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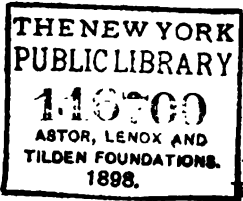
IN
VIRGINIA,

HELD IN
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LYNCHBURG,

ON THE
17TH, 18TH, 19TH AND 20TH OF MAY, 1854.

RICHMOND:
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FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

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

	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 — “ Removed, _____; withdrawn, _____; suspended, _____;.....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 A 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.

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PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

LEXINGTON—*Third Wednesday in May, 1855.*
FREDERICKSBURG “ “ 1856.
PETERSBURG “ “ 1857.
WINCHESTER “ “ 1858.
NORFOLK “ “ 1859.
CHARLOTTESVILLE “ “ 1860.
ALEXANDRIA “ “ 1861.
STAUNTON “ “ 1862.
RICHMOND “ “ 1863.
WHEELING “ “ 1864.
LYNCHBURG “ “ 1865.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

MAY 17, 1854.

- Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D., Bishop, Millwood Post-Office, Clarke County.
- Rt. Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D., Assistant Bishop, residing near Alexandria, P. O. Theological Seminary, Fairfax County.
- Rev. C. W. ANDREWS, D. D., Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.
- Rev. GEORGE ADIE, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg, Loudoun County.
- Rev. CHARLES E. AMBLEB, Zion Church, Charlestown, Jefferson Co.
- Rev. THOS. AMBLEB, Dinwiddie Court House.
- Rev. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.
- Rev. FRANCIS M. BAKER, Bottetourt Parish, Bottetourt County.
- Rev. P. F. BERKLEY, 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 Co.; P. O. Cobham's Depot.
- Rev. R. T. BROWN, Agent of the American Sunday School Union. P. Office, Theological Seminary, Fairfax County.
- Rev. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Trinity Church, Staunton.
- Rev. R. A. CASTLEMAN, Clarksburg.
- Rev. J. W. CHESLEY, Boydton, Mecklenburg.
- Rev. JAMES CHISHOLM, St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
- Rev. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, St. James' Church, Richmond.
- Rev. M. L. CHEVERS, Chaplain in the United States Army, and Rector of Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.
- Rev. JOHN M. CHEVERS, Painesville, Amelia County.
- Rev. JOHN T. CLARKE, Roanoke Parish; P. O. Midland, Charlotte Co.
- Rev. JOHN COLE, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper Court House.
- Rev. JOHN COOKE, Ætna, Hanover County.
- Rev. WM. H. COFFIN, Wellsburg, Brooke County.
- Rev. DAVID CALDWELL, Old Church, Hanover County.

- Rev. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Elk Union, Buffalo Springs, Amherst C. H.
 Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Kingston Parish, Matthews and Middlesex;
 Post Office, Urbanna.
 Rev. C. M. CALLAWAY, Grace Church, Middleway, St. Bartholomew's
 Church, Jefferson, and Christ Church, Berkeley; Post Office,
 Middleway, Jefferson.
 Rev. G. H. DAME, Camden and Patrick Parishes, Danville.
 Rev. C. B. DANA, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria.
 Rev. JAMES DOUGHEN, Lynchburg.
 Rev. E. A. DALRYMPLE.
 Rev. JOS. EARNEST, St. Thomas' Church, Orange Court House.
 Rev. A. EMPIE, D. D., residing near Richmond.
 Rev. WM. FRIEND, St. Peter's and Grace Churches, Port Royal, Caro-
 line County.
 Rev. ANDREW FISHER, St. James', Southam, Sublett's Tavern, Pow-
 hatan County.
 Rev. T. D. GOODWIN, Nelson Parish, Tye River Warehouse, Nelson Co.
 Rev. JOHN GRAMMER, Antrim Parish, Halifax Court House.
 Rev. C. J. GIBSON, Grace Church, Petersburg.
 Rev. JOHN H. HILL, Missionary, Athens, Greece.
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 Rev. WM. L. HYLAND, Trinity Parish, Marshall County; Post Office,
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 Rev. JAS. T. JOHNSTON, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
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 Rev. JOHN H. KEHLER, Shepherdstown.
 Rev. THO. E. LOCKE, Cumberland Parish, McFarland's Store, Lunen-
 burg County.
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 Rev. H. T. LEE, Abingdon.
 Rev. E. R. LIPPITT, Alexandria.
 Rev. W. J. LYND, Assistant Minister, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
 Rev. CHARLES MANN, Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester C. H.
 Rev. JAS. MAY, D. D., Professor in Theological Seminary, Fairfax Co.
 Rev. R. K. MEADE, Christ Church, Charlottesville.
 Rev. CHARLES MINNEGERODE, Christ Church, Norfolk.
 Rev. J. F. MARTIN, Ascension Church, Amherst Court House.

- Rev. JAMES D. McCABE, D. D., St. John's Church, Wheeling.
 Rev. JOHN C. McCABE, St. John's Church, Hampton.
 Rev. E. C. McGUIRE, D. D., St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.
 Rev. J. P. McGUIRE, Rector of the High School, Howard, Fairfax Co.
 Rev. F. H. McGUIRE, Mecklenburg County.
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 Essex County.
 Rev. WM. C. McGUIRE, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County; Post Office,
 Berryville.
 Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Tillotson Parish, Curdsville, Buckingham Co.
 Rev. WILLIAM MEADE NELSON, Carter's Bridge, Albemarle County.
 Rev. G. H. NORTON, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, Warrenton P. O.
 Rev. N. A. OKESON, Westover Parish, Charles City Court House.
 Rev. JOSEPH PACKARD, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary,
 Fairfax County, Virginia.
 Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, Leeds Parish, Fauquier, Leeds Manor, Fau-
 quier County.
 Rev. WM. N. PENDLETON, Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Lexington.
 Rev. R. H. PHILLIPS, Principal of the Va. Female Institute, Staunton.
 Rev. E. T. PERKINS, Assistant Minister, St. Matthew's Ch., Wheeling.
 Rev. JAS. A. PAGE, Weston, Lewis County.
 Rev. J. A. RUSSELL, St. Paul's Parish, King George County.
 Rev. JAMES RAWSON, D. D., Hungar's Parish, Northampton County.
 Rev. P. G. ROBERT, Meherrin Parish; P. O. Hicksford, Greensville Co.
 Rev. PHILIP SLAUGHTER, Agent of the Colonization Society of Virginia,
 Fredericksburg.
 Rev. NELSON SALE, West Russell Parish, Big Island, Bedford County.
 Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.
 Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.
 Rev. GEO. A. SMITH, Editor of *The Southern Churchman*, Alexandria.
 Rev. ARISTIDES SMITH, officiating at St. Paul's, Suffolk; P. O. Norfolk.
 Rev. CHARLES H. SHIELD, Salem, Fauquier County.
 Rev. S. R. SLACK, Agent of the American Tract Society; Post Office,
 Mechum's River, Albemarle County.
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 Rev. SILAS D. TOTTON, D. D., Professor in William and Mary College,
 Williamsburg.
 Rev. H. W. L. TEMPLE, officiating in Essex; P. O. Miller's Tavern, Essex.
 Rev. JOHN TOWLES, Dettingen and Leeds Parish, Millford Mills, Prince
 William County.

- Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Dale Parish, Chesterfield, King William Parish, Powhatan; Post Office, Winter Rock, Chesterfield County.
- Rev. S. D. TOMPKINS, Wellsburg, Brooke County.
- Rev. WM. N. WARD, Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople Parishes, Richmond County; Post Office, Lyell's Store.
- Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Berkeley, St. George's and St. Margaret's Parishes, Mt. Pleasant, Spottsylvania.
- Rev. JOHN A. WHARTON, Liberty Post Office, Bedford County.
- Rev. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
- Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Monumental Church, Richmond.
- Rev. J. W. WOODVILLE, Germania, Culpepper Court House.
- Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford County; Post Office, Forrest Depot.
- Rev. G. T. WILMER, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.
- Rev. EDMUND WITHERS, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County.
- Rev. LEWIS WALKER, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne, Norfolk Co.; Post Office, Norfolk.
- Rev. CORNELIUS WALKER, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.
- Rev. J. AMBLER WEED, Richmond.
- Rev. F. M. WHITTLE, Grace Church, Berryville.
- Rev. ANDERSON WADE, M. D., Patrick Parish; Post Office, Martinsville, Henry County.
- Rev. J. A. WHEAT, Vice-Principal Virginia Female Institute, and Rector of Rockingham Parish.
- Rev. HENRY WALL, Grace Church, Caroline County.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES

IN ATTENDANCE UPON THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE PARISHES
REPRESENTED BY THEM.

- Philip Nelson, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.
S. W. Shelton, St. Paul's, Lynchburg.
R. H. Cunningham, St. James', Culpepper County.
Col. Francis H. Smith, Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge
County.
Alfred L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.
Cassius F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria.
Samuel Stillman, St. John's Church, Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna.
Walter Williams, Christ Church, Norfolk.
John J. Ambler, St. Thomas' Church, Orange County.
Isaac Hoge, Trinity Church, Trinity Parish, Marshall County.
H. W. Latane, Jr., St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, So. Farnham
Parish, Essex County.
Dr. M. Miller, }
Jno. R. Bryan, } Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County.
Col. Thos. H. Ellis, St. Paul's Church, Richmond.
Edw'd. Scott, Jr., Mannikintown Church, King William Parish,
Powhatan County.
Dr. Henry L. Davies, Lexington Parish, Amherst County.
H. P. Lefebvre, St. James' Church, Richmond.
Henry Gantt, Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle County.
Chas. H. Page, Sr., Walker's Parish, Albemarle County.
James M. Harris, Grace Church, Genito Parish, Powhatan.
Harrison H. Cocke, Martin's, Brandon Parish, Prince George.
Dr. T. T. Withers, St. James' Church, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier.
Benj. Wigginton, Trinity Church, Bedford County.
G. S. Conway, Bloomfield Parish, Madison County.
Col. John Crenshaw, Heber Parish, Bedford County.
J. W. Claxton, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax County.
Col. Thos. N. Burwell, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt County.
Thurmur Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne County.

- Dr. Patrick H. Foster, Roanoke Parish, Halifax County.
 Drury B. Fitzhugh, St. Paul's Church, King George.
 Dr. Charles Carter, Christ Church, Charlottesville.
 Edward Tarry, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg.
 Dr. Joseph Hobson, St. James', Southam Parish, Powhatan County.
 David Holmes Conrad, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.
 Maj. Wm. Noland, Emmanuel Church, St. John's Parish, Loudoun.
 Henry Carrington, Roanoke Church, Cornwall Parish, Charlotte.
 George P. Tayloe, Salem Parish, Roanoke County.
 J. B. Dabney, St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell County.
 W. R. Galt, Trinity Church, Woodville Parish, Botetourt County.
 Lewis A. Boggs, St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, and Christ
 Church, Spottsylvania County.
 Dr. Francis W. Pendleton, Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County.
 Col. G. M. Carrington, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.
 William Radford, St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford.
 Archie C. Page, Grace Church, Littleton Parish, Cumberland County.
 John M. Hooper, St. Peter's Church, Tillotson's Parish, Buckingham
 County.
 Charles Friend, Grace Church, Petersburg.
 John Rowlett, St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg.
 Wm. F. Davis, Monumental Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.
 Wm. Pollock, St. George's Church, St. George's Parish, Fred'ksb'g.
 Chas. A. Grice, St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish, Portsmouth.
 Dr. Tho. H. Claggett, St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Loudoun.
 Wm. H. Fowle, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
 Ed. T. Tayloe, St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George Co.
 Nathaniel T. Green, Antrim Parish, Halifax.
 Maj. Geo. Wilson, Epiphany Church, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania.

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 him 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. While 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 farther 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 the 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, and the reception of the Parochial Reports by the Bishop from the clergy, who shall be called upon in alphabetical order for their reports, and (if required) the reading of the Parochial Reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop may think fit.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

LYNCHBURG, VA., *May 17, 1854.*

The day appointed for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, having arrived, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, 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, Lynchburg.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Silas D. Totten, D. D., and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Horace Stringfellow, from the 16th chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, 15th and 16th verses: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese then made a few remarks, suggested by the sermon; after which, the Convention was called to order for business, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese being in the chair.

Notice was received from the Secretary of the Convention, stating his inability to be present; whereupon, A. L. Seabury, Esq. was elected Secretary *pro tem.*, who proceeded to call the roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention.

The following gentlemen answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. William Meade, D. D.,	Rev. W. T. Leavell,
Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.,	" Chas. Minnigerode,
Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D.	" T. F. Martin,
" Chas. E. Ambler,	" Jno. C. McCabe,
" Wm. V. Bowers,	" E. C. McGuire, D. D.,
" O. Bulkley,	" Wm. McGuire,
" Francis M. Baker,	" W. C. Meredith,

Rev. M. L. Chevers,	Rev. Nelson Sale,
“ Jno. M. Chevers,	“ Horace Stringfellow,
“ John T. Clark,	“ Geo. A. Smith,
“ John Cole,	“ Wm. Sparrow, D. D.,
“ John Cooke,	“ John Towles,
“ G. S. Carraway,	“ D. M. Wharton,
“ G. W. Dame,	“ Geo. Woodbridge,
“ C. B. Dana,	“ Richard H. Wilmer,
“ Wm. Friend,	“ Edmund Withers,
“ Andrew Fisher,	“ Cornelius Walker,
“ T. D. Goodwin,	“ F. M. Whittle,
“ John Grammer,	“ N. A. Okeon,
“ C. J. Gibson,	“ W. M. Nelson,
“ J. F. Hoff,	“ W. J. Lynd,
“ Jas. T. Johnston,	“ H. T. Lee,
“ Alexander Jones, D. D.,	“ W. N. Pendleton,
“ W. H. Kinckle,	“ J. A. Russell,
“ O. A. Kinsolving,	“ S. R. Slack,
“ H. S. Kepler,	“ W. H. Coffin, M. D.
“ Thos. E. Locke,	

Rev. T. T. Castleman appeared after roll was called, and took his seat. Also Rev. Jos. Packard, D. D.

The Chair appointed Rev. W. N. Pendleton and Col. G. M. Carrington a Committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who, after retiring, returned and reported the following gentlemen duly elected :

Phillip Nelson, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.

S. W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.

Richard H. Cunningham, St. James' Church, Culpepper County.

Col. Francis H. Smith, Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge County.

Alfred L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.

Cassius F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria.

H. P. Lefebvre, St. James' Church, Richmond.

Henry Gantt, Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle County.

Chas. H. Page, Sr., Walker's Parish, Albemarle County.

James M. Harris, Grace Church, Genito Parish, Powhatan,

Harrison M. Cocke, Martin's, Brandon Parish, Prince George.

Dr. T. T. Withers, St. James' Church, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier.

Benj. Wigginton, Trinity Church, Bedford County.

G. S. Conway, Bloomfield Parish, Madison County.

- Col. John Crenshaw, Heber Parish, Bedford County.
 J. W. Claxton, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax County.
 Col. Thos. N. Burwell, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt County.
 Thurmur Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne County.
 Dr. Patrick H. Foster, Roanoke Parish, Halifax County.
 Drury B. Fitzhugh, St. Paul's Church, King George.
 Dr. Chas. Carter, Christ Church, Charlottesville.
 Edward Tarry, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg.
 Dr. Joseph Hobson, St. James, Southam Parish, Powhatan County.
 David Holmes Conrad, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.
 Maj. Wm. Nowland, Emanuel Church, St. John's Parish, Loudoun.
 Henry Carrington, Roanoke Church, Cornwall Parish, Charlotte.
 George P. Tayloe, Salem Parish, Roanoke County.
 J. B. Dabney, St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell County.
 W. R. Galt, Trinity Church, Woodville Parish, Botetourt County.
 Lewis A. Boggs, St. John's Church, Berkley Parish, and
 Christ Church, Spottsylvania County.
 Dr. Francis W. Pendleton, Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County.
 Col. George M. Carrington, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish,
 Richmond.
 William Radford, St. Stephen's Church, Hanmer Parish, Bedford.
 Archie C. Page, Grace Church, Littleton Parish, Cumberland County.
 John M. Hooper, St. Peter's Church, Tillotson's Parish, Buckingham
 County.
 Charles Friend, Grace Church, Petersburg.
 John Rowlett, St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg.
 Wm. F. Davis, Monumental Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.
 Wm. Pollock, St. George's Church, St. George's Parish, Fredericksb'g.
 Chas. A. Grice, St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish, Portsmouth.
 Dr. Tho. H. Claggett, St. James' Church, Shelbourne Parish, Loudoun.
 Wm. H. Fowle, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
 Ed. T. Tayloe, St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George Co.
 Nathaniel T. Green, Antrim Parish, Halifax.
 Maj. George Wilson, Epiphany Church, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania.

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

The Chair appointed Col. Geo. M. Carrington Treasurer *pro tem.* of the Convention.

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

THURSDAY, May 18th, 9 A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment, Bishop Meade in the chair, and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. John Johns, the assistant Bishop.

The Secretary then read the journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The following clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention, who were not present yesterday, appeared this morning :

'Rev. Anderson Wade, M. D.,	Rev. Wm. Armstrong,
" Jas. D. McCabe, D. D.,	" Robt. Smith,
" Jas. Chisholm,	" Thos. M. Ambler,
Rev. A. B. Tizzard.	

Bishop Meade read his report as follows :

BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN : Though absent from home my usual period of six months on Episcopal duties, during our last Conventional year, I have performed a less amount of service within the bounds of our own Diocese than I have had to report in times past. In consequence of ill health, I did not commence my spring visitation until the latter part of May, when I held confirmations in the two congregations of St. Paul's and Grace Churches, Petersburg, there being fifteen recipients of that rite in the former, and twenty in the latter. I thence proceeded on my usual route, and confirmed ten persons at Hicksford, Greensville county; one at Grace Church; four at Sapony, in Dinwiddie county; and two at the Court House. At Lawrenceville, in Brunswick county, three were confirmed; at St. Andrew's, Lunenburg, two; at Boydton, in Mecklenburg, two, and admitted the Rev. Mr. Chesley to Priest's orders. In Halifax county, one was confirmed in the parish of the Rev. Mr. Clark, and eight in that of the Rev. Mr. Grammer; at Danville, Pittsylvania county, nine; in St. John's Church, Campbell county, three; in Amherst county, twenty-four. At Lynchburg I admitted the Rev. Mr. Martin to Priest's orders.

My next duties were at the Seminary in July, where I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. Robt. Smith, Mr. Thomas Ambler, Mr. Wm. Wright, and the Rev. Mr. Russell, Mr. Wall, Dr. Stoney and Mr. Tuttle to the order of Priests. In the latter part of July, I held a confirmation at the Church in Berryville, Clarke county, admitting ten persons to that rite, three of whom were servants.

In the month of August, I admitted to Deacon's orders, Mr. William Meade Nelson, in the Church at Millwood.

The months of September and October were nearly all spent in attending the General Convention and an Ecclesiastical Court.

In the month of November, I admitted the Rev. Robert Castleman to the order of Priest, in the Church at Berryville; and confirmed seven persons in the Church at Winchester.

In the month of February, I held another confirmation in the congregation at Berryville, eight being admitted to that rite. In the same month, I admitted, in the Church at Winchester, to the order of Deacon, the Rev. Dr. Coffin, of the Methodist Church.

In the month of April, I held a confirmation in Millwood, admitting six young persons to the communion by that rite. I also held confirmation in the Churches of Upperville and Middlebury in that month, three being admitted at each place. On the third of April, I set out on my present visitation, which will extend to the 20th of July. On the 5th I attended a meeting of the Trustees of our Theological Seminary and High School, held in Fredericksburg, for the purpose of considering the act of incorporation granted by last session of the Virginia Legislature. On the evening of that day, I confirmed eighteen persons in St. George's Church of that place. On the Monday before Easter, I held confirmation in the two churches in Norfolk, repeating the same in one of them (Christ Church) on Good Friday. Sixty-six persons were admitted to that rite in the two congregations, fifty of whom belonged to Christ Church, and sixteen to St. Paul's. A very interesting state of religious feeling existed in both of them. During that week, I visited the congregations in Princess Anne, Old Point, and Hampton, confirming eight in the latter place. On the following Sabbath, I confirmed six persons in the congregation under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Wingfield; and on Monday morning, at an early hour, five in that of Mr. Chisholm, in the town of Portsmouth. My next visit was to the Eastern shore. I spent ten days in visiting the five congregations in Accomac and Northampton, confirming eleven in the former and eight in the latter. On my return I visited the congregations in Matthews and Gloucester, confirming four in each. I spent one day at the church in old Yorktown, and two in Williamsburg, confirming two persons in the latter. I next visited the two congregations in Charles City, confirming two persons in one of them. On my way to this place, I spent the last Sabbath in Charlottesville, and administered the rite of confirmation to sixteen persons, eleven of whom were students of the University, in which institution there also exists a deep feeling on the all-important subject of religion.

