

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,* 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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OF THE

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IN THE

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

HELD IN CHRIST CHURCH,

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PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.

ALEXANDRIA,	Third Wednesday in May,	1850.
STAUNTON,	" "	1851.
RICHMOND,	" "	1852.
LYNCHBURG,	" "	1853.
FREDERICKSBURG,	" "	1854.
PETERSBURG,	" "	1855.
WINCHESTER,	" "	1856.
NORFOLK,	" "	1857.
CHARLOTTESVILLE,	" "	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 shall 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 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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CHARLOTTESVILLE, MAY 16, 1849.

This being the day, appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the said Diocese, the Right Reverend the Bishop and 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. ROBERT NELSON and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. WILLIAM FRIEND.

The Convention then came to order, and the roll of the Clergy, entitled to seats, being called, the following gentlemen answered to their names:

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

" " JOHN JOHNS, D. D.

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS,	" C. J. GIBSON,
" C. E. AMBLER,	" R. P. JOHNSTON,
" P. F. BERKELEY,	" W. H. KINCKLE,
" WM. V. BOWERS,	" O. A. KINSOLVING,
" E. BOYDEN,	" T. E. LOCKE,
" T. T. CASTLEMAN,	" C. MANN,
" G. D. CUMMINS,	" R. K. MEADE,
" J. CHISHOLM,	" C. MINNEGERODE,
" J. T. CLARK,	" J. D. McCABE,
" J. COLE,	" J. C. McCABE,
" J. COOKE,	" J. McELROY,
" H. M. DENISON,	" E. B. McGUIRE,
" W. DUVAL,	" R. NELSON,
" A. EMPIE, D. D.	" W. H. PENDLETON,
" W. FRIEND,	" H. STRINGFELLOW,
" A. FISHER,	" G. WOODBRIDGE,
" S. R. SLACK,	" J. P. B. WILMER,
" G. A. SMITH,	" G. T. WILMER,
" J. TOWLES,	" E. WITHERS.
" A. B. TIZZARD,	" J. UFFORD,

The Rev. JOHN T. CLARK, Col. FRANCIS H. SMITH and MARSHALL F. HARRIS, having been appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, reported that the following

gentlemen had been duly elected, according to the Canons, by the Vestries of their respective Churches, to wit:

Ascension Church, Amherst—Marshall L. Harris.
 Christ Church, Charlottesville—Chas. J. Merrawether,
 Grace Church, Caroline—John Thornley, M. D., U. S. N.
 Trinity Church, Portsmouth—Holt Wilson.
 Trinity Church, Bedford—Nathaniel Floyd, M. D.
 St. Thomas' Church, Orange—Uriel Terrill, M. D.
 St. Paul's Church, Richmond—Thomas Nelson.
 Bath Parish, Dinwiddie—D. W. Brodnax, M. D.
 Rockfish Church, Albemarle—John B. Coles.
 St. Peter's, New Kent—Francis Nelson.
 Monumental Church, Richmond—Geo. D. Fisher.
 St. James' Church Northam, Goochland—Wm. M. Bryce.
 St. Mark's Church, Botetourt—Carey Brackenridge.
 St. Martin's Parish, Hanover—Philip Nelson.
 Grace Church, Lexington—Francis H. Smith.
 St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—N. O. King, M. D.
 St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton,
 St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle—Robert H. Carter.
 St. John's Church, Louisa—Jas. Lindsay.
 Grace Church, Petersburg—Josephus Hurt,
 Woodville Parish, Botetourt—Otho W. Kean, M. D.

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, HOLT WILSON, Esq., was appointed Treasurer *pro tem*.

The Convention then took a recess.

HALF PAST 4, P. M.

The Convention assembled after recess.

The following Clergymen, not present in the morning, appeared and took their seats:

Rev. J. GRAMMER,	" J. H. WINGFIELD,
" G. S. WINGFIELD,	" WM. F. BRYANT,
" H. W. L. TEMPLE,	" W. T. LEAVELL,
" WM. F. LOCKWOOD,	" WM. SPARROW, D. D.
" J. P. McGUIRE,	" C. B. BANA,
" WM. McGUIRE,	" J. F. HOFF,
" H. S. KEPPLER,	" D. CALDWELL.

The Right Rev. Bishop Meade then read his report.
BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT TO THE CONVENTION,
At Charlottesville, May 16th, 1849.

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:—As required by the Canon, I present the following statement of my official acts, during the past year. At the close of our last Convention, I visited the congregations in Charles City and confirmed four persons at Westover Church. Proceeding to the congregations in Dinwiddie and Greenville, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Sprigg, I confirmed four in the former and five in the latter, and consecrated a Church in the latter. Passing through Petersburg, I confirmed one person in private, by reason of extreme sickness. I then visited the congregations in the counties of Spottsylvania and Caroline, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Wharton, and confirmed two in the former and one in the latter. Thence I visited the congregations in Hanover and New Kent, under the care of the Rev. E. B. McGuire; thence to the congregation in Essex, under the care of the Rev. John P. McGuire, in one of which, seven were confirmed; thence to the congregations under the care of the Rev. Mr. Friend, in Caroline, in which four were confirmed; thence to Fredericksburg, where twelve were confirmed. At the close of the Seminary term, I admitted six of the Junior Class to Deacon's Orders. In the course of the summer, I visited the congregations in Fairfax county, also that at Leesburg, where seven were confirmed; also those in Fauquier, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Norton, and in one of them, that at Warrenton, confirmed eight. In the month of September, I visited the Western part of Virginia, and on my way, consecrated the new Church at Charlestown, Jefferson county, where I confirmed two persons. In the providence of God, that excellent structure was soon after consumed by fire, though it is gratifying to know that it will be replaced by another. At Wheeling, nine persons were confirmed; at Parkersburg and the vicinity, eight. The new Church at that place was not ready for consecration, but the Rev. Mr. Perkins was admitted to Priest's orders.—On my way to Kanawha, I visited the congregation at Mercer's Bottom, on the Ohio river, and at Buffalo, in each of which one was confirmed. I spent two days in the congregations at Coalsmouth and the vicinity, and three at Charleston and the Salines. At Charleston, six were confirmed and the Rev. Mr. Whittle admitted to Priest's orders. At Staunton, eight were confirmed.—Crossing the Blue Ridge, I proceeded to Norfolk, where I admitted the Rev. J. C. McCabe to Priest's orders in St. Paul's Church, and confirmed five in Christ's Church. Visiting Williamsburg, I confirmed one; consecrated the following day the new Church in York. Spent three days in Gloucester and two in Matthews county; also two in Middlesex, where two were confirmed; visited Lancaster and Richmond counties, confirming three; consecrated a new Church in Westmoreland, confirmed two persons at the Court

House, where a Church is about to be erected. In the same county confirmed two persons at Oak Grove and admitted the Rev. William McGuire to Priest's orders. The new Church at that place is now complete. Confirmed one person at St. Paul's, in King George county. My fall visitation ended in Alexandria, where I admitted to Deacon's orders, at the request of Bishop McIlvaine, Mr. Nash, who belongs to the Diocese of Ohio. After spending the winter at home, I entered upon duty again on Easter Sunday, which was spent at Upperville, in the congregation of the Rev. William Jackson. Since then, I have been engaged in delivering lectures to the Junior Class, at the Seminary, and in visiting Williamsburg, Norfolk, Fredericksburg and Richmond. In Williamsburg, six persons were confirmed; in Fredericksburg, a new and excellent Church has been erected on the site of the old one, and the same was consecrated during my recent visit to that place.

To this narrative of Episcopal services, which always occupy more than six months of the year, I add a statement of letters dismisory given and received. I have received by transfer, the Rev. Mr. Phillips, Mr. Keppler, Mr. Holmead and Mr. Page, from Maryland. I have transferred the Rev. Mr. Flower and Mr. Hodges to Maryland; the Rev. Mr. Smith to North Carolina, the Rev. Mr. Good to Tennessee. I have transferred the following candidates for orders:—Mr. Murray to Maine; Mr. Page to Kentucky; Mr. Terry to Georgia, and have received Mr. Tschudi from Pennsylvania. As to removals from one parish to another, I do not recollect any but those of the Rev. Mr. Denison from Prince George to Williamsburg, and the Rev. Mr. Tompkins from Campbell county to Weston, in Lewis county. So very few have such removals hitherto been in this Diocese, that I have not felt called upon to report them, and sincerely hope that no occasion may ever arise for complaint and remonstrance, as to that which all must regard as a great evil in the Church, viz: frequent removals.

Having thus, in compliance with canonical requisition, given an account of my official acts during the ecclesiastical year just ended, I proceed, very briefly, to allude to three subjects in which we all are interested. 1st. I would refer to the vacant parishes, or missionary stations, in the Diocese, and to the Deacons who may be at the disposal of the Bishop during the year. By the regulations of the Church, the Deacons, during the time of their probation, are placed at the disposal of the Bishop. It is the duty of the Bishop, in the exercise of this right, to consult the best interests of those destitute parishes which may desire his aid in obtaining a supply. In order, however, to perform his part most effectually, and to do justice to the Deacons, the Bishop must, in due time, receive distinct and certain applications from the vestries, declaring their willingness to receive, for one year, such Deacon as he may think proper to send and state the amount of support which they will give, payable semi-annually or quarterly.

In the month of July next, it is expected that there will be a number of young Deacons, who either at once, or in a month or two, will be ready to enter on duty, and those vestries, who desire a supply from this source, can be furnished by complying with the above requirement before the 10th of July. Letters, addressed to me at any of the places where I may be performing Episcopal duties, in the meantime, or to Alexandria by that time, will be attended to. The silence of vestries will be considered as proof that the aid of the Bishop is not desired. It is, of course, understood, that no obligations rest on either the vestry or Deacon thus sent, to continue the arrangement beyond one year.

2d. I would call the attention of my brethren in the ministry, and of parents and sponsors, to the duty of instructing the children under their care, in the Church Catechism, according to a canon of the Church. From my first entrance on the ministry, I have ever observed this rule myself and found it to be a most useful and interesting exercise. In order to render it as easy, interesting and profitable, as possible, to ministers, parents and children, enlarged explanations of the Catechism have been often put forth for the last three hundred years; that is, from the first adoption of the Catechism. During the past year, I have, with great care, examined a number of these, and selecting such as seemed to me most excellent, have adapted them to our country and our American Church, and caused the same to be printed in two small and cheap volumes, together with a third, introductory to the same. I shall be much disappointed if they are not applied to the use for which they have been selected, prepared and published. In the case of ministers living in cities and villages, where the children and young ones are readily collected together in Sunday schools and Bible classes, surely there can be no difficulty in occasional examinations of them in the Church Catechism, after they have prepared themselves for it by the use of these explanatory treatises, which may also be helps to both parents and ministers, in the performance of their parts. As to the country congregations and the scattered families of the Church, even should it be impracticable to have public recitations of the Catechism and improvements of the same by the minister, which, however, cannot be said of many of them, still much may be done by parents and children at home, in the study of the Catechism, with such helps as are thus afforded them. I have endeavored to do my part and leave it to the parents and pastors to do theirs.

3rd. I call your attention to an instrument of good in the Church, which cannot be neglected without injury to the cause of truth. I allude to our Diocesan paper, which needs more effective support than it has recently received, not only to its usefulness, but to its continued existence. That it is well conducted is, I believe, universally admitted by those who read it; but is such acknowledgment of its excellency of itself a sufficient remuneration

to the worthy brother who devotes his time and talents to the work? Were he abounding in the goods of this world, and had he none dependent upon him for support, I am sure he would delight to render himself useful in this way without compensation. But it is otherwise with him, and surely all of us, his brethren and friends, should feel bound to contribute our share to the work, by promoting, as far as in us lies, the increased circulation of the paper. Can we not, before we separate, pledge ourselves as individuals, either that we will be bound for a certain number of additional subscribers, or, at least, that we will use our very best efforts to obtain that number. An earnest endeavor on the part of each minister and one layman in each parish, will, I doubt not, effect the desired object. As one consideration recommending our Diocesan paper, let me mention the fact, that there is now, in a course of publication, and will, I trust, long continue to be, a series of plain sermons, especially addressed to servants, which, properly used in families, must render it peculiarly suitable to the members of the Church in Virginia. I could wish that I were not in duty bound to add one other reason why I feel desirous that a paper, advocating the religious views which it does, with great decision, and yet with dignity and true charity, should be well sustained in this Diocese. It is needless to shut our eyes to the fact, that serious error is industriously propagated throughout our American Church, by various instrumentalities, particularly by the press. We have reason to be most thankful to our Great Head, that we have thus far, to so great an extent, been prevented from the contagion. But error in religion, like contagion or disease in the atmosphere, is most subtle and dangerous, and cannot be too carefully guarded against. The free circulation of books and papers, of every size and character, and the constant intercourse between christians of every part of our land, greatly contribute to the wide spreading of false doctrine, which unfortunately finds, in every part of the world, too many who are ready to receive it. As one safe guard to yourselves and children, against the corruption of our holy religion, by those who would approximate our Church, once more, to that communion which was renounced at the Reformation, let me, therefore, commend to your patronage our Diocesan paper as it is now, and I trust, ever will be conducted.

WILLIAM MEADE, D. D.,
Bishop of the Protestant E. Church of Va.

The Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop, then read his report:

BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

In enumerating the services rendered, during the past year, it

may be proper to commence with those performed at Norfolk and its vicinity, whilst in attendance on the Convention.

May 19—At six o'clock, A M., I lectured in Christ Church.

May 20—At the same hour I lectured in St. Paul's and confirmed five.

May 21—At the same hour, I lectured again in Christ Church and confirmed seventeen.

I also baptized, in private, the infant daughter of the Rev. F. D. Goodwin. In the afternoon, at Trinity Church, Portsmouth, I confirmed three.

May 23—I left Norfolk to visit the congregations south of James River. In the morning I preached in St. Paul's, Suffolk, and at night, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Wingfield, I addressed the congregation and confirmed five.

May 24—I preached in the Church at Chuckatuck.

May 25—Morning and night I preached in the Church at Smithfield.

May 26—Accompanied by the Rev. John C. McCabe, I went to Southampton and on the next day reached Jerusalem, and after sermon by the Rev. Mr. McC., I addressed the congregation.

May 28—In the morning I preached at the same place and baptized an infant, and in the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. McC., I again addressed the congregation.

The services at Jerusalem were well attended and so marked by deep interest on the part of the people, that we regretted our inability to remain longer with them. It is greatly to be desired that this portion of the Diocese should have a settled minister.—The materials are ample and the spirit of the people encouraging for the formation of a promising congregation. An active, faithful young man, would find in that region a wide field for usefulness.

May 29—Preached in Immanuel Church, Sussex. Here, as in Southampton, our people are without a minister and unless through the aid of the Missionary Society, some provision is made for their supply, it is to be feared the congregation will soon be numbered among the things which were.

June 4th—In the morning I read prayers in St. Paul's, Richmond, and at night preached in the same Church.

June 10—I left Richmond to visit the Churches in Albemarle, Louisa, Orange, Madison and Culpepper.

June 11—I preached in the morning in Christ Church, Charlottesville, and confirmed three. At night, I preached in the Chapel of the University.

June 13—I preached in the Church at Green Mountain and confirmed three.

