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ANNUAL COUNCIL

OF THE
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

HELD IN
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA,

ON THE
16th, 17th, 18th and 19th of May, 1866.

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LIST OF LAY DELEGATES

IN ATTENDANCE ON THE COUNCIL.

Jesse Adkisson, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county.
Dr. Jno. R. Baylor, Emmanuel Church, Albemarle county.
Wm. Blair, Raleigh Parish, Amelia county.
S. S. Bradford, St. Stephen's, Culpeper county.
Rob't B. Bolling, Meade Parish, Fauquier county.
A. L. Carter, Christ Church, Lancaster county.
W. D. Cabell, Nelson Parish, Nelson county.
Sam'l J. Campbell, Grace Church, Lexington.
Dr. T. H. Claggett, Shelburne Parish, Loudoun county.
Dabney Cosby, Antrim Parish, Halifax county.
L. C. Cordelle, Zion Church, Charlestown, Jefferson county.
Wm. F. Gray, St. James Church, Richmond.
B. F. Garrett, Roanoke Parish, Halifax county.
James Galt, Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna county.
Dr. Wm. Gibson, Grace Church, Alexandria.
John W. Green, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
Luther D. Haymond, Heber Parish, Bedford county.
Thomas Henderson, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier county.
Dr. Geo. W. Jones, St. James the Less, Ashland.
James W. Keeble, Southwark Parish, Surry county.
Dr. T. H. Kinney, St. Paul's Parish.
Cassius F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria.
N. H. Massie, Christ Church, Charlottesville.
David May, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.
Edward C. Marshall, Leeds Parish, Fauquier county.
Charles J. Merriwether, Russell Parish, Bedford county.
Samuel P. Mitchell, Grace Church, Richmond.

Hugh N. Pendleton, Clarke Parish, Clarke county.
Wm. A. Perkins, Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland county.
Jno. R. Page, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover county.
E. S. Pegram, Grace Church, Albemarle.
Dr. John R. Purdy, Newport Parish, Isle of Wight county.
F. J. Ribble, Salem Church.
Gen. Asa Rodgers, John's Parish, Loudoun county.
Dr. Lewis Randolph, St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle.
Fleming Saunders, Moore Parish, Campbell county.
Joseph H. Sherrard, Christ Church, Winchester.
Augustine J. Smith, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.
Dr. Geo. B. Stephens, St. Paul's, Albemarle.
Joseph M. Stevens, St. Mark's, Richmond.
Dr. F. S. Stribling, Augusta Parish.
Daniel K. Stewart, Emmanuel Church, Henrico county.
Thos. P. Taylor, Hanover Parish, Bedford.
John H. Tyler, Monumental Church, Richmond.
Samuel Tyree, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.
Tazewell Taylor, Christ Church, Norfolk.
David S. Walker, St. Paul's Church, Richmond,
Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas' Church, Orange.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA.,
Wednesday, May 16, 1866. }

The seventy-first Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia met to-day in St. Paul's Church, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Divine service was read by Rev. C. J. Gibson and Rev. W. H. Kinckle.

The sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Morrison, D. D., on the 33d verse of the 13th chapter of St. Matthew.

After service the Council re-assembled in the lecture room. The roll was called, and the following clergy answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.	Rev. O. A. Kinsolving,
Rev. C. E. Ambler,	Rev. J. A. Latane,
Rev. T. M. Ambler,	Rev. W. T. Leavell,
Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D.	Rev. J. R. Lee,
Rev. F. M. Baker,	Rev. M. Maury,
Rev. R. M. Baker,	Rev. T. B. Maury,
Rev. O. S. Barten,	Rev. W. C. Meredith,
Rev. E. Boyden,	Rev. John McGill,
Rev. John Cole,	Rev. Wm. McGuire,

Rev. C. Colton,	Rev. R. H. McKim,
Rev. John Cosby,	Rev. J. H. Morrison, D. D.,
Rev. J. B. Dabney,	Rev. Wm. M. Nelson,
Rev. G. W. Dame,	Rev. Geo. H. Norton,
Rev. T. G. Dashiell,	Rev. N. A. Okeson,
Rev. R. T. Davis,	Rev. J. Packard, D. D.
Rev. G. Easter,	Rev. W. H. Pendleton,
Rev. W. Friend,	Rev. W. N. Pendleton, D. D.
Rev. W. F. Gardiner,	Rev. E. T. Perkins,
Rev. C. J. Gibson,	Rev. S. Ridout,
Rev. James Grammer,	Rev. P. Slaughter,
Rev. John Grammer,	Rev. G. A. Smith,
Rev. W. W. Greene,	Rev. W. Sparrow, D. D.,
Rev. J. S. Hansborough,	Rev. D. F. Sprigg,
Rev. W. L. Hyland,	Rev. H. Suter,
Rev. E. H. Ingle,	Rev. Peter Tinsley.
Rev. J. T. Johnston,	Rev. Lewis Walke,
Rev. J. R. Jones,	Rev. C. Walker, D. D.,
Rev. W. H. Kinckle,	Rev. G. T. Williams.

Rev. T. B. Maury and Mr. Hugh N. Pendleton were appointed to receive the credentials of Lay Delegates, who reported the following gentlemen as duly elected and entitled to seats :

Dr. F. S. Stribling, Augusta Parish.
 Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas' Church, Orange.
 Samuel P. Mitchell, Grace Church, Richmond.
 Daniel K. Stewart, Emmanuel Church, Henrico.
 F. J. Ribble, Salem Church.
 General Asa Rodgers, John's Parish, Loudoun.
 Hugh N. Pendleton, Clarke Parish, Clarke county.
 Dabney Cosby, Antrim Parish, Halifax.
 A. L. Carter, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster.
 B. F. Garrett, Roanoke Parish, Halifax.
 Luther D. Haymond, Heber Parish, Bedford.

Fleming Saunders, Moore Parish, Campbell county.
 E. S. Pegram, Albemarle, Grace Church, Albemarle.
 John W. Green, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
 Thomas Henderson, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier.
 Tazewell Taylor, Christ Church, Norfolk.
 Robert B. Bolling, Meade Parish, Fauquier.
 David May, St. Paul's, Petersburg.
 Dr. Lewis Randolph, St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle.
 Joseph H. Sherrard, Christ Church, Winchester.
 Augustine J. Smith, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.
 James W. Keeble, Southwark Parish, Surry county.
 C. F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria.
 Charles J. Merriwether, Russell Parish, Bedford.
 John Page, St. Martin's, Hanover.
 N. H. Massie, Christ Church, Charlottesville.
 Dr. Geo. B. Stephen's, St. Paul's, Albemarle.
 T. P. Taylor, Hamner Parish, Bedford.
 L. C. Cordelle, Zion Church, Charlestown, Jefferson county.
 John H. Tyler, Monumental Church, Richmond.
 Dr. Wm. Gibson, Grace Church, Alexandria.
 Samuel Tyree, St. Paul's, Lynchburg.
 Jesse Adkisson, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania.
 Wm. A. Perkins, Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland.
 Wm. F. Gray, St. James', Richmond.
 Dr. John R. Baylor, Emmanuel Church, Albemarle county.

On motion, the hours of the Council were fixed at 9 A. M. for meeting, and 3 P. M. for adjournment, with a recess at 11 A. M. for Divine service.

Mr. Tazewell Taylor presented the following paper from the pew-holders of Christ Church, Norfolk, which, upon motion, was ordered to be spread upon the journal :

At a called meeting of the pew-holders and pew-renters of Christ Church, Norfolk, on the 4th day of May, 1866, the follow-

ing preamble and resolutions were adopted by a vote of 56 ayes to 14 nays:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Christ Church, as amended in the year 1834, provides, that at the annual meeting of the pew-holders, one-third of the pew-holders and pew-renters of the Church shall constitute a quorum for business purposes, and that at such meetings a rector, organist, sexton, and five trustees, shall be elected by a majority of the meeting for one year, or until their successors be appointed, under which provision the present rector, trustees, and other officers of the Church, hold their offices in virtue of an election held at the last regular meeting of the pew-holders in November, 1865; and whereas, it appears from a paper laid before this meeting by the trustees, that a majority of the pew-holders of this Church desire that the Constitution should be so amended, as that hereafter a vestry shall be chosen by the pew-holders of this Church according to the regulations prescribed by the 9th canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, and have signified their assent to said change.

Be it therefore resolved, in general meeting of the pew-holders of Christ Church, now assembled, That the Constitution of this Church be so amended as to be made to conform to the 9th canon aforesaid, as modified by the 10th of said canons, which limits the choice of the vestry to the pew-holders; and that the care and management of this Church be hereafter confided to a vestry of the Church, so to be chosen; and that this Church shall hereafter be governed as all other churches of the Diocese, similarly situated, according to the canons and laws of the Church: provided that nothing herein contained shall alter or abridge the rights of the pew-owners to their respective pews as now held by them.

Resolved, That notice of this alteration of the Constitution be communicated to the next Council of this Diocese, so that it may amend the 10th canon of the Church by striking therefrom the last excepting clause therein, relating exclusively to this Church, and that the Bishop of this Diocese be also officially notified thereof.

(Signed,)

JOHN WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

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R. C. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

Norfolk, Va., May 15th, 1866.

Mr. Taylor also gave notice of a proposed amendment to canon X, so as to meet this action of Christ Church, Norfolk.

Rev. Mr. Norton moved that the rules of order for 1860 be adopted by this Council, with the necessary change of phraseology,

and also with a change of Rule 25th, so as to read "not later than the second day."

With these alterations the rules of 1860 were adopted.

Rev. C. Walker, D. D., moved that the Council meet at 5 o'clock P. M., to resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Church. Motion carried.

Mr. A. L. Carter moved that Rev. E. Withers, Rector of Christ Church Parish, Lancaster, be admitted to a seat in the Council.

After some discussion, the Chair stated that all such cases were decided by Article II of the Constitution.

Rev. Mr. Hyland then offered the following:

Resolved, That Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats in this Council, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, be hereby invited to honorary seats in this Council.

Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D., presented the following report from the Standing Committee:

The Standing Committee beg leave to offer the following report of their proceedings since the meeting of the last Diocesan Council:

J. H. Williams, Isaac Gibson, James E. Hammond, Theodore M. Carson, William Henry Laird, Walter Q. Hullihen, David Barr, Benjamin Enoch Reid, Edmund Wilcox Hubbard and Fleming James have been recommended as candidates for Deacon's orders.

Rev. Wm. F. Gardner, Rev. James Carmichael, Rev. S. M. Bird, Rev. Josiah F. Curtis, Rev. J. A. Mitchell, Rev. John McGill, Rev. R. H. McKim were recommended for Priest's orders.

Theodore Myers Carson and Isaac Gibson were recommended for Deacon's orders.

The Standing Committee were grieved to lose by death one of

their members, the late lamented David Funsten. To fill the vacancy thus occasioned, Mr. Charles S. Taylor was appointed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. NORTON, *Secretary*.

The Council adjourned until 5 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 5 P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and in the absence of the Bishop was called to order by the Secretary. Rev. Wm. N. Pendleton, D. D., was elected Chairman *pro tem*.

Rev. T. B. Maury, from the Committee on the credentials of Lay Delegates, handed in the names of the following gentlemen as entitled to seats:

W. S. Barton, Cornwall Parish.

Dr. B. L. Herndon, Hamilton Parish.

J. B. Ficklin, Fredericksburg, St. George's.

Rev. W. W. Greene was elected assistant Secretary.

Upon motion of Rev. Mr. Sprigg, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the state of the Church.

At 6.30 P. M., the Committee rose, and the Council after singing the 107th hymn, adjourned until 9 A. M. Thursday.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

The Council met at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Pendleton.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following clergy who were absent from roll call yesterday reported to-day :

Dr. Minnigerode, Dr. Peterkin, Rev. J. M. Meredith, Rev. J. D. Powell, Rev. J. A. Mitchell, Rev. Henry Wall, Rev. George Woodbridge, Rev. J. P. McGuire, Rev. E. B. McGuire.

The Rev. Mr. Jacobs was reported as having come to Alexandria to attend the Council, but as being detained from its sessions by indisposition.

Mr. T. B. Maury presented the following additional names of lay delegates entitled to seats :

James Galt, Rivanna Parish.

Samuel J. Campbell, Grace Church, Lexington.

Edward C. Marshall, Leed's Parish.

David S. Walker, St. Paul's, Richmond.

Dr. John R. Purdy, Newport Parish.

Wm. Blair, Raleigh Parish.

Dr. T. H. Claggett, Shelbournne Parish.

Dr. T. H. Kinney, St. Paul's Parish.

Mr. W. D. Cabell, Nelson county.

Mr. S. S. Bradford, St. Stephen's, Culpeper.

J. M. Stevens, St. Mark's, Richmond.

Dr. Geo. W. Jones, St. James the Less, Ashland.

The Bishop then announced the following Standing Committees :

State of the Church.

Rev. John Grammar,	Genl. O. Rodgers,
“ C. W. Andrews,	David May,
“ W. H. Kinckle,	C. F. Lee,
“ C. J. Gibson,	Tazewell Taylor,
“ W. L. Hyland,	Dr. F. T. Stribling.

New Parishes.

Rev. P. Slaughter,	R. B. Bolling,
“ J. T. Olarke,	J. R. Baylor,
“ J. B. Dabney,	L. Randolph.

Elections.

Rev. J. Cole,	A. J. Smith,
“ G. W. Dame,	J. Page,
“ W. Friend,	L. D. Haymond.

Financc.

N. H. Massie,	-C. J. Merriwether,
D. K. Stewart,	H. N. Pendleton.
T. Tyree,	

Episcopal Fund.

Rev. C. Walker,	J. W. Green.
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Missionary Report.

Rev. E. T. Perkins,	B. F. Garrett.
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Parochial Reports.

Rev. C. Minnigerode,	W. F. Gray,
Rev. O. S. Barten,	Dr. Clagget,
Rev. W. C. Meredith,	Jas. Galt.

Mr. Taylor, the lay delegate from Christ Church, Norfolk, in pursuance of the notice given on yesterday on presenting the resolutions adopted by the pew-holders of said Church, proposed the following alteration of the 10th canon, viz:

To strike out the last clause thereof, which is in these words:
 “ Excepting in the case of Christ Church, in the city of Norfolk,

which being under peculiar circumstances in relation to the number of trustees, the time and manner of electing them and the rector, the pew-holders are permitted to conform to their own regulations in these particulars;" which, on his motion, was referred to a committee of two clergymen and two laymen for consideration and report.

The Committee appointed were Rev. Mr. Norton, Rev. Mr. Clark, Dr. John R. Purdy and Mr. Blair.

The Bishop then delivered his annual report :

BISHOP JOHNS' ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity :

In my address to the Council, which met in Richmond on Wednesday, the 20th of September, I reported my official services to that date. On the Friday following I held an ordination in St. James' Church, Richmond, and admitted the Revs. J. M. Meredith, R. M. Baker, W. F. Gardner and S. M. Bird to Priest's orders. At the same time I admitted T. E. Hammond to the Diaconate.

September 24. In St. Philip's Church, Richmond, after a sermon by Rev. W. F. Gardiner, I confirmed five.

October 1. I preached in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.

October 8. After a sermon by the Rector, I addressed the congregation of Grace Church, Alexandria.

October 15. In St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, I preached morning and night, and confirmed fourteen.

October 16. I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Bedford, and confirmed six.

October 17. I preached in Trinity Church, Bedford.

October 22. I preached in the Chapel of the Seminary.

October 29. I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk.

From Norfolk I proceeded to Richmond, and thence to Augusta, Georgia, to attend the General Council, which met in that city on the 8th of November. The proceedings of that body were pub-

lished at the time in various secular and religious papers, and subsequently in pamphlet form. They involved nothing of special interest to us at present, except the recognition of the right of each of the Southern Dioceses to determine its ecclesiastical relations, as its own Council might elect. Under this recognition every other Diocese of our late confederation has returned to its former connection with the Church in the United States, of which formal notice has been communicated to the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese. It remains for us to avail ourselves of this annual meeting of our Council to take such action as our christian duty, the interest of the Diocese, and the unity and fellowship of the general Church may require. My own views on this subject were frankly and fully expressed in my address to our last Council. I have since seen no reason to change, but much to lead me to reaffirm them with more decided emphasis.

By the withdrawal of the other Diocese, which, with our own, formed the ecclesiastical organization in the Southern States, that organization has ceased to exist, and now, certainly, we are free to act as we may think proper, without being embarrassed by the fear of appearing to be discourteous to our late respected associates. And as all apprehension as to the mind and bearing of our Northern brethren toward us has been happily removed by the christian spirit which characterized the last General Convention, and the conciliatory measures by which it expressed itself, the way is fairly open for a becoming re-union, and I cordially recommend, what I trust you will unanimously approve, (the adoption of a resolution that the Diocese of Virginia now resume her former connection with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.)

November 19. I preached in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, in the morning, and at night in Christ Church, Norfolk.

I had communicated to the brethren in the Western portion of the Diocese my intention to be with them immediately after the adjournment of the General Council, and now, though late in the season, and with necessarily short notice of my appointments, I crossed the mountains to visit the churches. I reached Parkersburg on Saturday morning, November 25th, and at night, after a ser-

mon by the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, of Kentucky, I addressed the congregation in Trinity Church.

• November 26. In the morning I preached in Trinity Church, Parkersburg, and, at the request of the Rector, baptized nine infants. At night I preached in the same Church, and confirmed five.

November 28. At Ravenswood I preached in the Presbyterian Church, kindly loaned to us, as our own had been rendered unfit for use by military occupation:

November 29 and 30. Were passed in reaching Weston. At night, after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hyland, I addressed the congregation in St. Paul's Church.

December 1. In the same Church I preached in the morning, and baptized two adults and three infants. At night I preached again, and confirmed twelve.

December 2. Returned to Clarksburg, and the next morning preached in Christ Church, confirming seven.