Having given this rapid narrative of Episcopal acts during my visitations, I proceed, according to the canon, to state such other official acts as have been performed during the past year.

Letters dismissory have been granted to the following persons: To the Rev. George Ramney to the Diocese of Connecticut; Rev. Mr. Tuttle to Maryland; Rev. Leonidas Smith to North Carolina; Rev. Mr. Mitcheson to New Jersey; Rev. Mr. Clover to New York.

I have also received letters dismissory in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Caldwell, from Maryland; the Rev. Mr. Lee, from Louisiana; the Rev. Mr. Lynd, from Mississippi; the Rev. Mr. Zimmer, from Georgia; Rev. Mr. Okeson, from New York.

The following persons have been added to the list of candidates for orders, since the last Convention: W. H. Coffin, (since ordained,) John J. Wallace, Lewis Newman, Edward Hoof, Daniel Mallory, Stephen Pendleton.

A few reflections, under several heads, will now conclude my report:

1. The Episcopal and Parochial Reports will shew an increase of confirmations during the past over some preceding years; and when we well know that our ministers do not encourage any to present themselves who have not a good hope that they are the children of God by a true faith in his son Jesus Christ, and are resolved to walk henceforth in newness of life, we rejoice in such additions to the communion as evidences of God's gracious favor to his Church.

2. In connection with this mention of our Seminary, it becomes me to state the fact that the Legislature of our State, at its last session, granted an act of incorporation to the same, whereby we shall be enabled henceforth to secure all bequests to it, and protect our funds by the aid of our civil courts. We have recently heard of the liberal bequest of five thousand dollars, by Mr. Elliot Cresson of Philadelphia, and have received the tender of some valuable books from a friend residing in the same city: In this connection, I also make mention of the large accession to our library, during the past year, of nearly all the books of the late lamented Rev. James W. Cooke, of Rhode Island, so well known as the zealous secretary of our Foreign Missionary Board. I cannot so well present this subject to your notice as by reading the following letter from the Rev. Dr. Howe:

"NEW YORK, HOUSE OF CLER. AND LAY DEP'S., }
October 14th, 1853. }

"Rev. and Dear Sir: Before you receive this, there may have come to you eleven boxes of books, sent by me from Bristol, R. I., via Philadelphia, directed to the 'Theological Seminary of Virginia.' If they

have not yet come to your possession, they are on the way, and are a bequest from the late lamented Rev. James W. Cooke, who, by will, bequeathed the whole of his library—excepting one hundred volumes selected by his widow for her own use—to your Institution. That selection she has made, and in these eleven boxes you have the remainder. You will find in them a valuable addition to the library of the Seminary. I rejoice in this accession to the facilities furnished at your excellent Institution for a sound theological education.

“It is the wish of Mrs. Cooke that, if it can be done consistently with the interests of the Seminary, the library bequeathed by her husband shall be *kept together*, in an alcove or set of shelves by themselves, so as to be always distinguishable as the library of Mr. Cooke.

“And here permit me to suggest, that those personal friends of that dear saint of God, Bishop Griswold, (who are cognizant of the fact that his library was sent to Alexandria,) have felt sad disappointment on their visits to the Seminary, that they were not able to find the precious deposit. May I not ask, if it is not yet *possible* and *admissible* that the books of Bishop Griswold shall be gathered from their dispersion and placed again side by side, with *his venerable name* surmounting the shelves on which they rest?

“I am sure they would, if thus collected, become a magnet of attraction towards your Seminary of many hearts that in this generation love the memory of that holy man. And I think that future years will render any memento of his life and work more and more valuable and interesting.

“Pardon the freedom of my suggestions, and believe me the friend and well-wisher of the Seminary, and also, with great respect,

Your friend and brother,

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE.

The Rev. Prof. Puckard, Virginia Theological Seminary.”

To this may be added one hundred volumes from the Rev. Henry Beare, of New York.

It becomes me here to state that the rooms in our Seminary hitherto appropriated to the library, are insufficient to enable us to comply with the reasonable request of the widow of our deceased benefactor, or with that respect which is due to the valued gift of the venerable Bishop Griswold, of whose dying remembrance we are so justly proud. A separate and larger edifice for our library is now greatly needed and must soon be had, unless we wish to say to living and dying friends that we will receive no more contributions to the same. It is hoped that this public notice of our deficiency will soon call forth the means of its supply.

3. I have now to mention a subject which is at the same time a cause for rejoicing and an occasion for exhortation. It is matter of rejoicing that the duty of providing permanent dwelling places for our ministers is felt to be more and more important throughout our Diocese. On no subject do I feel more sure of a favorable hearing, than when I address a congregation in behalf of this object. Within the last year a goodly number of comfortable parsonages have been added to those already existing, and I am truly surprised that any congregation, either in town or country, should be so blind to their truest interests as not to provide such for their minister. Amongst those which I know to have been recently erected or purchased, I might mention those of Westmoreland and Richmond counties; of Millwood, Clarke county; Lexington, Rockbridge county; Lawrenceville, Brunswick county; Wicklife Parish, Williamsburg; and one projected, and I hope soon to be executed, in Fredericksburg, as well as St. James' Church, Richmond. But I desire especially to direct your attention to one recently erected in the county of Northampton, on the Eastern shore of Virginia. This is to be ascribed almost entirely, as to the means of its erection, to Mr. John Eyre of that county, who gave three thousand dollars for the purpose. Out of gratitude for his valuable and most timely donation, the Vestry have caused his name to be inscribed on a tablet in its front, although the eyes of the liberal donor have become too dim with age to discern the same. Not less indebted is the congregation to the indefatigable zeal and diligence of another member of the congregation (Dr. Smith of Eastville, for more than twenty years an effective lay-reader in the parish,) who has devoted almost the whole of his time and energies to the erection of the building and the improvement of the grounds, during the last twelve months. So much delighted was I with the plan of the house, drawn by himself, and so admirably suited to the comfort of a minister and his family, that I have procured a drawing of the same for the benefit of any individuals or congregations who may wish to go and do likewise. The great cost of timber and other materials in that section, has greatly enhanced the expense.

4. On another subject, which furnishes materials both for congratulation and exhortation, I have also something to say. It has been a matter of rejoicing to me, in going from parish to parish, to learn from the clergymen themselves that in a number of instances there has been an increased attention to their temporal wants, bearing some proportion to their increasing needs, causing their hearts to overflow with gratitude to God for giving them such favor with their people. I believe there is no Diocese in our land where the average support of the minister is larger or more punctually paid; and yet, in too many instances, they

are small, compared with the means of the people and the reasonable wants of the clergy. There is at this time a solemn call made upon the laity to consider their duty in this respect towards the clergy. It is notorious that the prices of many of the necessaries of life have in some places increased from twenty to one hundred per cent., and that there is no probability of a speedy reduction. To a large portion of our fellow-citizens, this increase is but little felt, as they are both buyers and sellers, whereby an equality is produced, the high prices of what they sell enabling them to meet the prices of what they buy. But let it be remembered, that the clergy being debarred, and properly debarred, from the lucrative pursuits of life, have every thing to buy and nothing to dispose of. If, therefore, there be not a liberal pecuniary compensation for their services, bearing a due proportion to the cost of the necessaries of life, or a generous supply of their wants in some other way, there must be either real suffering at home, dishonorable debt, an abandonment of the ministry, or its combination with some other occupation, either too burdensome or incompatible with the sacred office. I trust that the members of our church in Virginia will never permit either of these sad evils to befall her clergy. Should they do it, an increased difficulty in the supply of our parishes must be expected, and the number of our candidates for the ministry be diminished. But this we will not permit ourselves to anticipate.

5. And this leads to another topic of encouragement as well as exhortation. There are some signs for good in relation to our number of candidates for the ministry. The present year is marked by an evident increase of these, and our Seminary not only evinces it now by its present number, but will shew it more fully, I am confident, in years to come. The prayer of faith has been heard. Amongst the increasing number of those on whom the hands of your Bishops have been laid during the present year, there is an increasing number of those who hope that those hands may once more be laid on them in conveying the sacred office. At the old Alma Mater of Virginia, and the younger and larger University, there are a goodly number who not only hope to be saved themselves, but desire to labor for the salvation of others. God grant that the number may increase more and more.

6. I have only one other subject to present to you, and I wish I could say that there was cause of rejoicing as well as of exhortation in relation to this also; but honesty requires that I should only use the language of exhortation, and yet not without hope of success. It will be remembered that I have from time to time called the attention of the ministers and members of the Church in Virginia to the duty of increasing the circulation of our religious paper—The Southern Church-

man. Although the call has never been unheeded, but has always produced some increase of subscribers, still the increase has borne no proportion to the importance of the paper and the needs of its worthy Editor. I need not tell you that its Editor is a beloved and faithful minister of our Church, born in our midst, and who, as long as the ability was given him of the Lord, most laboriously devoted himself to the duties of the sacred office. When the power of proclaiming the Gospel from the pulpit failed, he gave himself up to promoting that same Gospel in some other way. For a number of years he has been exercising a most effectual ministry in our Diocese, and rendering great help to his brethren, by the issue of a religious paper, in which all the members of Episcopal families, from the youngest to the oldest, are furnished each week with interesting facts and suitable exhortations. By general consent, it has been judiciously and piously conducted for the benefit of the laity. The clergy also have found it a valuable assistant in executing their ordination vow to "banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word," at a time when there was great need for it—a time which has not yet entirely passed away. In this manner most effectual service has been rendered to the cause of sound religion among us, which the clergy could not well have spared. For such service, both clergy and laity ought to feel bound to make a suitable return. The present profits of the paper are very inconsiderable, compared with the actual needs of our brother for himself and a dependent family, and nothing but a sense of duty and desire to promote the interests of true religion could have constrained him thus long to labor so diligently for so slight a compensation. I trust we shall be able to adopt some method for his better compensation and the increased circulation of this excellent weekly tract, which is ever coming into our houses with something new and valuable. What if all the families of our Church, who are able and willing to take some religious paper, were already supplied with it, which is very far from being the case, might not those who are able, and who approve its character, subscribe for additional numbers, and put them in circulation amongst those who have it not, or in some other way help to sustain the expense of it? My brethren of the clergy will, I am sure, be willing to make another and more vigorous effort in this or some other way to sustain a disabled brother in his labors for an honest livelihood by the employment of his time and talents in an occupation so well calculated to render them good service in their several charges.

Having thus noticed those topics which appear to me most important at the present time, I commend you to the guidance and blessing of the Great Head of the Church in the deliberations on which you are about to enter.

W. MEADE.

Bishop Johns next read his report, as follows :

BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

In reporting the services performed during the past year, it is proper to mention those at Wheeling during the Convention, and not included in the statement which I then submitted :

On Thursday, May 19th, at St. Matthew's Church, I admitted to priest's orders the Rev. James A. Page. 21st, in St. John's, I confirmed four persons, and the next day I confirmed, at his own residence, a sick person connected with the same church.

June 26th, at Williamsburg, I preached and confirmed.

July 12th—15th, I was occupied with the services at the Seminary and High School. July 15th, in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, I assisted in the ordination services, and admitted to Deacon's Orders the following persons: Messrs. T. M. Ambler, Jr., Ed. H. Kennedy, Robert Smith and Wm. Wright. 17th. In the morning, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, and confirmed twelve. In the afternoon, I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed thirteen. 19th, I preached in Grubb Hill, Amelia. 20th, I preached in Trinity, Chesterfield, and confirmed two. 21st, I preached in Grace Church, Genito, and confirmed one. 22d, I preached in Emanuel Church, Powhatan, and confirmed one. 23d, I preached in St. Luke's, Powhatan, and confirmed one. 24th, I preached at Beaver Dam, Goochland. 25th, I preached at Columbia. 28th, in St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle, then vacant, I baptized an infant. 30th, I preached in the church at Buck Mountain, and confirmed two. 31st, I preached in St. Paul's, Albemarle, and confirmed one. In the afternoon, I preached in Christ Church, Charlottesville, and confirmed one.

August 1st, I preached in St. John's, Louisa, and confirmed five. 2d, I preached in Walker's Church, Albemarle, and confirmed one. 3d, I preached in St. Thomas' Church, Orange, and confirmed nine. On the same occasion, I baptized the daughter of the Rector. My next appointment was at Madison C. H., but the heavy rain which fell the night before, so raised the water courses as to render them unfordable. I was, very much to my regret, prevented, a second time, from reaching that congregation. 7th, I preached in St. James', Culpepper. 8th, I preached in St. Paul's, Culpepper. 9th, I preached in St. Stephen's, Culpepper C. H. 11th, I consecrated St. James' Church, Warrenton. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; the service by the Rev. Mr. Cole; sermon by the Rev. Dr. Sparrow. The minister and people may be congratulated on their change from the incommo- dious and tottering house which they have left, to this new and appropriate edifice; in reference to which, the only apprehension is, that it

may not prove of sufficient dimensions to meet the demands of the increasing congregation. In this church I confirmed three. 12th, at night, I preached in Emanuel Church, Middleburg. 13th, I preached in the same church, and confirmed four. 14th, in St. James, Leesburg, I preached, in the morning, and confirmed five. At night, I preached again in the same church.

October 4th, I preached, morning and afternoon, in the churches at West River, Maryland, under the charge of the Rev. M. Morsell.

The months of September and October were so occupied in attending the Court which sat in Camden, and the General Convention in New York, that I found no opportunity for Diocesan services. During this period, however, I officiated as follows:

September 4th, I preached in the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. 11th, I preached in Emanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware.

October 9th, I preached in St. Mark's Church, New York. 16th, I preached in St. George's, New York, and at the request of the Rector and of the Rev. Mr. Cole, one of the Committee of the Alumni Society of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, I presented its claims to the congregation. At night, I preached in the Church of the Ascension. 23d, I preached in the Church of the Holy Communion.

The uncertainty as to the adjournment of the General Convention, prevented the publication of any appointments for the Diocese until the season had become too far advanced for any extended visitation. Moreover, as I was prevented from being present when the session of the College commenced, and as it had now advanced several weeks, it was necessary for me to return immediately to the duties which there demanded my attention. As soon, however, as I could be released from these, I proceeded to meet certain appointments for myself, and a few others for Bishop Meade, which he was prevented from fulfilling.

November 11th, I preached at Painesville, Amelia County, one of the missionary stations, occupied by the Rev. J. Chevers. I was engaged to officiate there again on the next day. A heavy rain prevented the congregation from assembling, and also disappointed us in an arrangement for Grubb Hill Church on the day following. I the more regretted the loss of the second day's services at Painesville, as there were several candidates for confirmation—the first fruits of Mr. Chevers' labors in that hitherto destitute part of the County. 19th, I preached in St. John's, City Point. 20th, I preached in Merchants' Hope, and confirmed two. 21st, I preached in Brandon Church. 22d, I preached in Smithfield, Isle of Wight, and confirmed two. 23d, I preached in Lower Surry Church, and confirmed seven. 24th, I preached in Suffolk, and confirmed one.

During the months of December, January, February and March, in addition to my collegiate duties of six lectures a week, I have united with the Rev. Dr. Totten in supplying the pulpit of Bruton Parish, rendered vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Dennison.

April 2d, I preached, in the morning, in St. John's Church, Richmond, and confirmed eleven. In the afternoon, I preached in the Monumental Church, and confirmed seventeen. 3d, I consecrated Immanuel Church, Hanover. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; service by the Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge and Kepler; sermon by myself. 5th, I went to Fredericksburg, to meet with the persons named in the charter recently obtained for the Theological Seminary and High School, and to take such steps as were necessary to the organization of the Board. At night, I preached in St. George's Church. 7th, I preached in Calvary Church, Dinwiddie County. 8th, I preached in Sapony Church, and confirmed three. 9th, I consecrated Trinity Church, Brunswick. Sermon by myself. I also administered the ordinance of infant baptism. 10th, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Brunswick, and confirmed three. 11th, I preached in Grace Church, Greenville, and confirmed two. 12th, I preached in Christ Church, Hicksford, and confirmed two white and sixteen colored persons. 13th and 14th, I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg. 16th, in the morning, I preached for the congregation of St. Paul's, in the room in which they worship until their new church is completed. In the afternoon, I preached in Grace Church for the two congregations, and confirmed twenty-three—seventeen of Grace, and six of St. Paul's Church.

May 5th, I preached in St. Peter's, New Kent, and confirmed two. 7th, I preached, in the morning, in St. James' Church, Richmond, and confirmed forty-two. At night, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed ten. 8th, I preached in Mannikintown Church, Powhatan, and confirmed two. 9th, I preached in St. Luke's, Powhatan, and confirmed one. 10th, I preached in Immanuel Church, Powhatan, and confirmed five—two from Genito. 11th, I preached in St. James', Cumberland, and confirmed three. 13th, I preached in Grace Church, Cumberland, and confirmed one. 14th, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Buckingham, and confirmed three.

It will be recollected, that the Convention which met at Charlottesville in 1849, expressed an opinion favorable to the application from the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, having for its object my acceptance of the Presidency of that institution. After a conference with the Board by Bishop Meade and myself, we concluded that it would be well to make the experiment, and in the fall of that year I removed from Richmond and entered on the duties of the office. The

result has, by the Divine blessing, quite equalled our expectations. The College has not only been resuscitated, but is now in prosperous operation, and unless some untoward event should occur, must, under its present professors, continue to gain the confidence of the community and to increase its patronage and usefulness.

As it was understood from the commencement that my connection with the institution was for a specific object, and would be but temporary, and as that object has, in the opinion of the Board of Visitors and of the Faculty, been satisfactorily accomplished, they have, in a manner very gratifying to myself, acquiesced in my withdrawal, and appreciated the considerations by which I was governed.

Although the Episcopal service rendered has not been diminished since my connection with the College, yet it must be obvious, that the double duties combined not unfrequently, as they were of necessity, with parochial ministrations, formed an amount of labor for which no one would desire to be responsible longer than could be avoided. Five years so employed, without intermission, disposed me to seek a situation where, in the occasional intervals of visitation, I could command that retirement which is requisite to a proper preparation for the more active work of the episcopate and the increasing demands of this extensive Diocese. With these views, my resignation was made, to take effect on the thirty-first of March last; and I am now at liberty to give myself exclusively to the services for which I was consecrated. The position which I have selected for my residence, though geographically near the confines of the Diocese, is, virtually, by reason of the lines of internal improvement which radiate from Alexandria, nearly central, and, taking the whole into consideration, will enable me to reach the different parishes in less time, and at less expense, than any other available situation.

J. JOHNS.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's report relative to the *Southern Churchman*, was referred to a Special Committee. The Chair appointed the following gentlemen the Committee:

Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D., David H. Conrad, Esq.,
 Cassius F. Lee, Esq.

The following Special Report, accompanied with resolutions, was presented by the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School of Virginia:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School beg leave to submit the following Special Report, for the consideration of this Convention:

During the last session of the General Assembly of Virginia, an act was passed by that body, entitled "An act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia," of which the following is the copy:

"AN ACT incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia. [Passed February 28th, 1854.]

*"Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That William Meade, John Johns, Edward C. McGuire, John Grammer, John P. McGuire, Charles B. Dana, Alexander Jones, George Adie, George Woodbridge, William Pollock, Cassius F. Lee, Dr. Thomas H. Claggett, Richard H. Cunningham, William H. Macfarland, Jeremiah Morton and Pike Powers, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Trustees of 'the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia,' and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal; may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, with power to hold, receive and purchase, to them and their successors forever, lands, tenements, money and other chattels, and dispose of and manage the same as shall seem best for the said Seminary and School: *Provided*, that the lands so held and acquired shall not exceed two hundred and fifty acres, nor the money and other chattels the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *And provided further*, that the majority of said Trustees, or their successors, may at any time hereafter increase the number of Trustees to twenty, and that not less than a majority of the Trustees for the time being shall be sufficient to authorize the sale or mortgage of any real estate belonging to said institution.*

"The said Trustees and their successors shall have power to appoint a President, Treasurer, Secretary, Professors, Tutors, and such other officers as they may deem proper, and to make and establish from time to time such by-laws, rules and regulations, (not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States,) as they may judge to be proper for the good government of said institution. A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a Board for the transaction of business; and any vacancy or vacancies amongst the Trustees, occasioned either by death, resignation, or removal from the State, or other disability, shall be supplied by appointment of the Board.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys accruing to the Seminary and High School, or property delivered to his care, and shall pay or deliver the same to the order of the Board. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, he shall give bond with security, and in such penalty as the Board may direct, made payable to the Trustees for the

time being, and their successors, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board; and it shall be lawful for the Trustees to obtain a judgment for the amount thereof, or for any special delinquency incurred by said Treasurer, on motion, in any Court of Record in this Commonwealth, against the said Treasurer and his security or securities, his or their executors or administrators, upon giving ten days' notice of such motion.

"The said Board of Trustees shall have the power, either by themselves or their agents, to take and to receive subscriptions for said institution, and in case any person shall fail to pay his or her subscription, to enforce the payment thereof by warrant before a magistrate, or by motion in any Court of Record in this Commonwealth, according to the amount of such subscription, giving ten days' notice of such motion.

