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OF THE
FIFTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

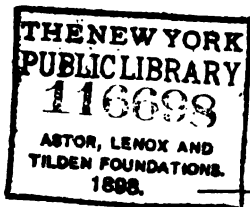
IN
VIRGINIA,

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RICHMOND,

ON THE
19th, 20th, 21st, and 22d of May, 1852.

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FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

_____ PARISH,
 _____ Church, _____
 _____ County, _____.

	Total:
Baptisms.—White adults, _____; white infants, _____; }	_____
“ Colored adults, _____; colored infants, _____; }	_____
Communicants.—Added, white, _____; colored, _____;	_____
“ Removed, _____; withdrawn, _____; suspended, _____;	_____
“ Present number—white, _____; colored, _____;	_____
Confirmed.—White, _____; colored, _____;	_____
Marriages.—White, _____; colored, _____;	_____
Funerals.—White, _____; colored, _____;	_____
Sunday Schools, _____; Teachers, _____; Scholars, _____; Families, _____.	
Amount of contributions to the cause of Religion and the Church, \$_____.	
Post Office, _____	
Remarks—	

[Number of white communicants to be handed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee.]

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.

WHEELING—	Third Wednesday in May,	1853.
LYNCHBURG	“	“ 1854.
FREDERICKSBURG	“	“ 1855.
PETERSBURG	“	“ 1856.
WINCHESTER	“	“ 1857.
NORFOLK	“	“ 1858.
CHARLOTTESVILLE	“	“ 1859.
ALEXANDRIA	“	“ 1860.
STAUNTON	“	“ 1861.
RICHMOND	“	“ 1862.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,
MAY 16, 1852.

- EL. Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D.,** Bishop, Millwood Post Office, Clarke county.
EL. 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. ANGLER, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle co. P. O., Porter's Precinct.
Rev. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.
Rev. P. F. BERKELEY, Raleigh and Genito 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, Walker's Parish, Albemarle county. Post Office, Cobham's Depot.
Rev. R. T. BROWN, Kanawha Parish, Charleston, Kanawha county.
Rev. FRANCIS M. BAKER, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt county.
Rev. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Trinity Church, Staunton.
Rev. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Christ Church, Norfolk.
Rev. MARK L. CHEVERS, Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.
Rev. JAMES CRISHOLM, St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
Rev. JOHN T. CLARK, Roanoke Parish. Post Office, Midland, Charlotte county.
Rev. JOHN COLE, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper Court House.
Rev. JOHN COOKE, officiating in Louisa county, Aetna, Hanover county.
Rev. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Elk Union, Buffalo Springs, Amherst Court House.
Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Kingston Parish, Matthews and Middlesex. P. O., Urbanna.
Rev. LEWIS P. CLOVER, Grace Church, Lexington.
Rev. G. McK. CALLOWAY, Jefferson county. Post Office, Middleway.
Rev. G. W. DAME, Camden and Patrick Parishes, Danville.
Rev. C. B. DANA, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria.
Rev. JAMES DOUGHER, residing in Lynchburg.
Rev. E. A. DALRYMPLE, Rector of the Episcopal High School, Theological Seminary,
Fairfax county.
Rev. H. M. DENNISON, Agent Virginia Bible Society.
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, Caroline 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. JOHN GRAMMER, Antrim Parish, Halifax Court House.

- Rev. C. J. GIBSON, Grace Church, Petersburg.
 Rev. JOHN H. HILL, Missionary, Athens, Greece.
 Rev. J. F. HOFF, Frederick Parish, Millwood, Clarke county.
 Rev. WILLIAM D. HANSON, Missionary, Kabletown, Jefferson county.
 Rev. W. L. HYLAND, Trinity Parish, Marshall county. Post Office, Grave Creek.
 Rev. WILLIAM N. IRISH, St. Thomas's Church, Frederick county; and Hampshire Parish. Post Office, Middletown, Frederick county.
 Rev. R. P. JOHNSTON, 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. JACOB KEELING, Suffolk, Nansemond county.
 Rev. W. H. KINCKLE, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.
 Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county. P. O., Forest Depot.
 Rev. H. S. KEPPLER, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.
 Rev. JNO. H. KEHLER.
 Rev. E. R. LIPPITT, Alexandria.
 Rev. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Cumberland Parish, Macfarland's Store, Lunenburg county.
 Rev. W. T. LEAVELL, Westover Parish, Charles City C. H.
 Rev. W. F. LOCKWOOD, Fall's Church, Fairfax Parish, and Zion Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax Court House.
 Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, St Paul's Parish, King George county.
 Rev. CHARLES MANN, Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester Court House.
 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, D. D., St. John's Church, Wheeling.
 Rev. JOHN C. McCABE, Hampton, St. John's, and Elizabeth City Parish and county.
 Rev. E. C. McGUIRE, D. D., St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.
 Rev. J. P. McGUIRE, St. Anne's and South Farnham Parish, Loretto, Essex county.
 Rev. F. H. McGUIRE, Mecklenburg county.
 Rev. E. B. McGUIRE, Cople Parish. Post Office, Rice's Store, Westmoreland county.
 Rev. WILLIAM McGUIRE, Washington and Cople Parishes, Westmoreland, Oak Grove P. O., Westmoreland county.
 Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Tillotson Parish, Curdsville, Buckingham county.
 Rev. R. M. MITCHESON, residing in Philadelphia.
 Rev. WILLIAM NORWOOD, D. D., Old Church P. O., Hanover county.
 Rev. G. H. NORTON, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, Warrenton.
 Rev. JOSEPH PACKARD, D. D., Professor, Theological Seminary, Fairfax.
 Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, Leeds Parish, Fauquier, Leeds Manor, Fauquier county.
 Rev. R. H. PHILLIPS, Principal of the Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.
 Rev. E. T. PERKINS, Trinity Parish, Parkersburg, Wood county.
 Rev. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county.
 Rev. JAMES A. PAGE, City Mission, Richmond.
 Rev. JAMES RAWSON, D. D., Hungar's Parish, Northampton county.
 Rev. P. G. ROBERT, Meherrin Parish. Post Office, Hicksford, Greenville county.

- Rev. PHILIP SLAUGHTER, Agent Colonization Society of Virginia. Post Office, Fredericksburg.
 Rev. NELSON SALE, West Russell Parish, Big Island, Bedford county.
 Rev. HORACE STRINGSFELLOW, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.
 Rev. HORACE STRINGSFELLOW, Jr., St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry.
 Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Martinsburg.
 Rev. GEORGE A. SMITH, Editor Southern Churchman, Alexandria.
 Rev. ARISTIDES SMITH, officiating, St. Paul's, Suffolk. Post Office, Norfolk.
 Rev. LEONIDAS L. SMITH, Norfolk.
 Rev. CHARLES H. SHIELD, Salem, Fauquier county.
 Rev. S. R. SLACK, Fredericksville Parish, Mechum's River, Albemarle.
 Rev. WM. SPARROW, D. D., Professor Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary, Fairfax.
 Rev. SILAS D. TOTTEN, D. D., Professor in William & Mary College, Williamsburg.
 Rev. H. W. L. TEMPLE, officiating in Essex, Miller's Tavern, Essex.
 Rev. JOHN TOWLER, Dettingen and Leeds Parish, Milford Mills, Prince William.
 Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Dale Parish, Chesterfield, King William Parish, Powhatan. Post Office, Winter Rock, Chesterfield county.
 Rev. S. D. TOMPKINS, Christ Church, Weston, Lewis county, and St. John's Parish, Brooke county. Post Office, Weston, Lewis county.
 Rev. DUDLEY A. TYNG, Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county. Post Office, Charlestown.
 Rev. WILLIAM N. WARD, Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople Parishes, Richmond county. Post Office, Lyell's Store.
 Rev. D. M. WHEARTON, Berkeley, St. George's and St. Margaret's Parishes, Mt. Pleasant, Spottsylvania.
 Rev. JOHN A. WHEARTON, Liberty Post Office, Bedford.
 Rev. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
 Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Monumental Church, Richmond.
 Rev. J. W. WOODVILLE, Germans, Culpepper Court House.
 Rev. RICHARD H. WILKER, Middleburg, Loudoun county.
 Rev. G. T. WILMER, Salem Parish, Roaneke county.
 Rev. EDMUND WITHERS.
 Rev. LEWIS WALKER, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne, Norfolk P. O.
 Rev. WELLINGTON E. WEBB, Dinwiddie Court House.
 Rev. CORNELIUS WALKER, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.
 Rev. J. AMBLER WEED, St. George's Parish, Pungoteague, Accomac.
 Rev. F. M. WHITTLE, Northam Parish, St. James and Beaver Dam Churches, Goochland county. Pemberton Post Office.
 Rev. ANDERSON WADE, M. D., Patrick Parish. P. O., Matinsville, Henry county.
 Rev. J. A. WHEAT, Vice Principal Virginia Female Institute, and Rector of Rockingham Parish.
 Rev. H. T. WILCOXON, Smithfield, Isle of Wight.

LAY DELEGATES

IN ATTENDANCE ON THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE NAMES OF THE
PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH THEY REPRESENTED.

- Alexandria*—C. F. Lee, Christ Church; William H. Fowle, St. Paul's Church.
Amelia County—Dr. Thomas Meaux, Grubb Hill Church.
Albemarle County—Francis K. Nelson, Walker's Parish; Dr. J. N. Gantt, St. Anne's Parish; Eugene Davis, Christ Church, Charlottesville; Raleigh Colston, Fredricksville Parish.
Brunswick County—John Ravenscroft Jones, St. Andrew's Parish.
Botetourt County—Ed. Valentine, Trinity Church.
Botetourt and Roanoke Counties—T. N. Burwell, Botetourt Parish.
Buckingham County—Richard S. Ellis, Tillotson Parish.
Bedford County—Wm. Radford, St. Stephen's Church; J. W. Sherman, St. Thomas's Church, West Russell Parish; Hiram Chesewood, Trinity Church, Russell Parish.
Cumberland County—George F. Harrison, Lyttleton Parish.
Campbell County—Joseph Jones, St. John's Church, Moore Parish.
Clarke County—Hugh N. Pendleton, Wickliffe Parish; Dr. Rob. Randolph, Christ Church, Millwood.
Culpepper County—R. H. Cuninghame, St. James's Church; W. B. Slaughter, St. Stephen's Church.
Charles City County—Robert Douthat, Western Parish.
Caroline County—Wm. B. Harris, St. Margaret's Church.
Essex County—Arthur Temple, South Farnham.
Fauquier County—William Noland, Meade Parish; Robert E. Peyton, Piedmont Parish; Richard C. Ambler, Leeds Parish.
Fredericksburg—Joseph B. Ficklin, St. George's Church.
Hanover County—Edmund Fontaine, St. Martin's Parish; Benjamin R. Blake, St. Paul's Church.
Halifax County—Dabney Cosby, Antrim Parish.
Isle of Wight County—Dr. James Southall, Christ Church, Smithfield.
Lunenburg County—R. B. Atkinson, Cumberland Parish.
Lancaster County—John Chewning, Christ Church.
Lewis County—James O. Hawley, St. Paul's Church.
Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church.
Mecklenburg County—Dr. Charles Sturtevant, St. Luke's Church.
Marshall County—Isaac Hoge, Trinity Church.
Norfolk County—A. L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church; Tazewell Taylor, Christ Church.
New Kent County—John C. Apperson, St. Peter's Church.
Orange County—Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas's Church.
Princess Anne County—Thurmur Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish.
Petersburg—Charles Friend, Grace Church; John Rowlett, St. Paul's Church.

Prince George County—Dr. N. M. Osborne, Martin's Brandon Parish.

Portsmouth—John N. Ashton, Jr., Trinity Church; Charles A. Grice, St. John's Church.

Powhatan County—George N. Skipwith, Grace Church; Richard Anderson, St. James's Parish.

Roanoke County—George P. Tayloe, Botetount Parish.

Rockbridge County—William Stevens, Grace Church, Lexington.

Richmond County—Robert G. Montgomery, Farnham Parish.

Richmond City—W. H. Macfarland, St. Paul's Church; George M. Carrington, St. John's Church; B. B. Minor, St. James's Church; George N. Johnson, Monumental Church.

Rockingham Parish and County—S. H. Lewis.

Staunton—Pike Powers, Trinity Church.

Winchester—Philip Williams, Christ Church.

Wheeling—Robert C. Bonham, St. Matthew's Church.

Williamsburg—Goodrich Durfee, 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.

7th. 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 Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

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, the reception of the Parochial Reports by the Bishop from the clergy, who shall be led upon in alphabetical order for their report, and (if required) the reading of the rochial Report, or such parts of them as the Bishop may think fit.

JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, *May* 19, 1852.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, the Right Reverend the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., in St. Paul's Church, Richmond.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. William Friend, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. William Sparrow, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary of Virginia, from the 15th chapter of Acts, 6th verse: "And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter."

The Right Rev. William Meade, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, took the Chair, assisted by the Right Rev. John Johns, D. D. The Secretary called the roll of the clergymen entitled to seats in this Convention, when the following answered to their names and took their seats as members of the Convention, to wit:

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.	Rev. John Grammer,
Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.	“ C. J. Gibson,
Rev. George Adie,	“ W. L. Hyland,
“ P. F. Berkley,	“ R. P. Johnson,
“ Wm. V. Bowers,	“ William M. Jackson,
“ O. Bulkley,	“ Alexander Jones, D. D.
“ T. T. Castleman,	“ Wm. H. Kinckle,
“ Mark L. Chivers,	“ H. S. Kepler,
“ James Chisholm,	“ Thos. E. Locke,
“ John Cole,	“ Wm. T. Leavell,
“ John Cooke,	“ W. F. Lockwood,
“ G. S. Carroway,	“ Charles Mann,
“ H. M. Dennison,	“ Charles Minnigerode,
“ Joseph Earnest,	“ John C. McCabe,
“ Adam Empie, D. D.	“ E. C. McGuire, D. D.
“ Wm. Friend,	“ John P. McGuire,
“ Andrew Fisher,	“ E. B. McGuire,
“ F. D. Godwin,	“ William McGuire,

Rev. Wm. C. Meredith,	Rev. A. B. Tizzard,
“ William Norwood,	“ Dudley A. Tyng,
“ G. H. Norton,	“ William N. Ward,
“ Joseph Packard, D. D.	“ John H. Wingfield,
“ E. T. Perkins,	“ George Woodbridge,
“ Joshua Peterkin,	“ Richard H. Wilmer,
“ P. G. Robert,	“ G. T. Wilmer,
“ Philip Slaughter,	“ Edmund Withers,
“ Horace Stringfellow,	“ Lewis Walke,
“ Horace Stringfellow, Jr.,	“ J. Ambler Weed,
“ George A. Smith,	“ Anderson Wade, M. D.
“ S. R. Slack,	“ H. T. Wilcoxon,
“ Wm. Sparrow, D. D.,	“ James A. Page,
“ A. Shiras,	“ W. D. Hanson.

Mr. George M. Carrington was appointed the Treasurer, *pro tem.*, to receive the contributions to the Contingent Fund.

The Rev. T. T. Castleman, S. W. Shelton and Roger B. Atkinson, were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who, having performed that duty, reported the following persons elected according to the Canons as Lay Delegates to this Convention, to wit :

- Col. Thos. N. Burwell, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt county.
- Jno. Chewing, Christ Church, Lancaster county.
- Eugene Davis, Christ Church, Charlottesville, Albemarle county.
- Edward Valentine, Trinity Church, Botetourt county.
- Roger B. Atkinson, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county.
- Robt. G. Montgomery, Farnham Parish, Richmond county.
- W. H. Macfarland, St. Paul's Church, Richmond.
- S. W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.
- Dr. Chas. Urquhart, St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, Caroline county.
- Wm. Stevens, Grace Church, Lexington.
- Geo. N. Johnson, Monumental Church, Richmond.
- Jno. W. Sherman, St. Thomas's Church, West Russel Parish, Bedford county.
- Geo. F. Harrison, Littleton Parish, Cumberland county.
- Raleigh Colston, Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle county.
- Joseph B. Ficklin, St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.
- Alfred Seabury, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.
- Charles A. Grice, St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
- Hugh N. Pendleton, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county.
- Dr. Jas. Southall, Christ Church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
- Dr. Richard C. Ambler, Leeds Parish, Fauquier county.
- Richard S. Ellis, Tillotson's Parish, Buckingham county.
- John C. Apperson, St. Peter's Church, New Kent county.
- Edmund Fontaine, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover county.
- J. Ravenscroft Jones, St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick county.
- C. F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria.
- Charles Friend, Grace Church, Petersburg.
- Col. Geo. M. Carrington, St. John's Church, Richmond.

Richard H. Cunningham, St. James's Church, Culpepper county.
 Joseph Jones, St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell county.
 Dabney Cosby, St. John's Church, Antrim Parish, Halifax county.
 Philip Williams, Christ Church, Winchester.
 Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas's Church, Orange county.
 Wm. B. Slaughter, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper county.
 Geo. N. Skipwith, Grace Church, Genito Parish, Powhatan county.
 Dr. Thos. Meaux, Grub Hill Church, Raleigh Parish, Amelia county.
 Pike Powers, Trinity Church, Staunton.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

Rev. Mr. Norton gave notice that he would, at some convenient time during the session of this Convention, bring forward a motion relative to the formation of an Ecclesiastical Court of Appeals by the General Convention.

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

THURSDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M., *May 20, 1852.*

The Convention assembled this morning according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. Assistant Bishop.

The Right Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., in the Chair, assisted by the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The following clergymen not present yesterday, and entitled to seats in this Convention, appeared to-day :

Rev. C. W. Andrews,	Rev. Silas D. Totten, D. D.,
“ William Armstrong,	“ James Rawson, D. D.,
“ E. Boyden,	“ Charles H. Shield,
“ Lewis P. Clover,	“ J. W. Woodville,
“ C. B. Dana,	“ D. M. Wharton,
“ J. F. Hoff,	“ Cornelius Walker,
“ James May, D. D.,	“ B. B. Leacock.

Rev. T. T. Castleman, Chairman of the Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen canonically elected as Lay Delegates to this Convention, who accordingly took their seats :

Tazewell Taylor, Christ Church, Norfolk.
 B. B. Minor, St. James's Church, Richmond.
 John N. Ashton, Sr., Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
 Hiram Chesewood, Trinity Church, Russel Parish, Bedford county.
 Jas. O. Hawley, St. Paul's Church, Weston, Lewis county.
 Wm. B. Harris, St. Margaret's Church, Caroline county.
 R. E. Peyton, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier county.
 Francis K. Nelson, Walker's Parish, Albemarle county.

Robert Douthat, Western Parish, Charles City county.
 Thurmur Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne county.
 William Radford, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county.
 William Noland, Meade Parish, Loudoun and Fauquier counties.
 Dr. Robt. Randolph, Christ Church, Clarke county.
 Robt. C. Bonham, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.
 Benj. R. Blake, St. Paul's Church Parish, Hanover, (Old Church.)
 Isaac Hoge, Trinity Church, Marshall county.
 Dr. N. M. Osborne, Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George county.
 Dr. Chas. Sturtevant, St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg county.
 John Rowlett, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.

Goodrich Durfee, of Bruton Parish, Williamsburg county, (who appeared without proper certificate to qualify him as a member of this Convention,) was, on motion, received as Lay Delegate to represent said Parish; it appearing that, though not provided with the canonical document, he yet was duly elected by his vestry.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese then read his report as follows :

BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT.