June 14—I preached in Trinity Church, North Garden.

June 15—I preached in St. Paul's, M. Plains.

June 16—I preached in the Church at Buck Mountain and confirmed one.

To these Churches, of which the last three were then vacant, I was conveyed by the Rev. R. K. Meade, to whom I was indebted for most acceptable aid in the services performed. I am happy to say, that those vacant parishes have since been supplied by the Rev. Mr. Slack, of our Theological Seminary.

June 18—I preached at Walker's Church and confirmed one.

June 20—I preached in St. John's, Louisa.

June 21—I preached in St. Thomas', Orange, and confirmed ten.

June 22—I preached in the Church at Madison Court House and confirmed three. The same afternoon, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Earnest, who had recently taken charge of these congregations, I rode 12 miles up among the mountains of Madison, to visit a lady who had, for some time, been solicitous to ratify her baptismal vows and to partake of the memorial of the precious death and sacrifice of her Lord and Saviour, but had been prevented by ill-health. We found her extremely low, but hungering and thirsting for the spiritual privileges of the Church. That same night, in the stillness and solemnity of her chamber, as she lay helpless on her bed, and her niece kneeled at its foot, I administered to them both the Apostolic rite of confirmation, and the next morning we united in "the most comfortable communion of the body and blood of Christ." The whole scene was deeply impressive and though we had reached the retired spot by a rough road and through a pelting rain, the weariness and exposure were soon forgotten in the spiritual refreshment of the visit.

June 23—Returned to Trinity Church. As it was then undergoing repairs, we were accommodated in another building, in the immediate vicinity, where I preached, and, in the afternoon, rode 20 miles to Orange Court House.

In Rappahannock county there are several members of our communion, who are exceedingly solicitous that the services of the Church should be extended to them. They met me in Madison, with their earnest petition, stating what they were prepared to do, (and it was according to their ability,) and praying for aid, that they might be gratified in their pious wishes. To receive such importunate applications and not be able to meet them at once, as we desire, is among the painful trials incident to Episcopal visitation. We do trust that the increasing liberality of our contributions to our Missionary Society, and the blessing of God on our Theological Seminary, will soon put it in our power to supply every such destitute portion of this extended Diocese with the ministry of God's word.

June 24—I rode to Culpepper Court House.

June 25—In the morning I preached in St. Stephen's Church and confirmed nine. At night I preached again in the same church.

June 27—I preached in St. James' Church, Culpepper, so completing the appointments for that visitation.

July 2—I preached in St. Paul's, Richmond.

July 9—I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria, and confirmed ten.

July 11, 12 and 13—I was engaged in attending the examination of the Theological Seminary.

July 12—In the Chapel of the Seminary I preached the annual sermon for the Alumni Society.

July 16—I preached, in the morning, in Christ Church, Alexandria, and confirmed nine; and at night, I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown.

My next visitation was in the valley of the Shenandoah and its vicinity.

July 22—I preached in St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick county.

July 23—In the morning I preached in Christ Church, Winchester, and confirmed nine. At night, in the same Church, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hoff, I again addressed the congregation.

July 25—I preached in the Church at Millwood.

July 26—I preached in the Church at Berryville, which had just been altered in its arrangements so as to accommodate more and improve its appearance.

July 27—I preached at Wickliffe and confirmed nine.

July 29—In the new Church at Charlestown, though not yet sufficiently finished for consecration, I preached and confirmed three. The loss experienced by this congregation, in the destruction of their beautiful building by fire, a short time after its dedication, is well known to the Diocese, and must have awakened that christian sympathy which will express itself by liberal aid in the effort now making to erect another Church.

July 30—I preached in Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, and confirmed four.

July 31—In the morning I preached in Trinity Church, Martinsburg, and also at night, confirming three.

August 1—I preached in Mt. Zion Church, Hedgesville.

August 2—In Calvary Church, a very neat log building, at Back Creek, I preached and confirmed one, and the same evening crossed the North Mountain to the vicinity of my next appointments.

August 3—I preached in the Church at Bunker's Hill, and confirmed one.

August 4—I preached at Smithfield, thus completing my engagements in that section of the Diocese.

August 6—I preached in All Saints', Fredericktown, Maryland.

August 13—I preached in Immanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware.

August 17—I preached in Zion Church, Fairfax county, and also, the same evening, and the next morning, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Gassaway, I addressed the congregation.

August 19—I preached at Middleburg and confirmed five.

August 20—I preached at Upperville.

August 22—I preached at St. James' Church, Leesburg.

August 28—I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown.

September 3—I preached in St. John's, Georgetown.

September 10—I preached in Christ Church, Baltimore.

September 17—I preached in the Church at Little Falls and confirmed three.

October 2—I left Richmond to visit the Churches in Nelson and Amherst, and several of the counties south of James River.

October 4—I preached in the Church at New Market.

October 5—I preached in Trinity, Nelson county.

October 6—I preached in the Church at New Glasgow, and the same evening, at Amherst Court House, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Kinckle, I addressed the congregation.

October 7—I consecrated Ascension Church, at Amherst Ct. House, baptized an infant and preached. Immediately after these services, which were held at an earlier hour than usual, I rode to Rucker's Church, and preached. In the afternoon of the same day, I baptized a child at the residence of Mr. Tinsley.

October 8—I preached in the Church at Pedlar Mills.

October 9—In St. Paul's, Lynchburg, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Meredith, I addressed the congregation and confirmed one. At night I preached in the same Church.

October 10—I preached in Trinity Church, Bedford, and confirmed one.

October 11—I preached in St. Stephen's.

October 12—Although I had no appointment at Campbell Court House, yet the solicitations to have service there were so earnest, that I did not feel at liberty to refuse, and accordingly, preached there at night. We were accommodated in a large room in their new Court House, which was well filled by an attentive congregation. I learned that a sum, nearly sufficient for the erection of a Church, had been secured, and I hope that, on the next visitation, a suitable building will be ready for consecration.

October 13—I preached in St. John's, Campbell, and baptized an infant. The same evening, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Kinsolving, I passed on to Staunton River, where, though I missed the good lady who, on former visits, had greeted me so kindly, we were cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained by Mr. Pannill. The next morning he considerably provided for our journey and furnished us with a sketch of the road, which enabled us to reach our next stage, in Pittsylvania, without mistake.

On our way to the Court House, we called at the residence of the late Mrs. Coles, whose house has, for many years, been as a home to the Bishops and Clergy, and whose intelligence and ma-

turity in the faith, made it a privilege to be her guest. A few months before my arrival, her long life of exemplary piety and usefulness had terminated in a hopeful and happy death. As I looked in upon the chamber, where, upon former occasions, I had been permitted to take counsel with her and commune in the Lord, I could but think of the glorious fellowship to which she has passed and pray that her numerous descendants, who have witnessed her walk and conversation, may drink of the same spirit—follow her blessed example, and be partakers with her of the heavenly inheritance.

October 14—At Pittsylvania Court House, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Kinsolving, I addressed the congregation.

October 15—In the same Church, I preached and confirmed three.

October 17—In the Church at Henry Court House, I preached in the morning and confirmed one. At night I preached again.

October 19—I preached in the Church at Danville.

October 21—I preached in the Church at Catawba, Halifax.

October 22—I preached in St. John's, Halifax Court House, and confirmed six; also in the afternoon, after sermon by the Rev. J. T. Clark.

October 23—I preached in the Brick Church, Halifax county.

October 24—I preached at Charlotte Court House.

October 25—Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Clark, I proceeded to Lunenburg. By the way, we passed an hour in conversation and prayer, with Capt. Pettus, an aged member of our communion, who now, in addition to other infirmities, is deprived of sight. We found him almost alone in his religious association, but unshaken in his attachment to the Church, and waiting for the hour when he hopes to see with an eye which shall never be dimmed.

October 26—I preached in St. Paul's, Lunenburg. In the afternoon I turned aside with my travelling companions, from our direct road, to visit a gentleman who was near his end, and being much concerned on the subject of religion, desired us to visit him. We spent some time at his house in those services which God has appointed and promised to bless. We left him, but not without hope that the interview had helped to obviate difficulties in his way to the presence and favor of Him before whom he was soon called to appear.

October 27—I preached in St. John's, Lunenburg, and confirmed one.

October 28—I preached at the Old Church, Mecklenburg, and confirmed three.

October 29—I preached in St. James', Boydton, in the morning, and in the afternoon, by request, preached in the Chapel of Randolph and Macon College.

October 30—I preached in St. Andrew's Church.

October 31—I preached in St. Luke's Church and confirmed three.

By hastening from this, my last appointment, to the nearest depot on the North Carolina Rail Road, and travelling all night, I was enabled to reach Petersburg in time to avail myself of the boat, down the river, on the next morning, and so to join Bishop Meade at Williamsburg. My design, in this forced journey, was to confer on a subject which, in its proper place, will be submitted for your consideration.

When at Halifax Court House, I received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Norwood, informing me that his health demanded a suspension of his ministerial duties for some months, and that the vestry of St. Paul's had resolved to invite me to take the rectorship during his absence. On my return to Richmond, the invitation was formally presented. I had formed my plans for employment during the winter, and, among other things, was very desirous to attempt the formation of a congregation of coloured people, and, as Christ Church had been offered to us for the purpose, the opportunity seemed to be peculiarly favorable. Yet, when I considered the lateness of the season; the impossibility of obtaining a suitable supply; and the evil of closing the Church during the winter; there appeared no alternative. I abandoned my favorite project for the time, accepted the invitation of the vestry, and entered, at once, on the full duties of the rectorship, in which I have been engaged up to the period of starting to the Convention. It is scarcely expected that I should occupy your time and fill the pages of the Journal, by a detail of the services thus rendered. It will be sufficient to remark, that my regular duties consisted in preaching twice on Sundays, lecturing on Wednesday nights, and conducting the exercises of a Bible Class on Fridays; that, during Lent, another weekly service was added, and that, in Passion Week, I was engaged every day in some one of the Churches in Richmond. Meanwhile, my Episcopal services were as follows:

Nov. 26—In St. Paul's, Richmond, I admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. John Howard Smith. The service was read by the Rev. Mr. Duval; the candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Norwood. Both united in the imposition of hands. Sermon by myself.

Dec. 17—In St. James' Church, Richmond, I confirmed three.

Dec. 19—I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg, and confirmed eight.

January 3—In St. Paul's Church, Richmond, I admitted to Priest's orders the Rev. Daniel Francis Sprigg. Service was read by the Rev. C. J. Gibson, who also presented the candidate. Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge.

February 27—I went to Petersburg to hold an Ordination, but, in consequence of some misapprehension, the presence of two Presbyters could not be obtained and the service was postponed.

March 8—In the Monumental Church, Richmond, I admitted

the Rev. N. A. Okeson to the Priesthood. Service by Rev. Dr. Empie. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Keppler, who, with the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, united in the imposition of hands.

April 1—In the Monumental Church, I preached and confirmed eleven, two being from St. Paul's Church.

April 6—Good Friday, in St. James' Church, Richmond, I preached and confirmed twelve, two being from St. Paul's Church.

April 10—I went to Petersburg in the morning. In the afternoon, I preached in Grace Church and confirmed six. At night, I preached in St. Paul's and confirmed ten.

April 11—I preached at Old Point Comfort, in the Centurion Church, and the next morning baptized an infant.

April 12—At night, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, and confirmed seven.

April 13—I crossed to the Eastern Shore, to visit the Churches in Northampton and Accomac.

April 14—I preached in Christ Church, Eastville.

April 15—I preached in Hungar's Church. The Rector of these Churches I found confined to his room by sickness, and, as there was no other minister to aid, in both the service was performed by myself.

April 16—I consecrated St. Michael's Church, Bellhaven. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. Weed. Service by the Rev. W. G. H. Jones. Sermon by myself. This is the first Church erected in this vicinity. It was commenced under circumstances which seemed to forbid the attempt as impracticable, and has succeeded, under the blessing of God, by the persevering efforts and personal labor of the minister, who not only labored to incite others, but worked on the building with his own hands.—Such zeal deserves its reward, and, in this case, it has been gained, not only by accomplishing what every one else deemed impossible, but by finding a respectable congregation already assembling in the neat and appropriate building which has been so laudably erected.

April 17—I preached in St. George's Church, Pongateague.—This Church is under the care of the same minister, and bears witness to the same resolute energy. It is one of the old Churches of the Diocese, of singular structure, but originally well built. It had, however, been much neglected. When I visited it, some three years since, it was greatly dilapidated, its windows out, its glass broken, and looking, altogether, comfortless and deserted. It has recently been glazed, cleaned, painted, and, even if the further improvements in contemplation should not be made, the repairs already effected have rendered the venerable building once more a decent place for the services of our holy religion. I note with pleasure these particulars for the encouragement of others to emulate the self-denial and activity which have produced these creditable changes, and because I trust this decorous attention to the material, is a token and a pledge of diligence and zeal in con-

nection with the spiritual, building, the blessed effects of which are soon to be manifest.

April 18—I preached at Drummondtown and left there in the afternoon, at an early hour, to visit a worthy member of our communion, who has, for several years, been providentially prevented from attending the public services of the Church.

April 20—I crossed the bay to Norfolk and, at night, preached in St. Paul's Church and confirmed four.

The next day I returned to Richmond.

April 22—I preached in St. Paul's, and on Monday left home to visit several of the Churches in Hanover, Spottsylvania and Caroline.

April 23—I preached in the Fork Church, Hanover, and confirmed four.

April 25—I preached in St. John's, Spottsylvania. A steady rain, which continued through the day, prevented the arrival of the conveyance on which I relied for reaching Christ Church. I was, therefore, obliged to return without meeting the appointment there and at St. Margaret's, Caroline. This, however, was the less to be regretted, as the continued rain must have prevented the assembling of a congregation at both Churches.

I had made my arrangements for visiting the congregations at Staunton, Weston and Clarksburg, on my way to the Convention, at Wheeling, and designed leaving Richmond, with that view, on the 8th of May; but, on receiving notice that the place for the meeting of the Convention was changed, I found that it would not be practicable for me to return to Charlottesville, in time for its session, if I fulfilled those appointments. I was, therefore, reluctantly compelled to revoke them for the present, and, as the interval was too short to make others elsewhere, I have been occupied in the usual services in St. Paul's, Richmond.

I now proceed to submit to the consideration of the Convention the subject to which I alluded in a previous part of this report.

In the month of November last, I received a communication from the Hon. John Tyler, Rector of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, informing me that, at their recent meeting, in October, they had appointed me President of the College and Professor of Moral Philosophy, to take effect on the first of July next. As immediate action was not required on my part, and as it was now made under circumstances which gave it an aspect very different from that of the overture of 1847, I deemed it my privilege, and but due to the Church in this Diocese, to wait and take their counsel, before forming my own decision. My reply to the communication from the Rector, therefore, was as follows:

"My relation to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this Diocese, is such, that it would not be proper for me to act, on this important appointment, without first availing myself of the counsel of our Convention. This I will take in May next. If, in the opinion of

that body, I ought to accept the office to which the Board of Visitors have called me, I should not feel at liberty to decline the responsible service."

