.

The moral and religious condition of the School is highly gratifying. Three of the students have been recently confirmed, and the hope is, that, at the next visit of the Bishops, there will be several candidates for the same rite.

The attention of the Board is again called to the condition of some portions of the buildings, which are suffering serious injury from want of paint. A small appropriation for repairs now will prevent the hea-

vy expenditures which may become necessary in a few years, and tend most materially, not only to the neatness, but also the preservation of the property.

E. A. DALRYMPLE,

Howard, May 16, 1848,

Dr. Wm. G. SMITH, Lay-Delegate from Hungar's Parish, Northampton, appeared and took his seat.

The Chairman of the Committee on Division of Parishes, presented the following report, which was, for the present, laid upon the table :

The Committee on the "Division of Parishes," having had the several petitions, presented to this Convention, under consideration, make the following report:

1st. Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners from Trinity Church, Martinsburg, is reasonable and ought to be granted.

2nd, They further report, that the papers in the case of St. George's Church, Accomac, are too defective to enable your Committee to report favorably.

3rd, Upon the application for a division of Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk county, your Committee beg leave to remark, that they have found the subject to be one of some difficulty, but, after a patient and aborious investigation, have unanimously come to the conclusion, that the quiet of the people, and the interests of the Church, would not be promoted by the rejection of the petition—believing, as they do, that there is material enough in the town of Portsmouth for another congregation.

They, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Ch'n.

The Rev. Mr. ANDREWS, from the select Committee, presented the following Report and Resolutions, which were adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTHERN CHURCHMAN.

The importance of weekly religious papers in the present condition of the Church, and the necessity of directing and regulating their influence is very generally acknowledged. The most important consideration in relation to them is that they should be under proper control, and in particular that the publication most widely cir-

cular that the publication most widely circulated in this Diocese should harmonize with its principles and co-operate in the plans of usefulness here deemed most expedient.

It is not necessary to dwell upon considerations so obvious. With respect to the particular object upon which the Committee have been directed to report, the question is very simple. The Church in this Diocese evidently desires a religious paper to co-operate with other agencies for the promotion of religion to promote an intelligent adherence to that form of Christianity which we believe most consonant with the Scriptures and a devout employment of those spiritual forms of worship which we rejoice to have inherited from the wisdom and piety of former generations. The Southern Churchman will continue to be circulated. The only question is, whether its patronage shall enable it to sustain a character worthy of its position, or whether it must be kept down by a restricted circulation and insufficient support.

Should the hopes of increased patronage to the Southern Churchman be promptly realized, it is believed that the terms of subscription may be reduced to \$2.50 per annum, probably by the commencement of the coming year. This object is very desirable, and presents an additional motive for immediate and zealous effort.

The statement of the Bishop of the Diocese, in his address, renders it unnecessary to say any thing of the qualifications of the present editor. Nor is it necessary to enter into details on any other point.—What is most needed is an expression of the confidence of the Convention in the paper, under its present auspices, and a recommendation of it to all under its influence. The committee recommend the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Southern Churchman be and it is hereby recommended to the confidence and patronage of the Diocese.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese to use every effort to increase the circulation of the Southern Churchman.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, to which was referred the report of the Trustees of the same, made the following report :

BISHOP'S FUND REPORT.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report, that, since the last Con-

vention, they have, with the cash then on hand and dividends since received on Bank stocks, purchased one share of stock of the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, at fifty dollars; five shares of stock of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at ninety-seven dollars per share; and three shares of stock of the same Bank, at ninety-nine dollars per share; leaving now on deposit, in the Branch of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia at Alexandria, two hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifty cents, to the credit of the trust fund, which includes a contribution of two dollars, received from Mr. George P. Tayloe, of Roanoke county, Virginia, by Rev. George A. Smith.

CREDITS.

Cash on Deposite in Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, as reported last Convention,	\$508 25
Cash on Deposite in Bank of the Valley, as reported last Convention,	75 00
July dividend Farmers' Bank of Alexandria,	146 25
July and January dividends Bank of the Valley,	67 50
January dividend Exchange Bank of Virginia,	206 50
do do Farmers' Bank of Virginia,	49 00
Undrawn dividends late Bank of Potomac, (1834 and 1837.)	4 00
Contribution received from Mr. Geo. P. Tayloe, of Roanoke county, by Rev. George A. Smith,	2 00
	<u>\$1,058 50</u>

CHARGES.

1 share of Farmers' Bank of Alexandria stock,	50 00
5 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$97 per share,	485 00
3 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$99 per share,	297 00
Cash on deposit in Branch of Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at Alexandria,	226 50
	<u>\$1,058 50</u>

The Bishop's Fund now consists of

59 shares of stock Exchange Bank of Virginia, par value,	\$5,900 00
17 do do Farmers' Bank of Virginia, do	1,700 00
9 do do Bank of the Valley, Virginia, do	900 00
Cash on deposit in Branch of Farmers' Bank of Virginia, Alexandria,	226 50
	<u>\$8,726 50</u>

At the Convention in May 1847, the amount of this fund was \$8,233 25, now \$8,726 50, increase \$493 25.

WASHINGTON C. PAGE,
LOUIS A. CAZENOVE,

Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, MAY 15TH, 1848.

The Convention proceeded to execute the order for the Election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and the following gentlemen were duly elected:

Rev. E. R. LIPPITT,	ORLANDO FAIRFAX, M. D.
" C. B. DANA,	C. F. LEE,
" WILLIAM SPARROW, D. D.	JOHN HOOFF.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School. The following gentlemen were elected:

Rev. JOHN GRAMMER,	RICHARD H. CUNNINGHAM,
" JOHN P. MCGUIRE,	C. F. LEE,
" CHARLES B. DANA,	S. H. LEWIS,
" ALEXANDER JONES, D. D.	EDW. S. PEGRAM,
" GEORGE ADIE,	THOMAS H. CLAGGETT, M. D.
" GEORGE WOODBRIDGE,	WILLIAM POLLOCK.

The Convention proceeded, in Committee of the Whole, to execute the order for the consideration of the Revised Canons—and, at 3 P. M., took a recess until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4.

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

The Convention met after recess.

The subject of the amended Canons was resumed. The amendments being agreed to, the Canons so amended were referred to a Select Committee, to report upon the same to the next Convention.

The Committee appointed consisted of Rev. Messrs. STRINGFELLOW and NORWOOD, TAZEWELL TAYLOR, Esq., and Dr. F. H. DEANE.

The report of the Committee on the Division of Parishes was then taken up.

So much of the Report as relates to the petition from Trinity Church, Martinsburg, was accepted by the Convention, and the prayer of the petitioners granted.

The adverse Report of the Committee, on the petition from St. George's Church, Accomac, was reversed and the prayer of the petitioners granted.

So much of the Report as relates to the petition for a new Church in Portsmouth was made the special order for 8 P. M.

On motion, and after some debate,

Resolved, That the Convention, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet in St. Mathew's Church, Wheeling.

The Rev. Dr. McGUIRE, from the Committee on the state of the Church, presented the following Report :

The Committee on the state of the Church are enabled, once more, in the good providence of God, to adopt the language of gratulation and praise, in presenting to the Convention their annual Report.—Our strain may not meet the measure of those fervent desires and expectations entertained by some, but there is reason for unfeigned satisfaction, that, in such a world, there is so much of favorable progress attending the holy cause, to which our common toils and prayers are given.

In the light reflected on us by the Episcopal Addresses and Parochial Reports, we are assured of the continued growth of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia, in all the substantial elements of a sound and prosperous condition. In the steady and uninterrupted increase of her ministry, she has enlarged the place of her tent, stretched forth the curtains of her habitations, lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes; many who were as a sheep without a shepherd having been gathered into the fold, and "in her doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread and in prayers," privileged to "go in and out and find pasture." The number added to the Church through the past year, (near 500,) exceeded that of the preceding year, but the actual increase has been reduced in a corresponding proportion by deaths and removals. The number of Church edifices and parsonages erected falls short, perhaps, of the increase in former years, though there are cheering manifestations of a disposition in those "who are taught in the word, to communicate unto those who teach in all good things." In this growing sense of justice and obligation, a better day may be anticipated, one at least of more settled and permanent and cordial connection between pastor and people.

Whilst a season of unusual insensibility, among those "who are without," has marked the periods of our recent history, there are en-

couraging and redeeming indications of a living, energetic and productive piety in the great mass of our professing people. In no other body of such as call themselves Christians is there found a more exemplary discharge of the sacred duties, proprieties and decencies of social and religious obligation. They are distinguished especially by the regular and punctual observance of public and private devotion—reverence for the Sanctuary and Domestic Altar being extensively characteristic of our growing communion.

We are still permitted to greet our friends with renewed congratulations because of the unabated harmony of the Church in this Diocese,—our Zion remaining as a city that is at unity with itself.—There are no discordant notes heard among us on the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel, and but little diversity touching its externals. It is our prayer to God, that we may long be counted worthy to share so precious an inheritance as that of "truth and peace."

