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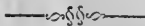
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## **List of the Clergy in the Diocese of Illinois**

*entitled to seats in the Special Convention, 1851.*

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- Right Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Robinsnest, Peoria County.
- Rev. JAMES BENTLEY, Missionary, Zion Church, Freeport.
- “ J. S. CHAMBERLAINE, Missionary, Christ Church, Limestone Prairie, residing at Robinsnest.
- “ S. CHASE, D. D., Professor in Jubilee College, Robinsnest.
- “ D. CHASE, Rector, Church of Atonement, Chicago.
- “ P. CHASE, jr., Missionary, Calvary Church, Farmington. Professor of Mathematics, Jubilee College.
- “ S. R. CHILD, Missionary, St. Paul's, Warsaw.
- “ R. H. CLARKSON, Rector, St. James', Chicago.
- “ J. W. CRACRAFT, Rector, St. Paul's, Peoria.
- “ W. CLOTWORTHY, Missionary, Preemption Prairie.
- “ J. L. DARROW, Rector, Christ Church, Collinsville.
- “ E. DE WOLF, Missionary, China, Lee County.
- “ C. DRESSER, Rector, St. Paul's, Springfield.
- “ G. P. GIDDINGE, Rector, St. John's, Quincy.
- “ B. HUTCHINS, Rector, St. John's, Albion.
- “ J. L. JOHNSTON, Missionary, St. Paul's, Pekin.
- “ C. V. KELLEY, Rector, Christ Church, Ottawa.
- “ E. B. KELLOGG, Rector, Christ Church, Metamora.
- “ W. MITCHELL, Missionary, St. Mark's, Chester.
- “ T. N. MORRISON, Missionary, Trinity Church, Aurora.
- “ S. D. PULFORD, Missionary.
- “ CHARLES REIGHLEY, officiating in Trinity Church, Chicago.
- “ JOHN SELLWOOD, Missionary, Zion Church, Mendon.
- “ C. E. SWOPE, Rector, Grace Church, Chicago.
- “ G. UNONIUS, Rector, St. Ansgarius', Chicago.
- “ A. J. WARNER, Missionary, St. Peter's, Grand De Tour.
- “ J. T. WORTHINGTON, Rector, Trinity Church, Jacksonville.
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Total number belonging to the diocese,	26
Present in Convention,	22

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*Pekin, Tazewell County,  
Monday, Sept. 8th, 1851.*

A Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, assembled this the 8th day of Sept. 1851, in the parish of St. Paul's, Pekin.

On Sunday, the day previous, the religious services preparatory to business were celebrated, according to usage, and a resolution of the Convention of 1836, recommending the same.

In the morning, Rev. D. Chase read prayers, and Rev. C. Dresser preached. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese administered the rite of confirmation; and administered the communion, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Dresser and Kellogg.

Rev. — Niglass, a Presbyterian of the Church of Rome, publicly renounced the errors of that communion, and was received as a communicant, by the Bishop, into the P. E. Church.

In the afternoon the Rev. T. N. Morrison read prayers, and Rev. S. D. Pulford preached.

The Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, Bishop of the diocese, presiding; morning prayers were read by Rev. J. T. Worthington.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the names of the clergy, from the certified list, furnished by the Bishop; when the following clergymen responded to their names, and took their seats, viz :

Rev. J. Bentley,  
“ D. Chase,  
“ S. Chase,  
“ R. H. Clarkson,  
“ W. Clotworthy,  
“ C. Dresser,  
“ J. L. Johnston,  
“ E. B. Kellogg,  
“ T. N. Morrison,  
“ C. Reighley,  
“ G. Unonius,

Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine,  
“ P. Chase, jr.,  
“ S. R. Child,  
“ J. W. Cracraft,  
“ E. De Wolf,  
“ G. P. Giddinge,  
“ C. V. Kelley,  
“ W. Mitchell,  
“ S. D. Pulford,  
“ C. E. Swope,  
“ J. T. Worthington.

There appearing a canonical number of the clergy in attendance, Rev. Messrs. J. T. Worthington, R. H. Clarkson, and T. N. Morrison, were appointed a committee on the testimonials of lay delegates; who reported, from

*Trinity, Aurora*—P. K. Rockwell.

*St. James', Chicago*—Dr. A. B. Palmer, John Rogers, S. H. Kerfoot.

*Trinity, Chicago*—Dr. David Rutter.

*Atonement, Chicago*—Isaac W. Comstock.

*St. Ansgarius',*—Andrew Thorkildson.