I have recently received another communication from the Rector of the College, enclosing a copy of certain proceedings of the Board of Visitors, to be laid before this Convention, which I now present:

"RESOLUTIONS AND ADDRESS of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, adopted at a meeting held on Wednesday, the 17th of April, 1849, in the city of Williamsburg, and ordered to be transmitted to the Convention of the Episcopal Church of Virginia, through the Right Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.:"

"WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, in the month of October, 1848, the Right Rev. John Johns was elected to the Presidency of the same: and, whereas, it is understood that he has determined to refer the question of his acceptance to the Episcopal Convention about to assemble,—therefore,

"Resolved, That this Board transmit, through the President elect, to the Convention, the following expression of their views and wishes; in the hope that it may influence that body to consent, though it should only be for a limited period, to the surrender of such portions of the time of Bishop Johns as the present exigencies of the College demand, and the Episcopal Church may be able to spare, without injury to herself.

"The Board of Visitors, having regard to the charter and early history of the College, and the religious opinions and ecclesiastical connections of a long line of Presidents and Professors, and desirous to enlist the ministers and members of the Episcopal Church of Virginia more actively in its behalf, have been induced to invite the Right Rev. Bishop Johns to a chief place in its government, confident that his zeal and abilities will render most effectual service in the efforts to place it on the best foundation of which it is capable.

"While, however, the Visitors thus invoke the special co-operation of the Episcopal Church of Virginia, they must distinctly declare that they have no wish to make it a sectarian institution, by excluding from the Faculty or Visitorial Board suitable persons of other denominations, or by introducing, in the instructions delivered to the young, any thing which can be justly offensive, either to themselves or their parents, in the way of denominational peculiarities. In this respect, they desire and propose to follow the example of many other Colleges in our land, which, though under the predominant influence of some one denomination, have nevertheless found it to be in accordance with the dictates of sound wisdom and true Christian charity to avoid what is controversial and offensive, and to see that only the great, undisputed doctrines and duties of our holy religion are sought to be enforced on the pupils thereof.

"With the expression of such views, the Visitors cannot but hope that the Convention will see fit to comply with their earnest desire to obtain the services of Bishop Johns."

(Signed,) on behalf of the Visitors,

JOHN TYLER,

Rector of William and Mary College.

[A correct copy from the records.]

Wm. M. Moody, Secretary.

The preceding statement is, I presume, quite sufficient to put you in possession of the important overture in reference to which I now respectfully ask the advice of the Convention. If this body decide that the interests of religion call for our adoption of the proposed arrangement, and that my Episcopal services can, without detriment to the Diocese, be so far dispensed with for the present, as to enable me to devote sufficient time to the responsible duties of the College, such decision will control my own opinions and inclinations, and determine me to accept the appointment and make the experiment. If, however, the voice of the Diocese is not decidedly in favor of the arrangement, I shall be relieved from all anxiety, and feel at liberty to confine myself to my present position and its more congenial duties.

On motion, it was resolved that a Special Committee, to consist of five Clergymen and five Laymen, be appointed, to take into consideration so much of Bishop Johns' Report as relates to his election to the Presidency of William and Mary College, and report to the Convention as early as practicable.

Whereupon the Bishop named the following gentlemen to constitute the said committee:

Rev. JOHN GRAMMER,	PHILIP WILLIAMS,
" J. P. McGUIRE,	WALTER H. TAYLOR,
" H. STRINGFELLOW,	EDMUND FONTAINE,
" J. UFFORD,	GEO. M. CARRINGTON,
" W. H. KINCKLE,	CASSIUS F. LEE.

The Rev. Mr. STRINGFELLOW, a member of the Committee on Canons, stated that his colleagues were not present, and, on his motion, the Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE and PHILIP WILLIAMS, Esq., were added to the committee.

Col. F. H. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen, not present in the morning, duly chosen:

Bruton parish, Williamsburg—Beverly Tucker.

Grub Hill Church, Amelia—Benj. M. Jones.
 Christ Church, Winchester—Philip Williams,
 St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—John Rowlett,
 St. James' Church, Richmond—Benj. B. Minor.
 St. John's and Christ Churches, Spottsylvania—Lewis A. Boggs.
 Christ Church, Millwood—Wm. Nelson, M. D.
 Trinity Church, Shepherdstown—Edmund Fontaine.
 Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.
 St. Thomas' Church, Middletown—John W. Owen, M. D.
 St. John's Church, Richmond—Geo. M. Carrington.
 Christ Church, Norfolk—Walter H. Taylor.
 Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna—James Galt.
 St. Peter's Church, Buckingham—Richard S. Ellis, Jr.
 St. Peter's Church, Port Royal—Charles Urquhart, M. D.
 South Farnham parish, Essex—Jas. H. Lewis.
 Trinity Church, Staunton—Wm. W. Donaghe.
 Walker's Church, Albemarle—Mann Page, M. D.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY, 8 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

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

The proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese were read by the Rev. Mr. Dana.

On motion, Benj. B. Minor, Esq., was elected Assistant Secretary, *pro tem*.

On motion, so much of the 28th Rule of Order as relates to the reading of Parochial Reports was suspended by a vote of two thirds of the Convention.

The Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer presented a petition for the division of the parish of St. James, Northam, Goochland, which was referred to the appropriate committee.

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

The Assistant Bishop announced the Standing Committees as follows:

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. A. EMPIE, D. D.	N. C. KING, M. D.
" C. MANN,	ROBERT H. CARTER,
" W. SPARROW, D. D.,	THOS. NELSON,
" T. T. CASTLEMAN,	JAMES GALT,
" J. UFFORD,	SAM'L W. SHELTON.

ON FINANCE.

GEO. M. CARRINGTON,	JOSEPHUS HURT,
WALTER H. TAYLOR,	RICHARD S. ELLIS, Jr.

ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

Rev. G. WOODBRIDGE,	CASSIUS F. LEE,
" W. H. KINCKLE,	D. W. BRODNAX, M. D.

ON ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS.	JAMES GALT,
" WM. FRIEND,	CAREY BRECKENRIDGE.

ON PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. H. M. DENISON,	JOHN B. COLES,
" J. T. CLARK,	OTHO W. KEAN. M. D.

ON NEW PARISHES.

Rev. J. P. MCGUIRE,	EDMUND FONTAINE,
J. P. B. WILMER,	OTHO W. KEAN, M. D.
D. CALDWELL,	LEWIS A. BOGGS.

ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND

Rev. C. B. DANA,	FRANCIS NELSON,
" WM. V. BOWERS,	BENJ. B. MINOR,
" GEO. T. WILMER,	WM. M. BRYCE.

On motion, Resolved, That the 2d article of the Constitution be amended, by inserting, after the word "Societies," in the 10th line, "and the Rector of the Episcopal High School."

On motion, Resolved, That the 29th Rule of Order be so amended as to insert, after the word "committee," the following, "the reception of the parochial reports by the Bishop from the Clergy, who shall be called upon in alphabetical order for their reports, and (if required,) the reading of the parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop may think fit"—and to strike out the words "and parochial reports."

The Convention then took a recess for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

ONE o'clock, P. M.

The Convention assembled after recess.

On motion, Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of Virginia be requested to enquire into the expediency of establishing a system of Scholarships for that institution, upon such foundation as shall secure to it a permanent fund, and a full support on the part of this Church.

The Account of the Treasurer of the Diocese was presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH, 8 1-2 O'CLOCK, A. M.

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

The Roll having been called, the following Clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, " F. H. McGUIRE,
" E. T. PERKINS, " A. WADE, M. D.

The following Lay Delegates presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in the Convention:

St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's parish, Culpepper—P. N. Meade.
St. John's Church, King George—Edward T. Tayloe.
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford—Wm. C. Leftwich.
Lyttleton parish, Cumberland—Goodrich Wilson.
Armory Church, Richmond—Robert D. Warwick.

The Rev. Mr. DANA, on behalf of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, presented an amended Constitution for the same, which, having been read, was adopted by the Convention.

The Assistant Bishop laid before the Convention resolutions of the Vestry of St. Mathew's Church, Wheeling, expressive of the acquiescence of that body in the decision of the Bishop with respect to changing the place of meeting of the Convention, and of its hope and confidence that the next session of the Convention may be held in that city.

Mr. Williams, from the committee to whom were referred the amended Canons, presented a report which was, for the present, on his motion, laid upon the table.

The Rev. J. P. McGuire, from the Committee on new parishes, to whom were referred the petition of the vestry of the Armory Church, Richmond, for admission into the Convention, and the petition of certain persons for the division of St. James parish, Northam, and the erection of a new one in the county of Fluvanna, to

be called "Rivanna parish," made a favorable report, which was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. GRAMMER, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Address of the Assistant Bishop as refers to his election to the Presidency of William and Mary College, made the following

R E P O R T.

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Visitors of William and Mary College, in relation to the acceptance of the Presidency of that institution, by the Right Rev. Bishop Johns, have bestowed on the subject the careful consideration which was due to its own importance and the source from which it emanated, and, regarding the proposition now made to the Convention of such importance as that it may be the duty of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia to make trial of the same, recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, on former occasions, the partial and temporary services of the Bishop and also of the Assistant Bishop of this Diocese have been given to other objects, without materially interfering with their Episcopal duties:

Resolved, That, if the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, after further conference with the Visitors of William and Mary College, shall be of opinion that the interests of Religion and Literature may be promoted by Bishop Johns' accepting the Presidency of the College, the Convention hereby give their consent to such acceptance—his continuance in the same being subject to the future advice and action of the Convention; and provided that, until the meeting of the next Convention, he shall be at liberty to devote such time to the performance of Episcopal services, as, in the opinion of the Bishop and himself, the interests of the Church may require.

This resolution, after long debate, was adopted by ayes and noes as follows:

OF THE CLERGY.

AYES—Right Rev. Bishop Meade, Rev. Messrs. Andrews, Ambler, Berkeley, Bowers, Bryant, Boyden, Cummins, Caldwell, Chisholm, Carraway, Cole, Cooke, Denison, Dana, Empie, Fisher, Gibson, Hoff, R. P. Johnson, Keppler, Kinsolving, Locke, Leavell, Mann, Meade, Minnegerode, J. D. McCabe, J. C. McCabe, McElroy, J. P. McGuire, F. H. McGuire, E. B. McGuire, Wm. McGuire, Pendleton, Stringfellow, Slack, Sparrow, Towles, Tizzard, Temple, Woodbridge, Wingfield, J. P. B. Wilmer, Withers—45

NOES—Rev. Messrs. Castleman, Clark, Duval, Friend, Grammer, Kinckle, Lockwood, Meredith, Nelson, Perkins, Smith, Ufford, Wade—13.

OF THE LAITY.

AYES—Messrs. Brodnax, Bryce, Breckenridge, Coles, Carington, Carter, Floyd, Fontaine, Galt, Hurt, King, Lindsay, Lee, Lewis, Leftwich, Meade, F. Nelson, P. Nelson, Owen, Rowlett, Thornley, Terrill, Tucker, Taylor, Tayloe, Page, Wilson, Williams—28

NOES—Boggs, Donaghe, Fisher, Harris, Jones, Kean, Merriwether, Minor, Thos. Nelson, W. Nelson, Smith, Shelton, Urquhart, Warwick, Wilson—15.

AYES—Clergy	45	
“ Laity	28	
	—	73
NOES—Clergy	13	
“ Laity	15	
	—	28
Majority for resolution	45	

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 19TH May, HALF PAST 8, A. M.

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

Col. John Chewning, a Delegate from Christ Church parish, Lancaster, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Earnest appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Andrews, from the Committee on the Diocesan Missionary Society, to which was referred the account of the Treasurer, made the following Report :

The Committee upon the Diocesan Missionary Society report, that they have examined the documents submitted to them by the Executive Committee and find them correct.

Your Committee would earnestly suggest that a vigorous support of our Diocesan Missionary Society is among our very first duties.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society respectfully report that they have, during the past year, contributed to the support of sixteen missionaries. These are the Rev.

W. E. Webb, Goochland ; Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield ; Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson ; Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex ; Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville ; Rev. A. B. Tizzard, Chesterfield ; Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Fairfax ; Rev. Robert Nelson, Lexington ; Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon ; Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Weston ; Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac ; Rev. N. A. Okeson, City Point ; Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan ; Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg ; Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond city ; and the Rev. Samuel R. Slack, Albemarle.

The Committee are gratified to be able to report, that, during the past year, Meherrin parish, Greenville county, and St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick county, which have heretofore received the aid of the Society, have become able to support themselves, and have voluntarily and promptly declined the further aid of the Society. Such instances are encouraging and the Committee earnestly hope that the other parishes, now aided by the Society, will make every exertion to follow their good example as soon as practicable. A strenuous effort on the part of the friends of the Church, in these parishes, is alone needed to enable them to do so in a short time, and justice to the Society, as well as to the many other destitute portions of the Diocese, requires that such an effort be made.

The receipts of the Society, during the past year, amount to \$2,127.62, a sum wholly inadequate to supply the wants of the Diocese, and very far from being commensurate with the ability of the Church and the importance of the object sought to be promoted by the Society.

In consequence of the limited means placed at their disposal, the Committee, in order to carry out, as far as practicable, the objects of the Society, have been compelled to adopt, as a general rule, the annual reduction of the amount appropriated to each Missionary Church. This rule is based upon the conviction that the friends of the Church will be multiplied as its principles and practices become known, and, therefore, that a Missionary Church, judiciously established, will annually so increase in strength as to justify a reduction of the aid of the Society ; and its object is, to require the Churches aided by the Society, as their strength increases, to increase, in a corresponding degree, their efforts to support themselves, and thus to relieve the Society, as soon as practicable, from the burden of supporting them, in order that its funds may be devoted to the assistance of the other destitute sec-

tions of the Diocese. The necessity and expediency of this rule require no illustration. It is obvious that the great objects of the Society can never be accomplished, if its funds are devoted to the support of a few Churches. Its benefactions must, of necessity, be temporary, or they never can be extensively useful. Except in rare cases, affected by peculiar circumstances, where, of course, the rule would not be rigidly enforced, the Committee believe that its operation will be most salutary, both to the Society, and to the Churches aided by it. For these reasons the committee take this occasion to commend it to the approbation and sanction of the Convention, and (if it should be approved) to bring it prominently to the notice of the Churches now aided, and which may hereafter apply for the aid of the Society.

The Committee acknowledge, with pleasure, the zeal and liberality which has been manifested, during the past year, in behalf of Diocesan missions, by Christ Church, Norfolk, which has contributed to the funds of the Society \$200, to the support of the Rev. Lewis Walke, Princess Anne; \$200 to the Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson; \$150 to the Rev. Mr. Good, Hampton; \$50, and to the erection of a Church edifice at Leetown, Jefferson, \$90. Total 690. While, however, the Committee commend most heartily to the imitation of the other Churches of the Diocese the noble example of zeal and liberality, in the missionary cause, which has been furnished by Christ Church, they cannot forbear to express their decided conviction that *private and independent* contributions, designed to be in support of Diocesan missions, whether made by Churches or individuals, are greatly prejudicial to the operations of the Society. The inability of individual Churches, acting independently, to sustain a great missionary enterprise, and the felt necessity of organized, concerted action, by the whole Church, gave rise to the formation of the Diocesan Missionary Society. And it is obvious, that, if the individual Churches of the Diocese, or the individual members of the Church, now become their own almoners, they, to this extent, withhold their confidence and support from the Society and defeat the great object of its formation. With the limited resources of the Society, it is indispensable to its success that the whole missionary field should be judiciously surveyed, its wants and its resources carefully studied, and that *systematized* means should be adopted

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to supply these wants and develop these resources. This the Society has endeavored to do by the adoption of certain rules of action, having for their object to ascertain the real wants, as well as resources, of those parishes and Churches which require its aid, to call into active beneficial operation all their resources, and to supply their wants in the most economical and efficacious manner. Individual Churches and members must act without these advantages, and, acting independently, there must, of necessity, often be a prejudicial interference with the operations of the Society—for it cannot but happen, that such contributions will often be made, where they are not really needed, and, not unfrequently, on objects already aided by the Society. To this subject, also, the committee invite the consideration of the Convention.

