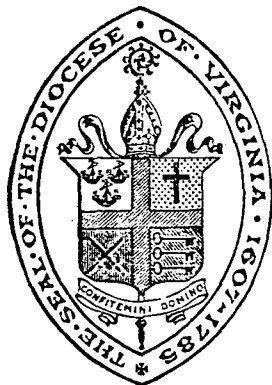


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IN
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HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA,
ON THE 15TH, 16TH, 17TH, AND 18TH OF MAY, 1850.
AND
CONSTITUTION AND CANONS
OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

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FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

— Parish — County, May 18—

Baptisms, . Adults, white —, colored —, = — } —
 " . Infants, do —, do —, = — } —
 Confirmed, white —, colored —, —
 Communicants, last reported —, added —, }
 " died —, withdrawn —, suspended —, }
 " present number, —
 Marriages, white —, colored —, —
 Funerals, do —, do —, —
 Sunday Schools, male teachers —, scholars —, } Teachers, . . . —
 " " female do —, do —, } Scholars, . . . —
 Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the
 Church.
 Remarks by the Rector.
 Nearest Post office. _____, Rector.

Form of Certificate of the appointment of a Lay Delegate to the Convention.

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry, (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of _____ parish (or Church) in _____ county held on the _____ day of _____ who is a communicant in said parish or church, was appointed a lay delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the _____ day of _____, in the year of our LORD,

_____, Rector.
 _____, Register
 or Church Warden.

PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.

	STAUNTON—	Third Wednesday in May,	1851.
<i>Pia</i>	RICHMOND	" "	1852.
	LYNCHBURG	" "	1853.
	FREDERICKSBURG	" "	1854.
	PETERSBURG	" "	1855.
	WINCHESTER	" "	1856.
	NORFOLK	" "	1857.
	CHARLOTTESVILLE	" "	1858.
	ALEXANDRIA	" "	1859.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
 OF THE
 DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,
 MAY 16, 1850.

- Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D., Bishop, Millwood Post Office, Clarke county.
 Rt. Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D., Assistant Bishop, Williamsburg.
 Rev. George Adie, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg, Loudoun county.
 Rev. C. W. Andrews, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.
 Rev. Charles E. Ambler, St. Anne's Parish, Scottsville.
 Rev. William Armstrong, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.
 Rev. P. F. Berkeley, Raleigh and Dale Parishes, Amelia Court House.
 Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, St. Martin's Parish, Verdon, Hanover county.
 *Rev. O. Bulkley, Lyttleton Parish, Langhorne's, Cumberland county.
 *Rev. E. Boyden, St. Ann's and Walker's Parishes, Everettsville, Albemarle county.
 Rev. R. T. Brown, Kanawha Parish, Charleston, Kanawha county.
 Rev. R. D. Brooke, Clarksville, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg county.
 Rev. T. T. Castleman, Trinity Church, Staunton.
 Rev. David Caldwell, Lexington Parish, Amherst, Temperance Post Office, Amherst county.
 Rev. George D. Cummins, Christ Church, Norfolk.
 Rev. Mark L. Chevers, Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.
 Rev. James Chisholm, Portsmouth.
 Rev. John T. Clark, Roanoke Parish, Mount Laurel, Halifax county.
 Rev. John Cole, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper Court House.
 Rev. John Cooke, officiating in Louisa county, Ætæna, Hanover county.
 *Rev. Edmund Christian, Elk Union, Buffalo Springs, Amherst C. H.
 Rev. G. S. Carraway, Kingston Parish, Mathews and Middlesex, Mathews C. H.
 *Rev. G. W. Dame, Camden and Patrick Parishes, Danville.
 Rev. C. B. Dana, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria.
 *Rev. James Doughen, residing in Lynchburg.
 Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, Rector of the Episcopal High School, Theological Seminary, Fairfax county.

- Rev. C. H. Disbrow, St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond county.
 Rev. Joseph Earnest, St. Thomas Church, Orange Court House.
 Rev. Adam Empie, D. D., St. James's Church, Richmond.
 Rev. William Friend, St. Peter's and Grace Churches, Port Royal, Caro
 line county.
 Rev. Andrew Fisher, St. James's Southam, Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan
 county.
 Rev. F. D. Goodwin, Nelson Parish, Tye River Warehouse, Nelson
 county.
 *Rev. James Goodwin, St. John's Church, Wellsburg.
 Rev. John Grammer, Antrim Parish, Halifax Court House.
 Rev. C. J. Gibson, Grace Church, Petersburg.
 *Rev. John H. Hill, Missionary, Athens, Greece.
 *Rev. Edmund W. Hening, Missionary, Africa.
 Rev. J. F. Hoff, Frederick Parish, Millwood, Clarke county.
 Rev. William D. Hanson, Meherrin Parish, Greenville, Hick's Ford.
 Rev. W. L. Hyland, } Christ Church Parish, Wellsburg, Brooke county.
 } Trinity Parish, Marshall county. P. O. Wheeling.
 Rev. William N. Irish, } St. Thomas' Church, Frederick co. } Harper's
 } St. John's Church, Jefferson co. } Ferry.
 Rev. R. P. Johnson, St. Andrew's Parish, Sturgeonville, Brunswick county.
 Rev. William M. Jackson, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.
 Rev. James T. Johnston, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
 Rev. Alexander Jones, D. D., St. Paul's Church, Richmond.
 *Rev. W. G. H. Jones, St. James's Parish, Drummond Town, Accomac
 county.
 *Rev. Jacob Keeling, Suffolk, Nansemond county.
 Rev. W. H. Kinckle, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.
 Rev. O. A. Kinsolving, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford, Norwood, Bedford
 county.
 *Rev. H. S. Keppler, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.
 Rev. E. R. Lippitt, Alexandria.
 Rev. Thomas E. Locke, Cumberland Parish, Macfarland's Store, Lunen-
 burg county.
 Rev. W. F. Lockwood, } Fall's Church, Fairfax Parish, } Fairfax
 } and Zion Church, Truro Parish, } C. H.
 Rev. Charles Mann, Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester C. H.
 Rev. James May, D. D., Professor of Theological Seminary, Theological
 Seminary, Fairfax county.
 Rev. R. K. Meade, Christ Church, Charlottesville.

- Rev. Charles Minnigerode, Martin's Brandon Parish, Garysville, Prince
 George county.
 *Rev. James D. McCabe, St. John's Church, Wheeling.
 Rev. John C. McCabe, Newport Parish, Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
 *Rev. J. McElroy, Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt county.
 Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D., St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.
 *Rev. J. B. McGuire, St. Anne's and South Farnham Parish, Loretto,
 Essex county.
 *Rev. F. H. McGuire, St. James's Church, Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
 Rev. E. B. McGuire, St. Paul's Parish, Old Church, Hanover county.
 Rev. William McGuire, Was. and Cople Parishes, Westmoreland, Oak
 Grove, Westmoreland county.
 Rev. W. C. Meredith, Tillotson Parish, Curdsville, Buckingham county.
 Rev. R. M. Mitcheson, City Missionary, Norfolk.
 *Rev. C. Newell, Chaplain U. S. N.
 *Rev. William Norwood, Richmond.
 *Rev. F. B. Nash, St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, Kanawha, and St.
 Paul's Parish, Putnam county. P. O. Coalsmouth.
 Rev. R. S. Nash, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster, Lancaster C. H.
 Rev. G. H. Norton, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, Warrenton.
 Rev. Robert Nelson, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge, Lexington.
 *Rev. N. A. Okeson, St. John's Church, City Point, Prince George co.
 Rev. Joseph Packard, D. D., Professor Theological Seminary, Fairfax.
 *Rev. John Payne, Missionary, Africa.
 Rev. W. H. Pendleton, Leed's Parish, Fauquier, Leed's Manor, Fau-
 quier county.
 *Rev. R. H. Phillips, Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.
 *Rev. E. T. Perkins, Trinity Parish, Parkersburg, Wood county.
 Rev. T. S. Rumney, Cople Parish, Westmoreland county.
 Rev. Philip Slaughter, Agent Colonization Society of Virginia.
 Rev. Nelson Sale, West Russell Parish, Davis' Store, Bedford.
 Rev. Horace Stringfellow, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.
 Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Baltimore.
 Rev. George A. Smith, Editor Southern Churchman, Alexandria.
 *Rev. Leonidas L. Smith, Norfolk.
 Rev. Charles H. Shield, Bloomfield Parish, Rappahannock county, Wood-
 ville.
 *Rev. S. R. Slack, Fre ricksville Parish, Mechum's River, Albemarle.
 Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. Professor Theological Seminary, Theological
 Seminary, Fairfax.

LIST OF THE CLERGY.

- *Rev. E. W. Syle, Missionary, China.
*Rev. H. W. L. Temple, officiating in Essex, Miller's Tavern, Essex.
Rev. John Towles, Dettingen and Leed's Parishes, Milford Mills, Prince William.
*Rev. A. B. Tizzard, Sappony, Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield.
*Rev. Joseph D. Tyler, Principal Deaf and Dumb Institute, Staunton.
*Rev. S. D. Tompkins, St. Paul's Church, Weston, Lewis county.
*Rev. John Ufford, Hungars Parish, Northampton, Eastville.
Rev. William N. Ward, Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople parishes, Warsaw, Richmond county.
Rev. D. M. Wharton, Berkley, St. George's and St. Margaret's Parishes, Mt. Pleasant, Spottsylvania.
*Rev. John A. Wharton, Liberty Post Office, Bedford.
Rev. John H. Wingfield, Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
*Rev. George Woodbridge, Monumental Church, Richmond.
Rev. J. W. Woodville, Germanna, Culpepper C. H.
Rev. Richard H. Wilmer, Trinity, Meade Parish, Middleburg, Fauquier co.
Rev. G. T. Wilmer, Botetourt Parish, Fincastle.
Rev. Edmund Withers, York Hampton Parish, Williamsburg.
*Rev. Lewis Walke, Lynhaven Parish, Princess Anne, Norfolk.
Rev. Wellington E. Webb, Sapony Church, Dinwiddie C. H.
Rev. Cornelius Walker, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.
Rev. J. Ambler Weed, St. George's Church, Pungoteague, Accomac.
Rev. F. M. Whittle, Northam Parish, St. James and Beaver Dam Churches, Goochland county. Pemberton P. O.
*Rev. Anderson Wade, M. D., Patrick Parish, Henry C. H.—109.

Those marked thus * did not attend the Convention.

LAY DELEGATES

In attendance on this Convention, with the names of the Parishes and Churches which they represented.

Alexandria.

Wm. H. Fowle, St. Paul's Church.

C. F. Lee, Christ Church.

Accomac County.

Francis K. Nelson, Walker's Parish.

Dr. J. N. Gantt, St. Anne's Parish.

C. J. Meriwether, Christ Church, Charlottesville.

Amherst County.

Henry L. Davis, Lexington Parish.

Brunswick County.

George F. Chambliss, St. Andrew's Parish.

Berkley County.

E. P. Hunter, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.

Botetourt County.

T. F. Martin, Trinity Church.

Buckingham County.

Philip A. Bolling, Tillotson Parish.

Bedford County.

Marshal L. Harris, St. Stephen's Church.

Richard Harrison, Russell Parish.

Cumberland County.

Nelson Page, Lyttleton Parish.

Clarke County.

Thomas F. Nelson, Wickliffe Parish.

Dr. Wm. Nelson, Christ Church, Millwood.

Culpepper County.

S. S. Bradford, St. Stephen's Church.

Dinwiddie County.

Samuel Pryor, Bath Parish.

Essex County.

James W. Latane, Jr., South Farnham.

Fauquier County.

John R. Edmunds, Meade Parish.
Rice Hooe, St. Stephen's Church.
Thomas M. Ambler, Leed's Parish.
Frederick Horner, St. James' Church.
John T. Smith, Piedmont Parish, Trinity Church.

Fairfax County.

Charles A. Derby, Truro Parish.
Arthur Lee Brent, Fall's Church.

Fluvanna County.

James Galt, Rivanna Parish.

Fredericksburg.

Wm. Pollock, St. George's Church.

Goochland County

Tarlton Fleming, St. James', Northam Parish.

Gloucester County.

Jno. R. Bryan, Abingdon and Ware Parishes.

Hanover County.

Philip Nelson, St. Martin's Parish.

Halifax County.

Dabney Cosby, Jr., Antrim Parish.

Jefferson County.

Charles F. Butler, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.
Bushrod C. Washington, Zion Church, Charlestown.
Joseph A. Russell, St. John's Church, Harpers Ferry.

King George County.

Richard H. Stuart, St. Paul's Church.

Loudoun County.

Jno. D. Powell, Shelburne Parish.

Lancaster County.

John Chewning, Christ Church.

Lynchburg.

Samuel W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church.

Mecklenburg County.

Wm. Oliver, St. James' Parish.
Edward Tarry, St. Luke's Church.

Norfolk City.

Wm. P. Stewart, St. Paul's Church.
Tazewell Taylor, Christ Church.

New Kent County.

Francis Nelson, St. Peter's Church.

Nansemond County.

R. H. Webb, St. Paul's Church, Suffolk.

Orange County.

B. F. Taliaferro, St. Thomas' Church.

Princess Anne County.

Thurmer Hoggard, Lynhaven Parish.

Prince William County.

George G. Tyler, Leed's Parish.
William J. Weir, Dettingen Parish.

Powhatan County.

George N. Skipwith, Grace Church.
Richard Anderson, St. James' Parish.

Petersburg.

Charles Friend, Grace Church.
Washington L. Watkins, St. Paul's Church.

Portsmouth.

Holt Wilson, Trinity Church.
Charles A. Grice, St. John's Church.

Roanoke County.

George P. Tayloe, Botetourt Parish.

Rockbridge County.

William Stevens, Latimer Parish, Lexington.

Richmond County.

Robert G. Montgomery, North Farnham Parish.

Richmond City.

George D. Fisher, Monumental Church.
William H. Macfarland, St. Paul's Church.
George M. Carrington, St. John's Church.
B. B. Minor, St. James' Church.

Staunton.

Hugh W. Sheffey, Trinity Church.

Westmoreland County.

George W. Lewis, St. Peter's Church.
Landon C. Berkeley, Cople Parish.

Winchester.

Joseph G. Gray, Christ Church.

Williamsburg.

G. Durfey, Bruton Parish.

RULES OF ORDER.

- 1st. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
- 2d. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
- 3d. 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.
- 4th. 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.
- 5th. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
- 6th. 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.
- 8th. 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.
- 9th. 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.
- 10th. 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.
- 11th. 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.

- 12th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member shall require it.
- 13th. 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.
- 14th. 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.
- 15th. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.
- 16th. 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.
- 17th. On the previous question there shall be no debate.
- 18th. 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.
- 19th. 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.
- 20th. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.
- 21st. 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.
- 22d. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.
- 23d. 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.
- 24th. No spectator shall during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Conven-

tion, 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.

25th. 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.

26th. 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.

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

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

29th. 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 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.

JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

ALEXANDRIA, May 15, 1850.

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, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. James T. Johnston, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. P. F. Berkeley.

The Convention then assembled at the Lyceum, and Wm. M. Blackford, Esq., the Secretary, being absent, on motion, Tazewell Taylor, Esq., of Norfolk, was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*; and on his motion, Holt Wilson, Esq., of Portsmouth, was appointed assistant Secretary *pro tem.*

The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats being called, the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.	Rev. James Chisholm,
Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.	“ John T. Clark,
Rev. George Adie,	“ John Cole,
“ C. W. Andrews,	“ G. S. Carraway,
“ C. E. Ambler,	“ C. B. Dana,
“ P. F. Berkeley,	“ C. H. Disbrow,
“ Wm. V. Bowers,	“ Wm. Friend,
“ R. T. Brown,	“ F. T. Goodwin,
“ R. D. Brooke,	“ John Grammer,
“ T. T. Castleman,	“ C. J. Gibson,
“ G. D. Cummins,	“ Wm. D. Hanson,

Rev. J. F. Hoff,
 " W. L. Hyland,
 " Wm. N. Irish,
 " R. P. Johnson,
 " Wm. M. Jackson,
 " James T. Johnston,
 " Alex. Jones, D. D.
 " W. T. Leavell,
 " Thomas E. Locke,
 " W. F. Lockwood,
 " Chas. Minnigerode,
 " John C. McCabe,
 " E. C. McGuire, D. D.
 " Wm. McGuire,
 " W. C. Meredith,
 " G. H. Norton,
 " Joseph Packard, D. D.

Rev. W. H. Pendleton,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " Theodore S. Rumney.
 " Chs. H. Sheild,
 " Philip Slaughter,
 " W. Sparrow, D. D.
 " H. W. L. Temple,
 " John Towles,
 " W. N. Ward,
 " D. M. Wharton,
 " R. H. Wilmer,
 " G. T. Wilmer,
 " J. W. Woodville,
 " Wellington Webb,
 " J. Ambler Weed,
 " Edm'd Withers.

On motion. W. P. Stewart, Esq., was appointed Treasurer *pro tem*.

The Rev. John Grammer, Messrs. John Chewning, and Edm'd P. Hunter, were appointed a Committee to examine the certificates of lay delegates, and reported that the following gentlemen had been duly elected according to the canons by the Vestries of their respective churches, to wit:

Lynhaven Parish, Princess Anne—Thurmer Hoggard.
 Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county—Thos. F. Nelson.
 Trinity Church, Martinsburg—Edmund P. Hunter.
 St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick—George F. Chambliss.
 St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—Wm. P. Stewart.
 Botetourt Parish, Roanoke—George P. Tayloe.
 Meade Parish, Fauquier—John R. Edmunds.
 St. Paul's Church, Alexandria—Wm. H. Fowle.
 St. Martin's Parish, Hanover—Philip Nelson.
 Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.
 Trinity Church, Portsmouth—Holt Wilson.

Astrim Parish, Halifax—Dabney Cosby, Jr.
 St. John's Church, Portsmouth—Charles A. Grice.
 St. James's Parish Mecklenburg—Wm. Oliver.
 Christ Church, Norfolk—Tazewell Taylor.
 St. George's Church, Fredericksburg—Wm. Pollock.
 Monumental Church, Richmond—George D. Fisher.
 Bath Parish, Dinwiddie—Samuel Pryor.
 Trinity Church, Botetourt—T. F. Martin.
 Grace Church, Petersburg—Chas. Friend.
 St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg—Edward Tarry.
 Trinity Church, Staunton—Hugh W. Sheffey.
 St. Paul's Church, Richmond—Wm. H. Macfarland.
 St. Peter's Church, Westmoreland—Geo. W. Lewis.
 Latimer Parish, Rockbridge—Wm. Stevens.
 Tillotson Parish, Buckingham—Philip A. Bolling.
 St. James, Northam Parish, Goochland—Tarlton Fleming.
 North Farnham Parish, Richmond County—Robt. G. Montgomery.
 St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier—Rice Hooe.
 Grace Church, Powhatan—George N. Skipwith.

The committee also reported that John Chewning had been duly appointed a lay delegate from Christ Church, Lancaster, and Francis Nelson, from St. Peter's, Newkent, but that their certificates did not state that they were communicants of the church or parish which they had been respectively elected to represent.

The Convention being satisfied of this fact, on motion, they were admitted to seats in the Convention.

The Rev. Edmund Withers, of York Hampton Parish, presented the certificate of Mr. Charles Fox, as lay delegate from that parish, stating that his vestry had furnished him with a blank certificate, and had authorized him to fill up the blank in the certificate with the name of such person as he might select; and that he had selected Mr. Fox, who was a communicant of his parish as the delegate therefrom; but submitted to the Convention the question whether Mr. Fox was entitled to a seat in the Convention: and the question being put by the Chair, it was decided that he was not entitled.

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, it was ordered, that the question of the right of the Rev. Mark L. Chevers, of Centurion Church, to a seat in the Convention, be referred to the Committee on Elections.

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

THURSDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

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

The following clergymen, not present on yesterday, appeared and took their seats :

Rev. John H. Wingfield,	Rev. Silas Totten, D. D.
“ David Caldwell,	“ R. S. Nash,
“ O. A. Kinsolving,	“ Wm. Armstrong,
“ Horace Stringfellow,	“ Andrew Fisher,
“ Wm. H. Kinckle,	“ Cornelius Walker,
“ John Cooke,	“ Joseph Earnest,
“ F. M. Whittle,	“ John Towles.

The Rev. John Grammer, Chairman of the Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen, not present yesterday, duly chosen :

Christ Church, Winchester—Dr. Joseph G. Gray.
Shelburne Parish, Loudoun—John D. Powell.
St. Thomas's Church, Orange—Dr. B. F. Taliaferro.
Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna—James Galt.

Leed's Parish, Fauquier—Thomas M. Ambler.
Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland—Nelson Page.
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Sam. W. Shelton.
St. James' Parish, Powhatan—Richard Anderson.
St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—Washington L. Watkins.
Christ Church, Millwood—Dr. Wm. Nelson.
Walker's Parish, Albemarle—Francis K. Nelson.
Truro Parish, Fairfax—Charles A. Derby.
St. John's Church, Richmond—Geo. M. Carrington.
St. James' Church, Richmond—Benj. B. Minor.
Lexington Parish, Amherst—Henry L. Davis.
Barton Parish, Williamsburg—Goodrich Durfey.
St. Paul's Parish, King George—Richard H. Stuart.
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford—Marshall L. Harris.
Russell Parish, Bedford—Richard Harrison.
St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle—Dr. J. N. Gantt.