*Grace, Chicago*—J. W. Chickering, J. W. Duncan, T. B. Penton.

*St. Mark's, Chester*—W. R. Marlin.

*St. John's, Quincy*—F. C. Sherman, F. C. Moore,\* H. Asbury,\* and C. Moore.\*

*Christ, Waukegan*—Calvin C. Parks.

*St. John's, Lockport*—Comstock Hanford.

*St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge*—John Paul.

*Grace, Galena*—H. H. Gear,\* Frederick Stahl.

*St. Paul's, Peoria*—A. G. Tyng, J. L. Riggs,\* M. M'Reynolds.

*Trinity, Jacksonville*—Dr. B. Gillett, M. Blackburn, Samuel Markoe.\*

*Christ, Robinsnest*—H. I. Chase, C. M. Taylor.

*Christ, Waverly*—S. G. M. Allis.

*Calvary, Farmington*—William Wilkinson, H. S. Austin.

*St. Paul's, Springfield*—S. H. Treat, A. Campbell,\* J. E. Jackson.\*

*Christ, Metamora*—Eli Blakslee, John L. Miller, Lyman C. Blakslee.

*St. Paul's, Peru*—Henry Jones.

*Christ, Limestone Prairie*—John Pennington.

*St. Paul's, Alton*—John Bailhache, Charles Trumbull,\* W. H. Snyder,\* S. R. Dolbee, J. W. Schweppe, John Locke,\* U. Smith.\*

*St. Paul's, Pekin*—Ephraim Bacon,\* Albert Jones, and W. Stanbery.

\* Not in attendance on convention.



The Secretary then proceeded to call the names of the laity, when the following lay delegates answered to their names, as representatives from their respective parishes, viz :

P. K. Rockwell, *Trinity, Aurora.*

Dr. A. B. Palmer, }  
John Rogers, } *St. James', Chicago.*  
S. H. Kerfoot, }

D. Rutter, *Trinity, Chicago.*

I. W. Comstock, *Atonement, Chicago.*

A. Thorkildson, *St. Ansgarius', Chicago.*

J. W. Chickering, }  
J. W. Duncan, } *Grace Church, Chicago.*  
T. B. Penton, }

Wm. R. Marlin, *St. Mark's, Chester.*

S. C. Sherman, *St. John's, Quincy.*

C. C. Parks, *Christ Church, Waukegan.*

Comstock Hanford, *St. John's, Lockport.*

John Paul, *St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge.*

Frederick Stahl, *Grace Church, Galena.*

Alexander G. Tyng, }  
M. M. Reynolds, } *St. Paul's, Peoria.*

Dr. B. Gillett, }  
Martin Blackburn, } *Trinity, Jacksonville.*

H. I. Chase, }  
C. M. Taylor, } *Christ Church, Robinsnest.*

S. G. M. Allis, *Christ Church, Waverly.*

Henry S. Austin, }  
Wm. Wilkinson, } *Calvary, Farmington.*

S. H. Treat, *St. Paul's, Springfield.*

Eli Blakslee, }  
J. Leland Miller, } *Christ Church, Metamora.*  
Lyman C. Blakslee, }

Henry Jones, *St. Paul's, Peru.*

John Pennington, *Christ Church, Limestone Prairie.*

John Bailhache, }  
S. R. Dolbee, } *St. Paul's, Alton.*  
J. W. Schweppe, }

A. Jones, }  
W. Stanbery, } *St. Pauls, Pekin.*

There being a canonical number of lay delegates present, thus constituting a quorum in both orders, the convention was duly organized.

On motion, the rules of order adopted at the last convention, were adopted as the rules of order for the present convention.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Reighley, Johnston, and Pulford, and Messrs. H. I. Chase, and P. K. Rockwell were appointed a committee on the organization and admission of new parishes; whereupon, documents in relation to *Zion Church, Providence*, and *St. Thomas' Church, Morris*, were placed in their hands.

The Bishop then delivered the following address:

*Dear Brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ:*

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you and the Church of God!

We are met together for the purpose of electing an Assistant Bishop for the diocese of Illinois.

It is expected that some reasons should be assigned for this measure: not for the satisfaction of Illinois, but that of others at a distance, whose consent is required by our canons, before the election can be consummated.

You see with your own eyes, and hear with your own ears, the real condition we are in. Your Bishop 76 years of age—his bodily frame much injured by repeated catastrophies—his knees unable to bear him up for five minutes together without pain—his back too weak to perform its duties, except when bolstered by soft pillows—all making it physically impossible to visit his diocese of 60,000 square miles, as heretofore he hath done, even a small part of it.