With much that is thus gratifying and encouraging, we are not without some grounds of anxiety in looking over the diversified field of our spiritual habitation. On our horizon there are some specks of evil omen which claim of your committee at least a word of faithful admonition, that "forewarned we may be forearmed." The brilliant achievements of science, by which our favored day is signalized, have brought us into such intimate proximity and commerce with the degenerate population of the old world, that we are in unwonted danger in regard to manners and morals from the unvarying influence of "evil communications." Already are the sad effects painfully visible to some. They see the manifest fruits of this nearer intercourse in the blunted sensibilities of many—in a growing thirst for the indulgencies of a prurient fancy—the sensitive reserve of former days being thrown off in an eagerness for scenes, exhibitions and amusements, the thoughts of which would once have been repelled as utterly incompatible with the dictates at least of female delicacy and propriety. As nothing could be more fatal to the social and domestic virtue of our land, not to say its piety, than such ruthless inroads of foreign fashions, manners and principles, we do earnestly deprecate so great a curse, and trust that the public virtue may lift up a standard which may turn back the tide and save our beloved country from the foul ravages with which we are threatened.

Especially is it hoped that these bitter waters may never invade our holy places, to pollute and mar the purity and peace of our Zion.

But it must be remembered that the price of exemption is the sleepless vigilance of the ministry, whose solemn duty it is to watch and guard the purity of the Church by the faithful use of prevention or remedy as the case may be.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. C. McGUIRE,
Chairman &c.

The Convention then took a recess until 8 o'clock, P. M.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Convention then proceeded to execute the special order—the consideration of so much of the Report of the Committee on the division of Parishes as relates to the petition for a new Congregation in Trinity Parish, Portsmouth.

The petition and counter-petition were then read, and, on motion, JAMES MURDAUGH, Esq., appointed by the petitioners to appear before the Convention, was introduced into the house.

HOLT WILSON, Esq., then addressed the Convention and was answered by Mr. MURDAUGH, and, after a lengthened debate, the following resolution was adopted by a nearly unanimous vote.

Resolved, Without expressing any opinion in the slightest degree reflecting upon the character of the Rev. Mr. Wingfield, that the prayer of the petitioners, be granted, and that they have leave to form a new congregation in Trinity Parish, Portsmouth.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Norfolk 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 fifteen 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 St. Mathew's Church, Wheeling, on the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1849.

WILLIAM MEADE,
President of the Convention.

WM. M. BLACKFORD, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Antrim Parish, Halifax—JOHN GRAMMER, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, white; died 1, colored; total 17 colored, and 59 white—76; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants, white 4, total 5; confirmations 3; marriages, white 3, colored 3, total 6; funerals, white 3, colored 2, total 5; number of families, 32; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$319 77½; also for the Virginia Bible Society \$51 50; and for the American Colonization Society, \$32,—making in all \$403 27½.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester—CHARLES MANN, Rector.—Communicants: added 5, removed 4, total 47; baptisms: infants 16, viz. white 11, colored 5, total 16; marriages 5; number of families 38, adults 125, infants 64. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$267 00.

Bruton Parish, James City and York counties—WILLIAM HODGES, Rector.—Communicants: added 6, removed 6, total 66 whites, and 2 colored—68; baptisms: infants, white 9, colored 2, total 11; marriages, 2 whites, 3 colored, total 5; funerals, 2; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$242 75.

Beaver Dam Church, Goochland—WELLINGTON E. WEBB, Rector and Missionary.—Communicants: added 12, white; removed 3,

white; died 3, white; total 25, white; baptisms: adults 3, white, infants 17, white; total 20; confirmations 4; marriages 7, 4 white, and 3 colored; funerals 33, 21 white and 17 colored; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$15. For repair of Beaver Dam Church, \$214 50.

Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties—GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.—Communicants: added 8, two from other Parishes, removed 1, died 1, total 41; baptisms: adults 4, viz. white 4, infants 5, viz. white 5, total 9; confirmations 2; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$106 00.

Bloomfield Parish, Madison—J. EARNEST, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, from another cure, died 1, total 20, of whom 3 are colored; marriages 1; funerals 1; contributions, viz. Foreign Missions, \$3 33, contingent fund \$11, total \$17 38.

Cople Parish, Westmoreland—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: added from other Parishes 3, removed 2, total 17; marriages, 3 white, 1 colored, total 4; funeral 1; number of families 15, adults 32, infants 33; collection for contingent fund, \$11 50.

Christ Church, Smithfield, New Port Parish, Isle of Wight—JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, removed 2, died 1, total, 36 white, 4 colored; baptisms: infants, white 3, colored 3, total 6; marriages 2; funerals 3; number of families 21, adults 51, infants 23; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$8 44; Convention Fund \$36.

The above report contains the state of the Church, and services performed from the first of January, 1848; at which time, I entered upon my Parochial duties.

Christ Church, Norborne Parish, Berkeley—RICHARD T. BROWN, Rector and Missionary at Middleway and Leetown, Jefferson.—Communicants: added 1, removed 1, suspended 1, total 35; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants, white 9, colored 8, total 18; marriages 5; funerals 14; number of families 22; amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$5, Theological Seminary, \$38 33.

The new Church at Leetown is under contract, and will be ready for consecration in October.

Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Mathews—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, total 8; baptisms: adults, 1 white, infants, white 1, colored 2, total 4; confirmations 2; marriages 1; funerals 1; contributed to contingent fund, \$8.

Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria and Fairfax counties—CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.—Communicants: added 10, four from other cures, removed 14, died 3, total 125, of whom 10 are colored persons; baptisms: adults, white 2, infants, white 16, colored 12, total 30; confirmations 10; marriages 7; funerals 9; number of fami-

lies 80; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$840.

Christ Church, Spottsylvania—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants: removed 2, white 14, colored 2, total 16; baptisms: infants 2; marriages 1; funerals 4; number of families 7, adults 25, infants 8.

Christ Church, Middlesex—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, died 1, total 10; baptisms: infants, white 5, colored 9, total 14; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$81 10.

Christ Church, Charlottesville—RICHARD K. MEADE, Rector.—Communicants: added 5, removed 2, died 4, total 66; baptisms: infants, white 6; marriages 1; funerals 6; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$480.

Centurion Church, Elizabeth City—MARK L. CHEVERS, Rector and Chaplain, Fort Monroe.—Communicants: added 5, removed 5, total 16; baptisms: adults 2, infants 8, total 10; confirmations, 1; marriages 1; funerals 8; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$113.

The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition, numbering 7 teachers and 40 scholars.

Camden Parish, Pittsylvania—GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.—Communicants: added 7, removed 6, died 1, total 50; baptisms: infants white 2; confirmations 7; marriages 3; funerals 3; number of families 41, adults 92, infants 70; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$18.

Cornwall Parish, Charlotte—JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.—Baptisms: adults 1, infants 6. I have preached as often as practicable in this deserted Parish, and wish to draw the attention of the Church to it.

There are within it several zealous Episcopalians, and the materials are here to build up a good and interesting charge, if there was any laborer sent.

Christ Church, Winchester—CORNELIUS WALKER, Rector.—Communicants: added 8, removed 5, died 1, total 90; baptisms: infants 3, white; marriages 1; funerals 3; number of families 56.

Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke—JOHN F. HOFF, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, total 58; baptisms: adults 1, white, infants 2, white; marriages 3; funerals 2; Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church \$497 03.

The above report embraces only the acts of the present Rector, who commenced his duties in December last.

Christ Church, Norfolk—GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Rector.—Communicants: added 45, removed 2, died 7, total 357; baptisms: adults 5, white, infants 48, viz: white 47, colored 1, total 53; confir-

mations 39; marriages 9; funerals 27; number of families 165; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$3,529 04.

Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Lunenburg—THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 1, (by entering the Ministry,) died 2, total 46, including 2 colored; baptisms: infants, white 4; confirmations 1; marriages 2; funerals 5; number of families 25, adults 66, infants 64; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$50.

Cople Parish, Westmoreland—WM. MCGUIRE, Rector.—In consequence of the communion not having been administered in this Parish, I have no report to make of any addition of communicants.—The number of communicants is 3; baptisms: white 2, colored 16; families 10, number of persons 41; amount collected for Church purposes \$5 50.

This Parish was placed in my charge in October last, and since that time I have officiated regularly twice a month in the Courthouse of the County, to large and attentive congregations. This is entirely new ground, there having never before been regular Episcopal services in that part of this Parish, but a great deal of zeal has been displayed, in an attempt to procure a Church, and the greatest part of a subscription for this purpose has been raised here also, and I doubt not that the Church edifice will be commenced at the Courthouse in the course of this year. I preach regularly once a month to the servants at this place, and also once a month, at Pope's Creek Baptist Church, to the poor population of the neighborhood, in both cases to very attentive congregations.

Dale Parish, Chesterfield—A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.—Communicants: added 10, total 16; baptisms: adults 2, white, infants 7, white, total 9; confirmations 10; funerals 2; number of families 15, adults 28, infants 33; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$50.

Emanuel Church, Powhatan—ANDREW FISHER, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, removed 2, total 12; baptisms: infants, white 1; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$33 00.

Falls Church, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax—W. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, total 8; baptisms: infants 6; confirmations 2; funerals 1.

Farnham Parish, Richmond county—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: removed 6; total 14; marriages 4; number of families 10, adults 23, infants 22; collected for contingent fund, \$8 12.

Grace Church, Petersburg—CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 27, removed 9, died 2, suspended 2, withdrawn 1, total 83, 1 colored; baptisms: adults 10, viz: white 9, colored 1,

infants, white 44, colored 5, total 59; confirmations 24, one colored person; marriages 22; funerals 48; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$193.