The Right Rev. Bishop Meade then read his Report.

BISHOP MEADE'S ADDRESS.

Dear Brethren and Friends :

Through the good providence of God we are permitted to unite once more in our Annual Convention. We come for the purpose, among other things, of rendering to each other an account of our labors, and of the dealings of God towards us, during the past year. This we should ever do in a mindfulness of that great occasion when we must give an account of our whole lives and ministry to the great Judge, and receive from Him a final sentence, of approbation or condemnation. If conscious now of being unprofitable servants, doing much less than it is our duty, and in our power to do, how much more so, when we shall appear before Him who will call us to account for the many talents committed to our trust, and which, though we may not have folded in a napkin, have been so little improved by us. Let this consciousness of our short-comings in duty lead us all now more and more humbly to that Saviour from whom we hope to receive an unmerited reward of grace at the great day—even the privilege of serving and loving Him in Heaven, in a far more perfect and

blessed manner, than the best of his servants have ever done, or can possibly do on earth.

The account of my labors in the field will be brief, though I have as usual devoted six months to duties away from my home. Immediately after the last Convention, I spent two days at the Church on the Green Mountain in Albemarle, where three persons were confirmed. From thence proceeded to Fluvanna, spending two days in Columbia, though one of them was so inclement as to prevent the services. One only was confirmed. The new Church at that place was nearly completed. The congregation in and around has been organized into a separate parish and wishes the entire services of a minister. Four days were appropriated to the congregations of St. Paul's and Beavertdam in Goochland, but owing to the continued and heavy rains a few persons only assembled on two successive days at St. Paul's, where one was confirmed. Three days were given to the three congregations in Powhatan, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Fisher, one only being confirmed. Two days were spent at Peterville church, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Berkeley, at which place the Rev. Mr. Tizzard was admitted to Priests' orders, an address or exhortation by myself taking the place of a sermon. At Grubhill Church, in Amelia, three were confirmed, and at Painsville, in Cumberland, one. At Saponny Church, in Chesterfield, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Tizzard, two were confirmed. Two appointments at the Coal pits in this county failed by reason of the weather and my own health. My services were now interrupted by a call to Williamsburg, on the duty assigned to Bishop Johns and myself by the Convention. The propositions made by us being assented to by the board of Visitors, the presidency of the College was accepted by Bishop Johns. This duty over, I resumed my visitation and officiated at Cartersville and Ca-Ira, in Cumberland county, a day in each place, confirming two in the latter. Thence I went to Nelson, but on account of sickness could only fulfil one of my appointments in this county, that at

New Market. For the same reason I failed in my appointments for Buck mountain, Albemarle. Those for St. Paul's and Charlottesville, were fulfilled. At the former the Rev. Mr. Slack was ordained Priest and three were confirmed. At the latter five were confirmed. Proceeding to Hanover County, I spent a Sabbath at the Fork Church, and confirmed two.—The duties at the close of the sessions of the Seminary and High School, at Alexandria, now required my attention.—Four days were devoted to them. On the last of these I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. Robt. D. Brooke, W. D. Hanson, W. L. Hyland, W. N. Irish, Edmund Richards, W. H. C. Robertson, T. H. Rumney, C. H. Shield.

Returning homeward by the way of Leesburg, I spent a Sabbath at that place, and confirmed five. During the month of August I also held a confirmation at Millwood, in Clark County and admitted to full communion with the Church, five by that rite. After spending about six weeks at home, I renewed my visitation in September, and commencing at Winchester, confirmed six persons. Proceeding up the Valley, I spent two days at Harrisonburg, and one at Port Republic, where I found a number of persons much disappointed at the failure of services for the next year, from one of the recently ordained deacons, which I had hoped to have furnished to them. At Staunton six persons were confirmed. I was happy to find the number of scholars at the Female Institution at that place, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Phillips, was gradually increasing, and that the school was so conducted as to merit the increasing patronage, which I learn with pleasure it continues to receive. I take occasion here to allude to the particular attention which is paid by the rector of the Church in Staunton, to the instruction of the coloured people of that place, and to commend to the notice and use of the families of our Church, in Virginia, the sermons to servants, which, chiefly from his pen, have been published during the past year or two in the Southern Churchman. It is proposed during the following summer or fall, to republish them in a

volume, so as to make them more convenient for present and preserve them for future use. I allude to the attention thus paid to the servants by one minister, in order, not only to commend the example to all, but also to furnish an occasion for saying that there are many others, who according to their ability and opportunity, appear to be conscientiously performing their duty to this class of our fellow beings.

From Staunton I proceeded to Lexington, where seven were confirmed. Thence to Buchanan, where five were confirmed. At Fincastle, two. At the Licks, in Roanoke County, two.— At this place a new Church was consecrated. From thence I visited for the first time the County of Franklin, and spending two days at the Court House in company with the Rev. Mr. Wade, who officiates at this place, confirmed two persons. Encouragement was held out to hope that a Church would soon be erected at that place. Proceeding to Liberty in Bedford County, I confirmed six persons. At St. Thomas's of the same county, one. At St. Stephen's, five. At Trinity, three. At Lynchburg, after two days services, twelve. At New Glasgow, in Amherst County, five. At Buck mountain, in Albermarle, one. At Orange C. H., two. At St. Paul's, in Culpepper, seven. Other congregations, in Amherst, Nelson, Madison, Culpepper, Rappahanock and Warren, were visited, but no special services performed. In Rappahanock, I am gratified to learn, that a Church will soon be erected. The congregations next visited, were those in Jefferson and Berkely. On the 5th of November, I confirmed two persons in Smithfield, where efforts are making to build a Church. On the following day I consecrated at Lee-town, a new and handsome Church by the name of St. Bartholomew's, which was built almost entirely with funds furnished by the Rev. Dr. Balch of New York, and contributed by himself and other generous friends, of that place. From thence I proceeded to Shepherdstown, where three were confirmed. Thence to Harper's Ferry, where seven were confirmed. At that place a Church is

in the process of erection. At Martinsburg one was confirmed. At Hedges Chapel, nine. At Buck Creek, one. Bunkers-hill, one. At this place preparations are making for a new Church.

The duties of the season of visitation being over, I spent the winter as usual at home, only visiting the congregations at Winchester and Berryville. At the latter place four were confirmed on Easter day. Soon after this I came as usual to Alexandria, in order to deliver some instructions to the senior class at the Seminary. On my way down I spent a Sabbath at Upperville in Loudoun County.

While performing my duties at the Seminary, I have taken particular pains by visiting the High School, and by making enquiries of those best qualified to give correct information, to form a just estimate of the merits of that Institution. The result has been a continued and increased conviction of its excellency. If parents desire to have their sons trained up in habits of obedience to law and authority, to have all their faculties called forth into active exercise, to have them accurately instructed in all the branches of science and literature there taught, so as to prepare them to be successful in the different pursuits of life, and above all if they wish them to be kept as much as possible from evil habits and practices by a careful supervision, and to be faithfully instructed in the principles of the Christian religion, I know not where they can find a school to which they can send them with a greater probability of having all these things properly attended to. If they prefer a school where indolence is to be indulged, where the evil propensities of youth are to meet with little restraint, and all things are sought to be accommodated to the wishes of their children, they will not find such in this Institution. But if they wish them to become men—men of energy and industry and business, and of sound moral and religious principles, we unhesitatingly commend them to this Institution.

I have only one word to add in reference to our Diocesan Paper. Its well qualified and judicious Editor has determined

to devote himself entirely to the task of rendering it worthy of our patronage. That patronage I hope will be freely and abundantly furnished. By increasing the number of its subscribers and supplying occasional contributions to its columns, we may minister to the support of a most worthy brother who is disabled from ministerial duty, while at the same time we are rendering a most essential service to the cause of true religion in our Diocese.

In the death of the Rev. William Duval, which we have been called upon to deplore since we last met, this Diocese has lost one of her most beloved, faithful and useful ministers.

A list of the candidates for orders admitted during the past year, and of ministers and candidates dismissed from or received into the Diocese during the past year, will conclude this report.

The candidates admitted are Messrs. Thos. P. Martin, Joseph A. Russell, Hugh Roy Scott, Henderson Sutter, Geo. H. Rumney, John W. Chesley, Addison B. Atkins, James Stoney.

Ministers received into the Diocese,—the Rev. Dr. Totten, from Connecticut; the Rev. Mr. Mitcheson from Pennsylvania; the Rev. Mr. Nash, from Ohio.

Those dismissed are the Rev. Mr. Holmead, to Maryland; the Rev. Mr. Bryant, the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer and Rev. Wm. G. Jackson, to Pennsylvania.

The Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop then read his Report.

BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

During the Convention at Charlottesville, I participated in the religious services of the week, and on Sunday morning preached in Christ Church.

After the adjournment of the Convention, I returned to Richmond, and on Sunday, May 27th, preached in St. Paul's Church, both morning and night.

May 28th. I went to Caroline to meet an appointment in Grace Church. A heavy rain which continued during the day, prevented the congregation from assembling. I remained in the vicinity, and the next morning, though the weather was still unfavorable, I preached in Grace Church and confirmed three persons.

May 30th. I preached in St. Peter's Port Royal. This Church has since been destroyed by fire. I am happy, however, to report that funds have been provided for erecting a new building, which is now so far advanced that it will be ready for use, before the summer closes.

Port Royal I deviated from the line of my visitation, and crossed to Westmoreland county, to consecrate the new church, St. Peter's, at Oak Grove. This service was performed, May 31st. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector, the Rev. Wm. McGuire. Morning prayers by the Rev. Mr. Friend—sermon by myself.

June 1st. In the same church, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Dana, I addressed the congregation—In the afternoon I recrossed the Rappahannock to Essex.

June 2d and 3d. I preached in South Farnham Church.

June 4th. I preached at Tappahannock. Since my visit, a new and commodious church has been erected there, and is now waiting for consecration.

June 5. I preached in St. Paul's, Essex, and confirmed three persons. At night I conducted religious services and addressed the people at Medway Academy under the care of Dr. Minor.

June 11th. I went to Williamsburg, in company with Bishop Meade, to confer as contemplated by the resolution of the last Convention, with the Board of visitors of William and Mary College. The arrangements resulting from the conference will be stated at the close of this address.

June 17th. I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond.

July 1st. I preached in St James' Church Richmond.

8th. I preached in the morning in Christ Church, Alexandria, and confirmed eight persons. In the afternoon I preached in St. Paul's and confirmed ten persons.

From July 9th to 11th. I was occupied in attending the examinations at the Seminary and High School.

July 13th. I assisted Bishop Meade in the ordination of Deacons in St. Paul's, Alexandria, and in the afternoon, started to visit several of the churches in Prince William and Fauquier Counties.

July 15th. I consecrated St. James' Church, Brentsville, preached and confirmed four persons. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector the Rev. Mr. Towles; morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lockwood.

The church is substantially built of dressed stone. The interior arrangements are convenient, and in the rear of the building a commodious vestry-room is provided. The whole structure is highly creditable to the minister to whose persevering efforts, the congregation are indebted for their appropriate house of worship.

16th. I preached at St. Stephen's, Fauquier, and confirmed two persons.

17th. At Warrenton, I preached and confirmed four persons.

18th. I consecrated Trinity Church, Salem, Fauquier County, preached and confirmed four persons.

From Fauquier I made a rapid journey to New York, to execute a commission confided to me by the Board of Visitors of William and Mary.

29th. I preached in St. James' Church, Richmond.

Aug. 3d. Being the day recommended by the President of the United States, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, I conducted the appropriate services, and preached in St. James' Church, Richmond.

5th. I preached again in the same Church.

5th. After services, by Rev. Mr. Dennison, I addressed the congregation at Williamsburg.

12th. I preached and administered the Lord's Supper in St. Paul's, Richmond.

19th. I preached in the same Church, and performed the services at the funeral of Judge Nicholas.

26th. I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond.

Sept. 2nd. I preached and administered the Lord's Supper in St. Paul's Church, Richmond.

Sept. 16th. I preached in St. John's, Richmond.

Oct. 7th. I preached in the church at Williamsburg.

25th. I left home to attend the anniversary meeting of the Evangelical Knowledge Society in Philadelphia.

25th. I preached in Baltimore county, Md.

Nov. 4th. In the church at Williamsburg, I admitted the Rev. R. P. Johnson to Priest's Orders. Morning prayer by the Rev. Wm. Hodges. The candidate was presented by the Rev. E. Withers. Sermon by the Rev. H. M. Dennison, who, with the other clergy named, united in the imposition of hands.

11th. I preached in the same church.

13th. I visited Gloucester to attend a convocation.

14th. I preached in Ware Church, Gloucester.

18th. I preached in the Asylum, Williamsburg.

21st. After services by the Rev. Mr. Dennison, I addressed the congregation in the lecture room.

26th. I preached in Grace Church, Yorktown.

25th. I visited Prince George county to attend the convocation.

29th. In Merchant's Hope Church, after sermon by the Rev. R. P. Johnson, I addressed the congregation and confirmed eight persons.

30th. I preached in the same church.

Dec. 9th. I preached in the Asylum at Williamsburg.

16th. In the church at Williamsburg I read the Ante-Com-

munion Service, and united with the rector in administering the Lord's Supper.

19th. I lectured in the lecture room of the same church.

23d. In the same church I assisted in the services and preached at night.

25th. I assisted the rector in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

30th. I preached in the same church.

Jan. 6th, 1850. In the same church, the rector being unexpectedly absent, I conducted the usual services and preached.

Jan. 9th. I preached in the church at Hampton, which is still, I regret to say, without a minister.

10th. I preached in the Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.

16th. I officiated in the lecture room of the church in Williamsburg.

Feb. 10th. In the same church I administered the communion in the morning, and in the afternoon examined the children on the catechism.

13th. Being Ash Wednesday, I preached in the same church.

20th. In the lecture room, after Mr. Dennison, I addressed the congregation.

24th. I preached in the Asylum, Williamsburg.

Feb. 28th to March 7th. In company with Rev. Mr. Andrews I went to Norfolk, Petersburg, Richmond, and Fredericksburg to attend meetings and deliver addresses in connexion with the interests of the Evangelical Knowledge Society.

March 2. I lectured in St. Paul's Church, Richmond.

3d. In the same church I preached and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper. At night I confirmed nine persons.

10th. I preached in the church at Williamsburg.

13th. I lectured in the lecture room.

15th. I preached in the church at Williamsburg.

17th. I preached in Grace Church, Yorktown.

20th. I went to Norfolk and at night lectured at Christ Church.

21st. I preached in St. Paul's, Norfolk.

22nd. I preached in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, in the Morning, and at night in Christ Church, Norfolk.

24th. I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, in the morning, and confirmed *seventeen* persons. At night I preached in St. Paul's and confirmed eleven persons.

25th. I preached in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, and confirmed one person.

26th. I rode 26 miles to Suffolk and preached in the morning in St. Paul's Church. At night I preached again and confirmed six persons.

27th. I preached in the Church at Chuckatuck.

28th. In the morning I preached in the church at Smithfield, and confirmed one person. At night after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Desbrow, I addressed the congregation.

29th. I preached in the Old Church in Surry. In this county, as I am informed, there is no minister of the Gospel of any denomination residing. The religious services performed there, are occasional. In the vicinity of the Court House, and of Cabin Point, where one of our old churches is standing and in good repair, there are several families of our Church who are very solicitous to obtain a minister. If one could be procured, who would consent to conduct a small private school, he could at once be adequately supported, and in a little time, it is believed, he might dispense with this temporary expedient and give himself wholly to his ministry.

March 31. I preached in Brandon Church, Prince George County, and confirmed four persons.

April 13th. I left Williamsburg to visit the churches in Gloucester and Mathews, Middlesex, the Northern Neck, &c. &c. The day was passed in endeavoring, at several points, to cross York river. The weather, however, was so boisterous, that the

boatmen could not be prevailed on to make the attempt until the next morning, when I succeeded in reaching the other shore in time to fulfil my appointments.

14th. I preached in Abingdon Church, and confirmed four persons.

15th. I preached in Christ Church, Mathews.

16th. I preached in Christ Church, Middlesex, and confirmed two persons.

17th. I preached in Christ Church, Lancaster.

18th. I preached in the White Chapel.

19th. I preached in North Farnham Church.

20th. I preached in the Church at Warsaw, and confirmed one person. In the afternoon I baptised the child of the rector.

21st. I preached in Yeocomico Church, and confirmed three persons.

22d. I consecrated St. James' Church, Westmoreland Court House, and preached. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Wm. McGuire. Prayers by the Rev. Mr. Ward.— This, it will be observed, is the second church which, during the past conventional year, I have consecrated in Westmoreland county, a fact which furnished some compensation for the feelings experienced on the ride between the two, when my attention was pointed to a pile of rubbish which marked the site of one of the old churches of this region, and I listened to the painful story of its desecration and ruin. The change now indicated is certainly encouraging, and I trust that our young brother whose exertions have been so successful in the erection of churches in his parish, will find greater cause for gratitude in their being filled by devout worshippers.

On the same morning, and in the church just consecrated, I admitted the Rev. Theodore S. Rumney to Priest's Orders. The candidate was presented by the Rev. John McGuire, who with the Rev. Messrs. Ward and Wm. McGuire, united in the imposition of hands.

23d. I preached in St. Peter's, Oak Grove, and confirmed one person.

24th. I preached in St. Paul's, King George, and confirmed one person. This church is still vacant.

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

26th. I preached in St. George's, Fredericksburg, and confirmed thirteen persons.

27th. I preached in Christ Church, Spottsylvania.

28th. I preached in St. Margaret's, Caroline, and confirmed one person. From this church I was conveyed to the Concord Academy by Mr. Coleman, the principal, and at his request I lectured there at night to his pupils.

May 1st. I preached in ——— Church, at Dinwiddie Court House.

2nd. I preached in Sapony Church, and confirmed five persons.

3rd. I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Brunswick, and confirmed four persons.

5th. I preached in Christ Church, Belfield, and confirmed two persons. At this place I had a brief interview with several of our friends from Southampton. Their desire to have the services of the Church regularly performed in their vicinity is unabated. I am happy to understand that the convocation of that part of the diocese have made arrangements to supply them once a month, and trust that this will soon lead to the full accomplishment of their wishes in the erection of a church and the settlement among them of a minister, who can devote his whole time to their service.

6th. I preached in Grace Church, Meherrin parish, and confirmed four persons.

During the several visitations which have thus been enumerated, I have, as opportunity offered, presented to the different congregations the claims of our Diocesan Missionary Society.— In this I take the liveliest interest, because, in my itinerations, I

see both the happy effects which have resulted from this agency, and the great room which still exists for its continued and enlarged action. It is gratifying to know that it finds favor with the clergy and the laity throughout the diocese, and I flatter myself that this will be shown, not only by the amount of the collections made on the occasional visitations of the Bishop, but also by an increase in the regular annual contributions from the parishes.

The reports of the Society inform us of what I have myself witnessed, its instrumentality in saving feeble congregations, which, but for the help thus furnished, must to human appearances, have ceased to exist; and in gathering and establishing churches in portions of the diocese where previously our communion was scarcely known.

To the continued and liberal patronage of those who are interested in these results, I feel confidence in commending our Diocesan Missionary Society. If we cheerfully contribute the requisite means, the Lord of the harvest will send forth the labourers, and with both, and His blessing to prosper them, the ingathering will surpass the expectations of the most sanguine.

In closing this address, I return to a subject, to which I have already incidentally alluded—our relations to William and Mary College.

It will be recollected, that a communication from the Board of Visitors, in relation to the Presidency of that Institution, was presented to the Convention at Charlottesville. The committee to whom it was referred recommended the adoption of the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

“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 Col-

lege, shall be of opinion that the interests of religion and literature may be promoted by Bishop John's 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.”

To afford an opportunity for the proposed conference, the Board of Visitors was convened at Williamsburg on the 11th of June last, Bishop Meade and myself attended the meeting, and in reference to the contemplated arrangement, frankly and fully stated our views and wishes. These were so entirely met by the unanimous action of the Board, that there was no room left for hesitancy on our part, and under these circumstances, having the advice of the Convention, and the opinion of the Bishop, I did not feel at liberty to do otherwise, than signify my acceptance of the Presidency of the College. Previous to this, however, the Board had been enlarged to the number of Visitors specified in the Charter, by the election of gentlemen, supposed to take an interest in the prosperity of the Institution, and on whose cordial co-operation we could confidently rely. And again, as the course of instruction connected with the chair to which I had been elected, would require more of my time, than I could give “without materially interfering with my Episcopal duties,” I suggested to the Board, the necessity of appointing another Professor, and thus relieving me so far, as to enable me to continue my services to the Diocese, without diminution. The only objection to this arrangement, arose from the want of funds, to support the additional professor. This difficulty was removed by appropriating to this purpose, the salary which pertained to the Presidency, an expedient which I considered might safely be adopted, for as it provided for an arrangement which would leave my rela-

tions to the Diocese undisturbed, I presumed that I might rely for my own support, as heretofore, on the Convention. If, however, any change in this respect is deemed proper, it will have my ready acquiescence.