He must, therefore, have an Assistant Bishop: He must have a faithful and able coadjutor in this extensive field, and to the Church of God in the Far West, this all important work.

What gives urgent importance to the necessity of having immediate assistance, is the rapidity of settlements in Illinois, especially by emigrants from our fatherland. These, mingled with many others, are spreading over our rich soil, like seed

before the sower. Many settle down in our cities, and from their conglomeration, might receive now and then a visit from an aged and infirm Bishop; but all others, from their isolated condition, must be neglected, if the Bishop cease to do the duty of a *missionary*, that the poor and destitute may "have the gospel preached unto them."—That he might not fall under the just censure of having neglected this great law of Christ, it has ever been his humble endeavour to visit, and plant the *Gospel Tree* of our primitive Protestant Church in the remotest regions of our country, both before and since his elevation to the episcopate. "From youth to hoary age," he hath, by the grace of God, acted on this principle. Many Churches, now bearing much fruit, in Western New York, can produce recorded evidence that the first seeds were planted by him from this principle, by visiting them in their humble cabins, and baptizing their numerous offspring, A. D. 1798.

Still farther distant, he was the first Protestant Minister that ever raised the standard of the Bible in Louisiana. How retarded would have been the Protestant cause if the charter of *Christ Church, New Orleans*, had not been obtained by his strenuous exertions, in the year of our Lord 1806-7.

And did not the same missionary motives, though unaided by any Missionary Society, (for at that day there were none,) actuate his bosom in being the first Bishop without a salary, to cross the Alleghany mountains, to organize the Diocese of Ohio, in 1817—Supported by the divine hand, he traversed the woods of that extensive region, gathered the lambs of Christ together, amid many wolves, with few shepherds to feed and defend them. The reward he met with is, in this statement, too irrelevant to mention. The facts bear witness to his willingness to suffer for Christ's sake, and bear the *burdens* of the Sanctuary, and the onerous duties of a missionary, with no hope of earthly reward.

The same evidence to the same truths might be deduced from his exile and lonely sojourn in the then Wilderness of Michigan. His spiritual burden was not for a moment thrown from his shoulders, as all the first settlers of Saint Joseph's country do now voluntarily testify.

And what has his life been since God by his holy providence has placed him over this diocese of Illinois? You, my dear brethren in the Lord, can bear witness. The ritual law of Moses required that the Priest should not be called to the heavy duties of the Sanctuary after 50.—He came among you after he was 60, and for 16 years he has laboured in fulfilling the duties of the Episcopal office, by endeavouring at all times to be “to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf— to feed them, and devour them not—to hold up the weak, to heal the sick—to bind up the broken, to bring again the outcasts, and to seek the lost.”

This has been his end and aim, without burdening you with any salary: but alas! he can do so ALONE no longer.

His natural force is not, like that of Moses, sustained by a continual miracle— It is “brought down in his journey and his days are shortened.”

Instead, however, of sinking in despair, he raises his head to heaven in hope—and while he throws his load of accumulating duties at the feet of a compassionate Saviour, he looks to you, gentlemen, of this Convention, for relief, in the election of an Assistant Bishop.

*Signed,*

PHILANDER CHASE,

*Bishop of Illinois.*

The following resolution was offered:

*Resolved,* That from the advanced age and bodily infirmities of the Bishop of this Diocese, it is necessary and expedient to elect an Assistant Bishop, under the provisions of Canon VI. of 1832, of the “Canons for the government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America,” and that this Convention do proceed to accomplish such an election.

The following was offered for an amendment:

*Resolved,* That a committee, consisting of three clergymen and one layman, be elected by the house, to take into consideration, and report upon, the expediency of electing an Assistant Bishop, at this time.

And also to report upon what means have been, or can be, provided for the support of such Assistant Bishop, if, in the opinion of said committee, such election is now expedient.

The vote being called for by Ayes and Noes, was determined as follows, viz :

CLERGYMEN VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Rev. G. P. Giddinge,	Rev. C. E. Swope,
“ G. Unonius.	— 3.

CLERGYMEN VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

Rev. J. Bentley,	Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine,
“ D. Chase,	“ P. Chase, jr.,
“ S. Chase,	“ S. R. Child,
“ R. H. Clarkson,	“ J. W. Cracraft,
“ W. Clotworthy,	“ E. De Wolf,
“ C. Dresser,	“ C. V. Kelley,
“ J. L. Johnston,	“ W. Mitchell,
“ E. B. Kellogg,	“ S. D. Pulford,
“ T. N. Morrison,	“ J. T. Worthington.
“ C. Reighley,	— 19.