Grace and St. James' Churches, Littleton Parish, Cumberland—OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, 2 from another parish, total 43; baptisms: infants, white 10; confirmations 2; marriages 1; funerals 3; number of families 18, adults 52, infants 33; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$140.

Henrico Parish, St. John's Church, Richmond—J. H. MORRISON, Rector.—Communicants: added 11, removed 4, total 64, including 1 colored; baptisms: adults, 1 white, infants, white 21, colored 1, total 22; confirmations 7; marriages 10; funerals 12; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$83 90; viz: for Domestic Missions \$50 60, Foreign Missions \$33 30—In addition to this, contributions have been made to Diocesan Missions through the hands of agents appointed in the congregation, the amount of which is not known. The communion alms have amounted to \$55 65, and about \$150 have been contributed towards repairing the Rectory, and other objects connected with the welfare of the Parish.

Hungar's Parish, Northampton—J. UFFORD, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, died 2, suspended 1, total 51; baptisms: infants, white 6, colored 5, total 11; confirmations 2; marriages 5; funerals 8; number of families 45; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, about \$350.

Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne.—This Parish has been without a minister for the last twelve months. Our last pastor, the Rev. Henry C. Lay, left the Parish in the month of May, 1847. Since, there has been divine service in the Churches only on three occasions, one death and two confirmations, white, total number of communicants 29.

WM. P. MORGAN, M. D.,
Church Warden.

Leeds Church, Fauquier—WILLIAM HENRY PENDLETON, Rector.—Communicants: added 5, total 35; baptisms: adult 1, infants, white 2; confirmations 5; marriages 1; funerals 2; number of families 15, adults 51, infants 37; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$451.

Latimer Parish, Rockbridge—ROBERT NELSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 8, removed 1, total 28; baptisms: infants, white 2, colored 3, total 5; confirmations 3, marriages 3; funerals 2; number of families 13, adults 48, infants 35; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$40.

Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: total 19; marriages 2, colored; funerals 2; number of

families 13, adults 28, infants 29; collected for contingent fund. \$15 50.

Monumental Church, Henrico Parish—GEO. WOODBRIDGE, Rector.—Communicants: added 20, removed 10, died 5, total 149; baptisms: 2 adults, (one colored,) 13 infants, total 20; funerals 14; marriages 5; confirmations 5; number of families about 80, collections for the Education Society, (Bishop Moore scholarship,) \$58 19, for Bible Society of Virginia, \$40, for Domestic Missions, \$75, for Foreign Missions, \$51 96, for Convention Fund, \$147, for Diocesan Missions, \$141, for Theological Seminary, \$55, for benevolent purposes connected with the Church, \$200; there has been contributed for the repair of the Church edifice, \$1000.

Meherrin Parish, Greensville—D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.—Communicants: added 3 white, (from other Parishes,) 6 colored; removed 2 whites, 13 colored, suspended 1, total—17 white and 6 colored—23; baptisms: adults, colored 4, infants, white 6, colored 1, total 11; marriages 4; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$116 30, for affairs in the Parish \$150, total \$266 30.

Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon counties—WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 4, total 36; baptisms: white 5; confirmation 1; marriage 1; funerals 6; number of families 32, adults 79, infants 61; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$185.

Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George—HENRY M. DENISON, Rector.—Communicants: added 9, removed 2, total 34; baptisms, infants, white 5, colored 38, total 43; confirmations 3; marriages 2; funerals 1; number of families 27, adults 60, infants 62; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$240.

Nelson Parish, Nelson—FREDERICK D. GOODWIN, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, removed 1, died 1, total 24; baptisms: infants, white 1; marriages 2; funerals 2; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$177 34.

Norborne Parish, Berkeley—JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 11, died 1, total 90; baptisms: infants, white 18, colored 7, total 25; marriages 6; funerals 10; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$230, viz: Foreign missions \$65, Theological Seminary of Virginia \$165.

Roanoke Parish, Halifax—JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.—Communicants: died 1, total 18; baptisms: adults 20, colored; marriages 3; funerals 4; number of families 13; amount collected for the different institutions, connected with the Church, \$230.

Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Grub Hill and Grace Churches, in Amelia and Powhatan—P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, removed 2, total 36; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants,

Rector.—Communicants: added 10, died 1, total 58; confirmations 6; baptisms, adults 4, infants 12, total 16; funerals 1.

St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier—GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.—Communicants, removed 2, total 10; baptisms, infant 1; marriage 1; number families 12; amount collected for different institutions, contingent fund \$10, Theological Seminary \$25, total \$35.

The present incumbent took charge of this Church, in September last, his report is therefore only for the intermediate time.

St. Peter's Church, New Kent—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: removed 2, total 13; baptisms, infants, white 1; marriage 1, funeral 1; number of families 19; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$47 50.

St. Martin's Parish, Hanover—WM. V. BOWERS, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 2, total 62; baptisms—adults 1, infants, white 2, colored 1, total 4; confirmations 3; marriages 3; funeral 1; number of families 33; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, Education Society \$42 25; Missionary Society \$42 70, Diocesan Missionary Society \$23, Theological Seminary \$45, contingent fund \$62; Sunday Schools 2.

St. Paul's Church, Hanover—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, total 11; confirmation 1; number of families 11; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$29.

St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth—F. B. NASH, Rector.—Families 14; attendants on public worship 100; communicants, white, added 5, 3 by removal, total 29; baptisms, adults 2, infants 9; confirmations 2; marriage 1.

St. John's Church, Teayas' Valley—F. B. NASH, Rector.—Families 6; attendants at public worship 61; communicants, white, added 2, total 9; baptisms, adult 1, infants 2; confirmations 3; marriages 2.

St. Paul's Church, King George—LEWIS WALKER, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, from other cures, removed 1, died 2, total 24 baptisms: infants, white 5, colored 1, total 6; marriage 1; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, 131 dols.

Sapony Church, Bath Parish, Dinwiddie—JOHN M. BANNISTER, Rector.—Communicants: added 4, removed 1, died 2, total 32; baptisms—infants, white 4; confirmations 2; marriage 1; funerals 5; number of families 15, adults 47, infants 29; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, 29 dols.

St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania—D. M. WHARREN, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, from Christ Church, removed 1, total 17; marriage 1; funerals 3; number of families 10, adults 39, infants 16; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, 22 dols.

St. Paul's Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria—J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 10, removed 9, died 2, total 151; baptisms: infants 26, white; marriages 4; funerals 6; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$1,259 81; Sunday School, superintendent 1, teachers 22, scholars 184.

St. Paul's Church, Richmond City—WM. NORWOOD, Rector.—Communicants: added 19, removed 17, died 4, suspended 2, total 239; baptisms: adults, white 2, colored 1, infants, white 20, total 23; confirmations 17; marriages 7; funerals 17; number of families 134; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$2,564 40.

St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon, Holston Parish, Washington cty.—JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, died 1, total 10 white, and 3 colored—13; baptisms: infants, white 2; marriages 2; funerals 2; number of families 7, adults 17, infants 19; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$68 22.

St. Paul's & St. James' Churches, Leeds and Dettengen Parishes, Prince William—JOHN TOWLES, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 5, total 52; baptisms: infants 5, white; marriages 2; funerals 2; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$140 33, viz: contingent fund \$52, Theological Seminary, \$88 33.

St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst—NELSON SALE, Rector.—Communicants:—added 1, total 41; baptisms, adults 1, infants 5, total 6; funerals 3.

St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick—Communicants: white 34, colored 22, total 56; contributions to the contingent fund \$34. This Parish is at present without a Rector. JOHN R. JONES, Lay Delegate.

St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell—S. D. TOMPKINS, Rector.—Communicants: removed 1, died 1, total 19, one of whom is colored; baptisms: 1 infant, white; confirmations 4; funerals 1; 8 families, 25 infants.

St. George's Church, Accomac—AMBLER WEED, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, total 8; baptisms: infants, white 1, colored 3, total 4; confirmations 1; funerals 1; convention fund \$8.

St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling—WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Rector.—Marriages 11; baptisms: infants 16, adults 3; communicants 125; funerals 4.

St. Thomas' Church, Orange—J. EARNEST, Rector.—Communicants: added 6, (3 from other Parishes,) removed 5, total 68; baptisms: adults 2, infants, white 7, colored 5, total 14; marriages 1; funerals 5; contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, \$162 30.

St. John's Church, Hampton, Elizabeth City—WILLIAM H. GOOD,

Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 2, died 2, total 42; baptisms: infants, white 2; marriages 3; funerals 3; number of families 45; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$11 to Domestic Missions, Bishop's Fund \$41.

St. James' Church, Warrenton, Fauquier—GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, removed 3, died 2, total 42; baptisms: adults, white 7, infants, white 16, colored 7, total 24; marriages 1; funerals 9; number of families 30; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, contingent fund 42 dols. Theological Seminary, \$162 50, other purposes 46, total \$250 50.

St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Rector.—Communicants: added 24, 6 from other Parishes, removed 38, died 7, total 210; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants, white 10, total 11; confirmations 14; funerals 10; number of families 100; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$2,115.

St. John's Church, City Point, Prince George—N. H. OKESON, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 1, total 5; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants, white 11, colored 22, total 37; confirmations 3; marriages 1; funerals 3.