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

"STATE OF VIRGINIA, }
City of Richmond, } *To-wit:*

"I, St. G. Tucker, Clerk of the House of Delegates, and Keeper of the Rolls of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an act passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, on the 28th of February, 1854.

"Given under my hand, this 28th of February, 1854.

"ST. G. TUCKER, *C. H. D.,*

"And Keeper of the Rolls of Va."

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Convention of the Diocese, held in this city on yesterday, the following communication was received, signed by the Secretary of the Board organized according to the preceding act of incorporation:

"At a meeting of the persons designated as Trustees in the act of the General Assembly, entitled an act "incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia," convened this 5th of April, 1854, at Fredericksburg, in the vestry-room of St. George's Church therein, due notice of the time and place of holding such meeting having been given to the persons named in said act as Trustees—present, Wm. Meade, John Johns, A. Jones, C. B. Dana, George Woodbridge, J. P. McGuire, E. C. McGuire, Richard Cunningham, J. Morton, Thos. H. Clagget, and William Pollock.

"This meeting being held to consider the act aforesaid, and to organize the corporation therein provided for, William Meade was called to the Chair, and E. C. McGuire appointed Secretary.

"The said act was read, and, upon motion, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the same be accepted; and that the corporation or body politic therein ordained be now, and henceforth, instituted and established, to be conducted and managed in subordination to the said act.

"On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Secretary cause the proceedings of this meeting to be entered in a journal, to be faithfully kept, and that he attend therewith the next meeting of the Trustees, when, having read the minutes, the same are to be signed by the Chairman; and that he enter on the journal the said act of incorporation.

"The election of officers was then proceeded in, and the Rt. Rev. William Meade was elected President, William Pollock Treasurer, and E. C. McGuire Secretary.

"*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by the Chair to prepare by-laws, to be submitted to an adjourned meeting. Whereupon, the Rt. Rev. John Johns, Rev. George Woodbridge and Wm. H. Macfarland were appointed the Committee.

"WILLIAM MEADE, *Chairman*.

"E. C. MCGUIRE, *Secretary*."

After reading of this communication, the following resolutions were unanimously passed, and ordered to be presented for the action of this Convention:

"*Resolved*, That the act of the Legislature, passed the 28th February, 1854, entitled "an act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia," is in harmony with the cherished policy of this Convention, as tending to place those institutions upon a footing of increased security and permanence, by means of the chartered rights with which they are now for the first time invested—and that the grateful acknowledgments of the Convention are due to the Legislature for the act of incorporation, and to the Rev. Mr. Cole for his agency in bringing the subject to its notice.

"*Resolved*, That the funds heretofore contributed to the Theological Seminary and High School, and which are now in the custody of William Pollock, Esq., Treasurer thereof, and all stocks in the names of Trustees therefor, and all bonds and other property whatsoever belonging to the said Seminary and High School, in whose names or hands soever it may be, ought to be surrendered to the Trustees in the said act of incorporation mentioned, to be faithfully held, used and applied forever to the ends for which they were and are designed; and that the said Treasurer, and other Trustees, having the control thereof, be, and they are hereby instructed to surrender the same to the Trustees in said act, when, and as they may be called upon therefor, by the act or resolution in due form of said Trustees."

In making this statement, your Board cannot refrain from congratulating the Church in this Diocese on the attainment of an object the importance of which has been recognized by former Conventions and commended to the Board of Trustees with instructions to take such measures as might be necessary for its accomplishment. These instructions have never been lost sight of, but the advantage which they contemplated proved unattainable until now, when, as already related, the General Assembly unhesitatingly granted a charter unlimited in duration, and as ample in its provisions as we could ask or desire.

The funds contributed for the support of our Seminary and High School may now be held with all the permanent security which the law affords. Thus obviating a serious objection, often encountered when additional subscriptions have been solicited, and enabling this Convention to present these favored and useful institutions for the patronage of the Church under circumstances which we trust will speedily secure their competent advancement.

By order of the Board.

Lynchburg, May, 18, 1854.

On motion, the resolutions accompanying the above report were unanimously adopted.

The following Standing Committees were then announced:

Committee on the State of the Church.

Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D.,	D. H. Conrad, Esq.,
“ Alex. Jones, D. D.,	E. T. Tayloe, Esq.,
“ William Armstrong,	Dr. Thos. H. Claggett,
“ Horace Stringfellow,	J. B. Dabney, Esq.,
“ Jas. T. Johnston,	H. P. Lefebvre, Esq.

Committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen.

Rev. John Grammer,	S. W. Shelton, Esq.,
“ Wm. V. Bowers,	Thurmur Hoggard, Esq.

Committee on the Episcopal Fund.

Rev. C. B. Dana,	Philip Nelson, Esq.,
“ J. F. Hoff,	D. B. Fitzhugh, Esq.,
“ J. C. McCabe,	Dr. F. W. Pendleton.

Committee on the Account of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

Rev. T. T. Castleman,	Rev. W. T. Leavell,
“ Jas. Chisholm,	Dr. P. H. Foster,
Chas. Friend.	

Committee on Parochial Reports.

Rev. Jas. D. McCabe, D. D.,	Rev. J. T. Clarke,
“ C. J. Gibson,	H. Carrington, Esq.,
“ C. Walker,	Wm. Pollock, Esq.,
“ O. A. Kinsolving,	Jas. M. Harris, Esq.

Committee on New Parishes.

Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D.,	L. A. Boggs, Esq.,
“ George Woodbridge,	A. C. Page, Esq.,
“ W. N. Pendleton,	Edward Tarry, Esq.

Committee on Elections.

Rev. H. S. Kepler,	Rev. R. H. Wilmer,
Chas. A. Grice, Esq.	

Committee on Finance.

W. H. Fowle, Esq.,	Jno. Rowlett, Esq.,
Richd. Cunningham, Esq.	

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

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's address in relation to the *Southern Churchman*, presented the following report and resolutions, which report was accepted and the resolutions accompanying the same unanimously adopted :

The Special Committee to whom have been referred the importance of adding to the support of the Diocesan paper, the *Southern Churchman*, beg leave heartily to respond to the suggestions of our senior Bishop; and feeling the necessity of immediate action, beg leave to report: That they deem it their duty to recommend *immediate* action by this present Convention, and by those friends of the Church now here assembled. Your Committee will not doubt that their recommendations will be cheerfully and liberally responded to. They therefore beg leave to propose the following resolutions :

1. That the lay delegates of this Convention do at once come forward and pledge themselves to pay for, or subscribe for, so many numbers of the *Southern Churchman*, as each one's conscientious sense of duty calls upon him to give to this valuable church journal, either donating a certain sum for a certain number of the papers to be sent to his address, and distributed by him, according to his best judgment, or by a subscription for a certain number of years.

2. That the same course be respectfully recommended to the friends of the Church now in this city, and that a committee be appointed by the Chair to carry out this part of the plan.

3. That the reverend clergy of the Diocese be earnestly requested to bring this matter before their respective parishioners as soon as possible after their return to their parishes, and communicate to the Editor of the *Southern Churchman* the result of their efforts, in the cash received and the subscriptions which they may obtain.

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

The Convention again assembled after Divine service.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention was at this time presented, and on motion referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That with a view to the general and united action on the subject, the Bishop be requested to appoint some particular Sunday during the year for a collection to be made in the churches throughout the Diocese in aid of the Educational Society.

The following Committee was appointed, agreeable to the adoption of resolution No. 2, in the report of the Special Committee in reference to the *Southern Churchman* :

S. W. Shelton, Esq.,

Jas. N. Boyd, Esq.,

Wm. H. Fowle, Esq.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That the Special Committee appointed on the interests of the *Southern Churchman* be requested to address a communication to the members of the Church throughout the Diocese who are parents, suggesting that they enlarge the circulation of that paper by sending a copy of the same from the office of publication to their sons and daughters who may be prosecuting their studies in colleges and schools away from their homes, it being the sense of this Convention that there would

be few better methods of promoting the spiritual welfare of their offspring.

Rev. J. Grammer presented the following document :

I beg leave to state to the Convention that I have set upon the table three pieces of communion plate, which originally belonged to the Church of Jamestown, the first Protestant Episcopal Church that was planted on the American continent. This plate was under the care of the vestry of Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, when the Jamestown Church fell into disuse and became extinct. In the summer of 1827, when I was about to be ordained a Presbyter, the vestry of that parish learning through the Rev. Dr. Wilmer, who was then Rector, that the parishes in which I was ministering, and endeavoring to revive and re-organize, were destitute of communion plate, very kindly and most unexpectedly sent me these three pieces, accompanied by a resolution requiring me to preserve the same and to return to said vestry an acknowledgment of its receipt, and an obligation binding myself in the contingency of the future resuscitation of the Church in the old Jamestown Island and the canonical organization of a parish therein in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to restore the said plate to such Church. Such acknowledgment and obligation I accordingly forthwith forwarded to the said vestry, and from that time have kept the said plate under my own custody, having used it only on the first occasion of my administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, when, finding the size of the chalice rendered its use inconvenient, and being also otherwise provided with more convenient plate, this has since remained in disuse. These three pieces comprise a large silver Chalice inscribed on the side with the words, "Mixe not holie thinges with profane," and under the foot the words, "*Ex dono Jacobi Morrison armigere, A. D. 1661.*" A silver Patten, with the same words inscribed on its bottom and underneath its foot, and a silver Alms Basin or Plate, having inscribed on its rim the words, "For the use of James City Parish Church."

Having occasion some few years since to make enquiry, I learned from the Rev. H. M. Dennison, then Rector of Bruton Parish, that my obligation to the vestry above mentioned could not be found, and that no record of the proceedings of the vestry of Bruton Parish for 1827 and several succeeding years had been preserved, and the knowledge of this fact suggesting to me the impropriety of leaving property over which the Convention only can be regarded as having any rightful ownership, in irresponsible and consequently insecure hands, I have brought the said plate with me to this place, and now present it to the Conven-

tion, with the suggestion and request that it be committed to ———, to be deposited by them in the Library of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, there to be carefully preserved as a venerable historical memorial of our fathers, by whose pious zeal the Church of our affections was first planted in our land.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the communion plate surrendered to the Convention by the Rev. J. Grammer be now committed to the charge of Rev. Drs. Sparrow and Packard, to be by them carried to the Theological Seminary and deposited in the Library thereof, to be there carefully preserved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed on the present condition of the Staunton Female Institute, to report to-morrow morning touching the progress made in fulfilment of the engagement of the Convention of 1851, to purchase the said Institution, and on such other points as may belong to the subject.

The following gentlemen were appointed such Committee :

Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D., Rev. T. T. Castleman,
Col. F. H. Smith.

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

FRIDAY, May 19—9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop took the Chair, and the Convention was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

On motion, clergymen present from other Dioceses in the United States, and from Canada, were invited to take seats as Honorary members.

The account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society was at this time presented and referred to the appropriate Committee.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates reported

the following gentlemen (who were not present the first day,) duly elected Delegates to this Convention:

- Samuel Stillman, St. John's Church, Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna.
 Walter Williams, Christ Church, Norfolk.
 John J. Ambler, St. Thomas' Church, Orange County.
 Isaac Hoge, Trinity Church, Trinity Parish, Marshall County.
 H. W. Latane, Jr., St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, So. Farnham Parish, Essex County.
 Dr. M. Miller, }
 Jno. R. Bryan, } Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County.
 Col. Thos. H. Ellis, St. Paul's Church, Richmond.
 Edward Scott, Jr., Mannikinton Church, King William Parish, Powhatan County.
 Dr. Henry L. Davies, Lexington Parish, Amherst County.

A letter was at this time read to the Convention, from the President of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, inviting the members of the Convention to take a trip to Christiansburg, and return at their pleasure, or the next day.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the President of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad for the same.

On motion, the name of the new parish formed at the last Convention, from Wickliffe Parish, was changed from Luther to Clarke Parish.

Col. Geo. M. Carrington, Treasurer of the Fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute, presented his account to the Convention.

On motion, the same was referred to the Special Committee on the Staunton Female Institute.

Rev. C. B. Dana, Chairman of the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, made the following report:

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

CHAS. B. DANA, Chairman.

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund reports that, since the last Convention, he has purchased ten shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock—leaving a balance in his hands of four dollars and fifty cents, as per statement, viz :

CREDITS.

Balance of cash on hand, reported May, 1853,	\$69 00
Dividends received from the Exchange Bank of Virginia,	480 00
" " " Farmers' Bank of Virginia,	468 00
" " " Bank of the Valley,	90 00
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	\$1,107 00

CHARGES.

To cash paid for five shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$110 50 per share,	552 50
To cash paid for five shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$110 per share,	550 00
Balance on hand,	4 50
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	1,107 00

The fund consists now of—

60 shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock,	6,000 00
66 " Farmers' Bank of Virginia "	6,600 00
10 " Bank of the Valley in Virginia stock,	1,000 00
Cash on hand,	4 50
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	13,604 50

Amount of the fund last year,	12,669 00
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Increase,	\$985 50

Respectfully submitted,

WASH: C. PAGE, *Treasurer.*

Alexandria, May 13, 1854.

Rev. J. Grammer, Chairman of the Committee on the "Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen," reported that, not having received any report from the Treasurer of that fund, they were unable themselves to make any Report.*

*The report was received at a later hour and is here inserted.—SECRETARY.

Report of the Treasurer of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

Semi-annual dividend of Exchange Bank for July, 1853, and January, 1854,	592 00
Semi-annual dividend of Farmers' Bank for July, 1853, and January, 1854,	168 00
Semi-annual dividend of Bank of Virginia for July, 1853, and January, 1854,	5 60
	\$765 60

Richmond, January 20th, 1854. Received of John L. Bacon, W. H. Hubbard and Thos. Nelson, Trustees of the Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia, Seven Hundred and Sixty-five 60-100 Dollars, for dividends on Bank stock for July, 1853, and January, 1854, as listed above.

JOHN STEWART,

Treasurer Widows and Orphans, &c.

PÈR A. BOLLING.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented the following report :

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, respectfully report, that they have had, during the past year, sixteen missionaries in their employment, to whom they have appropriated \$1,975 00.

They have contributed to the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, of Wellsburg, \$100; to the Rev. A. B. Tizzard, in Chesterfield and Powhatan, \$95; to the Rev. E. T. Perkins, in Parkersburg, \$130; to the Rev. W. L. Hyland, in Western Virginia, \$95; to the Rev. S. R. Slack, in Albemarle, \$100; to the Rev. J. C. McCabe, in Hampton and Surry, \$95; to the Rev. Dr. Carmichael, of the city of Richmond, \$300; to the Rev. J. A. Weed, Accomac, \$150; to the Rev. J. C. Wheat, in Augusta and Rockingham, \$100; to the Rev. J. M. Chevers, in Amelia and Powhatan, \$200; to the Rev. R. A. Castleman, in Western Virginia, \$120; to the Rev. J. J. Page, Western Virginia, \$120; to the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, Rookbridge, \$150; to the Rev. Henry Wall, Caroline, \$120; to the Rev. Tho. M. Ambler, Dinwiddie, \$100.

Four of these missionaries have left their spheres of labor, and sought other employment or left the Diocese.

At the close of the present fiscal year, the Executive Committee, finding in the treasury a small amount of unappropriated funds, deter-

mined, in consequence of the great increase in the expense of living, to make a donation to their missionaries. They gave, therefore, to the Rev. Messrs. Castleman and Page, \$50 each; to the Rev. Messrs. McCabe, Tizzard, Hyland and Wheat, \$25 each; and to the Rev. Messrs. Pendleton and Chevers, \$37 50.

The Committee would draw attention to this fact. They feel that the greatly increased expenditure of living requires, if we would retain the missionaries in our employment whom we at present have, or if we would attract others into it, that the friends of the Church throughout the Diocese must enlarge their contributions to this Society. We cannot expect that the missionaries should remain among us contented with such a scanty and meagre support, when other more inviting fields of labor are presented.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when this Convention shall adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Grace Church, Lexington, on the third Wednesday in May, 1855.

On motion, the Convention took a recess till after divine service.

Convention re-assembled after divine service.

The Select Committee on the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton presented their report, accompanied with resolutions.

On motion, the resolutions contained in the above report were referred to the following Select Committee:

D. H. Conrad, Esq.,

Cassius F. Lee, Esq.,

Rev. T. T. Castleman.

On motion, the account of the Treasurer of the Fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, was referred to the same Committee.

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

SATURDAY, May 20, 1854.

The Convention assembled at 9, A. M., according to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop took the Chair, and the Convention was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Ass't. Bishop.

The Secretary read the journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The chairman of the Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society made the following report:

The Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society have examined the accounts and vouchers and found them correct.

T. T. CASTLEMAN, *Chairman*.

(For Treasurer's account, see Appendix No. II.)

Rev. J. H. Wingfield appeared and took his seat.

The chairman of the Select Committee (appointed yesterday afternoon) on the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, presented the following report, with the accompanying resolutions:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the several matters relating to the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton, regret that they have had but a few hours to consider a subject involving a great variety of topics, financial, legal and administrative, and to make their examination in the absence of all the information which would have been gained by the inspection of the records of the trustees, the evidences of indebtedness, and indeed the records of the former action of this Convention in the premises; they are therefore compelled to make a report to this Convention upon the bare outline of the facts, which have been freely communicated by the reverend gentleman who is one of this Committee. With this apology for the barrenness of their material, they will proceed to give to the Convention the results of their hasty investigation:

First. They present, as well as they can gather from the statements of the one of their Committee above referred to, the *pecuniary status* of the Institute, and the financial prospects for the liquidation of this indebtedness. In this they may be obliged to use round numbers, not having the means of ascertaining precise amounts.

There is a debt secured by *mortgage* on the real estate of the Institute due to the Bank of the Valley at Staunton, of \$2,500

(This is a debt due from the Corporation, which can be, it is presumed, legally enforced by suit upon the bond, or by a bill to

Brought forward, - - - - - \$2,500
 foreclose the mortgage. This claim they understand to be a balance due from the Institute of the original loan made to build the establishment.)

Various claims (whether they have been audited and approved of, your committee do not know,) for carpenters' work, and other mechanical work and labor, are held by Mr. Trotter—said to be	1,100
Claims <i>due by account</i> are held by a gentleman of the bar, named Young—said to amount to	700
And other claims, due also by account, held by Mr. Johnson for collection, to the amount of	500
Making	\$4,800

Perhaps other claims may be outstanding, but these are known, and some of them pressing for payment.

Your committee here state that it is exceedingly important that, in case any application be made of funds in discharge of these debts, the same be made first to that debt which is perhaps the only one legally binding upon the Institute; and this, not because one just debt, whether barred by the limitation of time, if known to be just, is not as obligatory in conscience as another, but because every debtor, whether an individual or body corporate, is obliged to have regard to that priority of claim which the law of the land has afforded to certain forms of security, and which must be regarded, because it may at any time be enforced through the courts of justice.

The Bank debt is of this character. The other debts they understand to be open accounts of a date which would bar their collection if any idea could be entertained of relying upon any such defence, but which is distinctly disclaimed.

The Convention, by its former action at the Convention at Staunton in the year 1851, acceded to a proposition made by several liberal gentlemen of Staunton, that the Convention would endeavor to raise the sum of \$7,000, to go towards the liquidation of the then existing debt of the Institute, upon the understanding that these gentlemen, eleven in number, (one of whom is now dead,) should have the right to collect existing subscriptions and procure others, and then pay off the residue of the debt as it then stood.

Of this \$7,000, by such means as may be known to the members of this Convention, \$3,000 have been paid over towards this end; and besides this sum, there is now under the control of the Convention, and subject to this destination, \$800, or thereabouts, in the hands of the

treasurer of the fund, Col. Carrington, and \$174.04 in the Valley Bank at Staunton.

It appears, then, that of the \$7,000, there is still unpaid and in arrear \$3,026, after the application of all the funds which have been collected by the most earnest appeals to the liberality or patronage of the members of the Episcopal Church in Virginia. From what they can learn, the Convention, as the organ of this body of members, has done every thing to carry out its purpose, sparing no pains to raise the sum, using the most earnest endeavor, and approving of the most urgent appeals to effect the object for the last three or four years. Your committee cannot withhold the expression of their conviction that the claim is not one which seems to approve itself to the patronage and support of our people. They respond liberally to many other calls upon their pecuniary means, but certainly with reluctance to this.