I cannot refrain from expressing my great gratification at the very cordial reception uniformly extended to me throughout this partial visitation, and my regret that it could not then include all the churches in that section of the Diocese. The omission will now soon be supplied, as I have made arrangements for that purpose, which I hope to have the pleasure of effecting at an early day after our adjournment.

December 7. On my return through Cumberland, at the request of the Bishop of Maryland, I preached at Emmanuel Church, and confirmed seventeen.

December 10. I preached morning and night in Mount Zion Church, Hedgesville, and confirmed nine.

December 17. In the Prayer Hall of the Theological Seminary I admitted to Priest's orders the Rev. Josiah Curtis, of St. Paul's Church, Weston.

• February 11. I preached in the Seminary Chapel.

March 7. I again officiated in the Chapel.

March 11. I preached in Falls' Church, Fairfax county. This venerable building, which had been so appropriately fitted up before the war, was so damaged by military use, and the congregations

so dispersed, that all hopes of renewing services there, at least for some years, was abandoned.

In February last, an officer connected with the quartermaster department, called at my residence to say that he had superintended the expenditure of an appropriation by government for repairing the Church, which was now in a condition to be occupied, and to request that some arrangement might be made to open it stately for religious services. This was promptly done by the professors and students of the seminary. Though the building has lost much of its former church-like appearance, it has been judiciously repaired, according to the means appropriated, and the people of the Parish are again in possession of a comfortable house of worship, for which they are indebted to the disinterested and persevering zeal of Mr. Jacob C. De Putson, of whose efficient good will I take pleasure in making this honorable record.

March 15. I lectured in St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.

March 17. I lectured in St. Paul's Church, Nortolk.

March 18. I preached in St. John's Church, Portsmouth.

March 24. I preached in Christ Church, Winchester, and confirmed thirty-two.

March 25. In the same Church in the morning I admitted to Deacon's orders Mr. Isaac Gibson and Mr. T. M. Carson. At night I preached in the same Church.

March 27. In St. Andrew's Church, Charlestown, I preached, and confirmed thirty-two.

March 28. At the request of the Bishop of Maryland, who was confined by sickness, I officiated in the following churches in the city of Baltimore.

In the morning I preached in the Memorial Church, and confirmed thirty-four.

In the afternoon in Ascension Church, and confirmed twenty-two.

At night in Emmanuel Church, and confirmed ninety-two; when I was greatly gratified by the presence and assistance of our honored and beloved brother, the Bishop of Vermont, who has

promised that during the next winter he will visit us in Virginia. I congratulate you on welcoming to your churches and to your homes one whom you so highly esteem and venerate, and in whose fellowship and ministrations you cannot fail to find both pleasure and profit.

April 1. In St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, I preached in the morning and confirmed forty. At night in Grace Church, and confirmed fifteen.

April 3. I preached in Aquia Church, Stafford county.

April 2. I preached in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, and confirmed thirty-eight.

April 4. I preached in St. Margaret's Church, Caroline county, and confirmed six.

April 5. After a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Peterkin, at Ashland, I confirmed five. The prospect for establishing a Church in this pleasant village is encouraging.

April 8. In the morning I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond, and confirmed twenty-five. In the afternoon, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Peterkin, I confirmed six in St. Philip's Church. At night I preached in St. Paul's Church, and confirmed twenty-one.

April 9. In St. John's Church, Richmond, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Minnigerode, I confirmed fourteen.

April 10. In St. James' Church, Richmond, I admitted to priest's orders the Rev. John A. Mitchell, and the Rev. John McGill. At night, in the same Church, I preached and confirmed thirty-three.

April 11. In the afternoon I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg, and confirmed forty-three.

At night I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed twenty-nine.

April 12. I preached in Sussex county, where the Rev. Mr. Murdaugh officiates occasionally, and confirmed four.

April 14. I preached in Cabin Point Church, and confirmed six.

April 15. I preached in Brandon Church, and confirmed one.

Both of these Churches—Cabin Point and Brandon—which were handsomely built and furnished but a few years since, have been

so stripped and broken during the war, as to be unfit for use when the weather is at all inclement.

April 18. I crossed the Bay to visit the Churches on the Eastern Shore.

April 19. I preached in Christ Church, Eastville, and confirmed six.

April 20. I preached in Hungar's Church, and confirmed six.

April 21. My appointment was at St. George's, Pongateague, but the fine old cruciform brick church, which, when I last visited it, was in good repair, I now found in ruins—nothing left but roof and walls, without a window or door-frame, and not the vestige of a floor. The building had been shamefully desecrated by being used by a cavalry regiment to stable their horses!

I passed on to Onancock, and preached in a Baptist Church kindly loaned for our services.

April 22. I preached in St. James' Church, Drummondtown, and confirmed seven. The Church being without a Rector, I administered the Lord's Supper. In these services I was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Colton, the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, of Maryland, and the Rev. Mr. Atkinson.

April 23. At Temperanceville, I consecrated by the name Immanuel a small but neat and appropriate church edifice, one of the material fruits of the occasional labors of the Rev. Mr. Crosdale, of the Diocese of Maryland, who, in addition to his services in his own Parish proper, has for some years, on one Sunday afternoon in each month, ridden fifteen miles to officiate in this destitute vicinity, and who has been privileged to see an interesting congregation forming—a suitable house of worship erected and dedicated to the service of Almighty God, and now to present nine candidates for confirmation, on whom, on this occasion, I was permitted to lay hands, with prayers for spiritual grace and benediction. The Apostolic rite was followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper. The day would have been one of unmingled joy, but for the information that the next services of their minister would be his last in that relation; the increasing demands of his Parish in Maryland, rendering it imperative that he should give

all his time and labor to that field. May a faithful successor be found to carry on the good work so happily begun.

April 29. In the morning I preached in St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, and confirmed eight. At night I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed thirty-one—two of whom were from St. Paul's.

May 2. I preached in St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, and confirmed twelve.

May 3. I preached in Emmanuel Church, Kempsville, and confirmed six.

May 4. I preached in the Chapel, Princess Ann, and confirmed four.

May 6. I preached morning and night in Christ Church, Smithfield, and confirmed twenty-three.

May 9. On my return through Baltimore I was able to comply with a conditional engagement, made some weeks before with the Rector of Christ Church, who had been authorized by the Bishop of the Diocese, still disabled by sickness, to invite another Bishop to officiate for him. After an interval of four and twenty years, I had the satisfaction of preaching, and confirming twenty-nine persons in that Church, which, after fourteen years of most happy ministry in that congregation, I resigned to become identified with the work of the Gospel in this Diocese.

In closing this narrative of my official services, I desire with gratitude to record the fact that, notwithstanding the yet unsettled condition of the country, and the consequent difficulty of transportation, especially when off the main lines of public travel, I have not, from such, or any other cause, lost a single appointment during the year, and have been able to bear the unusual extent of journeying and amount of ministration required with ease and comfort.

LETTERS DIMISSORY.—In addition to those mentioned in my report of September last, I have, during the past year, given dimissory letters to the following clergymen: Rev. R. R. Mason, Rev. John C McCabe, Rev. Aristides E. Smith, and Rev. Walter W. Williams, to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of Maryland.

Rev. E. M. Rodman to the Diocese of New York.

Rev. T. L. Smith to the Diocese of Missouri.

Rev. W. H. Platt to the Diocese of Kentucky.

Rev. G. T. Wilmer to the Diocese of Alabama.

Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer to the Diocese of Kentucky.

Rev. P. G. Robert to the ecclesiastical authority of the Arkansas mission.

The following clergymen have been received into the Diocese by dimissory letters:

Rev. J. F. Curtis and Rev. J. F. Woods from the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of Ohio.

Rev. J. R. Hubbard from the ecclesiastical authority of Maryland.

Rev. Albert R. Walker from the ecclesiastical authority of South Carolina.

Rev. E. Withers from the ecclesiastical authority of North Carolina.

Rev. W. Norwood from the ecclesiastical authority of Maryland.

Rev. H. A. Wise from the ecclesiastical authority of Pennsylvania.

The last two, with others as heretofore reported, had been already received, under circumstances which authorized a departure from the ordinary form of transfer.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—I have received canonical notice of the election of the Rev. O. S. Barten as Rector of Christ Church, Norfolk, and of the Rev. J. R. Hubbard as Rector of St. James' Church, Warrenton. At my request, the Rev. T. B. Maury has taken charge of the missionary stations on the Ohio, Point Pleasant and Ravenswood, and I am happy to know that he meets with much encouragement. At Ravenswood the repairs of the Church are near completion. At Point Pleasant the good people are very properly exerting themselves to provide a parsonage to secure permanent residence for their minister, and, as they will need assistance, I commend the enterprise to the generous consideration of our good friends in Virginia and elsewhere, who are specially interested in the prosperity of the Church in that section of the Diocese. The Rev. Isaac Gibson and the Rev. T. M. Carson recently admitted to the Diaconate, are, with my approval, engaged, the

first as an assistant in St. Andrew's Church, Charlestown, the other in missionary services at Smithfield, Lee Town, and Bunker Hill.

The Rev. R. H. McKim, also in Deacon's orders, who has been officiating for six months past as assistant in Immanuel Church, Baltimore, resumes his duties in this Diocese, and is ministering in St. John's Church, Portsmouth, to which he has been invited by the vestry, and of which, I am happy to add, he will become the Rector, as soon as I can make the arrangements for his ordination to the priesthood.

Various other changes have occurred, but, as they have not been canonically communicated to me, I have no authority for noticing them in this address.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.—N. H. Lewis, G. W. Peterkin, H. E. Hayden, C. Y. Steptoe, J. B. Craighill, G. B. Cook, A. M. Smith, T. U. Dudley, J. H. Williams, W. H. Laird, D. Barr, B. E. Reid, W. J. Hullihen, E. W. Hubbard. A. M. Small and Fleming James—16.

From the Diocesan Missionary Committee you will hear by their official report: During the trying times through which we have passed, this society was liberally sustained and judiciously managed. As far as I know and believe, it not only has not been justly liable to serious complaint, but by its efficient action in the extended and diversified sphere opened to it by the condition of the country, has furnished occasion for gratitude to God who has honored it by His blessing. If now the wisdom of experience can suggest any improvement by which more may be interested in its support, and more good may be accomplished, I am sure we will hearken with interest to the counsel, and be ready to avail ourselves of the benefit it may promise. But it ought to be only for a substitute of very clear and decided superiority that we should break up and abandon the simple and unpretending instrumentality which has thus far wrought very well.

It has occurred to me in thinking of our duty in reference to that class of the community which now more than ever needs our sympathy and aid, and that not occasionally and irregularly, but continuously and systematically, and in every part of this extensive Diocese, that this Convention should take formal and decided

action on this subject, and not resting with the general resolution of our last Council, approving of the policy of promoting their education, address ourself in earnest to the work itself, and appeal to our people to co-operate by their means and their personal influence in a mission more obligatory on us than any foreign operation, and indifference to which would reflect suspiciously upon any appearance of concern for distant destitutions. On this subject I do not know of any real diversity of sentiment amongst Church people. The zeal which has sought the native African in the bush, and deemed it right that even life should be risked in preaching the gospel to them under the scorching heat, and exposed to the fatal fevers of their unfriendly climate, cannot neglect the religious cultivation of those whom Providence has mysteriously domesticated amongst us. The interest for their religious welfare, which has almost been hereditary among Christians at the South, will allow no decline under the changed relations which have occurred, but rise with the occasion, and prove itself intellectually and piously adequate to the emergency.

May it not be well for us to give this cause with solemn emphasis into the hands of the Committee of our Diocesan Missionary Society, with instructions to make it a distinct branch of their operations, and to originate and promote such measure as in their judgment may appear best calculated to promote the important object; or perhaps better still, to appoint a separate Standing Committee, with authority to act for the Council, after its adjournment, as in their sound discretion they may deem advisable. The way is opening to us. It is our's to advance with wise decision, carefully, but steadily and perseveringly. I desire to see some judicious provision on this subject, a permanent institution of this Diocese, and I believe it will not only be a blessing to those whom it is specially designed to benefit, but signally so to the Church in Virginia.

Our Theological Seminary buildings we found seriously damaged. The small amount of \$900 was allowed for repairs. But this was not sufficient even to restore the enclosures which had been destroyed; and not a dollar could be had from the investments. A kind Providence enabled us to fence in the grounds, and make such repairs in the different halls, professor's houses, and library, as were necessary to protect them from being injured

by the weather, and to render them available for the purposes for which they were erected, and are now in use—and, also to provide for the salaries of the Professors for the current and part of the coming year. A balance of the legacy of the late John Johns, of Baltimore county, Maryland, which was due, was paid in full last October, with interest to that date. This fund, happily preserved for the benefit of the Seminary, authorized us in re-opening it at the usual period for commencing the session, and kind friends have come to our aid in providing for other expenses connected with the maintenance of the twelve students, who, during the present year, ere enjoying the benefit of the Institution. It has evidently found favor with God and man, and therein “we do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.”

The injury done to the buildings of the High School—the loss of the furniture, and also of the philosophical apparatus, placed it entirely out of our power to re-open it for the present. The Board of Trustees will, no doubt take counsel on this subject, and make such arrangement as the interests of the Diocese may appear to require.

Though the Diocese has suffered severely during the war—though many of our Church edifices have been damaged and desecrated, beyond what I have had occasion to recite, or can find the heart to record—though many of our congregations have been sadly impoverished, and in some instances dispersed—yet, through the tender mercy of God, His Church has not only survived the repeated shocks, but affords already encouraging evidence of improvement, and gives good hope of a prosperous future. In most of the parishes which I have visited, there is an increase on the average number presented for confirmation. The religious interest in the congregations appear to advance, and with it their disposition to co-operate in sustaining and extending the institutions of the Church. Of not a few it may be said, as of the Christians in Macedonia, “In a trial of great affliction, their poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.” Nor need I withhold my testimony as to the diligence and care exercised in preparing candidates for confirmation, that, under God’s blessing, they may know and believe these things which are necessary to their soul’s health and salvation, and that they may lead a godly and christian life.

It is comforting to find that, notwithstanding the disturbances which have prevailed, and the dearth which is, in many respects, experienced, there is no withholding of the good word of God, but that it is "truly preached, truly received, and truly followed amongst us." We may "thank God and take courage." Let us look to it that we lose nothing of what has been wrought, nor adulterate in aught the precious privileges with which we have been put in charge. Be it our aim, our prayer, and our effort to maintain the Church in this Diocese, as it has been transmitted to us, apostolic in its constitution and ministry, evangelical in its doctrines, simple, dignified, and scriptural in its worship, and of good report as to its members. Let us decidedly adhere to the wise moderation for which the Mother Church, and our own, are so happily distinguished in their articles of faith, and forms of devotion; repudiating both Romanism and Rationalism, and eschewing those aesthetic expedients, and ritualistic puerilities, by which some would supplement the simple symbolism of Christ and His Apostles, and improve the dignified and devotional services of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Reformation. With a sober, sound policy, closely and conscientiously maintained, we may confidently promise ourselves that God, even our own God, will abundantly bless us, and our increase be, not a mere accretion, which only burdens and deforms, but a growth by assimilation and development, maturing into strength and symmetry, suitable for the mystical body of our Lord.

I beg leave as a formal and grateful acknowledgment of money transmitted to me, to aid in relieving the Clergy of this Diocese, to append to this address a statement of the amount received and a list of the contributors, with the assurance that the disbursements have been made in accordance with the wishes of the donors. In every instance the contribution has been spontaneous, and accompanied by expressions of fraternal sympathy, rendered doubly acceptable the pecuniary assistance. I trust that by the blessing of God, these manifestations of Christian interest, will awaken and perpetuate in every one who can appreciate such delicate and generous consideration, a hearty response of good will and gratitude, and so, our difficulties be made the occasion of "knitting the knots of peace and love," and binding our people together by stronger bands than any mere political institutions have ever formed, or

can ever furnish. The genuine influence of the blessed Gospel—not an adulterated, but a pure Gospel—is the only social cement that will hold. The Church in which it is truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, will do more for the interests of sound patriotism and philanthropy, than fanaticism can fancy, or any falsely called religious zeal can approach. Let then the only emulation be, who shall most effectually aid in diffusing this Divine power, which, in proportion to its prevalence and purity, is with nations as with individuals, “the power of God unto salvation.”

J. JOHNS.

APPENDIX.

Statement of contributions sent through Bishop Johns:

Rev. A. Fullerton, Philadelphia,.....	\$ 10 00
Rev. W. C. Doane, Hartford, Conn.,.....	25 00
Rev. F. Wharton, D. D., Brookline,.....	130 00
Rev. W. B. Nicholson, D. D., Boston,.....	123 00
Rev. R. H. Keeling, Washington, D. C.,.....	100 00
Mrs. V. M. Wiltberger, Washington, D. C.,.....	40 00
Rev. A. Shiras, Chesnut Hill, Pa.,.....	11 00
Rev. E. Whittingham, New-Castle, Del.,.....	40 00
Mrs. J. E. Kelso, Treasurer of Immanuel Church Sunday School Baltimore,.....	125 00
Collection in the Church at Hagerstown, Md., check forwarded as directed,.....	
Legacy of Miss Mary Magruder,.....	140 00
Ladies of P. E. Church, Louisville, Ky.,.....	1500 00
Part of the collection made by direction of the Board of Missions,...	2,512 75
Balance of ditto.....	255 30
A box of books from the “Bishop White Prayer-Book Society.”	

J. J.

Mr. Cassius F. Lee offered the following:

WHEREAS, the causes which rendered necessary a separate organization of the Southern Diocese no longer exist, and that organization has ceased by the consent and action of the several Dioceses concerned: therefore,

Resolved, That the Diocese of Virginia now resumes its former ecclesiastical relations as a Diocese in connection with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and that the Bishop is requested to send a certified copy of this preamble and resolution to the presiding Bishop and to the Secretary of the house of clerical and lay deputies.