During the past year, the Depository has been kept supplied with Prayer Books and Tracts—333 Prayer Books, 514 copies of the tract on Confirmation, and 24,832 pages of other tracts, have been distributed. The whole number of Prayer Books, distributed since the establishment of the Depository, is 2,145. There are now in the Depository 453 prayer books, 1,188 copies of the tract on Confirmation, and 25,552 pages of other tracts, besides a number of copies of the life of Devereux Jarratt, Jarratt's Essay on Justification, Bishop Meade's Address to the Young on Confirmation, and tracts for the Jews.

The Committee have paid, during the past year,

To Missionaries,	\$1,706.61
For 512 prayer books and expenses,	\$89.04

Balance now in the Treasury,	\$392.73
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

By order of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society,
JOHN O. STEGER, Sec'y.

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

1848.

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June 7. To cash paid draft of Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland, in full of his appropriation,	\$14 00
July 10. To cash remitted Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan, Botetourt county, 2d quarter,	50 00
To cash remitted Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield, Isle of Wight, 1st quarter,	50 00

To amount carried over,	\$114 00
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	<i>To amount brought over,</i>	\$114 00
July 10.	To cash remitted to Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county, 3d quarter,	37 50
Aug. 12.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Missionary in city of Richmond, from city collections,	50 00
Sept. 17.	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, Fairfax county, 3d quarter,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, 4th quarter,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county, 4th quarter,	37 50
14.	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county, 3d quarter,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, 2d quarter,	50 00
Oct. 16.	To cash paid Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland county, on account his renewed appropriation,	50 00
Nov. 2.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Jas. D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county, on ac't.	8 28
4.	To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, city missionary, from collections in Richmond,	75 00
9.	To cash remitted Rev. J. McElroy, Buchanan, Botetourt county, 3d quarter,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, Fairfax county, 4th quarter,	50 00
30.	To cash remitted Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon, Washington county, in full,	41 72
	To cash remitted Rev. Samuel R. Slack, Albemarle county, in full,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. Rob't. Nelson, Lexington, Rockbridge county, 1st quarter,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, 1st quarter new appropriation	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Weston, Lewis county, 1st quarter,	25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, 1st quarter, new appropriation,	37 50
Dec. 22.	To cash paid Rev. W. Duval, city missionary, from collections in Richmond in full,	55 00
	<i>To amount carried up,</i>	\$944 00

	<i>To amount brought up,</i>	\$944 00
1849.		
Jan. 2.	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. C. McCabe, Smithfield, Isle of Wight, 3rd quarter,	50 00
11.	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county, 2nd quarter,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, 2nd quarter,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Weston, Lewis county, 2nd quarter,	25 00
18.	To cash paid Nash & Woodhouse, for 512 prayer books, ordered by them for the Society,	89 04
23.	To cash paid Rev. W. E. Webb, Goochland county, on account,	25 00
Feb. 12.	To cash paid draft of Rev. J. McElroy, Buchanan, Botetourt county, in full,	50 00
March 6.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac county, on account	75 00
23.	To cash remitted Rev. A. B. Tizzard, Coal Pits, Chesterfield county, 1st quarter,	25 00
	To cash remitted Rev. Robert Nelson, Lexington, Rockbridge county, 2nd quarter,	37 50
30.	To cash remitted Rev. Wm F. Lockwood, Fairfax county, 1st quarter, new appropriation,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. G. W. Dame, Danville, Pittsylvania county, for 1848,	50 00
April 3.	To cash remitted Rev. N. A. Okeson, City Point, Prince George county, for past services,	50 00
9.	To cash remitted Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield, Isle of Wight, 4th quarter,	50 00
	To cash remitted Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg, Wood county, 3d quarter,	37 50
	To cash remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews and Middlesex counties, 3d quarter,	37 50
	To cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed, Accomac county, on account	17 61
May 11.	To cash paid draft of Rev. Jas. McElroy, Buchanan, Botetourt county, 1st quarter, new appropriation,	37 50
	<i>To amount carried over,</i>	\$1725 65

<i>To amount brought over,</i>		\$1725 65
To cash paid Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond, money collected for him in Monumental Church,		20 00
14.	To cash paid Rev. Jno. C. McCabe, Smithfield, 1st quarter, new appropriation,	50 00
	To balance of cash in hand this day,	392 73
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		\$2188 38
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May	15. By balance in hand reported to Convention in Norfolk,	\$60 76
	17. By cash of Mr. Stringfellow's family, St. Stephen's, Culpeper,	10 00
	By cash of Christ Church, Lancaster co.	51 50
	do do do Raleigh and Genito parishes,	21 00
	do do do St. James' Church, Mecklenburg county,	15 50
	By cash of St. Martin's parish, Hanover,	4 00
	By cash of Botetourt parish, Botetourt,	31 00
	By cash of St. Luke's Church Powhatan,	8 00
	By cash of Antrim parish, Halifax, viz:— Mrs. Sarah A. Leigh, \$2; Mrs. Mary Bailey, \$9; Elvira A. Clarke, \$5; Mrs. M. E. Grammer, \$2.50; Mrs. C. Early \$2; Mr. D. Cosby, jr., \$2.50; Col. C. H. Cabanis \$2; Miss Martha Smith 50 cts; Rev. John Grammer \$10; Mrs. E. S. Easley \$2; Miss Mary Smith \$1; Mr. E. B. Estes \$1.50; Richard Logan \$5; J. C. Bruce \$20; Mrs. Eliza Bruce \$15,	80 00
	By cash of Roanoke parish, Roanoke co.	10 00
	do do do Nelson parish, Nelson county,	5 00
	do do do do do for tracts,	5 00
	do do do St. Martin's parish, Hanover,	41 70
	do do do Christ Church, Middlesex,	16 10
	do do do St. Paul's Church Sunday School, Alexandria,	32 70
	By cash of St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	40 62
	By cash of a Lady and two children, Trinity parish, Wood county,	4 00
	By cash of Christ Church, Charlottesville,	7 50
	By cash of St. Paul's Church, Petersburg,	80 00
	By cash of Zion Church, Fairfax county,	5 43
	By cash of Christ Church, Alexandria,	40 00
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<i>By amount carried up,</i>		\$569 81

<i>By amount brought up,</i>		\$569 81
By cash of Mr. Edmund Berkley, Meade parish,		5 00
By cash of Josephus Hurt, Grace Church, Petersburg,		5 00
By cash of Trinity Church, Buchanan,		7 71
By cash of St. Peter's Church, New Kent,		6 50
By cash of a lady in Louisa county, for tracts,		10 00
By cash from Communion alms, at Christ Church, Norfolk, on Sunday after Convention,		209 50
31. By cash of Nash & Woodhouse for tracts sold,		5 56
June 7.	By cash of Rev. F. D. Goodwin, for prayer books,	4 00
	9. By cash of two gentlemen of New York, by Rev. P. P. Irving,	55 00
	29. By cash of Mrs. A. Anderson,	2 00
By cash of the young ladies of Mrs. Wilmer's School,		16 00
July 5.	By cash of Christ Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	13 50
	11. By cash of Grace Church, Petersburg, by Rev. C. J. Gibson,	25 00
	12. By cash of Trinity Church, Hanover, for prayer books,	1 50
	15. By cash of Green Mountain Church by Rev. R. K. Meade,	5 10
By cash of Christ Church, Charlottesville, by Rev. R. K. Meade,		2 25
	17. By cash of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, by Wm. H. Fowle,	38 69
	20. By cash of Missionary Society of Enquiry of Theological Seminary, by Mr. Richards,	22 33
	22. By cash of Christ Church, Alexandria, by Rev. C. B. Dana,	35 25
	24. By cash of St. Thomas Church, Orange, by Bishop Johns,	26 62
By cash of Bloomfield parish, Madison, by Bishop Johns,		10 00
Aug. 8.	By cash of St. Thomas' Church, Federick, by Bishop Johns,	16 33
	25. By cash of Christ Church, Millwood, by Bishop Johns,	30 77
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<i>By amount carried over,</i>		\$1,123 42

		<i>By amount brought over,</i>	\$1,123 42
Aug. 29.	By cash of Wickliffe parish, Clarke county, by Bishop Johns,	35 00	
Sept. 2.	By cash of Leeds parish, Fauquier, by Rev. Mr. Pendleton,	53 00	
12.	By cash of Church at Shepherdstown, by Bishop Johns,	15 00	
Oct. 2.	By cash of Christ Church, Suffolk, by Bishop Johns,	8 55	
	By cash of Christ Church, Smithfield, by Bishop Johns,	10 00	
	By cash of Shelburn parish, Leesburg, by Bishop Johns,	16 71	
	By cash of boys of Shelburn parish, proceeds of poultry, by Bishop Johns,	2 12	
	By cash of colored communicants of Shelburn parish,	00 25	
3.	By cash of St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	20 00	
5.	By cash of Mrs. E. A. Bruce, St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	30 00	
16.	By cash of St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, by Bishop Johns,	43 17	
	By cash of Trinity Church, Bedford, by Bishop Johns,	6 13	
	By cash of St. Stephen's Church, Bedford, by Bishop Johns,	10 69	
	By cash of St. Luke's Church, Amherst, by Bishop Johns,	11 00	
Nov 8.	By cash of Antrim Parish, Halifax county, by Bishop Johns,	50 00	
	By cash of Roanoke parish, Roanoke co., by Bishop Johns,	70 17	
	By cash of Mrs. M. A. Kennon, Charlotte Court House, by Bishop Johns,	2 50	
	By cash of Miss Alice Bouldin, Charlotte Court House, by Bishop Johns,	2 50	
	By cash of St. Paul's Church, Lunenburg, by Bishop Johns,	12 00	
	By cash of St. John's Church, Lunenburg, by Bishop Johns,	8 12	
	By cash of Old Church, Mecklenburg co. by Bishop Johns,	11 85	
	By cash of St. James Church, Mecklenburg, by Bishop Johns,	25 50	
	By cash of St. Andrew's Church, Mecklenburg, by Bishop Johns,	9 84	
	<i>By amount carried up,</i>	\$1,577 52	

		<i>By amount brought up,</i>	\$1,577 52
	By cash of St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg, by Bishop Johns,	13 45	
Nov. 9.	By cash of Emanuel Church, Camden parish, by Bishop Johns,	12 68	
	By cash of Epiphany Church, Camden parish, by Bishop Johns,	9 37	
10.	By cash for prayer books,	5 00	
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Jan. 5.	By cash of St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	20 00	
26.	By cash of St. James' Church, Richmond, by Rev. Adam Empie,	32 14	
Feb. 3.	By cash of St. Anne's and South Farnham parishes, by Rev. J. P. McGuire,	40 00	
12.	By cash of St. James' Church, Richmond, by Rev. A. Empie,	20 00	
15.	By cash of Mrs. Harriet Skinker, Fauquier county, by Rev. G. H. Norton,	10 00	
25.	By cash collected in Meade parish, by Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, during Bishop Johns' visit,	31 25	
March 3.	By cash of St. Anne's and South Farnham parishes, by Rev. J. P. McGuire,	3 50	
9.	By cash of Church at Winchester,	00 50	
12.	By cash of Leeds parish, Fauquier county, by Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	40 00	
20.	By cash of Mrs. J. M. Laidley, Kanawha, by Rev. F. M. Whittle,	15 00	
30.	By cash of St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,	11 35	
April 30.	By cash of Walker's Church, Albemarle, by Bishop Johns,	3 75	
	By cash of St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper Court House, by Bishop Johns,	10 00	
	By cash of Centurion Church, Fort Monroe, by Bishop Johns,	10 00	
	By cash of Hungars parish, Northampton, by Bishop Johns,	44 05	
	By cash of St. George's Church, Accomac, by Bishop Johns,	5 48	
	By cash of St. James' Church, Drummondtown, by Bishop Johns,	12 13	
May 5.	By cash of Christ Church, Norfolk, by Tazewell Taylor,	200 00	
	<i>By amount carried over,</i>	\$2,127 17	

<i>By amount brought over,</i>		\$2,127 17
11. By cash of Nash & Woodhouse, for tracts sold,		2 96
By cash of Monumental Church, by Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,		20 00
By cash of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, by Bishop Johns,		35 00
14. By cash of Christ Church, Smithfield, for prayer books,		3 25
		<hr/> \$2,188 38
14. By balance cash in hand this day,		\$392 73
E. E. WM. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.		
RICHMOND, May 14th, 1849.		

With feelings of profound gratitude to the Convention for their repeated manifestations of confidence, the subscriber regrets to say that it will not hereafter be convenient for him to attend to the duties of Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society; he, therefore, respectfully, declines a re-appointment to that office.

WM. WILLIAMS.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee, whereupon the following gentlemen were duly chosen:

Rev. CHARLES C. DANA,	ORLANDO FAIRFAX, M. D.
" WM. SPARROW, D. D.	JOHN HOOFF,
" GEORGE A. SMITH,	CASSIUS F. LEE.

The Rev. Mr. DANA presented the report of the Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund, which was accepted.

REPORT.

The Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund have examined the report of the Trustees of said Fund, and the certificates of stock for twelve hundred dollars, which have been purchased, during the past year, by the Widows and Orphans' Society, and submit herewith the account of the Trustees, (which they find to be correct,) as a part of their report.

The Committee recommend that the Widows and Orphans' Society increase this fund, now amounting to \$9,570, by adding to it the dividends of its stocks, until the fund shall amount to the sum of ten thousand dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. B. DANA, Chairman.

Report of the Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia.

The Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund report, that,

having transferred two small balances, amounting together to \$26.80, to the Widows and Orphans' Society, agreeably to a resolution of last Convention, the Fund now consists of	
74 shares of Stock in Exchange Bank of Virginia, worth at par,	\$7,400 00
1 share of Stock in Bank of Virginia, worth at par	70 00
21 shares do do in Farmers' Bank of Va., worth at par,	2,100 00
	<hr/> \$9,570 00

The dividends on these stocks, collected during the year, amounting to \$669.90, have been paid over to the Widows and Orphans' Society.

All which is respectfully submitted,

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

Treasurer.

} Trustees.

RICHMOND, 12TH MAY, 1849.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE, from the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented the following report of the Board of Trustees, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HIGH SCHOOL.

The Board of Trustees respectfully report, that the condition of the Theological Seminary does not materially differ from that of former years. The blessing of the Most High still eminently rests upon it. The duties of the Professors are faithfully discharged and the Students are diligently engaged in all those studies and preparatory exercises, which are fitted to make them useful and efficient ambassadors for Christ. The Church at large is feeling through all its borders its salutary influence.