Another thing your committee thinks is very apparent: that this undertaking of the Convention was not a well advised one, because of serious legal difficulties which stand in the way of a proper transfer to them of that ownership and legal control over the Institute which is indispensably necessary to carry out the purposes of the engagement made. The Convention of the Diocese is not a corporate body, and cannot, as such, contract for or hold property; and there is a constitutional difficulty, increased by a vigilant and growing jealousy of our political men against the assumption or grant of any such power. Your committee perceive other obstacles in the way of a perfect compliance with the obligation to transfer to this body the title to this property. How can it be done? If to trustees, appointed by the Convention, what is gained? Already is the property held by trustees, doubtless devoted to and zealous for the interests of the church; and as the matter now stands, or may be made to stand, under the views of your committee, the same result is attained which could be attained if the \$7,000 were fully paid up, and trustees appointed or nominated by the Convention; but with this important and significant advantage, that if the Institute be allowed to go on under its present organization, it will do so in conformity with its charter, while by assuming the ownership of the Institute, the rights under the existing charter might be forfeited, or, at all events, legislative interference might be roused to action under the prevailing jealousy against religious corporations, however unjustly entertained or inapplicable to this valuable enterprise.

Your committee, therefore, after a careful and as full a consideration of the subject as they could give to it, are of opinion that it is desirable that the Convention should depend no longer upon the uncertain and vexatious system of raising funds by appeals to members of their body,

when in session and engaged in so many other indispensable duties and religious engagements; that it is burdensome to the delegates, clerical and lay, to have these appeals made to them year after year; that the Institute will succeed much better under the control of the stockholders and trustees elected by them under their charter, than under any ownership or control which could be possibly conferred on the Convention of the Diocese; and that, therefore, it is highly desirable to change the relations in which the Convention stands to the Female Institute.

A majority of your committee is therefore of opinion that the Convention would act wisely to hand over to the corporate authority of the Institute the fund now on hand which has been destined for the Institute, and also make over to them the sum of \$3,000 already paid in, and decline all further endeavor to raise the \$7,000, with the distinct release of the corporation of all obligation to convey or transfer to the Convention any title to or control over the Institute or its administration, and thus leave to the individual enterprise and care of the members of the church, who are willing to aid in building up the Institution, the duty of paying off the indebtedness, and electing proper trustees and other officers.

Or, as an alternative plan, they suggest that the stockholders of the Institute, who have (as they learn) authorized the transfer of their shares of stock to the Convention, on the full payment of the sum of \$7,000, be requested to assign in legal form, to such persons as may be designated by the Convention, stock to the amount already paid in by the Convention, and that an appeal be made to such members of the church, or any others friendly to the cause and willing to invest their money in so thriving and useful an Institution, to subscribe for as many additional shares as will relieve the Institution from all present and prospective embarrassment. If thirty opulent members of the church would take one share each, this would be at once effected.

But your committee fear that so desirable an end could hardly be attained on this the last business day of our session, but might possibly be before the meeting of the next annual Convention. They close these hastily prepared views by recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

[In case the Convention concur in the first plan,]

1. *Resolved*, That the Convention from its past experience feeling assured that it cannot, without great sacrifice, fulfil its intentions of raising the balance of the stipulated sum of \$7,000, according to its resolution at the Staunton Convention; and deeming it more expedient that the Virginia Female Institute should be committed to the fostering care of the individual members of the church, and to the custody of its

proper corporate authorities, do hereby surrender to the Trustees the funds heretofore raised and now in hand for the benefit of the Institute, to be faithfully held, used and forever applied by them to the objects and purposes of said Institute, as an Episcopal Female Seminary, with the earnest hope and trust that the true principles of our holy faith will be always and faithfully inculcated therein.

[Or, in case the second plan be preferred,]

2. *Resolved*, That the Stockholders of the Virginia Female Institute, who have signified their willingness to transfer their interest in the Institute to this Convention on the payment of a certain sum towards the liquidation of the indebtedness of the same, be respectfully requested to assign over and transfer in due legal form to _____, who are hereby appointed Special Trustees for the purpose, stock to the amount of \$3,900, which stock shall be held in their names as Stockholders in said Institute, in behalf of the Convention. And, further, it is hereby earnestly recommended to those liberal laymen of our communion who are sensible of the great value of this school to the church, to subscribe for stock in this Institute to the amount of \$3,000, to meet the engagement of the Convention heretofore made.

[And to effect this end,]

3. *Resolved*, That the clergy of the Diocese be requested, and it is hereby earnestly recommended to them, to bring before their respective parishioners the claims of the Institute upon the church, by such appeals to their liberality and statements of the pressing needs of the Institute, as may be suggested to them in consideration of the urgent necessity for immediate relief.

Signed by order of the committee,

D. H. CONRAD,

Chairman of the Committee.

The subject, after considerable debate, was laid on the table.

The Committee on Parochial Reports presented their report, as follows :

The Committee on Parochial Reports would respectfully report, that they have examined and prepared for publication in the Journal, one hundred and two Parochial Reports, a synopsis of which has been made out, and is herewith presented, to be entered on the Journal.

The Committee have also prepared a form of Parochial Reports, in accordance with first section of Canon XII. of the General Convention of 1853. The use of this form will greatly aid future committees in the accurate discharge of their duties.

JAMES D. McCABE, *Chm'n.*

(For Parochial Reports and Synopsis, see Appendix No. I.)

On motion, the Convention resolved to proceed to the election of the Standing Committee, and on taking the ballot, the following gentlemen were found to be elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing Conventional year:

Rev. C. B. Dana,	Dr. Orlando Fairfax,
Wm. Sparrow, D. D.,	John Hoff, Esq.,
Jas. T. Johnston,	Cassius F. Lee, Esq.

On motion, the following gentlemen were elected the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society:

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.,	Rev. Geo. D. Cummins,
Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.,	Geo. Woodbridge,
Rev. H. S. Kepler.	

John O. Steger, Esq., *Secretary.*

John L. Bacon, Esq., *Treasurer.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the several Railroad and Canal Boat Companies who reduced their fare to members attending this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Lynchburg, for their hospitable entertainment of its members.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the pastors of the city who offered the use of their various churches to the clergy of this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Editors of the Lynchburg Daily Virginian for the publication of the proceedings of this Convention, for their liberal supply of papers to its members, and for the privilege of their reading room granted to us; also, that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to other papers who may publish our proceedings.

On motion, two thousand copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Convention was ordered to pay the expenses of the Secretary.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Convention was ordered to pay fifteen dollars to the Door-keeper.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet at 1 o'clock.

1 o'clock, P M.

The Convention re-assembled at 1 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Sparrow, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report :

It is with thankfulness to Almighty God, that the Committee on the State of the Church feel themselves warranted to begin this their annual report in a tone of cheerfulness and hope. They would be on their guard against any favorable or unfavorable views, which facts do not clearly require ; but facts seem, in the present instance, to justify them in the use of such language. The annual reports of our Bishops, the parochial reports of the clergy, their less formal statements which we have heard in their conversations with one another, the statements of observant laymen who have not confined their attention to their own parochial limits merely,—these things, together with what has come under our own eyes, lead us to the conviction, that looking back upon the past, we have reason to thank God, and looking forward to the future, to take courage.

A few years ago we were, very naturally, somewhat despondent. Error was in our midst ; controversy was rife, and energy was employed in combating error, which under more auspicious circumstances would have been employed in the works of Gospel beneficence and spiritual enterprise, in procuring good, rather than preventing evil. We do not even now say, that the evils referred to have entirely ceased, nor that all occasion for fear has passed away ; but, through the blessing of God, upon an earnest contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, a happy reaction has begun throughout the church at large, doubting minds have become decided, errorists from inconsideration have retraced their steps, errorists from perversity of judgment have gone on and been made manifest, and the spirit of a Scriptural and Protestant theology has been largely revived among us, especially among the laity, throughout all our borders. Virginia has felt the influence of these things. Though free from direct implication in the errors referred to, she could not, of course, be free from anxiety about the issue : when one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. But being now released, in a measure, from the fears and engagements which this fraternal and dutiful interest in the welfare of our whole communion imposed, she is returning with a clearer perception of the truth, a stronger faith and a more active charity, as we trust and believe, to her proper work, that of making Christians, in the use of the word and by the help of the Spirit, and of carrying such onward towards perfection.

The proofs of this improved state of things are found in various particulars. The number of *Confirmations* during the year past has increased. *Contributions* to religious and benevolent objects have been, generally, larger. The cause of *Sunday Schools* has grown in the affections of our members. There has been an increased regard to the spiritual welfare of our *colored population*, and baptisms and marriages among them have been more frequent. Yet further, the *missionary cause*, in both its departments, has excited an increased interest; and, above all, a deeper sense of our shortcomings as a working church is felt, and a fuller conviction, that spiritual deficiencies can only be effectually supplied by Him with whom is the residue of the Spirit.

In regard to this last particular, one specification is important here. It is confessed on all hands that the great want of the Church at this time, so far as relates to instrumentalities and means, pertains to the number of ministers, and its great inadequacy: "what are they among so many?" The time has often been in the history of the Christian church, and has not yet entirely passed away, in which there was no deficiency of this kind, or, properly speaking, none was felt. The wants of the Church were either not seen, or not cared for. Thank God, that is not the case now. We see and we deplore waste places *at home* that cannot be rebuilt, for want of men, and other places in our wide-spread republic, which have not as yet been ever built up in any Christian sense; and *abroad*—all language fails to describe the unsupplied want that is there found, the width of the field inviting culture, the doors to ministerial usefulness that are there thrown open, the millions of heathens accessible to missionary labor, yea, more than that, the millions that are not barely passively waiting to be sought for, but are spontaneously coming to our doors, and asking at our hands the boon of gospel knowledge and gospel hope. It was once thought, and it truly was a glorious providence, by which a few islanders in the Southern Pacific were led to throw away their idols, and declare themselves ready for the worship of the true and living God: *now* the dense masses of Africa and the countless millions of China, are not only renouncing idolatry, but advancing of their own accord into revealed truth, and virtually challenging Christian ministers to come, and, as Aquila and Priscilla did for Apollos, "instruct them in the way of God more perfectly." With the contemplation of such a state of things, there is, of course, much pain connected in a tender Christian heart. An earnest longing is felt, to relieve such distress, to supply such deficiency. "Oh, that I had means to send them! that I had a voice to reach them! that I had the wings of a dove, that I might fly, and speak to them the words of life!"—in some such broken accents does

the Christian heart give utterance to its sympathy and pity, its desire for Christ's glory and man's salvation. But though such deep spiritual commiseration may be painful, it is far better than indifference. One of the best tokens for good in our communion is this growing sympathy of a godly sort, this carefulness which is wrought in Christians, this clearing of themselves from their past neglects, this fear for the spiritual condition of men every where, this vehement desire for their relief, this zeal for the glory of Christ as connected with human salvation. Such a spirit is the precursor of great things, especially as it is also an *humble* spirit. The last twenty years' experience has helped to show our people, in various ways, that it is "not by might nor by power" of any human kind—that it is not the soundness of authorized and published creeds, nor the excellence of devotional formularies, nor the Scriptural wisdom of ecclesiastical arrangements, that will secure a church in spiritual prosperity and fit it to do spiritual work;—that these, though all of them are vastly important, and some of them absolutely indispensable, are, after all, only the instrumentalities by which God operates in the Church; and that to continue in the enjoyment of his quickening and converting, his shielding and sustaining grace, the Church must be in constant and conscious communication with its Divine Head, ever touching the hem of his garment, and so ever receiving from him that virtue by which alone can, not only disease be expelled, but health preserved.

Now it is the indication of such a spirit in the Church, in reference to the great and pressing want of the day, which specially cheers your Committee, and which has led them to indulge in happy auguries. When a spiritual want is real, when it is deeply felt, when it is realized that God alone can supply it, and when his people are looking directly to him, humbly and prayerfully, not relaxing effort, but only renouncing self-sufficiency and merit, just that "extremity" has occurred, which, in the words of another, is "God's opportunity." If, therefore, this spirit which has been noticed, should go on increasing among us, there cannot be a doubt that all will soon issue in a glorious consummation. Great will be the company of the preachers, and these preachers being, as such a state of things implies, truly, "men of God," sent of him and on his errand, great will be the prosperity of Zion at home, and the nations all abroad will soon taste of the salvation of Christ.

We have spoken of *coming* good: have not the first drops of the shower already reached us? In answer to the prayers and exertions of ministers and people, already have several young men within our bounds, lately brought under the influence of religion in our schools of learning of various grades, declared their purpose of devoting their

lives to the work of the ministry. For this, God be praised! May it lead to more exertion and more blessing! This is especially God's work, and to him should it be especially referred. In reference to no other thing which his people seek, does Jehovah say to them so emphatically, "Yet for *this*, will I be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them."

In connection with this subject it may be proper to record, with all thankfulness, that our Theological Seminary is more prosperous at this time than for the previous year or two, and that a good spirit prevails among those who have there actually commenced their preparation for the ministry. We would express the hope, that praying people among us do not fail to make mention of this "school of the prophets," when they approach the throne of grace. If the importance of an object should be the measure of our intercessions for it, we cannot be too frequent or too earnest in our supplications to God, that the continual dew of his blessing may descend upon that Institution, and the High School annexed. However unpretending the former institution in the feeling of those connected with it, and however noiselessly and humbly it may seek to do the work assigned it, yet, owing to the force of circumstances, it is manifest, from the results already before the Church and the world, patent to general observation, that it cannot fail to exert a great influence within our Diocesan limits, beyond them throughout our continent, and further still, even to the ends of the earth. Speaking thus of the influence which our Seminary is designed to exert, it naturally occurs to mention an event calculated, we trust, to increase that influence. It is with thankfulness to Providence and to all the instruments employed, that your Committee notices and records the fact of the charter recently granted to our Seminary, so wisely and so well, by the Legislature of the State.

We notice another sign for good among the signs of the times. The slowness with which religion has advanced among us for some years past, has been in part attributed, we believe universally, to the stimulus given to the love of money by the discovery of the precious metals, and by the opening of new channels of enterprise along our Pacific board. This mania, it appears to your Committee, has reached its climax, and men are beginning more readily to believe, that godliness with contentment is great gain; and in all respects to listen with more docility to the voice of reason and revealed truth in regard to the true nature of human life, and the proper use of earthly possessions. Untimely deaths and bitter disappointments have largely contributed to check the phrenzy: while we sorrow at the means, we rejoice at the result, and regard it as a token that God is preparing large blessings for us.

A last circumstance of encouragement: The mind of our Communion, as indeed of Christendom, seems duly impressed with the évents that are in progress, and appear to be in preparation, in the world, and with the ulterior events, of high spiritual import, to which they may lead. Under this impression, they seem disposed to address themselves with solemnity and earnestness to the duties which belong in critical times, and indeed in all times, to those who are followers of the Saviour of mankind. Eschewing all idle curiosity, all vain speculation, all intrusion into the secret things which belong unto the Lord, as profanity, or will worship, or fanaticism, or superstition, or some other wicked delusion, and keeping close to the Bible and the sought influences of the Spirit, as the only safe chart and guidance in life, they seem disposed, in subordination to their teaching, to watch the orderings of Providence and stand prepared, in a feeling of accountability and humble joy, to respond to and profit by every call that may be made, every event that may arise. Great events are plainly in store for us. They may be distant, or they may be near: the duty of Christians is to be always ready. Eighteen centuries ago the Saviour and his apostle gave the command to mark the signs of the times, and to watch and be sober; after the lapse of so long a time, it cannot be inappropriate now, nor action on it out of place. We think we see this persuasion growing up in the mind of the Church, and regarding it as a good omen, we are led thus to notice it. So long as it regulates itself by the written word, and exercises itself in plain, undoubted, practical and every day duty, we cannot but pray that it may increase more and more.

In conclusion, your Committee would call the attention of this Convention to the importance of giving a full and liberal support to our Diocesan paper, *The Southern Churchman*. This subject was brought forward by the Committee on the State of the Church last year. It does not seem to your present Committee an overdoing of the matter, to ask attention to it again, and that too, though it has been already before this body and been made the subject of action by it. Excepting our Bishops and Theological Seminary, there is nothing with which the Convention is concerned, more purely Diocesan, or more important to the welfare of the Diocese, than this paper. Some such paper we must have. No Diocese of any strength can be long without one; and especially, once a Diocese has had one, even for a little space, can it never afterwards bring itself to forego the advantage and convenience. It has been more than once proposed in the Church at large, that several Diocesan papers should be merged in one of mammoth circulation and superior excellence. But that can never be. Should the arrangement be made for a time, that time must prove very short: Diocesan feeling and

Diocesan wants would soon demand the re-establishment of the Diocesan paper. But the Diocese of Virginia possesses a religious paper, which, on account of its own merits, we should be unwilling to see merged in any other. It deserves to be maintained in an independent existence, and with increased prosperity. All who will duly reflect what a religious journal should be, which at once aims to be a good family paper, a careful chronicler of ecclesiastical events, a wise and moderate critic of ecclesiastical doings, a faithful guardian of the Scriptural soundness of the Church, a journal for the clergy and the laity, the young and the old, the educated and the little-learned alike, cannot fail to see, that difficult as is the task of meeting all these requirements, a near approximation to it is made, so far as the size of the sheet will allow, by *The Southern Churchman*. And while the paper is so worthy of patronage, what patronage does it receive? We are unmistakeably informed, that its subscription list does not number more than twelve hundred and fifty names; while the State journal of another Christian denomination in Virginia, of about our own numerical strength, numbers seven thousand. In this latter case we cannot suppose that our Christian brethren referred to have run into excess: we have never met an instance of error in that direction and of that kind. The more natural way of accounting for the disparity in the circulation of the two papers, is to suppose that the members of our Church have been deficient in this particular, and have failed to give their Diocesan paper the support it deserves, and which their own interests require. In this imperfect notice, therefore, of the state of the Church in this Diocese, its well-being and deficiencies, we would respectfully name, under the latter head, a want of better support to *The Southern Churchman*; and would earnestly recommend, as promising much for the cause of religion among us, that it be taken and read by every family within our bounds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. W. Shelton, Esq., Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to carry out resolution No. 2, adopted Thursday morning in reference to the *Southern Churchman*, reported, as the result of their efforts, the sum of one hundred and ninety-six dollars to have been raised.

On motion, the consideration of the subject of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton was again resumed, and resulted in the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That funds collected for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute be deposited with Col. George M. Carrington, sub-

ject to the order of this Committee just appointed, whenever, in their opinion, the objects of this Convention can be fully carried out.

2. *Resolved*, That the stockholders of the Virginia Female Institute having signified their willingness to transfer their interest in the Institute to this Convention, on the payment of a certain sum towards the liquidation of the indebtedness of the same, be respectfully requested to assign over and transfer, or cause to be assigned and transferred, in due legal form, to H. W. Sheffey, Eugene Davis and the Rev. R. H. Wilmer (who are hereby appointed special trustees for the purpose) the whole of the stock held in said Institute, and the trustees above named are requested to cause to be transferred to them the same, to be held by them, in their names, as stockholders in said Institute, in behalf of the Convention; and, further, it is hereby earnestly recommended to those liberal laymen of our communion who are sensible of the great value of this school to the church, to subscribe for stock in this Institute to the amount of about \$3,100, which will make the full sum of \$7,000 originally assumed by the Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That Messrs. H. W. Sheffey, E. Davis and Rev. R. H. Wilmer, the trustees above named, be requested to see that the real estate and other property of said Institute be fully released from the deed of trust and other obligations against the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee consisting of Rev. R. H. Phillips, A. J. Garber and W. W. Donaghe, appointed to attend to the interests of the Convention in regard to the Virginia Female Institute be discharged.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the account of Geo. M. Carrington, Esq., Treasurer, of the fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, reported the same to be correct.

The Treasurer of the fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton reports to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church that he has received the following contributions to the fund since his last report, viz :

1853.

May 14. Balance in hand per report of this date, - -	\$143 04
Deposited in the Bank of the Valley at sundry times	
by persons unknown to the Treasurer, - -	188 59
Carried forward,	<u>\$331 63</u>

	Brought forward,		\$331 63
May 27,	Received of Mrs. Ann Nisbett, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, per Rev. T. E. Locke,	- - -	10 00
" 15,	Received of the Rev. G. S. Carraway, amount of collections in the churches under his charge,	-	21 00
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			\$362 63
1854.			
March,	Checked in favor of the Committee,	\$188 59	} \$362 63
May 15,	Deposited in the Branch Bank of the Valley at Staunton,	- - 174 04	
	Balance now in Bank to the credit of the fund,		\$174 04

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treasurer.*

Richmond City, May 15th, 1854.

Bishop Meade not being present, Bishop Johns took the chair.
On motion,

Resolved, That inasmuch as there is supposed to be some uncertainty in regard to the amount of the salary assigned to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the intention of this Convention was and is, that the annual salary of said Bishop be permanently two thousand dollars.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to send as many printed forms for Parochial Reports to each clergyman as there may be Parishes under his charge.

The Finance Committee presented their report, which is as follows :

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that the account of W. H. Hubbard, Esq., Treasurer, is sustained by proper vouchers, and is correctly stated. The contributions to the contingent fund for 1854 will be found in paper herewith marked A,* and amount to \$5,354.44. The amounts paid on account of deficiency of 1853 will be found in paper B.* The names of Parishes and Churches delinquent for 1854 will be found in paper C.* There may be and probably are errors in the detail of this report. The Committee can only say that they have discharged their duty in the best way possible, with the facts before them.