The Board of Visitors having unanimously adopted the suggestion offered, the Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., was nominated to the new Professorship, and elected without a dissenting voice.— His acceptance of the appointment was signified to the Board soon after my interview with him in New York in July last, and thus there were secured to the college the valuable services of another Professor, who brought with him a well earned reputation for great ability, large experience and distinguished success as an instructor of youth. He, with my other colleagues, form a faculty well qualified to furnish students all the advantages of a collegiate course, and to obtain for the venerable institution with which they are connected, a fair proportion of the confidence and patronage of the community. All that is now requisite to ensure its prosperity and usefulness, is the cordial support of those who have expressed their interest in its present reorganization. Let them avail themselves of the facilities which it affords for the education of their sons, and under His blessing, "without whom nothing is wise, nothing holy," it will become an honored instrument for the diffusion of sound science and pure and undefiled religion.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order, as they stood at the adjournment of the last Convention, be adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

Petitions for the admission of St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry, and of Montross Parish, Westmoreland, and Trinity Parish, Marshall, were presented and referred to the appropriate committee.

A petition for the separation of Aldie and its vicinity from Shelburne, and its annexation to Meade Parish, was referred to the appropriate committee.

The Bishop announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

Committee on the State of the Church:

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| Rev. Edw. C. McGuire, D. D., | James Galt, |
| " John H. Wingfield, | Nelson Page, |
| " George Adie, | Edw. Tarry, |
| " Alexander Jones, D. D. | Edmd. P. Hunter, |
| " Wm. Armstrong, | Joseph G. Gray. |
| " Wm. Sparrow, D. D., | |

On Finance:

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| William H. Macfarland, |
| George M. Carrington, |
| William P. Stewart. |

On the Episcopal Fund:

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| Rev. C. W. Andrews, | Dr. Wm. Nelson, |
| " P. F. Berkeley, | Dabney Cosby, Jr. |
| " John Cole, | G. W. Lewis. |

On Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society:

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| Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, | Marshall L. Harris, |
| " George D. Cummins, | Joseph G. Gray. |
| " Charles Friend, | |

On Parochial Reports:

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| Rev. Nelson Sale, | Thurmer Hoggard, |
| " D. M. Wharton, | Thos. F. Nelson, |
| " C. Walker, | George W. Lewis. |
| " C. J. Gibbon, | |

On New Parishes:

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| Rev. R. H. Wilmer, | Samuel W. Shelton, |
| " David Caldwell, | James Galt, |
| " John Cole, | Edmund P. Hunter. |

On the Widows' and Orphans' Funds:

Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, G. M. Carrington,
 " W. H. Kinckle, George D. Fisher.

On Elections:

Rev. J. F. Hoff,
 Samuel Pryor,
 George W. Lewis.

The Rev. Mr. Dana read the proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese during the past conventional year.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, together with the account of the Treasurer, were presented, which were referred to the appropriate committee.

The resolution submitted at the last Convention (see page 23 of Journal, 1849,) to amend the 2d article of the Constitution, by inserting after the word "Societies," in the 10th line, the words "and the Rector of the Episcopal High School," being considered, was adopted. And so the 2d article of the Constitution stands amended accordingly.

Thereupon, the Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, Rector of the Episcopal High School, was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The Secretary *pro tem.* in compliance with the 29th rule of order, then called upon the clergy, in alphabetical order, for their reports, which being presented, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The report of Wm. H. Hubbard, the Treasurer of the Convention, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention assembled after recess.

A petition for the creation of St. John's Church, Wheeling, and its admission into the Convention, was presented and referred to the appropriate committee.

The Rev. T. T. Castleman laid before the Convention the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Female Institute, which, on motion, were referred to a special committee of five, viz: The Rev. G. D. Cummins, Rev. Horace Stringfellow, Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, Messrs. Hugh W. Sheffey and James Galt.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the consideration of the XIXth Canon, which was laid over from the last Convention, be made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That a nomination of delegates to the next General Convention shall be made to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, and that this Convention will proceed, on the following day, to consider said nominations, and elect said delegates.

The Rev. Mr. Hoff, from the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the question of the Rev. Mark L. Chevers' right to a seat in this Convention, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Elections having had before them the case of the Rev. Mark L. Chevers, of Centurion Church, Old Point, beg to report, that although said church has not applied for admission into the Convention, and Mr. Chevers cannot be recognised as the Rector of an existing church, according to the second Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, yet his services in that Church, under the implied authority of the Bishop, entitled him, under the same canon, to be regarded as a missionary of the Diocese, and so to be received as a member of this body.

The said report was adopted by the Convention *nem. con.*, and thereupon, the Rev. Mark L. Chevers took his seat in the Convention.

Mr. B. B. Minor presented and read certain resolutions in reference to Christian deoprtment, which, on motion, were laid on the table; and subsequently, a motion was made to reconsider the vote laying the said resolutions on the table, during the pendency of which motion, the Convention adjourned until tomorrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY, May 17, 1850, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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

The following clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats :

Rev. Richard K. Meade,

“ E. B. McGuire,

“ Robert Nelson.

The following lay delegates presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in the Convention :

Cople Parish, Westmoreland, Landon C. Berkeley.

Leeds Parish, Prince William, George G. Tyler.

Dettingen Parish, Prince William, Wm. J. Weir.

Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Charles T. Butler.

St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper, Slaughter S. Bradford.

The Rev. R. H. Wilmer, from the Committee on New Parishes, to whom were referred certain petitions, viz: the petition of certain members of the Church in Westmoreland county, asking to be separated from Cople Parish, and to be recognised as an independent parish, under the style of MONTROSS PARISH; and also the petition from members of the Church in Harper's

Ferry, to be received into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia, under the name of ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Harper's Ferry; and also the petition from members of the Church in Marshall county, to be received into union with the Church, under the title of TRINITY PARISH, Marshall county; and also the petition from the members of the Church in Aldie and its vicinity, asking to be detached from Shelburne Parish, Loudoun, and to be annexed to Meade Parish, Fauquier; and also the petition from persons favorable to the formation of an Episcopal Church in Winfield, Putnam county, to be admitted into connexion with this Convention, and to be known and designated as ST. PAUL'S PARISH, in Winfield, Putnam county, Virginia; and also the petition from certain members of the congregation of St. Matthew's, Wheeling, praying to be separated from said church, and to be constituted a separate parish, under the style of ST. JOHN'S PARISH, Wheeling, made a favorable report upon said petitions, and the prayer of the said petitioners was granted by the Convention, and thereupon the said new parishes are admitted into connexion with this Convention, and the church in Aldie was annexed to Meade Parish, Fauquier county.

The following additional lay delegates presented their certificates :

Zion Church, Charlestown, Bushrod C. Washington.

St. James' Church, Fauquier, Dr. Frederick Horner.

St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry, Joseph A. Russell.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester co., John R. Bryan.

A petition from certain members of the Church in Leeds Parish, Fauquier county, praying to be separated from said parish, and for the formation of a new parish, according to the boundaries stated in the petition, and to be received into connexion with this Convention under the name of TRINITY CHURCH, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier county, was presented and referred to the Committee on New Parishes; and a favorable report on said petition

having been made by said committee, which was adopted by the Convention, the said parish was accordingly admitted.

The motion pending on yesterday, to reconsider the vote laying on the table certain resolutions presented by Mr. Minor, was adopted; and, thereupon, with the leave of the Convention, the said resolutions were withdrawn by the mover.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate delegates to the next General Convention, when the following gentlemen were nominated.

For Clerical Delegates—Rev. Alexander Jones, D. D., Rev. Charles Mann, Rev. Edward McGuire, D. D., Rev. William Armstrong, Rev. T. T. Castleman, Rev. John Grammer, Rev. C. W. Andrews, Rev. William Friend, Rev. John F. Hoff, Rev. James T. Johnston, Rev. William Norwood, Rev. Horace Stringfellow, Rev. James May, D. D., Rev. William Sparrow, D. D.

For Lay Delegates—William H. Macfarland, Philip Williams, Tazewell Taylor, Edward T. Tayloe, Hugh W. Sheffey, Nelson Page, George W. Summers, Cassius F. Lee, Edward Colston, Edmund P. Hunter, Jeremiah Morton, William H. Fowle, Dr. William Shepherd, James Galt, and Edmund Fontaine.

The Convention then proceeded to the order of the day, being the consideration of the 19th canon, as reported to the last Convention, and which was laid over at that Convention for the action of this Convention, which canon reads as follows.

CANON XIX.

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 authorised standards of the Church, are offences for which discipline should be exercised. This enumeration, however, shall not be construed to in-

clude 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 churchwardens, 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.

Mr. Minor offered as a substitute for the said canon, the resolutions, previously offered by him and withdrawn. The chair decided that the proposed substitute was not in order.

The canon XIX was then discussed, and during the progress of the debate a motion was carried to limit each speaker to twenty minutes.

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

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met after recess.

The following lay delegates presented their certificates and were admitted to seats in the Convention:

Falls Church, Fairfax; Arthur Lee Breat, M. D.
Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier co., Jno. T. Smith.

The debate was then resumed upon the 19th canon, and by order of the Convention the debate closed at 7 o'clock; and after the Bishops expressed their views, the vote was taken by orders, and resulted as follows:

OF THE CLERGY.

AYES.—Right Rev. William Meade, D. D., Right Rev. John Johns, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Adie, Andrews, Ambler, Bowers,

Castleman, Caldwell, Cummins, Chisholm, Clark, Cole, Cooke, Carraway, Earnest, Friend, Fisher, Goodwin, Grammer, Gibson, Hyland, Hoff, Irish, Johnson, Jackson, Jones, Kinckle, Kinsolving, Locke, Lockwood, Minnigerode, John C. McCabe, E. C. McGuire, Wm. McGuire, E. B. McGuire, Meade, Norton, Nash, Pendleton, Rumney, Stringfellow, Sparrow, Shield, George A. Smith, Temple, Towles, Ward, Webb, Walker, Whittle—50.

NOES.—Rev. Messrs. Berkeley, Brown, Disbrow, Leavell, Meredith, Nelson, Peterkin, Sale, Withers, Wharton, Wingfield, Rich'd H. Wilmer, Weed, Geo. T. Wilmer—14.

OF THE LAITY.

AYES.—Messrs. Ambler, Berkeley, Butler, Bradford, Brent, Chewning, Cosby, Chambliss, Derby, Fowle, Fisher, Fleming, Grice, Gray, Galt, Gantt, Hunter, Hooe, Harris, Harrison, Horner, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Montgomery, Thomas F. Nelson, Francis Nelson, Wm. Nelson, Francis K. Nelson, Pryor, Powell, Page, Russell, Sheffey, Stevens, Shelton, Stewart, Stuart, Tayloe, Tarry, Taliaferro, Tyler, Weir, Washington—44.*

NOES.—Messrs. Anderson, Carrington, Durfey, Edmunds, Hoggard, Macfarland, Minor, Oliver, Pollock, Skipwith, Smith, Taylor, Wilson, Watkins—14.

And so the said canon was adopted as canon XIX of the amended canons.

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

* By order of the Convention the Secretary is permitted, at the request of the gentlemen named, to state that the Rev. J. Packard, D. D., Rev. Mark L. Chevers, and Rev. E. A. Dalrymple, and Messrs. C. J. Merriwether and Henry L. Davis, would, if they had been present when the vote was taken, have voted in the affirmative, and that Dr. R. H. Webb would have voted in the negative, on the passage of the canon.

SATURDAY, *May 18, 1850.*

The Convention assembled, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

Henry W. Latane, Jr., lay delegate from South Farnham, Essex, presented his certificate and took his seat in the Convention.

The following additional nominations for delegates to the General Convention, were made :

Rev. David Caldwell,

“ Wm. H. Kinckle,

“ Richard H. Wilmer.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for four clerical and four lay delegates to the next General Convention.

The following gentlemen were duly elected delegates :

OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. William Sparrow, D. D.

“ Alexander Jones, D. D.

“ Charles W. Andrews,

“ E. C. McGuire, D. D.

OF THE LAITY.

Hugh W. Sheffey,

Philip Williams,

Tazewell Taylor,

George W. Summers.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed alternates:

OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. James T. Johnston,

“ John Grammer,

“ William Armstrong,

“ J. F. Hoff.

OF THE LAITY.

Cassius F. Lee,

Edmund P. Hunter,

Edward T. Tayloe,

Edward Colston.

The following additional canon was offered and adopted by unanimous consent, to be inserted as the XXth Canon :

CANON XX.

Concerning, altering, or adding to the Canons of this Church.

No proposed alteration or addition to the canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given in open Convention, nor until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon, by a committee of at least two presbyters and two laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the members shall not concur therein; but in such case, it shall lie over for consideration until the next annual Convention.

Ordered, that the canon adopted at the last Convention as Canon XIX, entitled "Canon for repealing former Canons," be hereafter inserted in the Journal as Canon XXI.

On motion, ordered that the substitute for the XIXth Canon, offered by B. B. Minor on yesterday, and which was ruled to be out of order, be entered on the Journal, which is in the words following :

CHRISTIAN DEPARTMENT.

The Prayer Book and other standards of this Church, in conformity with the Holy Scriptures, require and inculcate strict purity, propriety and consistency in the "walk and conversation" of her members. The sacred Scriptures declare that Christians must not only "not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of their mind," and "keep themselves unspotted from the world"—"avoiding even the appearance of evil." At their baptism, they "renounce the pomps and vanities of the world," and in approaching the table of the Lord, they are exhorted to "search and examine their consciences, (and that not lightly,) in order that they may come holy and clean to such a heavenly feast." They are also warned of the great danger of receiving the communion unworthily; and the minister is empowered and required, if he know any of his communicants to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any

wrong to his neighbors by word or deed, so that the congregation be thereby offended, to advertise him, that he presume not to come to the Lord's table "until he have repented and amended."

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, That it is the duty of all the communicants of this Church, to inculcate and exemplify the strictest purity and consistency of Christian deportment; and especially to abstain from all those vain, fashionable and worldly amusements, which tend to lower the standard of personal piety, if not to destroy it; to promote a spirit of worldly-mindedness, already too prevalent: to obliterate the lines which separate believers from the world, and to "hinder the Gospel," by bringing reproach upon its professed followers; and that, if pastors find any of their flock addicted to such things, it is their duty to admonish and dissuade them, with all the love which the Spirit of CHRIST requires, but all the firmness which their high and solemn responsibility enjoins; and, if necessary, to deter them, with all the authority which their sacred office and the rubrics of the Church, in their letter and spirit, confer.

2d. *Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution be published in each journal of this Convention, as a deliberate expression of its sentiments, until otherwise ordered.

The Right Rev. the Bishop read to the Convention the following address, which, with the paper referred to therein, was ordered to be entered upon the Journal :

Dear Brethren :

From time to time I have had occasion to communicate to the Convention some information concerning bequests to the Church for the benefit of her religious institutions, and either the faithful execution of duty on the part of those unto whom the trust of fulfilling such testaments was committed, or the refusal to do it, under the plea that the laws of our State were insufficient to compel them so to do. I now communicate the fact, that the late Mrs. Fidelia Ball, of Lancaster county, Virginia, has bequeathed to myself, for the benefit of our Theological Seminary, five shares of the Bank of Virginia stock, and the same number to be used in another way, as I might think proper, and that her bother, John B. Downman, of Fauquier county, has at once transferred the same to me, although under no legal obligations so to do, according to the present legislation of our State. It is my painful duty, however, to communicate another case, in which there is reason to fear that one of our smaller parishes is in dan-

ger of losing property to the amount of one thousand dollars, the interest of which has hitherto been applied to the support of the rector. The following communication, through me to the Convention, from the vestry of Cumberland Parish, in the county of Lunenburg, will show how the continued refusal on the part of the Legislature of Virginia to afford adequate protection to congregations and religious institutions, tempts her citizens to sacrilege, and robs God's Church of that which HE HIMSELF had bestowed upon it, through the instrumentality of those into whose hearts he put the good desire to promote HIS Kingdom, even after death, by the bequest of a portion of that property, which they had received of HIM, and held as stewards and tenants. I am sorry also to add, that our fund for the support of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, has been, and perhaps still is, in some jeopardy, not through any want of integrity on the part of those holding the fund, but from insufficiency of law to protect it.

The following is the communication from the Vestry of Cumberland Parish, referred to in the above address :

"At a meeting of the Vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Cumberland Parish, in the county of Lunenburg, held on the 4th of April, 1850, it appeared that repeated applications had been made to James P. Street, one of the administrators of David Street, deceased, and one of four equal residuary legatees under his will, for the funds belonging to this parish, which were in the said decedent's hands at the time of his death, amounting to near four thousand dollars; and that said James P. Street had refused to deliver them up, acknowledging at the same time that he had no right to them; and that the other administrators and legatees have expressed a willingness that the funds should be placed immediately in the hands of individuals, who are members of the vestry, to be used for the support of the minister. Whereupon, it is ordered by the vestry, that the foregoing statement of facts be entered upon record, and that a copy be transmitted to the Convention of this Diocese."

(Signed)

ROBERT A. ATKINSON,
CHARLES SMITH,
WM. J. NOBLETT,
JOHN L. CRALLE,
J. H. STOKES,
R. B. ATKINSON.

A communication from Rev. J. Poisal, General Agent of the Bible Society of Virginia, accompanied by copies of the 37th annual report of the Bible Society of Virginia, to be distributed among the members of the Convention, was read and ordered to be filed.

The Rev. George D. Cummins, from the committee to whom was referred the proposition from the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, submitted a report, which, as amended, is as follows :

The committee appointed for that purpose have had under consideration a resolution adopted by the Trustees of the "Virginia Female Institute," on the 6th of May, 1850, in which they tender to this Convention the property of said Institute, on the conditions that the Convention will assume the debts thereof, (the same being estimated at not more than \$7,500,) and the said Institute be continued as a school for the instruction of females.

The committee beg leave to report, that they are unanimously of opinion that the Virginia Female Institute, if continued as a female school under the auspices and influence of the Church, will prove a nursery of piety and knowledge, and a blessing to the diocese, and that the threatened danger of its sale and transfer to other hands ought, if possible, to be averted. They are, however, unwilling to recommend to the Convention (at this time) the acceptance of the proposition of the Trustees; but trust that by the adoption of the resolution they herewith submit, the means may be used to avert the sale of the Institute, and to preserve to the Diocese a female school, which may hereafter be brought under the direct supervision and control of the Convention. They, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Convention highly appreciate the importance of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, and recommend to the friends of the Church to aid in extricating it from its present pecuniary embarrassment.

The said report and resolution, after being discussed, was adopted.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted :

Resolved, That this Convention have learned with lively satisfaction the acceptance by the Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D., of the Presidency of Wil-

liam and Mary College, and impressed with a high opinion of the advantages presented by this venerable Institution, so eminently distinguished by the scientific and religious character of the Faculty, do recommend it to the patronage of the Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Trinity Church, Staunton, on the third Wednesday in May, 1851.

The Rev. Nelson Sale, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, presented the following report :

The committee have examined one hundred and five Parochial Reports submitted to them, and recommend that they be printed in the Journal.— They have also prepared an abstract from these reports and a synopsis exhibiting the number of communicants added during the year, the nett annual gain of communicants, and other matters of interest, which are herewith respectfully submitted to the Convention.

The committee take this opportunity to recommend to their brethren that the parishes be distinctly designated in their future reports, and also that they be particular in specifying the number of their colored communicants.

NELSON SALE,
*Chairman.**

The Rev. Wm. V. Bowers, from the Committee on the Widows and Orphans Fund, presented the following report :

The Committee on the Widows and Orphans Fund, respectfully report, that in consequence of the death of Wm. Williams, Esq., late Treasurer, no papers relative to that Fund have come to the hands of the committee. They would, therefore, suggest to the Convention the expediency of taking measures, by the appointment of a Trustee, or otherwise, to obtain from the Executor of Mr. Williams' estate the funds of the society, and to hold the same in behalf of the Convention.

WILLIAM V. BOWERS,
Chairman.

* See Appendix A, B and C, for Parochial Reports, Abstract and Synopsis.

On motion, *Resolved*, That John L. Bacon, Esq., of Richmond, be appointed Treasurer of the Widows and Orphans Fund, and also one of the Trustees of said fund, in place of Wm. Williams, deceased.

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

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention assembled after recess.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted.

Resolved, That Wm. H. Hubbard, John L. Bacon, John O. Steger and B. B. Minor, be a committee to consider and report to the next Convention as to the expediency of reducing the present parochial assessment of one dollar for each communicant, and if they deem such reduction expedient, that they specify what assessment will be absolutely necessary to meet the annual demands of the Diocese.

Dr. Richard H. Webb presented his certificate of election as lay delegate from St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, which being approved by the committee, he was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The Rev. C. W. Andrews, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented the following report :

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have received from the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, the following statement in relation to the Episcopal Fund, which they beg leave to submit as their

REPORT :

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 Bank of the Valley, leaving on deposit

in the Farmers' Bank of Virginia at Alexandria \$28 50 to the credit of the Trust Fund, and dividends undrawn, Farmers' Bank of Virginia, amounting to \$68 75.