It is, however, a subject of deep regret and painful anxiety, that so few Students are now connected with our Theological Seminary. Its present number is but 25. A few years since and its average number was scarcely ever less than 40. This diminution of numbers is by no means peculiar to our Seminary. The number of those, who are now looking forward to Holy Orders, is but a small part of the number, who, a few years since, were pressing into the Ministry. To what other cause can we ascribe it, than the want of faithful, ardent, persevering prayer; of earnest sup-

plication that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into the harvest? The Ministry, acting through the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, is God's gracious instrumentality for the reformation of the world and the salvation of man. It is His appointed means and He will use no other. Yet for this He will be enquired of by us to do it for us. Let prayer be made without ceasing of the Church unto God, and he will give the word and great will be the company of the preachers.

The permanent fund of the Seminary has been increased, since the last report, \$5,932.91. The whole fund now amounts to \$47,479.24. We trust, in a few years more, that its vested funds will be sufficient to pay the Professors' salaries and to support the institution without the need of further aid.

Our excellent High School, under its efficient Rector, the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, is in a state of great efficiency. Its present number of pupils is 66.

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

*To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of the
Diocese of Virginia.*

The Rector of the High School respectfully begs leave to present his fourth annual report.

Since the last Convention, the fifth session of the School has closed, (July 31, '48,) and the sixth commenced. The change in the length of the sessions, and in the time of opening and closing, referred to in my last report, is now permanently established.—This alteration will enable the Trustees to attend the examination exercises, on the second Wednesday in July, the time at which they are assembled for the annual commencement of the Seminary.

The sixth session opened on the 20th of September last and will close at the time named above. The number of students, now amounting to 66, shows a highly gratifying state of prosperity and augurs well for the continuation of the confidence and support which are now shown.

The order, course of study, &c., &c., continue as previously reported, and, it is believed, with equally satisfactory results.

Five gentlemen, besides its Rector, two of whom are Clergymen, are employed daily in instruction. A French gentleman makes one of the corps of instructors and has under his charge the department of Drawing and French.

The religious condition of the School is encouraging, and it is hoped that, at the next visit of the Bishop, there will be some candidates for confirmation. The Catechisms, recently published by Bishop Meade, have been introduced to aid in the religious instruction of the Students.

The attention of the Board is again most earnestly called to the condition of the main building, which is suffering greatly for want of paint and some few repairs.

E. A. DALRYMPLE, *Rector.*

HOWARD, May 14th, 1849.

Report of the Professor of Church History.

In the Department of Church History, the Senior Class have gone through the history of the Church of England, with Bishop Short's work as their guide. In Ecclesiastical Polity, they have studied Hooker's work on the subject and are now engaged on "Episcopacy tested by Scripture." The whole is to be reviewed. They have likewise attended to the composition and weekly delivery of sermons.

The middle class have followed the usual course of the General History of the Church, and have nearly completed it. The classes have shown a satisfactory degree of diligence and punctuality.

JAMES MAY.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, May 12, 1849.

Report of the Professor of Systematic Divinity.

The Professor of Systematic Divinity has substantially the same report to render to the Trustees, as on former occasions. The Junior class have been studying with him the Evidences of Christianity; the Middle, Biblical Theology, together with the History of Doctrines; and the Senior class, Theology, in its relations to the doctrinal standards of our Church. The two latter classes have also been engaged, as directed by the Board, in the study of Intellectual Science, as related to revelation, so far as time would allow. Quite as much diligence as usual has been exhibited by the several classes. The punctuality of the members in their attendance upon daily duty will be seen from the accompanying report.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SPARROW.

Report of the Professor of Biblical Literature.

The Professor of Biblical Literature would respectfully report, that he has pursued, during the present session, the prescribed course of study in his department, and that the classes under his instruction have, by the divine blessing, made as much progress as usual.

The Senior class have read, in Greek, the First Epistle to the Corinthians and the two to Timothy. The Middle class have read, in Greek, the Epistles to the Romans, Hebrews and Galatians, and in Hebrew have studied the Prophecies of Christ, with the Commentary of Hengstenberg.

The Junior class, to whom his principal attention is devoted, have obtained a knowledge of the Hebrew language, and have read in Greek nearly the whole of the Harmony of the Gospels. They have also studied Jewish Antiquities, Horne's introduction to the Old Testament, and the principles of Biblical Interpretation, and have paid some attention to Jewish History and Sacred Chronology. They have written Critical Essays on the most important and difficult subjects of the scriptures.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. PACKARD.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBRIDGE, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

R E P O R T.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report, that, since the last Convention, they have purchased, with the cash then on hand, and dividends since received on Bank Stocks, six shares of stock of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia, and one share of stock of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, leaving now on deposit, in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at Alexandria, \$140.50 to the credit of the Trust Fund.

CREDITS.

Cash on Deposit in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, Alexandria, as reported last Convention,	\$226 50
Dividends received on Exchange Bank of Va. stock,	416 50
do do on Farmers' do do do	119 00
do do on Bank of the Valley, do	72 00
	<hr/> \$834 00

CHARGES.

4 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$98 per share,	\$392 00
2 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$100 per share,	200 00
1 share of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock,	101 50
Cash on deposit in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at Alexandria,	140 50
	<hr/> \$834 00

The Bishop's Fund now consists of

60 shares of stock Exchange Bank of Virginia,	\$6,000 00
23 do do do Farmers' Bank of do	2,300 00
9 do do do Bank of the Valley, in Virginia,	900 00
Cash on deposit in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, Alexandria,	140 50
	<hr/> \$9,340 50

Amount of the fund last year, \$8,726 50

WASHINGTON C. PAGE,

LOUIS A. CAZENOVE,

* Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, MAY 11TH, 1849.

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

The Committee on the state of the Church, present the following

R E P O R T:

Judging from the documents and the information otherwise laid before them, it would appear that the general state of religion, in this Diocese, has continued substantially the same during the last two or three years. There are continued evidences of the unceasing goodness of our covenant God to this Diocese. We see all this in the new Churches that are annually consecrated; in the steady and constant increase of our Laity and our Clergy; in the new fields of labor that are beginning to be cultivated; in the yearly accessions to the aggregate numbers of those who have been confirmed and admitted to our communion; and in the cheering evidences, that are exhibited in various places, of a growing conformity to the outward institutions and duties of religion. Besides, while a gradual improvement has been quietly in progress in some parts, in others a more obvious and earnest zeal in the cause of religion has been awakened, and Churches have been blessed

with richer effusions of Divine grace, and with more abundant fruits of righteousness and true holiness.

For these continued blessings, from the author of "every good and perfect gift," it becomes us publicly, as a Diocese of Churches and as individuals, to express our heartfelt gratitude and to show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. And it becomes us also to enquire whether we are living suitably to our privileges and obligations, and whether we are manifesting our gratitude in our lives as well as with our lips. Increasing blessings create increasing obligations to gratitude and obedience. O that the spirit of God may seal this impression upon all our hearts!

Your Committee, too, feel it equally their duty to state, as a note of warning and alarm to the Churches, that, while God has thus been largely encouraging our hearts with the manifestations of his continued presence and favor, evidences, equally numerous and strong, evince, in many other places, a state of religious declension, and show that much outward prosperity, and much strictness of outward observance, may sometimes exist in the midst of a decaying piety. In too many localities among us there is room, it is to be feared, for a complaint quite prevalent among all denominations all over the Union—the complaint of great spiritual declension; of decreasing religious zeal and effort; and of increasing worldliness among professors of religion. Hence the annual accessions to the Church have, lately, not been as numerous; the missionary contributions have not been as liberal; and the works of faith, the blessed fruits of the spirit, the evidences of real devotion and heart-felt piety, have not been as conspicuous as they were before; and, from the sluggish indifference and inaction of many, it would seem "they love to have it so."

Your Committee, therefore, deem it their *chief duty*, at this time, to invoke the earnest attention of the Ministers and members of the Church to this subject. Let the Achan in the camp be detected. Let every one call himself to a strict heart-searching and solemn account, saying, "Lord is it I?" Let every one especially examine himself to ascertain whether he habitually experiences and manifests the *power* of godliness, as well as its form, and whether he has, unconsciously or otherwise, allowed himself to sink down into a state of coldness and formality, of religious declension and unfruitfulness. God forbid that any of us should have the name to live while we are dead.

In conclusion, your Committee beg leave to observe, with great pleasure and with grateful acknowledgements to Heaven, that a spirit of unity, harmony and brotherly love, seems to pervade the whole mass of our Laity and Clergy, and that they appear remarkably distinguished for substantial unanimity of sentiment and uniformity of practice upon all important points in religion. Thus, through God's good providence and spirit, we are happily exempt from those pernicious errors, heresies and contentions that afflict many of our sister Churches, abroad and at home; and, what is still more important, exempt from the baleful influence they inevitably exert upon the religion of the heart and the life. Let us not forget, then, by our daily walk and conversation, to manifest our gratitude to Him "who maketh men to be of one mind in a house."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, the Rev. Messrs. Andrews and Dana, and Cassius F. Lee, Esq., were appointed a committee to take into consideration the printing of the Journal and to report to the next Convention.

On motion, Resolved, That, when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, on the third Wednesday in May, 1850.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the report of the Committee on the amended Canons was taken up.

The debate was continued until 2 o'clock, when the Convention took a recess.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met after recess.

On motion, Resolved, That, for the remainder of the session, no member shall be allowed to speak more than twenty minutes.

The debate was then resumed upon the amended Canons.—Various amendments were proposed and accepted, and all the Canons adopted, except that numbered 19, in the Appendix to the Journal of the last Convention, which is as follows:

"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."

Upon this, after a long and animated debate, the vote was taken by orders, and resulted as follows:

OF THE CLERGY.

AYES.—Right Rev. Bishop Meade, Right Rev. Bishop Johns, Rev Messrs. Andrews, Ambler, Bowers, Bryant, Castleman, Chisholm, Cole, Cooke, Carraway, Caldwell, Denison, Dana, Earnest, Friend, Gibson, Grammer, Hoff, Johnson, Keppler, Locke, Lockwood, Meade, J. D. McCabe, J. C. McCabe, McElroy, J. P. McGuire, F. H. McGuire, E. B. McGuire, W. McGuire, Pendleton; Perkins, Stringfellow, Slack, Smith, Sparrow, Towles, Temple, Ufford, Woodbridge, Wade—42.

NOES.—Rev. Messrs. Berkeley, Cummins, Empie, Fisher, Kinsolving, Leavell, Mann, Meredith, Nelson, G. T. Wilmer, Withers, Wingfield—12.

OF THE LAITY.

AYES.—Messrs. Merriwether, Thornley, Coles, F. Nelson, P. Nelson, Smith, Carter, Hurt, Williams, W. Nelson, Lee, Ellis, Urquhart, Lewis, Donaghe, Meade, Tayloe, Warwick, Chewning—19.

NOES.—Messrs. Harris, H. Wilson, Terrill, T. Nelson, Brodnax, Kean, Fisher, Bryce, Breckenridge, King, Shelton, Lindsay, Tucker, Jones, Minor, Owen, Carrington, Taylor, Galt, Page, Leftwich, G. Wilson—22.

CLERGY—Ayes	42
Noes	12
Majority in favor	30
LAITY—Noes	22
Ayes	19
Majority against	3

The two orders not concurring, the Canon was rejected.

Col. Carrington, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was accepted:

REPORT.

The Committee of Finance, having considered the matters referred to them, respectfully report:

That the account of Wm. H. Hubbard, the Treasurer of the Diocese, (marked A,) is sustained by proper vouchers, showing a balance in his hands, the 10th of May, 1849, of

\$794 72

Contributions to the Contingent Fund, for 1849, (as detailed in paper marked B,) \$4,271 37

Received for delinquencies of 1846 and 1848, as shown by paper marked C,

24 00

Amount remaining delinquent for 1845, (paper D,) \$324 25

do do do do 1846, (paper E,) 290 01

do do do do 1847, (paper F,) 462 00

do do do do 1848, (paper G,) 249 38

do do do do 1849, (paper H,) 453 50

The parishes, which have made no reports, appear in paper marked I.

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Chairman.*

(A)

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

Dr.

1848. May 13. To balance per account rendered, \$456 58

To cash received from W. H. Fowle, Treasurer pro tem. 3,587 70

June 3. Received from Wm. H. Fowle, sundry receipts for money paid by him. See items on credit side, 1,064 47

9. Received from Rev. Wm. F. Bryant, of Frederick county, by the hands of Wm. M. Blackford, 4 00

1849.

March Received by the hands of the Rev. Geo. T. Wilmer, from Mrs. Martha Burwell, a donation to the Episcopal Fund of this Diocese, 25 00

\$5,137 75

May 10. To cash on hand,

\$794 72

1848.		46	CR.		
May 15.	By cash paid H. K. Ellyson, voucher No. 1	\$84 41			
	By cash paid Wm. M. Blackford, postage and expenses,	do	2	23 37	
	By cash paid Blackford, Townley & Dillard, for printing circulars,	do	3	5 00	
	By cash paid H. K. Ellyson,	do	4	1 78	
20.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, travelling expenses,	do	5	100 00	
June 2.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account of his salary,	do	6	500 00	
	By receipts for cash paid by Wm. H. Fowle, Treasurer pro tem:				
	By cash paid Bishop Meade,	\$1000 00			
	By cash paid Wm. C. Cunningham,	15 00			
	By cash paid Rev E. C. McGuire,	7 87			
	By cash paid Rev. H. Stringfellow,	15 00			
	By cash paid the Door Keeper,	15 00			
	By cash paid Rev. C. B. Dana, Sec'ry,	1 60			
	By cash paid Hack hire,	10 00			
	do		7	1064 47	
	By cash paid Wm. M. Blackford's draft for printing Journal,	do	8	255 00	
July 5.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary, \$200	do	9	232 00	
	By cash paid Bishop Johns, travelling expenses, \$32	do			
	By cash paid Wm. Suddards,	do	10	7 00	
Sept. 27.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary, \$300	do	11	370 00	
	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account travelling expenses, \$70,	do			
	By cash paid Gaskill & Cooper,	do	12	12 50	
	By amount carried up,			\$2,655 53	

		47			
Nov. 25.	By amount brought up,				\$2,655 53
	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary, \$600	do	13	622 50	
	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account travelling expenses, \$22 50,	do			
	By cash paid Bishop Johns, order favor N. Stewart,	do	14	150 00	
Dec. 26.	By cash paid Bishop Meade, travelling expenses and postage,	do	15	100 00	
1849.					
Jan. 2.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary,	do	16	500 00	
April 9.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, on account salary,	do	17	250 00	
May 10.	By cash paid Bishop Johns, travelling expenses and postage,	do	18	65 00	
	By cash on hand,			794 72	
				\$5,137 75	