LAY VOTES.

P. K. Rockwell, NAY, *Trinity, Aurora.*

Dr. A. B. Palmer, NAY,	} <i>St. James', Chicago.</i>
John Rogers, AYE,	
S. H. Kerfoot, AYE,	

D. Rutter, NAY, *Trinity, Chicago.*

I. W. Comstock, NAY, *Atonement, Chicago.*

A. Thorkildson, AYE, *St. Ansgarius', Chicago.*

J. W. Chickering, AYE,	} <i>Grace Church, Chicago.</i>
J. W. Duncan, AYE,	
T. B. Penton, AYE,	

Wm. R. Marlin, NAY, *St. Mark's, Chester.*

S. C. Sherman, AYE, *St. John's, Quincy.*

C. C. Parks, NAY, *Christ Church, Waukegan.*

Comstock Hanford, NAY, *St. John's, Lockport.*

John Paul, NAY, *St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge.*

Frederick Stahl, NAY, *Grace Church, Galena.*

Alexander G. Tyng, NAY,	} <i>St. Paul's, Peoria.</i>
M. M' Reynolds, NAY,	

Dr. B. Gillett, NAY,	} <i>Trinity, Jacksonville.</i>
Martin Blackburn, NAY,	

H. I. Chase, NAY,	} <i>Christ Church, Robinsnest.</i>
C. M. Taylor, NAY,	

S. G. M. Allis, NAY, *Christ Church, Waverly.*

Henry S. Austin, NAY, }  
Wm. Wilkinson, NAY, } *Calvary, Farmington.*

S. H. Treat, NAY, *St. Paul's, Springfield.*

Eli Blakslee, NAY.

J. Leland Miller, NAY, }  
Lyman C. Blakslee, NAY, } *Christ Church, Metamora.*

Henry Jones, NAY, *St. Paul's, Peru.*

John Pennington, NAY, *Christ Church, Limestone Prairie.*

John Bailhache, NAY, }

S. R. Dolbee, NAY, } *St. Paul's, Alton.*

J. W. Schweppe, NAY, }

A. Jones, NAY, }  
W. Stanbery, NAY, } *St. Pauls, Pekin.*

Congregations voting in the affirmative,	4
“ “ “ negative,	21

So the motion was lost.

A motion was made to re-consider the above vote, which was lost.

The following resolution was offered as an addition to the original resolution :

*Resolved*, That a committee of six, three clergymen, and three laymen, be appointed to report on what means have been and can be provided for the support of such Assistant Bishop.

A division was called for; and on the division being called for, a motion was made to commit the original resolution, together with the Bishop's address, to a committee, to report this afternoon; which motion was lost.

The motion then recurring upon the original Resolution, or first Division, it was carried in the affirmative, viz :

*Resolved*, That from the advanced age and bodily infirmities of the Bishop of this Diocese, it is necessary and expedient to elect an Assistant Bishop, under the provisions of Canon VI. of 1832, of the "Canons for the government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," and that this Convention do proceed to accomplish such an election.

On motion, the convention adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment: present as in the morning.

On motion, the following amendment was offered to the second division of the resolution before the house, "and report to the next convention," which amendment was accepted by the mover.

A motion was made to strike out the word "next," and insert the word "this," which motion was lost.

So the vote recurring upon the second division, as amended, it was decided in the affirmative, viz:

*Resolved*, That a committee of six — three clergymen, and three laymen — be appointed to report upon what means have been or can be provided for the support of such Assistant Bishop; and report at the next convention.

Whereupon, Rev. Messrs. Charles Dresser, J. T. Worthington, E. B. Kellogg; and Hon. S. H. Treat, Dr. Gillett, and Judge Bailhache, were appointed such committee.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Right Rev. the Bishop of the diocese, the Rev. Messrs. Dresser and Giddinge, the Hon. Messrs. Bailhache and Treat, with Dr. A. B. Palmer, be appointed a committee to agree upon, and unanimously suggest to this convention, the name of such a person as in their opinion would be suitable for the post, and secure the unanimous suffrage of this body for the office of Assistant Bishop of this diocese.

After a recess, the committee rose and reported that a majority concurred in presenting the name of REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D.