Pending the consideration of this resolution, the Council adjourned for Divine service.

The Council re-assembled at 12.45 P. M., and resumed the consideration of Mr. Lee's resolution. Mr. W. S. Barten and Rev. Mr. Hansborough offered substitutes, which, upon motion of Rev. Mr. Slaughter, were referred with the original resolution to a Special Committee, to consist of three clergymen and three laymen.

Rev. Mr. Cole moved that the Committee be appointed by the Chair. Carried.

The Bishop then appointed

Rev. Dr. Pendleton, Dr. Minnigerode, Mr. Kinckle, and Messrs Page, Garrett, and Dr. F. F. Stribling, as said Committee.

The following report from the Special Committee on the amendment to canon X was read, and unanimously approved:

The Committee to whom was referred the proposed alteration of the 10th canon, submitted by the lay delegate from Christ Church, Norfolk, beg leave to report favorably thereon, and to recommend its immediate adoption by the Council, being satisfied that it will commend itself to its cordial and unanimous approval.

G. H. NORRIS, *Chairman.*

May 17th, 1866.

Rev. Dr. Colton offered the following:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Diocesan Missionary Society be referred to a committee of three clergy and three laity, to report as soon as practicable during the present session of Council.

The resolution was adopted, and the following appointed:

Rev. Dr. Colton, Rev. Messrs. Sprigg and Meredith, Messrs. Marshall, Tyler and Gray.

Rev. Dr. Colton also offered the following:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the instruction of colored people be referred to a committee of three clergy and three laymen, to report as soon as practicable during the present session of Council.

The resolution was adopted, and Rev. Messrs. Gibson, Barten and Clark, with Messrs. Cabell, Dr. Claggett and Dr. George W. Jones, appointed said Committee.

On motion, the order to adjourn at 11 A. M. to-morrow for Divine service was rescinded.

The Council adjourned until 5 P. M.

THURSDAY, 5 P. M.

The Council met, and in the absence of the Bishop was called to order by the Secretary. Rev. W. H. Kinckle was elected Chairman *pro tem*.

On motion, the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Church.

At 6.30 P. M., the Committee rose, and the Council adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

The Council met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Meredith. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Sprigg offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed from county Parishes, who shall report to the next annual Council whether any change in the time of holding the Council be desirable, and, if so, what time.

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of one clerical and one lay delegate from each—Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Norfolk, Richmond, Petersburg, Charlottesville, Staunton, Lynchburg, Winchester and Lexington—be ap-

pointed, who shall report to the next annual Council whether it be desirable to make any changes in the places of the meeting of Council, and, if so, what.

Both were adopted, and the following Committees appointed:

Committee on Time of Meeting.

Rev. J. T. Clark, of Halifax.

W. D. Cabell, of Nelson.

John Page, of Hanover.

Committee on Places of Meeting.

Alexandria—G. H. Norton, C. F. Lee.

Fredericksburg—M. Maury, Mr. Barten.

Norfolk—N. A. Okeson, Taz. Taylor.

Richmond—F. M. Baker, R. F. Gray.

Petersburg—C. J. Gibson, A. Weddell.

Charlottesville—R. K. Meade, N. H. Massie.

Staunton—J. A. Latane, Dr. Stribling,

Lexington—W. N. Pendleton, F. H. Smith.

Winchester—Wm. Meredith, Phil. Williams.

Lynchburg—W. H. Kinckle, S. Tyree.

Wheeling—T. G. Addison, Mr. S. Brady.

Mr. Massie, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have examined the account of the Treasurer for the past year, and find that the receipts amounted to.....	\$4,011 36
The disbursements to.....	3,804 50
Balance on hand.....	<u>\$206 86</u>

The Treasurer has received so far, for the present year, about three thousand five hundred dollars, a sum, of course, much short of the amount it will reach when all the parishes are heard from, but indicating that enough will be raised to meet the ordinary expenses chargeable upon this fund. In view of the peculiar desti-

tution which prevailed over so large a proportion of the Diocese last year, your Committee respectfully recommend that all deficiencies standing charged against parishes for the year 1865 be not reported in the printed journal, but that an effort be made to collect all the deficiencies which may be reported for the present year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. MASSIE, *Chairman.*

Rev. Dr. Pendleton, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to consider the subject of Mr. C. F. Lee's resolution, presented the following resolution as the result of their deliberations:

WHEREAS, the conditions which rendered necessary the separate organization of the Southern Diocese no longer exist, and that organization has ceased by the consent and action of the Dioceses concerned; and, whereas, the Diocese of Virginia, unchanged as are her principles, deem it most proper, under existing circumstances, to resume her interrupted relations to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States: therefore,

Resolved, That this Diocese do accordingly now resume its connection with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and that the Bishop be requested to send a copy of this preamble and resolution to the presiding Bishop, and one to the Secretary of the house of clerical and lay deputies.

The vote was called for by ayes and noes, and by orders, and resulted as follows:

Affirmative—Clergy 57,	Laity 36.
Negative — “ 9,	“ 11.

The resolution was thereupon declared to be adopted. Upon motion, the Council took recess of half an hour.

The Council re-assembled after recess. Rev. Philip Slaughter, Chairman of the Committee on new parishes, made a report, recommending the admission of St. Mark's Church, Richmond, St. James the Less, Hanover, and Wilmer Parish, Prince Edward county. Report received and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Andrews read the following report from the Committee on the state of the Church:

Report of the Committee on State of the Church.

The State of the Church, so far as it can be ascertained from statistics, is exhibited in the following table:

Baptisms—adults—white.....	243	
colored.....	26	Total adults, 269
infants—white.....	415	
colored.....	108	Total infants, 523
Communicants—white.....	6,004	
colored.....	62	Total 6,066
Marriages—white.....	331	
colored.....	117	Total 448
Confirmations—white.....	439	
colored.....	21	Total 463
Funerals—white.....	506	
colored.....	53	Total 559
Sunday Schools—.....	54	
Sunday School teachers—white.....	747	
Sunday School scholars—white.....	4,048	
colored.....	373	Total 4,421
Contributions—.....	\$30,199	59

As several members of the Committee were obliged to meet the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at the same hours that the two sessions of the Council on the State of the Church were held, it is impracticable to include in this report the facts which transpired at those two sessions agreeably to the plan proposed last year.

The Committee would, however, suggest, that the information expected from those more informal meetings would be more comprehensive and satisfactory if the different convocations would consider the subject at their leisure, and agree upon such matters of general interest as they may wish to lay before the Council at its sessions upon the state of the Church.

The restoration of the Church in this Diocese to its former prosperity is a vast undertaking, and it is gratifying to witness the

sense of dependence upon God, the hopefulness and the determined spirit with which, in some parts of it, both clergy and laity have entered upon the work. Several subjects, more or less intimately connected with it, having been referred to special committees, they are here omitted. But there is one subject upon which the Committee, after a somewhat extended conference with clergy and laity outside their own number, hold it to be the duty of the Council to speak most distinctly and most solemnly at the present time, and that is the state of Church DISCIPLINE in the Diocese, which is always one of the most important features in the "state of the Church."

The Committee cannot, of course, be informed of all the facts, but enough has come before them to show that there is a heavy pressure against those barriers which rubrics and canons have interposed between the Church and the world. Scandals are reported, and examples of worldly conformity incompatible with a christian profession, which, nevertheless, the pastor is unable to arrest, because doubtful whether he would be sustained by the voice of the Church. The ministry, and especially its younger portion, are entitled to this support, and it is doubtless the *wisdom* as well as the *duty* of the Church to extend it, nor expect that the wholesome intent of her discipline can be accomplished without new appliances adapted to new developments of evil, and these still further varied in their application by the living voice.

The old maxim, that "prevention is better than cure," was never more applicable than in the present case. Much of the reproach brought against the Church from the evil living of its members, might be prevented by a more protracted examination and trial of candidates for confirmation, and, in fact, by instructions which should *precede the application* for admission to that rite, in order that all may know beforehand what is expected of those who apply, and this not in general terms merely, but by such specifications touching the distinctive marks of the life in Christ Jesus, and what the Scriptures *mean* by being "conformed to this world," and what the Church means by "pomps and vanities," and what it is that the candidate understands himself to renounce in the confirmation vow, so that there may be no defective instruction on the one side, or misunderstanding on the other. When this is attended to, appli-

cation will not often be made prematurely, for when once made, it is either successful (as is commonly the case), or embarrassment ensues, which had better have been avoided.

It appertains to the clergy not only to reprove, and rebuke, and exhort with all long suffering and doctrine, but also to receive into the Church and to exclude from it. It is *they* who practically give tone to all, and the character of the communion in time takes its complexion from the discipline as administered by them.

But when scandals have actually arisen, the mode of procedure is provided by law. The rubric requires repulsion from the communion for "notorious evil living;" and the nineteenth canon specifies in part what shall be considered notorious evil living, for it expressly says that it shall not be understood to include all the causes for which repulsion from the communion may take place. It specifies public balls, theatrical amusements, and the habitual neglect of the public worship of God. Doubtless, public balls may be held in private houses, and all the scandals arise from dancing, drinking and carousal, which the canon was intended to repress. And what must be thought of those who will avail themselves of some exception in detail to live as the world lives, keeping upon the outermost verge of what the law will allow, so as to leave it in doubt, even by the most indulgent judgment, whether their conduct does or does not amount to notorious evil living.

Discipline is admitted by all authorities to be one of the essential notes of a Church of Christ; and can that be a Church of Christ, or other than a decayed and fallen one, in which nothing less shall subject a member to repulsion from the communion than that which would also subject him to a civil prosecution.

The real prosperity of the Church is inseparable from her purity, and should her time and her strength in Council be expended upon rules for the conduct of a growing externalism, while those intended to produce holy living are neglected, how will her light and glory as a witness for Christ be dimmed, and the ruin of immortal souls be going on apace within her own bosom.

A more searching administration of the gospel is indeed indis-

pensable, but even this can be but partially successful without a restoration of the spiritual discipline and government of the primitive Church. This discipline came from Him who knew what was in man even as regenerate, and the best means of reaching cases which He foresaw would always be in the Church—cases not of willful declension, from whom nothing but separation can be desired, but of those who, in the judgment of charity, have been the subjects of renewing grace, yet have fallen into some error in religion or viciousness of life, injurious to the Church and ruinous to themselves, and are yet willful and refractory, and to whom reason and christian counsel are addressed in vain. It was for such as these that the spiritual censures of the Church were provided, not for their destruction but for their salvation, and such was their ordinary result. Access to the Apostolic Church was easy, but a continuance in it was more difficult. The doors of the sanctuary stood open, but the building was kept clean.

There were preliminary stages of discipline which commonly availed, but, upon the failure of these, the final act was the public excision of the incorrigible member. This was the great power of the early Church, and was only forfeited by the usurpation of the Church itself at the influx of the Roman apostacy, when temporal penalties were annexed to its sentence. In the confiscation of goods, imprisonment and death, it was degraded to a level with such punishments as man could inflict, and of which man was felt to be the author, and its spiritual power was gone. But acting in its own sphere as a purely spiritual measure, administered in obedience to the law of Christ, and agreeably thereto, there is nothing to be compared in moral effect with the sentence of excommunication. It is felt to proceed from a kingdom which is not of this world. It is the voice of the Almighty speaking through its legitimate organ. It lights immediately upon the spirit, and harmonizing these with the dictates of conscience, he who has trampled upon the vows plighted to God and his brethren, and is stubborn in his disobedience, feels himself thereby remanded back to take his lot among those who are doomed to perdition.

“The wound inflicted by no mortal hand” refuses to be healed, until restoration be obtained to the communion of the faithful and the privileges of their fellowship, for fellowship in such a Church

will be felt to be worth having. How many connected with the Church, in her more faithful days, owed their salvation to this discipline, and how many more in this age might be saved by its revival.

But it has practically ceased. A formal excommunication is unknown. Yet scandals go unnoticed. Brethren live in enmity, and not only so, but sentiments are openly avowed respecting retaliation, which are in direct and acknowledged contravention of the plainest precepts of Christ, while a profession of subjection to his authority continues to be made.

Names continue standing upon the rolls of the communion of those who have long since ceased from its assemblies, and are only silently dropped years after they have gone out of themselves. Backsliders claim it as their privilege to withdraw, but they have no such privilege. Neither the primitive Church, nor the charter under which we still act, know of any drawing back, but a drawing back unto perdition. The Church has no power to receive members for a limited period, for Christ receives no such members, nor would it be possible for them sincerely to stipulate for such conditions. Their vow is, that

——— " Long as life shall last,
Themselves to Christ they yield."

Apostacy cannot therefore be among their privileges, and all that the Church can do, after it has taken place, is officially to pronounce upon the fact. And thus the faithful laity, concurring as they always will in the exercise of this discipline, it will be found next to the preaching of the cross the most powerful antidote to declension.

Rev. C. Walker, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Alexandria, read the following paper, which was ordered to be entered on the journal:

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church, Alexandria, May 18th, 1866, it was

Resolved, That the wardens be instructed to make a statement of the facts and circumstances by which their Church and congregation have been brought

into their present anomalous condition ; said statement to be communicated to the Diocesan Council now in session, with the request that it be entered on record upon the journal.

In pursuance of this resolution, the wardens would state, that during the absence of the Rector, *in the summer of 1861*, the loan of the Church was asked by General Montgomery, then in command of the post, for religious services, with the full recognition on his part of their rightful control of the property. Upon his removal he handed over the keys, and was succeeded by General Viele, who called on the wardens of the Church and borrowed it on the same terms upon which it was lent to General Montgomery, but being here but a short time, neglected to hand over the keys of the Church to the wardens, and they consequently fell into the possession of Colonel Gregory, who succeeded Viele as military Governor. He held them for some time, when he was succeeded by General Slough, as commandant of the post.

The wardens were given to understand, by General Slough, that whatever property he found in his possession he intended to hold, and that he recognized no right either in them or in the vestry to interfere with the Church. This was followed by the appointment of a vestry of his own selection. Subsequently by an election of vestrymen at the Easter ensuing, which vestry has been thus perpetuated. In the meantime Dr. Packard was forcibly ejected from the parsonage, of which he was in the occupancy, and a chaplain, and subsequently the clergymen holding services put in possession.

The vestry and congregation, thus forcibly dispossessed of their property, have endeavored, but thus far in vain, to obtain its restoration. The trustees under their instructions have entered suit for its recovery, and it is hoped their effort will be successful. At the same time it is deemed proper that these facts should be placed before the Council for such action as they may deem proper.

CASSIUS F. LEE,
EDWARD C. FLETCHER, } *Church Wardens.*

Rev. G. T. Williams offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the State of the Church be read by the clergy of the Diocese to their respective congregations as soon as a printed copy shall reach them, and that they endeavor to enforce its suggestions in their parishes.

Rev. E. T. Perkins, from the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, read the following report, which was approved:

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, would report that they have discharged the duty assigned them, and find the accounts correct and sustained by proper vouchers.

E. T. PERKINS, *Chairman*.

Rev. Mr. Perkins offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of ten, consisting equally of clergymen and of laymen, be appointed to enquire whether a division of this Diocese is desirable, and, if so, what? and that they report to the next regular meeting of the Council.

Rev. J. T. Clark offered a petition from a colored congregation in Halifax for admission to the Council, which with a similar petition from St. Philip's Church, Richmond, was laid upon the table.

Rev. C. J. Gibson, from the Special Committee appointed to consider the subject of the religious instruction of colored persons, presented a brief report, pending the consideration of which, Rev. T. G. Dashiell offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee, just read, be recommitted to the same Committee for further consideration, with the addition of T. Taylor, N. H. Massie and R. P. Slaughter.

Resolved, That this Council is willing to take under its care regularly organized congregations of colored people.

Resolved, That the Committee, to whom this matter is referred, be instructed to inquire and to report what legislation may be necessary in connection with the subject.

The Council then adjourned until 5 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY, 5 P. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The following gentlemen were elected as the Diocesan Missionary Committee:

Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.,	Rev. W. Norwood, D. D.
Rev. George Woodbridge, D. D.,	Rev. C. J. Gibson,
Rev. C. Minnigerode, D. D.,	Mr. W. F. Gray,
Rev. J. Peterkin, D. D.,	Mr. J. L. Williams,
Rev. F. M. Baker,	Mr. J. L. Bacon.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese was then elected as follows:

Dr. Sparrow.	O. F. Lee,
Rev. G. H. Norton,	A. Herbert,
Rev. D. F. Sprigg,	O. S. Taylor,

On motion of Rev. Mr. Latane, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Council be held in Staunton.

Rev. J. R. Jones offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the name of the Parish of the congregation of Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke county, be changed from that of "Frederick Parish" to that of "Cunningham Chapel Parish," Clarke county, Virginia.

Mr. Tazewell offered the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of three clergymen and three laymen be appointed to report to the next Council the constitution and canons, with a draft of such amendments as may be necessary to conform them to the re-union of this Diocese with this General Convention.

The resolution was received, and, according to rule, laid upon the table until next year.

The Chair appointed as the Committee Rev. C. Minnigerode, Rev. G. Woodbridge, Rev. C. J. Gibson, Messrs. J. O. Steger, N. H. Massie and Tazewell Taylor.

The following Board of Managers of widows' and orphans' fund was elected :

Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.,	Col. T. H. Ellis,
Rev. John Grammer,	J. L. Bacon,
Rev. R. K. Meade,	J. Stewart.
Rev. C. J. Gibson,	

Rev. Mr. Gibson, from the Special Committee on subjects connected with colored congregations and the religious instruction of colored persons, presented a report, which, as it recommended a change in the canons, was laid over until next day, and the proposed amendment referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. J. Peterkin, Rev. G. Woodbridge, Mr. Massie and Mr. Taylor.

On motion of Rev. W. McGuire, Rev. J. Packard, D. D., was elected to act as Registrar of the Diocese.