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS: Through the unmerited goodness of God, which has extended our unprofitable lives to the present moment, we are permitted to assemble once more to consult for the welfare of that portion of the Christian Church with which we are connected, and by earnest prayer and faithful preaching, seek to draw down upon us the divine blessing, and thus to edify each other. One of the means appointed for the improvement of this season, is the narrative on the part of the Bishops of such labors as God may have enabled them to perform during the past year; to be followed by a similar one on the part of each brother in the ministry. To such duty I now proceed.

So soon as I was sufficiently recovered from a sickness which disqualified me for a portion of the duties, and deprived me of some of the spiritual privileges of the last Convention, I commenced my summer visitation, and spending a day in Charlottesville, confirmed three persons. Thence proceeding to the congregation in Charles City County, spent a day in each, confirming seven in the lower church. A renewal of my sickness prevented the fulfilment of an appointment in New Kent. I was, however, through the goodness of God, enabled to fulfil that made at Old Church, Hanover county, where seven persons were also confirmed. Passing on to Tappahannock, I tarried a day at Old Augustus Church, King William county, and at St. Paul's in Essex, but had no special duties to perform at either of them. At Tappahannock I found a very neat and comfortable house of worship, ready for consecration; seven persons desiring confirmation. In this place I spent two days, during which there were frequent and interesting services, in which myself and several of the brethren took part. My labors were again interrupted by sickness, and I was reluctantly compelled to forego the pleasure of fulfilling my appointments in Middlesex and Lancaster counties. Those in Richmond and Westmoreland, were fulfilled. At the church in Nomini, of the latter county, four were confirmed. I spent two days also at St. Paul's, in King George county, which was and has been for some years, without a minister. Two days were spent at Port Royal, in Caroline county, where three were confirmed. I also spent a day at Old Vauter's Church, in Essex county, where seven were confirmed. Also a day at Grace Church, Caroline

county, where five were confirmed. The next appointment was in Fredericksburg, where I spent the Sabbath preceding our Annual Commencement at the Theological Seminary and High School, and where four were confirmed. While attending the closing services at the Seminary and High School, I held a confirmation in Christ Church, Alexandria, and administered the rite to four persons. As usual, I held an ordination on that occasion, at which the following persons were admitted to Deacon's Orders: W. G. Hawkins, B. B. Leacock, John Hubbard, and Wm. H. Huckell.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Bedell, of New York, one of the Alumni of the Institution, and who, after the example of his deceased father, has ever taken a lively interest in our Seminary. A great increase of interest was added to our services on this occasion by the consecration to the office of Bishop of our beloved missionary brother from Africa, one of the Alumni of our Seminary. In the consecration of Bishop Payne I was aided by my brother Bishops, Lee, of Delaware, and Eastburn, of Massachusetts, and Bishop Johns. Bishop Eastburn preached the sermon on the occasion. I shall ever look back to the performance of this act as among the highest privileges of my life. I thank God for all the intercourse Bishop Payne was permitted to hold with myself, the Professors, and students of our Seminary, with the clergy and people of Virginia, and may I not add for his itinerancy throughout our whole Church.

From all that I can learn, there is an universal testimony in behalf of the sweet spirit towards God and man, which breathes through all his words and actions. May his holy zeal and faithful perseverance be crowned with great success, and many be induced to go to his help. Much as we need the services of those who are gone, and are going from our Seminary to take part with him in his labors of love, I rejoice in the hope that God has thought them worthy to be called to this work.

I return from this pleasing digression, to pursue the narrative of my own poor labors, of which I may well be ashamed, not only by comparison with those just spoken of, but on other accounts. During the period in the summer usually allotted to rest at my own home, I paid a visit to the counties of Fauquier, Rappahannock, and Warren. At Salem Church, in Fauquier, I confirmed three persons; at Leeds Church, one; and on the same day admitted the Rev. Charles Ambler to Priest's Orders. In Rappahannock county I consecrated a new church at Woodville, and confirmed two persons. In Warren county, at Front Royal, I confirmed one. My fall visitation was to Western Virginia. The first duties performed were at Pillowsville and Evansville, two small villages at the western base of the Alleghany mountains. Between these, three days were spent in company with the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, of Weston. In the former we have six or seven communicants, who have migrated to it from the North within the last few years. A Sabbath was next spent at Morgantown, where we have three or four valuable members, and where one was confirmed. A day was also spent at Smithtown, where we have a few friends, though only one member. A day was spent at Fairmount, and two services held; at the last of which four were confirmed. This is one of the most growing places in Western Virginia. We have ten or twelve members here already, and assurances were given me that a church would be built. At Clarksburg, which, for a time, should be connected with Fairmount, I held two services, at each of which I addressed myself at some length to the friends of the Church, urging speedy efforts for a house of worship. A handsome subscription was made on the spot, and assurances given that the work should be done. Two days were spent at Weston; a church consecrated, and four persons confirmed. Two days were also devoted to Parkersburg, where eight were confirmed. From Parkersburg I visited Bellville, about fifteen miles off, where I consecrated a small plain

church, and confirmed two persons. From Parkersburg I proceeded to Ravenswood, a small village on the Ohio, where a neat church has been put up at the expense of Mr. Fitzhugh, the owner of the land on which the village has been erected. Two days were here spent in continued services by myself and Mr. Perkins. My next appointments were at Point Pleasant and Mercer Bottom, on the Ohio. At the former place one was confirmed. It has been some years since regular services were enjoyed at these places. I next visited the congregations on the Kanawha river, four in number, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Nash, who has since left them, spending a day at each, and confirming five persons in two of them. At Charleston and the Salines, two days were spent; seven were confirmed at the former, and nine at the latter. On returning, I spent another day at Ravenswood, and consecrated the new church; also, another day at Parkersburg, being the day of thanksgiving appointed by the Church, when I supplied the place of the minister by some appropriate remarks. Ascending the Ohio, I came next to Martinsville, a new and promising village, where I consecrated a new church, and confirmed six persons. A day was also spent at Grave Creek, still higher up the Ohio, where I addressed the friends of the Church on the subject of building a house of worship, and received assurance that it should be done. My next appointments were at Wellsburg on the Ohio, and St. John's in the vicinity. Two days were devoted to them. The last appointments were in Wheeling, where thirty persons were confirmed, six in the new church of St. John's, and twenty-four in St. Matthew's. Soon after my return home, I was called on to consecrate the new church at Charlestown, Jefferson county, which had been rebuilt on the ruins of that which was burnt a few years since. At that time I also consecrated nine persons. The speedy rebuilding of this church after the loss of one which had scarcely been consecrated before it was consumed by fire, shows what may be done by active zeal in a good cause.

In the month of April of the present year, I entered again on duty by visiting two congregations in Hampshire county. In one of them—that in Romney—I confirmed five persons. On Easter Sunday, I confirmed seven in the Church at Winchester. On the following week, I visited the congregation at Upperville and Middleburg, confirming one in the former. In the same week, I visited the congregation at Salem and Warrenton. On Sunday, at the latter place, I admitted to Deacon's orders two of the Alumni of our Seminary—Dr. Stoney, of South Carolina, and Mr. Wall, from Ireland, and at the same time confirmed seven persons. I am happy to add that a new and larger Church is in the way of speedy completion in this place. The heavy rains and high waters prevented a visit to St. Stephen's Church in Fauquier county. Two days were now spent at Hay Market, where five persons were confirmed. Two days also at Brentsville, where three were confirmed. The Sabbath was given to the congregation at Centreville and Fairfax Court House, at the latter of which one was confirmed. On the first Sabbath of this month twenty-two were confirmed in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, and on the second, ten in Christ Church. I have also been enabled to perform my usual duties at the Seminary by delivering some lectures to the senior and graduating class on the duties of the Pastoral office. To this statement of visits, confirmations, ordinations, and consecrations, I add, as required by the Canon, a list of candidates for the Ministry admitted, and letters dimissory given and received. The candidates admitted during the past year are as follows: Mr. Dabney C. Davis, Mr. Archibald M. Morrison, Mr. William Wright, Jr. Thomas G. Addison, Mr. James P. Fugitt, W. M. Nelson.

I have also received, by a letter dimissory from Bishop Brownell, of Connecticut, Mr. Loville, as candidate for orders.

I have received into the Diocese of Virginia, by letter dimissory from the Bishop of Maryland, the Rev. Mr. Baker and the Rev. Mr. Kehler.

From the Diocese of New York, the Rev. Mr. Denison. From the Diocese of Kentucky, the Rev. Mr. Page. From the Diocese of Alabama, the Rev. Aristides Smith. From the Diocese of Ohio, the Rev. Mr. Tolford.

I have given letters dimissory to the Bishop of Ohio, in behalf of the Rev. Mr. McIlroy, and the Rev. R. J. Nash. To the Bishop of Kentucky, in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Jones, the Rev. P. B. Nash, the Rev. J. N. Ufford. To the Bishop of Maryland, in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Caldwell, the Rev. Mr. Green, the Rev. Mr. Disbrough, and the Rev. Mr. White.

The Rev. Mr. Nelson and the Rev. Mr. Keith have also transferred their canonical relations and services to the missionary station and Bishop in China.

This account of Episcopal acts being rendered, I briefly refer to a few topics of interest in our Diocese.

1st. At the last Convention, the Bishops were requested to take some steps towards the purchase of the Female Institute at Staunton. They accordingly drew up and issued a circular, setting forth the reasons in behalf of this measure, and appointed four of our most active and suitable ministers to solicit contributions for the same, viz: the Rev. Mr. Peterkin, the Rev. Mr. Walker, the Rev. Mr. Castleman, and the Rev. Mr. Phillips. A report of their labors, and of the results thereof, will doubtless, either by themselves or a committee, be presented to the Convention.

2d. The subject of the religious instruction of our servants has from time to time been presented to the members of our Church in Episcopal addresses, or by a Conventional resolution, and now, it is hoped, without some good effect. Attention to the spiritual condition of this portion of our community is we trust on the increase. Many of our ministers faithfully devote to them a portion of their time and labors. But without the co-operation of the Laity, much will be left undone. In order to furnish aids to them in the performance of this duty, we are endeavoring to supply suitable books to be used in families. At our last Convention we recommended a volume of sermons, prepared almost entirely by ministers of the Church of Virginia, as admirably calculated for this purpose. We still continue our commendation of it. We are happy now to call your attention to another volume of lesser size, containing several excellent Catechisms for the oral instruction of servants. This has been prepared by the Rev. Mr. Hoff, and may be had in this place. Many of them I hope will be carried to their homes, by the Clergy and Laity composing this Convention, and by others in attendance, to be faithfully applied to the purposes for which they have been carefully prepared.

3d. To another subject of deepest interest I invite your special attention. You perceive, from what I have just stated, that the number of those admitted as candidates for the ministry is small—that the ministers who have gone from amongst us to other Dioceses and to the foreign missionary fields, are more in number than those who have been added to our list by ordination or by letters dimissory. The consequence of which is, the destitution of a greater number of our smaller parishes than at any previous period. This destitution presses heavily upon the minds of the Bishops, to whom applications are continually made for ministerial supplies. This care of all the churches comes indeed daily upon them, and constrains them to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the field. But their prayers are not all that God requires in order to the bestowment of this grace on his church. The prayers and active co-operation of all who are concerned must be zealously afforded in order to the receiving of the

great army of preachers, which from the first has been necessary to the carrying on of that warfare which seeks the subjugation of the kingdoms of this world to Christ. We fear that there is a most criminal neglect of this duty, chargeable at this time to the whole Church of Christ. The complaint of the want of ministers is universal through all our borders. Amongst all denominations in our country the proportion of ministers to the people has, for some years, been diminishing. The population of the whole land has been, indeed, for a long time, outgrowing the ministry. The Theological Seminaries all bear sad testimony to this melancholy fact. The literary institutions of our land are increasing in number and size, and are full to overflowing. The learned professions are overstocked. Gold and military glory have attractions for youth, which draw them by thousands to the fields where these perishing things are to be sought at the peril of soul and body. Christian parents, it is to be feared, are often much guilty in this respect. They cannot covet the honor of the ministry for their sons, as they ought to do, or the Lord would surely grant them their heart's desire. Is it too much to affirm, in such a time of need for young ministers, that all Christian parents should feel and say as to every man child born unto them, we give this, our child, to the service of the Lord, in his sanctuary, if the Lord shall, by blessing our prayers and instructions, make him meet for that duty? If this were done, would there be a lack of faithful ministers? Out of all the sons thus early given to the Lord, and sought to be prepared for his service, would there not be a sufficient number found meet for the work of the ministry? Would it also be too much to say, as to every young man into whose heart the converting spirit of the Lord has entered, and who feels necessarily laid upon him to unite himself to the society of the faithful, that it is his duty to look unto God and inquire, "Lord, what wouldst thou have me to do?" Ought not all such to feel ready to give themselves up to the work of the ministry, if judicious friends, and those who are permitted to judge in this matter, should decide that there are sufficient qualifications, and if the Lord should encourage their hearts by his holy spirit to undertake the same? Surely, if there was this disposition in all young converts, we should not have such cause to mourn over the sad deficiency which now so afflicts all parts of God's Church, while all other professions would still be abundantly supplied. Let me, therefore, put it to the hearts of all Christian parents, whether they do thus seek the honor of the ministry for their children above all other things. Let me put it to the consciences of all Christian ministers, whether they do their duty in placing this question before the hearts of parents and sons as they ought to do, both in public discourses and private intercourse. I put it to the souls of all young men in the Church, whether they have deeply considered what is the path of duty for them towards that Savior who has redeemed them, and towards those for whom he died. Let me remind ministers, parents, and all others, whose duty it is to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more and faithful laborers into the ministry, that according to the testimony of all history, if proper means be not adopted to obtain, in sufficient numbers, men of God—pastors after God's own heart—for the work, God will permit such as shall cause the people to err to occupy the field and destroy the harvest. Ministers, sooner or later, there will be of some sort. If faithful ones do not engage in the work, mere hirelings will do it. If sound minded men, preaching the true gospel, do not undertake it, heretical ones, preaching another Gospel—the true Gospel perverted—will certainly do it. In no age or country has there been for long time a want of ministers of some sort. Nature abhors a vacuum. Air, either pure or impure, will rush in. Either weeds or herbs will fill up the vacant soil of this earth. So it is with the Church of God. The pulpits will be supplied, the ordinances will be adminis-

tered, the prayers will be offered up, either by the worthy or unworthy. Let all the Churches of our Lord take heed to this, and adopt the most effective measures for a full supply of faithful, zealous, and intelligent ministers. I submit it especially to the consideration of this Convention, whether some resolution might not be adopted at its present session, which might, by God's blessing, help to enforce the duty now referred to on the hearts of our ministers and people.

While thus lamenting over the inadequate supply of ministers, and great backwardness on the part of parents and their sons to covet the honor and blessedness of the sacred office, I should be ungrateful to the Great Head of the Church not to acknowledge His goodness in pouring out on the hearts of the young men now at our Seminary, and on others who have been there trained up for the ministry, such a missionary spirit as has constrained a number of them to forsake country, parents, friends, and many earthly comforts, and to go to far distant lands to preach the Gospel of Christ. We desire to cherish this spirit in still more of them; and would that we were able to meet all the demands made on our Seminary from various parts of our own land. So far as God may have used our Institution for the purpose of watering others, we desire to bless him for the honor, and pray that in answer to the prayers of those thus watered, ourselves may be refreshed by the dews of Heaven.

4th. It is due to living worth as well as to the memory of a deceased sister in the Lord, to record in this document an act of testamentary beneficence and the prompt execution of the same by her legatee. Mrs. Elizabeth Sophia Jones, of Prince William County, a most sincere follower of Christ, and an attached member of our Church, was removed during the last winter from the Church on earth to her resting place with Christ. By her will, she left to my disposal, for sacred purposes, fifty shares of stock in the Bank of Virginia, and eight hundred and fifty dollars of Virginia State Stock. Her son, Mr. W. J. Downman, of Lancaster county, with a readiness and a filial piety which are in striking contrast with the conduct of some in times past, has taken steps for the transfer of the same, although, through the peculiarity of our Virginia code, that portion of the will is void in law. A younger sister may still claim, if reaching the legal age, a moiety of this bequest, and I shall therefore give a refunding bond for the same, and leave it untouched, without the slightest apprehension that the child of such a mother, and the sister of such a brother, will ever do otherwise than follow their example, and consummate their acts. Let me also add, that Mrs. Jones did not, like too many, postpone her charities to a dying hour. She was always liberal to the institutions of the Church and to objects of charity while living, and she was so without ostentation. As an instance, let me mention that, some years since, I received from her ten shares of Bank stock for our Theological Seminary, with a request that the donor be not known. That which I was not permitted to publish while she existed, I may surely now declare for the example of others.

5th. I cannot conclude this address without referring with feelings of gratitude to the act of the last Convention, which has enabled me, without pecuniary embarrassment, to rebuild my residence which had been consumed by fire. By means of such help, at the end of one year I was enabled, together with those composing my family, to enter on a new and much better dwelling place than that which had been destroyed. Although there were many associations connected with that which has past away, and which cannot easily be forgotten, yet the thought of the source to which I am indebted for the latter will ever endear it to my heart. This, however, is only one of innumerable kindnesses received from friends and brothers throughout the Diocese of Virginia, which serve as ties to bind

my heart to them, and which, when I shall be unable to go in and out among them as at present, will be sources of grateful and pleasing remembrance.

And now, praying that the Holy Spirit may preside over our deliberations, and may bless all the religious exercises of this occasion, I remain your friend and brother in Christ,

WILLIAM MEADE.

The Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop, next read his report, as follows :

BISHOP JOHNS'S REPORT.

During the Convention at Staunton, I addressed the congregation assembled in Trinity Church on the mornings of the 22d and 24th of May, and on the latter of these occasions I confirmed twelve persons. May 25th, in the afternoon, I addressed the Missionary meeting, and at night preached the sermon at the close of the Convention. 27th, I preached in St. Paul's, Albemarle, and confirmed three persons; at night I preached in Christ's Church, Charlottesville. 28th, I preached in the Church at Buck Mountain. 29th, I preached in Walker's Church. My appointment for the next morning at St. John's, Louisa, was withdrawn, that I might pass on immediately to Richmond, and be in readiness to meet certain appointments of Bishop Meade, who was detained at Staunton by sickness.

June 1st, I was engaged to officiate at St. Johns, Richmond, but as the repairs of the Church were not completed, the building was not in a condition to be occupied; the service was postponed. 8th, I preached in Williamsburg, and confirmed seven persons. 15th, I preached in Beaver Dam Church, Goochland, and confirmed three persons. 16th, I preached in St. Paul's, Goochland, and confirmed three persons. 17th, I preached in Immanuel's Church, Powhatan, and confirmed two. 18th, I preached in St. Luke's, Powhatan, and confirmed three. 19th, I preached in Grace Church, Genito. 20th, Preached in the same Church. 21st, I consecrated Trinity Church, Chesterfield; the sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; morning service by the Rev. Messrs. Berkeley, Fisher, and Webb; sermon by myself. 22d, I preached in the same Church, and confirmed one person. From Chesterfield I proceeded to meet two appointments which Bishop Meade was prevented from fulfilling—one at Grace Church, Petersburg, the other at Hicksford. As the new building for the congregation at Grace Church, was not out of the contractor's hands, the consecration was postponed. 24th, I preached at Hicksford, and confirmed seven persons. 29th, I preached in the College Chapel at Williamsburg.