WILLIAM H. FOWLE,
R. H. CUNNINGHAM,
JOHN ROWLETT, } *Com. on Finance.*

*See Appendix No. III.

On motion, the law of the State of Virginia prescribing the duty of ministers celebrating the rites of marriage was ordered to be placed in the Journal.

The Secretary then read the minutes of to-day's proceedings, and the Convention adjourned, after appropriate religious exercises, to meet in Grace Church, Lexington, Va., on the third Wednesday in May, 1855.

WILLIAM MEADE,
President of the Convention.

A. L. SEABURY, *Secretary pro. tem.*

ED. T. TAYLOR, *Assistant Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

A.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ACCOMAC COUNTY.

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

Rev. WM. J. ZIMMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 19; died, 1; present number, 53. Baptisms—white adults, 2; colored infants, 6; total, 8. Confirmed—white, 11. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 3; scholars, 10; Families, 60. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$900. Post Office—Onancock, Accomac county.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

Grace Church, Walker's Parish.

Rev. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 2; died, 3; present number, white, 25. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed—white, 6. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 3; total, 6. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 5; scholars, 25; families, 12. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$121.33. Post Office—Cobham Depot, Albemarle county.

University of Virginia.

Rev. WM. D. HANSON, Chaplain.

The present incumbent entered upon his duties the first of October last. It is his privilege to report a pleasing degree of interest at present prevailing upon the subject of religion: an interest which first

showed itself, in a marked manner, after the death of the late lamented Prof. Courtenay. It has ever since then been displayed by a large attendance upon the Students' General Prayer Meeting, which is held every Sunday afternoon, as well as by their attendance upon other weekly prayer meetings of a more private nature. In these meetings members from all the Christian denominations harmoniously and voluntarily assemble and pray together. In answer to their petitions, the Holy Spirit has been largely poured out.

Although no law of the Institution requires the presence of the students in the chapel, either on Sunday or at daily morning prayers, the attendance upon both occasions, especially the latter, has been very encouraging.

Without suspending or interfering with College exercises, we have found time to devote special attention to the one thing needful. As the result, under the blessing of God, between twenty-five and thirty now entertain a good hope through grace. Of this number, including a few members of Professors' families, the majority have connected themselves with the various churches established in Charlottesville. Some have thought proper to defer a public profession of their faith until their return home. None of the ordinances of religion are administered at the University.

It is proper to add, that the general tone of morality in our midst has been sensibly raised by the religious movement.

Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—colored, 1. Post Office—University of Virginia.

Christ Church, Charlottesville.

R. K. MEADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 41; died, 3; removed, 8; total, 93. Baptisms—adults, white, 7; infants, 9; total, 16. Confirmations, 39. Marriages—white, 10; colored, 3; total 13. Funerals—white, 11; colored, 2; total, 13. Number of families, 53. Teachers in white Sunday School, 8; scholars, 50. Teachers in colored Sunday School, 12; scholars, 70. Contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$2,168.85.

The above report embraces the last two years.

Fredericksville Parish.

R. W. N. NOLAND, Lay Delegate.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 40. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Confirmed—white, 3. Mar-

riages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 5. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 6; scholars, 30; families, 44. Colored catechumen, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$185.27. Post Office—Woodville Depot, Albemarle.

REMARKS.—This Parish is at present without a Rector, but we have reason to hope that a recent invitation to an estimable clergyman will be accepted by him.

Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish.

WM. N. NELSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; present number, white, 32. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 1; total, 3. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$245.13.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia:

The undersigned, in pursuance of Canon XII. of 1853, respectfully reports:

That since his resignation of Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle county, on the 1st of October last, he has been acting under his appointment as a General Agent of the American Tract Society in Virginia and the District of Columbia. The claims of this institution he has presented to the Christian public in twenty-six sermons and twelve addresses, and collected in its behalf, and which has passed through his own hands, \$2,506.39, besides other donations which have been remitted direct to the Society.

That he has preached on twenty-two other occasions; read prayers twenty-three times; the ante-communion six times; administered the holy communion once, and assisted in its administration four times; baptized one child; married one couple; and buried two persons.

And that he subscribes himself, very faithfully, yours in the gospel,

S. R. SLACK.

Meechum's River, Albemarle, May 17, 1854.

ALEXANDRIA.

St. Paul's Church.

Rev. J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 17; removed, 16; died, 5; present number, white, 151; colored, 3; total, 154. Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 32; total, 35. Marriages—white 8. Funerals—

white, 16. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 27; scholars, 180. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$1,142.45. Post Office—Alexandria.

AMELIA AND POWHATAN COUNTIES.

Grub Hill and Grace Churches, Raleigh and Genito Parishes.

Rev. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; present number, white, 40; colored, 2; total, 42. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 14; total, 15. Confirmed—white, 3. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$200. Post Office—Winterham, Amelia county.

AMELIA COUNTY.

Missionary Station at Paineville.

Rev. JOHN M. CHEVERS, Missionary.

Communicants—added, white, 1; suspended, 1; present number, white, 7. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 2; total, 6. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1; total 5. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 10; scholars, 60; families, 82. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church: the Domestic Missionary Society, \$1. Post Office—Jetersville, Amelia county.

REMARKS.—Nothing of particular interest since my last report. Our Sunday School is well attended, and it is the opinion of the best informed men in the community that an Episcopal Church may in a few years be built in Paineville. I myself am not so sanguine, but pray God that it may be so.

AMHERST COUNTY.

Ascension, St. Matthew's, St. Mark's and St. Luke's Churches, Lexington Parish.

Rev. T. F. MARTIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 35; removed, 7; died, 6; withdrawn, 3; suspended, 1; present number, white, 101. Baptisms—white adults, 9; white infants, 19; colored infants, 8; total, 36. Confirmed—white, 24. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Funerals—white, 10. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8, scholars, 27; families, 62. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—contingent fund, foreign and domestic missions, \$38; Ev. K. Society, \$3; purchase

of lamps, &c., for churches, \$85; total, \$126. Post Office—Amherst C. H., Va.

REMARKS.—The affairs of this Parish, both temporal and spiritual, seem to be in a prospering condition. We thank God and take courage.

Amherst County Mission.

Rev. EDMUND CHRISTIAN reports that he has continued to officiate at Sardis and the Poor-House; that his congregations have been large and attentive at the former place, and at the latter he has had the privilege of imparting the riches and consolations of the Gospel to the sick, the afflicted and the dying, who would otherwise have been destitute of these privileges.

Marriages, 8; Funerals, 6.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Augusta Parish, Staunton.

Rev. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 13; removed, 11; died, 2; present number, white, 84; colored, 5; total 89. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 19; total, 21. Marriages—white, 11; colored, 7; total, 18. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 10; total, 18. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 17; scholars, 90; families, 70. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$389.25.

Boyd's Chapel.

Rev. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants—white, 10. Baptisms—white infants, 2; colored infants, 2; total, 4. Marriages—colored, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$15. Post Office—Staunton.

BEDFORD COUNTY.

St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish.

Rev. RICH'D H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 2; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 54. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Funeral—white, 5. Sunday Schools—teachers, 4; scholars, 25. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$134 54½. Post Office—Forest Depot, Bedford county, Va.

St. John's Church, Heber Parish.

Rev. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2, from another parish; present number, white, 28. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$500. Post Office—Big Island, Bedford county, Virginia.

REMARKS.—The congregation has supplied this church, during the past year, with a neat, fine-toned organ, at an expense of upwards of \$450. Rev. Jno. A. Wharton officiates very acceptably at this church about half his time.

St. Thomas' Church, Russell Parish.

Rev. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—present number, 18. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$30. Post Office—Big Island, Bedford county, Va.

REMARKS.—There are only a few families attached to the church here, and its growth, therefore, must necessarily be slow. But it is hoped time, patience and devoted labor will ultimately make an impression favorable to the church in the surrounding community. Rev. Jno. A. Wharton officiates here only about one-third of his time.

BERKELEY COUNTY.

Mt. Zion and Calvary Churches, Norborne Parish.

Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 1; infants, white, 6; colored, 1; total, 8. Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 4; withdrawn, 4; died, 2; present number, white, 62. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 5. Sunday Schools—1; teachers, 6; scholars, 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$39. Post Office, Martinsburg.

Trinity Church, Martinsburg.

Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 7; colored, 2; total, 9. Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 2; died, 2; present number, white, 42. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Sunday Schools—1; teachers, 11; scholars, 50. Amount of contributions

to cause of religion and church, about \$114. Post Office, Martinsburg.

My reports for this year indicate a considerable falling off. It would seem, then, we are going backwards and not forwards. I do not know that things with us are different from what they seem upon the face. We may, indeed, see only the worst; but I doubt it. The truth, awful as it is, is, we have been going backward. Where it will end I know not. I know my prayer, my prayer continually, is, that the Lord would revive His work. I doubt not but that He will in His own time.

Much seed has been sown. Religious truth has been scattered throughout the parish, by (it is no figure of speech) *myriads* of pages. That good will come of this, and the preaching of Christ's gospel, I stand in no more doubt than I do of my own existence. But as I have said, during the past year we have cause to mourn.

BOTETOURT COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Woodville Parish.

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 10; died, 2; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 32. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 2; total, 4. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 6. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, about 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$220 52. Post Office—Pattonsburg, Botetourt county, Va.

St Mark's Church, Botetourt Parish.

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3; removed, 6; present number—white, 30; colored, 2; total, 32. Baptisms—white infants, 2; colored adults, 2; total, 4. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 11; scholars, 50.

BROOKE COUNTY.

Christ's Church, Wellsburg Parish.

Rev. SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 2; suspended, 2; present number—white, 17. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 4; scholars, 16; families, 9. Contingent fund, \$12, promised, which I will send to the Treasurer. Post Office—Wellsburg, Brooke county, Va.

St. John's Church.

Rev. SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 44. Baptisms—white infants, 2; adult white, 1; total, 3. Marriages—white, 2. Post Office—Wellsburg.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

St. Andrew's, Wilkin's Chapel, and Trinity Churches, St. Andrew's Parish.

Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 5; total, 7. Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 1; died, 2; present number—white, 43; colored, 18; total, 61. Confirmed—white, 6. Funerals—white, 4. Amount contributed to the cause of religion and the church, about \$1600. This is inclusive of amount subscribed by the parish to the erection of a new church within the parish bounds, and the purchase of a parsonage. Post Office—Lawrenceville, Va.

The parish is now without a Rector, and has been indebted to the kindness of Rev. P. G. Robert, Meherrin Parish, Greenville, and Rev. T. M. Ambler, Bath Parish, Dinwiddie, for monthly services at two of the churches.

J. RAVENSCROFT JONES,

Secretary for Vestry, St. Andrew's Parish.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish.

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 2; present number—white, 26; colored, 2; total, 28. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 5; total, 6. Confirmed—white, 3. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$149 94. Post Office—Curdsville, Buckingham.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church, St. Mary's Parish.

Rev. WM. FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 2; died, 2; present number, white, 36. Baptisms—white infants, 6. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 2; total 5. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$150. Post Office—Port Royall, Caroline county.

St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish.

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; present number, white, 80. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 1. Families, 10. Contributions, \$34.

Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish.

Rev. HENRY WALL, Rector.

Communicants—died, 3; present number, white, 15. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Marriages—white, 2. Amount collected for Missions, \$24.79.

Bowling Green Church.

Rev. HENRY WALL, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; removed, 1; present number, white, 2.

The Rector resigned the charge of this church early in January last, and it is now without a pastor. W. S. ROYSTER, Sec'y.

CAMPBELL COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.

Rev. WILLIAM H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 15; died, 7; added, including those from other Parishes, 29; total, 170, of whom 4 are colored persons. Baptisms—adults, 3; infants, 24; total, 27. Marriages—whites, 13; colored, 4; total, 17. Funerals, 22. Contributions:

Education Society,	- - - - -	\$185 00
Diocesan Missions,	- - - - -	50 00
Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	150 00
Collection at the Convention for African Missions,	-	406 00
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		\$741 00
Communion alms, about	- - - - -	800 00
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		\$1,041 00

The Rector has the pleasure of reporting, that since the last Convention, the house heretofore occupied by him has been purchased and fitted up as a Parsonage. For this new evidence of the interest felt by his parishioners in his comfort, he desires here to record his grateful acknowledgments. In addition to the proper duties of his Parish, he has occasionally extended his labors to several destitute churches in the neighboring counties. He would earnestly invite the attention of young men, who are willing to do missionary work, to this section of the Di-

cese. Both in this vicinity, and along the line of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, there are numerous points where earnest and well-directed effort would result in an abundant harvest of good.

CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

Westover and St. Thomas' Churches, Westover Parish.

Rev. N. A. OKESON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 44. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Confirmed—white, 2. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Families, 26. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$250. Post Office—Charles City C. H.

The above report is for a period of six months.

CHESTERFIELD AND POWHATAN COUNTIES.

Trinity and Mannikintown Churches, Dale and King William Parishes.

Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4; present number, white, 18; colored, 2; total, 20. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 2; total, 4. Confirmed—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$92. Post Office—Winter Pock, Chesterfield county.

REMARKS.—As heretofore, 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 the Parish. Owing to the transitory character of the people at these Pits, annually changing, we are in a great measure deprived of the visible evidence of the permanent effects of the services on them. But the better observance of the Sabbath, the improved appearance and condition of the people, their regular attendance and hearty response in the "house of prayer," are enough to satisfy us that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. And we trust that the annual dispersion of these laborers may be the means of extending more widely an abiding knowledge of the blessings of the Gospel, as well as the peculiar fitness of the church as the witness and keeper of Holy Writ, to interest and instruct alike the poor and the ignorant, the rich and the learned.

CLARKE COUNTY.

Grace Church, Clarke Parish.

Rev. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 13; colored, 4; total, 17; removed, 2; died, 2; present number, white, 85; colored, 7; total, 92. Baptisms—

white adults, 2; white infants, 10; colored adults, 3; total, 15. Confirmed—white, 14; colored, 3; total, 17. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 3; total, 7. Funerals—white, 15; colored, 3; total, 18. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 15; scholars, 65; families, 56. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$500. Post Office—Berryville, Clarke county.

REMARKS.—Besides officiating every Sunday morning in Grace Church, the Rector preaches alternately in the afternoon to the colored people in Berryville, and to a large and interesting white congregation on the Blue Ridge. A Sunday School, numbering about thirty scholars, is kept up at this latter place during the summer. Measures are in progress to rebuild Grace Church, in this Parish, on a greatly enlarged plan.

Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Millwood.

Rev. JOHN F. HOFF, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; present number, white, 64; colored, 1; total, 65. Baptisms—white infants, 12; colored infants, 1; total, 13. Confirmed—white, 7. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 3; total, 4. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Families, 35. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$675. Post Office—Millwood, Clarke county.

Wickliffe Church, Wickliffe Parish.

Rev. WM. McGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; present number, white, 22. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$196. Post Office, Kabletown, Jefferson county.

I took charge of this Parish in December last. I preach at Kabletown, in Jefferson county, once a fortnight, in the afternoon, and to large congregations of colored people at Wickliffe every other Sunday, at the same time of day. A valuable parsonage has been purchased recently by Wickliffe Parish.

CULPEPER COUNTY.

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

Rev. JOHN GOLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; present number, 86. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 3. Sunday School teachers, 6; scholars, 30. Contributions, \$90. Post Office—Culpeper C. H.

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

Rev. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; present number, 25. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1. Contributions, \$146.07.

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

Rev. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; present number, 13. Sunday School teachers, 4; scholars, 30. Contributions, \$158.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Grace Church, Lyttleton Parish.

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 23. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Confirmed—white, 1. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$181.31. Post Office—Curdsville, Buckingham.

St. James' Church, Leighton Parish.

Rev. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, white, 14. Baptisms—white adults, 2. Confirmed—white, 3. Funerals—white, 3. Families, 9. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$250. Post Office—Columbia, Fluvanna county.

DINWIDDIE COUNTY.

Sapony and Calvary Churches, Bath Parish.

Rev. THOMAS M. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3; present number, white, 28; colored, 2; total, 30. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 4; total, 5; Confirmed—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$13. Post Office—Dinwiddie C. H.

REMARKS.—This Parish had been vacant for two years, when taken charge of by the present incumbent in October last. My colored congregations on Sunday afternoons are much larger than my white.

ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Elizabeth City Parish, Hampton.

Rev. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 9; died, 1; present number, white, 56. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Confirmed—white, 8. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 8. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8; scholars, 85; families, 80. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church:

For African Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
For repairs to church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41 00
For Convention fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56 00
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Post Office—Hampton, Elizabeth City county.

Centurion Church, Old Point.

Rev. M. L. CHEVERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 5; present number, white, 22. Baptisms—white infants, 6. Marriages—white, 8. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 4; scholars, 24; families, 27. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$336, of which sum \$140 was contributed by the Ladies' Sewing Society to General Missions within the United States. Post Office—Old Point, Va.

ESSEX COUNTY.

St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, South Farnham Parish.

Rev. H. W. L. TEMPLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 45. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 3; total, 4. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 6. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 13; scholars, 62. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$189.58. Post Office—Miller's Tavern, Essex.

Vawter's Church, St. Anne's Parish.

Rev. E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 3; died, 1; present number, white, 26; colored, 2; total, 28. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 2; colored infants, 1; total, 4. Confirmed—white, 2. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 5; total, 7. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$58.77. Post Office—Loretto, Essex county.

FREDERICKSBURG.

St. George's Church, St. George's Parish.

Rev. E. C. McGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 16; removed, 7; died, 2; present number, white, 152. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 7; total, 8. Confirmed—white, 18. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 7. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 20; scholars, 160; families, 112. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$750. Post Office, Fredericksburg.

FAUQUIER COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Hamilton Parish.

Rev. GEO. H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 2; died, 2; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 56. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Confirmed—white, 3. Marriages—white, 1, colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals—white, 6; colored, 2; total, 8. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8; scholars, 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$180. Post Office—Warrenton.

REMARKS.—Since taking possession of the new church, the regular congregation has greatly increased in numbers.

Leeds Church, Leeds Parish.

Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 1; died, 2; present number, white, 28. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 4. Families, 9. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$347. Post Office—Markham Station.

REMARKS.—This report is up to the 1st of May, 1854. At that time the Rector closed his labors in the Parish after a residence of nearly ten years.

Trinity Church, Meade Parish.

Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 12. Confirmed—white, 2. Marriages—colored, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Contributions:

African Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$34 00
Bible Society,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125 00
Colonization,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175 00
Com. Offerings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 50

\$359 50

Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish.

Rev. C. H. SHEILD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8, from another Parish; removed, 3; present number, white, 29. Baptisms—white infants, 5. Confirmed—(several waiting confirmation.) Funerals—white, 8; colored, 2; total, 10. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8; scholars, 35; families, 13. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, - \$79 00
 Thirty-five dollars are contributed by the ladies of the congregation to the China Mission, - - - - - 35 00
 Ten dollars by the children's Sewing Society to the same Mission, - - - - - 10 00

\$124 00

Post Office—Piedmont Station, Fauquier county, Va.

ALEXANDRIA AND FAIRFAX COUNTIES.

Christ Church, Fairfax Parish.

Rev. CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 21; removed, 14; died, 4; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 124; colored, 7; total, 131. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 23; colored infants, 2; total, 27. Confirmed—white, 13. Marriages—white, 7, colored, 1; total 8. Funerals—white, 12. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$1,050. Post Office—Alexandria.

FLUVANNA COUNTY.

St John's Church, Rivanna Parish.

Rev. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8; removed, 1; present number, 16. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 1. Families, 12. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$50. Post Office—Columbia, Fluvanna county.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Franklin Parish.

Communicants—white, 12. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Funerals, 1. Post Office—Rock Mount, Franklin county.

Rev. Anderson Wade resigned the charge of this Parish 1st of July, 1853. Since that time, we have been without regular services. Rev. Mr. Wade has visited us twice, at one time burying an infant; and Rev.

George W. Dame of Danville once, preaching twice, administering the Holy Communion and baptizing an infant. We hope shortly to make an arrangement by which we shall have the services of Rev. Mr. Dame regularly once a month.

HUGH NELSON,
Register of the Vestry.

FREDERICK COUNTY.

Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.

Rev. C. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 4; died, 3; present number, white, 101; colored, 4; total, 105. Baptisms—white infants, 7. Confirmations—white, 7. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 10; colored, 1; total, 11. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 24; scholars, 105. Contributions, \$800.

St. Thomas' Church, Middletown.

Rev. C. WALKER, Rector.

Number of white communicants, 10.

This church has been without a rector during the past year. I have commenced having a monthly service for the congregation until some other and better arrangement can be made. There are ten white communicants, who have all sent in their quota of the contingent fund.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes.