Mr. Massie offered the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be tendered to the citizens of Alexandria for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained its members.

Mr. Page offered the following, which was carried :

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to supply the lost plate and seal of the Diocese.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Hyland, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary have printed 1000 copies of this and the last journal of the Council.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer pay to the sexton of this Church \$15 for his services during the session of the Council.

On motion of Mr. Massie, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Council be authorized to employ such clerical assistance as he may require in preparing the journal for publication, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the cost of such assistance.

The Council then adjourned until Saturday 9 A. M.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

The Council met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. L. Hyland.

The minutes of yesterday's meetings were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Walker presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Rectors and friends of the Church in the Diocese be requested to make special effort by the revival of auxiliary societies and otherwise, for the benefit of the Seminary and Education Society.

Rev. S. Pendleton offered the following:

Resolved, That three of the clergy and three laymen be added to the Committee appointed yesterday, on the question of inquiry into the expediency of dividing the Diocese, and that the scope of the inquiry be extended to the question, whether it may not be best for the Diocese to have an assistant Bishop.

The resolution was adopted, and the following Committee appointed to consider both resolutions:

Rev. W. H. Kinckle,	Mr. N. H. Massie,
" C. W. Andrews, D. D.,	" J. H. Tyler,
" C. J. Gibson,	" J. L. Jackson,
" O. S. Barten,	" E. B. Pegram,
" W. N. Pendleton, D. D.,	" Tazewell Taylor,
" J. Peterkin, D. D.,	" W. H. Macfarland,
" R. K. Meade,	" Jas. Galt,
" W. L. Hyland,	Dr. T. H. Claggett.

Rev. Dr. Colton, from the Special Committee on the Missionary work in the Diocese, presented a report, which, after some discussion, was laid on the table.

Rev. Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, reported that the fund was in the same condition as at last Council, saving the accrued interest upon twenty-six shares of State stock.

Report approved.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society was read by Rev. Mr. Peterkin.

The proposed canon, in reference to colored Churches, was brought forward by the Committee, to whom it was referred; and, on motion of Dr. Andrews, the report was amended, so as to read as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's address which relates to the instruction of the colored people of the Diocese, recommend the adoption by the Council of the Bishop's suggestion of the appointment of a Standing Executive Committee on colored congregations, to be elected annually, of which the Bishop of the Diocese is to be Chairman. And they, moreover, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That whenever the colored members of the Church, in any Parish, desires to form a new and separate congregation, such action shall have the sanction of this Diocese. They may elect their own Vestry, Wardens, and Ministers. They shall be considered as under the care of this Council, and their interests as represented in it by the Standing Committee on colored congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. GIBSON, *Chairman*.

The Standing Committee, under the resolution, are:

Rev. C. J. Gibson,	Mr. E. S. Pegram,
Rev. O. S. Barten,	Mr. Jno. Page,
Rev. J. T. Clark,	Mr. S. P. Mitchell,
Rev. T. G. Dashiell.	

Mr. Page offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the lay members of the Council urge upon their Parishes the necessity of paying up as speedily as possible the balance of the contingent fund and other Church dues to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Upon motion, the Council took a recess for Divine service.

The Council re-assembled after service. Rev. J. Peterkin presented the following report from the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The report of the Diocesan Missionary Society was presented and read :

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society report, that for a great part of the past year they have done nothing, as the treasury was without a dollar. More recently, however, they have received contributions to the amount of \$1,314 92, and feel encouraged by this evidence of reviving interest in and ability to aid their work. They have accordingly made appropriations, which, when fully paid, will amount to \$1,075 00, as stated in the Treasurer's report. This sum, together with \$44 expended for printing, when deducted from the whole amount received, will leave in the treasury an actual unappropriated balance of \$195 92.

The Committee have reason to hope, that notwithstanding the increasing prevalence of the convocational system may divert many contributions into other channels, they will still be amply sustained in their important work.

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

GEO. WOODBRIDGE,
J. PETERKIN.

Alexandria, May 18th, 1866.

Rev. D. F. Sprigg then offered the following :

WHEREAS, it is essential to the prosperity of the Diocese that its clergy be supported, its Missionaries taken care of, and its candidates for orders educated; and, whereas, the small sum of three cents a week from each of its eight thousand communicants, would raise a sum of \$12,000 a year: therefore,

Resolved, That the Bishop of the Diocese be requested to publish a pastoral letter, urging upon the clergy and lay members the importance of prompt, systematic and untiring exertion to raise funds for these objects.

Rev. G. H. Norton moved that a Committee of two be appointed to inquire into the state of the fund for disabled clergymen. Motion carried, and Rev. Mr. Peterkin and Mr. Cassius F. Lee appointed said Committee.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Hyland the Council, after devotional exercises, adjourned *sine die*.

T. G. DASHIELL, *Secretary*.
W. W. GREENE, *Assistant Secretary*.

DR. S. P. MITCHELL, *Treasurer of* CONTINGENT

1865.

Sept. 30—To amount collected from sundry Parishes (as per general list) at Council held in St. Paul's Church, Richmond, commencing September 20th, 1865.....	\$33,82 79
Oct. 9—Received of A. Y. Stokes, from Ephiphany Church, Pittsylvania county,.....	42 00
Oct. 23—Received through Bishop Johns from Mrs. H. L. Fitzhugh, Ravenswood, Miss N. Fitzhugh, Jackson county, Mrs. Barre, for the last four and present years,.....	20 00
Received premium for interest on above note,....	1 00
Nov. 8—Received of A. Y. Stokes, per John K. Lee, for Christ Church Parish, Henry county,.....	21 45
For Trinity Church, Franklin Parish, Franklin county,.....	11 00
	32 45
Nov. 16—Received of N. H. Massie, check returned by him as surplus over amount paid for expenses (see his letter) to Augusta, Ga.,.....	26 55
Nov. 22—Received of Rev. J. Peterkin, for Mount Zion Church, Hedgesville, Norborne Parish, Berkeley county,.....	15 77
Trinity Church, Martinsburg,.....	1 00
	16 77
Dec. 8—Received of H. W. Latina, for South Farnham Parish,.....	13 50
Dec. 15—Received of Rev. P. F. Berkeley, per Rev. George Woodbridge, from Mrs. Peyton, Amelia county,.....	2 00
Dr. Tatum, Buckingham county,.....	2 00
	4 00
Amount carried forward,.....	3,539 06

FUND of the Diocese of Virginia,

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1865.		
Sept. 23—	Paid W. A. Irving for his services as sexton,.....	15 00
	Paid for sundries, per order of T. G. Dashiell, Secretary,	8 00
Oct. 2—	Paid T. G. Dashiell, Secretary, order date July 18th, 1865,.....	25 00
Oct. 13—	Paid Right Rev. J. Johns, six months' salary to October 31st,.....	1,250 00
Nov 1—	Paid Right Rev. J. Johns, traveling expenses,.....	200 00
	Paid Rev. P. Slaughter, on account of traveling expen- sures to Augusta, Ga.,.....	150 00
	Paid Rev. G. H. Norton, on account of traveling expen- ses to Augusta, Ga.,.....	150 00
	Paid Rev. C. W. Andrews, on account of traveling expen- sures to Augusta, Ga.,.....	150 00
	Paid Nathaniel B Meade, on account of traveling expen- sures to Augusta, Ga.,.....	150 00
	Paid N. H. Massie, on account of traveling expenses to Augusta, Ga.,.....	150 00
	Paid H. N. Pendleton, on account of traveling expenses to Augusta, Ga.,.....	150 00
Nov. 20—	Paid Rev. C. W. Andrews, balance for traveling expen- sures, (no voucher,).....	9 50
	Amount carried forward,.....	2,407 50

	Amount brought forward,.....	3,539 06
1866.		
Jan.	1—Received of Rev. W. F. Gardner, for Piedmont Parish, Fauquier county, for Trinity, Grace and Emmanuel churches,.....	20 00
Jan.	3—Received of Rev. P. Tinsley, for Salem Parish, Roanoke county,.....	32 00
Jan.	18—Received per Bishop Johns, for Mrs. V. S. Smith and daughter, Parkersburg,.....	6 00
	Mrs. S. A. Cotton, Kanawha Courthouse,.....	5 00
		11 00
Feb.	3—Received of R. W. Powers, for Rev. W. Meade, for St. Timothy Church, Mecklenburg county,.....	2 00
Feb.	8—Received per H. W. Latina, for South Farnham Parish, Essex county, in full,.....	5 30
Feb.	14—Received per Rev. Chas. Minnigerode, for St. Paul's Church, Richmond,.....	360 00
	Rev. J. Peterkin, St. George's Church, Fredericksburg,.....	1 00
		361 00
April	5—Received per W. D. Hanson, for Mount Zion Church, Hedgesville, Berkeley county,.....	1 00
April	10—Received of Rev. James A. Mitchell, for Grace Church, Charlotte county,.....	21 00
May	—Received of H. N. Pendleton, amount returned by him on account of expenses as delegate to General Council held in Augusta, Ga.,.....	19 00
		<u>\$4,011 36</u>
May	15—To balance on hand,.....	\$206 86

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	Amount brought forward,.....	2,407 50
1866.		
Jan. 11—	By cash sent Rev. J. M. Mitchell, Montgomery, Ala., Secretary of General Council, held at Augusta, Ga., as Virginia's quota for publishing journal of Council,	125 00
Feb. 6—	By Rev. T. G. Dashiell, per receipt,.....	2 75
Feb. 24—	Check sent Rt. Rev. J. Johns, 6 months salary to 1st May.....	1,250 00
	and traveling expenses to date,.....	19 25
May	—By cash on hand to balance,.....	206 86

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The DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

1865.	
Sept. 27—By cash from Geo. D. Fisher, late Treasurer,.....	\$40 00
1866.	
Feb. 14—By cash from St. Paul's Church, Essex county,.....	11 00
Feb. 20—By cash from St. James' Church, Richmond,.....	39 00
Feb. 21—By cash from St. John's Church, Essex county,.....	25 00
Feb. 27—By cash from Grace Church, Alexandria, for Rev. John Cole,.....	50 00
By cash from Grace Church, Alexandria,.....	54 29
By cash from St. Paul's Church, Parkersburg,.....	75 00
March 2—By cash from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,.....	113 91
March 7—By cash from Grace Church, Alexandria,.....	16 00
Mar. 16—By cash from Emmanuel Church, Hanover county,.....	5 00
By cash from Rev. G. S. Carraway,.....	5 00
By cash from Church at Orange Courthouse,.....	3 00
Mar. 19—By cash from St. James' Church, Richmond,.....	70 00
Mar. 24—By cash from Grace Church, Richmond,.....	52 06
April 5—By cash from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,.....	78 70
By cash from Grace Church, Alexandria,.....	36 17
By cash from Trinity Church, Martinsburg,.....	30 00
By cash from Mount Zion Church, Hedgesville,.....	16 00
April 6—By cash from Trinity Church, Portsmouth,.....	32 80
April 7—By cash from a Virginian, Shelbyville, Tenn.,.....	20 00
April 9—By cash from Rev. T. M. Ambler, Williamsburg,.....	10 00
By cash from Rev. Mitchell, Charlotte Courthouse,.....	13 30
10—By cash from Monumental Church, Richmond,.....	45 92
14—By cash from Rev. G. W. Easter, Ashland,.....	17 43
By cash from St. Paul's Church, Essex county,.....	22 85
19—By cash from St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling,.....	262 65
May 5—By cash through Miller & Franklin, Lynchburg,.....	11 38
By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk,.....	100 00
By cash from Drummondtown, Accomack,.....	35 46
10—By cash from St. George Church, Fredericksburg,.....	20 00
15—By cash from Channing M. Smith, Cincinnati,.....	3 00
	<u>\$1,314 92</u>

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In account with J. L. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

DR.

Feb. 27—To amount paid Rev. John Cole, by order of Committee,.....	\$50 00
Mar. 27—To cash paid Chas. Wynne for printing tract "Appeal for the Church and Ministry," by order of Committee,	44 00
April 16—To cash paid Rev. F. D. Goodwin, by order of Commit- tee,.....	75 00
May 4—To cash paid Rev. G. W. Easter, by order of Committee,	75 00
Balance at credit of the Society,.....	1,070 92

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Richmond, May 15, 1866.

J. L. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—DIOCESAN OR CONTINGENT FUND.

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants reported.	Amount paid.	Delinquency.	Arrears due 1865.	Amount paid for former years.	Total now due.
Accomac	St. James'	St. James'						
Accomac	St. George's	St. George's						
Accomac	St. George's	St. Michael's						
Albemarle	Fredericksville	Buck Mountain	33	\$13 00				
Albemarle	Fredericksville	St. Paul's						
Albemarle	Fredericksville	Christ, Charlottesville	140	103 00				
Albemarle	St. Anne's	Trinity, North Garden						
Albemarle	St. Anne's	Christ	30	37 00				
Albemarle	Walker's	Grace	44	44 00				
	Walker's	Emmanuel	10	10 00				
Amelia	Raleigh	Grub Hill	42	24 00				
Amherst	Lexington	St. Luke's, New Glasgow						
Amherst	Lexington	Ascension						
Augusta	Augusta	Trinity, Staunton	125	125 00				
Augusta	Augusta	Boyden Chapel	10	10 00				
Alexandria	Fairfax	Christ, Alexandria						
Alexandria	Fairfax	St. Paul's, Alexandria	135	144 00				
Alexandria	Fairfax	Grace	51	40 00				
Bedford	Russell	Trinity	28	22 05				
Bedford	West Russell	St. Thomas						
Bedford	Heber	St. John's, Liberty	55	55 20				
Bedford	Hammer	St. Stephen's	40	37 25				
Berkeley	Norborne	Mount Zion, Hedgesville	.....	21 90				
Berkeley	Norborne	Trinity, Martinsburg	.....	39 15				
	Norborne	Grace	34	11 00				

Botetourt.....	Botetourt.....	St. Mark's.....		
Botetourt.....	Woodville.....	Trinity, Buchanan.....	32	21 00
Brooke.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....		
Brooke.....	St. John's.....	St. John's.....		
Brunswick.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrew's.....	67	37 00
Buckingham.....	Tillotson.....	St. Peter's.....		20 00
Campbell.....	Moore.....	St. John's.....	27	24 00
Campbell.....	Lynchburg.....	St. Paul's, Lynchburg.....	211	211 00
Caroline.....	St. Margaret's.....	St. Margaret's.....	27	10 75
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	St. Peter's, Port Royal.....	47	40 00
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	Grace.....		
Caroline.....		Bowling Green.....		
Charles City.....	Westover.....	Mapsico and Westover.....		
Charlotte.....	Cornwall.....	Roanoke.....		
	Cornwall.....	Grace.....	32	22 00
Chesterfield.....	Dale.....	Trinity.....	27	15 00
Clarke.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Millwood.....	55	35 00
Clarke.....	Clarke.....	Grace, Berryville.....	110	90 00
Clarke.....	Wickliffe.....	Wickliffe.....	23	23 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Stephen's.....	51	33 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. James.....		
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Paul's.....	18	4 00
Cumberland.....	Lyttleton.....	Grace.....	27	27 00
Cumberland.....	Leighton.....	St. James.....	19	16 00
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Sapony.....		
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Calvary.....		
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	St. John's, Hampton.....		
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	Centurion, Old Point.....		
Essex.....	St. Anne's.....	Vauter's.....	28	9 00
Essex.....	South Farnham.....	St. Paul's.....	82	27 95
Essex.....	South Farnham.....	St. John's.....		
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	Zion.....		
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	St. John's.....		
Fairfax.....	Fairfax.....	Falls.....		

Report of Treasurer—Diocesan or Contingent Fund—(Continued.)

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants reported.	Amount paid.	Delinquency.	Arrears due 1865.	Amount paid for former years.	Total now due.
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. James', Warrenton.....	.....	55 00				
Fauquier.....	Cedar Run.....	St. Stephen's.....						
Fauquier.....	Leed's.....	Leed's.....	44	44 00				
Fauquier.....	Meads.....	Trinity.....	28	28 00				
Fauquier.....	Piedmont.....	Trinity.....						
Fauquier.....	Piedmont.....	Grace.....	.....	56 00				
Fluvanna.....	Rivanna.....	St. John's.....	.....	15 00				
Franklin.....	Franklin.....	At Courthouse.....	10	4 00				
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Winchester.....	149	101 00				
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	St. Thomas', Middletown.....						
	Warren county.....		37	13 00				
Gloucester.....	Abingdon.....	Abingdon.....						
Gloucester.....	Ware.....	Ware.....	65	12 00				
Goochland.....	St. James', Northam.....	St. Paul's.....						
Goochland.....	St. James', Northam.....	Beaver Dam.....						
Greensville.....	Meherrin.....	Grace.....						
Greensville.....	Meherrin.....	Christ.....						
Halifax.....	Antrim.....	St. John's.....	98	64 00				
Halifax.....	Roanoke.....	Christ.....	22	25 00				
Halifax.....	Roanoke.....	Catawba.....						
Hanover.....	St. Martin's.....	Fork.....						
Hanover.....	St. Martin's.....	Trinity.....	65	35 00				
Hanover.....	St. Paul's.....	Immanuel.....		22 50				
Hanover.....	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's.....		18 00				
Hampshire.....	Hampshire.....	St. Paul's.....						