St. Luke's Church, Clarksville Parish, Mecklenburg—JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, of N. C., Rector.—Baptisms: infants, white 2, black 22, total 24; burials, white 1; communicants, white 12, colored 2, total 14; moneys collected for the episcopate \$12.

St. George's Church, Fredericksburg—E. C. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 2, died 2, total 150; baptisms: adults, white 1, infants, white 17, total 18; marriages 3; funerals 12; number of families 90; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$800.

St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth River Parish, Norfolk—DAVID CALDWELL, Rector.—Baptisms 12, 3 adults, 10 children; marriages 3; funerals 19, 9 adults, 10 children; communicants added by confirmation 44, added from other cures 6, removed 9, deceased 4, suspended 1, total 162; contributions to religious and benevolent objects, \$800. We have a large Sabbath School, under the direction of a most laborious, competent and efficient superintendent, and also a most interesting Bible class, conducted by the Rector. We have also had the whole interior of our venerable old Church, so remodeled since our last Convention, as greatly to beautify it, and to add some two hundred to the number of its sittings. God has so blessed us during the last Conventional year, that we feel encouraged to press on with renewed hope and zeal.

St. James' Church, St. George's Parish, Accomac—WM. G. H. JONES, Rector.—Communicants 22; baptisms 1; marriages 2; confirmations 3.

This report does not include St. George's Church, which is under the care of Rev. Mr. Weed. Nor is there any report made of Accomac

Parish, under the care of the Rector of St. George's Parish, as he has not yet been able to ascertain its true condition.

St. Margaret's Church, Caroline—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants: died 3, total 36; baptisms, infants, white 2; funerals 4; number of families about 12, adults 46, infants 22.

Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt—JAMES McELROY, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 2, died 1, total 21 white, colored 1; baptisms: adults, 1 white, infants, 7 white, total 8; marriages 3; funerals 1; number of families 13, adults 26, infants 29; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$30 85 for foreign Missions, \$24 50 Bible Society of Virginia, \$7 Education Society, \$7 71 Domestic Missions, total \$71 06; Sunday School Scholars 30, Teachers 7; colored Sunday School Scholars 66, Teachers 10.

The prospects of this Parish and Mission are decidedly encouraging. The congregation is gradually and steadily increasing. The Sunday Schools are well conducted. The colored Sunday School is rapidly winning its way to public favor. The scholars, (and some of them 70 years old,) not only make surprising progress in committing the Liturgy and Jones' catechism, but their moral improvement is so marked as to win a kind feeling for the School from those who doubted its propriety. I continued, as long as the weather would permit, to preach on the way side, at Purgatory Mountain. The semi-monthly service for the colored people, at the Parish Church, has been constantly observed. Some few have professed religion and joined the Church of their parents and relatives.

Trinity Church, Staunton, Augusta—THOMAS T. CASTLEMAN, Rector. Communicants: added 16, removed 3, died 1, total 105; baptisms: infants, white 7; confirmations 6; marriages 3; funerals 6; number of families 40, adults 250, infants 140; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$491 40.

Trinity Parish, Wood—E. T. PERKINS, Rector. Communicants: added 9, removed by death 2, otherwise 8, total 32; baptisms: adults, white 2, infants, white 19, total 21; confirmations 9; marriages 5; funerals 2; number of families 32, adults 63, infants 57; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$30 00.

I have also visited Clarksburg, and found there 6 communicants, all white, baptized 2 infants, white, and collected \$2, the contribution to the contingent fund.

In visiting Weston, found 6 communicants, white; and received \$2 from Mrs. Taverner for the contingent fund, one of which pays the back due of last year.

Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Jefferson—C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 1, died 1, total 61; baptisms, adults, white 1, infants, white 1, total 2; funerals 5; number of families 38; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$300.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk—J. H. WINGFIELD, Rector.—Communicants: added 5, removed 6, died 5, total 60; baptisms, infants, white 4; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 7; number of families 52, adults 140, infants 105; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$160.

Trinity Church, Russel Parish, Bedford—NELSON SALE, Rector.—White Communicants 27; baptisms, 1 white infant; removed 7.

Wythe Parish, Wythe—JAMES D. McCABE, Missionary.—Communicants: total 3; baptisms, 1 white infant; funerals 1; number of families 5, adults 10, infants 9.

Westover Parish, Charles City—W. T. LEAVELL, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, removed 1, died 1, total 30; baptisms: infants, white 3; marriages 2, funerals 7 whites and 2 colored, total 9; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$245.

Walker's and St. Ann's Parishes, Albemarle—E. BOYDEN, Rector.—Communicants: removed 6, died 1, total 44; baptisms, infants, white 5; number of families 22; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$327.

Grace and Wickliffe Churches, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke—RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.—baptisms, viz: white, infants 12, adults 2, total 14; marriages 12; funerals 10; communicants, added 10, died 2, removed 2, total white 83, colored 4—87; contributions to the different benevolent institutions connected with the Church, \$650.

Washington Parish, Westmoreland—WM. McGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants 8; baptisms: white 2; funerals 1; families 15; amount collected for institutions of the Church, \$6 13.

This Parish was committed to my charge in October last, and since that time, I have officiated in the Methodist Church at Oak Grove, about once a month, for the greater part of the time, there being no Episcopal Church edifice in the Parish. The congregations have been gradually increasing, and are attentive to the services and preached word. A very commendable liberality has been displayed in endeavoring to build a Church at Oak Grove. So that the greatest part of a subscription for that object has been raised, and it is believed that by the next Convention, we shall be able to report the completion of another House of God. The prospect of usefulness in this Parish, is very encouraging. I preach to the colored people twice a month in the afternoon, and doubt not that the word of the Lord will, in time, bring forth its proper fruit among them.

York, Hampton Parish, York—CHS. MINNIGERODE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, removed 1, total 9; baptisms: infants, white 3; funerals 2.

No money has been collected, except for the rebuilding of the Church. A sufficiency of funds being anticipated, a contract has been made, according to which the Church is to be built on its former site

and partly on the old walls, and to be completed within a short time. It is hoped, that this, with the blessing of God, will give stability to the congregation and tend to secure, through the activity of a Missionary, who can devote more time to this work than the present Rector, an influence not merely in the town but also the surrounding country. The Sunday School continues in a very flourishing condition.

Zion Church, Jefferson—ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.—Communicants: added 3, removed 10, died 4, total 80 white, and 4 colored; baptisms: infants, white 11, colored 6, total 17; marriages 4; funerals 10; number of families 80; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$250, for the Seminary \$720, which, after the pressure of building a new Church is relieved, will be increased, it is hoped, to at least one thousand.

Zion Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax—WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, total 20; baptisms: infants white 2; marriages 2; funerals 5.

Elk Union and Buffalo Springs, Amherst—EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Rector.—I have officiated regularly in the above congregations, since the resignation of my charge in Cornwall Parish, Charlotte county.

These congregations, though not large, are serious and attentive and embrace valuable and interesting materials for building up the Church, and if the Minister is not greatly mistaken in his impressions, there is a strong and growing feeling among his hearers in favor of the principles and services of the Church. It is contemplated to erect a Church edifice in each of these neighborhoods as soon as sufficient means can be obtained for that purpose.

I have occasionally performed Divine service at other places when an interest in favor of our worship has manifested itself. Baptisms 5, all infants; marriages 2; funerals 1.

Report of WM. DUVAL, Missionary, Richmond City.—During the past year, the subscriber has been unavoidably absent for more than 5 months, but during this time, services were continued at the Armoiy, by Bishop Johns and other clergy, with considerable regularity. A vestry has been formed under favorable circumstances, which applies for admission to the present Convention.

At the Alms House, the communion has been administered once to 8 persons, all of whom give good evidence of piety. The Free School connected with this mission is in a very flourishing condition, having an average attendance of 70 pupils. Marriages 13; funerals 23. Besides the above services the subscriber has supplied St. Luke's Chapel, during the past summer and fall. On the whole, he feels greatly encouraged.

I am sorry, that I have nothing of interest or importance to report to this Convention. My field of labor is still in the county of Louisa. The congregations continue large and attentive. But during the past year, I have visited them but seldom. Sickness has confined me at

home more than two-thirds of the time—and, for the last six months, to my bed and chamber. I have attended 3 funerals and baptised 1 infant.

JNO. COOKE.