Whereupon, the name of the Rev. SAMUEL BOWMAN, D. D., was also presented by a member of convention.

The Rev. FRANCIS H. CUMMING, D. D., was also nominated.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of an Assistant Bishop.

Rev. Messrs. C. V. Kelley, and T. N. Morrison were appointed tellers, on the part of the clergy; Hon. S. H. Treat, and A. G. Tyng were appointed tellers, on the part of the laity; the clergy voting separately, and the laity by them-

selves, according to article VIII. of the constitution of the diocese of Illinois.

Upon the first balloting, the REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., was found to have received a constitutional majority of the votes of both orders :

Whereupon, the REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., having received a constitutional majority of the votes of the Convention, was declared duly elected Assistant Bishop of this Diocese.

*Resolved*, That the convention now proceed to sign the testimonial in favor of the REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., as Assistant Bishop elect of this diocese.

*Resolved*, That the standing committee be instructed to communicate the desire of the Church in this diocese for the consecration of the Assistant Bishop elect to the standing committees of the churches in the different dioceses, together with copies of the necessary testimonials, according to canon V. of the general convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inform the REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE of his election as Assistant Bishop of this diocese, and request his acceptance of the office :

Whereupon, Rev. S. Chase, D. D., E. B. Kellogg, D. Chase, and A. B. Palmer, and D. Rutter, were appointed said com.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the pastor and congregation worshipping in this house, for the use of the same.

The Convention then proceeded to sign the canonical testimonial in behalf of the REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., Assistant Bishop elect; which testimonial was signed by a constitutional majority of the clergy and lay delegates composing the Convention.

After some appropriate collects, the benediction was pronounced by the Bp., and the convention adjourned *sine die*.

PHILANDER CHASE,

*Bishop of P. E. Church in Illinois.*

SAMUEL CHASE, *Secretary of convention.*



## APPENDIX.

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TESTIMONY FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT PEKIN, ON MONDAY 8TH OF SEPT., 1851, RECOMMENDING THE REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., OF NEW YORK, FOR CONSECRATION TO THE OFFICE OF BISHOP.

We, whose names are undersigned, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion or for viciousness of life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office. We do moreover jointly and severally declare that we do in our conscience believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the office of a Bishop, to the honor of God and the edifying of His Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

### CLERICAL MEMBERS.

James Bentley,  
J. S. Chamberlaine,  
Dudley Chase,  
P. Chase, jr.,  
Samuel Chase,  
Stephen R. Child,  
Robert H. Clarkson,  
J. W. Cracraft,  
William Clotworthy,  
Erastus De Wolf,

Charles Dresser,  
John Lloyd Johnston,  
Charles V. Kelly,  
E. B. Kellogg,  
Wm. Mitchell,  
T. N. Morrison,  
S. D. Pulford,  
Charles Reighley,  
John T. Worthington.

## LAY DELEGATES.

- P. K. Rockwell, *Trinity, Aurora.*
- B. Gillett,  
Martin Blackburn, } *Trinity, Jacksonville.*
- John Rogers,  
A. B. Palmer, } *St. James', Chicago.*
- D. Rutter, *Trinity, Chicago.*
- Calvin C. Parks, *Christ, Waukegan.*
- A. G. Tyng,  
M. M' Reynolds, } *St. Paul's, Peoria.*
- Isaac W. Comstock, *Atonement, Chicago.*
- W. R. Marlin, *St. Mark's, Chester.*
- S. G. M. Allis, *Christ, Waverly.*
- Comstock Hanford, *St. John's, Lockport.*
- John Paul, *St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge.*
- Frederick Stahl, *Grace, Galena.*
- H. I. Chase,  
C. M. Taylor, } *Christ, Robinsnest.*
- H. S. Austin,  
Wm. Wilkinson, } *Calvary, Farmington.*
- S. H. Treat, *St. Paul's, Springfield.*
- Eli Blakslee,  
John L. Miller,  
Lyman C. Blakslee, } *Christ, Metamora.*
- Henry Jones, *St. Paul's, Peru.*
- John Pennington, *Christ, Limestone Prairie.*
- John Bailhache,  
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J. W. Schweppe, } *St. Paul's, Alton.*
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W. Stanbery, } *St. Paul's, Pekin.*



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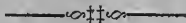


## NOTICES.

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☞ The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, will be held at PEKIN, in Tazewell co., on the First Monday after the 15th of June, 1852.

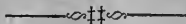
SAMUEL CHASE,  
*Sec. of Convention.*



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