Rev. CHARLES MANN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; Removed, 3; died, 4; present number, 47. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Confirmed—whites, 4. Funerals, 8. Families, 40. Amount contributed to purposes of religion and the Church:

Missions &c.,	- - - - -	\$ 180 00
For repairs of Ware church, about	- - - - -	1400 00
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		\$1580 00

GREENSVILLE COUNTY.

Christ and Grace Churches, Meherrin Parish.

Rev. P. G. ROBERT, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8; colored, 24; total, 32; removed, 1; present number, white 31; colored, 37; total, 68. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 7; colored adults, 7; colored infants, 6; total, 26. Confirmed—white, 11; colored, 20; total, 31. Marriages—

white, 8; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 4; total, 6. Families, 14. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$97 56. Post Office—Hicksford, Greenville county.

HARRISON COUNTY.

Christ Church, Clarksburg Parish.

Rev. R. A. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1; present number, white, 16. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 3; total, 7. Sunday teachers, 4; scholars, 40; families 20. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$62 55. Post Office—Clarksburg, Harrison County.

REMARKS—In Fairmount, Marion county, where I preach once a month, the members of our communion have purchased a church and are fitting it up for our services. We have in that place 8 or 10 members. Since the last Convention, I baptised one adult, and admitted one to the communion.

HENRY COUNTY.

Christ Church, Patrick Parish.

Rev. A. WADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; withdrawn, 1; died, 1; present number, 10. Amount contributed, about \$60 00.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Antrim Parish.

Rev. JOHN GRAMMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 18; removed, white, 1; colored 4; died, 2; present number, white 88; colored 21; total, 104. Baptisms—white adults, 7; white infants, 5; total, 12. Confirmed—white, 9. Marriages—white, 8; colored, 2; total, 5. Funerals—white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8. 2 Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 60; families, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, through my hands, \$1148 10½. Post Office—Halifax Court House.

Roanoke Parish.

Rev. JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.

Communicants—added, colored, 4; present number, white, 16; colored, 5; total, 21. Baptisms—colored adults, 2. Confirmed—2. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 5; total, 8. Amount contributed to the cause of religion and the church, about \$200 00. Post Office—Roanoke Depot Richmond and Danville R. R.

HANOVER COUNTY.

St. Martin's Parish.

Rev. WILLIAM V. BOWERS.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 8; died, 2; present number, white 53. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 4; total, 5. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$200 00. Post Office—Verdon, Hanover county.

REMARKS—The rector has a Bible class which meets every fortnight, and he has service for the servants on the evenings of Sunday.

St. Paul's Church, Hanover Court House.

Rev. JOHN COOK, officiating.

Communicants, 8; (registered in another parish.) Baptisms—infants, 2. Funerals, 2. Collected for charitable purposes, \$136 50.

I took charge of this congregation some eighteen months ago. It is yet small, owing to the sparceness of population, but with prospects of an ultimate increase. The church, which was unfinished, has been completed and handsomely painted, at an expense of some \$250 00. The congregation is yet not organised, but will probably be so before the meeting of another Convention.

JAMES CITY COUNTY.

Bruton Parish.

Rev. G. T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8; died, 1; removed, 10; total, 82. Baptisms—white, 10; colored, 1; total, 11. Marriages—1. Confirmations—8. Funerals—3.

The present Rector entered on his duties in this parish the 1st of April.

JACKSON COUNTY.

Grace Church, Ravenswood Parish.

Communicants—removed, 1; present number, 10. Baptisms—infant, white, 2. Sunday School—1; teachers, 7; families, 6. Contribution to Convention fund, \$10.

Services have been celebrated several times, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Communion administered during the year, by the Rev. Dr. McCabe, of Wheeling, and Rev. Mr. Hyland, of Moundsville. We still continue to pray to the Great Head of the Church that he

would send us a Pastor to dwell in our midst, and to break to us the bread of life.

H. FITZHUGH, Sr. W.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish.

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 1; present number, white, 64; colored, 1; total, 65. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 4; colored adults, 1; colored infants, 6; total, 12. Marriages—colored, 2. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Sunday Schools—teachers, 6; scholars, 50. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$250. Post Office—Shepherdstown, Va.

J. H. KEHLER'S REPORT.

Baptisms—infants, 2. Marriage—1. Funeral—1. Sunday School—1; teachers, 8; scholars, about 30.

In April, 1853, I took charge of the church at Harper's Ferry, preaching once in two weeks, and continued my services until February last. Since then, the church at Harper's Ferry has been without services, being unable to sustain a minister any longer. From January, 1853, to January last, I acted as Rev. Dr. Andrews' assistant in Shepherd's Town. Since then I have assisted in the services and preached at different times in Shepherd's Town. The balance of my time I devote to the churches at Sharpsburg and Antrim, Washington county, Maryland.

Zion Church, Charlestown.

Rev. CHARLES E. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 97; colored, 4; total, 101. Baptisms—white infants, 12. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Funerals—white, 9; colored, 2; total, 11. Sunday Schools—teachers, 18; scholars, 130; average attendance of teachers, 15, and of scholars, 85. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$483 66. Post Office—Charlestown, Jefferson county.

REMARKS.—During the present spring the sum of \$2,000 has been subscribed for the purpose of paying a debt which has been hanging over the church for several years, since the erection of the present church edifice. In addition to this sum, several hundred dollars have been raised for the purpose of completing the building. The temporal

condition of the congregation is therefore better than it has been since the burning of our church several years ago. There is much also in the spiritual condition of the church to encourage the Rector and to give him reason to be thankful.

Grace Church, Smithfield, and St. Bartholomew's Church, Norborne Parish.

Rev. C. M. CALLAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8; removed, 4; died, 4; withdrawn, 2; present number—white, 42; colored, 5; total, 47. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 4; colored adults, 1; colored infants, 1; total, 8. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 1; scholars, 50. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$163 02. Post Office—Middleway, Jefferson county.

KING GEORGE COUNTY.

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

Rev. JOS. A. RUSSELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 11; died, 3; present number, white, 42. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 11; colored infants, 12; total, 24. Funerals—white, 10; colored, 3; total, 13. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 36; families, 27. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$378 22. Post Office—Hampstead.

St. John's Church, Hanover Parish.

Rev. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 2; present number, white, 17. Baptisms—white infants, 14. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$50. Post Office—Port Royal, Caroline county.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

Grace, Christ, and White Chapel Churches, Christ Church Parish.

Rev. EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; died, 1; present number, white, 33. Baptisms—white infants, 9. Confirmed—white, 1. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 3; total, 6. Families—35. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church,

§306 82. Candidate for the ministry, 1. Post Office—Lancaster C. H., Va.

REMARKS.—Our prospects are encouraging; congregations large; and our prayer is, for God's blessing. During the last summer, I preached several times in Dinwiddie, and, (in the absence of any pastor,) admitted one person to the Communion.

LEWIS COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church.

Rev. JAS. J. PAGE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 2; present number, white, 23. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 5; total, 6. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 4. Sunday Schools—teachers, 5; scholars, 25. Post Office—Weston, Lewis county, Va.

REMARKS.—I am happy to report that our church is now free from debt. In the eastern cities I collected a sufficient sum to meet claims against the church, to amount of \$506. In addition, I purchased a fine bell and Communion service.

LOUDOUN COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish.

Rev. GEO. ADIE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5; removed, 3; died, 3; present number, white, 77; colored, 8; total, 80. Baptisms—white infants, 6; colored infants, 2; total, 8. Confirmed—white, 5. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 6; colored, 2; total, 8. Sunday Schools—teachers, 13; scholars, 65; families, 65. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$400. Post Office—Leesburg, Loudoun county.

REMARKS.—The Rector of this Parish has nothing of interest to remark.

Emanuel Church, John's Parish.

Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 12; died, 1; present number, white, 26. Baptisms—white adult, 1. Confirmed—white, 8. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—African Mission, \$66; Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$25; Diocesan Missions, \$37; Bible Society, \$50; Colonization, \$25; Com. Off. \$38; total, \$241. Post Office—Middleburg, Loudoun county.

LOUISA PARISH.

St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish.

Rev. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; present number, 17. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 2; total, 6. Confirmed—white, 5. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$198 16. Post Office—Cobham Depot, Albemarle.

Louisa Court House, Trinity Parish.

Rev. JNO. COOKE, officiating.

Communicants—9. Baptisms—4 infants. Funerals—2.

During the past year, we have been very much inconvenienced here for the want of a place for public worship, being entirely dependent on the kindness of other denominations for our accommodation. We have now, however, a neat and commodious church erected, in connection with the Methodist Society, in which we can assemble with comfort and convenience. The congregations are large and attentive, but "the Word spoken does not seem to profit them." Not being able to visit them for the last two Sundays, I have made no collections from them for charitable purposes.

For the last year or two, I have officiated also once a month at a small Methodist meeting-house, in the vicinity of the old Allen's Creek Church, which was burnt some few years ago. The congregation here is small, but with the prospect of an increase in the course of time, as the families giving our church the preference are all young and growing. I have baptized here one infant, and officiated at one funeral and two marriages. The only communicant here is registered in an adjoining parish.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

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

Rev. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8; died, 1; present number, 45. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 8; total, 9. Confirmed—white, 2. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Sunday Schools—1; teachers, 4; scholars, 20; families, 24. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—from St. John's church, \$129; from St. Paul's church, \$2; total, \$131. Post Office—Macfarland's, Lunenburg county.

MADISON COUNTY.

Bloomfield Parish.

Rev. WM. THOS. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 15; colored, 2; total, 17. Marriages—white, 2. Sunday Schools—teacher, 1; scholars, 14. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$20. Post Office—Slate Mills, Rappahannock county.

MARSHALL COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Trinity Parish.

Rev. WM. LYTTLETON HYLAND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 2; present number, white, 12. Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 10;* total, 14. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Families, 8. Post Office—Moundsville, Marshall county, Va.

REMARKS.—The church edifice is nearly finished. The children of the Parish are instructed by the Rector every Sunday before Divine service, in accordance with the provisions of the Rubrics and Canons. There has not been any facilities heretofore for a regular Sunday School. The condition of the parish, it is hoped, is better than at the last Convention.

MATHEWS COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Kingston Parish.

Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7, (1 from another parish;) died, 2; present number, white, 12. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Confirmed—white, 4. Marriages—colored, 2. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Sunday Schools—teachers, 6; scholars, 42. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$56 68. Post Office—Urbanna, Va.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

St. Luke's, St. Timothy's, and the Old Churches, St. Luke's Parish.

Communicants—died, 2; present number, white, 24; colored, 1; total, 25. Baptisms—white infants, 1; colored infants, 10; total, 11. Marriages—1. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$34. Post Office—Boydton, Mecklenburg county, Va.

*In other cases at the request of the Rectors of the same.

REMARKS.—The Rev. Mr. Chesley has resigned his charge of St. Luke's and the Old Churches, and Rev. Mr. Locke can only render occasional service at Clarksville.

EDWARD TARRY, *Church Warden.*

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Christ Church, Christ Church Parish.

Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; present number, 7. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$89 65. Post Office—Urbanna, Va.

Through the liberality of a gentleman of the above Parish, and he a non-communicant, the churches under the charge of the Rector have been enabled, for more than a year past, to sustain themselves without the aid of the Diocesan Missionary Society. The same individual has erected in the village of Urbanna, at his own cost, a neat and substantial building for the worship of God.

NELSON COUNTY.

Christ and Trinity Churches, Nelson Parish.

Rev. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 2; present number, white, 28. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 1. Sunday Schools—teachers, 4; scholars, 25. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$162 64. Post Office—Tye River Warehouse.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Christ Church, Norfolk City.

Rev. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector,

Communicants—added, white, 69; colored, 5; total, 74; removed, 19; died, 11; present number, white, 484; colored, 36; total, 470. Baptisms—white adults, 9; white infants, 13; total, 22. Confirmed—white, 45; colored, 5; total, 50. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 23; colored, 2; total, 25. Sunday Schools—teachers, 47; scholars, 260; families, 174. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$4,111 27½, (\$40 of which are to be credited to the year preceding. Post Office—Norfolk, Va.

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk City.

Rev. WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 81; removed, 22; died 4; withdrawn, 2; present number, white, 192; colored, 1; total, 193. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 24; colored infants, 1; total, 29. Confirmed—white, 18. Marriages—white, 8; colored, 2; total, 10. Funerals—white, 15. Sunday Schools—teachers, 30; scholars, 180; families, 105. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$515.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish.

Rev. J. H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 1; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 61; colored, 1; total, 62. Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 18; colored infants, 4; total, 25. Confirmed—white, 6. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 65; families, 54. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$137. Post Office—Portsmouth, Va.

REMARKS.—Among those buried was our aged brother, Rev. Jacob Keeling, of Suffolk, after a long service in the ministry of more than 50 years. Through the laudable exertions of the ladies, the roof of the church has been slated.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish.

Rev. JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 12; removed, 2; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; suspended, 1; present number, white, 52. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 9; total, 10. Confirmed—white, 5. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 9. Sunday School—teachers, 12; scholars, 60. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, \$10; African Mission, \$50; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$20; American Tract Society, for Colportage in Virginia, \$25; Contingent Fund, \$52; other Church Offerings, \$180; total, \$287. Post Office—Portsmouth, Va.

REMARKS.—There are, to the Rector's mind, hopeful indications of an increased religious interest in this congregation. He deems it appropriate, here, to make grateful allusion to the kindness and affection manifested toward himself personally, by his parishioners.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Hungar's Parish.

Rev. JAMES RAWSON, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 5; colored infants, 5; total, 10. Communicants—added, white, 9; removed, 4; died, 1; present number, 56. Confirmed—8. Funerals—7. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—Missions, \$38; Virginia Bible Society, \$75; Education Society, \$23 65; total, \$136 65.

Through the munificence of a venerable friend of the church, John Eyre, Esq., a beautiful and commodious parsonage has been erected in this parish, at a cost of \$3000, to which must be added \$600, the cost of the site. The spiritual condition of the parish is encouraging; we are blessed with great harmony and peace, and are hoping and praying for enlarged and continued victories to the cause of Christ.

OHIO COUNTY.

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

Rev. JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 19; removed, 7; died, 1; present number, white, 74. Baptisms—white infants, 20. Confirmed—white, 6. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 11. Sunday Schools—1; teachers, 14; scholars, 80. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$373 31.

REMARKS.—The condition of the parish is encouraging; the congregation is active in good works, and liberal in the support of all enterprises for the promotion of the principles of the Gospel in the Church. During the present year, a parsonage will be erected for the Rector, at a cost of between \$2500 and \$3000.

ORANGE COUNTY.

St. Thomas' Church.

Rev. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 3; total, 6. Communicants—added, white, 11, (4 by removal into the parish;) removed, 4; died, 1; total, white, 71. Confirmed—white, 9. Marriages—white, 10; colored, 1; total, 11. Funerals—white, 9; colored, 2; total, 11. Families, 44. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—\$191 91.

REMARKS.—Of the marriages above reported, two were celebrated in Bloomfield Parish, Madison county.

PETERSBURG.

St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 24; removed, 4; died, 3; withdrawn, 6; present number, white, 191; colored, 7; total, 198. Baptisms—white adults, 5; white infants, 6; total, 11. Confirmed—white, 21. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Funerals—white, 10. Sunday Schools—teachers, 12; scholars, 100; families, 80. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$14,000. Post Office—Petersburg.

REMARKS.—Of the amount contributed as above, about \$13,000 will be appropriated towards the erection of a much more commodious church edifice, in place of the one destroyed by fire in February last.

Grace Church.

Rev. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 39; colored, 2; total, 41; removed, 7; died, 2; withdrawn, 5; present number, white, 157; colored, 4; total, 161. Baptisms—white adults, 5; white infants, 36; colored infants, 2; total, 43. Confirmed—white, 37; colored, 1; total, 38. Marriages—white, 29; colored, 11; total, 40. Funerals—white, 37; colored, 2; total, 39. Sunday Schools—teachers, 23; scholars, 100; families, 45. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$510.

REMARKS.—The Rector is thankful to be able to report a gradual increase of temporal and spiritual prosperity.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

Epiphany and Emanuel Churches, Camden Parish.

Rev. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7; removed, 6; died, 2; present number, white, 41; colored, 4; total, 45. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 20; total, 21. Confirmed—white, 7. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 4. Families—38. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$93 50. Post Office—Danville.

POWHATAN COUNTY.

St. Luke's Church, Powhatan Parish.

Rev. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Baptisms—white adult, 1. Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 2; present number, white, 23. Confirmed—white, 1. Funerals—white, 1.

als—white, 1. Marriages—white, 3. Contributions—\$104. Post Office—Sublett's Tavern.

Emanuel Church, St. James, Southam Parish.

Rev. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 2. Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 2; present number, white, 16; colored, 1; total, 17. Confirmed—white, 6. Contributions—\$34.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

Brandon and Merchants' Hope Churches, Martin's, Brandon Parish.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 13; died, 1; present number, white, 43; colored, 2; total, 45. Baptisms—white infants, 7; colored infants, 2; total, 9. Confirmed—white, 2. Funerals—white, 7. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$298 27. Post Office—Garysville, Prince George county, Va.

REMARKS.—Merchants' Hope Church is undergoing extensive repairs, and will probably be ready for Divine service by the last of June. Liberal subscriptions have also been raised.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

Dettingen Parish, St. James' Church, Brentsville.

Rev. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 23. Marriages—4. Funerals—6.

Leeds Parish, St. Paul's, Haymarket.

Rev. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 2; present number, 32. Marriages—1. Baptisms—white infant, 1.

RICHMOND CITY.

St. Paul's Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 16; removed, 10; died, 4; suspended, 1; present number, white, 228; colored, 1; total, 229. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 35; total, 36. Confirmed—white, 10. Marriages—white, 7. Funerals—white, 20. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 17; scholars, 106. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$4,431.91. Post Office—Richmond.

St. James' Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 68; removed, 30; died, 1; present number, white, 194; colored, 1; total, 195. Baptisms—white adults, 6; white infants, 23; total, 29. Confirmed—white, 42. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 7. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 26; scholars, 180; families, 120. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, since October, 1853, \$1,602.99, viz: Missions, \$426.50; Communion alms, \$198.49; American Bible Society, \$222.50; American Tract Society, \$80; Virginia Colonization Society, \$181.91; E. K. S., \$106.44; Convention, \$194; Miscellaneous, \$193.15. Post Office—Richmond.

REMARKS.—The colored Sunday School in connection with this church continues in a very prosperous condition.

Monumental Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 171; added, 34; removed, 13; died, 2; present number, 190. Baptisms—adults, 4; infants, 22; total, 26. Confirmed, 17. Marriages—white 9; colored, 2; total, 11. Funerals—white, 15; colored, 2; total, 17. Contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$958.

St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. H. S. KEPPLER, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 67; colored, 1; total, 68. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 6; colored infants, 1; total, 8. Confirmed—white, 11. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 12; scholars, 72; families, 50. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church: Virginia Bible Society, collection \$30, donation by a lady \$20; Ev. Knowledge Society, \$13; Missions, Diocesan \$28, African \$25; Texas \$2.50; Va. Colonization Society, donation by a lady, \$300; Tract Society, \$25; total, \$443.50.

In addition to the above, there have passed through my hands, in donations from the congregation, of various sums, amounting to one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents, which have been applied as requested by the benevolent donors. There has also been raised the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, the most of which has been expended in the purchase and construction of a furnace for the more comfortable warming of the Church.

The religious prospects of the Parish are encouraging. We rejoice in the favorable symptoms of good evinced in the increase of the number attending our public and more social services, and in the recent additions of teachers and scholars in our Sunday School.

RICHMOND, May, 17, 1854.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir: As you have been before apprised, I resigned the charge of St. George's Parish, Accomac, in June last, and accepted an invitation to become Vice Rector of the "Hall of St. James the Less," a church school near Philadelphia.

At the close of the session, domestic considerations (known to you) induced me to dissolve my connection with that institution, and remove to this place.

Here, with the hearty approval of the resident clergy, I am laying the foundation of Missionary operations, which, though begun in weakness, will I trust be overruled, in due season, to the glory of God and the good of his church.

I have had a flourishing Sunday School in operation for some time, with an admirable corps of teachers; and have purchased an eligible lot, on true Missionary ground, with the intention of erecting an unpretending Chapel thereon, without delay, as a centre of operations.

To meet the expenditures thus incurred, I have deemed myself justified in opening a Classical and English School in the city, the success of which, so far, has exceeded my expectations, and warrants the hope of the successful accomplishment of my plans. This latter engagement will also account for my absence from this present session of Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. AMBLER WEED.

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

Bloomfield Parish.

Rev. WM. THOS. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—present number, 6. Baptisms—white infants, 1.
Post Office—Slate Mills, Rappahannock county.

REMARKS.—The Rector would state, in explanation of there being no contributions to objects of benevolence, that he has not called upon them for any, but believes, from the liberality manifested in all their church arrangements, they will ever be ready to give, when solicited in behalf of objects of benevolence.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Lunenburg Parish.

