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RUSHVILLE, SCHUYLER COUNTY,

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LIST  
OF  
*The Clergy in the Diocese of Illinois.*

- Rt. Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the diocese of Illinois, and residing at Robins' Nest, Peoria county.
- \*Rev. DUDLEY CHASE, residing at Jubilee college, Peoria county.
- Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, residing at Jubilee college, Peoria county.
- Rev. JOSEPH L. DARROW, Collinsville, Madison county.
- Rev. JAMES DE PUI, minister of Grace church, Galena.
- Rev. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, minister of Christ church, Tremont.
- Rev. CHARLES DRESSER, pastor of St. Paul's, Springfield.
- †Rev. ERASTUS DE WOLF, minister of Christ church, Palestine Grove.
- Rev. GEORGE P. GIDDINGE, minister of St. John's, Quincy.
- Rev. ISAAC W. HALLAM, rector of St. James', Chicago.
- Rev. WILLIAM G. HEYER, minister of Trinity church, Jacksonville.
- †Rev. BENJAMIN HUTCHINS, minister of St. John's, Albion.
- †Rev. TIMOTHY MINOR.
- Rev. JOHN SELLWOOD, missionary, residing in Mendon, Adams county.

\* Ordained during convention.

† Not present at convention.

# JOURNAL.

## RUSHVILLE, SCHUYLER COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Illinois assembled according to appointment this 6th day of June, 1842.

On Sunday, the day previous, the religious solemnities preparatory to business were celebrated according to usage. In the morning the Rev. Mr. Dresser read prayers, and the Bishop preached, confirmed, and administered the communion, assisted by Rev. Mr. Dresser. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Heyer read prayers, the Bishop baptized, and Rev. Mr. Giddinge preached. In the evening Rev. Mr. Douglass read prayers, and Rev. Mr. Hallam preached.

### MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., Bishop of the diocese, presiding. Morning prayer was read by Rev. Samuel Chase, and the Bishop delivered his address. (See appendix.) The following clergymen, canonically resident in the diocese and entitled to seats in convention, were present :

Rev. Samuel Chase,	Rev. William Douglass,	Rev. Isaac W. Hallam,
“ Joseph L. Darrow,	“ Charles Dresser,	“ William G. Heyer,
“ James De Pui,	“ George P. Giddinge,	“ John Sellwood.

Rev. Messrs. De Wolf, Hutchins and Minor, were not present.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Dresser and De Pui were appointed a committee on testimonials of lay delegates ; who reported

From St. Paul's Church, Springfield,	Dr. C. F. Hughes,
“ St. John's Church, Quincy,	Mr. Francis C. Moore,
“ Christ Church, Rushville,	Mr. John T. Worthington,
“ “ “ “	J. J. Hinman,
“ Zion Church, Mendon,	Mr. George Bywater,
“ “ “ “	Levi Stillman,
“ Christ Church, Robin's Nest,	Mr. Dudley Chase,
“ “ “ “	Dr. F. Southgate,

as having presented certificates of election duly authenticated according to the canon in such case provided.

On motion the report was accepted, and the above named persons, answering to their respective names, were declared members of this convention.

On motion, Rev. Samuel Chase was duly elected secretary.

The following resolution was offered and laid upon the table, to be called up on a future day :

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of a support for the Bishop of the diocese.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Hallam and Douglass were appointed a committee to audit the treasurer's account.

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

MONDAY, 3 P. M.

Convention assembled according to adjournment; present as in the morning.

On motion, resolved that the convention now proceed to an election of standing committee for the year 1842-3; whereupon were elected of the clergy, Rev. Messrs. S. Chase and Dresser; of the laity, Judge Treat and John T. Worthington, Esq.

The committee on the treasurer's account reported that they had examined the same, and find it correct, with a balance in favor of the treasurer of \$3 62; which report was accepted.

On motion, Rev. I. W. Hallam and Francis C. Moore were appointed a committee to assess the parishes for the contingent expenses of the convention for 1842, and liquidation of debt of 1841.

The parochial reports were then read by the Bishop and ordered to be inserted in the journal. (See appendix.)

The committee on assessment of parishes reported that Christ Church, Robin's Nest—St. Paul's, Springfield—St. John's, Quincy—St. James's, Chicago—Trinity Church, Jacksonville—Zion Church, Mendon—Christ Church, Rushville—Grace Church, Galena—and Christ Church, Tremont, be assessed each \$5; which reported was accepted, and the parishes accordingly assessed.

On motion, resolved that the convention proceed to the election of delegates to the next ensuing general convention: whereupon were appointed, of the clergy, Rev. Messrs. S. Chase, Dresser, Giddinge and Hallam; of the laity, Messrs. Francis C. Moore, John H. Kenzie, Thomas Houghan, and Dr. Jillett,—the election by ballot having been unanimously dispensed with.