		(B)			
Contributions to Contingent Fund for 1849.					
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann,				\$26 00	
Centurion Church, Old Point,				17 00	
St. Paul's, Norfolk,				152 50	
St. James' Church, Brentsville, Prince William,				18 00	
St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Prince William,				33 00	
Falls Church, Fairfax,				10 00	
Zion Church, do				18 00	
Monumental Church, Richmond,				151 00	
St. James' Parish, Powhatan,				18 00	
St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania,				18 00	
Christ Church, Spottsylvania,				17 00	
St. Margaret's, Caroline,				36 00	
Grace Church, York Hampton Parish, York,				5 00	
St. James' Church, Richmond,				133 00	
Christ Church, Charlottesville,				66 00	
St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper,				30 00	
St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, do				29 00	
St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, and Grace Church, Caroline,				52 00	
St. Paul's Church, King George,				25 00	
St. John's Church, do do				11 00	
St. Paul's Church, Goochland,				20 00	
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick,				36 00	
St. Thomas' Church, Holston parish,				11 00	
	Amount carried over,			\$932 50	

<i>Amount brought over,</i>	\$932 50
Christ Church, Smithfield,	35 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	109 00
St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick,	22 00
Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Mathews,	6 00
Christ Church, Middlesex,	8 00
South Farnham Parish, Essex,	38 00
Roanoke Parish, Halifax,	18 00
St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg,	14 00
Trinity Church, Russel Parish, Bedford,	30 00
Pedlar Mills, Lexington Parish, Amherst,	14 87
St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	40 00
St. Peter's Parish, St. Peter's Church, New Kent	14 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,	45 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax county,	65 00
St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle,	22 00
Christ Church, Alexandria,	115 00
Heber Parish, Bedford,	18 00
St. Thomas' Church, Orange,	58 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison county,	16 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover,	62 00
Botetourt Parish, Botetourt,	39 00
New Glasgow, Amherst, } Lexington Parish,	24 00
Ascension Church, do	
Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish,	60 00
Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Powhatan and Amelia,	39 00
Trinity Church, Staunton,	97 00
Leeds Parish, Fauquier,	35 00
Dale Parish, Chesterfield,	14 00
St. Paul's, Petersburg,	188 00
Hungars Parish, Northampton,	50 00
Martins Brandon, Prince George,	42 00
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester,	46 00
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg,	152 00
St. Ann's Parish, Essex,	12 00
St. James' Church, Cumberland,	11 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	45 00
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond,	33 00
St. John's Church, Chuckatuck, do	7 00
Westover Parish, Charles City,	33 00
Trinity Parish, Louisa,	3 00
Trinity Church, Buchanan,	20 00
St. James' Church, Warrenton,	42 00
St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier,	10 00
St. James' Parish, Columbia,	19 00
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke,	68 00

Amount carried up,

2,771 37

<i>Amount brought up,</i>	2,771 37
Meherrin Parish, Greenville,	21 00
Moore Parish, St. John's Church,	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,	146 00
Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle,	12 00
Shelburne Parish, Loudoun,	84 00
Walker's Church, Albemarle,	20 00
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	23 00
St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Henrico,	58 00
Christ Church, Winchester,	79 00
Christ Church, Millwood,	55 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg,	63 00
Trinity Parish, Wood,	22 00
St. Paul's Church, Richmond,	219 00
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg,	36 00
St. Paul's Parish, Hanover,	12 00
Christ Church, Norfolk,	345 00
St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford,	43 00
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk Parish, Nansemond, (additional)	1 00
St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling,	124 00
St. Mark's Parish,	5 00
Walker's Church, Albemarle, (additional)	2 00
Christ Church Parish, Lancaster,	26 00
St. John's Church, Louisa,	9 00
St. Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish, Buckingham,	22 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville, (additional),	1 00
Grace Church, Littleton Parish, Cumberland,	19 00
Latimer Parish, Rockbridge,	25 00
Meade Parish, Upperville, Fauquier,	18 00

\$4,271 37.

H. WILSON, *Treasurer pro tem.*

(C)

Amount received for delinquencies of 1848.	
Bloomfield Parish, Madison,	\$5 00
Trinity Church, Staunton,	8 00
Amount received for delinquencies of 1846:	
Christ Church, Charlottesville,	11 00
	<u>\$24 00</u>

(D)

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

(E)

The amount delinquent for 1846, (as per statement D, Journal

of 1847, less \$9 00, received last year from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county, and \$11 00, received this year from Christ Church, Charlottesville,) is \$290 01

(F)

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

(G)

The amount delinquent for 1848, (as per statement H, Journal of 1848, less \$5 00, received from Bloomfield Parish, Madison county, and \$8 00 received from Trinity Church, Staunton,) is \$249 38

(H)

Parishes and Churches which appear delinquent for 1849 :

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,	\$27 50
†Washington Parish, Westmoreland,	10 00
†Cople Parish, do	10 00
St. Michael's and St. George's, Accomac,	7 00
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson,	74 00
Grace Church, Clarke,	21 00
St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford,	15 00
St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish,	32 00
†St. John's and St. Luke's, Kanawha,	41 00
Walker's Church, Albemarle,	1 00
†St. Ann's Parish, Essex,	12 00
Fall's Church, Fairfax,	1 00
Zion Church, Fairfax,	1 00
Emanuel Church, Powhatan,	11 00
St. Thomas' Church, Orange,	11 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison,	5 00
Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke,	3 00
Latimer Parish, Rockbridge,	5 00
Grace Church, Petersburg,	47 00
Grace Church, Littleton Parish, Cumberland,	4 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Jefferson,	20 00
†Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,	46 00

Amount carried up, \$404 50

†The Secretary has received, since the Convention, and transmitted to the Treasurer, from the Parishes above reported delinquent, as follows:

Cople Parish Westmoreland,	8 00
Washington Parish, Westmoreland,	8 00
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,	20 00

The Secretary has been requested by the Treasurer to acknowledge the receipt by him of the following sums, since the adjournment of the Convention:

Rockfish Church, Fredericksville Parish,	2 00
St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, Kanawha Parish,	31 00
St. Ann's Parish, Essex,	12 00

Amount brought up,

	\$404 50
Trinity Church, Portsmouth,	1 00
St. Mark's Church, Kanawha,	9 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier,	21 00
Trinity Church, Wood,	11 00
St. Peter's Church, Tillotson's Parish, Buckingham,	7 00
	<hr/> \$453 50

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Parishes and Churches which appear to have made no report for 1849 :

Norbörne Parish, Berkeley;
 St. John's Church, Hampton;
 Christ Church, Lancaster,
 Kanawha Parish, Charleston,
 St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish,
 West Russell Parish, Bedford,
 Nelson Parish, Nelson,
 Beaver Dam, Goochland,
 Accomac Parish,
 Albemarle Parish, Sussex,
 Boyden Parish, Augusta,
 Cornwall Parish, Charlotte,
 Franklin Parish, Franklin,
 Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county,
 St. John's and Christ Churches, Brooke,
 St. David's Parish, King William,
 Trinity Church, Parkersburg.

The resignation of Wm. Williams, Esq., as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, having been announced, and a suggestion made of the necessity of electing a successor, the following resolution was offered and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to address a letter to Mr. Williams, expressive of the grateful sense entertained of his faithful and efficient services as Secretary of the Diocesan Missionary Society, and to communicate to him the unanimous wish of this Convention, that he would reconsider his determination and withdraw his resignation.†

†The Secretary lost no time, after the adjournment of the Convention, in addressing a letter to Mr. Williams, in conformity with the above resolution, and is gratified to state, that, at the sacrifice of all personal considerations, Mr. Williams, in deference to the wishes of the Convention, thus flatteringly expressed, promptly withdrew his resignation and will continue to act as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

Buck Mountain and St. Paul's Churches, Albemarle, and Rockfish Church, Nelson county—SAMUEL R. SLACK, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; removed 4; died 1; suspended one; total 37; baptisms: infants, white, 3; total 3; confirmations: 1 since last report; marriages 1; funerals 1; number of families 38; amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$36 58.

The present incumbent took charge of this parish about the middle of September last. His report is, therefore, only for the intermediate time. The parish is of nearly fifty miles extent, and the Rector is, consequently, enabled only to hold services two Sundays in the month in the first named Church, and one Sunday in the month in each of the other two. He has been happy, however, to avail himself of the increasing interest in the ministrations of the Church, by holding occasional public and social services on festival and fast days, and at such other times as opportunity afforded for meeting congregations.

Bloomfield Parish, Madison county—J. EARNEST, Rector.—Communicants: added 5; removed 1; died 1; withdrawn 1, colored; total 23; viz: white 21; colored 2; baptisms: adults 1; infants 4; viz: white 2; colored 2; total 5; confirmations 5; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$16 07.

Bath Parish, Dinwiddie—Sappony and Calvary Churches—WELLINGTON E. WEBB, Rector.—Communicants: added 5, two from other parishes; removed 2; total 37; viz: 33 white, 4 colored; baptisms: infants, 3 white, adults 1; marriages, 1; funerals 2.

Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria and Fairfax counties—CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.—Communicants: added 10; three from other cures; removed 8; died 2; total 125, ten of whom are colored persons; baptisms: infants, white 12; colored 3; total 15; confirmations 9; marriages 1; funerals 12; number of families 80; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1000.

Christ Church, Middlesex county—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 2; died 1; total 8; baptisms: infants 1; confirmations 1; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$51 75.

Christ Church, Kingston parish, Matthews county—G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, from other parishes; removed 4; total 6; baptisms: 1 white infant; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$40 00.

Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke county—J. F. HOFF, Rector.—Communicants: added 8; removed 4; died 3; total 58; baptisms: infants 8; viz: white 8; confirmations 5; marriages 7; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$382 50.

Christ Church, Charlottesville—RICHARD K. MEADE, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 2; died 1; total 66; baptisms: infants 26; viz: white 25; colored 1; total 26; confirmations 3; marriages 4; funerals 4; amount collected for institutions of the Church, \$567 50.

Christ Church, Henry county—A. WADE, M. D. Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 2; total 11; baptisms: adults 3; white 3; infants 2; viz: white 2; total 5; confirmations 1; funerals 1.

Cople Parish, Westmoreland county—WM. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; total 10; baptisms: adults 2; total 2; confirmations 2; number of families 8, adults 18, infants 12; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$12 82.

The work of a new frame Church, of good dimensions, has been commenced in this parish. The edifice is to be erected at Westmoreland Court House, and, in the course of a few months, will be ready for the use of the congregation.

Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Lancaster county—THOS. E. LOCKE, Rector.—Communicants: added 2, one from another cure; died 1; total 47, including 2 colored; baptisms: white 1; confirmations 1; marriages 2; funerals 7; number of families 24, adults 65, infants 68; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$54 50.

Christ Church, Smithfield, Newport Parish, Isle of Wight county—JOHN C. MCCABE, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; died 2; total 35 white and 4 colored; baptisms: infants 13; viz: white 11, colored 2; total 13; marriages 2; funerals 8; number of families 18, adults 50, infants 31; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$64 00.

Christ Church, Norfolk—GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Rector.—Communicants: added 17; removed 18; died 9; suspended 1; total 345; baptisms: adults 4; white 4; infants 45; viz: white 44; colored 1; total 49; confirmations 25; marriages 7; funerals 26; number of families 165; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$3,542 38.

Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county—GEO. W. DAME, Rector.—Communicants: added 15; removed 3; died 1; total 48; baptisms: adults, white 2; infants, white 1; total 3; confirmations 2; marriages 3; funerals 6; number of families 31, adults 81, infants 55.

Cople Parish, Westmoreland county—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: total 10; baptisms: infants, white 6; marriages, white 3; free colored 2; total 5; funerals 1; number of families 16; adults 35; infants 42.

The number of communicants has been reduced nearly half in this parish, in consequence of the formation of a new parish out of part of it. A new Church has been built within the present limits

of the parish, and was consecrated, in November last, to the service of Almighty God, by Bishop Meade.

Christ Church Parish, Lancaster—Communicants: removed 1; total 26; baptisms 8 colored; contributions to the Contingent Fund \$26 00; for the Education Society \$25 10. I regret much to have to state that this parish is still without a Rector.

We have, through the goodness of the Rev. Mr. Carraway and the Rev. Mr. Edward B. McGuire, had divine service in White Chapel Church, three times since the visitation of the Bishop, twice by the former and once by the latter.

J. CHEWNING, *Lay Delegate*.

Centurion Church, Elizabeth City Parish and county—MARK L. CHEVERS, Rector.—Communicants: added 8; removed 7; total 17; baptisms: 9, all white; marriages 6; funerals 44; of this number 36 died of yellow fever on their return from Mexico; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$212 50.

Our Sunday School is in successful operation. As in years past, I hold a Sunday night service for the colored persons residing at the Point, which is usually well attended.

Christ Church, Winchester—C. WALKER, Rector.—Communicants: added 6; removed 15; died 2; suspended 1; total 83; baptisms: adults 4; white 2; colored 2; infants 8; viz: white 8; total 12; confirmations 10; marriages 5; funerals 4; number of families 54, adults 160, infants 106; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$502 60.

Christ Church, Spotsylvania county—D. N. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; white 17, colored 2; total 19; marriages 1; funerals: white 1, colored 1; amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$30.

Emmanuel Church, Powhatan county—ANDREW FISHER, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 2; total 11; baptisms: infants, white 3; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$35 00.

Falls Church, Fairfax county—WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; suspended 1; total 11; baptisms: adults 2 white; infants 3, white; total 5; confirmations 3; funerals 2.

Farnham Parish, Richmond county—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; died 2; total 13; baptisms: white 2 infants; confirmations 1; funerals 5; number of families 10; adults 22; infants 22.

Grace and Wickliffe Churches, Clarke county—RICHARD H. WILMER, late Rector.—Communicants: added 9; removed 2; died 2; total 93; baptisms: adult 1, white; infants, white 8; colored 1; total 10; confirmations 10; marriages 8; funerals 8; number of families 62, adults 172, infants 165; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$575.

Grace Church, Petersburg—CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 19; removed 4; died 2; suspended 1; withdrawn 1; total 94, 2 colored; baptisms: adults 4; white 2; colored 2; infants 18; viz: white 14; colored 4; total 22; confirmations 15; marriages 28; funerals 24; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$213.

The Rector is thankful to be able to report a still encouraging state of things in his congregation. The attendance of colored persons has increased the past year and the Church, on the whole, has become so much strengthened that their wants require a new Church, more commodious and conveniently located. A lot has been generously given them by R. B. Bolling, Esq., and \$1000 has been subscribed towards the building. As the seats are to be entirely free, I have determined to adopt the plan of "weekly offerings," in addition to that of annual subscriptions, in order to render the Church self-supporting.

Grace Church, York Hampton Parish, Yorktown—EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.—I undertook the charge of this parish in February last, finding here four communicants. I also officiate at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, as its Chaplain, every Sunday morning.

Henrico Parish, St. John's Church, Richmond—H. S. KEPPLER, Rector.—The following report dates from the middle of last October, at which time the present Rector assumed the charge of the parish.

Communicants: added 2; removed 1; died 1; present number, including 1 colored, 59; baptisms: 1 white adult; 4 infants, white; marriages: 4 white, 3 colored; funerals 4; number of families 50; contributions to the different institutions of the Church, including the communion alms, and the repairs of the Church and Rectory, \$289 85. A Bible Class has been formed with pleasing prospects of usefulness. The children of the congregation are catechised monthly in the Church.