Hampshire.....	Hampshire.....	Frankfort.....		
Hampshire.....	Hampshire.....	Zion.....		
Harrison.....	Bethel.....	Christ.....		
Henrico.....	Henrico.....	St. John's.....	104	104 00
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	Monumental.....	212	101 50
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	St. Paul's.....	372	372 00
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	St. James'.....	265	265 00
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	Grace.....	78	78 00
Henrico.....		St. Mark's.....		
	Emmanuel.....		40	40 00
Henry.....	Patrick.....	Christ.....	19	23 00
Isle of Wight.....	Newport.....	Christ.....	47	47 00
Jackson.....	Ravenswood.....	Grace.....	14	3 00
James City.....	Bruton.....	Williamsburg.....	73	44 00
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Zion, Charlestown.....	120	98 00
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Trinity, Shepherdstown.....	.....	33 50
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. John's, Harper's Ferry.....		
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Bartholomew's, Leetown.....		
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Grace.....		
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. John's, Charleston.....	40	40 00
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. Luke's, Salines.....		
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. Mark's, Coalsmouth.....		
King George.....	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's.....	.....	19 00
King George.....	Hanover.....	St. John's and Emmanuel.....	24	16 00
King George.....	Brunswick.....	Lamb's Creek.....		
King William.....	St. David's.....	St. David's.....		
Lancaster.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	44	30 00
Lancaster.....	Christ Church.....	White Chapel.....		
Lewis.....		St. Paul's, Weston.....	35	18 00
Loudoun.....	Shelbourne.....	St. James'.....	143	111 00
Loudoun.....	John's.....	Emmanuel.....	28	28 00
Louisa.....	Green Spring.....	St. John's.....	.....	13 00
Louisa.....	Trinity.....	Trinity.....		
Lunenburg.....	Cumberland.....	St. John's.....	19	16 25

Report of Treasurer—Diocesan or Contingent Fund—(Continued.)

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants reported.	Amount paid.	Delinquency.	Arrears due 1865.	Amount paid for former years.	Total now due.
Lunenburg.....	Cumberland.....	St. Paul's.....	19	10 00				
Madison.....	Bloomfield.....	Piedmont.....						
Madison.....	Bloomfield.....	Trinity.....						
Marshall.....	Trinity.....							
Mason.....		Bruce Chapel.....						
Mason.....		Point Pleasant.....						
Matthews.....	Kingston.....	Christ.....	15	.....			
Matthews.....	Kingston.....	Trinity.....						
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	Old Church.....						
Mecklenburg.....	St. James'.....	St. James'.....						
Mecklenburg.....	St. James'.....	St. Andrew's.....						
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	St. Luke's.....	16	13 00				
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	St. Timothy.....						
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	Old.....						
Middlesex.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	15	.....			
Nansemond.....	Upper Suffolk.....	St. Paul's.....	36	29 00				
Nansemond.....	Lower Suffolk.....	St. John's.....	11	.....			
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Trinity.....	74	70 75				
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Christ.....						
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Tye River.....						
New Kent.....	St. Peter's.....	St. Peter's.....						
Norfolk.....	Elizabeth River.....	Christ, Norfolk city.....	352	352 00				
Norfolk.....	Elizabeth River.....	St. Paul's.....	130	130 00				
Norfolk.....	Portsmouth.....	Trinity, Portsmouth.....	80	50 00				
Norfolk.....	Portsmouth.....	St. John's, Portsmouth.....	41	41 00				

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Northampton	Hungar's	Hungar's	75	75 00
Northampton	Hungar's	Christ		
Ohio, Wheeling		St. Matthew's		
Ohio, Wheeling	St. John's	St. John's		
Orange	St. Thomas'	St. Thomas'	84	68 50
Petersburg	Bristol	St. Paul's	253	253 00
Petersburg	Bristol	Grace	335	102 50
Pittsylvania	Camden	Epiphany	44	44 00
Pittsylvania	Camden	Emmanuel		
Powhatan	Genito	Grace	27	21 00
Powhatan	Powhatan	St. Luke's	48	53 00
Powhatan	St. James' Southam	Immanuel	25	25 00
Powhatan	King William		20	10 00
Princess Anne	Lynnhaven	Chapel	31	15 00
Princess Anne	Lynnhaven	Emanuel		
Prince George	City Point	St. John's		
Prince George	Martin's Brandon	Merchant's Hope		
Prince George	Martin's Brandon	Old Brandon		
Prince William	Dettingen	St. James'		
Prince William	Leed's	St. Paul's		
Putnam	St. Paul's	Winfield		
Putnam	St. Paul's	St. John's		
Putnam	St. Paul's	Tye's Valley		
Rappahannock	Bloomfield			
Richmond	Lunenburg			
Richmond	Farnham			
Roanoke	Salem	St. John's	43	43 00
Rockbridge	Latimer	Grace, Lexington	60	60 00
Rockingham	Rockingham	Port Republic		
Spottsylvania	St. George's	St. George's, Fredericksburg		179 00
Spottsylvania	Berkeley	Christ	17	4 50
Spottsylvania	Berkeley	St. John's	18	5 75
Stafford	Overwharton	Aquia	12	12 00
Surry	Southwark	St. Andrew's	31	31 00

Report of Treasurer—Diocesan or Contingent Fund—(Continued.)

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	Communicants reported.	Amount paid.	Delinquency.	Arrears due 1866.	Amount paid for former years.	Total now due.
Sussex.....	Albemarle.....	Immanuel.....						
Washington.....	Holston.....	St. Thomas', Abingdon.....	33	33 00				
Washington.....	Emmanuel.....	Emmanuel, Goodson.....	15	15 00				
Westmoreland.....	Washington.....	St. Peter's.....	26	12 00				
Westmoreland.....	Cople.....	Nominy and Yeocomico.....						
Westmoreland.....	Montross.....	St. James'.....		1 00				
Wood.....	Trinity.....	Parkersburg.....	60	55 00				
Wythe.....	Wytheville.....		28	.....			
Wetzel.....	Wetzel.....	St. Paul's.....						
York.....	York, Hampton.....	Grace.....						
			5,880					
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Received from Emmanuel Church, Henrico, for 1865.....					18 00			
Ephiphany Church, Pittsylvania county, for 1865.....					17 00			
Contribution from Grace Church, Ravenswood Parish, Jackson county.....					10 00			
St. Philip's (colored) Richmond.....					5 93			
Total received to 5th June, 1866.....					\$5,259 93			

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

Christ Church, Charlottesville.

Rev. R. K. MEADE, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—died 2; present number 143. Marriages, white, 4, colored 1; total 5. Funerals, white, 7. Sunday Schools—teachers 10; scholars, white, 45. Post Office, Charlottesville.

Christ Church, St. Ann's Parish.

Rev. SAMUEL RIDOUT, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—formerly reported 35; added, white, 1; total 36; removed 4; withdrawn 2; total 6; present number 30. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 2. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$136 92. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$149 00. Total contributions, \$285 92. Post Office, Scottsville.

Remarks.—Monthly services are held in a small free Church in Buckingham county, connected with which are twelve communicants; that portion of the county is in much need of a suitable Church edifice, and more spiritual privileges.

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

Rev. WM. M. NELSON, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3. Communicants—

formerly reported 22; added, white, 13; total 35; removed 1; suspended 1; present number 33. Marriages, white, 4. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$136 35. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$66 24. Total contributions, \$202 59. Post Office, Ivy Depot.

ALEXANDRIA AND FAIRFAX COUNTIES.

Grace Church, Fairfax Parish.

Rev. D. F. SPRING, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 27, colored 1; total 28. Communicants—formerly reported 57; added, white, 16; removed 16; withdrawn 2; died 4; present number 51. Confirmed, white, 15. Marriages, white, 3, colored 2; total 5. Funerals, white, 19, colored 1; total 20. Sunday Schools—teachers 16; scholars, white, 130; total 146. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$194 00. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$220 00. Objects not in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, Alexandria Orphan Asylum, \$25 00. Total contributions, \$439 00. Post Office, Alexandria.

St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.

Rev. GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 5; infants, white, 24; total 29. Communicants formerly reported say 100; added, white, 35; present number 135. Confirmed, white, 40. Marriages, white, 2, colored 1; total 3. Funerals 19. Sunday Schools—teachers 22; scholars, white, 170; total 192. Post Office, Alexandria.

Contributions—Church repairs.....	\$1,000 00
Communion alms.....	218 41
Diocesan Missionary Society.....	192 61
Aid to feeble parishes.....	64 20
Contingent fund.....	185 00
Total contributions.....	\$1,610 22

Remarks.—The attendance at St. Paul's Church has been good. A number of the members of Christ Church have been worshipping with us the past year, not having the use of their own Church. The congregation of St. Paul's Church has much to gain before its condition, in all respects, shall be as good as before the war. The spiritual condition of the congregation, so far as the Rector can judge, is as good as in former years.

Christ Church, Alexandria.

REV. C. WALKER, Rector.

This Church, like the others in Alexandria, was closed early in 1861, through the absence of the Rector, and in view of difficulties connected with a portion of the service. Rev. Mr. Wall and Dr. Packard successively occupied the parsonage, and, so far as allowed, ministered to the congregation in the Masonic Hall during portions of the years 1862 and 1863. The Church building was borrowed of the vestry by General Montgomery, commanding the post, and used as a military chapel during his administration. Subsequently it was taken possession of by General Slough, his successor, who put aside the existing vestry, and appointed one of his own selection. This vestry, under the protection of the military authority, ejected Dr. Packard from the parsonage, taking possession of that also, and put in it a clergyman of their appointment, and they, or their successors, deriving their right from the same source, now hold possession of the property.

The vestry and the trustees, to whom this property legally belongs, have endeavored, but thus far in vain, to obtain its restoration. The congregation proper, in the meantime refusing to acquiesce in the existing condition of things, are compelled to go

elsewhere for purposes of worship. It is to be hoped that this state of things will not continue.

Of course, under these circumstances, it is impossible to give any full report of the state of the congregation. A goodly portion of it still remains, exceedingly anxious to secure a restoration of their venerable place of worship. Until, however, this desire is gratified, there can be but little hope of their effective reorganization.

C. WALKER.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 15, 1866.

Report of the Rev. J. T. Johnston.

During the past year I have read prayers often, and preached occasionally. Baptised two infants—white; buried two, one infant and one adult—white; married one couple—white.

AMHERST COUNTY.

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

Rev. GEORGE A. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—added, white, 3; removed 6; present number 78. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 1.

Remarks.—The impoverished condition of the members of the Church in Amherst county, has prevented the collection of any money for Church purposes. Some will be contributed for the Contingent Fund of the Council, but only a small proportion of what is due. From the removal and death of many members, from year to year, and the inability of the few who remain to support the Church in Amherst county, it must be sustained for sometime

as a missionary field, or not at all. The Rector's only hope, under God, for the Parish, is that the convocation of South Western Virginia will extend to it the zealous and efficient aid which they have bestowed upon other regions within their bounds. With due effort the Church in Amherst may be revived and restored.

AMELIA COUNTY.

Grub Hill Church, Raleigh Parish.

Rev. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—added, white, 4; removed 7; present number 42. Marriages, white, 1, colored 1; total 2. Funerals, white, 4, colored 1; total 5. Contributions—Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church \$6 00. Post Office, Chula.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.

Boyden Chapel.

Rev. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants—formerly reported 12; died 1; present number 11. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 2. Contributions—Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church \$5 00. Post Office, Staunton.

Remarks.—During the past year I have officiated regularly every four weeks at Port Republic, Rockingham county, and at Boyden Chapel, Augusta county; but Rockingham Parish having elected Rev. H. A. Wise as their Rector, and no longer needing my services,

I resigned that Parish last March. I now confine my services to Boyden Chapel, where I officiate every two weeks.

Last September I resumed duty as teacher in the Virginia Female Institute, and still continue in discharge of the same.

Trinity Church, Augusta Parish.

Rev. J. A. LATANE, Rector.

Baptisms—adult, white, 4, colored 1; total 5; infants, white, 11. Communicants—formerly reported, 109; present number 126. Sunday Schools, teachers 23; scholars, white, 125. Post Office, Staunton.

BEDFORD COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Russell Parish.

Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—removed 8; present number 28. Contributions—Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church \$26 35. Post Office, Forest Depot.

St. John's Church, Heber Parish.

Rev. W. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 19; infants, white, 10. Communicants—formerly reported 63; removed 1, died 4; total 5; present number 58. Marriages, white, 12, colored 5; total 17. Funerals, white, 8, colored 6; total 14. Sunday Schools, teachers 9; scholars, white, 50; total 59. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$220 00. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$55 20. Total \$275 20. Post Office, Lynchburg.

Remarks.—There are a number of persons in the Parish, ready and desirous to be confirmed, and have been awaiting a visitation from the Bishop for some time. These have not been reported as additions to the communion.

St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish.

Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Communicants—added, white, 4; removed 4, died 1; total 5; present number 40. Confirmed, white, 6. Marriages, white, 2, colored 1; total 3. Funerals, white, 1. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, about \$120 00. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$48 38. Total contributions \$168 38. Post Office, Forest Depot.

BERKELEY COUNTY.

Mount Zion Church, Norborne Parish.

Rev. W. M. D. HANSON, Rector,

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 4. Communicants—added, white, 6; removed 3, withdrawn 1, died 4; total 8; present number 62. Confirmed, white, 9. Funerals, white, 5. Sunday Schools, teachers 8; scholars, white, 40; total 48. Contributions—Objects not in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$32 77. Post Office, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Trinity Church, Norborne Parish.

Rev. W. M. D. HANSON, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Communicants—added, white, 10; removed, white, 2; died, white, 1; present number 54. Mar-

riages, white, 14, colored 5; total 19. Funerals, white, 6, colored 1; total 7. Sunday Schools—teachers 12; scholars 75; total 87. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$1,010 05. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$80 59. Total contributions, \$1,090 64. Post Office, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

BOTETOURT COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Woodville Parish.

Rev. WILLIAM MCGUIRE, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 2. Communicants—added, white, 5; removed 2; suspended 1; present number 31. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers 5; scholars, white, 30. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$6 82. Post Office, Pattonsburg.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Parish.

Rev. J. H. MORRISON, Rector.

The present report embraces the period from the Council in 1864 to the present time, circumstances having prevented the rector from reporting to the last council:

Baptisms—infants, white, 14. Communicants—last reported 48, white, (though the number should have been 47); added 26; died 2; removed 4; total gain 20; present number of white 67, colored 12; total 79. Confirmations—Only 1 has been confirmed, (in

another Parish) though there would have been many others if we could have had an Episcopal visitation. Marriages, white, 6, colored 1; total 7. Funerals, white, 9, colored 5; total 14. Contributions for the past year—Diocesan Missions \$24 28; communion alms, \$27 41; Bishop and contingent fund, \$37. Post Office, Lawrenceville.

In addition to the regular services at St. Andrew's and Trinity churches, occasional services have been held at Emmanuel Church, in the neighborhood of which there are a few families very much attached to the Church.

Services are also now held twice a month in the afternoon for colored congregations, who exhibit an increasing reverence and regard for the ministrations of the Church, in striking contrast with the deportment of many of them for some time after they had acquired their freedom. The Church has a great work to do among this poor ignorant class of people, to save them from the false training to which they will be exposed, by preoccupying their minds with the wholesome and elevating truths of the gospel.

The Parish, formerly a wealthy one, is now so utterly impoverished, that it is almost useless to attempt to raise money in it for any object whatever. Apart from this, the prospects of the Church are decidedly encouraging. The strong prejudice which in years past retarded its growth, has wonderfully subsided, and the congregations are now large. An encouraging feature in the congregations is, that they are composed in an unusually large proportion of young persons of both sexes, but especially of young men, among whom it is hoped that the good seed of God's word will take root and bear an abundant harvest.

CAMPBELL COUNTY.

Moore Parish.

Rev. J. B. DABNEY, Acting Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—white 28; re-

moved 1, colored 1; present number 28. Funerals, white, 1. Contributions—Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$26. Post Office, Marysville.

Remarks.—There are several candidates for confirmation in the Parish, who will be received into the Church at the next visitation of the Bishop; that the contributions are so inconsiderable, is due altogether to the total impoverishment of the people, who have scarcely the means of purchasing absolute necessaries.

St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.

Rev. W. M. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—died 1; added 38; most of whom are persons who came into the Parish from other cures during the war, but owing to the uncertainty of their stay, have not before been entered on the register; total at present 211. Baptisms—white, infants, 8. Confirmations 14. Marriages, white, 17, colored 1; total 18. Funerals, white, 11, colored 2; total 13. Sunday Schools 2, with 20 teachers and 150 scholars; also, a free Parish school, with 20 week-day scholars.

Contributions—Communion alms,.....	\$432 08
Weekly offerings during Lent,.....	127 57
For Parish school.....	300 00
For repairs of St. Paul's Church,.....	510 70
For fitting up Grace Church,.....	381 00
Paid on two scholarships,.....	300 00
Contingent fund,.....	211 00
Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Society of Richmond,	68 30
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Contributions,.....	\$2,339 65

Remarks.—This report includes only the period between September, 1865, and the date of this Convention. On Easter day last, a new place of worship was opened within the limits of this Parish. It is called Grace Church, and is situated in a part of the city where the want of additional religious privileges has long been felt. To meet this need, this Church was begun and nearly finished at the breaking out of the war. Recently the work on it was resumed, and so far carried forward, that it was at Easter fit

for use. Divine service is held in it each Sunday evening by the Rector of the Parish. The attendance is large, and the interest manifested very cheering. With God's blessing, we hope this promising offshoot from the parent Church of St. Paul's, may before long develope into a full-grown Parish of its own, with vestry and pastor. The field around it is wide. It needs only to be faithfully worked to yield an abundant harvest. In looking back over the year past, the Rector feels that he has ample cause to "thank God and take courage."

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. Peter's and Grace Churches, St. Mary's Parish.

Rev. WM. FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; present number 47. Confirmed 3. Marriages, white, 3, colored 2; total 5. Funerals 2. Post Office, Port Royal.

Remarks.—The temporal condition of the Parish is improving, but it is still in a depressed condition. Efforts are now making to restore Grace Church to the condition it was in before the war. The families of the congregations who had been scattered over the State, have nearly all returned to their desolated homes. The attendance upon the services of the Church is now nearly as large as ever. There has been no marked change in the spiritual state of the Church, save that of an increased and earnest attendance upon her service. The village Sunday School in Port Royal has been revived under very hopeful auspices.