July 6th, At St. Peters, New Kent, I fulfilled an appointment for Bishop Meade; preached and confirmed three persons. 10th, In St. Paul's, Alexandria, I assisted Bishop Meade in the ordination services, and admitted the Rev. C. Keith, and the Rev. G. McK. Calloway, to Priest's Orders. 11th, In St. Paul's, Alexandria, I assisted in the consecration of the Rt. Rev. John Payne, D. D. 18th, I preached in the Church at Leesburg. 19th, I preached in the same Church, and confirmed three persons. 20th, I preached in Immanuel Church, Middleburg, and confirmed three persons. 21st, I preached in Trinity Church, Upperville, and confirmed one person. 23d, At Millwood baptized the Rector's daughter, and after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Peterkin, I addressed the congregation. 25th, I preached at Middletown, and confirmed one person. 27th, The morning appointment at Christ Church, Winchester, was interfered with by the unfavorable weather; at night, however, I officiated, and confirmed one person. 29th, I preached at Martinsburg, and confirmed seven persons. 30th and 31st, I was prevented by rain from reaching Hedgesville.

August 1st, I preached at Smithfield, and laid the corner stone of a new Church, since completed. 2d, I preached at Shepherdstown, and confirmed five persons. 3d, I preached in the same Church, and admitted the Rev. Horace Stringfellow, Jr., and the Rev. J. Campbell White to Priest's Orders; the morning service was read by the Rev. D. F. Sprigg, the candidates were presented by the Rev. C. W. Andrews. 4th, I preached at Harper's Ferry, and confirmed seventeen persons. 5th, I preached at Charlestown and confirmed eleven persons. 6th, I preached at Wickliffe and confirmed five persons. 7th, I preached at Grace Church, Berryville, and confirmed three persons. 16th, I preached at "Jordan's Spring." 17th, I preached at Hedgesville. 18th, I preached in the morning in the same Church and confirmed ten persons. At night, after the sermon by the Rev. Mr. Sprigg, I addressed the congregation. 24th, in Immanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware, I preached, morning and afternoon.

September 7th, I preached in Christ Church, Baltimore. 16th, I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown, morning and night. 21st, I preached in Christ Church, Washington. 28th, I preached in Williamsburg.

October 12th and 19th, I preached in Williamsburg. 26th, at St. John's, Richmond, I preached and confirmed five persons. 28th, I consecrated Grace Church, Petersburg, The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; morning service by the Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge and Stringfellow; sermon by the Rev. Mr. Norwood. On the same occasion I confirmed eleven persons. In February, 1843, I consecrated the frame building in which this congregation commenced their public services. It affords cause of gratitude to find that in less than nine years they have attained a size and strength requiring a larger house of worship, and enabling them to provide for themselves a Church more eligibly situated, and in dimensions, style, and material, appropriately expressive of the prosperity with which God has blessed them. October 30th, I preached at Ca Ira. 31st, I preached at Curdsville.

November 2d, I preached at Trinity, Bedford, and confirmed three persons. The Rector, the Rev. Mr. Sale, was detained at home by sickness, and I regreted to learn, by a letter from him, that the nature of his affection was such as to render it necessary for him to discontinue his services in this and the other congregations with which it was connected. The night of the same day I preached in Lynchburg.

November 3d, I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; morning service by the Rev. Messrs. G. Wilmer and Kinsolving; sermon by myself. It is due to this congregation to record the fact, that the large and beautiful building which they have erected for the worship of Almighty God was entirely paid for before its consecration. The same night I preached and confirmed twenty persons.

November 4th, I preached at Campbell Court House. 5th, I preached at St. John's, Campbell, and confirmed three persons. From this church a conveyance was kindly furnished by Mr. Punnell to his residence on Staunton river, and after receiving his hospitalities for the night, he sent me on the next day to Pittsylvania Court House. 7th, In the morning, I preached, and at night addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Lee, of the Diocese of North Carolina.

November 9th, I preached at Henry Court House and confirmed four. 10th, I preached again in the same Church. 12th, I preached at Danville. 13th, I preached in the same Church and confirmed eighteen persons. 15th, I preached at St. John's Church, Halifax Court House, in the morning, and addressed the congregation at night after the Rev. Mr. Clark. 16th, I preached in the same Church and confirmed five persons;

again at night addressed the congregation after the Rev. Mr. Clark. 17th, I preached at Catawba Church. 18th, I preached at the Brick Church. 20th, I preached at St. Paul's, Lunenburg. 21st, I preached at St. John's, Lunenburg. 22d, I preached at the City Church. 23d, I preached at Boynton. 24th, I preached at Clarksville and confirmed three. 25th, The rain prevented the congregation from assembling at St. Andrews. 26th, I preached at St. Luke's and confirmed three persons. The five churches in Mecklenburg are vacant, the Rev. F. McGuire having been under the necessity of resigning the congregations under his care on account of his ill health.

December 7th, I preached at Williamsburg. 18th, in the Church in Williamsburg I admitted the Rev. P. G. Roberts to Priest's Orders; the service was read by the Rev. Mr. Withers; sermon by the Rev. Mr. Minnigerode. Both united in the imposition of hands. 21st, I preached in Williamsburg.

My services during the winter may be summarily stated, and yet with sufficient distinctness for the purpose of this report.

For more than a year past the Church in Williamsburg has unhappily been vacant, and the supply of the pulpit has, unavoidably, devolved on Dr. Totten and myself. I have preached there on Sunday, and also lectured on Wednesday, during Lent.

In College, on Sunday afternoons, I have conducted a class engaged in Biblical History; three days of the week, I have been occupied in a course on Moral Philosophy; and every Wednesday on Natural Theology. The course on Moral Philosophy is confined to the senior class; the recitations on the Bible, and on Natural Theology, are attended by all the students.

In addition to these regular services, I have officiated elsewhere as follows:

February 18th and 19th, in St. Paul's, and in the Monumental Church, Richmond, after other clergy, I addressed the respective congregations.

March 3d, Before the usual hour for service, I confirmed a sick person, and afterwards preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg, and confirmed twelve persons. In the afternoon, I addressed the congregation in Grace Church, and confirmed eleven persons. At night, I preached again in St. Paul's.

April 2d, I went to Norfolk to engage there, and in the vicinity, in the special services of the season. 4th, I preached, in the morning, in St. John's, Portsmouth, and confirmed eight persons. In the afternoon, I preached at Trinity Church, and confirmed one person. 5th, I preached in Kempeville, and confirmed one person. 6th, I preached in the other Church of the same Parish, and at night lectured in Norfolk. 7th, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk. 8th, I preached, in the morning, in Trinity, Portsmouth, and at night, in St. Paul's, Norfolk. 9th, Good Friday, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, and at night in St. Paul's. 11th, Easter Sunday, I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed fifty-five persons; at night, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed twenty-seven persons. 12th, I preached at Hampton, and confirmed three persons. 29th, I left home to visit the Churches on the Eastern Shore, and, on my way, preached in the Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort, and confirmed six persons.

May 2d. I preached, in the morning, at Drummondtown, and at night at Onancock. This parish is still vacant. 3d, I preached at Pungoteague. 4th, I preached in St. Michael's, Bellhaven, and confirmed five. 5th, I preached in Hungar's Church, and confirmed seven, two of whom were from St. Michael's Church. 6th, I preached at Eastville. 7th, on my return, I preached at Hampton, and confirmed six. 16th, I preached in Williamsburg.

In closing this report, it is proper that I should advert to the condition of William and Mary College, with which, by the advice of a former Convention, I consented to become connected. It will, I am sure, be gratifying to the members of this body and the Diocese at large, to be assured that our success has surpassed our expectations. The revival of this venerable institution, associated with much that is interesting in our colonial history, and honored as the *Alma Mater* of many of our most distinguished citizens, is now regarded as past the process of experiment. The number of academic students already exceeds the average matriculated since the foundation of the College, and our prospects for the coming session leave us nothing to apprehend in respect to numbers. It is, however, still more pleasing to state that the general spirit and deportment of the young gentlemen under our care has been such as to relieve the faculty of much of the anxiety of their office, and to secure the commendation of the surrounding community. If this most desirable order is perpetuated in the institution, it must afford to parents the opportunity of educating their sons with as little to endanger their principles as is compatible with a college course, and gain for it the character which we chiefly covet—a Seminary of sound science and christian morality.

J. JOHNS.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees :

Committee on Parochial Reports :

Rev. C. J. Gibson,	Rev. Thos. Locke,
“ S. R. Slack,	“ Wm. M. Jackson,
Rev. G. S. Carraway.	

Committee on New Parishes :

Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	Rev. George Adie,
Philip Williams,	Tazewell Taylor.

Committee on the State of the Church :

Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D.,	John Chewing,
“ E. C. McGuire, D. D.,	H. N. Pendleton,
“ Adam Empie, D. D.,	G. Durfee,
“ Alexander Jones, D. D.,	William Stevens,
“ J. Peterkin,	R. H. Cunningham,
“ G. Adie,	Philip Williams,
“ John Grammer,	William Radford.

Committee on the Episcopal Fund :

Rev. C. B. Dana,	Wm. H. Macfarland,
“ William M. Jackson,	Dr. James Southall,
“ Dr. Norwood,	G. N. Johnson.

Committee on the Missionary Society of the Diocese :

Rev. G. Woodbridge,	C. A. Grice,
“ H. S. Kepler,	P. Powers.

Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund :

Rev. John P. McGuire,	Rev. C. W. Andrews.
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Committee on Finance :

Tazewell Taylor,

R. H. Cunningham,

R. N. Johnson.

The Parochial Reports were called for, and referred to the Committee on Parochial Reports.

Rev. C. B. Dana, President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, read the report of their proceedings for the past year.

A petition for the formation of a new Parish in Rockingham county, was received and referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

A petition for the division of Littleton Parish was received, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

A petition from Ravenswood Parish, Jackson county, praying for admission into this Diocese, was received, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes ; also a like petition from St. John's Parish, Pleasants county.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted in reference to the Virginia Bible Society :

Resolved, That this Convention regards with undiminished interest and confidence the objects and conduct of the Bible Society of Virginia, and cordially recommend it to the co-operation of every Parish in the Diocese.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Female Institute at Staunton, was referred to the following Special Committee :

Rev. Mr. Walker,

John Chawning,

" Mr. Mann,

Wm. Noland.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the want of Ministers, was referred to the following Special Committee :

Rev. Mr. Armstrong,

T. N. Burwell,

" Dr. Packard,

Edward Valentine.

" Mr. Andrews,

On motion, the Convention took a recess to attend Divine service.

After service the Convention again assembled.

Rev. Mr. Wilmer, Chairman of the Committee on New Parishes, made a report on the application from members of the Church in Rockingham county, declaring their attachment to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and praying to be admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, under the name of Rockingham Parish, and to be bounded by the limits of said county ;

Also a report on an application from members and friends comprising the congregation of St. James' Church, in Cumberland county, praying to be separated from Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland county, by a line commencing upon the boundary line of the counties of Cumberland and Powhatan, and drawn across the county of Cumberland to the Buckingham county line,

so as to intersect Oak Grove and Bon Brook, and to be constituted a New Parish under the style of Leighton Parish ;

Also a report on an application from friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Pleasants county, praying to be admitted into connection with the Diocese of Virginia, under the style of St. John's Parish, with the limits of said county as their boundary line ;

Also a report on an application from the friends of the Church in Jackson county, praying to be admitted in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, under the style of Ravenswood Parish, with the boundaries of the said county as their limits ; recommending that the prayers of the several petitions be granted.

On motion, the said Parishes were admitted as recommended by the Committee.

The following proposed amendments to Canon 12 were read, and on motion referred to a Special Committee, to wit :

Amendment, No. 1.—To amend the title of said Canon by adding after the word "Congregations," "and New Parishes "

Amendment No. 2.—Whenever any number of persons, not residing in any existing parish, shall desire to form a new parish, they shall appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

Amendment No. 3.—The committee so appointed, shall present a petition to the Convention, setting forth the boundaries of the proposed parish, and requesting that such new parish may be formed in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties of other parishes of the Diocese.

Amendment No. 4.—If the Convention shall form such parish, the vestrymen shall be elected as prescribed by the 4th and 5th sections of Canon 11.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen as the committee :

Rev. J. F. Hoff,
Philip Williams,

Rev. Dr. May,
Tazewell Taylor.

On motion, the application from members of Botetourt Parish, to form a new parish within the limits of Roanoke county, under the name of Salem Parish, was received, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

Rev. T. T. Castleman, chairman of the committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, reported Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, of Rockingham Parish, Rockingham county, as duly elected ; and that gentleman appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial from this Convention to His Excellency the Governor of this Commonwealth, requesting him to recommend a day for Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth, and all the other blessings of His merciful providence.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit a copy of the above resolution to the several religious denominations in the State, and ask their concurrence in the measure.

The Chair appointed the following committee under the foregoing resolution :

Rev. Messrs. Tyng,	Mr. W. B. Harrison,
“ Norwood,	“ Tazewell Taylor,
“ Andrews,	“ Ed. Fontaine.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, *May 21*, 1852.

The Convention met this morning, the Right Rev. Bishop Meade in the chair.

Proceedings were commenced with prayer by the Right Rev. Bishop Johns.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings were then read, and the following clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared to day and took their seats as members of the Convention.

Rev. George D. Cummins,	Rev. H. W. L. Temple,
“ G. W. Dame,	“ O. A. Kinsolving,
“ R. H. Phillips,	“ G. McK. Calloway.

The Rev. Mr. Castleman, from the Committee on Lay Delegates, reported William H. Fowle, of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria; Richard Anderson, St. James' Parish, Powhatan county; and Arthur Temple, South Farnham Parish, Essex county, as canonically elected as delegates from said Church and Parishes, who appeared and took their seats.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the tender to this Convention, by R. G. Scott, Esq., of the City of Richmond, a visitor of William and Mary College, for distribution, of an edition (published by him) of “a discourse on the death of General Washington, late President of the United States,” delivered on the 22d of February, 1800, in the Church in Williamsburg, by James Madison, D. D., be accepted, and the thanks of the Convention returned to him for the same.

A petition from members of Meade Parish, for a division of the same, was received, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes

Agreeably to notice the following resolutions were offered, and referred to a Special Committee to consider the same and report to the next Convention :

Whereas, a Canon was proposed in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church at its last session, providing for the institution of a Supreme Court of Appeals, to determine questions of law, upon proper appeal from the Ecclesiastical authority of any Diocese; and whereas, this Convention believes such appellate tribunal, organized upon just principles, would tend to promote the best interests of our Zion; and whereas, it was decided by the House of Deputies, that the subject was of importance, and should be referred to the next General Convention; and whereas, it may be supposed

the national legislature of our Church will be somewhat influenced in its judgment by an expression of the known wants of their constituents; therefore—

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Convention, a Supreme Court of Appeals for deciding questions of law arising in Diocesan judicatories, is needed, and that the want of such tribunal is a marked deficiency in our otherwise admirable and republican system of Church government.

Resolved, That as a natural consequence of the absence of some general judicial review of mooted law points arising in various Dioceses, the legislation of the General Convention has assumed to some extent the form of *special* enactment, tending to change the nature of our great law-making authority, and to substitute for its legitimate functions the exercise of powers judicial in effect.

Resolved, That an important principle of all free governments forbids the vesting of legislative and judicial powers in the same hands; and as such combination of functions in the same man or body of men is in civil governments deemed tyrannical, it cannot be safe in ecclesiastical politics, because experience has shown that ecclesiastics may run the same career of ambition and despotism as that pursued by other men.

Resolved, That while we have no disposition to dictate a course of conduct for our delegates to the General Convention, neither do we express any opinion with regard to the precise organization of the supreme tribunal, yet we cannot but hope that a just and effective scheme may be presented and adopted for remedying the defect referred to; and we cannot but express our earnest solicitude, that those who have been constituted proper authorities for regulating the important matter, may be so guided in their deliberations and furthered in their efforts, that the rights, liberties, and privileges of all within our borders may be secured from the evils of injustice and oppression.

The Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop in the chair, appointed the following Committee :

Rev. Dr. Sparrow,
 “ Mr. Grammer,
 “ Mr. Norton,

Wm. H. Macfarland,
 Philip Williams,
 Cassius F. Lee.

The Rev. Mr. Norton, on his motion, was excused from further attendance at this Convention.

Bishop Meade laid before the Convention the following letter from Bishop Boone, of the China mission :

SHANGHAI, February 11, 1852.

RT. REV. AND DEAR BROTHER: I have received with great pleasure, and with many thanks to God, the welcome accession from your Diocese. Our friends are so full of simple, warmed-heart piety, that their arrival has been a great refreshment to us all. It was so ordered of God that they came to us on Christmas day, which we accepted as a happy augury for their future destiny here, it being the day of greatest thanksgiving in the whole year. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, and Mr. Keith are domiciliated with me, and a most happy household we are, through God's blessing. I have just been obliged to send my dear wife home for her health, and she has taken our children with her, so that the presence of our friends from Virginia is peculiarly acceptable. Mrs. Nelson is so kind as to relieve me of the cares of housekeeping. They are making good progress in the language, and I trust will be able to preach before the end of the year.

I have to thank you also for the very liberal aid extended to our female school at the Jubilee collection. I trust you will convey to the whole Diocese the hearty thanks of

myself and of the whole mission, for the handsome collection made in aid of this excellent work. Miss Jones is now living in a part of the house, with a small company of very nice little girls around her. The whole building will be completed in a few weeks, and I trust by God's blessing we shall have a flourishing girl's school before the end of the year.

Thanks to our Heavenly Father our work progresses. I have recently received two applications to become candidates for the ministry, from two very worthy natives: one a youth of twenty-one, who is just leaving our school; the other a man of fifty years, who has been a very consistent Christian for three years, and who declares, in a very simple and heart-touching manner, his desire to tell his countrymen of the Savior. When I inquired of him a few days since why he wished to become a Deacon, he answered: "I was as one dead until I heard of Jesus; now I am alive, and I want to tell others of him that *they* may live too." Chai, our native Deacon, is a great comfort to us, he is respected by all his countrymen who know him. I have had many of them tell me he is the best man they ever knew, and I have never heard a word said against him. He promises to become an excellent preacher, with more experience.

I am prevented from preaching in the city by my nervous affection; it affects my head, spine, and heart, so that my physicians are afraid of the excitement of preaching in a large Church, but God is very merciful to me, so that I am able to teach daily in our school chapel, I hope with some good success.

Pray for us, my dear brother, our work is very great, and truly the instrumentality is weak.

Remember me very affectionately to my old classmates, your son Richard, and my good brother Hoff, who is with you at Millwood, and believe me, with much veneration and sincere affection, truly, yours in the Lord,

Rt. Rev. BISHOP MEADE,

WM. J. BOONE.

Millwood, Clarke county, Va.

The Convention then took a recess till after Divine service.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his annual account, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approves the course of many of its members in forming themselves into convocations for continuous preaching, and for the purposes ordinarily contemplated in such organizations; and that we do recommend to those of the clergy who have not yet adopted this practice, to unite in convocations whenever it may be practicable.

On motion, it was ordered that the next Convention be held in St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, on the third Wednesday in May next.

Ordered, that Wheeling hereafter be one of the regular places for the meetings of the Convention of this Diocese, to follow after the sessions in Richmond.

Leave of absence is granted to Dr. Thomas Meaux, the Lay Delegate at Grubb Hill Church, Raleigh Parish, Amelia county.