Hungar's Parish, Northampton county—J. UFFORD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; died 1; total 50; baptisms: infants, white 3, colored 5; total 8; marriages 3; funerals 3.

Kanawha Parish, St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, Kanawha county—F. M. WHITTLE, Rector.—Communicants: added 9; removed 7; died 1; total 41; baptisms: adults 4; white 4; infants 14; viz: white 6; colored 8; total 18; confirmations 4; marriages 4; funerals 8; number of families 36, adults 100, infants 50; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$125.

In addition to my ministrations in the above Churches, the Rev. Mr. Nash and myself have held services, the last Sunday in every month, in Mason county, in the morning at Bruce Chapel, Mercer's Bottom, and in the afternoon at Point Pleasant. These

places are sadly in need of a missionary. At Bruce Chapel there has been 1 infant baptism; 1 confirmation; and 1 funeral; number of communicants 8. At Point Pleasant, communicants 3.

Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county—WM. N. WARD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; died 2; total 18; baptisms: infants, white, 5; confirmations 1; marriages 2; funerals 2; number of families 10; adults 29; infants 14.

Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Ann county—LEWIS WALKE, Rector.—Communicants: died 1; removed 1; total 26; baptisms: white, infants, 6; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$46.

Lyttleton Parish, Grace Church, Cumberland county—OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.—Communicants: removed 4; total 23; 1 colored; baptisms: infants, white 1; total 1; marriages 1; funerals 4; number of families 12, adults 36, infants 17; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$200.

Lyttleton Parish, St. James' Church, Cumberland county—OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.—Communicants: removed 3; total 11; baptisms: infants, white 2; number of families 6, adults 13, infants 14; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$70.

Latimer Parish, Rockbridge county—ROBERT NELSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 10, 5 from other parishes; removed 7; total 31; baptisms: adults 2; white 2; infants, white 4; total 6; funerals 2; number of families 14, adults 47, infants 40; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$45 00.

Leeds Church, Fauquier county—WM. H. PENDLETON, Rector. Communicants: added 5; removed 5; total 35; baptisms: infants, white, 9; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 1; number of families 15, adults 51, infants 42; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$422 10.

Mount Laurel Church, Halifax county—JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.—Communicants: died 1; total 18; baptisms: white 2; marriages 3; funerals 4; number of families 13; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$300.

Moore Parish, Campbell county—CARTER PAGE, Rector.—Communicants: removed 3; transferred 3; died 1; total number at present in the parish 10; funerals 3; families 10, adults 33, infants 14.

The subscriber took charge of this parish about the 1st of October last, and, unless when inclement weather prevented, has officiated regularly at St. John's and the Court House, on each Sabbath. Ever since my connection with the parish, I have held services at the Court House for the benefit of the colored people, and also at St. John's, since the days have become long enough to admit of it.

Monumental Church, City of Richmond, Henrico county—GEO. WOODBRIDGE, Rector.—Communicants: added 26; removed 14; died 4; withdrawn 4; total 153; baptisms: adults 4; infants 15; total 19; confirmations 11; marriages 6; funerals 17; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, about \$510 00; besides which, the congregation have contributed towards the repairs of the Church edifice, principally through the exertions of the ladies, about \$1000.

Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George county—CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector.—Communicants: added 9; total 43, including one colored person; marriages 2; funerals 1; number of families 37, adults about 100; infants about 90; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$330 00.

The above report embraces only the acts of the present Rector, who entered on his duties in January last.

Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon counties—WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 7; removed 2; died 1; total 39; baptisms 3; number of families 35, adults 97, infants 67; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$426 00.

Meherrin Parish, Greensville county—D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; total 21 white and 6 colored; baptisms: infants, colored, 10; confirmations 9, 3 colored; marriages: 2 white and 3 colored; funerals 1, amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$166 11.

Since the last report from this parish, a Church has been consecrated at Hicksford.

Norborne Parish, Mount Zion and Calvary Churches, Berkeley county—JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 2; total 60; baptisms: infants, white, 3; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 2.

Nelson Parish, Nelson county—F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; died 1; total 29; baptisms: white 2; funerals 2; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$25 89.

Raleigh and Genito parishes, Grub Hill and Grace Churches, Amelia and Powhatan counties—P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; died 1; total 40; baptisms: white 4; colored 1; total 5; marriages 2; funerals 8; number of families 27, adults 89, infants 40; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$248 00.

St. Andrew's Church, Brunswick county—ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; withdrawn 1; total 58, white 36, colored 22; baptisms: infants, white, 8, number of families 19; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$204 50.

St. James' Church, Henrico county—A. EMPIE, Rector.—Communicants: added 23; removed 8; died 2; total 141, of whom 8 are colored; baptisms: adults, white, 2; colored 2; infants, white 15; colored 1; total 20; confirmations 13; marriages 7; funerals 9; number of families 87, adults 251, children 150; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$221 75.

St. John's Church, Prince George county—N. A. OKESON, Rector.—Communicants: removed 1; total 4, baptisms: infants 4; white 2; colored 2; marriages 3; funerals 7.

St. Thomas' Church, Frederick county—WM. F. BRYANT, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; total 20; baptisms: infants, white, 2; confirmations 1; number of families 6; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$60.

St. George's and St. Michael's Churches, Accomac county—J. AMBLER WEED, Rector.—Communicants: total 7; baptisms: infants, colored, 5.

A new Church has just been completed in the village of Bellhaven, in this parish, which was consecrated, on 16th April, by Bishop Johns.

St. Matthew's, Emmanuel and New Glasgow Churches, Lexington parish, Amherst county—Communicants: removed 16, died 2; withdrawn 1; total 41; baptisms: infants, white, 1; funerals 2; number of families 20; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$49 00.

MARSHALL L. HARRIS, Lay Delegate.

St. John's Church, Louisa county—E. BOYDEN, Rector.—Communicants: total 9; baptisms: infants, white, 2; funerals 3; number of families 8.

This new parish has been associated with Walker's during the past year.

St. Peter's Church, Tillotson parish, Buckingham county—WM. C. MEREDITH, Rector.—Communicants: added 6; removed 4; total 32; baptisms: adults, colored, 1; infants 4; viz: white 2; colored 2; total 5; marriages 5; funerals 2; number of families 15, adults 43; infants 26; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$191 50.

St. George's Church, Fredericksburg—E. C. McGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 10; removed 9; died 5; total 152; baptisms: adults, white, 2; infants, white, 13; confirmations 12; marriages 1; funerals 12; number of families 100; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$750 00.

There is still reason for acknowledging the good hand of our God, in the condition of this parish. We have shared the encouraging tokens of his grace and goodness. The undertaking reported to the last Convention has issued in the completion of a new

Church, large and commodious, gratifying the taste in its architectural beauty and promising much advantage to us in prosperity and growth. The builders have been paid, leaving us without debt.

St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Henrico county—RT. REV. J. JOHNS, acting as Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 2; died 4; total 223; baptisms: infants, white, 18; confirmations 4; marriages 5; funerals 14. The amount collected for the different institutions of the Church cannot be accurately stated on account of the absence of the Rev. Mr. Norwood.

St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling—WM. ARMSTRONG, Rector.—Communicants: added 11; removed 4; withdrawn 2; died 4; marriages 8; funerals 8; baptisms: adults 3; infants 18; communicants: white 124; colored 3; total 127.

St. John's Church, Spottsylvania—D. M. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; removed 1; total 18; funerals: white 1, colored 1; families 7, adults about 20; children 12; amount collected for objects connected with the Church, including Contingent Fund, \$20 00.

St. James' Church, Warrenton, Fauquier county—GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 7; removed 4; died 4; withdrawn 1; total 43; baptisms: adults, white, 1; colored 1; infants, white 5; colored 5; total 12; confirmations 7; marriages 8; funerals 8; number of families 30; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$200 00.

St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier county—GEO. H. NORTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; total 10; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants, white 2; total 3; marriages 1; funerals 1; number of families 12; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$49 00.

St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county—O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 4; died 1; total 59; baptisms: infants, white, 4; marriages 6; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150 00.

St. Luke's Church, Powhatan county—ANDREW FISHER, Rector.—Communicants: removed 3; total 17; baptisms: infants, white 1; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$107 00.

St. Paul's Church, Alexandria—J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.—Communicants: added 14; removed 10; died 5; withdrawn 2; total 148; baptisms: adults 3; infants 31; viz: white 29; colored 2; total 34; confirmations 11; marriages 6; funerals 12; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1091 60.

St. Margaret's Church, Caroline county—D. W. WHARTON, Rector.—Communicants 36; baptisms: infants 3; funerals, colored 1; number of families 12, adults, from 40 to 45; children about 25;

amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$35.

St. Martin's Parish, Hanover—WM. V. BOWERS, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 1; died 2; total 62; baptisms: whites, adult 1; infants 5; colored, infants 1; total 7; marriages 3; funerals 2; confirmations 10; number of families 37; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$238 00.

St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—WM. H. KINCKLE, Rector.—Communicants: added 6; removed 11; total 112, of whom three are colored; baptisms: infants, white 10, colored 3, total 13; marriages 8, of which, 5 were colored persons; funerals 13; amount contributed to the different institutions of the Church, \$491 30.

St. Paul's, Suffolk, and St. John's, Chuckatuck, Churches, Nansemond county—CHARLES H. DISBROW, Rector.—Communicants: added 9; removed 6; died 3; total 40; baptisms: adults, 8; infants, 24; total 32; confirmations 5; marriages 2; funerals 12; number of families 50; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

St. Ann's and South Farnham Parishes, Essex county—JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.—St. Ann's Parish—Communicants: removed 2; died 2; colored 1; white 23; total 34; baptisms: infants, white, 2; marriages 1; funerals 4.

South Farnham Parish—Communicants: added 5; removed 2; died 3; total 38; baptisms: adults, white 2; infants, white, 5; total 7; confirmations 7; marriages 3; funerals 5; amount collected, in both Parishes, for the different institutions of the Church, about \$375 00.

There are three Bible classes, and a Sunday School in operation. The Rev. H. W. L. Temple continues his very useful labors as Assistant Minister of South Farnham Parish.

St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon, Washington county—JAMES D. MCCABE, Rector.—Communicants: added 1, white; removed 2, colored; total 13; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants, white, 2; total 3; number of families 7, adults 15, infants 20.

St. Paul's Church, Hanover—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: removed 2; total 12; baptisms: infants, white, 1; marriages 1; funerals 4; number of families 11; amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$14 00.

St. Mark's Church, Kanawha County—F. B. NASH, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; removed 2; suspended 1; total 20; baptisms: infants, 1 white; confirmations 2; funerals 7; number of families 17, adults 75.

St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg—F. H. MCGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 7; total 63; baptisms, infants, white 2; colored 14; total 16; confirmations 3; funerals 4.

St. Peter's Church, New Kent county—E. B. MCGUIRE, Rec-

tor.—Communicants: added 1; total 14; baptisms: adults, white 1; confirmations 3; marriages 1; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$14 00.

St. John's Church, Teayes' Valley, Putnam county—F. B. NASH, Rector.—Communicants: removed 1; total 9; number of families 10.

At Buffaloe and Red House, Putnam county, there are no regularly organized Churches, but there are communicants at the two places, and there has been one confirmation.

St. James' Church, Culpeper county—Communicants: added 5; removed 2; total 30; baptisms: infants, white 1; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$137 33.

St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Prince William county—JOHN TOWLES, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 2; total 33; baptisms: infants, white 1.

St. Thomas' Church, Orange county—J. EARNEST, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; removed 2; died 1; total 69; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants 19; viz: white 14; colored 5; total 20; confirmations 10; marriages 3; funerals 5; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$115.

St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper county—Communicants: added 4; removed 4; died 1; total 30 baptisms: adults, white 3; infants, white 2, total 5, confirmations 8; marriages 2; funerals 6; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church \$92 23.

St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Rector.—Communicants: added 14; removed 36; died 5; total 188; baptisms: adults 2; white 1; colored 1; infants 9; viz: white 7; colored 2; total 11; confirmations 10; marriages 3; funerals 10; number of families 100; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1000.

Sappona Church, Dale Parish, Chesterfield county—A. B. TRIZARD, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; died 1; total 15; baptisms: adults, colored, 1; infants 23; viz: white 4; colored 19; total 24; marriages 1; funerals 3; number of families 15, adults 28, infants 35; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$83 00.

St. James Parish, Northam, Goochland and Fluvanna counties—J. P. B. WILMER, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; removed 3; died 1; baptisms: adults, 3; infants, white 1; colored 3; total 3; marriages 3; funerals 1; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$200. Annual collection deferred in consequence of the resignation of the Rector of the Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth River Parish, Norfolk city—DAVID CALDWELL, Rector.—Communicants: added 28; total 180;

baptisms: infants, white 15; confirmations 4; marriages 3; funerals 4; number of families 75; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1000 00.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth—It will be recollected that this Church was received into connection with the Diocese at our last Convention. The congregation of this Church, though still worshipping at St. Paul's Church, in Norfolk, and under the pastoral care of the Rector of that Church, have done much toward the completion of a Church edifice in Portsmouth. Having purchased an eligible lot, they have erected thereon a very neat brick edifice, forty-seven feet in width by seventy feet in length, which is already so far advanced that its friends hope to be able to finish it during the year.

St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper county—J. W. WOODVILLE, Rector.—Baptisms 4; marriages 4; funerals 3. There is no decided or important improvement in the spiritual condition of this Parish, since my last report.

Besides fulfilling my regular appointments at Flat Run and Little Fork Churches, I have, by particular invitation, since January last, officiated twice a month at the Germanna Woollen Factory, where the congregations are good and orderly, and where, from the peculiar situation of some of them, they are debarred the privilege of attending on religious instruction at other places, where "prayer is wont to be made."

St. Luke's Church and Parish, Clarksville, Mecklenburg county—Communicants: added 3; total 16; viz: whites 14; colored 2; baptisms: adults, white, 1; infants, colored 11; confirmations: white 2; colored 1; total 3; number of families 6; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$14 00.

The Rectorship of this parish has been vacant since December last. The undersigned have had no opportunity of conferring with their late minister in making out the above report, but believe it in the main correct. There is under contract, and in process of erection, a Church, in the flourishing little town of Clarksville, in this parish, which, it is expected, will be completed by the ensuing fall, at which time the parish will stand much in need of, and anxious for, the services of a Minister.

EDW'D. TARRY,
CHAS. STURDIVANT,
Church Wardens.

St. John's Church, King George county—WM. FRIEND, Rector.—Communicants: added 1; removed 1; died 1; total 12; baptisms: infants, white 1; funerals 1.

St. Peter's Church, Port Royal and Grace Church, Caroline county—WM. FRIEND, Rector.—Communicants: added 6; removed 1; died 1; total 52; baptisms: adults, white 3; infants, white 4; to-

tal 52; baptisms: adults, white 3; infants, white 4; total 7; confirmations 4; marriages 4; funerals 5; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$60 00

The Rector further reports that he continues to preach twice a month, on Sunday evening, at Concord Academy.

St. James' Church, Loudon county—Geo. ADIE, Rector.—Communicants: added 8; removed 6; total 86, white 84, colored 2; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants, white 9; colored 1; total 11; confirmations 9; marriages 7; funerals 9; number of families 65; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, about \$300 00.