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

Rev. WM. W. GREENE, Rector.

Communicants—Formerly reported.....	28
Removed.....	1
Present number, white,.....	27
Confirmations—.....	6
Contributions—Contingent fund,.....	\$10 74

Remarks.—Two of the candidates reported as confirmed were of St. John's Church, Spottsylvania. I still hold services when a fifth Sunday occurs in a month, at Rehoboth, within the bounds of this Parish.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

Grace Church, Cornwall Parish.

Rev. JAMES A. MITCHELL, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 2. Communicants—formerly reported 30; added, white, 2; present number 32. Marriages, white, 1, colored 2; total 3. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools—teachers 3; scholars, white, 15; total 18. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$5 95. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$13 30. Total contributions, \$19 25. Post Office, Drake's Branch.

Remarks.—In accordance with the resolutions concerning the instructions of the colored people, passed at the last Diocesan Council, there has been organized in this Parish a colored Sunday School. The average number of pupils is 50, the number of teachers 4.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Dale Parish.

Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Present number of communicants.....white 27
 Funerals.....white 2

CLARKE COUNTY.

Christ Church, Cunningham Chapel Parish.

Rev. JOS. R. JONES, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3. Communicants—formerly reported 59; added, white, 2; total 61; removed 3, withdrawn 1, died 2; total 6; present number 55. Confirmed, white, 1. Marriages, white, 2, colored 2; total 4. Funerals, white, 7; Sunday Schools, teachers 7; scholars, white, 35; total 42.

Contributions—Communion Collections,.....	\$18 60
Repairs,.....	22 00
Contingent Fund,.....	35 00
Total contributions,.....	\$75 60.
Post Office, Millwood.	

Grace Church, Clarke Parish.

Rev. HENDERSON SUTER, Rector,

Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 1. Communicants—added, white, 10; removed 1, died 2; present number 110. Marriages, white, 3, colored 2; total 5. Funerals, white, 7, colored 5; total 12. Sunday Schools, teachers 8; scholars, white, 50; total 58. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$301 25. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$139 42. Objects not in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$31 25. Total contributions \$471 92. Post Office, Berryville.

Wickliffe Church, Wickliffe Parish.

Rev. WM. THOMAS LEAVELL, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 1, colored 1; total 2. Communicants—removed 3, died 1. Marriages, white, 2, colored 1; total 3. Funerals, white, 2, colored 2; total 4. Contributions—Contributed to Bishop and Contingent fund, \$30 00. General Diocesan

Missionary Society, \$15 00. Valley Convocation Missionary Society, \$10 00. For Public Cemetery at Winchester, \$10 00. Total contributions \$65 00. Post Office, Rippon, Jefferson county, West Virginia.

CULPEPER COUNTY.

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

Rev. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 18. Communicants—formerly reported 54; added, white, 18; total 72; removed 10; died 11; total 21: present number 51. Marriages, white, 14; colored 2; total 14. Sunday Schools—teachers 15; scholars, white, 40; total 55. Post Office, Culpeper Courthouse. The whole number of funerals, soldiers, citizens and members of St. Stephen's congregation, 490.

Remarks.—Since the year 1861 (when my last report was made to the Convention) cruel war has raged throughout this whole section of the country. The minister of these parishes deemed it to be his duty not to forsake his parochial charge in this condition of things. He had for many years been with his parishioners in their prosperity, and he could not (as he considered) in faithfulness forsake them in the time of trial and calamity, and, the more so, as for a portion of the time there was no minister of the gospel in this place to visit and comfort the sick, bury the dead, and preach the word of life to as many as were ready to hear it, and in now looking back upon that terrible period, he sees nothing to regret in the course which he then pursued, though pen cannot write, nor words utter the trials of mind and heart and the privations which had to be endured. It is a record for the great day, and not for a Convention. I record with deep sorrow (what else, "it becomes you more to think than me to speak of,") the fact, that all the Episcopal churches (three) within the lines of the Union army in this county were utterly destroyed by it, (as every other

place of worship was of every denomination), except the Baptist and Episcopal churches in this place, during the winter occupation of that army in 1863-'4. The whole country is a wide-spread desolation, as far as man could destroy. Houses that were vacant, barns, stables, fences, enclosures of grave yards, whether stone walls, brick or wood, with much of the timber, were all swept away, and the country which once rejoiced and blossomed as the rose was left a wild waste. Those of our people that remained and encountered the storm, were stripped of everything but house and land—all their horses, mules, and stock of every description, with even the poultry of the country, were swept away. Thus poor and peeled, they are now struggling for a bare subsistence, whilst those that fled and are now returned, have come to see and partake of a like destitution. But poor as we are, we hope, by the blessing of God, to be revived again. Our Church at this place, (the courthouse), through the kindness of friends abroad, is now being repaired and refitted, and, though greatly despoiled, will soon be properly habitable for Divine worship. During the whole period of the war, the Rector of these parishes, besides the duties of his special charge, was constantly occupied in the hospitals, attending upon the sick and dying, and burying the dead. The question of christian duty he regarded as paramount to all others, and he accordingly, as opportunity was given, visited the sick, and wounded, and dying, and buried the dead of the Federal as well as of the Confederate armies. Thousands upon thousands were thus visited, and many he hopes were blessed and comforted by his ministrations.

During the occupation of the Federal army, we were not permitted to occupy our Church, and there was therefore a deprivation of *public* worship for that period. We even then, however, worshipped God as the primitive Christians did in our own houses, and found prayer and praise sweet and comforting in the family circle, and never were such of the offices of our Church, as could be used, more edifying and refreshing than at such seasons. Our people have nothing now to give. We are all poor alike. The number of the buried, as reported, was, of course, mostly of the contending armies. The loss of property, the heart trials and mental anguish, we should regard as nothing, could we see a deeper tone of spiritual earnestness awaking up more generally amongst

us. There is, however, some evidence of reviving life. We hail it with thankfulness, and will rejoice when richer and more enduring blessings are poured upon us in the place of those that the hand of power has wrested from us.

It may be well to state, as a matter of Church history in the Diocese, that the churches referred to as destroyed were St. James', St. Paul's, and the Church under the pastorage of the Rev. Mr. Slaughter. St. Paul's it is hoped will be re-built; St. James' probably never will. In our present poverty, we can but hope that God, in his own way and time, and by such instruments as he may appoint, will again cause his wasted sanctuaries to be reared up amongst us.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Leighton Parish.

Rev. J. D. POWELL, Rector.

Communicants—present number 19. Marriages, white, 1. Post Office, Cartersville.

Remarks.—The congregations in this Parish are generally good, and growing in interest towards the Church. We have recently introduced into use one of Mason & Hamlin's Cabinet Organs, which adds greatly to the solemnity and beauty of our worship. The organ, together with the building of a proper recess or choir, is all the gift of a generous and devoted member of the Church. Amount of collections about \$35 00. The Rector has held his first monthly services for the colored people, exclusively, with encouraging prospects of doing something for their spiritual profit.

Grace Church, Lyttleton Parish.

Rev. JAMES GRAMMER, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 1; total 2. Communicants—formerly reported 32; removed 5; present number 27.

Marriages, white, 2, colored 1; total 3. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools, teachers 6, scholars 26; total 32.

Contributions—Communion Alms,.....	\$23 78
Collection for Sunday School Books,.....	46 25
Diocesan Missions,.....	43 46
Virginia Bible Society,.....	5 00
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Total contributions,.....	\$118 49

Post Office, Cumberland Courthouse.

DINWIDDIE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish.

Rev. JOHN. COSBY, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 5; total 8. Communicants—added, white, 41, colored 3; total 44; present number, white, 253, colored 16; total 269. Marriages, white, 12, colored 3; total 15. Funerals, white, 10. Confirmations, white, 26, colored 8; total 29. Sunday Schools, teachers 25; scholars 175; total 200.

Contributions—Contingent Fund,.....	\$259 00
Communion alms,.....	176 00
Seminary,.....	20 00
Convocation expenses,.....	21 00
Repairing Church building, about.....	300 00
Furnishing furniture &c., for Rectory, about.....	800 00
Orphan Asylum,.....	760 00
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Total contributions,.....	\$2,336 00

Post Office, Petersburg.

Remarks.—I have had charge of this Church for only six months, and this, with the fact that the building needed so much repairing, accounts for the small contribution to objects outside the Parish. We hope, this year, to do more for the Church at large.

Grace Church, Petersburg.

REV. C. J. GIBSON, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 11, colored 3; total 14; infants, white, 40. Communicants—formerly reported 325; added, white, 56, colored 7; total 388; removed 24, withdrawn 3, suspended 1, died 7; total 35; present number 353. Confirmed, white, 42, colored 4; total 46. Marriages, white, 33, colored 36; total 69. Funerals, white, 61, colored 1; total 62. Sunday Schools, teachers 50; scholars, white, 200, colored 100; total 350.

Contributions—Communion alms,.....	\$142 41
Building new Church,.....	900 00
Diocesan Missions,.....	48 44
Bishop's Fund,.....	102 50
To aid indigent soldiers,.....	50 00
Total contributions.....	<u>\$1,243 31</u>

Remarks.—The Rector is thankful to report still an encouraging degree of progress. One of the most interesting and important fields of labor has been entered upon, since our last Council, among the colored people. A Sunday School was established last October, which now numbers upwards of one hundred scholars, and a Parochial School, now ranging between sixty and eighty scholars, was opened in January by an excellent lady from the Episcopal Freedman's Commission, who, with the assistance of a daughter of one of our clergymen of the North, is doing important service in the cause of our Church among the negroes.

ESSEX COUNTY.

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

REV. H. W. L. TEMPLE, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—formerly report-

ed 84; died 2. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers 10; scholars, white, 30, colored about 100.

Contributions—Diocesan missions.....\$36 00
 Relief destitute parishes..... 57 50

Post Office, Miller's Tavern.

FAUQUIER COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Meade Parish.

Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—added, white, 10; removed 2; present number 28. Marriages, white, 1.

Contributions—Communion alms.....\$15 00
 Diocesan missions..... 15 00
 \$30 00

Post Office, Middleburg.

Leed's Church, Leed's Parish.

Rev. ALBERT R. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—present number 44. Marriages, colored, 1.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions.....\$17 25
 Contingent Fund..... 44 00
 Total contributions.....\$61 25

Post Office, Markham Station.

Remarks.—Two causes prevent the rector from giving a more satisfactory report. He has been in charge only about ten (10) weeks, and he has been unable to find the previous records, as they were lost or destroyed during the war; he is hence only able to

report the present strength of the Church, and the official acts performed by himself.

While unable to state the actual amount expended lately upon the Church and parsonage, it is but just and proper to note that both have been made comfortable.

A Bible class has been organized; also, a Sunday School at the Church. It is proposed very soon to establish mission services at two distinct points, at one of which, at least through the Divine blessing, a Sunday school will be organized.

From the causes mentioned above, it is out of the Rector's power to give more definite information on these several points. Only general statements can be made at present.

Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish.

Rev. W. F. GARDNER, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 8. Communicants—formerly reported 47; added, white, 17; total 64; removed 7; died 1; present number 56. Marriages, white, 2, colored 1; total 3. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers 30; scholars, white, 127, colored 51; total 208. Contributions—\$879 have been collected for miscellaneous objects, chiefly repairs of Church buildings; \$596 were raised mainly in Philadelphia through the kind exertions of Mrs. F. P. Wyeth and Miss Horner. Post Office, The Plains.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Franklin Parish.

Rev. JOHN R. LEE, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—last reported 10; number now 10. Contributions—Bishop's salary, \$4.

FREDERICK COUNTY.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Virginia:

The following report of my official acts during the past year is most respectfully submitted:

Baptisms—infants 1, colored 3. Marriages 4, colored 3. Funerals 10.

In addition to the duties of my school, numbering some sixty young ladies, furnishing a class of eight for confirmation when you were last with us, I have preached occasionally in Middletown; during the winter regularly on alternate Sundays in Zion Parish, Charlestown, and frequently in Smithfield. Whenever I had it in my power to do so, I have rendered assistance to the brethren of the Valley Convocation in their parochial and ministerial labors.

I must be allowed to note the increasing religious influence in the lower Shenandoah Valley, and under the gracious providence of our covenant-keeping God, to venture to hope a brilliant future for our Church in that once beautiful but now much wasted section of the Diocese.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES B. AVERETT, *Deacon,*

P. E. Church.

Winchester, Va., May 12th, 1866.

Report of JOHN B. T. REED,

Acting as Missionary around Winchester, Frederick county, Va.

I preach every third Sabbath in the month at Good Samaritan Church, six miles south east from Winchester. Prospect good. The fourth Sabbath at Corpus Valley Church, three and a half miles east of Winchester. Two other Sabbaths, wherever the door is opened to me.

Communicants—added 10. Baptisms—adults, white, 4; in-

fants 3. Confirmations 6. Marriages 2. Funerals 1. Made no collections of any kind. Distributed in tracts and relief one-tenth of my income.

The field is large, and the wants (spiritually) great. I believe our Church arrangements are adapted to the humble class of society, and will be welcomed wherever introduced. I have an earnest desire to see our Church advancing, and would gladly give my whole time in its service; but, like St. Paul, I have to labor with my hands for a support.

Christ Church, Frederick Parish.

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 8; infants, white, 10. Communicants—added, white, 34; removed 19, died 4; total 23; present number 149. Confirmed, white, 32. Marriages, white, 5. Funerals, white, 7. Sunday Schools, teachers 15; scholars, white, 65; total 80.

Contributions—Communion alms,.....	\$69 19
Diocesan Missions,.....	76 00
Contingent Fund,.....	101 00
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Total contributions.....	\$246 19

Post Office, Winchester.

St. Thomas' and ——— Churches, St. Thomas' Parish, Missionary Field and Front Royal, Frederick and Warren counties.

Rev. ROBERT M. BAKER, Missionary.

Communicants—died 1; present number, 19 in St. Thomas' Parish, 18 in and about Front Royal. Funerals, white, 2. Contributions of lumber have been made for repairing the Church at Front Royal: also, some \$60 00 in money, from home and abroad, for same object; and \$25 00 in money from abroad, for repairing St. Thomas' Church, Middletown. Post Office, Middletown.

St. James' Church, Hamilton Parish.

Rev. JAMES R. HUBARD, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 5; total 7. Communicants—white, 89, colored 7; total 96. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals 10. Sunday Schools 2; teachers 18; scholars about 90. Contributions \$202 48. Post Office, Warrenton.

Remarks.—Of the acts reported above, 1 adult baptism, and 3 funerals were performed by the present Rector, who took charge of the Parish on the Sunday next before Easter, March 25th, 1866.

The Rector reports 96 communicants, as the names now stand on the Parish register. The number of those holding regular connection with the Parish is, perhaps, not so large.

There have been several removals; and many, whose names are on the register, are not now in the Parish, and the Rector has not been able to have any communication with them.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County.

Rev. CHARLES MANN, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3. Communicants—added 16; received from other cures 17; died 2; removed to other cures 10; present number 65. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 4. Contributions—none, all in poverty. Families, in whole or in part, 38. Post Office, Gloucester Courthouse.

For Finance Committee.

Contribution,.....	\$65 00
Paid.....	6 00
Due.....	\$59 00—should be cancelled.

Remarks.—These Parishes have suffered greatly by the war, being for nearly three years within the lines of the United States troops. Abingdon was closed for a long time, and since May, 1865, but one service has been held there. Though in a ruinous condition, it may possibly be used in the summer. For the last year services have been held on every Sunday in Ware Church, and the congregations have been large and attentive. This Church was not injured, except by being robbed of its furniture and communion table. By accessions from other cures, and additions from the county, the number of communicants has been more than doubled. By the zeal and energy of a lady of great musical talent, cheerfully aided in her exertions by others, a better choir has been formed than we ever hoped to have; and the chants and singing are excellent. The future of these Parishes promises well; at present the congregations, though holding much landed property, have no income from it, and the salary of the Rector has been almost a nominal thing, and must remain so for some time. For the last year the support of the Rector and his family has been derived almost entirely from the funds placed in the Bishop's hands, and one or two clerical friends out of the Diocese, and one within it. To the Bishop and these friends, he feels most grateful; they are entitled not only to his thanks, but to those of his congregations.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Antrim Parish.

Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Communicants—added 3; removed 7; died 1—all whites; present number 98. Marriages, white, 6, colored 12; total 18. Funerals, white, 5, colored 2; total 7. Sunday Schools—white 1, colored 1; total 2.

THOMAS LEIGH, }
D. COSBY, } *Church Wardens.*

Christ Church, Roanoke Parish.

Rev. A. M. RANDOLPH, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white 1; infants, white, 4. Communicants—

added, white, 5; removed 6; present number 25. Marriages, white, 2, colored 6; total 8. Funerals, white, 4, colored 3; total 7. Sunday Schools—teachers 11; scholars, white, 40.

Contributions—Sunday School.....	\$20 00
Diocesan Fund.....	25 00
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Total contributions.....	\$45 00

Post Office, Clover Depot.

HANOVER COUNTY.

Immanuel Church, St. Paul's Parish.

Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—formerly reported 25; removed 1; added from other cures 9; present number 33. Marriages, white, 3, colored 2; total 5. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday School—teachers 10; scholars 25. Contributions connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$42 75. Post Office, Old Church.

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

Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—formerly reported 17; added, white, 1; present number 18. Sunday Schools—teachers 5; scholars, white, 22, colored 70, and 7 teachers; total 104. Contributions—Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$41 25. Post Office, Old Church.

Remarks.—In addition to the above, through the faith and energy of the ladies of the parish, \$76 00 has been collected for repairing the Church, besides the purchase of Sunday School books.

Fork and Trinity Churches, St. Martin's Parish.

Baptisms—infants 2. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals 3.

St. James the Less Church, St. Martin's Parish.