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

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SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M., *May 22, 1852.*

The Convention assembled this morning at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer by Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns.

The Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Diocesan Missionary Society, made the following report :

The committee on the Diocesan Missionary Society respectfully report that they have examined the amounts of the Treasurer, and find them correct, and sustained by the proper vouchers.

They earnestly desire to impress upon the Convention the necessity of sustaining this society by liberal contributions. They annex the report of the executive committee of the society.

GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, *Chairman.*

Report of the Diocesan Missionary Society to the Convention for the past year.

The Executive Committee beg leave respectfully to report that they have appropriated during the past year, to the Rev. Mr. Wilcoxon, in the Isle of Wight, \$140; to the Rev. S. D. Tompkins, of Weston, \$95; to the Rev. Wm. N. Irish, of Middletown, Frederick county, \$150; to the Rev. A. Weed, \$150; to the Rev. James J. Page, of Richmond city, \$500, (to be paid out of the city collections;) to the Rev. Mr. Wheat, officiating at Port Republic and Harrisonburg, \$100; to the Rev. Mr. Perkins, at Parkersburg, \$140; to the Rev. Wm McGuire, Westmoreland, \$95; to the Rev. H. Stringfellow, jr., at Harper's Ferry, \$95; to the Rev. J. C. McCabe, \$90; to the Rev. Mr. Hyland, for past missionary services to the 1st of April, \$60, and from that time \$100; to the Rev. Mr. Tizzard, in Chesterfield, \$95; to the Rev. Mr. Slack, in Albemarle, \$100; to the Rev. L. P. Clover, Lexington, \$100.

Besides these, the Executive Committee have consented to become the almoner, and to disburse the appropriations made by Christ Church, Norfolk, to certain stations within the Diocese; and to take the missionaries at those stations into their service. At present these are the Rev. Mr. Walker, of Lynnhaven Parish, and the Rev. Mr. McCabe, at Hampton.

The Executive Committee earnestly desire to impress upon the members of this Convention the necessity of extending liberal aid to this society. They, perhaps from their position, can see the good which is accomplished better than others. But surely they need not expatiate upon its importance. The Convention, and friends of the Church, must see that no object can present superior if equal claims. And the committee would merely advert to the fact that they have been frequently, for the want of adequate means, under the painful necessity for the last two or three years of making smaller appropriations than their feelings would prompt.

The Rev. John P. McGuire, from the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, made the following report :

Widow's and Orphans' Fund in the Diocese of Virginia, in account with J. L. BACON, W. H. HUBBARD, and THOMAS NELSON, Trustees.

1851.

July 24. To cash paid John Stewart, Esq., Treasurer..... \$382 80

1852.

Jan. 29. To cash paid John Stewart, Esq., Treasurer..... 382 80

1851.

CREDIT.

July 24.	By cash received of Farmers' Bank of Virginia, semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on 21 shares.	\$84 00
	By cash received of Exchange Bank of Virginia, semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on 74 shares.	296 00
	By cash received of Bank of Virginia, semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on 1 share.	2 80
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1852.		\$382 80
Jan. 29.	By receipt of a like semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on each of the above named.	382 80
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		\$765 60

The Committee have examined the within account, and find it correct.

J. P. McGUIRE, *Chairman.*

The Rev. C. B. Dana, on behalf of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and the High School, made the following report :

REPORT

Of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and Episcopal High School of Virginia.

The trustees of these institutions of the Church, respectfully report to the Convention, that the Theological Seminary under their care has, with the blessing of Heaven, continued to prosper during the past year. It is believed that the Professors have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and the students diligent in attending to those studies and other exercises, which are necessary to prepare them for becoming efficient and useful ministers in the Church of God.

The present number of students is thirty, which, though less than it has sometimes been, is greater than during the last two preceding years. In those days of excitement, toil, and strife, when men are "making haste to be rich," and aiming at earthly distinction and prosperity, we have special reason to pray that the great Head of the Church, "the Shepherd and Bishop of souls," will raise up many able and faithful ministers of His word and sacraments; that "the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers into His harvest;" and that to this end, He will richly bless this "School of the Prophets," and make it an abundant perennial fountain, "whose streams shall make glad the city of our God."

But much as the Diocese has done in establishing and sustaining this Institution, (for it is chiefly a monument of her liberality,) it still requires fostering care and considerable effort to make it all that it is desirable it should be, and to put it, free from embarrassment, on a permanent foundation.

The amount of its vested funds is now about \$62,000, which will be somewhat increased when the remaining subscriptions, made a few years since, shall be entirely paid.

A society has been recently formed for the improvement and embellishment of the Seminary grounds, which has already commenced its labors under favorable auspices, and with encouraging prospects of success.

hool, under the efficient management and thorough instruction of its assistants, is in a very flourishing condition. Its advantages for a rough course of instruction are certainly great, while from its rural situ-

ation and its proximity to the Seminary, its pupils are removed from many temptations, and enjoy, in some respects, peculiarly favorable moral and religious privileges. Long may it remain an honor to the cause of sound learning, and a blessing to the Church and Diocese!

The reports of the several Professors of the Seminary, and of the Rector of the High School, which are subjoined, will exhibit more particularly the condition of their respective departments. All which is respectfully submitted.

Report of the Professor of Church History and Church Polity.

To the Trustees of the Theological Seminary

of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia:

The usual studies of the classes have been pursued to this date. The senior class have followed the annual course in the History of the Church of England and in Ecclesiastical Polity, and are now engaged on the subject of the Liturgy. The composition and delivery of sermons have also had regular attention.

With the middle class the usual course in the general history of the Church has been attentively pursued. Both classes are now ready for review.

Respectfully submitted,

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, May 17, 1852.

JAMES MAY.

To the Trustees of the Theological Seminary

of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia:

The three classes in the Seminary have pursued with me the usual studies of the department of the Evidences of Christianity and Systematic Divinity. It is not necessary at this time to enumerate the Text-books, or specify more particularly the subjects. I have great satisfaction, however, in saying that the students have never, in any previous year of my connection with the Institution, been more unflinching in their attendance in the class room, or more diligent in preparing for its duties.

Respectfully submitted,

May 17, 1852.

W. SPARROW.

Report of the Professor of Biblical Literature.

The subscriber has, in substance, the same report to make as in preceding years. No change has been made in the routine of his duties. The classes under his instruction have manifested satisfactory diligence, and have made the usual progress.

As Librarian, he would report that about thirty volumes have been added to the library during the past year, and more have been ordered. The appropriation and interest of the Betts' legacy, amounting to \$124 82, have been recently received, and a portion of it expended.

A catalogue of the library has been prepared according to the request of the Trustees. It will fill about one hundred octavo printed pages, and the cost of printing it will be about one hundred dollars. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of the Diocese of Virginia:

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

The ninth session of the School commenced on the 10th September, and will terminate on the 14th July, 1852. The course of study, order, and arrangements continue, without any material changes, as previously reported. In addition to the two ancient languages, French and German are studied by many of the pupils. In 30090100648

music has been given to the whole school, by one of the officers skilled in teaching that science. The Rector spends daily from four to six hours in giving instruction in ancient languages, &c. Four gentlemen, all of whom are communicants of the Church, are employed as assistant instructors. The domestic department continues to be directed, as heretofore, by two ladies of judgment and experience in their respective offices.

The number of students at one period of the session, reached eighty-five. At present it is eighty-one, three of whom are preparing to enter the Theological Seminary of our Church. Were it deemed judicious to increase the accommodations, or to extend the limit fixed for the number of students, more than one hundred could readily be obtained. The school's prospects continue encouraging. The attention of the students to the religious exercises of the school has been highly gratifying. The *voluntary* religious services continue as hitherto, to be attended by all the pupils, with but three or four exceptions in the case of the youngest boys. The deportment of the students has been, on the whole, most satisfactory—not a single case of expulsion, dismission, or severe discipline, having occurred for now more than three years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWARD, May 17, 1852.

E. A. DALRYMPLE, Rector.

The Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented a report, as follows :

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have received from the Treasurer, Washington C. Page, Esq., of Alexandria, the following statement in reference to the present amount and condition of said fund, which they beg leave to submit to the Convention, as their report. They have examined this statement and found it to be correct, and believe the fund to be safely invested and judiciously managed.

The lamented death of the late Louis A. Cazenove has created a vacancy in the Trustees of this fund, which the committee recommend should now be filled by the election of William H. Fowle, Esq., whom they take the liberty of nominating to the Convention for this office.

WM. H. MACFARLAND,
GEORGE N. JOHNSON,
JAMES SOUTHALL,

CHARLES B. DANA,
WILLIAM M. JACKSON,
WILLIAM NORWOOD.

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund reports that, since the last convention, he has purchased with the money received for dividends, eight shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, for which he paid one hundred and four dollars and fifty cents per share, making eight hundred and thirty six dollars, leaving in his hands a balance of thirty-nine dollars, as per statement, viz:

Dividends received on thirty-nine shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock,.....	\$312 00
Dividends received on sixty shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock.....	480 00
Dividends received on ten shares of Bank of the Valley stock.....	90 00
	\$882 00
CHARGES.	
To cash paid the Trustees for money advanced last year.....	\$7 00
To cash paid for eight shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock	
— a \$104 50.....	836 00
	\$843 00
Balance in hand.....	\$29 00

The Episcopal Fund now consists of—

60 shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock, par value.....	\$6,000 00
47 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, par value.....	4,700 00
10 shares of Bank of the Valley stock, par value.....	1,000 00
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	\$11,700 00
Cash on hand.....	39 00
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	\$11,739 00
Amount of the fund last year.....	10,900 00
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Increase.....	\$839 00
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The certificates of stock held by the Trustees of this fund, now stand in the name of W. C. Page, L. A. Cazenove, and C. F. Lee, the survivors or survivor of them, for the sole use and benefit of such survivors or survivor, as Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 17, 1852.

WASH. C. PAGE, *Treasurer.*

The report was accepted and adopted; and, on motion, William H. Fowle was elected a Trustee of the Episcopal Fund.

An application was made by members and friends of the Episcopal Church, in the adjoining parishes of St. James, and St. Luke, in the county of Mecklenburg, requesting that the boundary line between said parishes may be changed from its present position to run as follows: Commencing at Berry's bridge on Meherrin river; thence along Cox's road to Butcher's creek bridge; thence down Butcher's creek to its mouth; thence down Roanoke river to the mouth of Nutbush creek; thence up Nutbush creek to the line dividing North Carolina from Virginia.

The Rev. R. H. Wilmer, from the Committee on New Parishes, made the following report, which, on motion, was concurred in:

Application from members and friends of the Church in Roanoke county, praying to be separated from Botetourt parish, and to be constituted a new parish, under the style of Salem Parish, with the boundaries of said Roanoke county as its limits. Committee recommend the granting of this application.

Application from the Vestry and friends of the Church in Meade Parish, praying for a division of the same. Committee cannot recommend the granting of the application, and on the ground that the canonical requirements have not been complied with; and they have before them no sufficient evidence of any necessity for departing from the letter of the law.

RICHARD H. WILMER, *Chairman.*

Which report was, on motion, adopted, and the parish first named, admitted under the style of Salem Parish.

The Rev. D. Sparrow, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report:

The Committee on the state of the Church, in making their annual report to Convention, must always necessarily feel, that their task is somewhat difficult, and a delicate,

and withal important one. Not having access to the parochial reports, they are destitute of one principal source of information and judgment. And even with every possible help and appliance, it is a matter of some nicety to decide upon some of the principal points on which they may be expected to express an opinion. Had they the documents in hand, it would be comparatively easy to gather up and exhibit, in a condensed view, the statistics of the Diocese for the year past; the number of persons confirmed and admitted to communion; the churches built and consecrated; and the amount of moneys given for charitable purposes; comparing this year, in these several respects, with years that have gone before, and with the general strength of the Church, and what might reasonably be expected of her in view of her many peculiar advantages for doing the Lord's work, and with the pressing necessities of our age and country. But even if this task were possible to your Committee, and actually accomplished by them, there would yet remain another, more delicate in its nature and more difficult of accomplishment. They would still have, however diffidently and humbly, to give their view upon the inner condition of the Church, and the amount of purely spiritual work which, through the power of the Holy Ghost, has been accomplished within our borders, and by our instrumentality, since the adjournment of the last Convention. For your Committee would ever bear in mind, and would have others do the same, that it is to this subject our attention, and prayers, and efforts should be mainly directed, and that we should never rest satisfied except as, to use the strong paradox of the Apostle and the Apostle's Lord and Master we see, that which is *invisible*, we trace that which cometh *not with observation*; and except as, moreover, we discover this reign of Christ in human hearts, extending around us within our own borders, and far beyond them even to the ends of the earth.

In expressing an opinion on this point—upon the condition of true spiritual religion in the church of our affections, and rational and conscientious, because scriptural, preference, looking over the whole Diocese, and viewing it as a whole—we see, as usual, grounds for deep humiliation before God for our manifold deficiencies, and at the same time for true thankfulness and earnest hope. The communicants of the Church seem, for the most part, to have walked during the past conventional year in a manner worthy of their vocation, honoring Christ, and by their zealous exertions in many ways, seeking to advance his cause. The cases of discipline, so far as we can learn, have been very few. Last year they were but little more than one in a thousand of our communicants; and this year we trust the proportion has been smaller still. This we look upon as a matter for which our devoutest thanks are due. Every christian heart feels, at least, a profound relief when, in this world of sin and inconsistency, the Savior escapes wounding in the house of his friends. Let the world, if they will and must, speak evil of our Master; but let none of his followers betray him, even with a "hail Master" and a kiss.

But while the communicants of our Church, generally, have been thus exemplary in their walk and conversation, it is with grief that your Committee have to notice that their number has not increased as was to be hoped and expected. The daughter of Zion has not lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes. The Church of Christ has not amongst us received those accessions which should be ever earnestly striven and looked for year by year, as she advances on the high road of time, towards the consummation of all things. Even in some congregations where the attendance has rather increased, there has been a sad deficiency here. In some cases death has taken away more in the Gospel invitation has brought in. This want of increase in the number of pro-

fessing Christians is a matter to be deeply deplored, and which calls for self-examination, for renewed intercessory prayer, and for an honest dealing with ourselves as individuals, and a christian communion. In view of the commission devolved upon the Church by its Head and Founder, of the exigencies of our country, and of the position which it occupies as the recipient of a great foreign emigration, as the soil of a rapid natural growth, and as the fountain head of an influence which is felt in the most distant lands, and in view, also, of the value of immortal souls perishing for lack of divine knowledge, we cannot consent to come to the conclusion, that the labors of the Christian ministry and laity have been in this view in any way ineffectual during the past year, without expressing the hope, that the records of the year to come, whether we be permitted to read them or not, will bear witness, that Jehovah has been "enquired of by the house of Israel" to add to the number of such as shall be saved, and that he has done it for them.

Your Committee do not forget what the Lord has done for our communion in two localities at least. We do thankfully bear in mind that, in the places referred to, and doubtless in some others, though not in the same marked degree, he has poured out his spirit on the people, and that many have been thus added to the Lord. We desire, too, in prayerful humility, to regard these local revivals as only the few large drops before the coming shower, and to look on them as the earnest of a more abundant and widespread blessing. Heaven grant that it may be so!—not that we wish to see merely our numbers multiplied—we look for fruit and not blossoms only; and we would deprecate, above all things, the sacrificing of the quality to the quantity of christian profession among us. We hope the Church in this Diocese will ever be more conspicuous for its spiritual than its numerical strength. Only we would have it steadily borne in mind, that the spirit of the Lord can at once increase the profession of religion and elevate its standard; and that these two divine operations are entirely compatible with one another.

In regard to the instances of special blessing upon our Zion, which have been mentioned, one or two circumstances have been called to our notice as instructive to the Church at large. When inquiry has been made as to the working of the proximate causes (additional to the public means of grace) of these happy results, they have been found by your Committee to have begun their operation amongst those already professors of religion. The mercy began in the house of God. When more than one ministerial brother was concerned in the work, a strong fraternal feeling existed—they were of one mind and one heart, feeling the cause to be Christ's, and not properly their own. The people, too, partook largely in this loving spirit, and so their prayers were not hindered; moreover the people had been long helpful to their pastors in every good word, and work, and contribution; and above all, as we are informed, there were some members of these Churches, who, living habitually in intimate communion with God, had made unceasing prayer, for sometime, for Heaven's special blessing on the use of the word of truth; and so, after long delay, the ever faithful God vouchsafed an answer. Thus has it usually been in seasons of revival, and for this method in the divine procedure, should those members of Christ's Church who feel a sympathy for men perishing in their sins, ever look, upon no other should they practically depend, upon no other have they a warrant to depend.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the great excess of the demand over the supply of ministers within our diocese and communion. It is a great comfort that a part of the loss which we mourn in this respect, has been the gain of others; that some have gone to labor in other dioceses, and especially that they have been led by the constraining love of Christ to choose as the field of their life-long toils benighted hea-

then lands. So far as the lack of ministers is occasioned by a failure of the fathers and mothers in our Israel to surrender their sons, and of the youth of the Church to give up themselves, to the Lord's service, it is indeed a circumstance which should awaken apprehension, and excite more earnest prayer to the Lord of the harvest, that he should send forth more laborers into the harvest. It also suggests to the Church the importance of our Diocesan Missionary Society. By this institution many clergy are kept among us, who must, otherwise, seek fields of labor elsewhere. Thus is our ministry, if not increased, preserved from diminution, and parishes that would otherwise be forsaken, are supplied with the ministrations of the gospel. It seems to your Committee, also, a reason why all educational institutions, of whatever grade, which seek to train youthful mind, in connexion with our Church, and in harmony with its system, should be countenanced and cherished by our members.

In conclusion, it seems a matter calling for continued thankfulness to God, that the interest among ministers and people in our Church continues to increase in the spiritual welfare of our colored population. Though the additions to the communion from among them are not by any means as general or as great as we could wish, it is gratifying to learn that in one of our cities there are from 50 to 60 communicants; that in several parishes there are regular services provided for their special benefit; that in some there has been recently awakened a special interest among them for these services; and that two valuable volumes have been published, one of Sermons, and the other of Catechetical Instructions, adopted to their wants, prepared or composed by ministers of this diocese.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Convention elected the following Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society :

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., <i>ex officio</i> ,	Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,
“ John Johns, D. D., <i>do</i>	John O. Steager, <i>Secretary</i> ,
Rev. Adam Empie, D. D.,	John L. Bacon, <i>Treasurer</i> .
“ Alexander Jones, D. D.,	

Philip Williams, from the committee to whom was referred the proposed amendments to Canon 12, reported, recommending said amendments; which report was concurred in, and said Canon stands amended accordingly.

CANON XII—*as amended.*

Of the formation of New Congregations and Parishes.

SEC. 1. 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 eleventh 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 ninth canon.

Sec. 2. Whenever any number of persons, not residing in any existing parish, shall desire to form a new parish, they shall appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

Sec. 3. The committee so appointed shall present a petition to the Convention, setting forth the boundaries of the proposed parish, and requesting that such new parish may be formed in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties of other parishes of the Diocese.

Sec. 4. If the Convention shall form such parish, the vestrymen shall be elected as prescribed by the fourth and fifth sections of canon eleventh.