The resolution calling for a committee upon the subject of the support of the episcopate was taken up: whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Dresser and Hallam, together with the lay members of the convention, were appointed said committee.

On motion, resolved that the next ensuing annual convention be held at Quincy.

On motion, the following amendment to the constitution was proposed and approved:—that the second article be amended by inserting after the word "year," the words "or such time."

On motion, the convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8½ o'clock, A. M.

During the evening divine services were celebrated. Rev. Mr. Dresser read prayers, and Rev. Mr. De Pui preached.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK.

Convention met according to adjournment; present as yesterday.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Dresser and De Pui were appointed a committee on admission of new parishes into union with the convention; who reported no parishes as having complied with the requisitions of the canon determining the mode of admission, and recommended that the secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the canons to each of the several parishes applying for admission: which report was accepted.

On motion, the resignation of John T. Worthington as a member of the standing committee was accepted, and Dr. Thomas Houghan was appointed in his stead,—the vote by ballot having been unanimously dispensed with.

On motion, Mr. Thomas L. Bennett was unanimously elected treasurer of the convention.

The committee on the support of the Episcopate reported as follows:—In our view it is obviously a duty incumbent on all Episcopalians to sustain the Episcopate at home and abroad. We regret our ability to do this to the full extent of the just claims of our diocesan on the Church, and that applications to the Board of Missions to supply our lack of ability have been ineffectual. We doubt not that every member and friend of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Illinois will cheerfully give of their substance to the support of the Bishop in his labors of love and duty, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Rectors and Missionaries, or, where there is no Rector or Missionary, the Wardens of the several parishes, be required annually, on or before the first of January, to receive contributions, by public collections or subscriptions, and forward the same to the treasurer of the convention, subject to the order of the Bishop, for his own use and benefit, and that the treasurer report annually to the convention.

In behalf of the committee,

CHARLES DRESSER, F. C. MOORE.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution therein recommended was adopted.

The standing committee reported that they have signed the usual testimonials in favor of Mr. Dudley Chase and Dr. F. Southgate as candidates for orders; they have also signed the requisite testimonials in behalf of Mr. Dudley Chase, recommending him to the holy order of Deacons.

On motion, the convention adjourned for divine service.

During the interval of adjournment Mr. Dudley Chase, son of Bishop Chase, was admitted to the holy order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by Rev. Samuel Chase; Rev. Mr. Dresser preached the sermon; and Rev. Mr. De Pui read prayers. The rite of confirmation and sacrament of baptism were also administered.

On motion, resolved, in accordance with the suggestion of Mr. John T. Worthington, speaking in behalf of the parish in Rushville, that the occasional prayer set forth by the Bishop at the last convention be continued, and with express reference to the destitution of the parish in Rushville.

On motion, resolved that the secretary cause to be printed the usual number of copies of the journal, and that he distribute them as heretofore.

On motion, after some appropriate collects and the benediction by the Bishop, the convention adjourned *sine die*.

PHILANDER CHASE, Bishop of Illinois. }

SAMUEL CHASE, Secretary of convention.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Charles Dresser  
Rev. Samuel Chase

Judge Samuel H. Treat  
Dr. Thomas Houghan

## APPENDIX.

### THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

#### BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY :

By the grace of God I have during the past year endeavored to discharge faithfully my duties as a pioneer missionary, as a diocesan bishop, and as a parish minister.

In neither of these capacities have I received any salary, except five dollars from Ebenezer Moore, Esq. of Quincy; five dollars from Henry S. Austin, Esq. of Farmington; and two dollars forwarded to me from the congregation of Episcopalians at Albion. My expenses have been paid from my own funds and from donations of persons a great way off. I have never, however, appropriated any presents to my own use, without making myself debtor for the same on the books of Jubilee college, except in a few cases where it has been specifically desired to the contrary. My available means of living have thus been nearly exhausted.

Every parish except two I have visited during the past year, and in many other places have I preached in my travels. The whole number of times is 157, besides private lectures and exhortations. I have met with uniform kindness wherever I have officiated, and have no doubt the true reason why my people do not give support to their affectionate bishop is their want of ability. My greatest grief is in witnessing the spiritual destitution of those whom God hath committed to my care. The harvest of immortal souls is truly great, but there are few laborers to put in the sickle;—except here and there one, and he wearied and worn down with toil: and but for some glimmerings of hope of clergy from “the sons of the soil,” all is waste. The fowls of the air catch away the good seed as soon as it is sown, and the wild boar of the forest rooteth up the harvest.