Report of the Principal of the Virginia Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, at Staunton.—I have been engaged the past year, as usual, in duty appropriate to the office which I hold, in endeavoring to elevate the intellectual, moral and religious condition of the deaf and dumb, not, I trust, without some measure of success. With this duty, and with occasional aid rendered to our parochial minister, my time has been fully occupied, during the week in school instruction; on Sunday, in conducting the worship of God for my pupils. Besides regular catechetical instructions, I officiate, from Sabbath to Sabbath, in prayer, in praise and in preaching as is customary in other congregations on the Sabbath day. All these ministrations are conducted in their own native language of signs, that all, even the new comers, may understand. It will not do to preach to the deaf and dumb, any more than to others, in an "*unknown tongue*," and such, for two or three years, is the English language to my pupils. Not a day is suffered to pass without careful explanation, in that language of signs, of a portion of God's holy word and comment upon it. This daily feeding upon the "sincere milk of the word," important to all, is inestimably important to the deaf and dumb, who come to me for a brief sojourn, wholly ignorant, and necessarily ignorant, of all that is comprised within the covers of the Bible. The congenital deaf mute is not, in a Christian country, so grossly and debasingly ignorant of religious things as many heathen are, but he is far more *darkly* ignorant of them. I beg my clerical brethren to remember this unquestionable fact, when they chance to meet an uneducated mute, and then exert themselves to have him placed in the *Mission School* at Staunton. In ignorance, he cannot be at all benefitted by their sacred ministrations. Educated here, he may be prepared, with heart and understanding, to receive and profit by their ministerial instructions. I was told by one of the most distinguished and eminently pious Presbyterian divines of Virginia, that, after a protracted and minute examination, he had received into the Church one of our former pupils, and that, in all his ministerial course, he had received no one with more entire satisfaction to himself. Such instances are not few in number. Many of our former pupils have united themselves, I trust piously and intelligently, with the respected denominations of Christians to which their friends belong. Our duties are arduous. Our responsibility is immense. But the reward of success is proportionably great. In the name of the Deaf and Dumb, "Thanks be to God, for his unspeakable gift."

JOSEPH D. TYLER.

Staunton, May 12th, 1848.

I officiated in Christ Church, in this City, for five months during the past year, from the first sickness of the late lamented Rector of the congregation, until the arrival of his successor. Since that period, I have, by preaching and otherwise, assisted the different Rectors of

this City and the neighboring town of Portsmouth, nearly every Sabbath. Baptisms: 12, white 11, colored 1; funerals 13; marriages 3.

LEONIDAS L. SMITH.

Norfolk, May 18, 1848.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	Communicants.						Baptisms.					Confirma- tions.			Contributions.		
	Added.		Removed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total.	White.		Color'd.			White.	Colored.	Marrriages.		Funera s.	Families.
	White.	Colored.					Adults.	Infants.	Adults.	Infants.	Total.						
Abingdon and Ware,	5		4			47		11			5	16				38	\$267 00
Antrim,	2					76		1	4		5	5	3			32	403 27 1/2
Beaver Dam Church,	12		3			25		3	17		20	4	4				15 00
Bath,	4		1			32			4		4	4	2			15	29 00
Bruton	6			1		68			9		2	11					242 75
Botetourt	8		1			41		4	5		9	2					106 00
Bloomfield,	1					20											17 38
Berkeley,	2		1			17										10	22 00
Cople, Westmoreland,						3			2		16	18					5 50
Cumberland,	3		1			46			4		4	1				25	50 00
Christ Church, Millwood,	2					58		1	2		3	3					497 00
Christ Church, Norfolk,	45		2			357		5	47		1	53	39			9	3529 04
Christ Church, Winchester,	8		5			90			3		3	3				3	56
Cornwall,								1	6								
Centurion Church,	5		5			16		2	8		10	1				8	113 00
Camden,	7		6			50			2		2	7				3	18 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville,	5		2			66			6		6					6	480 00
Christ Church, Middlesex,	1					10			5		9	14					81 00
Christ Church, Spottsylvania,	4	2	2			16		2	2								
Dale,	10					16			2		9	10				7	50 00
Fairfax Parish, Christ Church,	10		14			125		2	16		12	30	10			7	840 00
Falls' Church,	1					8			6		6	2					
St. Paul's Church,	10		9			151			26		26					4	1259 81
Grace Church, Petersburg,	27		9	2		83		10	44		5	59	24			22	193 00
Henrico Parish, St. Paul's Church,	19		17	2		239		4	20		2	23	17			17	2564 00
Monumental Church,	20		10			149		5	18		1	20	5			134	
St. John's,	11		4			64		1	21		1	23	7			10	

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Henrico Parish, St. James',																		
Holston,	1					13												
Hungar's,	3					50					5	11				2		\$68 25
Kingston,	2		1			8					2	4				5		350 00
Leeds and Dettingen,	3					52					9					9		8 00
Lexington,	1		5			41					6					2		140 33
Lynhaven,						29										3		
Leeds Church,	6					35					3	2				1		
Latimer,	8		1			28			2		5	5				1	15	451 00
Lyttleton,	3					43			10		3	3				3	13	40 00
Meherrin,	3					24			6		6	2				1	18	140 00
Meade,	4	6	15	1		36			4		1	11				4	4	116 00
Martin's Brandon,	9					34			5		5	1				1	6	185 00
Moore Parish, St. John's,						19			1		35	43	3			2	1	27
St. Paul's,	10					119			19		4					1	8	240 00
Nelson,	2					24			1							19	10	777 00
Norborne, Christ Church,	1		1			35			9		1					2	2	177 34
Newport,	2		1			36			3		8	18				5	14	25 00
Norborne,	2					90			3		3	6				2	3	8 00
Portsmouth,	3		11			60			19		7	25				6	10	230 00
Russell,	5		6			27			4		4					7	7	160 00
Roanoke,						18			1									
Raleigh and Genito,	1		2			36			5	20						3	4	230 00
St. Margaret's Church, Caroline,						36		1	5		2	8				1	10	200 00
St. George's, Accomac,	1					8			1		3	4				1	4	12
St. Mathew's, Wheeling,						125		3	16									
St. Thomas, Orange,	6		5			68		2	7		5	14				11	4	162 00
St. John's, Hampton,	3		2			42			2		2					3	3	82 00
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St. Andrew's,						56												34 00
St. Paul's, Petersburg,	24		38			210		1	10		10	11				34	10	2115 00
St. John's, City Point,	3		1			5			1		11	11				3	3	
St. George's, Fredericksburg,	3		2			150		1	17		3	21	37			3		
St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg,						14			2		22	24				3	12	90
St. James', Culpeper,	2					27			3							1	1	800 00
St. John's, Brooke,	10					58		4	12							2	1	12 00
St. Stephen's, Fauquier,						10			1							1	1	
St. Peter's, New Kent,	5		2			13			1							1	1	35 00

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St. Paul's and St. John's, Nansemead,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	19	4 00
St. Thomas, Middletown,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	65	400 00
St. James, Leesburg,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		411 68
St. Ann's	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		171 00
South Farnham,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	11	29 00
St. Stephen's, Bedford,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	14	
St. Paul's, Hanover,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	6	
St. Mark's, Coalsmouth,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
St. John's, Valley,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
St. Paul's, King George,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	38	131 00
St. Martin's, Hanover,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	40	213 00
Trinity Church, Staunton,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	40	491 00
Truro parish,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	17	68 00
Tillotson parish	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	38	300 00
Trinity, Shepherdstown,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	32	30 00
do parish, Wood county,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	5	6 13
Washington parish,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	1	
Wythe parish,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	1	
Walker's and St. Ann's	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	22	327 00
Westover,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	22	245 00
York, Hampton,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3	80	870 00
Zion church, Jefferson,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
Rev. J. Cooke,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
Rev. Wm. Duval,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
St. John's and St. Luke's, Kanawha county,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
St. James, Goochland,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
Rev. L. L. Smith,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
Wickliffe parish,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
Rev. E. Christian,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
Trinity Church, Botetourt county,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
St. Paul's, Hanover,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
St. Peter's, New Kent county,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
St. Mary's, Caroline,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
Hanover parish, King George,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
St. Luke's, Powhatan,	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		
Emanuel, do	1	4	4	4	6	1	4	3	3		

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Disbrow, Rev. C. H.	St. Paul's Church,	Suffolk, Nansemond.
Denison, Rev. H. M.	Martin's Brandon parish,	Garysville, Prince George.
Duval, Rev. Wm.	Missionary,	Richmond.
Earnest, Rev. Joseph	St. Thomas' church,	Orange Court House.
Empie, D. D., Rev. A.	St. James' church,	Richmond.
Friend, Rev. Wm.	St. Peter's & Grace church's	Port Royal, Caroline.
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Grammer, Rev. John	Antrim parish,	Halifax Court House.
Gibson, Rev. C. J.	Grace church,	Petersburg.
Gillett, Rev. Charles	Missionary,	Houston, Texas.
Graham, Rev. Richardson		
Good, Rev. W. H.	St. John's Church,	Hampton.
Hill, Rev. John H.	Missionary,	Athens, Gæece.
Hodges, Rev. William	Bruton parish,	Williamsburg.
Hening, Rev. Edmund W.	Missionary	Africa.
Hoff, Rev. J. F	Frederick parish,	Millwood.
Jackson, Rev. W. M.	Trinity, Meade parish,	Upperville, Fauquier.
Jackson, Rev. W. G.	Chaplain U. S. Navy,	Norfolk.
Johnston, Rev. James T.	St. Paul's Church,	Alexandria.
Jones, D D., Rev. Alexander	St. Andrew's parish,	Charlestown, Jefferson.
Jones, Rev. W. G. H.	St. James ch., St George's ps,	Bellhaven, Accomac.
Keeling, Rev. Jacob		Suffolk, Nansemond.
Kinckle, Rev. W. H.		Lynchburg.
Kinsolving, Rev. O. A.	St. Paul's church,	do
Leavell, Rev. W. T.	St. Stephen's ch. Bedford	Charles City Court House:
Lippitt, Rev. E. R.	Westover parish,	Alexandria.
Locke, Rev. Thomas E.	Cumberland parish,	Macfarland's store, Lun'brg