The Rev. Mr. Armstrong, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to ministers in the Diocese of Virginia, made the following report :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the great want of ministerial services in the Diocese of Virginia, and in other portions of our country, and to the yet more lamentable fact that the number of individuals seeking an entrance into the ministry is so small as to preclude the hope that parishes and churches now vacant can soon be blessed with the ministration of the Word and other divinely appointed means of grace, would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's address as is above referred to be published separate from the Journal of the Convention, and that it be circulated amongst the members of the Church throughout the Diocese.

2. *Resolved*, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint a Sabbath on which the clergy of this Diocese shall direct the attention of their respective congregations to the great and increasing want of ministerial services; and at which time let special prayer be made to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, that He "would send forth laborers into his vineyard "

3. *Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese be requested to put forth a form of prayer suited to the occasion and services.

WM. ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Rectors of the churches in this city be, and they are hereby, requested to cause collections to be made to-morrow morning in their respective Churches in aid of the Education Society, and to give notice thereof to-night, or some time to-day.

The following resolutions in relation to the Female Institute at Staunton, was considered and adopted :

The Trustees of the Female Virginia Institute at Staunton having proposed to the Convention at its last session to convey the said institute to Trustees to be appointed by this Convention, upon the payment of \$7,000, and the Convention having accepted the said proposition, provided the said amount could be raised, and taken measures to raise the money.

And as only about \$3,500 has been paid or pledged: *Resolved*, that the ministers and members of the Church throughout the Diocese be earnestly requested to raise the residue of said sum of \$7,000, and thus fulfil the implied undertaking of the Convention.

Resolved, That in the meantime the Treasurer appointed to receive the said fund shall pay the same as collected to the Branch of the Bank of the Valley at Staunton, on the 4

payment of the debt of \$5,000 due to the said Bank. But upon the agreement and stipulation of the Trustees, that if the above sum of \$7,000 shall not be paid, that the amount so paid shall be a loan to the Trustees, for which the institute shall be made liable, subject to the prior lien of the Bank; and that, until this arrangement can be made with the Trustees and the Bank, the amount in the hands of the Treasurer shall be paid by him into the said Bank on deposit.

Resolved, That _____ be appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements to carry out these resolutions.

The Rev. R. H. Phillips, Messrs. W. W. Donaghe and A. J. Garber were appointed a committee under these resolutions.

The Rev. Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Female Institute at Staunton, made the following report :

The committee appointed on the Female Institute at Staunton would respectfully report that, of the sum pledged at last convention, \$2,680, there have been paid in \$1,002 80, leaving still to be collected a deficiency of \$1,677 20. Besides this amount, \$865 have been collected additional to the pledges, leaving in the hands of the treasurer, in cash, at this time \$1,867 80.

There have, also, been contributed in Richmond \$235 not yet paid in. The whole amount, therefore, contributed from all sources will be \$3,780; the whole amount collected and paid 1,867 80, leaving a deficiency in *contribution* of \$3,220, to the whole amount needed, \$7,000, and a deficiency in cash of \$5,132 20 to the aforesaid \$7,000 needed.

C. WALKER, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Mr. Gibson, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, made the following report :

The Committee on Parochial Reports respectfully submit that they have examined and revised one hundred and fifteen reports, which they herewith present to be published in the Journal. They have also prepared an abstract of them, and a synopsis of the most important and interesting facts which they exhibit, to be also entered upon the Journal, together with a new form of Parochial Report for the next year, to which they would especially direct the attention of their brethren. If this form, which they recommend to be printed upon the first page of the Journal, be, *in every case*, closely adhered to by the Clergy, the heavy labors of this committee would be greatly lightened. They would therefore again, and most earnestly, invite the attention of their brethren to this form, as absolutely essential to secure accuracy in presenting a statistical view of the condition of the Church in this Diocese.

C. J. GIBSON, *Chairman*.

[See Appendix A.]

The Rev. Mr. Tyng, from the Committee to memorialize the Governor to recommend a day of Thanksgiving, reported the following memorial :

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial to His Excellency, the Governor of Virginia, beg leave to report the following :

To His Excellency, the Governor of Virginia:

The following resolutions were on motion adopted by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church now in session in this city:

“*Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial from this Convention to His Excellency, the Governor of this Commonwealth, requesting him to recommend

a day for Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth and all the other blessings of His Merciful Providence.

Resolved, that the Secretary transmit a copy of the above resolution to the several religious denominations in the State, and ask their concurrence in this measure."

In compliance with this instruction the undersigned respectfully address you on behalf of the convention.

Your memorialists are persuaded that there is a growing desire among the people of Virginia, in common with other States of this Confederacy, to bear their part in these national anthems of Thanksgiving to the God of their fathers—a desire indicated, among other signs, by the prompt and general response to such recommendations of the kind here desired as issued in divers quarters, last year, from their immediate local authorities. No word of complaint from any quarter against such action has reached the ears of those who now request a wider recommendation from a higher station, but rather sounds of unmingled gratification; all classes united to observe the day, and a general desire was expressed for its annual repetition.

The Church to which your memorialists belong has ever enjoined upon her officers and members a respectful and loyal deference to their civil authorities as to the time for observance of this sacred duty. And while she has appointed a day for Thanksgiving, that her children might never forget their obligations, she has, from the first, directed that it should give way to "such other day as shall be appointed by the civil authority," manifesting her urgent wish that they should follow the guidance of the Rulers of their People, in union with all other religious denominations, rather than act by themselves as a separate and peculiar body. Your memorialists wish now to be thus guided. They desire ever to follow their rightful leaders, and in common with all their fellow-citizens to be encouraged in this common duty. They therefore hope that your Excellency will take into consideration the propriety of granting their request, that the people of Virginia, in common with their fellow-citizens throughout the land, may publicly adore the God of their country for His unnumbered mercies. And they have instructed their Secretary to communicate this their action to such other ecclesiastical bodies as may assemble in this State during the coming summer, hoping that your Excellency may receive additional assurance of the desire of the good people of this Commonwealth, and feel that this will be an act for the gratification, as well as for the good, of all. All which is respectfully submitted,

D. A. TYNG,

Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following committee to present said memorial to the Governor :

Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D.,
" William Noland,

Wm. Harrison,
Mark Alexander.

Mr. R. H. Cunningham, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report :

Report of the Committee of Finance, 1852.

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer, respectfully report—

That the accounts of the Treasurer for the last conventional year herewith returned and marked A, is found to be correct and supported by proper vouchers. The balance on hand on the 15th May, 1851, as shown by the last report, was \$667 68, and the payment to the contingent fund since that time were \$4,931 73. The balance on hand

having, by resolution of the last convention, been appropriated to Bishop Meade's use, and his salary increased by the sum of \$1,000; the claims on the contingent fund during the past year exceeded the receipts by the sum of \$219 91, which sum is shown to be the balance due the Treasurer on the 18th May, 1852, as appears by account A herewith returned.

Account B shows the contributions to the contingent fund for the present year. They amount to \$4,981 18.

Account C shows the amount paid on account of delinquencies for previous years. They amount to \$10 only.

It is proper to state that the delinquencies reported in the journal of last year amounted to \$768 32, of which \$75 only was subsequently paid to the Treasurer, leaving unpaid, with the above credit of \$10, the sum of \$683 32, a portion of which the committee think might and ought to be collected.

Account D shows the Parishes and Churches which, from the Parochial reports returned this year, appear to be delinquent in the payment to the contingent fund. The amount is \$469 11, being \$299 21 less than they were last year.

As many of the reports did not distinguish between the white and colored communicants, some few errors may have crept into this statement. The committee have no means of ascertaining whether any Parishes have failed in sending both their reports and contributions, without which exact accuracy in the statement of delinquencies cannot be attained.

All which is respectfully reported. TAZEWELL TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

[For accounts B, C, and D, see Appendix.]

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Bishops of this Diocese be requested to issue circulars, calling on the clergy and laity in the respective Parishes to take immediate steps to raise the residue of the money in behalf of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, and to take such other measures as may seem to them most efficient.

The Convention then proceeded to vote, by ballot, for a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Woodbridge and Dr. Robert E. Peyton to collect and count the votes ; who reported the following gentlemen duly elected :

Rev. C. B. Dana,

“ W. Sparrow, D. D.,

“ J. T. Johnson,

John Hoff,

Orlando Fairfax,

Cassius F. Lee.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

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

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the Doorkeeper of this Convention fifteen dollars, and also the expenses of the Secretary.

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

There being no further business before the Convention, the minutes were read, and after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourned to meet in St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, on the third Wednesday in May, 1853.

CASSIUS F. LEE, *Secretary*.

WILLIAM MEADE,

President of the Convention.

APPENDIX.

A.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

Walker's Parish.

REV. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 19; added, 5; present number, 24. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Bible class of 20 persons. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$107 00. Cobham Depot Post Office.

St. Anne's Parish.

REV. C. E. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 25; added, 5; removed, 5; present number, 25. Marriages—white, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$93. Nearest Post Office, Porter's precinct.

Christ Church.

REV. R. K. MEADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 14; died, 4; removed, 6; present number, 77. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 2; total, 4. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals, 11. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$1,076 98. Nearest Post Office, Charlottesville, Albemarle county.

Buckmountain and St. Paul's Churches, Frederickville Parish.

REV. SAMUEL R. SLACK, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 40; added, 5; removed, 1; present number, 44. Baptisms—infants, white, 4; infants, colored, 3; total, 7. Confirmations—white, 3. Marriages, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 3; total, 5. Families 45. Catechumens—colored, 40. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$93 41. Nearest Post Office, Mechum's river, Albemarle county.

At St. Paul's Church the Rector holds regular evening services for the colored population, which he is glad to say are very fully attended.

AMHERST COUNTY.

St. Luke's Church, New Glasgow.

REV. E. CHRISTIAN, Officiating.

Since the last convention 5 marriages have been performed, and 3 funerals. The minister has officiated regularly at a place of worship called *Sardia*, and at the poor house; he has also performed divine service twice a week in New Glasgow, since the commencement of the year. The congregations have generally been good; and the deep solemnity which has often pervaded them, inspires a hope that he has not labored in vain. New Glasgow Post Office, Amherst county.

AMELIA AND POWHATAN COUNTIES.

Raleigh and Genito Parish.

REV. P. F. BUCKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 45; added, 2; removed, 3; present number, 44. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; colored, 4; total, 6. Marriages, 4. Funerals—white, 1; colored 7; total, 8. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$100 00. Post Office Amelia Court House.

A new brick building, erected within a few feet of the site of the old Grub Hill Church, will be ready for consecration in June. Having to collect an amount of money necessary to defray the expense of the construction of this building, the Rector thought it best to present to the parishioners no other claims to their pecuniary aid during the past year, excepting those of missions and those arising from the usual expenses of the Parishes and the Diocese. Hence no collections have been made for other objects. Whilst encouraged respecting the cause of religion in his parishes, by some facts he has still to lament, as for years past, the small additions to his communion.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.

Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.

The principal respectfully reports, that during the present session, this institution, by the favor of God, has continued in a most prosperous condition. Upwards of forty applicants were refused admission for want of room, and it is believed that the number of pupils might be easily increased, if desirable, to two hundred and fifty. Number of teachers—males, 5; female, 2; total, 7. Communicants—last reported, 18; removed, 6; added, 6; total, 20. Baptisms—adults, 2. Contributions to benevolent objects in the church, \$196 00. Daily services are held in the Institution. A Sabbath afternoon class in Biblical Literature has been regularly instructed. The Principal has assisted the Rector of Trinity Church in his arduous duties, and aided the Vice-Principal of this Institution in his indefatigable efforts to maintain regular services at Beyden Chapel, Harrisonburg, and Port Republic.

STAUNTON, VA., May 19, 1852.

R. H. PHILLIPS, *Principal.**Trinity Church, Staunton.*

REV. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 97; added, 15; died, 1; removed, 17; white, 88; colored, 6; total, 94. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 9; total, 11. Mar-

riages—white, 5; colored, 4; total, 9. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 6; total, 10. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 4; female, 14; teachers—total, 18; scholars, 75. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$254 78. Staunton Post Office.

AUGUSTA AND ROCKINGHAM COUNTIES.

Boyden Chapel, Augusta county.

REV. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants, 6; added, 4; total, 10. Baptisms—infants, white, 2.

Rockingham Parish, Rockingham county.

REV. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants, 12; added, 4; total, 16. Baptisms, adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3; total, 4. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 9, adults 27, minors 31. The parish was organized in September, 1852; and, on Easter Monday, measures were adopted by the vestry to gain admittance into union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia.

STAUNTON, May 17, 1852.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: During the past year the performance of duty as Vice Principal of the Virginia Female Institute, has been my primary engagement. Divine service has been held every two weeks at Boyden Chapel, with the assistance of Rev. R. H. Phillips, and late Rev. J. D. Tyler.

Last September, in compliance with a request from the Vestry of Rockingham Parish, Rockingham city, I was induced to hold services every three weeks at Harrisonburg and Port Republic. The services have so far been well attended, and quite a cheering and zealous spirit has been manifested on the part of the few members to establish the church at those points. It is much to be regretted that an active and zealous minister cannot be obtained, whose whole time and attention could be given to building up the Church in the section of country that gave birth to, and was for a long time the residence of one of the early Bishops of Virginia, Bishop Madison.

Yours, respectfully,

J. C. WHEAT.

ALEXANDRIA.

Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria and Fairfax Counties.

REV. CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 125; added, 13; removed, 6; died, 4; present number, 128; eight of whom are colored. Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 12; total, 15; Confirmations—white, 15. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 10. Teachers, 15. Scholars, 80. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$950. Nearest Post Office, Alexandria.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade:

The Rev. George A. Smith reports in accordance with the canon, that he is disabled by ill health from parochial duty, and continues to edit the Southern Churchman. He has to report one marriage in Alexandria, celebrated by him at a time when both the pastors of the churches were absent.

May 20, 1852.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 29; from other cures, 4; removed, 8; died, 4; withdrawn, 1; total, 160; of whom two are colored persons. Baptisms—infants, white, 34; colored, 1; total, 35. Confirmations, 22. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 14. Sunday School—1 superintendent, 22 teachers, 200 scholars. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$1,093 55.

ACCOMAC COUNTY.

St. George's Parish.

J. ANBLER WEED, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 8; added, 4; present number, 12. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, colored, 5; total, 7. Confirmations, 6. Marriages—white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Funerals—white, 5. Nearest Post Office, Pungoteague.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Parish.

REV. R. P. JOHNSON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 40 white; added, 4 white; 21 colored; removed, 6; present number, 38 white, 21 colored. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals—white, 6; colored, 1; total 7. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$137. Nearest Post Office, Sturgeonville.

BOTETOURT COUNTY.

Botetourt Parish.

THOMAS N. BURWELL, Lay Delegate.

Communicants, 51; removed, 4; number of communicants at this time, 30. In consequence of that part of the parish which is embraced within the limits of Roanoke county, being formed in a new parish, the number of communicants is reduced to thirty. The church in Fincastle has had no minister to officiate for the last two months, at which time the Rev. Mr. McElory removed to the State of Ohio. The vestry of Botetourt Parish has engaged the services of the Rev. Mr. F. M. Baker, of the Diocese of Maryland, who will enter upon his duties sometime in June next.

BEDFORD COUNTY.

St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish.

REV. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 70; added, 3; died, 2; removed, 5; present number, white, 65; colored, 1; total, 66. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 6. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$125. Nearest Post Office, "Forest Depot," Bedford county.

Heber Parish, St. John's Church.

REV. NELSON SALE, late Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 from another cure; removed, 3; total, 36. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Funerals, 1. Contributions to Bishops' and Contingent Fund, \$18;

to other objects, \$21. Sunday School teachers, 9; scholars, 35. The Rev. John A. Wharton is officiating very acceptably in this parish.

Russell Parish, Trinity Church.

HINAM CHEATWOOD, Lay Delegate.

Communicants—white, 29. Contingent Fund, \$22. This parish has been without regular services about six months. Its Rector, the Rev. Nelson Sale, having resigned on account of his health.

St. Thomas's Church, West Russell Parish.

REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 19; present number, 19. Marriages—2. Big Island Post Office, Bedford county.

In consequence of impaired health my labors have been suspended in this parish for the last seven or eight months, as well as in all the others with which I have hitherto been connected, my present relation to it being continued by the indulgence of the vestry, to test the efficiency of remedies and repose.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish.

REV. WM. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 30; died, 1; removed, 1; suspended, 1; present number, 27. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 3; total, 5. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$259. Nearest Post Office, Curds-ville, Buckingham county.

BROOK COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.

REV. WILLIAM LYTTLETON HYLAND, Late Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 41; added, 2; died, 3; present number, 40. Baptisms, 2. Cherry Hill Post Office.

Christ Church Parish.

Communicants—last reported, 14; removed, 2; present number, 12. Baptisms—infants, white, 2.

The undersigned resigned the charge of the parishes in Brook county on the 1st of April, 1852, and has been succeeded in the rectorship by the Rev. Samuel D. Tompkins, who has become the principal of the Primary school lately established in Wellsburg, under the patronage and control of the church. Post Office, Wellsburg.

W. LYTTLETON HYLAND, *Late Rector.*

CAROLINE COUNTY.

REV. ALEXANDER SHIRAS respectfully reports, that during the past year he has continued to officiate at the Rappahanock Academy, and at Grace Church, Caroline county, besides preaching once a month at the Bowling Green, the county seat of Caroline. At

the Academy there has always seemed to be a deep interest in the services held, and often an apparently fair promise of rich spiritual fruit; but thus far, no result has been attained commensurate with the expectations sometimes raised. It is the same in respect to Grace Church, where the number of communicants is no greater than was reported last year, one having been gained, and one lost by removal. There has been one white infant baptized. The contributions from this church have been, for Missionary purposes, \$20; Bible Society, \$11; Ev. Knowl. Society, \$10; and benevolent purposes within the parish, \$10; Convention Fund, \$23.

At the Bowling Green an effort has been made to revive the old St. Asaph's parish, which had fallen into complete decay. A congregation has been organized; seven communicants gathered; considerable interest excited in our services, and \$150 pledged towards the support of a minister. Measures have been also taken for the repair of the church building, and it is hoped, that the foundation has been laid for a flourishing and efficient church. Ten dollars have been contributed here for the Bible Society, and \$150 have been offered for repairing the church edifice.

St. Margaret's Church.

REV. D. M. WHEATON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 31; added, 2; removed, 2; total, 31. Baptisms—white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$35 55.

St. Peter's Church, Port Royal.

REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 26; added, 3; removed, 2; present number, 27. Baptisms—infants, colored, 1. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$300. Post Office, Port Royal.

CAMPBELL COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Moore Parish.

REV. W. H. KINCKLE, (temporarily officiating.)

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 1; total, about 15. Baptisms—infants, 2. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 1. Contributions—Contingent Fund, \$13 00; Diocesan Missions, \$10 66; total, \$23 66.

CLARKE COUNTY.

Christ Church, Frederick Parish.

REV. J. F. HOFF, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 2; removed, 4; present number, (1 colored,) 58. Baptisms—infants, white, 6. Marriages, white 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$500. Post Office, Millwood, Clarke county.

Wickliffe Parish.

REV. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 95; added 10; died, 2; removed, 7; present number, (including 2 colored persons,) 96. Baptisms—infants, white, 18. Confirmed, white, 9. Marriages—white, 7; colored, 8; total, 15. Funerals—white, 15; colored 1; total, 16. Sunday Schools—male teachers 4, female 5, total teachers 9; male scholars 18, female 22, total scholars 40. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$600. Post Office, Berryville.