CREDITS.

Cash on deposit in Farmers' Bank of Virginia, at Alexandria, as reported last Convention, - - -	\$140 50
Dividends received on Exchange Bank of Virginia Stock, -	420 00
do. do. Farmers' Bank of Virginia do. - -	123 25
do. do. Bank of the Valley do. -	76 00
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	\$759 75

CHARGES.

To cash paid for 3 shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$101.75 per share, - -	\$305 25
To cash paid for 3 shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$104 per share, - -	312 00
To cash paid for 1 share Bank of the Valley stock, 114 00	
do. on deposit in Farm. Bk. of Va., Alexandria, 28 50	\$759 75
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The Bishop's Fund now consists of 60 shares of stock	
Exchange Bank of Virginia, - - - -	\$6,000 00
29 shares of stock Farmers' Bank of Virginia, -	2,900 00
10 do. do. Bank of the Valley, - -	1,000 00
Cash on deposit in Farmers' Bk. of Va., Alexandria, 28 50	
Dividends undrawn Farmers' Bank of Virginia, -	68 75
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	\$9,997 25
The amount of the Fund last year, - - - -	9,340 50
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Increase,	\$656 75

WASH. C. PAGE, } Trustees Bishop's
 LOUIS A. CAZENOVE, } Fund of Virginia.

ALEXANDRIA, May 15, 1850.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The following gentlemen were duly elected :

Right Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., *ex officio*.
 Right Rev. John Johns, D. D., *ex officio*.
 Rev. Adam Empie, D. D.
 Rev. Alexander Jones, D. D.
 Rev. George Woodbridge.
 John O. Steger, Esq., *Secretary*.
 John L. Bacon, Esq., *Treasurer*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. John Grammer, Rev. George Woodbridge, and Wm. H. Macfarland, John Stewart and John O. Steger, Esqs., be a committee to enquire into the manner in which the funds of the Theological Seminary, and of the Diocesan Missionary Society, and of the Episcopal Fund, and of the Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen, are invested and held, and that they report to the next Convention their opinion as to the safety of the said funds, and the best plan for securing the same.

C. J. Merriwether presented his certificate of election as lay delegate from Christ Church, Charlottesville, which, being approved by the committee, he was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The Rev. George Adie, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School, presented the following report :

REPORT

Of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School.

There is nothing in the condition of the Theological Seminary requiring either a particular or extended notice. It continues to enjoy the favor and protection of Him, for whose honor it has been established, and to whose glory it is, and we trust ever will be, consecrated.

Under its able and efficient professors, it is training up those who enjoy its privileges, in all requisites essential to constitute them able ministers of the New Testament. We regard it as the nursery of Evangelical truth, through which the Church and the world will be blessed.

We could most devoutly wish that it were as prosperous in point of numbers, as its many advantages merit.

Though capable of accommodating a large number of students, and presenting the strongest claims upon the affections and support of the Church, the number is comparatively small. It becomes us all to pray, that the LORD of the harvest will bless more abundantly this school of the prophets, and send forth more faithful servants to gather in the harvest already ripe, and inviting the reapers to the promised rewards. We are either restraining prayer before God, withholding the knowledge of its superior claims and advantages, or else the sons of the Church are devoting to the world or laying up in a napkin those talents which are claimed by Him who gave them—for the preaching of His Word, and making known to the lost children of men, the great salvation of the Gospel. We are verily guilty in this matter—it may be of our brother's blood, and it becomes each one of us to inquire, "LORD is it I?"

The Permanent Fund is gradually increasing, amounting to about fifty-five thousand dollars, but a considerable sum is yet needed to secure the punctual payment of the salaries of the professors.

The prosperity and success of our High School is gratifying to its friends, and we trust the growing experience of its highly competent rector will render it all that the friends of solid literature and true piety could desire.

The reports of the several professors are herewith submitted.

Report of the Professor of Systematic Divinity and the Evidences of Christianity.

I have nothing special to report in regard to my last year's duty in the Seminary. The three classes have been pursuing the usual studies. In punctuality and diligence they have quite equalled my expectations.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SPARROW.

June 15, 1850.

*To the Trustees of the Theological Seminary
of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia:*

Report of the Professor of Church History and Church Polity.

In the Senior class the usual course of studies in the History of the Church of England, and in Ecclesiastical Polity (Hooker's) has been completed. The review remains to be entered upon. The members of this

class prepare and read sermons for criticism, in meetings of the Students with the professor, weekly.

In the middle class, the General History of the Church has been studied as usual, and the annual course now nearly completed. The review will be entered upon in a few days. Exercises in composition have been regularly prepared throughout the term. The topics are selected from the variety furnished in the History of the Church.

JAMES MAY.

Theological Seminary, May 15, 1850.

Report of the Professor of Biblical Literature.

He would respectfully report, that the class, in his department have, during the past session, pursued the prescribed course of study, and have made, by the divine blessing, the usual progress.

The Senior class have read in Greek the Epistles to Timothy and Titus, to the Ephesians, and the two Epistles of St. Peter, and that of Jude.

The Middle class have studied in Greek the Epistles to the Romans, and Hebrews, and the two to Timothy; and in Hebrew have read the Prophecies of CHRIST, with the Commentary of Hengstersberg.

The Junior class, to whom his principal attention is devoted, have read in Hebrew twenty-two chapters in Genesis, and about twenty Psalms; and in Greek nearly the whole of Robinson's Harmony of the Gospels. They hope to finish it by the close of the Session.

They have also studied Juhn's Jewish Antiquities, Horne's Introduction to the Old Testament, and the principles of Biblical Interpretation, and have given some attention to Jewish History and Chronology. They have written critical essays on the most important and difficult subjects of the Scriptures.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. PACKARD.

Theburg, May 15, 1850.

As Librarian, he would further report; that there have been added to the Library, by purchase, forty-two volumes of Migne's Editions of the Fathers; and that the remaining volumes to complete the set have been ordered.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of Virginia :

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

Since the last Convention the sixth session has closed, (11th, July 1849,) and the seventh commenced, (September 12th, 1849.) The order, arrangements, and administration of the various departments continue, without any important changes, as previously reported. Such as have been made will be found in their proper places in the accompanying pamphlet.

The number of the students continues to show an encouraging prosperity. In consequence of the firm purpose of the Trustees and the authorities of the school to keep it as free as possible from the influence of students whose conduct or character may not prove correct and satisfactory, some were *required* during the last session to retire from the school, whilst at its close others were permitted to dissolve their connexion with it. The present number is 59; and the Rector avails himself of this opportunity to express his firm conviction that never, since his connexion with the school, has the moral and religious character of the students been more entirely correct and satisfactory. No expulsions or dismissions have occurred.

E. A. DALRYMPLE, *Rector.*

Howard, Va., May 17, 1850.

The Rev. Philip Slaughter, Agent of the Colonization Society of Virginia, presented the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, this Convention is informed of the reorganization of an association of intelligent and patriotic citizens, under the title of the Colonization Society of Virginia, the object of which is to co-operate with the American Colonization Society, in sending back to the land of their fathers the free colored people of this State, bearing the ark of God and all the institutions of Christian civilization and republican government. And whereas, it is believed that the success which has attended the past labors of this Society encourages the hope that it will do more than any other plan which has been suggested for a happy solution of the difficult social, political and religious problem, arising out of the providential presence amongst us of that degraded class of our population, and furnishes strong reasons for believing that the Christian Commonwealth which it has planted in the very centre of African barbarism, by means of its churches

and schools, as well as by the protection and encouragement it affords to our missionaries to the heathen, and by being in itself the nursery of native colored missionaries, is one of the chief instruments by which Divine Providence will fulfil his own prophecy, that Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth her hands unto God. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention do commend to the members and friends of our Communion in Virginia, the subject of African colonization as a wise measure of State policy and a deserving object of Christian charity.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the ministers and vestries of the Episcopal Church in this diocese, to take up collections in their several congregations, on the Sunday preceding or succeeding the 4th of July, or at such other time as they may deem more expedient.

The Rev. Dr. McGuire, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that having availed themselves of all accessible sources of information, they find gratifying evidence of continued growth of the Church in this Diocese, in every thing pertaining to her external prosperity. The steady increase of the clergy, the addition of new fields of labor by the subdivision of some of the larger parishes, or reclaimed from waste places, with the erection of houses of worship and parsonages, afford gratifying indications of the expansive power which animates the Church, and fits her for extensive self-diffusion and usefulness.

It is due, however, to the claims of a faithful record to say, that the signs of that spiritual sensibility, which constitutes the true glory and prosperity of the Church, has not especially marked the history of our Zion through the past year. This may be equally true of other religious communions in our land, but it is not on that account the less deserving of diligent inquiry into causes, and earnest efforts towards a gracious deliverance from so sad and discouraging a deficiency. We have indeed been recently called to pass through a season of unusual religious and civil agitation, a state of things ordinarily, through human infirmity, hostile to spiritual susceptibility and improvement; but as the walls of Jerusalem, we learn, went up in troublous times, so should the living temple in its growth be unimpeded by the conflicts and interruptions of human passion and error. There has been, however, much of Christian benevolence and fruitfulness in good works throughout the Diocese, giving evidence of real piety, and encour-

aging the hope that the light of so holy an example will not be in vain, but, through grace, cause many to glorify God in the day of visitation.

The unanimity of the Diocese in all the essential truths of our holy religion, is still a subject of congratulation and thankfulness. Nor has there ever been a period in our history when such harmony has been of higher importance. That much grievous error prevails, menacing the purity and peace of the Church at home, as abroad, can no longer be overlooked. In such a condition of things, when clouds overspread us and the winds blow, a fixed and steady light is of peculiar value, as the vessel drives before the storm and no longer discerns the haven where she would be. It is hoped that such honor will ever attend our portion of the Church,—that she will ever continue a faithful witness for truth,—a light to guide the timid, the doubtful, the wavering, to the tranquil harbor of assurance and peace.

Among the subordinate instrumentalities especially claiming favor and esteem, the Diocesan Missionary Society is entitled, we conceive, to a prominent place. Through the past year, as for several preceding years, it has accomplished the important end of maintaining the sacred ministrations of religion in some eighteen or twenty of our feeble and destitute parishes. The sphere of usefulness might, in this way, be greatly enlarged, if the managers could be furnished with more abundant means. Many parishes in the State now languish, retaining in weakness a precarious existence, through lack of that temporal support which alone can prevent the evil of frequent and painful disruptions of the pastoral tie. We are therefore free to say, that we know not of any ordinary agency by which more good could be effected in behalf of our Zion than by this Society, if her treasury were adequately and punctually replenished by the liberal contributions of her friends.

The committee notice, with pleasure, the indications of successful endeavor, in reference to the religious instruction of the colored classes of our population. Though in many places the denominational sympathies of these people render them in a great degree inaccessible to our clergy, yet even in such cases might the impediments be greatly overcome by the effectual influence of Sunday Schools and domestic tuition, the knowledge of Divine truth being conveyed in the persuasive tones of affectionate oral teaching. In this way is prejudice undermined, and avenues opened for that heavenly instruction, which at once makes "wise unto salvation," and more conformed in temper and conduct to the duties and proprieties of their peculiar social position.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. C. McGUIRE, *Chairman.*

On motion, and by the unanimous consent of the Convention, it was ordered that the following paper, submitted by the signers, be entered on the journal:

"The undersigned, who voted against the canon designated as Canon XIX, which was adopted on yesterday, beg leave to enter on the journal that their opposition was for reasons involving its constitutionality and expediency.

Richard H. Wilmer,
George T. Wilmer,
Richard T. Brown,
William C. Meredith.
D. M. Wharton,
J. Ambler Weed,
P. F. Berkeley,
John H. Wingfield,
Nelson Sale,
William T. Leavell,
Edmund Withers,
W. L. Watkins,
B. B. Minor,
Richard Anderson,
Tazewell Taylor,*
George M. Carrington."

Wm. H. Macfarland, from the Committee on Finance, made the following

REPORT:

The Finance Committee report, that the contributions to the contingent fund, received by the Treasurer, pro tem: amount to \$4,685.79, as shewn by statement A, (see appendix F.) Of this sum \$121.62, were paid for the delinquencies of 1849, viz: by St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, \$27.50; Cople Parish, Westmoreland, \$11.50; Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, \$5.00; Nelson Parish, Nelson county, \$25; Littleton Parish, Cumberland county, Grace and St. James's Churches, \$4.00; Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county, \$46.62, and St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county, \$2.00.

* Instructed to vote against it for same reason.

The account of the Treasurer, W. H. Hubbard, Esq., (see appendix marked K,) is sustained by proper vouchers, and shows a balance in his hands of \$780.58, May 17, 1850.

The parishes in arrear, and the sums for which they are delinquent, will be seen by document, marked H, (see appendix.)

Parishes and churches which appear to have made no report, will appear by document marked I, in appendix.

WM. H. MACFARLAND,

Chairman.

The Rev. William M. Jackson, from the Committee on the Diocesan Missionary Society, to whom was referred the accounts of the late and present treasurers, reported the accounts to be correct.*

The report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, which was submitted to the Convention on the second day of the session, and referred to the committee, is as follows:

REPORT:

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, respectfully report, that they have contributed during the past year to the support of nineteen missionaries. These are the Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, of Fairfax; Rev. A. B. Tizzard, Chesterfield; Rev. N. A. Okeson, City Point; Rev. Wm. Duval, Richmond City; Rev. Robert Nelson, Lexington; Rev. Carter Page, Campbell; Rev. R. T. Brown, Jefferson; Rev. John C. McCabe, Smithfield; Rev. E. T. Perkins, Parkersburg; Rev. G. S. Carraway, Mathews; Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Weston; Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan; Rev. James D. McCabe, Abingdon; Rev. J. A. Weed, Accomac; Rev. S. R. Slack, Albemarle; Rev. D. Caldwell, Amherst County; Rev. F. B. Nash, Kanawha; Rev. W. L. Hyland, Brooke and Marshall Counties; Rev. C. H. Shield, Rappahannock.

Of these, two, the Rev. Carter Page and the Rev. James D. McCabe, have removed; and one, the Rev. Wm. Duval has died; leaving at present in the service of the Society only sixteen missionaries. In the death of Mr. Duval, the Society has lost one of the most ardent, efficient and self-

* See accounts in Appendix, marked letters D. and E.

sacrificing of its laborers in the missionary field, and the Church one of its most devoted and useful ministers.

The Committee have also to announce the death during the past year, of their friend and associate, William Williams, Esq., the treasurer of the Society, whose long and faithful services in its behalf, and in various other offices connected with the Church in this Diocese, renders his loss a serious one, not only to the Diocesan Missionary Society, but to the Church at large.

In the exigency, created by his death, your committee appointed John L. Bacon, Esq., the Treasurer of the Society.

The receipts of the Society during the past year were \$1970 80, and its disbursements \$1962 80, leaving a balance on hand of \$400 71.

Three hundred and fifty prayer books and 7,372 pages of tracts have been distributed during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Executive Committee,

JOHN O. STEGER, *Secretary.*

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year. Whereupon the following gentlemen were duly chosen:

Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D.	Orlando Fairfax, M. D.
" C. B. Dana,	C. F. Lee,
" James T. Johnston,	John Hooff.

The following resolutions were then unanimously passed by the Convention:

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Alexandria, for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.
2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the door-keeper of this Convention fifteen dollars, and also the expenses of the Secretary *pro tem.*
3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary *pro tem.* cause to be printed two thousand copies of this Journal for distribution among the parishes.

The business of the Convention being ended, the Secretary read the journal of the proceedings of the day, and after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourned to meet in Trinity Church, Staunton, on the third Wednesday in May, 1851.

WILLIAM MEADE,

President of the Convention.

TAZEWELL TAYLOR, *Secretary pro tem.* }

HOLT WILSON, *Ass't Secretary pro tem.* }

APPENDIX.

A.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Alexandria.

Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria and Fairfax counties.

THE REV. C. B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—added 14, 7 from other cures; removed, 10; died, 2; total, 126; colored 10. Baptisms—infants, white 23, colored 27; total, 50. Confirmations, 8. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 7. Number of families, 60. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, upwards of \$1,100.

St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.

THE REV. J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Communicants—added 16, 6 from other cures; removed, 10; died, 10; withdrawn, 1; total, 143. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 38; total, 39. Confirmations, 10. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 18. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1,011 88.

Accomac County.

St. George's Parish, St. George's and St. Michael's Churches.

THE REV. J. AMBLER WEED, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 by removal; died, 1; total, 8. Baptisms—infants, white 2, colored 1; total, 3. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 60.

St. James's Parish.

THE REV. W. G. H. JONES, Rector.

White communicants, 20. No report made from this parish.

Albemarle County.*Walker's Parish.*

THE REV. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 3; total, 21. Baptisms—white, 1. Marriages, 1. Number of families, 10. Amount collected for benevolent objects about \$100.

Christ Church, Charlottesville.

THE REV. R. K. MEADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; died, 1; suspended, 1; total, 75. Baptisms—adults, white 3; infants, white 8; total, 11. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2. Amount collected for charitable purposes, \$650.

Buck Mountain and St. Paul's Churches, Fredericksville Parish.

THE REV. SAMUEL R. SLACK, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5, 2 from other cures; removed, 3; died, 3; withdrawn, 1; total, 31. Baptisms—infants, white 2; total, 2. Confirmations, 4. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 39. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, including Church repairs, \$147.67.

St. Anne's Parish, Christ Church.

THE REV. CHARLES E. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; total, 26. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 2; total, 4. Confirmations, 3. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 13—adults, 45; infants, 18. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$76; for the Bible Society \$65; total \$141.

Amherst County.*Lexington Parish, St. Luke's Church, New Glasgow and Ascension Church, Amherst Court House.*

THE REV. DAVID CALDWELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 2; died, 3; total, 35. Baptisms—infants, white 3. Confirmations, 5. Funerals, 2. Amount contributed for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

Amelia County and Powhatan County.*Raleigh Parish, Amelia County, and Genito Parish, Powhatan county.*

THE REV. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2, 1 from another cure; total, 42. Baptisms—infants, white 2; total, 2. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 27—adults, 100; infants, 45. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$185.

The rector continues to officiate, as for years past, once a fortnight in each of the above named parishes,—catechising the children occasionally, and preaching to the servants on some of the farms as opportunity is offered. Also, through the aid of the members of Leighton convocation, religious services are being performed once a month at Paineville, in Raleigh Parish, where are a few members and friends of the Church.

Augusta County.*Trinity Church, Staunton.*

THE REV. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; removed, 3; died, 2; suspended, 4; total, 99. Baptisms—infants, white 5; colored 7; total, 12. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 10. Number of families, 64—adults, 250; infants, 152. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$313.

For more than three years past I have devoted much of my time and energies to the erection of a seminary of learning in Staunton, for young

ladies, under the name of the "Virginia Female Institute." I now report this institution completed, and in successful operation, under the superintendence of the Rev. R. H. Phillips, whose report will show its present number of scholars, and its present encouraging prospects.

Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.

REV. R. H. PHILLIPS begs leave respectfully to report to the Bishop, that during the past year he has been engaged as principal of the Virginia Female Institute. Part of the year he held a monthly service at Boyden Chapel, and officiated occasionally for the Rector of Trinity Parish. He has held daily services among the pupils of the Institute, and on the Sabbath he has instructed them from the excellent Catechisms edited by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the diocese. He has also preached in the Chapel of the Institute on the Sabbath when the weather prevented the pupils from attending the Parish Church. The number of pupils under his charge is about eighty, among whom are five communicants.

Staunton, Va., May 13, 1850.

Bedford County.

St. Stephen's Church.

THE REV. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 4; died, 1; total, 63. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 1; total, 3. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2. Number of families 38—adults, 75; infants, 60. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church \$120.

Trinity Church, Russell Parish.

THE REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 4; total, 27. Baptisms—infants, white 2; total, 2. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 6. Number of families, unknown.

St. Thomas's Church, West Russell Parish.

THE REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total, 11. Baptisms—infants, white 4; total, 4. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 4.

Although I have preached once in a month at this church, my connexion with it as Rector is of very recent occurrence.

I have also preached at St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst county, once a month. The interests of this church have suffered greatly for the last year or two by deaths and emigration. Present number of communicants, 29. Funerals, 5.

St. John's Church, Heber Parish.

THE REV. WM. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 35. Baptisms—adults 4, infants 14, of which 6 were colored; total, 18. Confirmations, 6. Funerals, 2. Contributions—Foreign Missions \$7; Domestic \$12; Contingent Fund \$25; Theological Seminary \$30; total, \$74.

Berkley County.

Trinity Church, Martinsburg.

THE REV. JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 30. Baptisms—infants, white 3, colored 1; total, 4. Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 20—adults 60, infants 41. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$50 to the Foreign Missions.

During the past year a commodious parsonage has been provided by the exertions of the ladies of the congregation, aided, in an important degree, by the liberality of a gentleman belonging to Mount Zion Church.

Norborne Parish, Mt. Zion Church, Hedgesville.