The Rector continues to conduct divine service, regularly, at Belmont, the school of Mrs. Mary Mercer, where his humble labors have been blessed far beyond even his expectations. It has ever been the most interesting field of his labor. He has also preached a few times at Waterford and expects to do so frequently during the summer. Arrangements are being made for the enlargement of our Church building, which we hope will be accomplished during the summer. There are several candidates for confirmation at Belmont.

St. James' Church, Brentsville, Prince William county—JOHN TOWLES, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; removed 2; total 18; baptisms: infants, white 3; marriages 5; funerals 4.

St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst county—NELSON SALE, Rector.—Communicants: removed 6; died 2; joined the Baptists 1; total 32; baptisms: infants, white 7; marriages 1; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, reported by Bishop Johns for Diocesan Missions.

I would add that the above Church is only *one* of the Churches of Lexington parish, which is now vacant, and that I only preach once a month in the parish, which is only a temporary arrangement until a better can be effected.

I would also state, in this connection, that I preach once a month to a small congregation, consisting principally of young people, at St. Thomas' Church, West Russell parish, Bedford county, in which there are about ten communicants, one of whom has been added. This parish is also vacant.

St. Ann's Parish, Christ Church, Albemarle—C. E. AMBLER, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 2; total 22; confirmations 3; marriages 1; funerals 1; number of families 13; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$45 10; for the Bible Society and other benevolent purposes, about \$75; total \$120 10.

Trinity Parish, Louisa county—JOHN COOKE, Officiating.—Communicants: removed 2; died 1; total 3; baptisms: infants, white 2; marriages 4; funerals 4.

Trinity Church, Wood—E. T. PERKINS, Rector.—Communicants: added 9; removed 8; died 1; total 33; there are, at present, 6 candidates for confirmation; baptisms: infants, white 8; confirmations 8; marriages 3; funerals 3; number of families 35, adults 73, infants 70; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$48 00.

Trinity Church, Martinsburg, Berkeley county—JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 1; died 2; total 28; baptisms: infants 6; viz: white 4; colored 2; total 6; confirmations 4; marriages 2; funerals 4; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$50 00.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth, Norfolk county—JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Rector.—Communicants: added 4; removed 3; died 2; total 62; confirmations 3; marriages 6; funerals 5; number of families 50, adults 140, infants 120; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$75 00.

The vestry have recently purchased a house for the Rector, at a cost of \$2180, with the funds raised by the ladies of the congregation for that purpose.

Trinity Church, Staunton, Augusta county—T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.—Communicants: added 10; removed 10; suspended 1; total 105; baptisms: infants, white 13; confirmations 8; marriages 7; funerals 6; number of families 61, adults 240, infants 144; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$348 39.

Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt county—JAMES McELROY, Rector.—Communicants: removed 1; total 20; baptisms: infants, white 3; number of families 16, adults 43, infants 32; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$45 50.

As a pleasing evidence of interest in the congregation, they have neatly furnished the Church with a Communion Cloth, chandelier, curtains, and a Melodeon, at an expense of \$160 00. The services are well attended. The Sunday School for colored people and the Parish Sunday School are well sustained. The semi-monthly services, for the colored congregation, are still regularly held and encouragingly attended, but we could desire to witness, among the people of all classes, a deeper spiritual interest.

Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Jefferson county—C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.—Communicants: added 6; removed 3; died 1; total 60; baptisms: adults 2; white 1; colored 1; infants 6; viz: white 6; total 8; marriages 1; funerals 5; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, about \$300 00.

Westover Parish, Charles City county—WM. T. LEAVELL, Rector.—Communicants: added 9; removed 2; total 33; baptisms: adults, white 1; infants, white 12; colored 5; total 18; confirmations 4; marriages 5; funerals 3; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$271 25.

These contributions are indicative of an improved spirit of pious liberality, which, in addition to the uniformly good attendance upon the services of the Church, induce us to hope that we are growing in all the essential elements of a Christian Church.

Wythe Parish, Wythe county—JAMES D. McCABE, Missionary.—Communicants: added 1; total 4; baptisms: infants, white 1; number of families 3, adults 7, infants 8.

Washington Parish, Westmoreland county—WM. McGUIRE, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; died 1; total 10; confirmations 2; funerals 5; number of families 14, adults 45, infants 31; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$12 82.

A commodious and excellent brick Church has just been completed, at Oak Grove, in this parish, and is now ready for consecration.

Walker's Church, Albemarle county—E. BOYDEN, Rector.—Communicants: added 3; removed 1; died 1; total 23; baptisms: white, total 3; confirmations 1; marriages 1; funerals 3; number of families 10; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$75 00.

Zion Church, Fairfax county—WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.—Communicants: died 1; total 19; baptisms: infants 3; marriages 6; funerals 6.

Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county—ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.—Communicants: added 2; removed 6; died 2; total 74; baptisms: infants, white 11; colored 3; total 14; confirmations 3; marriages 4; funerals 6; number of families 70; amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$230 00:

Elk Union and Buffalo Springs, Amherst—E. CHRISTIAN, Rector.—Marriages 2; funerals 1.

He reports that he has officiated regularly at Elk Union and Buffalo Springs; that he is encouraged to hope that his labors have not been in vain, and hopes, with the divine blessing, that he will ultimately be successful in building up the Church.

E. R. LIPPITT.—My official acts, since the last Convention, are: baptisms: infants 2; burials 2; marriages 1.

Having no parochial charge, I have assisted the Rectors of the Churches, in Alexandria, and the clerical brethren in the neighborhood, as my services have been needed.

SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, (Missionary) Rector of Episcopal congregations in Harrison and Lewis counties—Communicants: added 6; total 20; baptisms: white 6; marriages 2; funerals 2; number of families 15, adults 20, infants 48.

I have received by subscription about \$900, to build a Church in the town of Weston.

[§ The Committee omitted to make the usual abstract of Parochial Reports.]

A LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

WITH THEIR RESECTIVE
PARISHES AND POST OFFICES.

CLERGY.	PARISH OR CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.
Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.		Millwood, Clarke,
Rt. Rev. J. Johns, D. D.		Richmond,
Adie, Rev. George	Shelburn Parish,	Leesburg.
Andrews, Rev. C. W.	Trinity Church,	Shepherdstown.
Ambler, Rev. C. E.	St. Ann's Parish,	Scottsville.
Armstrong, Rev. Wm.	St. Matthew's Church,	Wheeling.
Bulkeley, Rev. O.	Lytleton Parish,	Langhorne's, Cumberland.
Berkeley, Rev. P. F.	Raleigh and Dale Parishes,	Amelia Court House.
Bowers, Rev. Wm. V.	St. Martin's Parish,	Verdun, Hanover.
Boyden, Rev. E.	St. Ann's & Walker's Par's,	Everettsville, Albemarle.
Brown, Rev. R. T.	Norborne Parish, Berkeley,	Middleway, Jefferson.
Bryant, Rev. Wm. F.	St. Thomas' Church,	Middletown, Frederick,
Castleman, Rev. T. T.	Trinity Church,	Staunton,
Caldwell, Rev. D.		
Cummins, Rev. G. D.	Christ Church,	Norfolk.
Chevers, Rev. M. L.	Centurion Church,	Old Point Comfort.
Chisholm, Rev. James	Norborne Parish,	Martinsburg.
Clark, Rev. John T.	Roanoke Parish,	Mt. Laurel, Halifax.
Cole, Rev. John	St. Stephen's Church,	Culpeper Court House.
Cooke, Rev. John	Officiating in Louisa,	Etta, Hanover.
Cofer, Rev. J. M.		Liberty.
Christian, Rev. Edmund	Elk Union & Buff. Springs,	Amherst Ct. House.
Carraway, Rev. G. S.	Kingston p'sh, Math. & Mid.	Northend, Matthews.
Dame, Rev. G. W.	Camden and Patrick p'shes,	Danville.
Dana, Rev. C. B.	Christ Church, Fairfax p'sh,	Alexandria.
Doughen, Rev. James	Residing in	Lynchburg.
Dalrymple, Rev. E. A.	Rector Epis. High School,	Theo. Seminary, Fairfax.
Disbrow, Rev. C. H.	St. Paul's Church,	Suffolk, Nansemond.
Denison, Rev. H. M.	Bruton parish,	Williamsburg.
Duval, Rev. Wm.	Armory Church,	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 Churches,	Port Royal, Caroline.
Fisher, Rev. Andrew	St. James' Southam,	Sublet's Tavern, Powhatan.
Goodwin, Rev. F. D.	Nelson Parish,	Tye River Ware H., Nelson.
Goodwin, Rev. James	St. John's & Christ Churches,	Wellsburg.
Grammer, Rev. John	Antrim Parish,	Halifax Court House.
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[The list of Parishes, contained in the Journal of last year, was, in spite of every exertion of the Secretary to make it otherwise, so incomplete, that it is omitted now, in the hope that, by the co-operation of the Bishops and Clergy, he may present, next year, a full and correct list.]

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CANONS

of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, adopted at the Charlottesville Convention, May 1849.

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, or, if he be the Bishop to be presented, then to the Bishop next in seniority, 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 seats 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 may be in their possession, the Bishop, unless the accusation appear 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 seats 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 as herein before provided to the Bishop, 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, as if he were the Bishop of the Diocese, 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 expulsion 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 the evidence is thus procured, the Bishop shall adjudge the case, and shall communicate his judgment whenever made to the minister repelling and to the communicant repelled, which judgment shall be final and conclusive: *provided* that, in case his judgment shall direct a further continuance of the repulsion, it shall nevertheless be subject to all the conditions and provisions of the rubric.

CANON 4.

Of the transfer of Communicants from one Parish, or Church, to another.

Every communicant, removing from one Parish or Church to another, within this diocese, and desiring to be enrolled as a communicant thereof, shall present to the Minister 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 the Parish or congregation under his charge, until he has conversed 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.

CANON 7.

The Members of this Church to instruct their Families in the principles of Religion.

The members of this Church shall instruct their families, as far as they are able, in the principles of the Christian religion. Parents and sponsors shall be careful to teach their children the solemnity and obligation of their baptismal vow, to cause them to attend the catechetical and other instructions of their minister; and, as soon as they are sufficiently instructed and impressed with the importance and sacredness of their baptismal promise, shall take care that they come to the Bishop to be confirmed by him.

CANON 8.

Of the due celebration of Sunday.

All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, and in acts of charity, using all sober and godly conversation.

CANON 9.

Of Vestries, Church Wardens, &c.

Sec. 1. The vestries shall be chosen for each Parish in this Diocese, in the following manner. Every person above twenty one years of age, resident of the Parish six months next preceding the day of election, being a pew holder or contributor to the charges of the Parish, shall have a right of suffrage in the election of vestrymen for such Parish; and all persons so qualified shall, on every Easter Monday, assemble in their respective Parishes, at the Parish Church, or at such other place as the minister of the Parish, or, if there be no minister, as any three or more vestrymen, or, if there be not three vestrymen, as any three members of the Church may have publicly notified to the parishioners: and the said persons, so qualified to vote, when assembled, or such

of them as may assemble in each Parish, shall proceed, by a majority of votes, to elect, by ballot, five or more vestrymen, not exceeding twelve, from among the parishioners qualified to vote, who, with the minister of the Parish for the time being, shall be the vestry of the said Parish, for the ensuing year, and continue in office until their successors shall be elected and qualified to act.

Sec. 2. If, from any cause whatever, Easter Monday should elapse without any election of vestrymen, then the said election may be held on any other day (Sunday excepted) appointed for the purpose at any time thereafter, although it may be in any subsequent year, of which day notice shall be given by the minister, if there be any, in his Church, immediately after divine service, on two succeeding Sundays, and, if there be no minister, by any two vestrymen, by writing, set up at the door of the Church, two weeks before the day of meeting.

Sec. 3. Every person, chosen a vestryman, shall, before he acts as such, subscribe to the following declaration and promise:

"I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States. And I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of a vestryman of Parish in county, without prejudice, favor or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge."

Sec. 4. The vestrymen of each Parish, or a majority of those who shall attend, shall judge of the election of vestrymen, of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of parishioners, proposed to be elected as vestrymen.

Sec. 5. If any vacancy happen in the vestry, or any elected shall refuse to serve, the other members shall have power to appoint a new member, or members, as the case may be, to serve till the succeeding election.

Sec. 6. The minister of the Parish, for the time being, shall preside in the vestry when present, collect the votes, and shall, upon an equal division of those present, have a vote, except in cases in which he is in any manner personally interested. A majority of the whole number of vestrymen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7. Whenever a meeting of the vestry shall be necessary, it shall be called by the minister, but, if there be no minister, or if he be absent or refuse or neglect to call a meeting, when requested to do so by any two of the vestrymen, they may themselves summon a vestry.

Sec. 8. On every Easter Monday, after the election of vestrymen, the vestry shall proceed to choose, from among their own body, two suitable persons to be Church Wardens, for the ensuing year. If Church Wardens should not, from any cause, be chosen

by the vestry on Easter Monday, they may be chosen at any subsequent meeting of the vestry.

Sec. 9. The vestry of every Parish shall provide a fit person as Register of the Parish, whose duty it shall be to keep true and fair entries of the proceedings of such vestry, and whenever there shall be no minister of the Parish, then he shall also enter in a book, provided for the purpose by the vestry, all baptisms, marriages and funerals, in the parish, by any minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and which may be made known to him by any of the said ministers or vestrymen of the Parish: and it shall also be the duty of said register, in the entry of baptisms to insert the Christian names and surnames of the parents, with dates of the baptisms and births of the persons baptized; and, in the entry of marriages and burials, to insert the time of the celebration and the Christian and surnames of the persons married and the persons buried.

Sec. 10. The term "Parish" wherever it occurs in the foregoing canon, shall be interpreted also to mean Church or Congregation, whenever such Church or Congregation is entitled to a separate vestry, unless where the context requires a more restricted construction.

CANON 10.

Concerning exceptions to the foregoing Canon.

Whereas the preceding canon, which directs the manner of choosing vestrymen in the several parishes, is not applicable to the case of Churches built and supported by voluntary associations of individuals; and it is proper that those who hold the sole property of a particular Church—as in the case of the Monumental Church, Richmond, and in all similar cases—should provide for its care and management, 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, excepting in the case of Christ Church, in 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, the pew-holders are 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.

Sec. 3. Said application shall be made in the form of a petition to the Convention, and shall set forth the considerations which are supposed to render the division desirable—whereupon the Convention may, if they deem it expedient, proceed to divide said Parish, and to constitute the portion thereof applying for separation a new Parish, with all the rights and privileges of other Parishes of this Diocese.

Sec. 4. As soon after the adjournment of the Convention as may be practicable, the committee aforesaid shall give at least two weeks' notice to the members of the Church, residing in the new Parish, to assemble for the election of a vestry, which election shall be conducted, according to the directions contained in canon 9.

Sec. 5. The committee aforesaid, or a majority of those who may attend, shall judge of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of persons proposed to be elected, and of the election of vestrymen: and those 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 authorise, 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 Convention 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 Trus-

tees, 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,

A. B, RECTOR,
C. D, 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 suspension, 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 institutions 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 minister's 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 house 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 re-

spective 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.

Repealing former Canons.

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