With unfeigned regret it is reported that this Parish, in connection with Farnham, is still without a pastor. For years past, this calamity has oppressed the spirits of those among us attached to our communion, and now we appeal to the functionaries of the church to "save us, or we perish" as a distinct organization. In these two Parishes we number some twenty-five communicants, in the same number of families interested in the church. Without pastoral influences, we necessarily become too indifferent to the claims of the church; hence the *delinquencies* with which we have been charged for some years. There can be no doubt that a pastor would be generously supported by these Parishes. As tending to this object, a comfortable Rectory has been provided. We mourn to see houses dedicated to the worship of Almighty God closed Sabbath after Sabbath, the year through, and only opened when our good brother, Rev. E. Withers, whose labors of love merit our warmest gratitude, has been enabled to officiate for us. God grant us a pastor meet for His work. For Lunenburg Parish, the amount collected for the contingent fund this year is \$8 50.

FRAS. W. PENDLETON, *Lay Delegate.*

Farnham Parish.

Being without a Minister, the Wardens present to the Convention the following brief report:

During the past Conventional year, our venerable old church has been closed, except on two occasions, when the Rev. E. Withers preached for us. During this time, however, active efforts have been made, in conjunction with Lunenburg Parish, to procure a pastor for the two churches, which we regret to say have proved unavailing. We offer to the clergy a field of no little importance; one in which a faithful pastor may accomplish much.

Communicants, 8. Marriages, 2. Amount collected for the Convention fund \$5.

R. G. MONTGOMERY, }
CHAS. W. SMITH, } *Wardens.*

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Lexington.

Rev. W. N. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 13; removed, 8; died, 1; present number, white, 46. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 3; total, 4.

Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 9; scholars, 35; families, 25. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church: Publications of E. K. Society, \$16; Communion alms, \$40; Church debt, \$144; first payment on parsonage, \$1,000; total, \$1,200. Post Office—Lexington.

REMARKS.—The present Rector took charge of the Parish in October last, mainly influenced by his interest in the young men at the Virginia Military Institute, assembled from all parts of the State. Their presence at this point renders the Parish important very far beyond its proportional strength and promise. On invitation from Cadets of different denominations—an invitation extended to the other Christian ministry of the town—the Rector holds service twice a week at the Institute, at which there is an attendance entirely voluntary averaging about 20. In addition to this important feature in the Parish, the energy exhibited in its establishment and progress is remarkable. Organized but a few years since, and in a region notorious for anti-Episcopal prejudice, it has gone steadily onward in strength and influence; and although still sustained by comparatively few, and those far from wealthy, it has not only liberated from debt its handsome and commodious church, but has provided for its Rector, and within six months one-fourth paid for, one of the best parsonages in the State. Such energy, animated, it is trusted, by the best spirit, may surely expect encouragement and assistance from the favored friends of Christ and His church in other places.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Rockingham Parish.

Rev. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 13. Baptisms—white infants, 2; colored infants, 2; total, 4. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$15. Post Office—Staunton, Va.

ROANOKE COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Salem Parish.

Communicants—added, white, 20; colored, 1; total, 21; died, 1; present number, white, 20; colored, 1; total, 21. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Marriages,—white, 1. Funerals—white, 4. Families, 14. * Post Office—Big Lick.

SURRY COUNTY.

Lower Surry Church, Southwark Parish.

Rev. JNO. C. MCCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8, (6 of whom were reported to the last Convention as awaiting confirmation;) died, 2; present number,

25. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Families—11. Confirmed—8. Marriages—1. Funerals—4. Amount collected for Convention fund, \$19.

REMARKS.—It gives me pleasure to state, that the friends of the Lower Surry Church held a meeting on Saturday, 20th of May, and appointed a committee to contract for the building of a new church edifice, near the old ruins in which we have been worshipping for the last seven years. This measure was found necessary, from the fact that our little communion in that portion of the county having been trying to obtain peaceable possession of the old church unsuccessfully so long, and finding it necessary to have some house of their own, determined to erect one at once, trusting to God and the friends of the church for power and aid in accomplishing this result.

SPOTTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish.

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 11. Marriages—white, 2. Contributions—very small. Families—4.

Christ Church, St. George's Parish.

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, from other parishes, 1; present number, white, 19; colored, 2; total, 21. Marriages—white, 1. Contributions—about \$15. Families—9.

STAFFORD COUNTY.

Aquia Church, Overcharton Parish.

Being still without a minister, the wardens present to the Convention the following report:

Since our last report to the Convention of 1858, Aquia church, in this parish, which was then reported as undergoing repairs, has been thoroughly repaired, at an expense of between \$1500 and \$2000, and is now one of the largest, handsomest and most commodious churches in the Diocese. This church, which was originally erected in 1751, is now the only Episcopal church in this county. For twenty years or more, it has been unoccupied; within the last five or six years, however, owing to the increase in the number of Episcopal families, by removals into this parish, the want of a place of worship agreeable to their preferences naturally suggested itself, and this venerable old church was selected as the most suitable point, both on account of position and

the sacred reminiscences by which it was surrounded. We immediately went to work, and soon succeeded in raising the necessary amount, and completed the repairs during the last summer, in a neat and comfortable manner. We manifest the interest which we feel, when we report to the Convention, that we have, at quite a burthensome expense, provided a place of worship, and we are further willing and prepared to make provision for the adequate maintenance of a minister of the Word and Sacraments, if one suitable can be procured.

J. C. MONCURE, Church Warden.

WHEELING.

St. Matthew's Parish.

Rev. WM. ARMSTRONG, Rector.

The condition of this parish is encouraging. It has enjoyed, since January, the efficient and very acceptable services of an assistant, in the person of the Rev. E. T. Perkins, late Rector of Trinity Church, Parkersburg.

Deaths—14; 5 of which were communicants. Marriages—10. Baptisms—infants, 20; adults, 4; total, 24. Communicants—removed, 4; present number, white, 112; colored, 1; total, 113.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

St. Thomas Church, Abingdon, Holston Parish.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Convention that he entered upon the charge of this parish on the 3d of November last; and this report, accordingly, includes the period of little more than six months. The condition of the parish is such as to afford the greatest encouragement, and, under God, promises considerable growth and improvement. The state of the parish and the official acts of the undersigned, are as follows:

Baptisms—2 white infants. Number of families in connection with the parish—10. Number of communicants found in the parish—10; added—6; total, 16. Sunday School—teachers, 7; scholars, 22. Communion offerings—about \$30. Amount raised for an organ, and other purposes of improvement—\$650.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY T. LEE, Rector.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church, Washington Parish.

Rev. J. W. CHESLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; present number, white, 17. Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 5; total, 9. Marriages—

white, 2. Funerals—white, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 30; families, 15. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$378 80. Post Office—Oak Grove.

SYNOPSIS FOR 1854.

Communicants—Added	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	916	
“ Died	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144	
“ Suspended	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	
“ Removed and withdrawn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	386	
Nett gain,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	386	
Whole number of communicants, as far as reported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6055	
Baptisms—	{	White adults,	170	}	Total	-	-	-	-	197
	{	Colored adults,	27	}						
Baptisms—	{	White infants,	701	}	Total	-	-	-	-	805
	{	Colored infants,	104	}						
Confirmations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	519	
Marriages—	{	White	248	}	Total	-	-	-	-	330
	{	Colored	82	}						
Funerals—	{	White	545	}	Total	-	-	-	-	626
	{	Colored	81	}						
Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,416	
Sunday Schools—Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	580	
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,306	
Contributions to the cause of religion and the church,	\$38,505 79									

APPENDIX No. II.

The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with John L. Bacon, Treasurer.

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1853.	
May 14. By balance on hand reported to the Convention,	\$934 79
“ 16. “ cash from Tillotson Parish, Buckingham, per Rev. W. C. Meredith and Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	10 00
“ “ cash from Raleigh and Genito Parish, per Rev. P. F. Berkeley,	8 00
“ “ Roanoke Parish, Halifax, per Rev. J. T. Clarke,	20 00
“ 25. “ receipts at Convention per Rev. F. M. Whittle, as follows, viz :	
Martin's, Brandon Parish, additional,	\$12 00
St. Peter's, New Kent,	5 00
Christ Church, Alexandria,	50 00
Mrs. Emma Breckenridge, Botetourt Parish,	7 50
Capt. Breckenridge, Botet't Parish,	5 00
Trinity Church, Buchanan,	5 00
St. James' Church, Mecklenburg, of Mrs. Henry E. Coleman,	20 00
Christ Church, Lancaster, per Rev. E. Withers, viz : Mrs. Anne Bell, \$5 ; Mrs. James Kelly, \$5,	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,	44 32
Centurion Church, Old Point, per Rev. J. C. McCabe,	15 00
Mrs. A. S. Fitzhugh, Pr. Wm. county,	1 00—174 82
cash of Bp. Johns, per W. H. Hubbard, Esq.,	5 00
“ 31. “ Dale Parish, per Rev. A. B. Tizzard,	10 00
“ “ collections in St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, during the Convention, per Rev. Wm. Armstrong,	150 00
“ “ Members of Meherrin Parish, per Rev. J. P. Robert,	5 00
“ “ cash of Bishop Johns for collections by him, as follows, viz :	
St. John's Church, Portsmouth,	13 34
Trinity Church, “	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,	50 00
Charleston, Kanawha,	21 00
St. Luke's, Salem,	9 00
Wellsburg, Brooke county,	7 11—125 95
Amount carried forward,	\$1,448 56

1853.	Amount brought forward,	-	\$1,443 56
June 9.	By cash of the Missionary Society of the P. E. Theo. Seminary of Virginia, per E. M. Rodman, Esq., Treasurer,	- - - - -	55 10
" 11.	" cash of Rev. G. S. Carraway, from the churches under his charge,	- - - - -	18 00
" 15.	" cash from St. Ann's Parish, Essex county, per Rev. E. B. McGuire,	- - - - -	12 50
" 21.	" Leeds Church, Fauquier, per Rev. W. H. Pendleton,	- - - - -	60 00
	" Trinity Church, Martinsburg, per Rev. D. Francis Sprigg,	- - - - -	5 00
" 25.	" Mt. Zion, Church, Hedgesville, per Rev. D. Francis Sprigg,	- - - - -	5 00
	" St. John's Church, Wheeling, through Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns, being specifically appropriated for the support of missionaries in Northwestern Virginia,	- - - - -	95 00
July 5.	" St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	- - - - -	17 00
" 18.	" from Christ Church, Alexandria, through Bishop Johns,	- - - - -	50 00
" 22.	" St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per James Entwisle, Esq., collected by Bp. Johns 17th inst.,	- - - - -	72 00
Aug. 3.	" Christ Church, Charlottesville, per Eugene Davis, collected by Bishop Johns,	- - - - -	61 25
" 7.	" cash from "A member of St. Paul's Church," Alexandria, per James Entwisle, Esq.,	- - - - -	10 00
" 31.	" cash "from a friend" at Kanawha C. H.,	- - - - -	10 00
	" cash from Grace Church, Berryville, per Rev. F. M. Whittle and Maj. Ellis,	- - - - -	6 50
" 17.	" cash from the ladies of Trinity Church, Portsmouth, per Rev. J. H. Wingfield,	- - - - -	15 00
Aug. 17.	" cash from friends in Powhatan, per Capt. Nelson,	- - - - -	6 56
Sept. 21.	" cash from Bishop Johns for his collections, as follows, viz:		
	Grub Hill, Amelia, and Grace, Powhatan,	- - - - -	15 65
	Trinity, Chesterfield,	- - - - -	14 00
	Immanuel, Powhatan,	- - - - -	6 38
	Columbia, Fluvanna,	- - - - -	25 80
	Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle,	- - - - -	14 39
	St. John's, Louisa,	- - - - -	19 22
	Walker's, Albemarle,	- - - - -	9 82
	Orange C. H.,	- - - - -	20 05
	St. James', Culpeper,	- - - - -	23 10
	St. Paul's, "	- - - - -	12 00
	Amount carried forward,	- - - - -	\$1,942 47

1853.	Amount brought forward,	-	\$1,942 47
	St. Stephen's, "	- - -	14 00
	St. James', Warrenton,	- - -	80 00
	Immanuel, Loudoun,	- - -	27 00
		<hr/>	281 41
	By cash received—		
Sept. 28.	" of Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, for Trinity Church, Martinsburg, and Mt. Zion, Hedgesville,	-	15 00
Oct. 1.	" from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	- - -	14 16
	" interest on trust fund, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	- - -	14 00
" 10.	" half of quarterly collection from St. James' Church, Richmond, per F. Bransford, Esq.,	-	64 50
" 19.	" of Mrs. Mary Slaughter, of Campbell county, per Rev. W. H. Kinckle,	- - -	5 00
	" of Mr. Robt. C. Saunders, of Lynchburg, per Rev. W. H. Kinckle,	- - -	2 50
Nov. 3.	" from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor, Esq.,	- - - -	150 00
" 9.	" from Powhatan Parish, St. Luke's Church, per Rev. Andrew Fisher, for Bishop Johns' collection,	- - - -	88 00
Dec. 14.	" from Bishop Johns, for the following collections, viz:		
	Merchant's Hope, P. G.,	-	24 00
	Contribution of Mr. E. Ruffin,	-	10 00
	" of Dr. Osborne,	-	5 00
	" of W. G. Harrison,	-	5 00
	" of C. M.,	- -	10 00
	Collection at Smithfield,	- -	9 66
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" 26.	" from Mrs. Ann Toler, for St. Paul's, King George,	- - - -	7 75
" 28.	" from Rev. Thomas E. Locke, for the following contributions:		
	Mrs. Ann S. Neblett, Lunenburg,	-	20 00
	Mrs. Martha Finch, of Clarksville,	-	1 00
		<hr/>	21 00
1854.			
Jan. 7.	" from Trinity Church, Portsmouth, per Rev. J. H. Wingfield,	- - - -	2 00
" 14.	" refunded by Rev. J. A. Weed, one quarter overpaid,	- - - -	87 50
" 16.	" from Hungar's Parish, per W. G. Smith,	-	15 00
" 31.	" " St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	- - - -	22 10
	" from interest on trust fund, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	- - - -	14 00
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	Amount carried forward,	- -	\$2,660 05

1853.	Amount brought forward,	\$2,660 05
	By cash from St. James' Church, Richmond, half of a quarterly collection for missions, 8th inst.,	53 00
Feb. 9.	" from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor, Esq.,	100 00
	" from missionary box of children in Culpeper and Fauquier counties, by hands of Rev. Dr. May,	12 50
" 13.	" from St. James' Church, Leesburg, per Rev. George Adie,	25 00
	" from Rev. E. Withers, viz: contributions of Col. John Chewning, of Lancaster C. H., \$5; Mr. A. H. Currie, of " " \$5,	10 00
" 20.	" from St. Paul's Church, King George county, per Rev. J. A. Russell,	7 00
" 21.	" from Ladies' Sewing Society of Church of Epiphany, Danville, per Rev. George W. Dame,	10 00
Mar. 21.	" from St. Paul's Church, Richmond, per W. H. Hubbard, Esq.,	88 42
" 22.	" from Trinity Church, Martinsburg, per Rev. D. Francis Sprigg,	15 00
" 25.	" from Rev. F. M. Baker, of Pattonsburg,	10 00
	" from John W. Jones, per Rev. F. M. Baker,	5 00
" 27.	" from Monumental Church, Richmond,	40 76
April 8.	" from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,	25 00
" 10.	" St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per J. Entwisle, Esq.,	107 42
	" from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Sunday School scholars, per do.,	37 15
" 20.	" from Mrs. Judge Cabell, by Rev. Mr. Goodwin,	5 00
" 26.	" from Grace Church, Petersburg, per Rev. C. J. Gibson,	40 00
" 27.	" from Mrs. Douthat, of Wyanoke, per Rev. N. Okeson,	5 00
May 1.	" from St. John's, Richmond, half collection for missions,	28 00
" 11.	" from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor, Esq.,	100 00
" 12.	" from Centurion Church, Old Point, per Rev. J. M. Chevers,	20 00
" 13.	" from Dr. Claggett, of Leesburg, per Bp. Johns,	30 00
	" from Wm. Stevens, Esq., of Lexington,	10 00
		<u>\$3,444 30</u>
May 13.	By balance on hand,	\$1,451 45
	JOHN L. BACON, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with John L. Bacon, Treasurer.

				Dr.
1853.				
June 10.	To cash	paid	Rev. J. A. Weed, for six months,	\$75 00
" 30.	" "	"	" S. D. Tompkins, - -	25 00
July 16.	" "	"	" J. C. McCabe's draft, - -	48 75
" 18.	" "	"	" L. Walke, - -	50 00
Sept. 3.	" "	"	discount on uncurrent money,	35
" 9.	" "	remitted	Rev. S. R. Slack, - -	100 00
" "	" "	"	" W. L. Hyland, - -	50 00
" 17.	" "	paid	" S. D. Tompkins' draft, - -	25 00
" 26.	" "	"	" J. C. Wheat's draft, - -	95 00
Oct. 4.	" "	"	" J. C. McCabe, - -	23 75
Sept. 21.	" "	remitted	" R. A. Castleman, - -	155 00
Oct. 10.	" "	paid	" A. B. Tizzard, - -	47 50
" 13.	" "	"	" W. L. Hyland's draft, - -	25 00
" 18.	" "	remitted	" J. J. Page, - -	80 00
" 31.	" "	paid	" Henry Wall, - -	60 00
Nov. 8.	" "	"	" Lewis Walke, - -	100 00
" "	" "	"	" J. C. McCabe, - -	50 00
" 11.	" "	"	" W. N. Pendleton, - -	75 00
Dec. 12.	" "	"	" J. M. Chevers, - -	100 00
1854.				
Jan. 16.	" "	"	" Henry Wall, - -	50 00
" 23.	" "	"	" W. L. Hyland, - -	20 00
" 27.	" "	"	" J. J. Page, - -	22 57
" 28.	" "	"	" G. Woodbridge, to pay for tracts, - -	10 00
" 30.	" "	"	" W. N. Pendleton, - -	69 05
" 31.	" "	"	" J. J. Page, - -	54 43
Feb. 24.	" "	"	" Dr. Carmichael, - -	75 00
Mar. 9.	" "	"	" J. M. Chevers, - -	100 00
" 11.	" "	"	" R. A. Castleman, - -	60 00
" 24.	" "	"	" J. C. McCabe, - -	75 00
April 17.	" "	"	" Dr. Carmichael, - -	75 00
" 28.	" "	"	" J. C. McCabe, - -	25 00
May 4.	" "	"	" Thos. M. Ambler, - -	100 00
" 6.	" "	"	" W. N. Pendleton, - -	48 45
" "	" "	"	" J. J. Page to W. J. Smith, " " to D. Walsh,	20 00 8 00
" 13.	Balance on hand,		- - - -	1,451 45
				\$3,444 30

APPENDIX No. III.

WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, *Treasurer, in account with*

DR.

1853.

May 21.	To cash received from Thomas H. Claggett, Treasurer <i>pro tem.</i>	\$4353 40
	Less counterfeit note, herewith returned,	20 00 \$4333 40
“ 24.	To cash received from—	
	Ascension Church, Amherst C. H., and St. Mark's,	51 88
	Grace Church, Caroline,	16 00
	St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper,	31 00
	St. Paul's Church, “	10 00
“ 27.	Nelson Parish, Nelson,	27 00
“ 28.	St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,	155 00
June 1.	St. John's Church, Henrico,	64 00
	Camden Parish, Danville,	25 00
	St. George's Parish, Accomac,	12 00
“ 6.	Heber Parish, Bedford,	26 00
	Russell Parish, Bedford,	15 00
“ 7.	St. John's Church, Roanoke,	26 00
	St. James' Church, Culpeper,	26 00
“ 9.	Churches in Orange and Madison,	86 00
	Meherrin Parish,	3 00
“ 11.	Bruton Parish, Williamsburg,	5 00
	Grace Church, Petersburg,	8 00
	Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	1 00
“ 15.	St. Anne's Parish, Essex,	25 00
“ 30.	Rev. Wm. Norwood, for Church, Hanover,	23 00
July 20.	Leeds Parish,	22 00
Sept. 27.	Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle,	5 25
1854.		
May 13.	To balance due Treasurer,	3 95

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the Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of Virginia.

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1853.