Lockwood, Rev. W. F.	{ Falls church, Fairfax p'ish, } { & Zion ch., Truro parish, }	Fairfax Court House,
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May, D. D., Rev. James	Prof. Theo. Seminary,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Meade, Rev. R. K.	Christ church,	Charlottesville.
Minnegerode, Rev. Charles		Williamsburg.
McCabe, Rev. James D.	Holston parish, Washington,	Abingdon.
McCabe, Rev. John C.	Newport parish,	Smithfield.
McElroy, Rev. J.	Trinity church,	Buchanan.
McGuire, D. D., Rev. E. C.	St. George's church,	Fredericksburg.
McGuire, Rev. J. P.	St. Ann's & S. Farnham ps.	Loretto, Essex.
McGuire, Rev. F. H.	St. James' church,	Boydton, Mecklenburg.
McGuire, Rev. E. B.	St. Paul's parish,	Old Church, Hanover.
McGuire, Rev. Wm.	Wash. & Cop. ps. Westm'd,	Oak Grove.
Meredith, Rev. W. C.	Tillotson parish,	Curdsville, Buckingham.
Nelson, Rev. Robert	Latimer parish,	Lexington.
Newell, Rev. C.	Chaplain U S Navy,	
Norwood, Rev. W.	St. Paul's church,	Richmond.
Nash, Rev. F. B.	St. Mark's,	Coalsmouth, Kanawha.
Norton, Rev. G. H.	Hamilton parish,	Warrenton.
Okeson, Rev. N. A.	St. John's church,	City Point, Prince George.
Packard, Rev. Joseph	Prof. Theological Seminary,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Payne, Rev. John	Missionary,	Africa.
Pendleton, Rev. W. H.	Leeds parish,	Leeds Manor, Fauquier,
Page, Rev. Carter		Etna, Hanover.
Perkins, Rev. E. T.	Missionary,	Parkersburg,
Slaughter, Rev. Philip		
Sale, Rev. Nelson	West Russell parish,	Davis' Store, Bedford,
Stringfellow, Rev. Horace	St. Paul's church,	Petersburg,
Spring, Rev. D. Francis	Meherrin parish,	Poplar Mount, Greenville,
Smith, Rev. Joshua		
Smith, Rev. George A.	Principal Fairfax Institute,	Theo Seminary, Fairfax.
Smith, Rev. Leonidas		Norfolk,
Sparrow, D. D., Rev. W.	Prof. Theological Seminary,	Theo Seminary, Fairfax,
Syle, Rev. E. W.	Missionary,	China,
Temple, Rev. H. W. L.	Officiating in Essex,	Miller's Tavern, Essex,
Towles, Rev. John	Dettingen and Leeds pa'hes,	Milford Mills, Pr William,
Tizzard, Rev. A. B.	Sapony,	Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield,
Tyler, Rev. Joseph D.	Prin. Deaf & Dumb Institute,	Staunton,
Tompkins, Rev. S. D.	Missionary,	Weston,
Uford, Rev. J.	Hungar's parish,	Eastville, Northampton,
Ward, Rev. H. D.	Kanawha Parish,	Kanawha Court House,
Ward, Rev. W. N.	{ Lunenburg, Farnham and } { Cople parishes, } { Berkely, St. George's and } { St. Margaret's parishes, }	{ Warsaw, Richmond co. } { Mt Pleasant, Spotts'vania, } { Liberty, Bedford, } { Portsmouth, } { Richmond, } { Pemberton, Goochland, } { Berryville, Clarke, } { Fincastle. } { Goodwynsville, Dinwiddie, }
Wharton, Rev. D.M.		
Wharton, Rev. John A.	Trinity church,	
Wingfield, Rev. J. H.	Monumental church,	
Woodbridge, Rev. George	St. James Northam parish,	
Wilmer, Rev. J. P. B.	Wickliffe parish, Clarke,	
Wilmer, Rev. R. H.	Botetourt parish,	
Wilmer, Rev. G. T.	Albemarle parish, Sussex,	
Withers, Rev. Edmund		
Woods, Rev. H. W.		
Walke, Rev. Lewis,	Lynhaven p'sh, Pr. Ann co.,	Norfolk,
Webb, Rev. Wellington E.	Missionary,	Goochland Ct. House,
Walker, Rev. C.	Christ ch, Fred'ick pa.	Winchester,
Weed, Rev. Ambler	St. George's church,	Bellhaven, Accomac,
Whittle, Rev. F. M.	Kanawha,	Kanawha Ct. House,
Wade, M. D., Rev. Anderson	Patrick parish,	Henry Court House,

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Parishes,	Counties.	Churches.	Ministers.
Accomac,	Accomac,		Charles Mann
Abingdon,	Gloucester,		John Grammer
Antrim,	Halifax,	St. John's	E. Withers
Albemarle,	Sussex,		T. T. Castlema
Augusta,	Augusta	Trinity	J. M. Banister
Bath,	Dinwiddie	Sapony	D. M. Wharton
Berkeley,	Spotsylvania,	{ St. John's } { Christ }	G. T. Wilmer
Botetourt,	Bot. and Roanoke,		Wm. Hodges
Bruton,	Williamsburg,		
Boydton,	Augusta,	Boyden chapel	
Bloomfield,	Madison,	{ Piedmont } { Trinity }	H. Stringfellow
Bristol,	Prince George,	{ St. Paul's } { Grace }	C. J. Gibson
Brunswick,	King George,	Lamb's Creek	
Clarksburg,	Harrison,		W. N. Ward
Cople,	Westmoreland,	Christ	
Christ Church,	Lancaster	{ St. John's } { St. Paul's }	Thomas E. Locke
Cumberland,	Lunenburg,	Roanoke	
Cornwall,	Charlotte,		G. S. Carraway
Christ Church,	Middlesex		
Camden,	Pittsylvania	{ St. Andrew's } { Emanuel }	G. W. Dame
Dettingen,	Prince William,	{ Epiphany }	John Towles
Dale,	Chesterfield	St. James'	A. B. Tizzard
Elizabeth City,	Elizabeth city	{ St. John's } { Centurion, }	W. H. Good
Elizabeth,	Norfolk,	{ St. Paul's } { Christ }	M. L. Chevers
		{ Trinity }	D. Caldwell
		{ Buckmountain }	G. D. Cummins
Frederickville,	Albemarle,	{ St. Paul's } { Rockfish }	
Frederick,	Frederick,	{ Christ }	R. K. Meade
		{ Christ }	C. Walker
Fairfax,	Fairfax	{ St. Paul's } { Falls' }	C. B. Dana
		{ Wickliffe }	J. T. Johnston
Frederick,	Clarke	{ The Chapel }	Wm. F. Lockwood
Franklin,	Franklin,		J. F. Hoff
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
		{ St. Paul's } { Monumental }	Charles Minnegerode
		{ St. John's }	Wm. Norwood
		{ St. James, }	George Woodbridge
		{ St. Luke's }	
		{ Missionary }	A. Empie, D. D.
Heber,	Bedford	St. John's	Wm. Duval
Hamper,	Bedford	St. Stephen's	O. A. Kinsolving

Hanover,	King George	St. John's	William Friend
Hungar's,	Northampton	{ Hungar's	J. Ufford
Hamilton,	Fauquier,	{ Christ	G. H. Norton
		{ St. James'	
		{ St. John's, Kanawha	
		{ C. H.	F. M. Whittle.
Kanawha,	Kanawha	{ St. Luke's, Salines	
		{ St. Mark's, Coals-F. B. Nash	
		{ mouth,	
Kingston,	Math. and Middlesex	Christ	G. S. Carraway
Leeds,	Fauquier		W. H. Pendleton
Latimer,	Rockbridge	Grace	Robert Nelson
Lynnhaven,	Princess Ann	{ Emanuel and	Lewis Walke
		{ Chapel	
		{ Rucker's	
		{ Pedlar Mills	
		{ New Glasgow	
Lexington,	Amherst		F. D. Goodwin
Lunenburg,	Richmond		W. N. Ward
Leeds,	{ Prince William	St. Paul's	J. Towles
	{ Fauquier	St. Paul's	W. H. Pendleton
Lytleton,	Cumberland	{ Grace	
		{ St. James'	O. Bulkley
Meade	Fauquier and Loudon	Trinity	W. M. Jackson
Martin's Brandon	Prince George	{ Merchant's Hope	H. M. Denison
		{ St. John's Church	N. A. Okeson
		{ City Point	D. Francis Sprigg
Meherrin	Greensville		
Moore,	Campbell	{ St. John's	
		{ St. Paul's	W. H. Kinckle
		{ Trinity	
		{ Mt. Zion	Jas. Chisholm
		{ Calvary	
		{ Christ Church	J. C. McCabe
Newport,	Isle of Wight		
Nelson	Nelson	{ Trinity	F. D. Goodwin
		{ Callaway	
North Farnham,	Richmond	Trinity	W. N. Ward
Portsmouth,	Norfolk	Trinity	J. H. Wingfield
Russell,	Bedford	Trinity	Nelson Sale
Raleigh,	Amelia	Grubb Hill	P. F. Berkeley,
Roanoke,	Halifax	{ Brick	J. T. Clark
		{ Catawba	
St. Andrew's,	Brunswick	St. Andrew's	A. J. Berger
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		{ St. George's	Ambler Weed
St. Ann's	Albemarle	Christ	E. Boyden
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		{ Grace	W. Friend
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		{ St. James'	
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St. Martin's,	{ Mecklenburg		F. H. McGuire
St. James',		{ St. George's	E. C. McGuire, D. D.
		{ Christ Church	D. M. Wharton
St. George's	Spottsylvania	St. James'	George Adie
Shelburne,	Loudon	{ Zion	Alex. Jones, D. D.
St. Andrew's,	Jefferson	{ Trinity	C. W. Andrews
St. Paul's,	King George	St. Paul's	
Suffolk,	Nansemond	St. Paul's	C. H. Disbrow
St. Luke's,	Mecklenburg	St. Luke's	J. J. Ridley, (of N. C.)
St. James' Northam	{ Goochland and	{ St. Paul's	
	{ Fluvanna	{ Columbia	J. P. B. Wilmer
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St. Thomas',	Orange	St. Thomas'	Jos. Earnest
	Brooke	{ St. John's	-James Goodwin
	King William	{ Christ church	
St. David's,	Hanover		E. B. McGuire
St. Paul's	New Kent		Wm. Armstrong
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St. Thomas'	Truro,	{ Pohick	J. Cook, Officiating.
	Fairfax	{ Zion	
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Walker's, &c.	Albemarle		Wm. McGuire
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Washington,	Westmoreland		Nelson Sale
Westover,	Charles city	St. Thomas'	R. H. Wilmer
West Russell,	Bedford		J. McElroy
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APPENDIX.