The Rev. W. D. Hanson still continues his useful labors in the lower part of this Parish; and is also actively engaged in ministering to the servants, and in missionary effort in a very destitute part of the Blue Ridge. His Post Office is at Kable Town, Jefferson County.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.

Dale Parish, Chesterfield county, and King William Parish, Powhatan county.

REV. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 3; suspended, 1; present number, white 16, colored 1, total 17. Baptisms—infants, white, 11. Funerals, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$50. The Rector officiates alternate Sundays, in the morning, at each of the Parish Churches; and in the afternoon at the Coal Pits, within the limits of his Parish, where his services are well attended by the laborers, a large part of whom are servants.

Wiater Rock Post Office, Chesterfield county.

CULPEPER COUNTY.

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

REV. JNO. COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; present number, 35. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 11. Sunday Schools—teachers, 10; scholars, 40. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$65 87½. Post Office, Culpeper C. H.

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

REV. JNO. COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; died, 2; present number, 28. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$42 73. Post Office, Culpeper C. H.

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

REV. JNO. COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 10. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$69 50. Post Office, Culpeper C. H.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

St. James's Church, Littleton Parish.

REV. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 12; removed, 2; present number, 10. Marriages—white, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$40. Nearest Post Office, Langhorn's Tavern.

Grace Church, Littleton Parish.

REV. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 24; present number, 24, including 3 colored. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$100. Nearest Post Office, Langhorn's Tavern.

CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

Westover Parish.

REV. WM. THOS. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 32; added, 12; died, 1; removed, 5; present number, 38. Baptisms—infants, white, 11; infants, colored, 1; total, 12. Confirmations—white, 7. Marriages—colored, 1. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, passing through my hands, \$201 25, viz:

For Contingent Fund.....	\$38 00
School in China.....	20 00
Foreign Missions.....	20 00
Domestic Missions.....	20 00
Diocesan Missions.....	20 00
Bishop Paine's Church.....	5 00
Colonization Society.....	12 00
Bible Society.....	67 25

Nearest Post Office, Charles City Court House, Va.

\$201 25

ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY.

Centurion Church, Old Point Parish.

REV. MARK S. CHEVERS, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 18; added, 7; removed, 5; present number, 22. Baptisms—infants, white, 15. Confirmations—white, 6. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 9. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 1; female teachers, 3; total teachers, 4; male scholars, 15; female scholars, 13; total scholars, 28. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$165 09. Nearest Post Office, Old Point, Va.

St. John's Church, Elizabeth City Parish.

REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 41; added, 9; present number, 49. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3; total, 4. Confirmations—white, 9. Marriages—white, 1.

Funerals—infants, white, 3. Sunday School—male teachers, 3; female teachers, 7; total teachers, 10; male scholars, 15; female scholars, 20; total scholars, 35. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church:

For Convocation purposes.....	\$16 40
Mission School, Shanghai.....	19 13
Repairs to church.....	180 13
American Tract Society.....	33 50
Virginia Bible Society.....	27 30
Diocesan Missionary Society.....	15 21
Sunday School Books.....	9 00
Convention Fund.....	49 00
Total since last report.....	<u>\$349 87</u>

ESSEX COUNTY.

South Farnham Parish.

REV. JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 38; added, 4; present number, 42. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 7; total, 8. Confirmations—white, 4. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$134 00. Nearest Post Office, Loretto, Essex county.

A Sunday School has been established at St. Paul's Church. Since last Convention a new church, situated in Tappahannock, was consecrated by Bishop Meade. The Rev. Mr. Temple continues his very useful labors in this parish. The Rev. Mr. Temple's P. O., Miller's, Essex county.

St. Ann's Parish.

REV. JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—present number, 27. Baptisms, 1. Confirmations—white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$135. Nearest Post Office, Loretto, Essex county.

The Sunday School which has been in operation for some years, is still continued.

FAUQUIER COUNTY.

Trinity Church Piedmont Parish.

REV. C. H. SHIELDS, Rector.

Communicants—total, 27. Baptisms—infants, 6. Confirmations, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; pupils, 30. Amount collected for beneficial purposes, \$30.

St. James's Church, Hamilton Parish.

REV. GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 47; added, 9; present number, 56. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4. Sunday Schools—female

teachers, 7; scholars, 35. Amount of the collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$150. Nearest Post Office, Warrenton.

A new church is in course of erection and will be completed this season. The congregation is steadily gaining strength.

St. Stephen's Church, Cedar Run Parish.

REV. GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; total, 8.

Leeds Parish.

REV. WM. HENRY PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 30; added, 3; removed, 1; present number, 32. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$145 74; contingent fund, \$32; total, \$177 74. Nearest Post Office, Leeds Manor.

Trinity and Emmanuel Church, Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon Counties.

REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; total, 26. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 4; total, 5. Confirmations—white, 4, colored, 1; total, 5. Marriage, 1. Funerals, 2. Sunday School, 1. Amount of collections for benevolent objects, \$217 80. Post Office—Middleburg, Loudoun County, Va.

FAIRFAX COUNTY.

Falls' Church, Fairfax Parish.

REV. W. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 11; added, 3; removed 2; present number, 12.

During the past year Drs. May and Packard have supplied Falls' Church one Sunday in each month, to enable me to have service at St. John's, Centreville. The prospects are very encouraging for the Church at Centreville; the attendance is good, and the interest in our service seem to increase. Since my last report two have been added to the Church.

Zion Church, Truro Parish.

REV. W. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 20; added, 4; died, 1; removed, 3; present number, 21. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 2; total, 4. Confirmation, 1. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 9. Post Office, Fairfax C. H.

FREDERICK COUNTY.

St. Thomas's Church, Middletown.

REV. WM. N. IRISH, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; removed, 1; total, 14. Baptisms—infants, 3. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 5.

t. Paul's, Romney; Frankfort Church, Frankfort; Zion Church, Slanes Cross Roads; and Bethel Church, Bethel Valley, Hampshire Parish.

REV. WM. N. IRISH, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; added, 16; total, 13. Baptisms—infants, 1. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 2. Collection for Church objects, \$4 06.

Within the year past, the above Parish was revived under the auspices of the Valley Convocation, and at their suggestion, the present Rector assumed the charge of the same. The field at this time is peculiarly encouraging, and requires the undivided oversight of a minister. At the last visitation of Bishop Meade five persons were confirmed, and three more were unable to receive the rite in consequence of inclement weather, which prevented the Bishop meeting one of his appointments in this Parish.

Christ Church, Frederick Parish.

REV. C. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 102; added, 14; died, 6; removal, 6; suspended, 1; present number, 103. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants, white, 6; colored, 3; total, 10. Confirmed, white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 4; total, 5. Funerals, white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8. Sunday Schools—male teachers 2, female 20, total 22; male scholars 45, female 56, total 101. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$810.

Post Office, Winchester, Frederick county.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes.

REV. CHAS. MANN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 50; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 2; present number, 48. Baptisms—infants, white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Funerals, white, 6, (2 adults and 4 infants;) colored, 1; total, 7. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, about \$100. Post Office, Gloucester Court House.

GOOCHLAND COUNTY.

St. James's Church, Northam Parish.

REV. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 39; added, 8; died, 4, removed 4; present number, 39. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4.

Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$253 75. Post Office, Pemberton, Goochland county.

St. Paul's Church, in this Parish, was accidentally destroyed by fire in December, 1851. Steps have been taken to build a greatly superior edifice in its stead, which, it is hoped, will be ready for consecration by the winter.

GREENVILLE COUNTY.

Meherrin Parish.

REV. P. G. ROBERT, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 23; added, 13, (5 by removal into the Parish;) died, 1; present number, 23 white, 13 colored; total, 36. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants, white, 6; colored, 8; total 15. Confirmed, white, 1; colored, 6; total, 7. Marriages, 1. Funerals, white, 3; colored, 3; total, 6. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$137 37. Post Office, Hicksford, Greenville county.

Some of the usual collections for institutions of the Church not yet made, owing to the absence of the Rector at the proper season.

HANOVER COUNTY.

Old Church, St. Paul's Parish.

REV. WM. NORWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 2; present number, 26. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 4; total, 6. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers, 10; scholars, 25. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church—\$32 Bible Society; Assessment, \$26; total, \$58. Old Church Post Office.

Communicants doubled since 1st May, 1851. Upwards of \$2,000 raised to build a new Church, which will be commenced forthwith. Congregation very flourishing.

St. Martin's Parish.

REV. WM. C. BOWERS, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 63; added, 3 from other cures; died, 2; removed, 6; present number, 58. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Marriages, 1. Funerals, white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$299. Post Office, Verdon, Hanover county.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Roanoke Parish.

REV. JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; present number, 15. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Confirmations—white, 1. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 2; female teachers, 2; total teachers, 4; male scholars, 25. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$380. Nearest Post Office, Midland, Charlotte county.

Antrim Parish.

REV. J. GRAMMER, Rector.

Communicants, white—last reported, 70; added, 3; died, 4; removed, 5; present number, 68; colored, last reported, 21; added, 6; died, 1—26; present number of white and colored, 94. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 6; adults, colored, 6; total, 13. Confirmations—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Marriages—white, 3; col-

ored, 1; total, 4. Funerals—white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Sunday Schools, 2—male teachers, 4; female teachers, 4; total teachers, 8; scholars, about 70. Amount collected by me for different institutions connected with the church, viz:

Theological Seminary.....	\$228 34
Diocesan Missions.....	152 73
Foreign Missions.....	95 00
Foreign Mission School at Shanghai.....	72 50
Education Society.....	114 00
Episcopal Female Institute at Staunton.....	113 00
Evangelical Knowledge Society.....	6 00
Virginia Bible Society.....	112 00
Colonization Society.....	141 00
Post Office, Halifax Court House.	<u>\$1,034 57</u>

HENRY AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES.

Patrick and Franklin Parishes.

REV. ANDERSON WADK, Rector.

Communicants, 26; added, 12; total, 38. Baptisms—adults, white, 7; infants, white, 1; total, 8. Confirmations—whites, 4. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 4. Amount collected, \$40. Nearest Post Office, Martinsville, Henry county.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

Newport Parish, Christ Church, Smithfield.

REV. H. T. WILCOX, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 28; added, 4; died, 1; present number, 31. Baptism—infants, white, 5; colored, 1; total, 6. Marriage 1. Funerals, 4. Sunday School—teachers, male, 4; female, 5; total, 9. Amount contributed to church institutions, and for charitable purposes, \$88 25. Post Office, Smithfield.

JAMES CITY COUNTY.

Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.

GOODRICH DUFFY, Delegate.

Communicants, 77; removed, 6; died, 3; added, 8; total, 76.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Christ Church, Norbourne Parish, and Grace Church, Middleway, and St. Bartholomew's, Lee Town.

REV. C. MCK. CALLOWAY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 34; added, 9, 2 from another parish; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number, 41. Baptisms—adults, colored, 2; infants, white, 2; infants, colored, 3; total, 7. Marriages—colored, 3. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Sunday Schools—teachers 8, scholars 30. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$62 18. There are two new churches in the parish ready for consecration. Nearest Post Office, Middleway, Jefferson county.

Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish.

REV. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Communicants--added, 7; removed, 1; present number, 62. Baptisms--infants, white, 5. Confirmations--white, 5. Marriages--white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals--white, 3, colored, 2; total, 5. Sunday Schools--male teachers, 2; female teachers, 5; total teachers, 7; male scholars, 12; female scholars, 30; total scholars, 42--Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$300. Nearest Post Office, Shepherdstown.

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

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 30; added, 10; died, 1; withdrawn, 4; present number, 35. Baptisms--infants, white, 3. Confirmations--white, 17. Marriages--white, 2. Sunday Schools--male teachers, 6; female teachers, 6; total teachers, 12; male scholars, 28; female scholars, 34; total scholars, 62. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$82 65. Post Office, Harper's Ferry.

Zion Parish.

REV. DUDLEY A. TYNG, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 92; added, 16; died, 1; removed, 5; present number, (5 colored,) 102. Baptisms--adults, white, 1; infants, white, 20; total, 21. Confirmations--white, 15; colored, 2; total, 17. Marriages--white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals, 5. Sunday Schools--male teachers, 4; female teachers, 11; total teachers, 15. male scholars, 70; female scholars, 45; total scholars, 115. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$580 28. Nearest Post Office, Charlestown, Jefferson county.

Since the last Convention the congregation have so far completed their new church as to be able to occupy it, and it was consecrated December 6th, 1851. The congregation has much increased, and is in every way prosperous. Arrangements have been made for securing stated services once a fortnight, in that part of the parish which lies across the Shenandoah river, upon the slope of the Blue Ridge, for the Rev. Mr. Hanson, of Kabletown. This will enable the Rector to transfer the labors heretofore expended there to the colored population.

KING GEORGE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Parish.

REV. B. B. LEACOCK, Rector.

Communicants--added, 2; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 22. Baptisms--infants, white, 2; colored, 6; total, 8. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 24; adults, 86; infants, 11. Amount collected for various religious objects, \$493 93.

St. John's Church, Hanover Parish.

REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 15; added, 3; removed, 1; present number, 17. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Amount of collections for the different in-

situations connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$80. Post Office, Port Royal, Caroline county.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

REV. J. CROWNING, Lay Delegate.

Communicants—added from other parishes, 3; removed, 1; total, 28. Funeral, 1. Contributions, \$28.

This parish is without a rector; through the goodness of the Rev. Wm. Ward and the Rev. John Towles, we have been highly favored. The latter gave us regular services in White Chapel Church during the winter months; the inclemency of the weather prevented his attendance at the other churches, being without stoves. The latter now officiating in all three of the Churches.

LEWIS COUNTY.

Weston, Lewis County; Clarksburg, Harrison; Morgantown, Monongalia County.

SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, Missionary.

Communicants—last reported, 22; added, 23; present number, 45. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 13; total, 15. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2. Of the report here made 4 communicants live in Morgantown, 13 in Fairmount, 7 in Clarksburg, 7 in Fellowsville, 4 in Buckhamer, 10 in Weston. I have resigned the charge of St. Paul's Church, Weston, and also of all the missionary points here mentioned.

LOUDOUN COUNTY.

Shelburne Parish.

REV. GEORGE ADIE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 80; added, 5; removed, 13; white, 70; colored, 2; total, 72. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 2; total, 6. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 2; total, 10. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 2; female, 6; total, 8; scholars, male, 10; female, 60; total, 70. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, about \$600. Post Office, Leesburg.

In addition to the above sum of six hundred dollars, a subscription has been obtained within the last few weeks to the amount of eight hundred dollars for improving and repairing the church, which will probably be accomplished in a few weeks.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Cumberland Parish.

REV. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 43; added, 1; died, 1; present number, including 2 colored, 43. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$338 70. Post Office, Macfarland's Store.

LOUISA COUNTY.

Green Spring Parish.

REV. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 10; added, 1; died, 1; present number, 10. Baptism—infant, white, 1. Funerals, 3. Bible class, 8 scholars. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$76. Post Office, Cobham Depot, Albemarle county.

Trinity Parish.

REV. JOHN COOK, Officiating.

Communicants—last reported, 5; removed, 1; present number, 4. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$105. Post Office, Ætna, Hanover county.

My field of labor is purely missionary ground, and but few Episcopal families residing in it. The congregations are generally large. During the past year I officiated regularly at four places.

LYNCHBURG.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. W. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 38; of whom 7 were from other parishes; removed, 3; died, 3; total, 156, including 3 colored persons. Baptisms—adults, 7; infants, 22; total, 29. Confirmations, 20. Marriages—white, 7; colored, 3; total, 10. Funerals, 17. Contributions—

Communion Alms.....	\$296 97
China Female School.....	36 44
Africa—Bishop Payne.....	160 00
Foreign Missions.....	68 44
Domestic “.....	29 56
Diocesan “.....	55 00
Virginia Bible Society.....	100 00
Contingent Fund.....	153 00
Education Society.....	34 00

\$945 91

MADISON COUNTY.

Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont Church.

REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—died, 2; removed, 1; white, 19; colored, 2; total, 21. Baptisms—infant, white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 12. Amount collected for benevolent purposes, \$15 40.

MARSHALL COUNTY.

Trinity Parish.

REV. W. L. HYLAND, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 12; added, 4; removed, 2; present number, 14. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages, white, 1. Communion offerings, \$6 87½. Post Office, Grave Creek.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Christ Church.

REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 8; added, 1; died, 1; present number, 8. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Funerals, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$79. Post Office, Urbanna.

MATTHEWS COUNTY.

Kingston Parish.

REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 6; removed, 1; present number, 5. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$14 61. The Church building which was reported to the last Convention as in progress of erection, will be ready for consecration in a few weeks.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

St. Luke's Parish.

Communicants—added, white, 2; colored, 1; removed, 3; died, colored, 1; total, 16. Baptisms—infants, white, 9. Confirmations—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 8.

Three dollars sent to pay delinquency for the year 1851, occasioned by error in report of the Rector of the Parish for that year. There have been no regular services in St. Luke's Church since the fall of 1850; and but once a month in Clarkesville, and that recently, by Rev. T. E. Locke, of Cumberland Parish.

EDWD. TARRY, }
C. STURDIVANT, } *Church Wardens.*

St. James's Parish.

Communicants—added by removal, 2; died, 2; withdrawn, 4; present number, 48. Baptisms, 5. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2.

This Parish is without a Rector; Rev. F. H. McGuire having resigned the charge of it in July last.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Hungar's Parish.

REV. JAMES RAWSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; died, 2; removed, 1; total, 54. Baptisms—adult, white, 1; infants, white, 2; colored, 29; total, 32. Confirmations, 8. Funerals, 6. Mar-

riages, 4. Amounts raised for benevolent operations and for the institutions of the church:	
Rebuilding Hungar's Church.....	\$1,550 00
Missions.....	53 23
Contingent Fund.....	54 00
Education Society.....	23 37
American Bible Society.....	35 00
American Tract Society.....	25 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,740 60</u>

In presenting his annual report of the condition of Hungar's Parish, its Rector desires gratefully to acknowledge the Divine blessing which has been vouchsafed to the scene of his labors during the past year. The ancient Parish Church, which had been abandoned from its ruinous condition, has been rebuilt at an expense of \$1,550, (all of which is paid,) and is now a safe, neat, and commodious house of worship. During the last few months a very interesting state of religious progress has existed in the Parish, which has resulted in the addition of several members to the Church.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Christ Church, Norfolk.

REV. GEO. D. CUMMINS, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 380; added, 71; died, 8; removed, 9; present number, 400 whites, 34 colored; total, 434. Baptisms—adults, white 9, colored 2; infants, white 31, colored 28; total, 70. Confirmed, white, 41; colored, 14; total, 55. Marriages, 3. Funerals, white, 23; colored, 2; total, 25. Sunday Schools—teachers, 45; scholars, 250. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$3,672 94. Post Office, Norfolk.

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.

REV. WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 26; added, 33; total, 181. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 41; colored, 1; total, 43. Confirmations, 27. Funerals, 12. Marriages, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 30; scholars, 160. Contributions, \$1,100.

NORFOLK, VA., May 17, 1852.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: Having requested Bishop Cobbs to transmit to you my letters dimissory from the Diocese of Alabama, it becomes my duty to send to you the annual report required by the Canons of the Church of each of the clergy.