THE REV. JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; removed, 4; died, 1; suspended, 1; total, 65. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 9; total, 10. Confirmations, 10. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 6. Number of families, 35—adults 100, infants 50. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$44.

*Christ Church, Norborne Parish, and Lee Town and Middleway,
Jefferson county.*

THE REV. RICHARD T. BROWN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 2; died, 2; total, 35. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 9, colored 3; total, 13. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 18. Number of families, 22—adults 50, infants 48. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$38.

Botetourt County.

Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties.

THE REV. GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; removed 2; white 46, colored 1; total, 47. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 6; total, 8. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$119 50.

Trinity Church, Buchanan.

THE REV. JAMES McELROY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; total, 25. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 19—adults, 44; infants, 42. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$97 75.

Broske County.

Christ Church Parish, Wellsburg.

THE REV. WM. LYTTLETON HYLAND, Deacon.

When the undersigned took the charge of this parish, in October, 1849, he found 15 communicants enrolled on the register, left by the Rev. J. L. Harrison. There have been 2 communicants added, and 1 suspended—present number 14.

A resident minister is much needed in this parish.

Brunswick County.

St. Andrew's Parish.

THE REV. ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 2; died, 3; white 41, colored 22; total, 63. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; colored, 1; infants, white, 7; colored, 26; total, 35. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 37. Amount collected for the different institutions of Church, \$149 70.

Buckingham County.

Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church.

THE REV. WILLIAM C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 2; died, 1; total, 34. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total 3. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 17—adults, 47; infants, 31. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$26.

Caroline County.

St. Margaret's Church.

THE REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 2; removed, 1; total, 32. Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 11—adults, from 40 to 50; infants, about 25. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$18.

St. Peter's and Grace Churches.

THE REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 10; total, 45. Baptisms—infants, white, 6; total, 6. Confirmations, 3; Marriages, 1; Funerals, 2. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

Charles City County.

Westover Parish.

THE REV. WILLIAM T. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—died, 2; withdrawn, 1; total, 30. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; total, 2. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 25—adults, 66; infants, 66. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$528 76, viz:

For Episcopal Theological Seminary,	\$185 00
Bible Society,	58 76
Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$20 each,	40 00
Colonization Society,	25 00
Bishop's and contingent fund,	30 00
Church repairs,	190 00
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	\$528 76

Chesterfield County.

Sappona Church.

THE REV. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total 16. Baptisms—infants, white, 8; total, 8. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 8. Number of families, 16—adults, 28; infants, 38. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$90.

Clarke County.

Christ Church, Millwood, Frederick Parish.

THE REV. J. F. HOFF, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; total, 63. Baptisms—infants, white 7; total, 7. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 5. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$600.

Wickliffe Parish.

THE REV. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 93; added, 8; died, 1; removed, 7; withdrawn, 3; present number, including 3 colored persons, 90. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 7; total, 9. Confirmations, 4. Marriages—white 9, colored 2; total, 11. Funerals, 16. Contributions, \$543 49.

The above report includes two infant Baptisms by Bishop Meade; three marriages and two funerals by the late rector, the Rev. Richard H. Wilmer; and two marriages and three funerals by the Rev. William D. Hanson, who had charge of the parish for some weeks during last summer.

The present rector entered upon his duties the first week in September, 1849. He officiates regularly at two churches, viz: (Grace Church, Berryville, and Wickliffe Church, about six miles distant,) both in Wickliffe Parish. He also extends his labors, whenever practicable, to Kable town, in Jefferson county, at which place he has a large and attentive congregation, though no church has yet been organized there.

Culpepper County.

St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish.

THE REV. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 7; removed, 1; died, 5; total, 40. Baptisms—adults, white 3; infants, white 2; total, 5. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 2; Funerals, 7. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$42 50.

A part of this congregation, during the past year, has erected a very neat and comfortable church edifice, at a cost of about \$1000. The larger part of this amount was raised in the parish, and in a part of it where, until within a short time, there has been scarcely any Episcopal preaching. The building, except the mere frame work, is entirely of lime, and besides that is said to be very durable; it presents a fine appearance.

It is to be hoped that this beginning of good things is the earnest of a rich harvest at no distant time to come.

The past year, though one of some increase in the way of additions to the Communion, has been one of severe trials in the way of deaths; yet we trust that even these trying dispensations will eventually be in good and redound to the glory of God.

St. James's Church, St. Mark's Parish.

THE REV. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 1; died, 2; total, 29. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total 3. Confirmations, 6. Funerals, 4. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$113 34.

Cumberland County.

Grace and St. James's Churches, Littleton Parish.

THE REV. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; died, 1; total, 37. Baptisms—adults, white 1; total 1. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 22—adults 51, infants 32. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$235.

Winmiddie County.

Bath Parish, Sapony and Calvary Churches.

THE REV. W. E. WEBB, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 41. Baptisms—infants, white 4, colored 2; total, 6. Confirmations, 5. Funerals, 23. Number of families, 26. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$95 32.

Essex County.

St. Anne's Parish.

THE REV. JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—white, 23; colored, 1; total, 24. Baptisms—infants, white, 3; total 3. Funerals, 1.

The parish church is undergoing a thorough repair.

South Farnham Parish.

THE REV. JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 1; total, 38. Baptisms—adults, 2; infants, white, 5; colored, 3; total, 10. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1.

A new church, suited to the wants and means of the congregation, has been erected during the year, and is now ready for consecration.

The cost of church building and repairs in the two parishes amounts to between \$3,500 and \$4,000; and the sum collected for the different institutions of the Church to about \$240.

The Bible classes and Sunday schools are still in operation.

The Rev. H. W. L. Temple continues his useful labors, as Assistant Minister of South Farnham Parish.

Fairfax County.

Zion Church.

THE REV. WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; total, 21. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 3; total, 5. Confirmations, (7 anxious to be confirmed.) Marriages, 2. Funerals, 3. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$600—paid on the debt of the church.

Fall's Church.

THE REV. WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—died, 2; total, 11. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4.

Fauquier County.

St. James's Church, Warrenton, Hamilton Parish.

THE REV. GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8, 2 by removal; removed, 4; died, 3; total, 47. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 9; total, 10. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 6. Number of families, 30. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$200.

St. Stephen's Church.

THE REV. GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total 11. Baptisms, 3. Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 12. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$50.

Leeds Parish.

THE REV. W. H. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 7; removed, 9; died, 1; total, 32. Baptisms—adults, 1; infants, 5; total, 6. Confirmations, 8. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 4. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$411 64.

It may be proper to remark, that the removals reported above are not those of communicants, whose residences are changed, but of communicants removed since the last report from the charge of the Rector of Leeds, by a division of the parish.

The rector has, since the 1st of August last, preached one Sunday in each month at Front Royal, Warren county, where there are 10 communicants, and where, we hope, a church will soon be erected and a parish formed; he has also officiated regularly, once a month in the afternoon, at Farrowville, in Fauquier, in addition to the usual labors of Leeds Parish.

Trinity and Emmanuel Churches, Fauquier and Loudoun counties, Meade Parish.

THE REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 5; died, 1; total, 35. Baptisms—infants, white 1; total, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 24—adults 57, infants 68. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$30.

The Rector has been connected with this parish but a few months.

Fluvanna County.

Rivanna Parish.

Rectorship vacant.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 2; total, 19. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 1; total, 3. Confirmations, 1.

Frederick County.

Christ Church, Winchester.

THE REV. C. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; removed, 8; total, 84. Baptisms—adults, colored 1; infants, white 11, colored 2; total, 14. Confirmations, 6. Marriages, 9. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 56—adults 165, infants 110. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$515.

St. Thomas' Church.

THE REV. WM. N. IRISH, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; total, 17. Baptisms—infants, white 1. Number of families 6. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$42 61.

Gloucester County.*Abingdon and Ware Parishes.*

THE REV. CHARLES MANN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 48. Baptisms—infants, white, 11; colored, 1; total, 12. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 35—adults, 100; infants, 78. Amount collected for different institutions of the Church, \$219.

Goochland County.*St. James, Northam Parish, St. Paul's and Beaverdam Churches.*

THE REV. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3, 2 from other cures; removed 2; total, 39. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$166.

The above report embraces only the period since 1st October last, at which time I assumed the rectorship of the parish.

Greensville County.*Meherrin Parish.*

THE REV. WM. D. HANSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3, colored; removed, 2; died, 2; total, 17 white, and 9 colored. Baptisms—infants, white, 1; colored 9. Confirmations, 1 white, 5 colored. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$133 80½.

The present rector entered upon his duties in October last.

Halifax County.*Antrim Parish.*

THE REV. J. GRAMMER, Rector.

Communicants—white, added, 2; discontinued, 1; removed in the parish, 1; total, 65; colored, 17; total, 82. Baptisms—infants, white 3. Marriages—white 1, colored 2; total, 3. Funerals—white 3, colored 4; total, 7. Number of families, 42. Amount collected for institutions connected with the Church, \$951 83½; for Virginia Bible Society, \$60 62½; for Colonization Society, \$37 50; total, \$1,049 95.

Roanoke Parish.

THE REV. JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 1; total, 18. Baptisms—infants, white 1. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 10. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$500.

Hanover County.*St. Martin's Parish.*

THE REV. WM. V. BOWERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10, 3 from other cures; removed, 3; died, 3; total, 64. Baptisms—infants, white 9, colored 1; total, 10. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 44—adults 120, children about 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$180; Sunday Schools, \$2.

Henry County.*Christ Church.*

THE REV. ANDERSON WADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 12. Baptisms—adults, white 1. Confirmations, 2. Funerals, 2.

Isle of Wight County.*Newport Parish, Christ Church, Smithfield.*

THE REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 colored; removed, 2; died, 2; suspended, 1; total, 31. Baptisms—infants, white 2, colored 3; total, 5. Confirmations, 1 colored. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 21—adults 48, infants 34. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$65 86; Convention Fund, \$31; total, \$96 86.

Jefferson County.

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

Rectorship vacant.*

Communicants—added, 10; removed, 5; died, 4; total, 75. Baptisms—adults, white 4; infants, white 14, colored 3; total, 21. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 8. Number of families, 80. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.

THE REV. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 3; died, 2; suspended, 2; total, 60. Baptisms—infants, white 5. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church about \$250.

St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry.

THE REV. WM. N. IRISH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 3; total, 12. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 7, colored 2; total, 10. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$17 03.

This parish was organized in March, 1849, and supplied by the members of the Convocation of the Valley of Virginia, until the first of August last, at which time the present incumbent was called to the Rectorship.

The above report, therefore, is only for the time since the parish has been supplied by the present Rector. The foundation for a church has been laid, and arrangements are now in progress for the early completion of the building.

We have an interesting Sunday school of about fifty children, who are regularly catechised by the Rector, and under the instruction of a superintendent and several teachers.

* Rev. D. A. Tyng has accepted a call to this Church.

Kanawha County.

St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth.

THE REV. F. B. NASH, Rector.

Communicants—added, by removal, 1; removed, 7; suspended 1; total, 14. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; total, 2. Funerals, 3.

King George County.

St. Paul's Church and Parish.

Rectorship Vacant.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 1; removed, 1; total, 23. Funerals, 10. There has been no rector in this Church for nearly two years. During this long interval, very valuable services have been rendered to the parish, as opportunity would permit him, by the Rev. Wm. Friend.

Funds collected this year for the different institutions of the Church, \$50.

St. John's Church.

THE REV. WM. FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—total, 12. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4.

Lancaster County.

Christ Church Parish.

THE REV. R. S. NASH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 1; total, 27. Baptisms—white, 3. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$32 18½.

The present incumbent took charge of the parish in October last, and the above report is, of course, only for the intervening time.

Lewis County.

St. Paul's Church, Weston.

THE REV. S. D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 1; total, 22. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; total, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 16—adults,

20; infants, 50. I have collected nothing, except about \$350, to aid in the completion of our church here,—and this amount was collected abroad.

I preached in Clarksburg, Harrison county, and in Buchanan in this county.

Our church is finished, except plastering, pulpit, and seats.

We hope to have it ready for consecration during the summer.

Louisa County.

St. John's Church.

THE REV. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total, 11. Baptisms—infants, white 3. Number of families, 8. Amount collected for benevolent objects, about \$50.

Trinity Parish.

THE REV. JOHN COOKE, Officiating Minister.

Communicants—added, 1; transferred, 1; total, 3. Marriages 4. Funerals, 4.

There are other communicants scattered about this parish, but having no regular places for public worship, or convenience for administering the Lord's Supper, they commune with other ministers, and are reported with their communicants.

I have no means of ascertaining the number of families preferring the Episcopal Church, but suppose them to be about 20.

London County.

St. James's Church, Leesburg.

THE REV. GEORGE ADIE, Rector.

Communicants—added 1; removed, 5; died, 3; total, 80—white 78, colored 2. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white 3, colored 2; total, 6. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 65. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, including enlargement and repairs of the church building, about \$2,400.

Lunenburg County.

Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches.

THE REV. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1, from another cure; died, 1; total, 46. Baptisms—infants, white, 6; total, 6. Funerals, 9. Number of families, 24—adults, 69; infants, 67. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$80.

Lynchburg, Campbell County.

St. Paul's Church.

THE REV. WM. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 24, of whom 10 were from other parishes; ordained 1, (Rev. Edmund Richards,) removed, 4; died, 1; present number, 129, of whom 2 are colored. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white 20, colored 4; total, 26. Confirmations, 12. Marriages, 11, of which 3 were of colored persons. Funerals, 9. Contributions—Communion dues, about \$200; Foreign Missions, \$73 88; Domestic, \$54 36; Diocesan, \$27; Education Society, \$122; Contingent Fund, \$127; Miscellaneous, about \$120; total, \$724 24.

Madison County.

Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont Church.

THE REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants, 23. Marriages, 2. Number of families, 15. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$6.

Marshall County.

Trinity Parish.

WILLIAM LYTLETON HYLAND, Deacon.

This parish was duly organized on Easter Monday, 1850, and will apply to be received into union with the Diocese at this Convention.

There are at present 10 communicants (white) on the register.

The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to 1 adult and 1 infant, since the subscriber took the charge in October, 1849.

Mathew's County.*Christ Church, Kingston Parish.*

THE REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants, 6. Baptisms—white, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$19 59.

Mecklenburg County.*St. James's Parish.*

THE REV. F. H. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; total, 60. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 4.

St. Luke's Parish.

THE REV. R. D. BROOKE, Rector.

Communicants, 16. Baptisms—infants, white 2, colored 25; total, 27. Marriages, 2. Number of families, 7. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$17 00.

A church has been erected in Clarkesville, and is now ready for consecration.

Middlesex County.*Christ Church.*

THE REV. G. S. CARRAWAY Rector.

Communicants, 8. Baptisms—infants, white 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$64.

ausemond County.*St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, and St. John's Church, Chuckatuck.*

THE REV. CHARLES H. DISBROW, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 4; total, 40. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 2; total, 4. Confirmations, 6. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 35. Number of families, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150.

Nelson County.*Nelson Parish.*

THE REV. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; total 25. Baptisms—infants, white, 1; total, 1. Funerals, 4. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$195.

Rockfish Church.

Communicants—died, 1; suspended, 1; total, 7. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 9. Amount collected for repairs of the Church, \$40.

Norfolk County.*City of Norfolk—Christ Church.*

THE REV. GEO. D. CUMMINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 28; removed, 18; died, 7; total, 347. Baptisms—adults, white 4; infants, white, 35; total, 39. Confirmations, 17. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 20. Number of families, 165. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$3,426 32.

City of Norfolk—St. Paul's Church.

THE REV. WM. M. JACKSON Rector.

Communicants—added, 14; died, 2; total, 177. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 9; total, 11. Confirmations, 11. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 105. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$514.

This report commences on the 1st of November, 1849.

City of Norfolk—City Mission.

ROBERT M. MITCHESON, City Missionary.

On the first day of the present year I commenced my labors in Norfolk as City Missionary, and have been acting in that capacity ever since. A number of destitute families in the city and vicinity have been visited,

and relief, both temporal and spiritual, administered whenever required.—
 "The poor have the gospel preached to them," and consequently feel that the benefits of salvation are not by any means to be enjoyed by only *one* class of the community, but by *all*—that the Church to which we have the privilege of belonging is ready to embrace within her sacred fold every description of persons for whom the Saviour died, rich and poor, bond and free.

A weekly service has been regularly held at the Alms-house and Orphan Asylum. Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts have been distributed in every direction. Twenty-eight children have been baptized. The service for the burial of the dead performed over three, and the Missiary has been enabled to assist the two Rectors of the place by reading Prayers for them thirty-five times, and preaching occasionally.

Portsmouth—Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish.

THE REV. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 4; died, 4; suspended, 1; total, 56. Baptisms—adults, white 2, colored 1; infants, white 15, colored 1; total, 19. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 14. Number of families, 50—adults 136, infants 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$135.

Whole number of communicants in this parish since the present Rector had charge, 323; Baptisms, 559; Confirmations, 291; Marriages, 186; Funerals, 464.

*Portsmouth—St. John's Church.**

The congregation of this church, though still worshipping at St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, and under the pastoral care of the rector of that church, have just completed their church edifice, of brick, forty-seven feet by seventy, containing sixty pews on the first floor, and can conveniently seat three hundred and sixty persons,—they expect the services of a rector next month. Their contributions to the contingent fund of this Diocese have been included in the returns from St. Paul's.

* The Rev. James Chisholm has accepted the Rectorship of this church.

Northampton County.

Hungars Parish.

THE REV. JOHN UFFORD, Rector.

Communicants, 50. Baptisms—infants, white, 7; colored, 4; total, 11.

Old Point Comfort.

Centurion Church.

THE REV. MARK L. CHEVERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 5; total, 15. Baptisms—infants, white, 22; total, 22. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 7. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$88.

Our Sunday School is in successful operation.

A service is held on Sunday nights for the colored residents of the post, which is usually well attended; and I trust from the marked attention of many, we have reason to "thank God and take courage," in preaching the Gospel to this portion of my charge.

Orange County.

St. Thomas' Church.

THE REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 2; died, 7; total, 63. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 4; total 6. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 11. Number of families, 38. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$145 16.

Petersburg.

St. Paul's Church.

THE REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; removed, 8; died, 3; total, 183. Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white 17; total, 18. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 10. Number of families, 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1300; Convention fund \$168.

Grace Church.

THE REV. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 17; removed, 4; died, 2; suspended, 4; total, 101. Baptisms—adults, white 4; infants, white 34, colored 17; total, 55. Confirmations—the Bishop made no visit. Marriages, 36, Funerals, 58. Number of families, 80. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$233 25.

This congregation has also commenced the erection of a new church—the foundations of which are now laid—larger than their present building and more conveniently located. The lot was generously given them by R. B. Bolling, Esq., and the estimated cost of the building, which is to be of brick, \$3,500.

The seats in Grace Church being *entirely free*, the Rector has adopted the plan of *weekly offerings* for the support of the minister and other expenses. It was adopted about a year ago, and has thus far worked remarkably well.

He trusts God's blessing is still resting upon this effort to preach the gospel to the poor, though there is not much that is encouraging in the spiritual condition of his flock.

Pittsylvania County.

Camden Parish.

THE REV. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 5; died, 2; total, 39. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 7; total, 8. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 33—adults 88, infants 59. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$19 60.

Powhatan County.

St. Luke's and Emmanuel Churches, St. James Southam Parish.

THE REV. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 27. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 1; total, 2. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$120.

Prince William County.

St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Leeds Parish.

THE REV. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 3; died, 2; total, 33. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; total, 2. Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 2.

St. James' Church, Brentsville, Dettingen Parish.

THE REV. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 2; died, 1; total, 19. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 4; total, 5. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4.

Prince George County.

Martin's Brandon Parish.

THE REV. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 16; removed, 4; total, 56, including 2 colored communicants. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants, white, 6; total, 7. Confirmations, 12. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 54—adults 131, infants about 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$365 39.

A portion of the contribution to the Bible Society has not been ascertained, and is not reported.

St. John's Church, City Point.

THE REV. N. A. OKESON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 14. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; colored, 4; total, 6. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 16.

*Princess Anne County.**Lynhaven Parish.*

THE REV. LEWIS WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—died 1; total, 26. Baptisms—adults, colored 1; infants, colored 1; total, 2. Funerals, 2. Amount collected for Bishop's fund, \$28.

*Putnam County.**St. Paul's Parish, Winfield.*

THE REV. F. B. NASH, Rector.

Communicants, 11. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. White Communicants, 11.

A petition has been forwarded from the above mentioned parish to the Convention, in accordance with the directions of the canon for an organization in connexion with the diocese of Virginia. If the petition is not granted, of course the above report will not be received as a report.

Inclosed I send \$7, being the contribution of St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, to the Episcopal fund for 1850. I will be obliged if you will hand it to the treasurer of the diocese. I wish I had more to send, but it is all I have been able to collect.

St. John's Church.

THE REV. F. B. NASH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 3; total, 8. Baptisms—adults, white 1; total, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1.

*Rappahannock County.**Bloomfield Parish.*

THE REV. CHARLES H. SHEILD, Rector.

Communicants, 3. Families, 15.