R E P O R T

Of the Committee on the revision of the Canons, as amended by the Convention in Norfolk, May, 1848.

CANON 1—OF THE TRIAL OF A BISHOP.

The trial of a Bishop shall be on a presentment in writing, specifying the offence of which he is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances. Such presentment may be made for any crime or immorality, for heresy, for violation of the constitution, canons or rubrics of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, or of this Diocese. Said presentment may be made by the Convention, two thirds of each order present concurring; *provided* that two thirds of the Clergy, entitled to seats in said Convention, be present, and *provided also*, that two thirds of the Parishes and Churches, canonically in union with said Convention, be represented therein, and the vote thereon shall not in any case take place on the same day on which the resolution to present is offered. The Convention, making the presentment, shall by a concurrent vote appoint a committee of prosecution, to consist of three presbyters and three lay members of their own body, by whom the presentment shall be signed, in their official characters.

Such presentment shall be addressed to "the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States." It shall be the duty of the committee of prosecution to cause said presentment to be delivered to the presiding Bishop; who shall thereon be fully empowered to proceed to the trial according to the provisions made by the Canons of the General Convention.

The committee of prosecution shall attend the trial, and prosecute the same.

CANON 2—OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN, NOT BEING A BISHOP.

Sec. 1.—The trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop, shall be on a presentment in writing, specifying, with reasonable clearness and certainty as to time, place and circumstance, the crime or misdemeanor, by violation of the Canons or otherwise, charged; the said presentment to be made to the Bishop, either by the Convention, or by the vestry of the Parish to which the accused belongs, or by any three presbyters of this diocese, entitled to a seat in the Convention; the said vestry or presbyters pledging themselves to act as a committee of prosecution. If, however, the presentment be made by the Convention, then the Convention shall appoint the committee of prosecution, and furnish them with such instructions as may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 2.—Such presentment being made to the Bishop, and being accompanied by a further statement in writing of the names of the witnesses, and of the purport of their evidence, and by such documentary evidence as is relied on, the Bishop, unless the accusation

appears to him an insufficient cause of presentment in itself, or to be clearly unsupported by evidence, shall immediately proceed to the trial according to the following provisions. He shall nominate from among the Clergy entitled to a seat in the Convention, other than the members of the standing committee, eight presbyters, and cause a list of their names and a copy of the presentment to be furnished to the accused, or left at his last place of residence. Of the eight presbyters nominated as aforesaid, the accused may choose five, or in case of his refusal, or neglect for twenty days so to do, the Bishop shall select five, and the presbyters so chosen shall constitute a court for the trial of the accused. The Bishop shall also at the same time cause at least thirty days' notice of the time and place of the trial to be given both to the accused and to the parties presenting him; and also to the presbyters nominated as before provided.

Sec. 3.—The court shall appoint a President and Secretary—the first always from their own body.

Sec. 4.—If the accused appear, before proceeding to trial, he shall be called on by the court to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence or offences charged against him, and on his neglect or refusal to answer, the plea of *not guilty* shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed, *provided*, that, for sufficient cause, the court may adjourn from time to time, and place to place, and *provided also*, that the accused shall, at all times during the trial, have liberty to be present, to produce his testimony, and to make his defence.

Sec. 5.—On the request of the accused, or the committee of prosecution, witnesses may be summoned, if before the meeting of the court, by the Bishop, if during the session of the court, then by its President. All testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation, administered by some officer, authorized by law. In case the testimony of any witness whose attendance on the trial cannot be obtained is desired, it shall be lawful for either party, at any time after notice of the presentment is served on the accused, to apply to the court, if in session, or if not, to the Bishop, who shall thereupon appoint a commissioner to take the deposition of such witness—And such party, so desiring to take the deposition, shall give to the other party, or some one of them, reasonable notice of the time and place of taking the deposition, accompanying such notice with the interrogatories to be propounded to the witness; whereupon it shall be lawful for the other party, within six days after such notice, to propound cross interrogatories; and such interrogatories and cross interrogatories, if any be propounded, shall be sent to the commissioner, who shall thereupon proceed to take the testimony of such witness, and transmit it under seal to the court. But no deposition shall be read at the trial, unless the court have reasonable assurance that the attendance of the witness cannot be procured, or unless both parties shall consent that it may be read.

Sec. 6. The court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall, within ten days after closing the same, declare in a written judgment signed by them, or a majority of them, that the accused is guilty or not guilty of the charge, or charges, or any of them, laid in

the presentment, in the order therein set forth, and also, if guilty, what punishment shall be awarded; which judgment, with all the evidence received, shall be delivered forthwith to the Bishop, whereupon, unless the Bishop see cause to mitigate or remit the punishment, or to grant a new trial, he shall pronounce sentence according to the judgment of the court, and such sentence shall be final. In case a new trial is granted, a new court shall be constituted according to the provisions of this canon.

Sec. 7. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear before the court, when summoned according to Sec. 2d. of this canon, and no defence be there made under his authority; the court shall declare him to be in contumacy, and report the same to the Bishop, and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall pass against him for contumacy; but the said sentence shall be reversed by the Bishop, if, within three calendar months, the accused shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear to take his trial on the presentment; but, if he shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of degradation from the ministry, for contumacy, shall forthwith be pronounced by the Bishop, who shall cause such sentence to be publicly read to the congregations of the Diocese; by the respective ministers thereof.

Sec. 8. If, at any time, the accused shall confess himself guilty of the matters charged in the presentment, or any of them, the court shall proceed to award the punishment and certify the same to the Bishop as herein before provided, who shall, unless he see cause to remit or mitigate the punishment, pronounce the sentence according to the Canons.

Sec. 9. All notices and papers contemplated by this canon, may be served by a summoner, or summoners appointed by the bishop, or by the court, when the same is in session, and the certificate of any such summoner shall be evidence of the due service of a notice or paper. The delivery of a written notice or paper to a party, or the leaving it at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper.

Sec. 10. The accused party may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, and, in case of the exercise of such privilege, but not otherwise, those presenting shall have the like privilege. If the party accused desire it, the trial shall be in public, and said party shall be entitled to a copy of the evidence, if he require it.

Sec. 11. In case of a presentment occurring during a vacancy in the Episcopal office, such presentment shall be made to the standing committee, who shall thereon take such steps as are by this canon enjoined on the Bishop; provided that, on receiving the proceedings and judgment of the court, they shall transmit the same to the Bishop of some other Diocese, who shall be requested, and is hereby authorized, to act thereon; and if he shall concur in opinion with the court he shall proceed to pronounce sentence accordingly.

CANON 3.—OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE TRIAL OF A

**LAYMAN, AFTER REPULSION BY THE MINISTER
FROM THE HOLY COMMUNION.**

If any person, repelled from the Holy Communion, shall allege to the Bishop that injustice has been done, or if, notwithstanding he shall have professed himself ready and willing, in truth and sincerity, to comply with the requisitions expressed in the rubric, in order to be restored to the Holy Communion, his repulsion shall be continued; he may present his complaint in writing to the Bishop, setting forth the grounds thereof, and desiring that he may be restored to the Communion—and then the Bishop, unless he think fit to restore the communicant, from the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the minister, shall nominate two of the clergy and two of the laity, of whom the minister repelling shall select one of the clergymen and the communicant one of the laymen, and it shall be the duty of the two, thus chosen, to take, without delay the evidence in the case, under oath and in writing, of such witnesses as may be produced by either of the parties, and to certify the same to the Bishop, who, thereupon, unless for his own satisfaction, or for good cause shewn by either of the parties interested, he shall desire further evidence, shall proceed to adjudge the case. If further evidence be required, it shall be obtained and certified, either by the same commission, or by another appointed in the manner above prescribed, as the Bishop may direct. And when such additional evidence is thus procured, the Bishop shall, in the case, and shall communicate his judgment whenever the minister repelling and to the communicant repelled, his judgment shall be final and conclusive: *provided* that, in case the Bishop shall direct a further continuance of the repulsion, it shall nevertheless be subject to all the conditions and provisions of the

CANON 4.