REV. GEORGE W. EASTER, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 3, colored 2; total 5. Communicants—added, white, 5; present number 27. Confirmed—white 5. Sunday Schools—teachers 8; scholars, white, 42, colored 120; total 170. Contributions—To Diocesan missions \$17 43. Post Office, Ashland.

Remarks.—I have been laboring in this field since May 1865. We are now taking the necessary steps to organize a new congregation. Since my connection with the congregation we have made some small improvements about the building, which does not belong to us, purchased a surplice and gown, and one of Mason & Hamlin's five octave double reed cabinet organs. Before very long, we hope, with the assistance of our brethren elsewhere, to erect a modest Church building.

Under the management of the energetic young ladies of the congregation, a colored Sunday School has been organized, which has rapidly swelled into proportions, already completely filling the small building in which we worship. I regard this as a work of great importance, and regret that I have not more time to devote to the spiritual wants of this portion of the community.

I have also been officiating since last October, every fourth Sunday, at Louisa courthouse, where there are a few Church people, most of whom are awaiting confirmation. Though circumstances have been unfavorable, the congregations, composed principally of Methodists, Baptists and Disciples, have been excellent.

I have also lately undertaken to minister to the congregation of Trinity Church, Louisa county, on fifth Sundays, and find them eager for the services and preached gospel, of which many of them

have been deprived for a long time. Two persons belonging to this congregation are waiting confirmation.

HENRICO COUNTY.

St. Philip's (African) Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. T. G. DASHIELL, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, colored, 22; infants, colored, 77. Communicants—present number 17. Confirmed, colored, 11. Marriages, colored, 2. Funerals, colored, 1. Sunday Schools, teachers, 6; scholars, colored, 125; total 131. Contributions \$85 00. Post Office, Richmond,

Remarks—There is in connection with this church a flourishing Parish School, numbering 225 pupils; they are taught by four teachers, who are supported by the Protestant Episcopal Freedmen's Commission. One of the teachers is a member of the congregation.

The colored population of Richmond is so very shifting that it is difficult to say what the exact number of communicants is. Though not required to do so, the members have proposed to make a contribution to the Contingent Fund.

Emmanuel Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. C. WALKER, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 1. Communicants—formerly reported 88; added, white, 5; died 3; present number 40. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 7, colored 1; total 8. Sunday Schools, teachers, 12; scholars, white, 46, colored 28; total 74. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$200 00. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$40 00. Total contributions \$240 00. Post Office, Richmond, Box 445.

Remarks.—This Parish, like many others, for a short time, immediately subsequent to the close of the war, was in a state of great depression, so much so, that it was not deemed expedient for some weeks to attempt holding services. During the latter part of the month of May, these were resumed, with a very small congregation in attendance; as, however, the numbers of the military in the neighborhood were diminished and gradually withdrawn, and the people began to feel that their homes could be left with safety, their attendance increased, and it is now very good. The Sunday School also, which had been almost broken up, has been revived, and is now in an encouraging condition.

The financial condition of the country, with the general depression incident to the same, has had its effect here as elsewhere in diminishing contributions, whether for the support of the gospel in our midst, or to meet demands from abroad. The injuries, however, received by the Church, during its occupancy by a portion of Sherman's army on their march to Washington, have been repaired, and, in other respects, it is to be hoped there are indications of improvement.

Within the past few weeks the ladies of the congregation have formed an education society subordinate to that of the Diocese, and intended to operate within the congregation for the benefit of the seminary. They have begun with a good contributing membership, and the number will no doubt be increased.

In regard to operations for the benefit of the freedmen, the Rector regrets not to be able to report any progress of a decided character. Prior to the close of the war, and in spite of its disturbing influences as it went on, there was a good congregation in regular attendance. Soon after resuming services for the whites, an effort was made to get together the colored also, and for a few Sundays with tolerable success. But the disposition to go to Richmond, only a few miles off, on Sundays, and the indisposition to listen to preaching from any but those of their own color, frustrated the undertaking. A Sunday School for their benefit has just been organized, and there are promises of full attendance. For the present, so far as this neighborhood is concerned, this seems the best mode of reaching our colored population; and bringing them under religious influence.

St. Mark's Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. T. GRAYSON DASHIELL, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 6; Sunday Schools, teachers 25; scholars, white, 130; total 155. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$120 00. Expended on Church building, \$2,700 00. Total contributions \$2,820 00. Post Office, Richmond.

Remarks.—This Church has very recently been organized, so that I have made no attempt to prepare a list of communicants.

There are two Sunday Schools, held respectively at 9 A. M., and 4 P. M. Attendance on both is good. The number of names on the two rolls is 208. Some of the pupils attend both schools, and therefore I have placed the number of scholars at 130, though, it no doubt, exceeds those figures.

The prospects of the Church are encouraging. I have entered upon my report certain amounts, contributed to the building, as they were disbursed by us, and which if not thus mentioned might not appear in the general summary of contributions for the year. The funds were, in great part, given by St. James' Church, Richmond.

There is also in connection with the Church, a well managed Parish School numbering seventy scholars.

St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. WM. NORWOOD, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, 4. Communicants—formerly reported 92; added, white, 34; removed 18, withdrawn 1, died 3; present number 104. Confirmed, white, 14. Marriages, white, 6, colored 1; total 7. Funerals, white, 12. Sunday Schools, teachers 19; scholars 130. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$222 18. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$104 00. Objects

not in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, for poor. \$111 90. Total contributions \$438 08. Post Office, Richmond.

Grace Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 4, colored 1; total 8. Communicants—added, white, 18; removed 10, died 1; present number 78. Marriages, white, 2. Sunday Schools 1; teachers 20, scholars 130. Contributions, \$663 47. Post office, Richmond.

St. James' Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 12; infants 27; total 39. Communicants—removed, died, &c., 22; added 37; present number, white, 265. Confirmed 32. Marriages, white, 12, colored 2; total 14. Funerals, white, 41. Sunday School—teachers 25; scholars 165. Contributions for all objects other than regular expenses about \$1,350. In addition to these contributions by stated collections in Church, the ladies of the Sewing Society have recently raised nearly twelve hundred dollars by a sale of useful and fancy articles, made in part by their own hands, and in part furnished by kind friends in Baltimore and Philadelphia. The money thus secured is devoted chiefly to the support of the Parish school and to the refitting of the school-room, in which a suitable education is afforded gratuitously to forty children, whose parents cannot provide for them in any other way.

The impoverished condition of this congregation (the result of the war, and of the great fire in April 1865,) is seen in our diminished contributions.

The sufferings of our people—many of whom are left without a dollar in the world—have been somewhat alleviated by the timely donations of friends at a distance, particularly in Liverpool, Georgetown and Baltimore. Had it not been for this aid, many estimable families could scarcely have escaped *starvation*. May the Lord shower down upon the kind donors his richest blessings.

St. Paul's Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, D. D., Rector.

Communicants—present number 372. Confirmations during last twelve months 35. Baptisms—infants, white, 23; adults, white, 4. Funerals 25. Sunday School—teachers 27; scholars 160; total 187. Contributions \$3,991 00.

Monumental Church, Henrico Parish.

Rev. GEO. WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, 3, infants, white, 7, colored, 1; total 11. Communicants—last reported 203; added 34; died 4; removed 19; present number 214. Confirmed 26. Marriages 2. Funerals 12. Contributions since September—Objects within the Parish \$390 00

Objects connected with P.

E. Church..... 192 50

Objects not connected with

P. E. Church,..... 122 00

\$704 50

HENRY COUNTY.

Christ Church, Patrick Parish.

Rev. JNO. R. LEE, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 1; total 4. Communicants—last report 15; added by first communion 2; added by removal 3; lost by removal 1; total 19. Marriages, white, 4; colored 3, total 7. Funerals, white, 5. Contributions—To Bishop's salary, \$28 00; of which \$4 00 are from communicants out of the Parish.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

Christ Church, Newport Parish.

Rev. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3, colored 1; total 4. Communicants—formerly reported 37; added, white, 18, colored 4; total 58; removed 3, died 1; total 4; present number 54. Confirmed, white, 19, colored 4; total 23. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 7, colored 2; total 9. Sunday Schools, teachers 16; scholars, white, 57; total 73. Total contributions, \$144 20. Post Office, Smithfield.

Remarks—Six of the persons confirmed in this Church were from St. Andrew's Church, Surry county, owing to the Bishops being unable to visit that Parish.

JACKSON COUNTY.

Grace Church, Ravenswood Parish.

Rev. T. B. MAURY, Rector.

Communicants—present number 14. Sunday Schools—teachers 7; scholars, white, 30; total 37. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$75. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$19. Total contributions, \$94.

Remarks.—This congregation has enjoyed no ministerial culture for many years. Its Church building was most shamefully desecrated by the United States soldiery stationed there during the war. But through the christian activity and kind generosity of friends of the Church, the funds necessary to repair its walls, and to paint and furnish it anew, are now in hand, and the renovation almost complete.

JAMES CITY COUNTY.

Church, Bruton Parish.

Rev. THOMAS M. AMBLEB, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 1, colored 1; total 2. Communicants—formerly reported about 50; added, white, 7, colored 2; total 9; died 1; present number 59. Marriages, white, 4, colored 2; total 6. Funerals, white, 12, colored 4; total 16. Sunday Schools—teachers 11; scholars, white, about 60.

Contributions—Communion alms.....	\$60 00.
Diocesan missions.....	10 00
Contingent fund.....	44 00
Total contributions.....	\$104 00.

Post Office, Williamsburg.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish.

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 8, colored 1; total 10. Communicants—added, white, 6; removed 12; withdrawn 6; died 3; total 21; present number 58. Marriages, white, 5. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers 6; scholars, white, 40; total 46. Contributions—Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$140 00. Post Office, Shepherdstown.

Grace Church, Norborne Parish.

Rev. T. M. CARSON, Rector.

Communicants—present number 34. Contributions—Contingent Fund, \$10. Post Office, Winchester.

Remarks.—Unable to make a fuller report, having been but recently assigned to the charge. Parish register neglected for years, and no minister to attend to its interests.

Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish.

REV. CHARLES E. AMBLER, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 6; infants, white, 7. Communicants—formerly reported 106; died 2; present number 120. Confirmed, white, 32. Funerals, white, 4. Sunday Schools—teachers 14; scholars, white, 98. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$165-00. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$110 68. Objects not in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$47 50. Total contributions, \$323 18. Post Office, Charlestown.

KANAWHA COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Kanawha Parish.

REV. WM. F. M. JACOBS, Rector,

Baptisms—infants, white 15. Communicants—added, white, 4; removed 2, withdrawn 1; total 3; present number 40. Marriages, white, 4. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools, teachers, 14; scholars, white, 115; total 129. Post Office, Kanawha Courthouse.

Remarks.—The present Rector took charge of the Parish in 1865. He found the congregation very much disorganized, and the Church building desolated, it having been used as barracks, and, subsequently, as a depository for quartermaster's stores. Every article of chancel furniture had been destroyed, the pews removed, the windows demolished, and the organ so abused, as to be almost entirely useless. By the efforts of parishioners and friends abroad, we were enabled to put it in a condition for use during the winter. We still have some funds remaining for further improvements.

The absence of the Rector, for the previous six years, together with the demoralizing influence of the war, render the spiritual condition of the Parish not as encouraging as desired.

The attendance upon the Church services is generally good, and I think I may say an increasing interest is manifested.

The Sunday School, under my personal superintendence, is in a prosperous condition, and promises to be a useful auxiliary in building up the Church.

The above report is somewhat incomplete, on account of my illness during the past two months.

KING GEORGE COUNTY.

St. John's and Emmanuel Churches, Hanover Parish.

Rev. HENRY WALL, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 3.

Remarks.—Rev. A Shiras resigned this Parish in December, 1862. Monthly services were held at King George Courthouse, by Rev. Mr. Locke, in the employment of the Domestic Missionary Board, until last September, when I took charge of the Parish. Hitherto I have been able to hold services only at St. John's Church; Emmanuel Church, Port Conway, being unfit for occupation. It has now, however, been repaired by aid of the liberality of kind friends of the Church in Baltimore and New York; and also by many personal friends of the subscriber in Alexandria, who, notwithstanding their losses, and many other calls, responded with great willingness to this application.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

The lay delegate makes the following report, viz:

The Parish was without a Rector during the greater portion of the time of the war. The vestry have secured the services of their former pastor, the Rev. Edmund Withers.

Marriages, white, 3, colored 4; total 7. Funerals, white, 4, colored 1; total 5. Baptisms, white, 10. Communicants—added 4; present number 44.

A. L. CARTER, *Lay Delegate.*

LEWIS COUNTY.

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

Rev. J. F. CURTIS, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 3, colored 2; total 5. Communicants—added, white, 14; removed 3; present number 35. Confirmed, white, 12. Marriages, white, 2, colored 2; total 4. Funerals, white, 1, colored 1; total 2. Sunday Schools—teachers 12; scholars, white, 99. Contributions—Diocesan missions \$7.

LOUDOUN COUNTY.

Emmanuel Church, John's Parish.

Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 5, colored 1; total 6. Communicants—added, white, 6, colored 1; total 7; removed 4; present number 28. Confirmed, white, 6, colored 1. Marriages, white, 1, colored 1; total 2. Funerals, white, 5, colored 2; total 7. Sunday Schools—teachers 8; scholars, white, 40; total 48. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regu-

lar expenses, \$20. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$20. Total contributions, \$40. Post Office, Middleburg.

St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish.

Rev. WALTER W. WILLIAMS, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 2, colored 1; total 3; infants, white, 9, colored 5; total 14. Communicants—formerly reported about 160; added, white, 9, colored 1; removed 4; died 5; present number 146. Marriages, white, 8, colored 2; total 5. Funerals, white, 7. Sunday Schools—teachers about 30; scholars, white, about 115, colored 20; total 165.

Contributions—Communion alms.....	\$100 16
Church repairs.....	597 00
Diocesan missions devoted to the Val- ley convocations.....	215 00
Education Society.....	44 50
Contributions to Mrs. Castleman.....	\$107 00
Total contributions.....	\$1,068 66.

Post Office, Leesburg.

Remarks.—The above report includes all the records of the Parish from the meeting of the Council in September, 1865, to my resignation in May 1866. The Rector is glad to report that the Church in Leesburg has been thoroughly repaired, and that the condition of the congregation is highly encouraging.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

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

Rev. JOHN S. HANSBROUGH, Rector.

Baptisms 3. Communicants 37. Marriages, white, 2, colored 2; total 4. Funerals 3. Post Office, Breckland.

MATTHEWS COUNTY.

Trinity and Kingston Churches, Kingston Parish.

Rev. JNO. MCGILL, Rector.

Communicants—formerly reported, 10; added, white, 5; present number 15. Marriages, 1. Sunday Schools, teachers 20; scholars, white, 170; colored 10; total 200. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$51 50. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church \$6 00. Total contributions \$57 50. Post Office, Matthews Courthouse.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Christ Church, Christ Parish.

Rev. JNO. MCGILL, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 9. Communicants—formerly reported 13; added, white, 3; total 16; died 1; present number 15. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools, teachers 10; scholars, white, 60; total 70. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$10 00. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$11 00. Total contributions \$21 00. Post Office, Matthews Courthouse.

MARSHALL COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Moundsville, West Virginia.

Rev. J. T. WOODS, Rector.

Baptisms—infants 8, adults 3; total 11. Communicants—last reported in 1860, 25; added, new, 7; suspended 7; removed 10;

died 3; present number 12. Marriages 1. Funerals 4. Sunday Schools, teachers 8; scholars 40. Contributions—Communion offerings, \$11 63.

Remarks.—One of the Wardens removed, the other suspended.

NANSEMOND COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Upper Suffolk Parish.

Rev. GEO. T. WILLIAMS, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 3. Communicants—formerly reported 25; added, white, 17; total 42; removed 4; died 2; total 6; present number 36. Confirmed, white, 12. Marriages, white, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers 6; scholars, white, 25; total 31.

Contributions—Communion alms.....\$61 45
Contingent fund, September 20, 1865,..... 9 00

Post Office, Suffolk, Va.

Remarks.—I resumed work in these, my former parishes, about the first of November, 1865, after an absence of three and a half years, the most of which time I spent in the field as chaplain of Confederate troops. These parishes having been in the occupancy of Federal troops for the time indicated, one may imagine how thoroughly they were desolated. We are perplexed, but not in despair; cast down, but not destroyed. By way of resuscitating, I have put in operation a christian school of high grade, to which I respectfully invite the attention of the Church.

NELSON COUNTY.

Christ and Trinity Churches, Nelson Parish.

Rev. T. F. MARTIN, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Communicants—formerly report-

ed 70; added, white, 10; total 80; removed 4; withdrawn 2; total 6; present number 74. Marriages, white, 4, colored 1; total 5. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools—teachers 8; scholars, white, 50; total 58.

Contributions—For purchase of cabinet organ.....	\$170 00
Diocesan missions in the bounds of the Centre convocation.....	29 52
Contingent fund, delinquency 1865.....	18 00
Contingent fund for present year.....	52 75
Total contributions,.....	\$270 27

Post Office, Tye River Warehouse.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Christ Church.

Rev. O. S. BARTEN, Rector,

The present Rector took charge of this Parish in December last; since then (five months) there have been—

Baptisms—adults, white, 7; infants, white, 20; total 27. Communicants—present number, white, 352, colored 15; total 367. Confirmed, white, 28, colored 1; total 29. Marriages, white, 5. Funerals, white, 25, colored 1; total 26. Sunday Schools—teachers 37; scholars 210; total 247.

Contributions—for the poor,.....	\$796 47
for Ladies Aid Society,.....	133 00
for Mrs. Castleman,.....	67 00
for Jackson Orphan Asylum,.....	140 07
for Diocesan Missions,.....	100 00
for general purposes,.....	100 00
for Parish purposes,.....	400 00
for Contingent Fund,.....	352 00
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Remarks.—The Rector reports the Parish in a good condition, slowly recovering from the losses and many changes resulting from the late war.