The present Rector took charge of this parish in October last; there being no minister preceding him. A house of worship is now being erected at Woodville, and hopes are entertained of establishing the Church upon a permanent foundation.

*Richmond City.**St. Paul's Church.*

THE REV. ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 21; removed, 5; died, 2; whole number white 29, colored 4; total, 213. Baptisms—adults 3; infants, white 19; total, 22. Confirmations, 11. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 12. Number of families, 130. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$226 38.

For convenience of insertion in the Journal of the Convention, this report includes a statistical statement received from the former Rector, Rev. Wm. Norwood. The present Rector took charge of the congregation in December last, by whom he was received with much kindness and liberality.

Monumental Church.

THE REV. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 16; withdrawn, 2; died, 3; removed, 12; total, 51. Baptisms—adult 1, infants 29; total, 30. Funerals, 26. Marriages, 2. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church about \$70 78.

St. James's Church.

THE REV. A. EMPLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 15; removed, 29; died, 2; total, 132, of which 6 are colored. Baptisms—adults, white 3; infants, white 8; total 11. For confirmation 8 are ready. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 84—adults 260, infants 150. Amount collected for the different institutions, &c., of the Church, \$709.

St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.

THE REV. H. S. KEPPLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 3; died, 3; total, white 52, colored 1. Baptisms—infants, white, 10; total, 10. Funerals, 14. Number of families, 50—adults 115, infants 70. Sunday School—4 male, 8 female teachers; 76 scholars; average attendance 65. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$475 87, viz:

Repairs of Church and Sunday School room,	\$300 00
For Missions,	50 00
Theological Seminary,	28 00
Communion Alms,	45 87
Convention Fund,	52 00

	\$475 87

Armory Church.

L. P. CLOVER, Lay Reader.

This interesting Missionary station, where the late Rev. William Duval labored most indefatigably, is now, and has been since November last, in charge of L. P. Clover, acting in the capacity of lay reader. Services have been held by Mr. Clover every Sunday from the time above stated, and there is reason to hope, that by the grace of God, much good has been accomplished.

The Sunday School attached to this station is in a very flourishing condition, being in charge of an efficient superintendent, who is aided by an able and devoted body of teachers.

Richmond County.

Lunenburg Parish.

THE REV. WILLIAM N. WARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3, 2 from another parish; removed, 2; died, 2; total, 16. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Confirmations, 1. Marriages—1 white, 2 colored; total, 6. Funerals, 3. Number of families, 9—adults 23, infants 18. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$21 62½.

Farnham Parish.

THE REV. WILLIAM N. WARD, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 2; died, 1; total, 10. Baptisms—infants, white 2. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 9—adults 18, infants 18. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$16 39.

These parishes, under the Providence of God, have been greatly afflicted during the past two years by removals and deaths. The places thus vacated have been filled by families in communion with other denominations; and every family within the sphere of the rector's labors is intimately identified with some religious communion. There is little or no material to operate on. No hope is entertained of either a large or speedy improvement. The only source of rejoicing or encouragement, will be in the occasional recovery of a lost sheep.

Rockbridge County.

Latimer Parish, Lexington.

THE REV. ROBERT NELSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 1; total, 35. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 5; total, 6. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 15—adults 48, infants 51.

Spottsylvania County.

St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.

THE REV. EDWARD C. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 20; removed, 8; died, 6; total, 160. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 8; total, 10. Confirmations, 13. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 12. Number of families, 110. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$1,500.

St. John's Church, Berkley Parish.

THE REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; total, 11. Baptisms—infants, 2. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 6—adults 20, children about 12. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the Church, \$20.

There are four persons who are considered as members of this Church, but living without the parish, are not included in this report.

Christ Church, Berkley Parish.

THE REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; white, 16; colored, 2; total, 18. Baptisms—infants, 1. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 7—adults from 20 to 25; infants 10. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the Church, \$8 21.

Westmoreland County.

Washington Parish, St. Peter's Church.

THE REV. WILLIAM MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; died, 1; total, 12. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total, 3. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 14—adults 45, infants 25. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$38 05.

A new and commodious brick church has been consecrated in this parish by Bishop Johns since the last Convention.

Montross Parish, St. James's Church.

THE REV. WILLIAM MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; total, 8. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total, 3. Confirmations, 1. Number of families, 7—adults 15, infants 13. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$25 49.

A new and spacious frame church has been completed in this parish since the last meeting of the Convention, and was consecrated by Bishop Johns in April last.

Cople Parish.

THE REV. THEODORE S. RUMNEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5, 1 from another parish; total, 20. Baptisms—adults 1. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 10. Number of families, 17—adults 54, infants 36. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$30 16.

Wheeling, Ohio County.

St. Matthew's Church.

THE REV. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Rector.

Since the last Convention that portion of St. Matthew's Parish, south of Wheeling creek, has been formed into a separate parish, and will ask of this Convention to be so received and acknowledged. In this new parish a church building has been erected, and the services of an efficient pastor are now being enjoyed. In presenting this evidence to the Convention, of the extension of our Zion in this portion of the Diocese, the Rector of St. Matthew's cannot refrain from an expression of thankfulness to Almighty God for what has thus been accomplished, and invoking His Divine blessing upon this infant parish, and upon him to whose charge it has been committed.

The Parish of St. Matthew's has suffered no detriment by this arrangement. The seats vacated by individuals residing within the limits of the new parish have been occupied by others. The rector deems it incumbent upon him to say, that the secular affairs of the parish were never in

so good a condition, and that no minister could desire better or more satisfactory evidence of the confidence and affection of his people than that of which he himself has been, and still continues to be, the recipient.

Communicants—transferred to St. John's, 35; removed, 3; died, 2; suspended, 1; present number of communicants, white 86, colored 3; total 89. Baptisms—adults, 5; infants, 10; total, 15. Deaths—adults, 4; infants, 4; total, 8. Marriages, 4.

St. John's Church, South Wheeling.

THE REV. JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; total, 33. Baptisms—infants, white 3; total 3; Funerals, 1. Number of families, 19—adults 48, infants 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$35—for Grave Creek Mission.

Williamsburg, James City County.

Bruton Parish.

THE REV. SILAS TOTTEN, Rector—in temporary charge.

Communicants—added, 21; removed, 4; died, 1; total, 80. Baptisms—adults, white 2; infants, white 11, colored 3; total, 16. Confirmations, 9. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$148 76.

Wood County.

Trinity Parish, Parkersburg.

THE REV. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; died, 3; total, 36. Baptisms—infants, white 4; total, 4. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 7. Number of families, 34—adults 66, infants 63. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$51 95.

We have just completed a handsome church edifice in Parkersburg, and have another nearly completed 16 miles below this, on the Ohio, where I occasionally preach, and are about commencing a third twenty miles above this, where I officiate once a month.

York County.

Grace Church, York Hampton Parish, Yorktown.

THE REV. EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white 3; total, white 8. Baptisms—infants, colored, 3; total, 3. Confirmation, 1. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 7—adults 20, infants 17.

At the Eastern Lunatic Asylum in Williamsburg I officiate every Sunday, to an attentive audience of about a hundred, most of whom appreciate religious services.

REPORT OF REV. GEORGE A. SMITH.

Rev. George A. Smith reports, that being unable from weakness of voice to discharge the duties of the parochial ministry, he is engaged in the editorship of the Southern Churchman. It is his design to devote himself entirely and permanently to this duty, should the support given to the paper authorise him to do so.

During the last year he has preached occasionally, baptised two infants in circumstances to require private baptism, and celebrated one marriage.

REPORT OF REV. E. R. LIPPITT.

Having no parochial charge, I have assisted the clergy in my neighborhood, whenever my services have been required.

My official acts (not included in the reports of others) are: Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Funerals, 3.

Amherst County.

Elk Union and Buffalo Springs.

THE REV. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Rector.

Since the last Convention the rector has officiated, in addition to the above places, at the Poor House, and at a place called Sardis, belonging to the Methodists.

He also held services for several months in New Glasgow and at the Court House, previous to Mr. Caldwell's entrance into the parish. During which time 3 communicants were added to St. Luke's Church, in New Glasgow, and 1 baptism performed; total number of baptisms 5, all white, 1 adult. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2.

REPORT OF REV. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG.

I have been assisting the Rev. Dr. Johns of Christ Church, Baltimore, since my resignation of Meherrin Parish.

NOTE—*The Clergy and Vestries are requested to note and comply with the following resolutions:*

Resolved, That every report which is not drawn up according to the form prescribed in the Journal, shall be returned to the rector or lay delegate for correction; and if handed in the second time uncorrected, shall be excluded from the Journal. (Passed 1845.)

Resolved, That, in order to facilitate the labors of the Finance Committee, it shall be the duty of the rector of every church within the Diocese, or of the wardens in case there be no rector, to furnish to the secretary of the Convention, on the first day of its session, a statement in writing, showing the number of white communicants belonging to such church; and, if said Church shall have been reported delinquent as to the contingent fund at the last previous Convention, showing, also, whether the same has been or will probably be paid, and containing any explanations in rela-

tion thereto, which statements so made shall be delivered by the secretary to the Finance Committee.

When the rector of any church, or a lay delegate, shall not attend the meeting of Convention, it shall be the duty of the rector, or, if there be none, of the church wardens, to send a statement as aforesaid, addressed to the Secretary at the place for the meeting of said Convention, so as to reach such place by the first day of the session.—Any postage paid by the secretary, to be refunded to him out of the contingent fund.

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

Resolved, That the Treasurer address a circular to all the delinquent Parishes, stating the amount in arrear from each, and requesting that it shall be paid over to him, and also that the Rector be requested to read to his respective congregations the Treasurer's circular. (Passed May, 1847.)

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 15TH, 1850.

PARISHES, CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAPTISMS.					Confirm'd.		Marriages.	Funerals.	Families.	Contributions.	
	ADDED.		Remov'd	Suspend'd	Died.	Total.	WHITE.		COL'RD.		Total.	White.					Colored.
	White	Col'd.					Adults	Infants	Adults	Infants								White.	Colored.
Antrim Parish.....	2	...	2	...	1	82	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	3	7	42	\$1,087 45
Accomac County, St. George's Parish.....	1	1	8	...	2	...	1	3	...	1	1	1	60	...
Bristol Parish, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.....	6	...	8	...	3	183	1	17	...	18	...	7	10	100	1,300 00	20 00	
Berkley Parish, St. John's Church, Spottsylvania.....	...	...	3	...	...	11	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	6	...	119 50
Botetourt Parish.....	10	...	2	...	...	47	2	6	...	8	4	...	4	1	15	6 00
Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont Church.....	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	15	...
" " Rappahannock County.....	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.....	21	...	4	...	1	80	2	11	...	3	16	9	2	5	40	148 76	
Bath Parish, Sapon and Calvary Churches.....	10	...	3	...	1	41	...	4	...	2	6	5	...	23	26	95 32	
Camden Parish, Pittsylvania County.....	3	...	5	...	2	39	1	7	...	8	...	3	3	33	19 60	32 19	
Christ Church Parish, Lancaster.....	2	...	...	...	1	27	...	3	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...
" " Wellsburg, Brooke County..	2	...	...	1	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christ Church, Spottsylvania.....	...	...	...	...	1	18	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	8 21
Cople Parish, Westmoreland.....	5	...	...	...	...	20	1	...	...	...	3	2	10	17	...	30 16
Christ Church, Winchester.....	10	...	8	...	...	84	...	11	1	2	14	6	9	4	56	515 00
" " Norfolk.....	23	...	18	...	7	347	4	35	...	39	17	6	6	165	3,426 32	30 00	
Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's.....	1	...	...	...	...	46	...	6	...	6	...	...	9	24	...	88 00
Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.....	3	...	5	...	...	15	...	22	...	22	...	2	7	...	...	1,100 00
Fairfax Parish, Christ Church, Alexandria.....	14	...	10	...	2	126	...	23	...	27	50	8	5	7	80	1,011 88	
" " St. Paul's Church, ".....	16	...	10	...	10	143	1	38	...	39	10	2	18	...	...	...
" " Falls Church, Fairfax County.....	...	...	...	...	2	11	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...
Fredericksville Parish, Buckmountain & St. Paul's.....	5	...	3	...	...	31	...	2	...	2	4	...	5	39	...	147 67
Farnham & Lunenburg Parishes, Richmond County	3	...	4	...	3	26	...	3	...	1	6	5	18	...	...	38 01
Frederick Parish, Christ Church, Millwood.....	3	...	...	...	...	63	...	7	...	7	5	3	5	...	...	600 00
Grace Church, Petersburg.....	17	...	4	4	2	101	4	34	...	17	55	...	36	58	80	233 25	
Hamilton Parish, St. James' Church, Fauquier Co.	8	...	4	...	3	47	1	9	...	10	5	4	6	30	...	200 00	
Henrico Parish, St. John's Church, Richmond.....	4	...	3	...	2	53	...	10	...	10	...	...	14	50	...	475 87
" " Monumental, ".....	16	...	12	...	3	151	1	29	...	30	...	12	26	...	...	770 78
" " St. Paul's Church, ".....	21	...	5	...	2	203	3	19	...	22	11	7	12	130	...	3,226 38	
" " St. James' Church, ".....	15	...	29	...	2	132	3	8	...	11	...	4	4	84	...	709 00	
Hungar's Parish, Northampton County.....	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	7	...	4	11	...	...	...	...	...
Kingston Parish, Christ Ch., Mathews & Middlesex.....	14	...	2	...	2	64 05

APPENDIX B.

Leads Parish, Fauquier County.....	7	...	9	...	1	32	1	5	...	6	8	...	2	4	...	411 64	
Lexington Parish, Amherst County.....	5	...	2	...	3	35	...	3	...	3	5	...	2	2	...	150 00	
Lynhaven Parish, Princess Anne.....	...	...	...	...	1	26	...	1	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	28 00
Lyttleton Parish, Grace and St. James' Churches..	4	...	...	...	1	37	1	...	...	1	2	...	1	4	22	235 00
Meherrin Parish, Greensville County.....	...	3	2	...	2	26	...	1	9	10	1	5	...	...	...	133 80
Martin's Brandon, Prince George County.....	16	...	4	...	...	56	...	6	1	7	12	...	1	4	54	465 39
Montross Parish, St. James' Church, Westmoreland	...	...	3	...	8	...	3	...	3	1	...	...	...	7	...	25 49
Moore Parish, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.....	24	...	4	...	1	129	2	20	...	4	26	12	11	9	...	724 24	
Meade Parish, Trinity and Emmanuel Churches...	1	...	5	...	...	35	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	24	30 00
Norborne Parish, Berkeley County.....	10	...	4	1	1	65	1	9	...	10	10	...	1	6	35	44 00	
" " " Christ Church..	4	...	2	...	2	35	1	9	...	3	13	...	7	18	22	38 00	
Newport Parish, Christ Church, Isle of Wight.....	3	...	1	2	1	31	...	2	...	3	5	...	1	2	3	65 86	
Northam Parish, St. James' & Beaver Dam Churches	3	...	2	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166 00
Nelson Parish, Nelson County.....	1	...	...	...	...	25	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	195 00
" " " Rockfish Church.....	...	...	...	1	1	7	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	9	40 00
Portsmouth Parish, Trinity Church.....	3	...	4	1	4	56	2	15	1	1	19	1	14	50	...	135 00	
Raleigh and Genito Parishes.....	2	...	...	...	...	42	2	2	...	2	3	...	4	4	27	185 00
Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna County.....	2	...	2	...	...	19	2	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...
Roanoke Parish, Halifax County.....	1	...	...	...	1	18	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	3	10	500 00
Russell Parish and West Russell, Bedford County..	3	...	4	...	...	38	...	6	...	6	4	...	10	...	...	...
St. Luke's Church, Amherst County.....	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	5	...	...
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg County.....	...	...	3	...	...	60	...	3	...	3	...	...	3	4	...	...
St. James' Church, Brentsville.....	4	...	2	...	1	19	1	4	...	5	4	...	4	4	...	...
St. John's, King George.....	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...
St. Peter's and Grace Churches, Caroline.....	3	...	10	...	...	45	...	6	...	6	3	...	1	2	...	150 00
St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.....	...	...	38	1	2	89	5	10	...	15	...	...	4	8	...	...
St. John's Church.....	33	...	3	...	3	9	19	...	35 00
St. Paul's, Suffolk, and St. John's, Chuckatuck...	4	...	4	...	...	40	2	2	...	4	6	...	2	35	40	150 00
St. Thomas', Frederick County.....	...	...	1	...	...	17	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	42 61
St. Stephen's, Bedford.....	9	...	4	...	1	63	2	1	...	3	5	...	3	2	38	120 00	
St. Thomas' Church, Orange County.....	3	...	2	...	7	62	2	4	...	6	2	...	2	11	38	145 16	
St. John's Church, Putnam County.....	1	...	3	...	...	8	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.....	14	...	...	2	177	2	9	...	11	11	...	1	4	105	...	514 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.....	10	...	3	...	3	64	...	9	...	1	10	...	5	4	44	180 00	
St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier County.....	2	...	...	...	...	11	...	3	...	3	1	...	...	12	...	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Weston, Lewis County.....	2	...	...	...	1	22	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	16	...
St. Mark's Parish, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper	7	...	1	...	5	40	3	2	...	5	1	...	2	7	...	42 50	
" " St. James' ".....	2	...	1	...	2	29	...	3	...	3	6	...	...	4	...	113 34
St. John's Church, City Point.....	2	...	1	...	1	14	...	2	...	4	6	...	5	16	...	...

APPENDIX B.

St. Anne's Parish, Christ Church, Albemarle Co...	4					26	2	2			4	3		2	13	141 00	
St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg County	2					16	2	2	25	27	3		2	7	17 00		
Sappona Church, Chesterfield County	2					16	1	8		8	2	3	8	16	90 00		
St. John's Church, Jefferson County	9	3				12	1	7	2	10	7	1			17 03		
St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth	1	7				14		2		2			3				
St. Paul's, Haymarket, Prince William	5	3				33		2		2	1		2				
St. Margaret's, Caroline County	1	1				32					1		3	11	18 00		
St. John's Church, Louisa County	2					11		3		8					50 00		
St. Luke's and Emmanuel Churches	4	3				27	1	1		2	1		1	5	120 00		
St. James' Church, Loudoun County	1	5				80	1	3		2	6		7	5	2,400 00		
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick	9	2				62	1	7	1	26	35	4	1	3	149 70		
St. Paul's Parish, Putnam County						11							1	1			
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg	20	8				180	2	8		10	13		4	12	1,500 00		
Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church	4	2				34		3		3	1		5	3	26 00		
Trinity Church, Marshall County						10	1	1									
" " Buchanan	5					25							4	2	19 75		
" " Shpherdstown	3	3	2			60		5					4	3	250 00		
" " Martinsburg	3	3				30		3		1	4	1		2	50 00		
" " Staunton	6	3	4	2		99		7	12	5		7	10	64	313 00		
Trinity Parish, Louisa County	1	1				3							4	4			
Washington Parish, St. Peter's, Westmoreland	3					12		3		3	3		4	2	38 05		
Walker's Parish, Albemarle County	1	3				21		1		1			1	1	100 00		
Westover Parish, Charles City						30		2		2			2	3	528 76		
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County	8	7				90	2	7		9	4		11	16	543 49		
York-Hampton Parish, Grace Church	3					8				3	3	1			7		
Zion Church, Fairfax County						21	2	3		5			2	3	600 00		
" " Jefferson County	10	5				19	4	14		3	21		5	8	150 00		
Heber Parish, St. John's Church, Bedford County	9	1				35	4	8		6	18				74 00		
St. Paul's Church, King George County	2	1				23							10		50 00		
Latimer Parish, Grace Church, Rockbridge County	5	1				35	1	5		6	7		1	5			
Christ Church, Charlottesville	10		1			75	3	8		11	5		3	2	650 00		
St. Paul's Church, &c., Hanover County	3					37		7		7			1	2	27 00		
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County	3	1				48		11		1	12	4	1	1	219 00		
Trinity Parish, Wood County	6					36		4		4	5		7	34	51 95		
St. Ann's Parish, Essex County		1				4		3									
South Farnham Parish, Essex County	1					38	2			3	10		1	1	240 00		
Christ Church, Henry County	5	1				12	1			1			2				
Parishes which have not reported, about 16.	530	5	328	17	134	5147	81	602	5	161	849	281	6	275	580	2373	\$29,030 16

SYNOPSIS OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Communicants—added,	535
Removed,	328
Suspended,	17
Died,	134
Losses by removal, suspension, and death,	479
Net gain,	56
Total number of communicants in the parishes which have reported,	5,147
Number of communicants in parishes not reporting, about	200
Total,	5,347
Baptisms—adults, } white,	81
} colored,	5
Infants, } white,	602
} colored,	161
Total,	849
Confirmations,	287
Marriages,	275
Funerals,	580
Number of families,	2,373
Amount contributed to the different institutions and charities of the Church,	\$29,030 16

D.

The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

DEBITS.