You are aware that, in connection with my brother, the Rev. L. L. Smith, I have had the charge of the "Norfolk Female Institute" for more than two years past; and where we have had from 70 to 80 young ladies under our care since the first opening of the establishment. But whilst we have, here, chiefly to do with the intellectual powers of our pupils, we have not been forgetful that their moral powers also need constant and careful cultivation; and we are not without reason to hope that the instructions imparted in this branch of education will, in many cases, leave their impress on the character through life, and be felt in eternity.

Since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Disbrow from the Diocese of Virginia, my brother and I have regularly supplied the Church in Suffolk every Lord's day. Since the middle

of December last we have held two services per month at Deep Creek, a village about 9 miles from this place, at the terminus of the Dismal Swamp Canal. Once every month, we each take our turn in preaching to the colored congregation that worships in the Lecture Room of Christ Church, in this place. Besides this, we assist the Rectors of the Churches in this city on communion seasons, and occasionally at other times. We are thus engaged somewhere in ministerial duties on every Sunday. You will perceive, therefore, that though constantly occupied through the week in the business of teaching, yet we have not abandoned the work to which we were once solemnly set apart.

Yours, respectfully,

ARISTIDES S. SMITH.

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

Bishop of the P. E. Church, Diocese of Virginia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17, 1852.

Since my last report I continued in my capacity in Norfolk as City Missionary, until the close of the year, during which time I discharged the duties incident to the office, and assisted the two Rectors of the place, thirty-five times. Since then I have been residing in Philadelphia, where I have preached twenty-eight times, besides frequently reading the service. All which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. MITCHERSON.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish.

REV. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4, removed, 5; colored, 1; total, 54. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 10; colored, 1; total, 12. Confirmations, (1 in a neighboring parish,) 2. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 4. Number of families in the congregation, 53; adults, 145; children, 105. Sunday School teachers, 6; scholars, 40. Amount collected for different institutions of the church out of the parish, \$140; in the parish, \$280; for Convention Fund, \$53; total, \$473.

Services have been held regularly twice a month for the last six months, at Deep Creek, in this parish, by the Rev. Messrs. Smith, of Norfolk city, with some encouraging prospects.

NELSON COUNTY.

Nelson Parish.

REV. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 25; added, 1; present number, 26. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$52 83. Nearest Post Office, Tye River Warehouse.

NEW KENT COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church.

REV. WILLIAM NORWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 15; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 7; present number, 10. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Confirmations—white, 3. Marriages—white, 1. Fu-

nerals—white, 2. Amount collected, \$10. Nearest Post Office, New Kent Court House.

This small congregation has been very much weakened by the death and removal of nearly half of its communicants.

ORANGE COUNTY.

St. Thomas's Church.

REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6, (chiefly from other cures;) removed, 4; total, 66. Baptisms—infants, white, 3, Marriages, 5. Funerals—white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Number of families, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$111 92. Post Office, Orange Court House.

The past year has been one of great spiritual dearth in this church. The signs of spiritual life are scarcely to be seen, though we hope it is not wholly extinct. At no period of his ministry has the Rector had so much cause to mourn the blighting influence of a profession of religion, which is contrary to the requisitions of the gospel. While some seem to have only a name that they may live, maintaining merely the semblance of piety, others have gone with the multitude to do evil. These things have saddened the heart and well nigh crushed the hopes of him who is over them in the Lord.

OHIO COUNTY.

St. John's Church, St. John's Parish.

REV. JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 62; added, 8; died, 2; removed, 6; suspended, 8; present number, 62. Baptisms—adults, white, 8; infants, white, 30; total, 38. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 7. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 4; female, 10; total, 14; scholars, male, 25; female, 40; total, 65. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$214 38. Post Office, Wheeling.

The Parish Church was greatly injured by the recent heavy flood in the Ohio river, which laid a large part of our city under water, and destroyed a vast amount of property. Through the pious activity of the congregation, the building has been repaired at considerable expense. The children of the parish are regularly catechised.

PETERSBURG.

Bristol Parish, St. Paul's Church.

REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 183, of whom 10 are colored; added, 21; died, 5; withdrawn, 1; removed, 4; present number, 194. Baptisms—infants, white, 19; colored, 6; total, 25. Confirmations, 13. Marriages—white, 5; colored, 6; total, 11. Funerals—white, 11; colored, 3; total, 14. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 8; female, 10; total, 18; scholars, male, 50; female, 55; total, 104. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$2,200.

Grace Church, Petersburg.

REV. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 107; added, 35; died, 3; withdrawn, 4; removed, 6; present number, (2 colored,) 129. Baptisms—infants, white, 33; colored, 1; total, 34. Confirmations—white, 21; colored, 1; total, 22. Marriages—white, 20; colored, 16; total, 36. Funerals—white, 56; colored, 12; total, 68. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 10; female, 18; total, 28; scholars, male, 56; female, 88; total, 144. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$410.

Within the past year our new church has been consecrated, and the growth of the congregation and of the Sunday School, and the additions to the communion, have very much increased. Besides my own parochial labors, by the appointment of our convocation, I preached in Southampton county at the C. H., and baptized 2 adults, and administered the communion to 12 or 15 persons. The field for our Church in this county is most encouraging.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

Camden Parish.

REV. G. W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 36; added, 19; died, 3; removed, 1; present number, 51. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; colored, 1; infants, white, 4; colored, 2; total, 9. Confirmations—white, 17; colored, 1; total, 18. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals, 7. Sunday schools—teachers, male, 3; female, 3; total, 6; scholars, male, 9; female, 24; total, 31. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, 60. Post Office, Danville, Virginia.

POWHATAN COUNTY.

St. James's Southam Parish.

REV. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 32; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 33. Baptisms—infants, white, 1; colored, 3; total, 4. Confirmations, 5. Funeral, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$80. Post Office, Sublett's Tavern.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

Martin's Brandon Parish.

REV. CHARLES MINNIGRODE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 58; added, 1; died, 1; removed, 4; present number, including 2 colored persons, 54. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Confirmations—no visit from Bishop. Funerals, 1. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 5; female, 7; total, 12; scholars, 50. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$309 45. Post Office, Garysville, Prince George county, Va.

About \$175 were expended upon the Church building and parsonage, which are not included in the above amount.

PORTSMOUTH.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish.

REV. JAMES CHRISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 37; added, 12; died, 1; removed, 3; suspended, 1; present number, 44. Baptisms—adults, white, 4; infants, white, 4; colored, 2; total, 10. Confirmations, 8. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Sunday School—teachers, male, 5; female, 10; scholars, male, 31; female, 52; total, 83. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$60. Post Office, Portsmouth.

An explanation of the small amount of collections reported to *this* and the *preceding* Convention, is offered in the fact, that during these, the first two years of its existence, St. John's congregation has been subjected to unusual expenditure for domestic purposes. A fine toned organ, constructed for the Church, has been recently put up.

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY.

Lynnhaven Parish.

REV. LEWIS WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; total, 28. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 6; infants, colored, 4; total, 11. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 3. Amount contributed to Bishop's Fund, \$28.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

Dettingen Parish, St. James's Church, Brentsville.

REV. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 2; died, 1; total, 22. Baptisms—adults, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2.

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

REV. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6. removed, 6; died, 3; total, 32. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; colored, 10; total, 12. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals, 3. Post Office, Brentsville.

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

Bloomfield Parish.

REV. W. H. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; present number, 4. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Confirmations, 2.

The Rector took charge of this parish only November last. The parish has had to pay for the completion of a new church. It is also yet only missionary ground; hence it has not been thought advisable to take up, for the present, collections for the general objects of the church.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Farnham Parish.

REV. WILLIAM N. WARD, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 11; died, 1; present number, 10. Baptisms—infants, white, 6. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 10; adults, 21; infants, 29; total, 50. Amount collected for the Contingent Fund, \$10; for repairs of church, about \$350. Nearest Post Office, Lyell's Store.

RICHMOND CITY.

Monumental Church.

REV. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 166; added, 14; died, 2; removed, 18; present number, 160. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 22; total, 23. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals, 18. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$1,423. Nearest Post Office, Richmond city.

St. James's Church, Henrico Parish.

REV. A. EMPIE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 132; added, 34; died, 5; withdrawn, 2; suspended, 1; removed, 22; present number, (colored, 4; white, 138,) total, 142. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 24; total, 26. Marriage, 7. Funerals, 12. Sunday schools—teachers, male, 4; female, 10; total, 14; scholars, male, 43; female, 47; total, 90.* Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$1,212 62.

The rector takes pleasure in adding, that a colored Sunday school was established in this church in January last. Its numbers are still on the increase. It has now fifty pupils who are orally instructed by 1 male and 7 female teachers, who all seem much encouraged by the decided improvement their pupils are making.

St. James's Church—Sunday School for colored persons.

It was commenced in January last with a small number of pupils, which rapidly increased, so that the average attendance is not less than fifty, and it is increasing.

I have been obliged by circumstances to assume the office of superintendant without any regular appointment, and with the kind and constant aid of a few ladies, have succeeded fully as well as was expected.

It was soon found necessary to commence the school immediately on the conclusion of the morning services of the church, because many of the pupils could not attend at an earlier hour. This has the effect of securing the attendance of a good number upon a part, at least, of the service, and of a full school when that is over.

Instruction is altogether oral—chiefly in the New Testament, the Church Catechism, with psalms and hymns, which they commit to memory with great facility. Extraordinary attention and desire to learn are manifest, with scarcely an exception, among them all; and it is believed that the blessings of Sunday school instruction may be as extensively diffused by bringing the colored population under its influence, as in any other mode.

*The number has been up to 120 in the course of the year.

Indeed, if every Church would establish and sustain one, it could not fail to effect a most happy change in the character and habits of servants. This school is composed principally of the young of both sexes, only two or three adults having as yet come in. One of these is a Baptist; but he is among the most constant and zealous of them all.

I trust the subject of Sunday school instruction for colored persons will be promptly and universally adopted.

APRIL 12, 1852.

WM. H. RICHARDSON, Superintendent.

St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.

REV. H. S. KEFFLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; died, 2; removed, 3; present number, (1 colored,) 60. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, 12; total, 16. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 23. Sunday schools—teachers, male, 6; female, 8; total, 14; scholars, male, 30; female, 40; total, 70.

Collections—African mission.....	\$28 56
China mission.....	10 40
Other charities.....	57 39

In addition to these collections, the sum of \$590 has been contributed to extinguish the remaining portion of the debt incurred by the parish in repairing the church, and to make such other repairs and improvements as were deemed necessary..... 590 00

\$686 35

The Church is now in an excellent state of repair, the debt paid, and the congregation is increasing. There is a class now awaiting the Bishop's visit, for confirmation.

St. Paul's Parish, Henrico County.

REV. ALEX. JONES, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 209; died, 3; removed, 4; present number, (3 colored,) 214. Baptisms, 27. Marriages—white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Funerals, 11. Sunday schools—male teachers 9 female 12; total, 21; male scholars, 36; female 94; total, 130. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$3,790 37. Nearest Post Office, Richmond.

City Mission.

REV. JAMES J. PAGE.

In September last I entered upon the duties of my office. I officiate regularly at the Armory and Christ Church.

It gives me pleasure to state that the Sunday school at the Armory station is now in a very flourishing condition, the average number of pupils in attendance being between eighty and ninety. Christ Church, which had been closed for nearly six years, was opened in January. At this place, also, we have a flourishing Sunday school—number of pupils about thirty five. This number might be almost doubled, could a sufficient number of efficient teachers be procured.

Since entering upon my duties, I have baptized two infants and one adult. The amount which I have collected for repairing Christ Church, and other expenses, \$1,081 94.

ROANOKE COUNTY.

Salem Parish.

REV. GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; present number of white communicants, 18; colored, 1; total, 19. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 2; total, 3. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$170.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

Grace Church, Lexington.

REV. LEWIS CLOVER, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 37; removed, 5; added, 6, (3 from neighboring parishes, and 2 from the Church of England); present number, white, 37; colored, 1; total, 38. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 1. Number of families, 19; adults, 50; infants, 52. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 7; female teachers, 1; total, 8; scholars, 35. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$48 68.

This report covers only the short period intervening from the 1st day of April last, when the Rector took charge of the parish. From the time Mr. Nelson left, up to the period named, the parish had been without a minister. The members of the church here have, in addition to other pecuniary obligations assumed by them for the advancement of the church in Lexington, subscribed freely towards building a parsonage. Encouraged by a liberal donation from our Bishop, and generous promises of assistance from friends in Richmond, Norfolk, and elsewhere, reasonable hope is entertained that this parish will soon be provided with a comfortable and permanent house for its minister.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Berkely Parish.

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 13; present number, 13. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church and religion, \$22 75.

Christ Church,

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, white, 13; colored, 2; added, 3; present number, 19. Baptisms—adult, white, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with religion and the church, \$26 02.

St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.

REV. E. C. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 163; added, 8; died, 6; removed, 15; present number, 150. Baptisms—infants, white, 10. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 9. Funerals, 15. Sunday Schools—male teachers 10, female teachers 15; total teachers, 25; male scholars 70, female scholars 135; total scholars, 205. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$800.

SURREY COUNTY.

Lower Surrey Church, Southwark Parish.

REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 17; died, 1; present number, 18. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church:

For Shanghai Mission School, \$19; for Convention Fund, \$12; total. . . . \$31 00

The congregation has not, with the exception of last year, been reported to the Convention for several years. It is hoped and believed that God is looking favorably on "this charitable work of ours," in recussitating one of the waste places of our Zion.

WETZEL COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, New Martinsville, Wetzel Parish.

Communicants, 9. Confirmations, 7. Number of families, 6.

The undersigned is unable to make a regular and formal report from this parish, from causes beyond his control. Since the last Convention, aided by the Rev. William L. Hyland, (who has divided the service with him,) he has supplied a regular service on Tuesday in each week, except during the last three months. The church erected during the past year by the efficient aid of the contributions from this city, was consecrated in November last by the Bishop of the Diocese; at which time there were seven persons confirmed. The increase of parochial duties will, I fear, prevent the same attention to this promising parish. An active, self-denying minister at this and one or two places in the vicinity, would find ample success in building up the Church of Christ.

The undersigned, during the month of March, by invitation, visited the town of Fairmount, in Marion county, where he held several public services, baptized one adult and one infant, and administered the Holy Communion to thirteen devout communicants. These western fields are white to the harvest; but alas! the laborers are few.

JAMES D. McCABE,

Rector St. John's Church, Wheeling.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Montross Parish.

REV. WM. McGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 8; withdrawn, 1; present number, 7. Funerals, 2. Sunday School teachers, 1 male and 2 female; scholars, male and female, 18. Amount collected for religious purposes, \$20, more or less.

Cople Parish.

REV. E. B. McGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 19; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 2; present number, 19. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Confirmations—white, 3. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 2. Funerals, 2. Sunday Schools, 1, and Bible Class, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$10. Nearest Post Office, Rice's Store.

The heavy demand made upon the parish during the last year, for money to carry on the extensive repairs of its two church buildings, have necessarily reduced very much the contributions to religious and benevolent institutions.

Washington Parish.

REV. W. M. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 10; added, 1; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; removed, 1; present number, 8. Baptisms, infants, white, 1. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 6. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$30. Nearest Post Office, Oak Grove.

WOOD COUNTY.

Trinity Parish.

REV. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 33; added, 8; removed, 5; present number, 36. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants, white, 11; total, 12. Confirmations—white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Funerals—white, 1. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 1; female teachers, 6; total teachers, 7; scholars, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$105.

There have been two churches consecrated within the sphere of my ministry since the last Convention, and a third is nearly ready for consecration. Post Office, Parkersburg.

York Hampton Parish, Yorktown.

REV. EDMUND WITHEMS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; present number, 7. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Funerals—white, 1.

The charge of this parish I resigned in February, to take effect on the 22d day of May. On the first of March I ceased to be chaplain for the Eastern Lunatic Asylum at Williamsburg, Virginia.

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ERRATA.

The following should have been printed in the journal at page 5:

The names of the following clergymen have been erased from the List of the Clergy of this Diocese, and have been transferred to their respective Missionary Bishops:

REV. EDWARD W. HENNING, Africa;

REV. ROBERT NELSON, China;

REV. CLEVELAND KEITH, China; and the

REV. JOHN PAYNE, consecrated Missionary Bishop for Africa.

The whole number of Clergy, 111.

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SYNOPSIS FOR 1852.

COMMUNICANTS—Added.....		757
“ Removed and withdrawn.....		332
“ Suspended		5
“ Died.....		117
Losses by removals, suspensions, withdrawals, and death.....		454
Nett gain.....		303
Total number of communicants in the Parishes as far as ascertained.....		5842
BAPTISMS.—Adults { white.....	80	
{ colored	13	
Total.....	— 93	
“ Infants { white.....	629	
{ colored.....	136	
Total.....	— 765	858
Confirmations.....		440
Marriages.....		314
Funerals.....		562
Number of Families.....		
Contributions to the cause of Religion and the Church.....		\$32,980

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTINGENT FUND.

Received at Richmond, 1852.