But I am stopped in the delineation of our woes by the appalling consideration that the more we speak of the hardships and difficulties of our condition, the less are our young soldiers of the Cross inclined to come over the mountains and help us. This is a severe reflection on our manner of training candidates for the ministry, as well as on the prevailing laxity of principle which

produces it. But it is no more severe than true ; and the whole truth *should* be said by some one when the honor of God and the good of men's souls so evidently require it. If our Church claim the character of being *primitive*, let her prove the justness of her pretensions by manifesting primitive zeal. By her own consent she is recorded, before men and angels, as a "Missionary Church:" but where, oh ! where is the *spirit of missions*? Is her soul infused into the hearts of all our brethren? Alas ! alas ! her name is *printed* only in a *little book*. Few parents think even of the duty of training their talented sons for the ministry. Worldly professions hold out better prospects. Query: Have they been realized lately? Far from it. God is angry with them for their covetousness, and sends leanness in our land, and confusion in our public councils. Again ; does the *spirit of missions* enter into the hearts of our young men when leaving our seminaries, as it figured in their speeches of self-devotion when pursuing their studies? Few of these are *sent* westward, and many that come are careful to *secure* a retreat back again ; and those that are *sent*, that is, forced to come, in all propriety ought to be *sent* back again, to learn lessons of modesty and self-denial. To these remarks there are many honorable exceptions. The brethren now before me, with many others, and especially the Wisconsin mission, are among them. This latter, if I am rightly informed, gives us reason to wish there were many such in the western land.

My labors during the past year, to get mine own living and to build up the institution of Jubilee college and its female department, have been too onerous for my declining years. Yet my Sunday services in dispensing the word and sacraments, at home in Jubilee chapel, have never been remitted when health would allow. The number of communicants who regularly receive the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper in this parish is now rising of 70, which circumstance affords a proof of the wisdom of establishing the Church, irrespective of villages, in some central point of every county, while the country is settling, as a fold wherein to gather the flock of Christ. The donors of Jubilee college have, in this view of the subject, great reason to rejoice for the good it hath done in sustaining the gospel in its most apostolic form. Had it not thus been, the parish worshipping at Jubilee would never have existed. They would have been, as many others are, scattered ; and thus, for want of the means of grace, we fear lost forever.

Thus evidently the establishment of Jubilee college becomes a part and parcel of the missionary cause ; and to cherish it by sustaining its founder, is not "a violation of the constitution of our Missionary Church." In sober truth it is asked, Is not Jubilee college highly conducive to the prosperity of the Church in Illinois? If this be answered in the affirmative, why starve the

founder of it to death? Or if as yet he retain his vital breath, why drive him to despair by giving him reason to wish that God would see fit to take him from an ungrateful world?

But Jubilee college is doing good in another respect. She is raising up ministers of the gospel, we trust rightly instructed in God's word. Two candidates have already passed their first and second examinations with success; the one a brother of our missionary Southgate, the other my son. The number of young men looking to the ministry, among the students in general, is not yet known. Three only have declared their intention to pursue the studies which lead to holy orders. May God incline the hearts of others to do his will; that so, "workmen needing not to be ashamed" may be sent forth into the spiritual fields now whitening unto harvest.

There are circumstances which make it my duty, at this time of addressing the diocese, to call the attention of the parishes to the canons of the Church which make it unlawful to accredit persons passing themselves as clergymen of the Episcopal Church, without having first examined their credentials. These are the 31st and 36th of 1832, and canon 7th of 1841. These will be strictly enforced.

I have consecrated during the past year but one Church, situate in Collinsville, Madison county. The land on which it is built was given by the Rev. Dr. Darrow, and the funds were collected chiefly by himself. May God bless and prosper him for Christ's sake!

I have baptized during the past year 47, and in various places confirmed 81 persons. The number of times I have administered the sacrament nearly equals the Sundays in the year.

The Rev. A. H. Cornish has left us. Being appointed to attend the general convention, I saw him in New-York, and at his request, after the sessions of that body had closed, gave him letters demisory.

The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins has again taken up his residence among us, and is fixed with good hopes of success at Albion.

The Rev. William W. Bostwick signifying to me his willingness to come over the mountains to Illinois, I nominated him to the appointment of a missionary, leaving at his option the place or places where to labor. The committee appointed him accordingly; and I hope soon to have the pleasure of welcoming to my diocese, in old age, one whom, while I was a missionary in Auburn, N. Y.,—then a wilderness,—I admitted, when a child, to the Church by holy baptism.

My address to the convention of last year closed with my answer to Bishop Kenrick, of the Romish communion, who had told us in his letter addressed to each of our Bishops, that we must all give in our allegiance to the Pope, or expect our ranks to be thinned, and we left as officers without soldiers, in a pitia-

ble condition. A year has elapsed, and there are no signs of the fulfilment of the threatened evil. The mountain groaned, and not even a mouse has crept forth. The more our people read, the more averse they seem to all papal usurpations and the corruptions of doctrine by modern Rome. As in nature the agitation of the waters serves to purify the stream, so discussion, in matters spiritual, causes us to throw off errors. The Jesuits were more successful in propagating Popery in the western country before than since the late call of the public mind to the reasons and causes of the Reformation. Let in the light, and darkness will vanish.