No communicant removing from one Parish or Church in this Diocese, shall be enrolled as a communicant in another Parish or Church, before presenting to the minister thereof a certificate of regular standing from the minister, or if there be no minister, from the vestry of the Parish or Church from which the communicant desires to be transferred.

CANON 5—MINISTERS TO BE CAREFUL IN ADMITTING TO THE HOLY COMMUNION.

No minister shall enrol any persons as communicants in any Parish or Congregation under his charge, until he has conferred with them on the subject, or unless he shall be satisfied that they have been regular communicants in some other Parish or Congregation: nor shall he so enrol any one, who is known to deny the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church.

CANON 6.—COMMUNICANTS TO HAVE FAMILY WORSHIP.

It shall be the duty of every communicant in this Church, who is at the head of a family, to live in the daily exercise of family worship.

agement, the choice of vestrymen shall be made by the pew-holders of the respective Churches, conforming as to the time of appointment and manner of qualifying the vestrymen to the regulations prescribed by the 9th canon, established by the present Convention, excepting in the case of the city of Norfolk, which, being under peculiar circumstances in relation to the number of trustees, the time and manner of electing them and the rector, is permitted to conform to their own regulations in those particulars.

CANON 11—OF THE DIVISION OF PARISHES.

Sec. 1. Whenever the members of the Church, residing in a particular portion of a Parish, shall desire to separate from the Parish of which they form a part, it shall be lawful for them to assemble, and appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

Sec. 2. The committee thus appointed shall give to the Bishop, and to the majority of the vestry (if there be one) of the Parish, from which they desire to be separated, a formal notice of their intention to apply for such purpose, which notice shall contain a description of the proposed line or lines of division, and shall be sent to the Bishop and said vestry, at least three months before the meeting of the Convention, to which the application shall be made.

Such application shall be made, in the form of a petition to set forth the considerations which are deemed desirable—whereupon the Convention shall proceed to divide said Parish, and to apply for separation, a new Parish, or other Parishes of this Diocese. The next meeting of the Convention as may be resaid shall give at least two weeks notice to the Church, residing in the new Parish, to elect a vestry, which election shall be conducted in the manner contained in canon IX.

The Bishop, or a majority of those who may be qualified by the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of voters, shall be elected, and of the election of vestrymen: and the persons whom said committee shall declare to be duly elected, shall be the vestry of said Parish, until the election and qualification of the succeeding vestry.

CANON 12—OF THE FORMATION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

When any number of persons belonging to any Parish or congregation, sufficient to build a house of worship, and provide for the support of a minister, shall choose to separate from the Parish or congregation, of which they have hitherto been a part, they may proceed, according to the directions given in the 11th Canon, except that in this case, the direction as to a line or lines of division is inapplicable. The Convention may, on such petition, constitute the applicants a separate congregation, and authorize, by special enactment, such peculiar provisions, as to the right of suffrage, the employment of a minister, or ministers, and the manner of holding and managing the property of such congregation, as they may propose, and the Conven-

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tion deem expedient, provided that the time of electing, and the manner of qualifying vestrymen, shall always be conformed to the regulations prescribed in the 9th canon.

CANON 13—OF THE EVIDENCE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION.

The appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified by the Rector, Register, or Warden of the proper Parish, or Church, and said certificate shall be in form as follows—

"This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry, (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of Parish (or Church,) in County, held on the day of A. B., who is a communicant in said Parish, or Church, was appointed a Lay Delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the day of in the year of our Lord,

RECTOR,
REGISTER,
OR
CHURCH WARDEN.

CANON 14—OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Sec. 1. Any vacancy occurring by death, or otherwise, in the Standing Committee, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical members, and lay members of the committee.

Sec. 2. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop, as regards discipline, except the pronouncing sentence of deposition or degradation from the ministry, shall belong to, and be performed by the Standing Committee.

Sec. 3. The record of all the proceedings on a presentment of a clergyman or layman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draught, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the General Convention.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, at every meeting of the Convention, to submit, in addition to the report of their proceedings, the documents also, which have been laid before them during the year.

CANON 15—A LIST TO BE MADE OF MINISTERS IN THIS DIOCESE.

Within one week before every stated meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations as Missionaries, or of the Colleges, Academies, or other Seminaries of learning in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who have no cure, or are not engaged in missions, or institu-

tions of learning, as above, their places of residence only. And such list, corrected as herein after mentioned, shall be laid before the Convention on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom, and be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the General Convention.

Sec. 2. The list of the Clergy of this Diocese, so prepared by the Bishop or Standing Committee, and annexed, according to the changes which may occur, whether by death, ordination, discipline, or canonical removals from, or admissions into, this diocese, shall be evidence of a clergyman's having a cure or mission, or engagement in a seminary of learning. And no clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on said list.

Sec. 3. The right of any clergyman to a seat in the Convention shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the constitution and canons, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Clergy to attend regularly at the meeting of every Convention. At the opening of the Convention, their names shall be called over, and absentees noted, and, at the ensuing stated Convention, they shall be required to give excuses for their absence.

CANON 16.—OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

If any candidates for orders in this Diocese shall be charged with any of the offences, for which a communicant may be subjected to discipline, or with having, without good and sufficient cause, desisted from his studies preparatory for ordination, the Bishop and Standing Committee shall carefully investigate the charge, and if satisfied that the offence alleged has been committed, the Bishop shall erase the name of the offender from the register, and inform him that he has ceased to be a candidate.

CANON 17.—RESPECTING THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH.

The vestries respectively shall hold all glebes, lands, parsonage houses, churches, books, plate, or other property, now belonging or hereafter accruing to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, as Trustees for the benefit of the Parish, or Church, for whose use the same were or shall hereafter be purchased, or otherwise obtained, and may improve, demise, or otherwise dispose of the lands, or houses allowed for the ministers' habitation, or use, with the minister's consent; if there be no minister, with the consent of the Bishop, or in case there be no minister, and the Episcopal office be vacant, then not without the consent of the Standing Committee.—The Vestry may also use, improve, or dispose, of all personal property and the produce, rents and profits of lands and houses, (not appropriated for the occupancy and use of the minister) belonging to the Church, in repairing the Church, and parsonage houses for the benefit of the respective Parishes or Churches, and may make such rules and orders for managing the affairs and temporal concerns of their respective Churches and Parishes as they shall think most conducive to their interest and prosperity. They shall have the sole power of directing

the payment of money, belonging to the respective Churches and Parishes, and appoint a clerk, treasurer and collector, when necessary, all which proceedings, shall be entered in a well bound book, to be kept for that purpose. But when there are trustees under the act of the Legislature, passed Feb. 3rd, 1842, authorized to hold real property, such real property shall not be subject to the provisions of this canon,

**CANON 18—PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF
THE DIOCESE.**

The vestry of each Parish or Church shall, at every annual Convention, pay to the Treasurer such sums as may be apportioned to them respectively, for the purpose of defraying such expenses as may be authorized by the Convention.

CANON 19—OFFENDERS TO BE ADMONISHED, OR REPELLED FROM THE LORD'S TABLE.

Any member of the Church, being a communicant thereof, conducting himself or herself in a manner unworthy of a christian, ought to be admonished, or repelled from the Lord's Table, by the minister of the Parish, or Church, according to the rubric; and gaming, attendance on horse racing and theatrical amusements, witnessing immodest and licentious exhibitions or shows, attending public balls, habitual neglect of public worship, or a denial of the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church, are offences for which discipline should be exercised. This enumeration, however, shall not be construed to include all the subjects of discipline in the Church, and in cases where it may be deemed expedient by the minister, or may be requested by the accused, the church wardens, or either of them, if communicants, shall be summoned to assist the minister in ascertaining the facts of the case: *provided*, that if such warden or wardens shall fail or refuse to act within ten days, the minister shall proceed to act under the rubrics of this Church.

CANON 20—REPEALING FORMER CANONS.

All former Canons of this Diocese, not included in these Canons, are hereby repealed.

Your committee find on the Journal of the last Convention, p. 32, the following resolution.

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.

Your committee suppose that the division of Parishes and formation of new ones will be sufficiently provided for by the adoption of the Canons for such purposes, presented in the preceding report. And with regard to Parish boundaries, it will be perceived, by a reference to Canon XXXI, of the General Convention of 1822, that to abolish them entirely is not within the power of a Diocesan Convention. We might indeed do away with those to which we have been accustomed, and decline prescribing others, but this would only bring us within that provision of the general Canon which ordains that where no

boundaries are defined by law or otherwise, the city, borough, village, town or township laws shall be recognized for the purposes contemplated. As nothing would be gained by the change—such limits would be liable to be altered without any reference to parochial convenience, your committee are of opinion that the present arrangement ought not be abolished.

*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 survivors, (should such survivor die before this will takes effect,) ^{for the} Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia, to be paid to the Treasurer of such institution, and the receipt of the said A. B. and C. D., the survivor or executor, or administrator 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 case of death, refusal or neglect to act, removal from the county of 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 force from the passing thereof.

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