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Accomac.....	St. James's.....	St. James's.....	\$17 00
Accomac.....	St. George's.....	St. George's & St. Michael's....	9 00
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	St. Paul's & Buck Mountain....	34 41
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	Christ, Charlottesville.....	82 00
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Christ.....	25 0
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Walker's.....	24 00
Alexandria.....	Fairfax.....	Christ.....	120 00
Alexandria.....	.....	St. Paul's.....	158 00
Amelia.....	Raleigh.....	Grubb Hill.....	27 00
Augusta.....	Augusta.....	Trinity, Staunton.....	90 00
Bedford.....	Russell.....	Trinity.....	22 00
Bedford.....	West Russell.....	St. Thomas's.....	8 00
Bedford.....	Hamner.....	St. Stephen's.....	65 00
Bedford.....	Heber.....	St. John's.....	18 00
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Christ.....	28 00
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Calvary & Mt. Zion.....	24 00
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Trinity, Martinsburg.....	42 00
Botetourt.....	Botetourt.....	Fincastle.....	30 00
Botetourt.....	Woodville.....	Trinity, Buchanan.....	19 00
Brunswick.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrew's.....	38 00
Buckingham.....	Tillotson.....	St. Peter's.....	24 00
Campbell.....	Moore.....	St. John's.....	14 00
Campbell.....	Lynchburg.....	St. Paul's, Lynchburg.....	153 00
Caroline.....	St. Margaret's.....	St. Margaret's.....	30 00
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	St. Peter's, Port Royal.....	27 00
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	Grace.....	23 00
Charles City.....	Westover.....	.....	38 00
Chesterfield.....	Dale.....	} Trinity.....	16 00
Powhatan.....	King William.....		
Clarke.....	Wickliffe.....	Grace & Wickliffe.....	94 00
Clarke.....	Frederick.....	Christ.....	57 00
Clarke, in full for 1850, delinquency.....	.....	Christ.....	5 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Stephen's.....	36 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. James's.....	28 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Paul's.....	7 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Paul's.....	2 00
Cumberland.....	Littleton.....	Grace.....	21 00
Cumberland.....	Littleton.....	St. James's.....	10 00
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Sapony.....	4 00
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	St. John's, Hampton.....	49 00
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	Centurion, Old Point.....	22 00
Essex.....	.....	St. Ann's.....	25 00
Essex.....	South Farnham.....	.....	31 10
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	Zion.....	16 00
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	Fall's.....	7 00
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. James's, Warrenton.....	56 00
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. Stephen's.....	8 00
Fauquier.....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's.....	32 00
Fauquier.....	Piedmont.....	Trinity.....	26 00
Fluvanna.....	Rivanna.....	.....	19 00
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Winchester.....	99 00
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	St. Thomas's.....	15 00
Gloucester.....	Abingdon & Ware.....	Abingdon & Ware.....	44 25
Gloucester.....	Abingdon & Ware.....	.....	3 75

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Goochland.....	St. James's Northam	St. Paul's & Beaver Dam.....	39 00
Goochland.....	St. James's Northam	in part of delinquency for 1851..	7 00
Greenville.....	Meherrin	Grace and Christ.....	23 00
Halifax.....	Antrim	St. John's.....	68 00
Halifax.....	Roanoke.....	.....	15 00
Hanover.....	St. Martin's.....	Trinity & Fork.....	58 00
Hanover.....	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's	26 00
Henrico	Henrico	St. John's.....	60 00
Henrico	Henrico	Monumental	159 00
Henrico	Henrico	St. James's.....	138 00
Henrico	Henrico	St. Paul's.....	214 00
Henry.....	Patrick.....	Christ.....	16 00
Isle of Wight.....	Newport.....	Christ, Smithfield	27 00
James City.....	Bruton	Williamsburg	77 00
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Zion, Charlestown.....	82 00
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. John's, Harper's Ferry.....	20 00
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Trinity.....	42 00
King George.....	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's	23 30
King George.....	St. Paul's.....	delinquency for 1851.....	13 00
King George.....	Hanover.....	St. John's.....	17 00
Lancaster.....	Christ Church.....	Christ	28 00
Loudoun.....	Shelburne.....	St. James's	70 00
Loudoun & Fauquier	Meade	Immanuel & Trinity.....	36 00
Louisa.....	Green Spring.....	St. John's	12 00
Louisa.....	Trinity.....	Trinity.....	4 00
Lunenburg.....	Cumberland.....	St. John's & St. Paul's.....	35 37
Madison.....	Bloomfield.....	Piedmont.....	16 00
Matthews.....	Kingston.....	Christ	5 00
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	St. Luke's & Clarkeville.....	15 00
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	in part of delinquency for 1851	3 00
Mecklenburg.....	.....	St. James's	48 00
Middlesex.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	8 00
Nansemond.....	Suffolk.....	St. Paul's.....	18 00
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	.....	26 00
New Kent.....	St. Peter's.....	St. Peter's.....	10 00
Norfolk.....	Elizabeth River.....	Christ, Norfolk city.....	400 00
Norfolk.....	Portsmouth.....	Trinity, Portsmouth.....	53 00
Norfolk.....	Portsmouth.....	St. John's.....	44 00
Norfolk.....	Norfolk.....	St. Paul's.....	181 00
Northampton.....	Hungar's.....	Hungar's & Christ.....	54 00
Ohio.....	.....	St. Matthew's.....	81 00
Orange.....	St. Thomas's.....	St. Thomas's.....	66 00
Petersburg.....	Bristol	St. Paul's.....	183 00
Petersburg.....	Bristol	Grace.....	65 00
Pittsylvania.....	Camden.....	Epiphany & Immanuel.....	34 00
Powhatan.....	Genito.....	Grace.....	16 00
Powhatan.....	St. James's Southam	St. Luke's & Immanuel.....	27 00
Princess Ann.....	Lynhaven.....	Chapel & Immanuel.....	28 00
Prince George.....	Martin's Brandon..	Merchants' Hope & Old Brandon	52 00
Prince George.....	City Point.....	St. John's.....	3 00
Prince William.....	Dettingen.....	St. James's.....	22 00
Prince William.....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's.....	32 00
Richmond.....	Farnham .....	.....	10 00
Roanoke.....	Salem.....	.....	18 00
Rockbridge.....	Latimer.....	Grace, Lexington.....	29 00
Spottsylvania.....	St. George's.....	St. George's, Fredericksburg....	150 00
Spottsylvania.....	Berkley	Christ	19 00
Spottsylvania.....	Berkley	St. John's.....	10 00
Surry.....	Southwark.....	Old Church.....	13 00
Westmoreland.....	Washington.....	St. Peter's.....	6 00
Westmoreland.....	Cople.....	Oak Grove.....	10 00

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Westmoreland.....	Montross.....	St. James's.....	5 00
Wood.....	Trinity.....	Parkersburg.....	20 00
Arch'd. Thweate, Dinwiddie.....			1 50
Miss Catherine Nelson, York Town.....			1 00
Donation by a friend.....			1 00
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AMOUNT PAID TO DELINQUENCIES OF THE CONTINGENT FUND.

Clarke county, Frederick Parish, in full of 1850.....	\$5 00
Mecklenburg county, in full of 1851.....	3 00
Madison county, Bloomfield Parish.....	2 00
<u>\$10 00</u>	

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PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH APPEAR DELINQUENT FOR 1852.

Bedford county, West Russell Parish, St. Thomas's Church.....	\$11 00
Bedford county, Russell Parish, Trinity Church.....	7 00
Buckingham county, Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church.....	3 00
Albemarle county, Frederickville Parish, St. Paul's and Buck Mountain Chs.....	9 59
Augusta county, Boyden Chapel.....	8 00
Accomack county, St. George's Parish, St. George's and St. Michael's Churches.....	3 00
Caroline county, St. Margaret's Parish, St. Margaret's Church.....	1 00
Essex county, South Farnham Parish.....	10 90
Fairfax county, Falls Church.....	5 00
Fairfax county, Truro Parish, Zion Church.....	5 00
Hampshire county, Hampshire Parish.....	13 00
Franklin county, Franklin Parish.....	10 00
Jefferson county, St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.....	20 00
Jefferson county, St. Andrew's Parish, St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry....	15 00
Jefferson county, St. Andrew's Parish, Zion Church, Charlestown.....	15 00
Lewis, Harrison and Monongahela counties, S. D. Tompkins, missionary....	45 00
Lunenburg county, Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches..	5 62
Madison county, Bloomfield Parish.....	3 00
Marshall county, Trinity Parish.....	14 00
Brooke county, St. John's Parish.....	40 00
Brooke county, Christ Church Parish.....	12 00
Ohio county, St. John's Parish, St. John's Church.....	62 00
Petersburg, Grace Church.....	62 00
Pittsylvania county, Camden Parish.....	14 00
Powhatan county, St. James's Southam.....	5 00
Rappahannock county, Bloomfield Parish.....	4 00
Rockbridge county, Latimer Parish, Grace Church, Lexington.....	9 00
Surry county, Southwark Parish, Old Church.....	5 00
Spottsylvania county, Berkeley Parish, St. John's Church.....	3 00
Wetzel county, Wetzel Parish, St. Paul's Church, New Martinsville.....	9 00
Westmoreland county, Montross Parish, St. James's Church.....	2 00
Westmoreland county, Cople Parish, Oak Grove Church.....	9 00
Westmoreland county, Washington Parish, St. Peter's Church.....	2 00
Wood county, Trinity Parish, Parkersburg.....	16 00
York county, Yorkhampton Parish.....	6 00

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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's.....	St. James's.....	(Vacant.)
Accomac.....	St. George's.....	St. George's.....	J. Ambler Weed.
Accomac.....	St. George's.....	St. Michael's.....	J. Ambler Weed.
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	Buck Mountain.....	S. R. Slack.
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	St. Paul's.....	S. R. Slack.
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	Christ, Charlottesville.....	R. K. Meade.
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Trinity No Garden.....	C. E. Ambler.
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Christ.....	C. E. Ambler.
Albemarle.....	Walker's.....	Walker's.....	E. Boyden.
Amelia.....	Raleigh.....	Grubb Hill.....	P. F. Berkeley.
Amherst.....	Lexington.....	St. Luke's, N. Glas- gow.....	E. Christian.
Amherst.....	Lexington.....	Ascension, Amh't ch. (Vacant.)	
Augusta.....	Augusta.....	Trinity, Staunton.....	T. T. Castleman.
Augusta.....	Augusta.....	Boyden Chapel.....	J. C. Wheat.
Alexandria.....	Fairfax.....	Christ, Alexandria.....	C. B. Dana.
Alexandria.....	Fairfax.....	St. Paul's, Alexandria.....	J. T. Johnston.
Bedford.....	Russell.....	Trinity.....	(Vacant.)
Bedford.....	West Russell.....	St. Thomas.....	Nelson Sale.
Bedford.....	Heber.....	St. John's, Liberty.....	J. A. Wharton, offic'g
Bedford.....	Hamner.....	St. Stephen's.....	O. A. Kinsolving.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Mt. Zion, Hedgesville.....	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Trinity, Martinsburg.....	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Calvary.....	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Christ.....	C. M. Callaway.
Botetourt.....	Botetourt.....	Grace.....	F. M. Baker.
Botetourt.....	Woodville.....	Trinity, Buchanan.....	F. M. Baker.
Brooke.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	S. D. Tompkins.
Brooke.....	St. John's.....	St. John's.....	S. D. Tompkins.
Brunswick.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrew's.....	R. P. Johnson.
Buckingham.....	Tillotson.....	St. Peter's.....	W. C. Meredith.
Campbell.....	Moore.....	St. John's.....	W. H. Kinckle, offic'g
Campbell.....	Lynchburg.....	St. Paul's, Lynchburg.....	W. H. Kinckle.
Caroline.....	St. Margaret's.....	St. Margaret's.....	D. M. Wharton.
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	St. Peter's, Port Royal.....	W. Friend.
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	Grace.....	A. Shiras.
Charles City.....	Westover.....		W. T. Leavell.
Charlotte.....	Cornwall.....	Roanoke.....	(Vacant.)
Chesterfield.....	Dale.....	Trinity.....	A. B. Tizzard.
Clarke.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Millwood.....	J. F. Hoff.
Clarke.....	Wickliffe.....	Grace, Berryville.....	J. Peterkin.
Clarke.....	Wickliffe.....	Wickliffe.....	J. Peterkin.
Culpepper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Stephen's.....	John Cole.

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Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. James's.....	John Cole.
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Paul's.....	John Cole.
Cumberland.....	Lyttleton.....	Grace.....	O. Bulkley.
Cumberland.....	Lyttleton.....	St. James'.....	O. Bulkley.
Cumberland.....	Lyttleton.....	St. Paul's.....	O. Bulkley.
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Sapony.....	(Vacant.)
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Calvary.....	(Vacant.)
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	St. John's, Hampton.	J. C. McCabe.
Elizabeth City.....	Old Point.....	Centurion, Old Point	M. L. Chevera.
Essex.....	St. Anne's.....	.....	J. P. McGuire.
Essex.....	South Farnham.....	.....	J. P. McGuire.
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	Zion.....	W. F. Lockwood.
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	St. John's.....	W. F. Lockwood.
Fairfax.....	Fairfax.....	Falls.....	W. F. Lockwood.
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. James', Warrenton	G. H. Norton.
Fauquier.....	Cedar Rup.....	St. Stephen's.....	G. H. Norton.
Fauquier.....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's.....	W. H. Pendleton.
Fauquier.....	Meade.....	Trinity.....	R. H. Wilmer.
Fauquier.....	Piedmont.....	Trinity, Salem.....	C. H. Shield.
Fluvanna.....	Rivanna.....	St. John's.....	(Vacant.)
Franklin.....	Franklin.....	At Court House.....	A. Wade.
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Winchester.....	C. Walker.
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	St. Thomas', Middle- town.....	W. N. Irish.
Gloucester.....	Abingdon.....	Abingdon.....	Charles Mann.
Gloucester.....	Ware.....	Ware.....	Charles Mann.
Goochland.....	St. James' Northam.	St. Paul's.....	F. M. Whittle.
Goochland.....	St. James' Northam.	Beaverdam.....	F. M. Whittle.
Greensville.....	Meherrin.....	Grace.....	P. G. Robert.
Greensville.....	Meherrin.....	Christ.....	P. G. Robert.
Halifax.....	Autrim.....	St. John's.....	John Grammer.
Halifax.....	Roanoke.....	Brick.....	J. T. Clark.
Halifax.....	Roanoke.....	Catawba.....	J. T. Clark.
Hanover.....	St. Martin's.....	Fork.....	Wm. V. Bowers.
Hanover.....	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's.....	W. Norwood, D. D.
Hampshire.....	Hampshire.....	St. Paul's.....	} W. N. Irish.
		Frankfort.....	
		Zion.....	
Harrison.....	Clarksburg.....	Bethel.....	(Vacant.)
Henrico.....	Henrico.....	St. John's.....	H. S. Keppler.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	Monumental.....	George Woodbridge.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	St. Paul's.....	Alexander Jones, D. D.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	St. James's.....	Adam Empie, D. D.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	Christ.....	J. J. Page.
H'	Richmond City.....	Armory.....	J. J. Page.
	Patrick.....	Christ.....	A. Wade.
	Newport.....	Christ, Smithfield...	H. T. Wilcoxon.

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Isle of Wight.....	Newport.....	Old Church	H. T. Wilcoxon.
James City	Bruton.....	—, Williamsburg. (Vacant.)	
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Zion, Charlestown..	D. A. Tyng.
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Trinity, Shepherdst'n	C. W. Andrews.
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. John's, Harper's Ferry.....	H. Stringfellow, jr.
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Bartholomew's, Lestown.....	C. McK. Callaway.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha	St. John's, Charleston	R. T. Brown.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha	St. Luke's, Salinea..	R. T. Brown.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha	St. Mark's, Coalsm'th	(Vacant.)
King George.....	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's.....	B. B. Leacock.
King George.....	Hanover.....	St. John's.....	William Friend.
King William.....	St. David's.....	St. David's.....	(Vacant.)
Lancaster.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	W. N. Ward, and J.
Lancaster.....	Christ Church.....	White Chapel.....	Towles, officiating.
Lewis.....	.....	St. Paul's, Weston..	(Vacant.)
Loudoun.....	Shelburne.....	St. James'.....	George Adie.
Loudoun.....	Meade.....	Emanuel.....	R. H. Wilmer.
Louisa.....	Green Spring.....	St. John's.....	E. Boyden.
Louisa.....	Trinity.....	Trinity.....	John Cooke.
Lunenburg.....	Cumberland.....	St. John's.....	Thomas E. Locke.
Lunenburg.....	Cumberland.....	St. Paul's.....	Thomas E. Locke.
Madison.....	Bloomfield.....	Piedmont.....	Joseph Earnest.
Madison.....	Bloomfield.....	Trinity.....	Joseph Earnest.
Marshall.....	Trinity.....	.....	William L. Hyland.
Mason.....	.....	Bruce Chapel.....	(Vacant.)
Mason.....	.....	Point Pleasant.....	(Vacant.)
Mathews.....	Kingston.....	Christ.....	G. S. Carraway,
Mecklenburg.....	St. James'.....	Old Church.....	(Vacant.)
Mecklenburg.....	St. James'.....	St. James'.....	(Vacant.)
Mecklenburg.....	St. James'.....	St. Andrew's.....	(Vacant.)
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	St. Luke's.....	(Vacant.)
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	Clarksville.....	T. E. Locke.
Middlesex.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	G. S. Carraway.
Nansemond.....	Suffolk	St. Paul's.....	A. S. Smith.
Nansemond.....	Chuckatuck.....	St. John's.....	
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Trinity.....	F. D. Goodwin.
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Callaway.....	F. D. Goodwin.
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Rockfish.....	(Vacant.)
Nelson ..	Nelson.....	St. Paul's, N. Market	
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Grace	
New Kent.....	St. Peter's.....	St. Peter's.....	W. Norwood, D. D.
Norfolk	Elizabeth River.....	Christ, Norfolk city.	G. D. Cummins.
Norfolk.....	Elizabeth River.....	St. Paul's.....	Wm. M. Jackson.
Norfolk.....	Portsmouth.....	Trinity, Portsmouth.	J. H. Wingfield.
Norfolk.....	Portsmouth.....	St. John's.....	James Chisholm.

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Northampton.....	Hungars.....	Hungars.....	J. Rawson, D. D.
Northampton.....	Hungars.....	Christ.....	J. Rawson, D. D.
Ohio, Wheeling.....		St. Matthew's.....	Wm. Armstrong.
Ohio.....	St. John's.....	St. John's.....	Jas. D. McCabe, D.D.
Orange.....	St. Thomas'	St. Thomas'	Joseph Earnest.
Petersburg.....	Bristol.....	St. Paul's.....	H. Stringfellow.
Petersburg.....	Bristol.....	Grace.....	C. J. Gibson.
Pittsylvania.....	Camden.....	Epiphany.....	G. W. Dame.
Pittsylvania.....	Camden.....	Emanuel.....	G. W. Dame.
Powhatan.....	Genito.....	Grace.....	P. F. Berkeley.
Powhatan.....	St. James', Southam	St. Luke's.....	Andrew Fisher.
Powhatan.....	St. James', Southam	Immanuel.....	Andrew Fisher.
Powhatan.....	King William.....		A. B. Tizzard.
Princess Ann.....	Lynnhaven.....	Chapel.....	Lewis Walka.
Princess Ann.....	Lynnhaven.....	Emanuel.....	Lewis Walka.
Prince George.....	City Point.....	St. John's.....	(Vacant.)
Prince George.....	Martin's Brandon..	Merchants' Hope ..	C. Minnigerode.
Prince George.....	Martin's Brandon..	Old Brandon.....	C. Minnigerode.
Prince William.....	Dettingen.....	St. James'.....	John Towles.
Prince William.....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's.....	John Towles.
Putnam.....	St. Paul's.....	Winfield.....	(Vacant.)
Putnam.....	St. Paul's.....	St. John's.....	(Vacant.)
Putnam.....	St. Paul's.....	Teaye's Valley.....	(Vacant.)
Rappahannock.....	Bloomfield.....		W. H. Pendleton.
Richmond.....	Lunenburg.....		W. N. Ward.
Richmond.....	Farnham.....		W. N. Ward.
Roanoke.....	Salem.....		G. T. Wilmer.
Rockbridge.....	Latimer.....	Grace, Lexington..	L. P. Clover.
Rockingham.....	Rockingham.....	P. Republic.....	J. C. Wheat.
Spottsylvania.....	St. George's.....	St. George's, Freder- icksburg.....	E. C. McGuire, D. D.
Spottsylvania.....	Berkeley.....	Christ.....	D. M. Wharton.
Spottsylvania.....	Berkeley.....	St. John's.....	D. M. Wharton.
Surry.....	Southwark.....	Lower Surry.....	J. C. McCabe.
Sussex.....	Albemarle.....	Immanuel.....	(Vacant.)
Washington.....	Holston.....	St. Thomas', Abingd'n	(Vacant.)
Westmoreland.....	Washington.....	St. Peter's.....	Wm. McGuire.
Westmoreland.....	Cople.....	Oak Grove.....	E. B. McGuire.
Westmoreland.....	Montross.....	St. James's.....	Wm. McGuire.
Wood.....	Trinity.....	Parkersburg.....	E. T. Perkins.
Wythe.....	Wytheville.....		(Vacant.)
Wetzel.....	Wetzel.....	St. Paul's.....	J. D. McCabe.
York.....	York-Hampton.....	Grace.....	(Vacant.)

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AN ACT
CONCERNING CHURCH PROPERTY.

New Code of Virginia, Chap. 77, page 362.

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§ 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 name, in 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 3d 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 took 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 legalized a *devise*, as well as a conveyance of lands for the use and benefit of any religious congregation as a place of public worship, or as a burial place, or parsonage.

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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, Chapter 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 parties 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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*Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the  
Episcopal Church in Virginia.*

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