1849.				
May 22	To cash remitted Rev. W. F. Lockwood, 2nd qr.		\$50 00	
"	" " " A. B. Tizzard, 2nd qr.		25 00	
"	" " " N. A. Okeson, 1st qr.		25 00	
"	" paid " W. Duvall, 1st qr.		75 00	
June 1	" remitted " Robt. Nelson, 3d qr.		37 50	
"	" " " R. T. Brown, half,		62 50	
"	" " " Jas. D. McCabe, half,		75 00	
"	" " " Carter Page,		37 50	
26	" paid " E. T. Perkins, 4th qr.		37 50	
July 9	" " for tracts,		5 41	
20	" remitted Rev. G. S. Carraway, 4th qr.		37 50	
"	" " " S. D. Tompkins, 3d qr.		25 00	
"	" " " W. T. Lockwood, 3d qr.		50 00	
"	" " " A. B. Tizzard, 3d qr.		25 00	
"	" " " J. McElroy, 2nd qr.		37 50	
25	" " " R. D. Brooke,		50 00	
Aug. 31	" " " John C. McCabe, 2nd qr.		50 00	
"	" paid draft " S. D. Tompkins in full,		25 00	
"	" paid " W. Duvall, 2nd qr.		75 00	
"	Balance,		381 29	
			\$1,186 70	

CREDITS.

1849.			
May 14	By balance per acct. rend. Convention at Charlottesville,		\$392 73
16	By cash from Trinity Church, Bedford, by Rev. N. Safe,		3 90
"	" " Botetourt Parish, by Rev. G. T. Wilmer		21 00
"	" " Christ Church, Alexandria, by Rev. C. B. Dana,		35 75
"	" " Trinity Church, Buchanan, by Rev. J. McElroy,		10 00
"	" " Raleigh and Genito Parishes, by Rev. P. F. Berkley,		23 89
"	" " a Lady of St. Andrew's Church, Brunswick,		2 00
"	" " Mrs. Mary Baily, Antrim Parish, by Rev. John Grammer,		10 00
"	" " Mrs. E. A. Clark, do. do. do.		5 00
"	" " Col. Chs. B. Cabaniss, do. do. do.		2 00
"	" " Rev. John Grammer, do. do. do.		10 00
	Amount carried over,		\$516 27

1849.		Amount brought over,	\$516 27
May 16	By cash from Mrs. M. E. Grammer, Antrim Parish,		2 50
"	" " Mrs. E. S. Easley, do. do. do.		2 00
"	" " Mrs. Phoebe Holt, do. do. do.		1 00
"	" " Miss Mary Smith, do. do. do.		2 00
"	" " Mrs. H. C. Barksdale, do. do. do.		1 00
"	" " Mrs. Eliza Bruce, do. do. do.		10 00
"	" " Mrs. F. K. Green, do. do. do.		1 00
"	" " Mr. Dabney Cosby, Jr. do. do. do.		2 50
"	" " Mr. Richard Logan, do. do. do.		5 00
"	" " Mrs. Catharine Early, do. do. do.		2 00
"	" " St. Martin's Parish, by Rev. W. V. Bowers,		24 00
"	" " Sunday School, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,		37 68
"	" " Six children and a lady of Trinity Ch. Parkersburg,		5 00
"	" " Trinity Church, Portsmouth,		6 75
"	" " Christ Church, Middlesex,		10 00
"	" " St. Paul's Church, Port Royal,		20 00
"	" " St. Paul's Church, King and Queen co.		10 00
"	" " Rev. W. F. Lockwood, Fairfax co.		3 00
"	" " St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,		72 00
"	" " Trinity Church, Louisa co.		5 00
"	" " Bolling Jones, Esq., by Rev. J. C. McCabe,		5 00
"	" " St. Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish,		5 00
"	" " Grace Church, Caroline, by Rev. W. Friend,		10 00
"	" " Cople Parish, Westmoreland, by Rev. W. McGuire,		8 00
"	" " Washington Parish, do. do. do.		8 00
"	" " Christ Church, Spottsylvania county,		2 00
"	" " do. by Master Anderson,		50
"	" " do. by Mrs. J. Swann,		1 00
30	" " Collection at Charlottesville		85 00
June 11	" " St. James' Church, Leesburg, by Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,		50 00
"	" " Vauters' Church, Essex, by Bp. Johns,		25 27
"	" " Tappahannock do. do.		15 14
"	" " St. Paul's Church, do. do.		21 43
26	" " St. Peter's Church, Westmoreland, do.		8 56
29	" " Mrs. A. B. Wilmer and family, Alexandria, by Rev. J. Johnston,		15 00
July 9	" " St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, by Rev. E. C. McGuire,		10 00
"	" " Mrs. M. L. Anderson, by Rev. R. K. Meade,		5 00
	Amount carried over,		\$1,013 60

1849.		Amount brought over,	\$1,013 60
July 9	By	cash from children of Dr. Minor's School,	32 00
16	"	" " Young Ladies' Bible Class of Christ Church, Alexandria, by Richard B. Duane, teacher,	10 00
"	"	" " Missionary Society of Enquiry of Theological Seminary of Virginia, by Theo. S. Rumney, Treas'r,	23 00
25	"	" " St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, by Bp. Johns,	25 00
27	"	" " St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, by Rev. J. T. Johnston,	17 00
Aug. 1	"	" " Female Benevolent Society of Church of Epiphany, Danville, by Rev. G. W. Dame,	10 10
3	"	" " a Lady in Georgetown, by C. Keith,	5 00
Sept. 1	"	" " Col. Ed. Colston, Mount Zion Church, Hedgesville,	5 00
"	"	" " Nelson Parish, Nelson county,	12 55
"	"	" " Church at New Glasgow, Amherst,	12 95
Oct. 22	"	" " Miss Lucy Nelson, of Hanover,	5 00
22	"	" " E. C. McGuire, St. George's Church, Fredericksburg,	15 50
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			\$1,186 70
Oct. 22	By	balance brought down, due the Society,	\$381 29

The foregoing account is a copy taken from Mr. Williams' Ledger, and concludes with the date of his last entry, i. e. October 22d, 1849. Since his death I have received \$276 48 of the above amount, due by him, leaving \$104 81 still unavailable. Provision, however, made by Mr. Williams a few hours before his death for the payment of the balance, will soon put the Society in possession of the whole.

JOHN L. BACON, *Treasurer.*

RICHMOND, May 13, 1850.

E.

The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia in account with JOHN L. BACON, *Treasurer.*

DEBITS.

1850.			
Jan. 11	To	cash paid Rev. Ambler Weed,	\$50 00
12	"	" " J. McElroy,	37 50
15	"	" " Wm. Duvall,	30 00
21	"	" " Wm. F. Lockwood,	50 00
25	"	" " Robert Nelson,	37 50
"	"	" " J. C. McCabe,	50 00
26	"	" " J. D. McCabe,	75 00
30	"	" " J. McElroy, in full current appropriation,	37 50
31	"	" " N. A. Okeson,	75 00
"	"	" " Wm. Duvall, balance of quarter ending 15th inst.,	45 00
"	"	" " R. T. Brown,	62 50
"	"	" " Ambler Weed on account,	57 39
Feb. 11	"	" " A. B. Tizzard,	25 00
27	"	" " Ambler Weed, balance due on current appropriation,	25 00
"	"	" " J. C. McCabe, balance due on current appropriation,	50 00
March 12	"	" " G. S. Carraway, 1st and 2d quarters,	75 00
" 21	"	" " E. T. Perkins,	75 00
" 22	"	" " S. R. Slack,	25 00
" 22	"	" " D. Caldwell,	50 00
" 22	"	" " F. B. Nash,	50 00
" 29	"	" " W. L. Hyland,	50 00
April 25	"	" " C. H. Shield, 1st, 2nd and 3d "	75 00
27	"	" " J. C. McCabe, 1st quarter commencing 24th instant,	50 00
May 13	To	balance carried down,	295 92
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			\$1,453 31

CREDITS.

1850.			
Jan. 9	By	cash from churches at Martinsburg and Hedgesville, per Bishop Johns,	\$13 62
"	"	By cash from church at Charlestown, Jefferson, per Bishop Johns,	31 11
"	"	By cash from Merchant's Hope Church, Prince George, per Bishop Johns,	31 28
"	"	By cash from Christ Church, Middletown, per Bishop Johns,	17 17
		Amount carried over,	\$93 18

	Amount brought over,	\$93 18
1850. Jan. 9	By cash from Dr. Osborne, per Bishop Johns,	5 00
" "	By cash from St. James' Church, Richmond, per Rev. A. Empie,	29 40
" 11	By cash from a friend in Alexandria, Virginia,	2 00
" 19	By cash from a member of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per James Entwisle, Esq.,	10 00
" "	By cash from the churches in Orange, per Rev. Mr. Earnest,	24 33
" 22	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	17 00
" "	By cash from a lady and gentleman of Alexandria, Virginia, per Rev. George A. Smith,	10 00
" 25	By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor, Esq.,	200 00
" 28	By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond,	56 80
" 30	By cash from Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, per Rev. J. Peterkin,	50 00
" 31	By cash from Mr. R. A. Williams, on account of balance due by the late Treasurer,	133 98
Feb. 1	By cash from Leeds Parish, Fauquier, per Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	40 00
" 3	By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond,	50
" 7	By cash from Christ Church Parish, Lancaster, per Rev. R. S. Nash,	5 00
" 7	By cash from T. G. Goodwin, Esq., Fincastle, Virginia,	5 00
" 9	By cash from Trinity Church, Parkersburg, per Rev. E. T. Perkins,	5 00
" 14	By cash from N. B. Seabrook, Esq., Richmond,	5 00
" 18	" " Monumental Church, Richmond,	5 00
" 22	" " Mrs. Sarah Gamble, of Staunton,	10 00
" 27	" " William Stevens, Esq., of Lexington,	4 00
March 2	" " A gentleman of Richmond,	
" 11	" " Col. F. H. Smith, Virginia Military Institute, per T. H. Ellis, Esq.,	5 00
" "	By cash from Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ellis, Richmond,	5 00
" 12	By cash from St. Anne's and South Farnham Parishes, Essex county, per Rev. John P. McGuire,	36 15
" "	By cash per Rev. G. S. Carraway, for offerings at Communion, from Christ Church, Middlesex,	21 80
" "	By cash from Dr. R. per Rev. G. S. Carraway,	10 00
" "	By cash from Mrs. R. do. do.	5 00
" 20	By cash from St. John's Church, Richmond, one half of collections for Missionary purposes, per Rev. H. S. Keppler,	25 44
" "	By cash from Raleigh and Genito Parishes, per Rev. Mr. Berkeley,	15 00
" "	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Richmond, per William H. Hubbard, Esq.,	185 40
	Amount carried over,	\$1,024 98

1850. March 21	Amount brought over,	\$1,024 98
" "	By cash from St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle, per Rev. C. E. Ambler,	10 00
" 21	By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	23 12
April 2	By cash from Christ Church, Smithfield, per Rev. J. C. McCabe, Bishop John's collection, 28th March,	38 63
" 6	By cash from Mrs. J. A. H., of Louisa county, per Rev. D. M. Wharton,	10 00
" 9	By cash from Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, per Bishop Johns,	79 25
" "	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, per Bishop Johns,	18 30
" "	By cash from Brandon Church, per Bishop Johns,	25 00
" 27	By cash from St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, per Rev. Wm. M. Jackson, Bishop John's collection, 24th March,	81 53
May 13	By cash from R. A. Williams, Esq., on account of balance due from the late Treasurer,	142 50
		\$1,453 31
" 13	By balance cash in hand this day,	\$295 92

F.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTINGENT FUND FOR 1850.

Christ Church, Norfolk,	\$347 00
St. Paul's do. Suffolk,	34 06
St. John's do. Chuckatuck,	6 00
St. Paul's do. Norfolk,	177 00
Trinity do. Portsmouth,	56 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	20 00
St. James' Church, Warrenton,	47 00
Christ Church, Middlesex,	8 00
Christ do. Matthews,	6 00
Grace do. Petersburg,	40 00
St. Paul's do. Westmoreland,	11 00
St. James' do. do.	7 00
St. Peter's ?	
Amount carried over,	\$759 00

Amount brought over,	\$759 00
Latimer Parish,	23 00
St. Stephen's, Fauquier,	11 00
St. Andrew's, Brunswick,	41 00
St. Luke's, Mecklenburg,	13 00
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	12 00
Farnham Parish, Richmond county,	17 12
Lunenburg do. do. do.	30 50
Bloomfield do. Rappahannock county,	3 00
Wickliffe do. Clark county,	87 00
St. Paul's, Richmond city,	209 00
St. Thomas', Frederick county,	17 00
Christ Church, Winchester,	84 00
Lynhaven Parish, Princess Anne,	28 00
Trinity Church, Staunton, Augusta county,	92 00
Centurion do. Old Point,	15 00
Christ do. Spottsylvania,	14 00
St. John's do. do.	11 00
St. Margaret's Church, Caroline,	28 00
Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties,	46 00
Nelson do. Nelson county,	25 00
Westover do. Charles City county,	30 00
Mount Zion, Norborne Parish, Berkley county,	10 00
Woodville Parish, Botetourt, (Trinity Church,)	25 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	45 00
Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna county,	19 00
St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg,	78 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier county,	32 00
St. Thomas' Church, Orange county,	62 00
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county,	62 00
Russell Parish, do.	23 00
Bristol do. St. Paul's Church, Petersburg,	180 00
Zion Church, Fairfax county,	21 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover county,	60 00
St. James' do. Southam, Powhatan county,	17 00
Monumental Church, Richmond,	150 00
St. Stephen's, Culpepper, St. Mark's Parish,	40 00
St. James' Church, do. do.	29 00
Amount carried over,	\$2,448 62

Amount brought over,	\$2,448 62
Green Mountain Parish, Albemarle county, Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish,	26 00
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg,	160 00
St. James' do. Richmond city,	126 00
Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George county,	54 00
Tillotson Parish, Buckingham county,	26 00
St. Peter's, Port Royal and Grace Church, Caroline county,	45 00
St. John's King George county,	12 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	127 00
Roanoke Parish, Halifax county,	18 00
Meherrin do. Greenville county,	17 00
St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond city,	52 00
Sapona Church, Dale Parish, Chesterfield,	15 00
Christ Church do. Lancaster,	27 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax county,	65 00
St. Paul's, Alexandria,	141 00
Christ Church, Alexandria,	116 00
Grace do. York-Hampton Parish,	8 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg,	80 00
Walker's Church, Albemarle,	18 00
St. Matthew's do. Wheeling,	80 00
St. George's Parish, Accomac county, St. George's, and St. Michael's Churches,	8 00
St. Paul's Church and Parish, King George county,	23 00
Trinity do. Martinsburg,	50 50
Raleigh and Genito Parishes,	38 00
Hungar's Parish, Northampton,	50 00
St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, Kanawha county,	7 00
St. Paul's do. Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle,	9 00
St. James' Northam Parish, Goochland,	25 00
Frederick Parish, Millwood, Clarke county,	46 00
St. Luke's, New Glasgow and Ascension, at Court House, Lexington Parish, Amherst county,	35 00
Newport Parish, Christ Church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county,	31 00
St. John's Church, South Wheeling,	27 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland county, Grace and St. James' Churches,	35 00
Amount carried over,	\$4,046 12

Amount brought over,	\$4,046 12
St. John's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford county,	25 00
St. Mark's Parish, Culpepper county,	2 00
Trinity Church, Louisa county,	3 00
St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry,	12 00
Christ do. Charlottesville,	75 00
Leeds Parish, St. Paul's Church, Prince William,	33 00
St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish, Prince William,	19 00
Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester county,	27 50
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county,	80 00
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	36 00
Leeds Parish, Fauquier, Trinity and Emmanuel Churches,	32 00
West Russell Parish, (paid by Rev. Mr. Sale),	4 00
St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst,	2 50
Monumental Church, Richmond, (additional),	1 00
St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg, (per Dr. Wm. Oliver),	60 00
South Farnham Parish, Essex,	32 55
Leeds Parish, Fauquier, (Front Royal) additional,	5 00
Piedmont Parish, Trinity Church, Fauquier,	8 00
Falls Church, Fairfax county,	11 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover, (additional),	4 00
St. John's Church, Louisa,	5 00
Piedmont Church, Bloomfield Parish, Madison county,	14 50
Parish of Hanover, St. Paul's Church,	13 00
St. Peter's, New Kent,	13 00
Sum total received by Wm. P. Stewart, treasurer pro: tem:	\$4,564 17
Amount received by T. Taylor, secretary, since adjournment of Convention:	
From St. James' Parish, Drummondtown, Accomac county, per Rev. W. G. H. Jones, Rector,	12 00
From Christ Church, Henry co., per Rev. A. Wade,	12 00
Franklin Parish, Franklin county, per the Rev. A. Wade,	6 00
Sum total received by T. Taylor, secretary, since adjournment of Convention:	\$4,594 17
Received by W. H. Hubbard, treasurer, since adjournment, viz:	
From Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county, per Rev. Geo. W. Dame,	\$20 00
St. John's Church, Louisa, per Rev. E. Bayden,	5 00
Sum total received for assessments of 1850,	25 00
Sum total received for assessments of 1850,	\$4,619 17

NOTE.—The contingent Fund, which is expended in the payment of the salaries of the Bishop, and of the general expenses of the Diocese, is raised by an assessment on each parish or congregation of a sum equal in dollars to the number of white communicants therein.

This is so well explained in the report of the Committee on Finance, submitted to and adopted by the Convention of 1845, that it is deemed proper, in order to guard against misapprehension on the subject, to append an extract from said report, which is in these words:

"Your committee cannot forbear reiterating that which has so often been heretofore explained, to wit: That in adopting the present mode of collecting the contingent Fund, it was never intended by the Convention to be understood as a tax imposed upon the communicants as individuals; but as an assessment upon the several parishes which the vestries may collect in the mode which they themselves may deem most eligible; provided only, that the amount of contributions shall always correspond in number of dollars with the number of white communicants in the parish reported to the Convention for the current year."

G.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR DELINQUENCIES, 1849.

St. Paul's, Norfolk,	\$27 50
Cople Parish, Westmoreland,	11 50
Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county,	5 00
Nelson Parish, Nelson county,	25 00
Littleton Parish, Cumberland county, Grace and St. James' Churches,	4 00
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county,	46 62
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford,	2 00

Total amount received by Wm. P. Stewart, treasurer, pro: tem: \$121 62

Amount received by T. Taylor, since adjournment, from St.

James' Parish, Drummondtown, per Rev. W. G. H. Jones,

Rector, for 1849, in part, 18 00

Sum total for delinquencies of 1849, \$139 62

H.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH APPEAR DELIN-
QUENT FOR 1850.

St. John's Church, South Wheeling,	\$6 00
Christ Church, Spottsylvania county,	4 00
St. Margaret's Church, Caroline county,	4 00
Trinity and Mount Zion Churches, Berkeley county,	40 00
St. Paul's Church, Hanover county,	1 00
St. Peter's Church, New Kent county,	1 00
St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, Kanawha,	6 00
Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county,	26 00
*Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county,	37 00
Grace Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg,	60 00
St. James' Southam Parish, Powhatan,	10 00
Raleigh and Genito Parishes,	3 00
St. John's Church, City Point, Prince George county,	14 00
St. James' Church, Westmoreland county,	1 00
Russell Parish, West Russell Parish, and St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish,	61 50
Tillotson Parish, Buckingham county,	5 00
Christ Church, Clarke county,	63 00
Latimer Parish, Rockbridge county,	12 00
St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling,	6 00
Heber Parish, St. John's Church, Bedford county,	10 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison county, Piedmont Church,	8 50
Bath Parish, Dinwiddie, Sapony Church,	5 00
Buckmountain and St. Paul's, Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle county,	22 00
Christ Church, Alexandria,	10 00
Christ Church, Brooke county,	14 00
St. James' Northam Parish, St. Paul's and Beaverdam Churches, Goochland,	14 00
†St. John's Church, Louisa,	6 00
St. John's Church, Jefferson,	12 00
St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg county,	3 00
Sapona Church, Chesterfield,	1 00
Amount carried over,	\$466 00

* \$20 paid in part by Camden Parish since adjournment.

† \$5 paid by St. John's Church, Louisa, since adjournment.

Amount brought over,	\$466 00
St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle county,	26 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,	15 00
Trinity Church, Staunton,	7 00
Walker's Parish, Albemarle,	3 00
St. Paul's Church, Wipfield, Putnam county,	11 00
Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudoun,	3 00
Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt,	25 00
Trinity Parish, Marshall county,	10 00
Sum total,	\$566 00

The parishes which have made no report, as shewn by next statement, are also delinquent.

I.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE
MADE NO REPORTS.

*St. James' Parish, Drummondtown, Accomac county.
 Boyden Chapel, Augusta county.
 Trinity Church, Bloomfield Parish, Madison county.
 Brunswick Parish, King George county, Lambs Creek.
 Clarksburg Parish, Harrison county.
 Cornwall Parish, Charlotte county.
 St. John's Church, Hampton, Elizabeth City county.
 Franklin Parish, Franklin county.
 St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon, Holston Parish, Washington county.
 St. John's Church, Charleston, and St. Luke's, Salines, Kanawha co.
 St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Fauquier county.
 St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell county.
 St. Anne's Parish, Essex county.
 St. David's Parish, King William county.
 Pohick Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax county.
 Wytheville Parish, Wythe county.