By balance due Treasurer, May 12, as per account, \$426 33

By cash paid, as per sundry vouchers, viz :

James Hampson, May, 21st, Voucher, No. 1, 10 00

Bishop Meade, on account salary, viz :

June 7th, Voucher No. 2,	78 00	
“ 15th, “ “ 3,	500 00	
“ 22d, “ “ 5,	250 00	
“ 27th, “ “ 6,	122 00	
Sept. 30th, “ “ 10,	50 00	
Dec. 29th, “ “ 19,	155 23	
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Bishop Meade, on account travelling expenses, viz :

June 27th, Voucher No. 6,	42 00	
Sept. 30th, “ “ 11,	75 00	
		117 00

Bishop Johns, for salary, viz :

June 18th, Voucher No. 4,	500 00	
Sept. 8th, “ “ 9,	1250 00	
Dec. 6th, “ “ 18,	750 00	
		2500 00

Bishop Johns, on account, travelling expenses, viz :

June 18th, Voucher No. 4,	62 95	
Dec. 6th, “ “ 18,	75 50	
		138 45

Quota and expenses of Delegates to Gen. Convention :

C. W. Andrews, Sept. 25th, Voucher No. 12,	30 00	
Wm. Sparrow, Oct. 19th, “ “ 14,	30 00	
Wm. Norwood, Sept. 29th, “ “ 15,	50 00	
D. H. Conrad, Nov. 7th, “ “ 16,	82 00	
Wm. Armstrong, Nov. 16th, “ “ 17,	45 00	
Quota and exchange, Oct. 15th, “ “ 18,	105 79	
		342 79

Printing, &c., viz :

August 17th, Voucher No. 7,	254 77	
“ 19th, “ “ 8,	51 46	
March 20th, '54, “ “ 20,	3 95	
		310 18

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1854.

May 13. By balance due Treasurer, \$3 95

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WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX No. III.—Continued.

A.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONTINGENT FUND, FOR 1854.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth, - - - -	\$52 00
Franklin Parish, Franklin county, - - - -	12 00
Painesville, Amelia county, (missionary,) - - - -	4 00
Centurion Church, Old Point, (paid to W. H. Hubbard, Treasurer,) - - - -	22 00
Christ Church, Winchester, - - - -	101 00
St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, - - - -	10 00
Emanuel Church, John's Parish, Loudoun, - - - -	26 00
St. James' Church, Richmond, - - - -	194 00
St. Luke's Church, Powhatan Parish, - - - -	23 00
Emanuel Church, St. James' Parish, Southam, - - - -	16 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, - - - -	40 00
St. Paul's Church, Richmond, (paid to the Treasurer,) - - - -	228 00
Nelson Parish, Nelson county, - - - -	28 00
Monumental Church, Richmond, (paid to Treasurer,) - - - -	188 00
Grace Church, Petersburg, - - - -	107 00
Clarke Parish, Clarke county, - - - -	85 00
St. George's Church, St. George's Parish, - - - -	152 00
St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg county, - - - -	24 00
Camden Parish, Danville, - - - -	41 00
Zion Church, Charlestown, Jefferson county, - - - -	97 00
Ware and Abingdon Parishes, - - - -	25 00
Roanoke Parish, Halifax county, - - - -	16 00
Botetourt Parish, Botetourt county, - - - -	31 00
Christ Church, Alexandria, - - - -	124 00
St. James' Church, Culpepper, - - - -	25 00
Antrim Parish, Halifax county, - - - -	83 00
Martin, Brandon Parish, - - - -	43 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville, - - - -	93 00
Farnham Parish, Richmond county, - - - -	5 00
	\$1895 00

Lunenburg Parish, Richmond county,	8 50
St. John's Church, Wheeling, - - - - .	74 00
Grace Church, Ravenswood Parish, - - - - .	10 00
Grub Hill and Grace Churches, Raleigh and Genito Parishes, - - - - .	40 00
St. James' Church, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, -	56 00
Bloomfield Parish, Madison county, - - - - .	15 00
Bloomfield Parish, Rappahannock county, - - -	6 00
Christ Church, Berkeley, St. Bartholomew's, Leetown, Grace Church, Middleway, Jefferson, - - - - .	35 00
Christ Church, Norfolk, - - - - .	434 00
St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, - - - - .	36 00
Christ Church Parish, Lancaster county, - - - - .	33 00
Trinity Church, Botetourt county, - - - - .	31 00
Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge, - - -	40 20
St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish, - - - - .	28 00
St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, - - - - .	32 00
Sapony and Calvary Churches, Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,	28 00
St. John's Church, Salem Parish, Roanoke, - - -	20 00
St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, - - - - .	151 00
Trinity Church, Trinity Parish, Marshall, - - - - .	12 00
St. Anne's Parish, Vauter's Church, Essex, - - -	26 00
St. Paul's Church, Petersburg, - - - - .	191 00
St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper, - - - - .	32 00
St. Paul's Church, Culpeper, - - - - .	13 00
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, - - - - .	192 00
St. Peter's Church, Washington Parish, - - - - .	17 00
Christ Church, Clarksburg, - - - - .	10 00
St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, South Farnham,	45 00
St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George county,	17 00
St. John's Church, Hampton, Elizabeth City Parish,	56 00
Lower Surry Church, Southwark Parish, - - - - .	19 00
Wickliffe Church, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, -	20 00
Trinity Church, Martinsburg, - - - - .	42 00
Louisa Court House, Trinity Parish, - - - - .	9 00
Montross Parish, - - - - .	6 00
Trinity Church, Meade Parish, Upperville, - - - - .	12 00
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover county, - - - - .	53 00
St. John's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford county, -	28 00
Fredericksville Parish, St. Paul's Church, Albemarle,	10 00
St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Parish, King George, -	42 00
Grace Church, Littleton Parish, Cumberland, - - -	17 00
St. Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish, Buckingham, -	20 00
Kingston Parish, Matthews county, - - - - .	12 00
Christ Church Parish, Middlesex, - - - - .	7 00
Westover Parish, Charles City county, - - - - .	44 00
St. Margaret's Church, Caroline county, - - - - .	28 00
Christ Church, Spottsylvania county, - - - - .	19 00
St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Loudoun, -	77 00

St. John's Church, City Point, - - - -	3 00
St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, - - - -	67 00
Trinity and Mannikintown Churches, Dale and King William Parishes, - - - -	18 00
Rivanna Parish, - - - -	16 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stovin, St. Stephen's Church, Fauquier, - - - -	5 00
Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke county, - - - -	60 00
Hungar's Parish, Northampton county, - - - -	50 00
Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier, - - - -	22 00
Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline, - - - -	15 00
Christ Church, Patrick Parish, Henry county, - - - -	9 50
Leeds Parish, Fauquier county, - - - -	28 00
Mt. Zion Church, Hedgesville, Berkeley county, - - - -	19 00
St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford, - - - -	54 00
West Russell Parish, St. Thomas' Church, Bedford, - - - -	13 50
St. James' Church, Leighton Parish, Cumberland, - - - -	14 00
Trinity Church, Staunton, - - - -	84 00
Boyden Chapel, and Rockingham Parish, - - - -	25 00
Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, - - - -	82 00
St. Anne's Parish, Christ Church, Albemarle, - - - -	31 00
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne, - - - -	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, - - - -	166 00
St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa, - - - -	12 00
Grace Church, Walker's Parish, - - - -	25 00
St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, - - - -	28 88
East Russell Parish, Bedford, - - - -	21 00
St. Thomas' Church, Orange, - - - -	71 00
Meherrin Parish, Greensville county, - - - -	31 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick county, - - - -	43 00
Lexington Parish, Nelson County, - - - -	101 00
St. John's Church,, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania, - - - -	11 00
Falls Church, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax county, - - - -	5 00
St. John's Church, Campbell county, - - - -	13 00
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Amount received on account of delinquencies for 1853, per paper B, - - - -	\$5197 58 133 00
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Excess of receipts over the entries on this paper, - - - -	\$5330 58 23 86
St. Paul's Church, Hanover, - - - -	22 00
St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, - - - -	111 00
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	\$5487 44

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G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treas. pro tem.*

B.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR DELINQUENCIES, 1853.

Franklin Parish, Franklin county, - - - -	3 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville, - - - -	55 00
St. John's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford county, - -	5 00
Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier, - - -	18 00
St. James' Church, Leighton Parish, Cumberland, - -	8 00
Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle, - - -	28 00
St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa county, -	16 00
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	\$133 00

C.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES DELINQUENT FOR 1854.

Abingdon and Ware Parish, Gloucester, - - -	\$22 00
St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Cumberland, - - -	43 00
Grace Church, Lyttleton, - - - -	6 00
St. Peter's Church, Tillotson, - - - -	6 00
Christ Church, (no Parish reported,) - - - -	17 00
Fredericksville, - - - -	30 00
Lower Surry Church, - - - -	6 00
St. John's Church, Bedford, - - - -	28 00
St. Thomas' Church, West Russell, - - - -	8 00
Norborne Parish, Berkeley, - - - -	62 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, - - - -	24 00
St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper, - - - -	4 00
St. John's Church, Green Spring, - - - -	5 00
St. John's and St. Paul's Ch's., Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg,	17 12
Christ Church, Spottsylvania, - - - -	19 00
St. Margaret's, Caroline, - - - -	30 00
St. Bartholomew's Church, Lee Town, - - - -	7 00
St. James' Church, Accomac, - - - -	Entirely.
St. George's Church, do - - - -	Entirely.
St. Anne's Church, Albemarle, - - - -	Entirely.
Boyden Chapel, Augusta, - - - -	Entirely.
Christ Church, Brooke, - - - -	Entirely.
St. John's Church, Brooke, - - - -	Entirely.
Roanoke Church, Charlotte, - - - -	Entirely.
Trinity Church, Chesterfield, - - - -	Entirely.
Zion Church, Fairfax, - - - -	Entirely.
St. John's Church, Fairfax. - - - -	Entirely.
St. Paul's and Beaver Dam, Goochland, - - - -	Entirely.
St. Paul's, Frankfort and Zion Churches, Hampshire, -	Entirely.

Christ Church, Henrico,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Christ Church, Smithfield, and Old Church, Newport, Isle of Wight,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
St. John's, Harper's Ferry,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
St. John's, Charlestown, St. Luke's, Salines, and St. Mark's Kanawha,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
St. David's, King William,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
St. Paul's, Weston, Lewis,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Bruce Chapel and Point Pleasant, Mason,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Old Church, Mecklenburg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
St. James', St. Andrews' and Clarksville Chs., Mecklenburg,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Nansemond,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Trinity and Callaway Churches, Nelson,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
St. John's Church, Ohio,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
King William Parish, Powhatan,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Winfield, St. John's and Teaye's Valley Churches, Putnam,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Christ Church, Spottsylvania,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Immanuel Church, Sussex,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
St. Thomas', Abingdon, Washington,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Oak Grove, Westmoreland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Parkersburg, Wood county,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
St. Paul's, Wetzel,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Wytheville, Wythe,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.
Grace Church, York,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Entirely.

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	Rev. W. J. Zimmer.
Accomac	St. George's.....	St. Michael's.....	Rev. W. J. Zimmer.
Albemarle	Fredericksville ..	Buck Mountain...	(Vacant.)
Albemarle	Fredericksville ..	St. Paul's	(Vacant.)
Albemarle	Fredericksville ..	Christ, Charlottes- ville	R. K. Meade.
Albemarle	St. Anne's.....	TrinityNo Garden	W. M. Nelson.
Albemarle	St. Anne's.....	Christ.....	W. M. Nelson.
Albemarle	Walker's	Walker's.....	E. Boyden.
Amelia.....	Raleigh.....	Grubb Hill.....	P. F. Berkley.
Amherst	Lexington.....	St. Luke's, N. Glasgow	J. F. Martin.
Amherst..	Lexington.....	Ascension, Amh't Court House...	J. F. Martin.
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, Alex- andria.....	J. T. Johnston.
Bedford.....	Russell.....	Trinity.....	(Vacant.)
Bedford.....	West Russell....	St. Thomas's.....	(Vacant.)
Bedford.....	Heber.....	St. John's Liberty	J. A. Wharton, of- ficiating.
Bedford.....	Hamner.....	St. Stephen's.....	R. H. Wilmer.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Mt. Zion, Hedges- ville	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Trinity, Mrtins'bg	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.....	(Vacant.)
Buckingham...	Tillotson.....	St. Peter's.....	W. C. Meredith.
Campbell	Moore.....	St. John's.....	W. H. Kinckle, of- ficiating.
Campbell	Lynchburg	St. Paul's, Lynch- burg	W. H. Kinckle.
Caroline.....	St. Margaret's...	St. Margaret's.....	D. M. Wharton.

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Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	St. Peter's, Port Royal.....	Wm. Friend.
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	Grace.....	Henry Wall.
Charles City...	Westover.....		N. A. Okeson.
Charlotte	Cornwall.....	Roanoke.....	(Vacant.)
Chesterfield ...	Dale.....	Trinity.....	A. B. Tizzard.
Clarke	Frederick.....	Christ, Millwood...	J. F. Hoff.
Clarke	Wickliffe	Grace, Berryville..	F. M. Whittle.
Clarke	Wickliffe	Wickliffe.....	W. McGuire.
Culpeper	St. Mark's.....	St. Stephen's.....	John Cole.
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's.....	O. Bulkley.
Cumberland... Lyttleton.....		St. Paul's.....	O. Bulkley.
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Sapony.....	T. Ambler.
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Calvary.....	T. Ambler.
Elizabeth City.	Elizabeth City...	St. John's, Hamp'n	J. C. McCabe.
Elizabeth City.	Old Point.....	Centurion, Old Pt.	M. L. Chevers.
Essex	St. Anne's.....		E. B. McGuire.
Essex	South Farnham..	St. Paul's.....	H. W. L. Temple.
Fairfax	Truro	Zion.....	(Vacant.)
Fairfax	Truro	St. John's.....	(Vacant.)
Fairfax	Fairfax	Falls.....	(Vacant.)
Fauquier	Hamilton.....	St. James's, War- renton.....	G. H. Norton.
Fauquier	Cedar Run.....	St. Stephen's	G. H. Norton.
Fauquier	Leeds	St Paul's.....	W. H. Pendleton.
Fauquier	Meade	Trinity.....	O. A. Kinsolving.
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, Mid- dletown.....	(Vacant.)
Gloucester.....	Abingdon	Abingdon	Charles Mann.
Gloucester.....	Ware.....	Ware.....	Charles Mann.
Goochland	St. James's, Nor- tham	St. Paul's.....	(Vacant.)
Goochland	St. James's, Nor- tham.....	Beaverdam.....	(Vacant.)
Greensville ...	Meherrin.....	Grace.....	P. G. Robert.
Greensville ...	Meherrin.....	Christ.....	P. G. Robert.
Halifax	Antrim.....	St. John's.....	John Grammer.
Halifax	Roanoke.....	Brick.....	J. T. Clarke.
Halifax	Roanoke.....	Catawba.....	J. T. Clarke.
Hanover	St. Martin's.....	Fork.....	W. V. Bowers.
Hanover	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's.....	D. Caldwell.

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Hampshire	Hampshire	St. Paul's.....	} (Vacant.)
		Frankfort.....	
		Zion	
Harrison	Clarksburg	Bethel	R. A. Castleman.
Henrico	Henrico	St. John's.....	H. S. Keppler.
Henrico	Richmond City..	Monumental	George Woodbridge.
Henrico	Richmond City..	St. Paul's.....	(Vacant.)
Henrico	Richmond City..	St. James's.....	Geo. D. Cummins.
Henrico ..	Richmond City..	Christ	W. Carmichael, D.D
Henry	Patrick.....	Christ	A. Wade.
Isle of Wight.	Newport.....	Christ, Smithfield..	(Vacant.)
Isle of Wight.	Newport.....	Old Church.....	(Vacant.)
James City	Bruton.....	—, Williamsb'g.	G. T. Wilmer.
Jefferson	St. Andrew's....	Zion, Charlestown.	C. E. Ambler.
Jefferson	St. Andrew's....	Trinity, Shepherds- town	C. W. Andrews.
Jefferson	St. Andrew's....	St. John's Harper's Ferry.....	J. H. Kehler.
Jefferson	St. Andrew's....	St. Bartholomew's Leetown.....	C. M. Callaway.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. John's Cha'ston	T. L. Smith.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. Luke's Salines.	T. L. Smith.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. Mark's Coal- smouth	(Vacant.)
King George...	St. Pauls.....	St. Paul's.....	J. A. Russell.
King George...	Hanover.....	St. John's.....	William Friend.
King William.	St. David's.....	St. David's.....	(Vacant.)
Lancaster	Christ Church...	Christ	E. Withers.
Lancaster	Christ Church...	White Chapel.....	E. Withers.
Lewis .....	.....	St. Paul's Weston..	J. J. Page.
Loudoun.....	Shelburne	St. James's.....	George Adie.
Loudoun	Meade	Emanuel.....	O. A. Kinsolving.
Louisa	Green Spring...	St. John's.....	E. Boyden.
Louisa.....	Trinity	Trinity.....	John Cook.
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.)
Matthews	Kingston.....	Christ	G. S. Carraway.
Mecklenburg...	St. James's	Old Church.....	J. W. Chesley.
Mecklenburg...	St. James's	St. James's.....	J. W. Chesley.
Mecklenburg...	St. James's	St. Andrew's.....	J. W. Chesley.
Mecklenburg...	St. Luke's.. ..	St. Luke's.....	J. W. Chesley.
Mecklenburg...	St. Luke's.....	Clarksville	T. E. Locke.
Middlesex.....	Christ Church...	Christ	G. S. Carraway.

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Nansemond....	Suffolk.....	St. Paul's.....	A. S. Smith.
Nansemond....	Chuckatuck	St. John's... ..	(Vacant.)
Nelson	Nelson.....	Trinity	F. D. Godwin.
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Callaway.....	F. D. Godwin.
Nelson.....	Nelson	Rockfish	(Vacant.)
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	St. Paul's N. Market	F. D. Godwin.
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Grace	
New Kent.....	St. Peter's.....	St. Peter's.....	W. Norwood, D. D.
Norfolk	Elizabeth River..	Christ, Norfolk City	C. Minnegrode.
Norfolk	Elizabeth River..	St. Paul's.....	Wm. M. Jackson.
Norfolk	Portsmouth.....	Trinity, Portsm'th.	J. H. Wingfield.
Norfolk	Portsmouth.....	St. John's Ports-	
		mouth	James Chisholm.
Northampton ..	Hungar's.....	Hungar's	J. Rawson, D. D.
Northampton ..	Hungar's.....	Christ	J. Rawson, D. D.
Ohio, Wheeling	.....	St. Matthew's.....	Wm. Armstrong.
Ohio.....	St. John's.....	St. John's.....	J. D. McCabe, D. D.
Orange	St. Thomas's.....	St. Thomas's.....	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. Berkley.
Powhatan	St. James's, South		
	am	St. Luke's.....	Andrew Fishcr.
Powhatan	St. James's, South		
	am	Immanuel.....	Andrew Fisher.
Powhatan	King William...		A. B. Tizzard.
Princess Ann..	Lynnhaven.....	Chapel	Lewis Walke.
Princess Ann..	Lynnhaven.....	Emanuel.....	Lewis Walke.
Prince George. City Point.....		St. John's.....	(Vacant.)
Prince George. Martin's Brandon		Merchant's Hope...	(Vacant.)
Prince George. Martin's Brandon		Old Brandon.....	(Vacant.)
Prince William Dettingen.....		St. James's.....	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.....	Teye's Valley.....	(Vacant.)
Rappahannock	Bloomfield.....		W. H. Pendleton.
Richmond	Lunenburg		W. H. Coffin.
Richmond	Farnham		W. H. Coffin.
Roanoke	Salem		G. T. Wilmer.
Rockbridge....	Latimer	Grace, Lexington...	W. N. Pendleton.
Rockingham... Rockingham.....		P. Republic.....	J. C. Wheat.
Spottsylvania.. St. George's.....		St. Georges, Fred-	
		ericksburg	E. C. McGuire, D. D.
Spottsylvania .. Berkley		Christ	D. M. Wharton.
Spottsylvania .. Berkley		St. John's.....	D. M. Wharton.

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Surry	Southwark	Lower Surry.....	J. C. McCabe.
Sussex	Albemarle	Immanuel.....	(Vacant.)
Washington ...	Holston	St. Thomas's, Ab- ingdon	H. T. Lee.
Westmoreland	Washington.....	St. Peter's	(Vacant.)
Westmoreland	Cople	Oak Grove.....	E. B. McGuire.
Westmoreland	Montross	St. James's.....	(Vacant.)
Wood.....	Trinity	Parkersburg	(Vacant.)
Wythe	Wytheville .....	.....	(Vacant.)
Wetzel.....	Wetzel.....	St. Paul's	J. D. McCabe.
York.....	York-Hampton..	Grace	(Vacant.)

AN ACT
CONCERNING CHURCH PROPERTY.

New Code of Virginia, Chap 77, page 362.

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

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

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

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

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

§ 13. Any one or more of the members of any religious congregation may, in his or their 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 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 of July, 1850, the secretary deems it his duty to publish the said act in the Journal. He would call attention to the fact, that under this law no land can hereafter be *devised* for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, but must be *conveyed by deed* in the lifetime of the donor, whilst the act of 1842 legalised a *devise*, as well as a conveyance of lands for the use and benefit of any religious congregation as a place of public worship, or as a burial-place, or parsonage.

Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in Virginia.

ALL legacies and bequests to the Theological Seminary of Virginia or High School, should be in the following form :

“I give and bequeath _____ dollars to the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia, incorporated 20th February, 1854.”

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 solemnize 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.*