In January last a Parish School was established, which has operated with complete success. It is taught by some of the young ladies of the Parish, who render their services without remuneration. The name of over eighty children are on the list; the daily attendance averages from fifty to sixty. There is a regular service in this Parish for colored people on Friday nights.

St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth River Parish, Norfolk City.

REV. N. A. OKESON, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 43, colored 2; total 45. Communicants—present number 130. Confirmed, white, 10. Marriages, white, 11. Funerals, white, 27, colored 3; total 30. Sunday Schools, teachers 20; scholars, white, 125. Contributions—\$2,500. Post Office, Norfolk.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish.

REV. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

REV. J. H. D. WINGFIELD, Assistant Rector.

Baptisms—white, infants, 11; colored 2; adults, white, 2; total 15. Communicants—68; added 12; total 80. Marriages, whites 6, colored 2; total 8. Funerals, whites, 10. Sunday Schools—teachers 10; scholars 55; total 65.

Contributions—Communion offerings.....	\$46 85
Diocesan missions.....	32 14
Total.....	<u>\$78 99</u>

Remarks.—This report is from September last, when the extra session of the Council was held, during which time the labors of the Rector were suspended by sickness for more than two months, but he was assisted by the services of the Rev. Messrs. Marshall, of North Carolina, and Gatewood and Okeson, of Norfolk city, to

whom he feels much indebted for their kindness. This Parish is gradually resuscitating from its late prostrate condition, and by great efforts in the congregation, the vestry have been encouraged to recall their late assistant Rector, the Rev. J. H. D. Wingfield, who has kindly consented to return to his former position amongst us, and it is hoped will soon enter upon the regular discharge of his duties to the great relief of his aged and infirm father, and the gratification of his much attached congregation, though at considerable sacrifice to himself and family of comfort and emolument, and to his recent charge of profit and enjoyment. May God's blessing rest upon all concerned, and prosper our united efforts in His service.

The Council are earnestly requested to excuse the congregation of Trinity Church for not contributing the full amount required of them. They have done what they *could*.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish.

Rev. R. H. McKIM, Rector.

Communicants—present number 41. Sunday Schools—teachers 9; scholars, white, 60; total 69.

Remarks.—The present Rector assumed charge April 15th, and has therefore little to report, save that the prospects of the Church are deemed by him, in a high degree, encouraging. The spirit of the people is just what is to be desired in the present feeble state of the Church, and gives promise of good results. He trusts, also, there is a growing interest in the services on the part of non-professors.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Hungar's and Christ Churches, Hungar's Parish.

Rev. C. COLTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 1. Communicants—

formerly reported 70; added, white, 11; total 81; removed 3; died 3; total 6; present number 75. Confirmed, white, 11. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 8. Sunday Schools—teachers 8; scholars, white, 50; total 58. Post Office, Eastville.

Remarks.—The Parish is steadily recovering from the demoralization of a state of war, and, under the Divine blessing, becoming vital in every part. An organ has recently been purchased for Christ Church, and the sacred service greatly improved. Repairs have been made upon both churches, and a spirit of liberality manifested in many ways. The Lent services, in connection with those of the *visitation*, have been attended with a special blessing, and the Rector finds occasion for grateful acknowledgment to God for the degree of spirituality and zeal which appears to animate the people. The efforts of the *Lady's Beneficial Society* are especially directed toward the support of a scholarship at our theological seminary. Of the Divinity students, of the Parish, one has been recently ordained, and one is pursuing his studies at Alexandria. The Sunday School is full of promise, its library much increased, its teachers zealous in their work, and the children interested both in the course of biblical and catechetical instruction, with the monthly sermons specially addressed to them. The number of communicants exceeds that at any previous period in the history of the Parish.

ORANGE COUNTY.

St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas' Parish.

REV. RICHARD T. DAVIS, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 5; infants, white, 1. Communicants—formerly reported 13; removed 7; died 1. Marriages, white, 3; colored 5; total 8. Funerals, white, 6. Sunday Schools, teachers 6; scholars, white, 24; total 30.

Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including	
regular expenses,.....	\$62 00
Objects in connection with the Protestant	
Episcopal Church,.....	38 00
Contingent Fund,.....	68 50
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	\$106 50
Objects not in connection with the Protes-	
tant Episcopal Church,.....	10 00
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Total contributions.....	\$116 50

Post Office, Orange Courthouse,

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

The Church of the Epiphany, Camden Parish.

Rev. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3. Communicants—formerly reported 61; added, white, 4; total 65; removed 19; withdrawn 1; died 1; total 21; present number 44. Marriages, white, 2; colored 2; total 4. Funerals, white, 8. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$336 00. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$15 71. Post Office, Danville.

Remarks.—The large number of removals was not of refugees returning to their homes, but of the settled members of our Parish, whom the revulsion, arising from the late unsuccessful war, has forced to seek elsewhere the means of support. Those removals have caused the loss of nearly one-third of our communicants, and over that proportion of our congregation and of our Sunday School. The vacancies are being very slowly filled.

POWHATAN COUNTY.

Emmanuel Church, St. James, Southam Parish.

Rev. J. D. POWELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1, removed 5; present number, white, 25, colored 1; total 26. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 2. The Sunday School is just being re-established. Amount of collections \$55 00. Post Office, Cartersville, Cumberland county.

Remarks.—Attendance upon services of the Church is encouraging.

Grace Church, Genito Parish.

Rev. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Communicants—added, white, 1; removed 3; present number 27. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools, 1. Contributions—Objects in connection with Protestant Episcopal Church, \$12 00. Post office, Chula.

Remarks.—The Rector greatly regrets that so small an amount of contributions is forwarded by the Parishes under his charge. It indicates the great pecuniary difficulties under which we labor in this part of the Church; but it is gratifying to be able to believe that it is no evidence of indifference to the cause of religion, or to the institutions of the Church. What is being offered, is offered willingly, and with regret that it is so little. The congregations are generally good in numbers, and seem to listen to the word of God with interest. Though, in a depressed condition now, with God's blessing, we hope for better things.

Manakintown Church, King William Parish.

Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 20. Funerals, white, 1.

St. Luke's Church, Powhatan Parish.

Rev. LEWIS WALKE, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, 3. Communicants—added 3, removed 2, died 1; present number 48.

Contributions—Communion alms,.....	\$56 96
Contingent Fund,.....	53 00
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	\$109 96

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

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

On the subscriber's return from Texas, he resumed the charge of this Parish, (March the 1st, 1861,) which was soon interrupted by war. Since last report to this Council he has to report—

Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 12. Communicants—added, white, 9. Confirmations, white, 5. Funerals, white, 5.

Remarks.—Not accurately informed as to the present number of communicants, nor the deaths and removals during the war, believes the present number to be about 18—less than half it was in 1861.

JOHN TOWLES.

St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish.

After the subscriber's return to Virginia, he did not resume the charge of this Parish at the same time he resumed that of Leed's. He has rendered only occasional clerical services, baptized a few children, preached funeral sermons when called on, and occasionally celebrated the rite of marriage. Since the war he has preached in this Parish, in grove and in private house. An effort is being made to repair a school-house, and it is expected that regular ser-

VICES will be held in it, until some better arrangement, if practicable can be made.

JOHN TOWLES.

Post Office address, Catlett's Station.

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY.

Lynnhaven Parish.

No. of communicants.....	31
No. of confirmations.....	12
No. of Baptisms.....	3
Funerals.....	2
Contributions—Contingent fund.....	\$15 00

Remarks.—This Parish has been without a minister for eight years. I commenced work in October last, by holding a service once a fortnight at the Church in Kempsville. So far there is great cause for encouragement. At present this Parish is missionary ground.

ROBT. GATEWOOD, *Missionary.*

Post Office, Norfolk, Va.

ROANOKE COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Salem Parish.

REV. PETER TINSLEY, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 8. Communicants—formerly reported 32; added, white, 13; total 45; removed 1; died 1; total 2; present number 43. Marriages, white, 3, colored 10; total 13. Funerals, white, 5, colored 4; total 9. Sunday Schools—teachers 7; scholars, white, 30. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$45 00. Objects in

connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$50 00. Total contributions \$95 00, Post Office, Big Lick.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

Grace Church, Lexington.

Rev. W. N. PENDLETON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—formerly reported 44; added, white, 14; total 58; removed 2; present number 56. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers 8; scholars, white, 30; total 38.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions,.....	\$60 00
Contingent Fund,.....	56 00
Female Orphan Asylum, Richmond,	40 00
Total contributions.....	<u>\$156 00</u>

Remarks.—The condition of the Parish is encouraging. Services are well attended, not only by the congregation generally, but also by quite a large number of the students of Washington College, and of the Virginia Military Institute.

In conjunction with the clergy of South Western Virginia, the Rector has, this spring, aided in forming a convocation for that portion of the Diocese; and in connection therewith, has participated in services at Fincastle and Buchanan, Botetourt county. The whole movement promises to be productive of good.

MARION, SMYTHE COUNTY.

Rev. F. D. GOODWIN, Missionary.

The Church in this place has lost heavily by removals; only five

communicants are now left. Occasional services are still performed, and the hope is entertained of the ultimate success of our Church. But missionary aid is greatly needed.

SPOTTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

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

Rev. MAGRUDER MAURY, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 5; infants, white, 2. Communicants—present number 245. Confirmed 83. Marriages, white, 7, colored 1; total 8. Funerals, white, 16. Sunday Schools, teachers, 16; scholars, white, 85; total 101. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$55 00. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$105 00. Total contributions \$160. Post Office, Fredericksburg.

Christ Church.

Rev. WM. W. GREENE, Rector.

Communicants—formerly reported 17; present number 17. Confirmations 5. Marriages, white, 2. Sunday Schools 1; teachers 4; scholars 15. Contributions—Contingent Fund \$4 50.

Remarks.—For some time I have not been able to officiate in the Church building, at the Courthouse, on account of its condition. We hope, however, to have the privilege of doing so before very long. I have been holding services, however, to good congregations in the Methodist Church, and in the Courthouse. The five persons reported as confirmed, were confirmed in Fredericksburg during the recent visit of the Bishop to that place.

St. John's Church.

Rev. Wm. W. GREENE, Rector.

Communicants—formerly reported 18; present number, white, 18. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, colored, 1. Contributions—Contingent Fund \$5 75. Post Office, Lewis' Store.

STAFFORD COUNTY.

Aquia Church, Overwharton Parish.

Rev. JAQUELIN M. MEREDITH, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Communicants—formerly reported 10; added, white, 2, colored 1; total 13; died 1; present number 12. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 4, colored 1; total 5. Sunday Schools—teachers 17; scholars, white, 130, colored 20; total 167. Contributions—Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$12. Post Office, Garrisonville.

Remarks.—The Parish under my charge is now in a healthy moral and spiritual condition, and although I was not ready with a class for confirmation upon the recent visit of the Bishop, still I have well grounded hopes of a speedy accession to my members from among the adults, with whom there exists much sincere interest. My prospects from the Sunday Schools are very flattering. Through the energetic labors of an active and pious superintendent, Mr. R. C. Fitzhugh, I have gathered a large number of scholars, anxious and eager for instruction. I have a fine library for general distribution, and I trust in God through their influences, and the active labors of zealous lay members, much good may be done, and the formation of a large Church laid permanently.

The opening for our Church in this county is better than ever known before in this country. Through the mercy of God, our

Church, from its old colonial sacredness, escaped with only small injuries from the war, and being the only Church in the neighborhood uninjured, my congregations are very large, of all classes and denominations.

SURRY COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Church, Southwark Parish.

Rev. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3; total 4; added, white, 7. Communicants—present number 31. Confirmed—in Smithfield, from this Parish, 6. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools—teachers 6; scholars 27. Contributions about \$50. Post Office, Smithfield.

Remarks.—The Bishop being unable to visit this Parish, a portion of the candidates for confirmation were presented and confirmed in the Church at Smithfield in May 6th, 1866. There are several others waiting confirmation.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

St. Thomas' Church, Holston Parish, Abingdon.

Rev. EDWARD H. INGLE, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 2, colored 2; total 5. Communicants—formerly reported 26; added, white, 18; total 39; removed 6; present number 33. Confirmed—No Episcopal visitation. Number of candidates at different times, since last visitation, 25. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers 11; scholars, white, 50; total 61. Contributions—Objects within the
25

Parish, not including regular expenses, \$38 10. Total contributions, \$38 10. Post Office, Abingdon.

Emmanuel Church, Emmanuel Parish, Goodson.

Rev. EDWARD H. INGLE, Rector.

Communicants—formerly reported 11; added, white, 7; total 18; removed 3; present number 15. Contributions—Objects within the Parish, not including regular expenses, \$16 40. Objects in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$12 75. Total contributions, \$29 15. Post Office, Abingdon.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Montross Parish.

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 4; infants, white, 5. Communicants—formerly reported 13; added, white, 5; total 18; removed 6; died 2; total 8; present number 10. Confirmed, white, 3, colored 5; total 8. Marriages, white, 4, colored 5; total 9. Funerals white, 6. Post Office, Montross.

Remarks.—It is with feelings of humiliation that the Rector reports a diminution in the membership of this little Church. In proportion to its numbers, it has suffered, through the events of the war, as much perhaps as any in the Diocese. Its losses by removals and deaths, and in the breaking up of families, have been great; and the few members and friends left, have been so reduced in fortune, as to be able to contribute but little, if anything, towards its support. The Sunday School generally numbers about 30 scholars, and 5 or 6 teachers.

St. Peter's Church, Washington Parish.

Rev. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.

Communicants—formerly reported 28; removed 1; died 1; present number 26. Marriages, white, 2, colored 1; total 3. Funerals, white, 7. Sunday Schools—teachers 8; scholars, white, 40. Post Office, Oak Grove.

WOOD COUNTY.

Trinity Parish.

Rev. WM. L. HYLAND, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1, colored 1; total 2; infants, white, 37, colored 2; total 39. Communicants—formerly reported 57; added, white, 40; total 97; removed 22; withdrawn 4; suspended 7; died 4; present number 60. Confirmed, white, 5. Marriages, white, 14. Funerals, white, 20. Sunday Schools—teachers 12, scholars, white, 99.

Contributions—Contingent collections,.....	\$500 00
Alms.....	250 00
Parsonage and lots.....	6,000 00
Repairs on Church.....	1,300 00
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Nashotah Mission.....	\$43 00
Diocesan "	75 00
Education Society of Virginia.....	50 00
Rev. Mr. Maury's mission...	150 00
	————— \$318 00

Post Office, Parkersburg.

Remarks.—The above report embraces the past five years. There are other communicants residing in this Parish, but they are not reported as communicants of the same, in consequence of their having failed to place in my hands the usual certificate required by the canon. It is proper to remark, that the above report is not perhaps entirely accurate, having been made out chiefly from memory since my arrival in Alexandria. Some of the data, which were necessary to entire accuracy, having been inadvertently left at home; but I believe it to be substantially correct.

WYTHE COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Wythe Parish.

Rev. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Communicants—formerly reported 29; added, white, 1; total 30; removed 2; present number 28. Marriages, white, 1. Sunday Schools—teachers 10; scholars, white, 50; total 60.

Remarks.—This report includes the period from the meeting of the last Council in September, 1865, to the end of February, 1866, when the Rector's connection with the Parish ceased.

REPORT

Of the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Missionary work of the Diocese.

In the view of the Committee, the present missionary system is sound in theory, and, as far as it had the means, effective in working. The Bishop of the Diocese is, *ex officio*, President of the Missionary Committee, and being familiar, through his official visitations, with every part of the field, has at all times under his eye, the claims and necessities of the whole, and of the several parts. The committee at Richmond, long identified with the work, are fully acquainted with the field of operations, and zealous and efficient in the trust committed to them. The annual reports of this committee for some fifteen years, show an amount of work done, and of money wisely appropriated, which in the main, entitle the system, on the ground of practical efficiency, to the confidence of the Council and of the Diocese.

During that period, however, there has grown up in various sections of the Diocese, a missionary agency in connection with the Convocational system, which impinges somewhat upon the special functions of the Missionary Committee: so that, between the machinery of the two agencies, there is more or less friction. The Convocational system, it is believed, will continue to extend its labors from year to year, till ultimately, it will embrace a large portion of the Diocese. It is, at present, entirely *voluntary* in organization and action. It recognizes, however, to the full, its dependence upon the Bishop for appointments to its missions, and for counsel; but is not in any sense, affiliated to, or engrafted upon the Diocesan missionary organization, nor has it anything more than the general sanction of the Council of the Diocese.

MISTAKES AND OMISSIONS.

- Rev. J. T. Clarke, Talcott's.
- Rev. T. M. Carson, Winchester.
- Rev. Josiah Curtis, Weston.
- Rev. James Grammer, Cumberland Courthouse.
- Rev. Henry P. Kepler, Chester.
- Rev. A. R. Walker, Leed's Parish, Markham Station.
- Rev. Lyman Wharton, Central Depot, Montgomery county.
- Rev. James J. Page has removed to Kentucky.

NOTICES.

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Council of the Presbyterian Church, in the House of Virginia, will be on the third Wednesday in May, 1887.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF

Virginia commences the 1887-88 Session on Wednesday at 9 o'clock, and terminates the First Thursday subsequent, Wednesday in June.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
FAX 190598

—Notice.—The Session commences and terminates about the same time with that of the Theological Seminary.

Paul Miles, Theological Seminary, Foster County, Virginia.

THE VIRGINIA FEMALE COLLEGE

THE VIRGINIA FEMALE COLLEGE, Rev. R. H. DUNN, D. D., M., Principal; Rev. J. C. WATKINS, Vice-Principal. The Session of this Institution opens on the first Wednesday in September. For Registers, &c., address the Trustees, Staunton, Virginia.