* Delinquent \$8 for 1850, and \$5 for 1849.

Dr.		Cr.	
1849.	10	To balance of account rendered,	\$794 72
May	21	To cash received from H. Wilson, Esq., Treasurer pro tem:	
"	"	" in current notes and checks, per do.	1,011 25
"	"	" in current do.	3,057 30
"	25	" received from the Rev. S. Slack, due from Rockfish Church, Fredericks-ville Parish, for contingent fund,	227 00
"	28	" received from Rev. F. M. Whittle, from Kanawha Parish, St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, for contingent fund,	2 00
June	7	" received from the Rev. J. P. McGuire, from St. Anne's Parish, Essex county, for contingent fund,	31 00
"	21	" received from the Rev. G. W. Dame, from Camden Parish, Pittsylvania, for contingent fund, in part of amount due,	12 00
Sept.	27	" received from the Rev. J. Earnest, from St. Thomas' Church, Orange county, do. for Bloomfield Parish,	20 00
1850.			11 00
May	18	To-balance on hand,	5 00
			\$5,171 27
			\$780 58
			\$5,171 27

Dr. WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Convention of Virginia.

K.

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M.

A LIST

OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,
 With their respective Counties, Churches and Ministers, arranged
 alphabetically in the order of the Counties.

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomac	St. James'	St. James'	W. G. H. Jones.
"	St. Georges'	St. George's	J. Ambler Weed.
"	"	St. Michael's	"
Albemarle	Fredericksville	Buckmountain	S. R. Slack.
"	"	St. Paul's	"
"	"	Christ	R. K. Meade.
"	St. Anne's	Trinity	C. E. Ambler.
"	"	Christ	"
"	"	Walker's	E. Boyden.
Amelia	Raleigh	Grubb Hill	P. F. Berkley.
Amherst	Lexington	S. Luke's, N. Glasgow, David Caldwell.	"
"	"	Ascension, Amb't C.H.	"
Augusta	Augusta	Trinity	T. T. Castleman.
"	"	Boyden Chapel	"
Alexandria (town)	Fairfax	Christ	C. B. Dana.
"	"	St. Paul's	J. T. Johnston.
Bedford	Russell	Trinity	Nelson Sale.
"	West Russell	St. Thomas'	"
"	Heber	St. John's	Wm. H. Kinckle.
"	Hamner	St. Stephen's	O. A. Kinsolving.
Berkeley	Norborne	Mt. Zion, Hedgesville; <i>Now vacant.</i>	"
"	"	Trinity, Martinsburg	"
"	"	Calvary	"
"	"	Christ	"
Botetourt	Botetourt	Fincastle	G. T. Wilmer.
"	Woodville	Trinity, Buchanan	J. McElroy.
Brooke	Christ Church	Christ	W. L. Hyland.
"	"	St. John's	J. B. Goodwin.
Brunswick	St. Andrew's	St. Andrew's	R. P. Johnson.
Buckingham	Tillotson	St. Peter's	W. C. Meredith.
Campbell	Moore	St. John's	<i>Vacant.</i>
"	Lynchburg	St. Paul's, Lynchb'g,	W. H. Kinckle.
Caroline	St. Margaret's	St. Margaret's	D. M. Wharton.
"	St. Mary's	St. Peter's, P. Royal,	W. M. Friend.
"	"	Grace	"

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Charles City	Westover		W. T. Leavell.
Charlotte	Cornwall	Roanoke	<i>Vacant.</i>
Chesterfield	Manchester	Sappona	A. B. Tizzard.
Clarke	Frederick	Christ, (Millwood)	J. F. Hoff.
"	Wickliffe	Grace, (Berryville)	J. Peterkin.
"	"	Wickliffe	"
Culpepper	St. Mark's	St. Stephen's	John Cole.
"	"	St. James'	"
Cumberland	Lyttleton	Grace	O. Bulkley.
"	"	St. James'	"
"	"	St. Paul's	"
Dinwiddie	Bath	Sapony	W. E. Webb.
"	"	Calvary	"
Elizabeth City	Elizabeth City	St. John's, (Hampton)	<i>Vacant.</i>
"	"	Centurion, Old Point,	M. L. Chevers.
Essex	St. Anne's		J. P. McGuire.
"	South Farnham		"
Fairfax	Fairfax	Zion	W. T. Lockwood.
"	"	Falls	"
Fauquier	Hamilton	St. James' (Warrenton)	G. H. Norton.
"	"	St. Stephen's	"
"	Leeds	St. Paul's	W. H. Pendleton.
"	Meade	Trinity	R. T. Wilmer.
"	Piedmont	Trinity	<i>Vacant.</i>
Fluvanna	Rivanna		<i>Vacant.</i>
Franklin	Franklin	At Court House	A. Wade.
Frederick	Frederick	Christ, (Winchester)	C. Walker.
"	"	St. Thomas', Middle-	town, W. N. Irish.
Gloucester	Abingdon	Abingdon	Charles Mann.
"	Ware	Ware	"
Goochland	St. James', Northam.	St. Paul's	F. M. Whittle.
"	"	Beaverdam	"
Greensville	Meherrin	Grace	W. D. Hanson.
"	"	Christ	"
Halifax	Antrim	St. John's	John Grammer.
"	Roanoke	Brick	J. T. Clark.
"	"	Catawba	"
Hanover	St. Martin's	Fork	Wm. V. Bowers.
"	St. Paul's	St. Paul's	E. B. McGuire.
Hampshire	Hampshire		S. D. Tompkins, Missionary.
Harrison	Clarksburg		<i>Vacant.</i>

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Henrico	Henrico	St. John's	H. S. Keppler.
"	Richmond City	Monumental	Geo. Woodbridge.
"	"	St. Paul's	Alex. Jones.
"	"	St. James'	Adam Empie.
"	"	St. Luke's	Vacant.
"	"	Armory	Vacant.
Henry	Patrick	Christ	A. Wade.
Isle of Wight	Newport	Christ, (Smithfield)	J. D. McCabe.
"	"	Old Church	
James City	Bruton	— Williamsburg	Vacant.
Jefferson	St. Andrew's	Zion, (Charlestown)	D. A. Tyng.
"	"	Trinity, (Shepperdst'n)	C. W. Andrews.
"	"	St. John's, Harper's Ferry	Wm. N. Irish.
"	"	St. Bartholomew's, (Lectown)	Vacant.
Kanawha	Kanawha	St. John's, (Charleston)	R. T. Brown.
"	"	St. Luke's, (Salines)	"
"	"	St. Mark's, (Coalsm'th)	F. B. Nash.
King George	St. Paul's	St. Paul's	Vacant.
"	Hanover	St. John's	Wm. Friend.
King William	St. David's	St. David's	Vacant.
Lancaster	Christ Church	Christ	R. S. Nash.
"	"	White Chapel	"
Lewis	Weston	St. Paul's	S. D. Tompkins.
Loudoun	Shelburne	St. James'	George Adie.
"	Meade	Emmanuel	R. T. Wilmer.
Louisa	Green Spring	St. John's	E. Boyden.
"	Trinity	Trinity	John Cooke.
Lunenburg	Cumberland	St. John's	Thos. E. Locke.
"	"	St. Paul's	"
Madison	Bloomfield	Piedmont	John Earnest.
"	"	Trinity	"
Marshall	Trinity		Wm. L. Hyland.
Mason		Bruce Chapel	Vacant.
"		Point Pleasant	"
Mathews	Kingston	Christ	G. S. Carraway.
Mecklenburg	St. James'	Old Church	F. H. McGuire.
"	"	St. James'	"
"	"	St. Andrew's	"
"	St. Luke's	St. Luke's	R. D. Brooke.
"	"	Clarksville	"
Middlesex		Christ	G. S. Carraway.
Nansemond	Suffolk	St. Paul's	C. H. Disbrow.
"	Chuckatuck	St. John's	"

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Nelson	Nelson	Trinity	F. D. Goodwin.
"	"	Callaway	"
"	"	Rockfish	"
"	"	St. Paul's, New Market.	"
"	"	Grace	"
New Kent	St. Peter's	St. Peter's	E. B. McGuire.
Norfolk	Elizabeth River	Christ, (Norfolk city)	G. D. Cummins.
"	"	St. Paul's	Wm. M. Jackson.
"	Portsmouth	Trinity, (Portsmouth)	J. H. Wingfield.
"	"	St. John's	James Chisholm.
Northampton	Hungars	Hungars	J. Ufford.
"	"	Christ	"
Ohio, (Wheeling)		St. Matthew's	Wm. Armstrong.
"	St. John's	St. John's	Jas. D. McCabe.
Orange	St. Thomas'	St. Thomas'	Jos. Earnest.
Petersburg	Bristol	St. Paul's	H. Stringfellow.
"	"	Grace	C. J. Gibson.
Pittsylvania	Camden	Epiphany	G. W. Dame.
"	"	Emmanuel	"
Powhatan	Genito	Grace	P. F. Berkeley.
"	St. James', Southam	St. Luke's	Andrew Fisher.
"	"	Immanuel	"
Princess Ann	Lynhaven	Chapel	Lewis Walke.
"	"	Emanuel	"
Prince George	City Point	St. John's	N. A. Okeson.
"	Martin's Brandon	Merchants' Hope	C. Minnegerode.
"	"	Old Brandon	"
Prince William	Dettingen	St. James'	John Towles.
"	Leeds	St. Paul's	"
Putnam	St. Paul's	Winfield	F. B. Nash.
"	"	St. John's	"
"	"	Teave's Valley	"
Rappahannock	Bloomfield		C. H. Shield.
Richmond	Lunenburg		W. N. Ward.
"	Farnham		"
Roanoke	Botetourt	(At the Licks)	G. T. Wilmer.
Rockbridge	Latimer	Grace, Lexington	Robert Nelson.
Spottsylvania	St. George's	St. George's	Fred.
"	Mericksburg		E. C. McGuire.
"	Berkeley	Christ	D. M. Wharton.
"	"	St. John's	"
Surry	Southwark	Old Church	J. C. McCabe.
Sussex	Albemarle	Immanuel	Vacant.

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Washington	Holston.....	St. Thomas', Abing- don.....	<i>Vacant.</i>
Westmoreland	Washington	St. Peter's.....	Wm. McGuire.
"	Cople.....	Oak Grove.....	T. Rumney.
"	Montross.....	St. James'.....	Wm. McGuire.
Wood.....	Trinity.....	Parkersburg	E. T. Perkins.
Wythe.....	Wythesville		<i>Vacant.</i>
York.....	York-Hampton.....	Grace.....	E. Withers.

NOTE.—The above list, it is feared, is very imperfect, but it is the best which the Secretary pro: tem: could make out from the materials before him, and he had not time to seek for other information. It is hoped that the Clergy will promptly correct any errors or omissions in it in time for the General Convention, to which body a report is to be made.

ERRATUM.

In the list of Clergy, page 111, was omitted the name of Rev. J. M. Cofer, residing in Bedford county. P. O. Lynchburg.

Whole number of Clergy, including Bishops, 112

During the last year there are the following alterations in the list of Clergy:

ADDITIONS.

By Ordination—R. D. Brooke, W. D. Hanson, W. L. Hyland, W. N. Irish, T. H. Rumney, C. H. Shield.

By removals from other Dioceses—Silas Totten, R. M. Mitcheson, F. B. Nash.

LOSSES.

By death—Wm. Duval.

By removal—Mr. Holmead, Wm. F. Bryant, J. P. B. Wilmer, Wm. G. Jackson.

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REVISED

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

MAY, 1850.

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REVISED CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, &c.

AS ADOPTED IN 1836, AND AMENDED IN 1840 & 1850.

ARTICLE I.

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, on the Third Wednesday in May, every year; but the Convention which meets in the year previous to the meeting of the General Convention, may have power to appoint the time and place of meeting for the next annual Session; and in the event of the existence of an epidemic disease or any other good cause, rendering it necessary or expedient to alter the place fixed on for any meeting of the Convention, the Bishop may change the place, or the time, or both, at his discretion.

ARTICLE II.

[As amended in 1840 and 1850.]

The Convention shall be composed of the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, and of the officiating ministers who now are, or may hereafter be regularly and canonically elected in parishes or churches within this State, so long as they continue officiating in parishes or churches within this Diocese, professors of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, missionaries acting under the authority of the *Bishop*, and within this Diocese, and of those whom age or infirmity prevents from exercising their clerical functions, who shall be considered members *ex officio*, and also the acting agent or agents for any benevolent society or societies, and the Rector of

the Episcopal High School, being clergymen of this Church and who are under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of this Diocese. No person under ecclesiastical censure or process shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention. The Convention shall also be composed of lay members, consisting of one delegate for each parish or Church, chosen by the vestry or trustees thereof. Every parish having more than one officiating minister, who hath been regularly and canonically elected, shall be entitled to send as many lay delegates as it has ministers—and in every case the delegate or delegates shall be communicants in the Church. The Assistant Bishop shall preside in the Convention in the absence of the Bishop.

ARTICLE III.

Twelve members of the clerical, and twelve of the lay order shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

ARTICLE IV.

In all matters that shall come before the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body; and the concurrence of a majority shall give validity to any measure; but when three members require it, there shall be a vote by orders.

ARTICLE V.

The election of a Bishop of this Church shall be made in Convention in the following manner:—The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office; and the votes of a majority of that order shall be requisite to constitute a choice; and thereupon, such appointment shall be presented to the order of the Lay Delegates, and be considered by them; and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved of by a majority of the Lay order, he shall be then declared to be duly elected.

ARTICLE VI.

The Bishop shall be President of the Convention; in which character it shall be his duty to give to the Convention, annually, a general view of the state of the Church;—all special Conventions, at whatever time and place he shall think necessary, or when required by the standing Committee; to preserve order during the time of session; to put the question, collect the votes, and declare the decision; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Office, the Convention immediately upon their assembling, shall choose, by joint ballot, a President from among the order of Priests, who shall remain in office until the next annual Convention, or until the next election of a President. He shall perform all duties, and possess all the privileges above specified; but he shall not call special meetings of the Convention, unless applied to for that purpose, by a majority of the Standing Committee; and if, while there is a Bishop in this Church, he shall not be present at any meeting of the Convention, they shall elect, in the manner aforesaid, a President *pro tempore*.

ARTICLE VIII.

A Secretary shall be appointed by the Convention, who shall continue in office during good behaviour. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. It shall be his duty to notify through the channel of the public papers, as he may think proper, the time and place for the meeting of the succeeding Convention. The Secretary shall annex to the Journals of every succeeding Convention, a list of the Clergy, with all alterations therein produced in the preceding year by ordinations, deaths, removals, suspensions, and degradations.

ARTICLE IX.

A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Convention, who shall continue in office during good behaviour, and who shall discharge the duties usually appertaining to that office.

ARTICLE X.

Before the adjournment of each annual Convention, a Standing Committee, consisting of six members, three Clerical and three of the Lay order, who shall be communicants of the Church in the Diocese, shall be chosen by a ballot of the Clergy and Laity.

ARTICLE XI.

Every Parish within this Diocese shall be entitled to the entire benefit of this Convention, as soon as it shall have signified its ratification thereof, either in writing or by sending a Lay Delegate to the Convention; and such Parish shall thereafter be benefitted and bound, equally with the other Parishes in this Diocese, by every rule and canon which shall be framed, by any Convention acting under this Constitution, for the government of this Church in ecclesiastical concerns.

ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution shall be unalterable, except in the following manner:—A proposition for any change shall be introduced in writing and considered in Convention; and, if approved of, the same shall be transmitted to the several vestries of the parishes which shall have ratified this Constitution; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority, the change shall then take place; and the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF THE

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

ADOPTED MAY, 1849, AND MAY, 1850.

CANON I.

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 de-

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 section 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 III.

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 IV.

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 V.

Ministers to be careful in admitting to the Holy Communion.

No minister shall enroll 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 enroll any one, who is known to deny the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church.

CANON VI.

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 VII.

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 VIII.

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 IX.

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 X.

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 XI.

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 IX.

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 XII.

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 XIII.

Of the evidence of the appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention.

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

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

A. B., RECTOR.

C. D., REGISTER,

or

CHURCH WARDEN."

CANON XIV.

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 draft, 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 XV.

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 XVI.

Of Candidates for Orders.

If any candidate 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 XVII.

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 respective Churches and Parishes, as they shall think most conducive to their interest and prosperity. They shall have the sole power of directing the payment of money, belonging to the respective Churches and Parishes, and appoint a clerk, treasurer and collector, when necessary, all which proceedings shall be entered in a well

bound book, to be kept for that purpose. But when there are trustees under the act of the Legislature, passed Feb. 3rd, 1842, authorized to hold real property, such real property shall not be subject to the provisions of this canon.*

CANON XVIII.

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 XIX.

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.

* The act of Feb. 3, 1842, referred to above in Canon XVII, has been repealed, and substituted by the act in the new code, published in this Journal, p. 139.

CANON XX.

Concerning altering or adding to the Canons of this Church.

No proposed alteration or addition to the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given in open Convention, nor until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon by a committee of at least two Presbyters and two Laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention if two-thirds of the members shall not concur therein: but in such case, it shall lie over for consideration until the next annual convention.

CANON XXI.

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

AN ACT

CONCERNING CHURCH PROPERTY.

New Code of Virginia, Chapter 77, page 362.

§ 8. Every conveyance, devise, or dedication, shall be valid, which, since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, has been made, and every conveyance shall be valid which hereafter shall be made, of land for the use or benefit of any religious congregation as a place for public worship, or as a burial-place, or a residence for a minister; and the land shall be held for such use or benefit, and for such purpose, and not otherwise.

§ 9. The circuit court of the county or corporation, wherein there may be any parcel of such land, or the greater part thereof, may, on application of the proper authorities of such congregation, from time to time, appoint trustees, either where there were or are none, or in place of former trustees, and change those so appointed, whenever it may seem to the court proper, to effect or promote the purpose of the conveyance, devise or dedication; and the legal title to such land shall, for that purpose, be vested in the said trustees for the time being and their successors.

§ 10. When books or furniture shall be given or acquired for the benefit of such congregation, to be used on the said land in the ceremonies of public worship, or at the residence of their minister, the same shall stand vested in the trustees, having the legal title to the land, to be held by them as the land is held, for the benefit of the congregation.

§ 11. The said trustees may, in their own names, sue for and recover such land or property, and be sued in relation thereto. Such suit, notwithstanding the death of any of the said trustees, or the appointment of others, shall proceed in the names of the trustees by or against whom it was instituted.

§ 12. Such trustees shall not take or hold at any one time more than two acres of land in an incorporated town, nor more than thirty acres out of such a town.

§ 13. Any one or more of the members of any religious congregation may, in his or their names on behalf of such congregation, commence and prosecute a suit in equity against any such trustee, to compel him to apply such land or property for the use or benefit of the congregation, as his duty shall require. No member of the congregation need be made a defendant to such suit, but, in other respects, the same shall be proceeded in, heard and determined, as other suits in equity, except that it may be proceeded in, notwithstanding the death of the plaintiff, as if he were still living.

NOTE.—On the 3rd of February, 1842, an act was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled “An act concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship,” which law was inserted in the Journal of 1848, by order of the Convention.

As that law has been repealed by the above act, passed at the late revision of the code of Virginia, which takes effect on the 1st July, 1850, the secretary deems it his duty to publish the said act in the Journal. He would call attention to the fact, that under this law no land can hereafter be *devised* for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, but must be *conveyed by deed* in the lifetime of the donor, whilst the act of 1842 legalised a *devise*, as well as a conveyance of lands for the use and benefit of any religious congregation as a place for public worship, or as a burial place or parsonage.

The following law, prescribing the duty of ministers celebrating the rites of marriage, is enacted by the new code, and is here inserted for the information of the clergy :

New Code, Chap. 108, page 470.—Register of Marriage.

§ 8. A certificate of every marriage hereafter solemnised, signed by the minister or other person celebrating the same, or, in the case of societies that solemnise their marriages by the consent of the par-

ties in open congregation, by the clerk of the meeting, shall be transmitted by such minister, person, or clerk of the meeting, to the clerk of the court of the county or corporation in which the marriage is solemnised, *within three months thereafter*; which certificate shall be recorded by the clerk within thirty days after its receipt, in a book to be kept for that purpose, with a proper index thereto; and a copy thereof from such record shall be evidence of such marriages. If any minister, or other person, celebrating a marriage, or the clerk of any such meeting, or of any court, shall fail to perform what is hereby required of him, *he shall for each failure forfeit sixty dollars.*

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NOTE.—The first Convention of this Diocese after the Revolution, was held in Richmond, on the 18th day of May, 1785; and annual Conventions were held for several years successively in that city. It would appear from Hawks' Ecclesiastical Contributions to Church History, Vol. I, that the Convention did not meet more than twice between the years 1799 and 1812. In the year last named a special Convention was called, and from that period to the present the Convention has assembled annually. From information derived from Dr. Hawks' valuable History of the Church in Virginia, above referred to, the secretary is satisfied that the Convention last held was the 55th annual Convention of this Diocese.