Our Bishops as a body, exemplified in the last general convention, are quite unanimous. Their pastoral letter, indited by the good and venerable Bishop Griswold, received by acclamation the suffrage of all his brethren, and by them was set forth for general reading. This letter is most felicitous in its illustrations and distinctions of truth from error, and, by the blessing of God, will remove many prejudices and reconcile many to the gospel doctrines as set forth in our formularies. It is equally removed from popish and sectarian errors, and is recommended to be read by all inquirers for the truth.

By these allusions to what passed in the House of Bishops at the last general convention, I am reminded of an event since we parted most heart-stirring to us all, and especially to myself. I mean the removal by death of the Rt. Rev. RICHARD CHANNING MOORE, Bishop of Virginia, to a world of spirits. We parted at New-York in mutual love, he to Virginia and I to Illinois; and while on my journey, at Cincinnati, the public newspapers announced that he was no more. What a *memento mori* this to those who stand nearest him in age and office in the spiritual army of the Lord! That this warning *to be also ready*, may have its due effect on me, I beg your fervent prayers. I shall see Bishop Moore's face no more here on earth: May God, for Christ's sake, make me worthy to meet him in future blessedness.—Amen and amen.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROBIN'S NEST—REV. SAMUEL CHASE, *Rector*.

Reports that in addition to the assistance which he has rendered in celebrating service and preaching in the chapel of Jubilee college, he has preached frequently in Peoria, Farmington and Charleston; in each of which places the congregations have been large and seemingly attentive. At Farmington some disposition is evinced to procure a lot and ultimately to erect a church. At the chapel of Jubilee college the congregations are increasing, and attachment to the church and its ordinances more manifested. Baptisms 14, confirmations 6, communicants 74.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, CHICAGO—REV. ISAAC W. HALLAM, *Rector*.

The arrangement mentioned in my last report for liquidating the church debt has been effected, and I am able to state that we are now free from pecuniary embarrassment. A marble font, on a mahogany pillar, one of the many offerings to the house of the Lord by the sewing society, has also been recently placed in the church. The plan of systematic charity has been adopted with some success, though we have reason to feel humbled that it has not been greater. In place of other weekly services, the days appointed by the church for public prayer have been observed with interest and profit to those who have encouraged, by their attendance, this effort to return to "the old paths." Religion is not altogether banished from among us by "the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches." Some are contemplating—a few have chosen it as "the better portion which can never be taken from them." Baptisms during the year, infants 35, adult 1; confirmed 20; communicants removed 8, added 24, present number 79; burials 9; marriages 9.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, QUINCY—REV. G. P. GIDDINGE, *Rector*.

Reports that besides the services at Quincy, he has preached at Columbus twice, Mendon once, Rushville three times, Warsaw eight times, twice in Burlington (Iowa), eighteen times at Palmyra (Mo.), and thirty-two times while on a visit to his friends in Maine. When he took charge of the parish there were,—communicants 18; added 15, removed 5; present number 28; baptized, adults 2, children 8; marriages 7; burials 4.

GRACE CHURCH, GALENA—REV. JAMES DE PUI, *Rector*.

My visit to the east rendered it impossible for me to attend the last convention of the diocese. I did not return to my congregation until August, owing to illness, chiefly the effects of injury and exposure on the night wherein the building in which I was dwelling was consumed by fire.

I have the satisfaction to report that the congregation of Grace church has been gradually increasing. During the last summer our place of worship was enlarged as much as the space of our lot would permit. The addition consisted of twelve pews, making now the whole number of pews 36, and there is now further demand for more. With very few exceptions I have preached twice on every Lord's day, and one evening in the week I give my attention to a Bible class. On a few occasions I have preached in the country. The communicants number 29; baptisms 20, (19 infants and 1 adult); marriages 4; funerals 2. The Sunday school numbers 50 scholars and 9 teachers.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD—REV. CHARLES DRESSER, *Rector*.

Since the last convention I have performed divine service in

Springfield and preached 78 times, and in seven other places once or more each (in all 18 times), exclusive of services performed at various places out of the diocese during an absence of seven weeks last fall. I have also officiated at six funerals and solemnized one marriage. The number of baptisms registered has been 18, of which 4 were adults: 18 persons have likewise been confirmed: 13 new communicants have been added: by removal we have lost 2 and gained 2: whole number of communicants properly under my care, in town and country, about 50. Incipient measures have been taken towards the erection of a substantial church, and some liberal subscriptions promised.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ALBION—REV. BENJAMIN HUTCHINS, *Rector*.

I inclose the charter of incorporation of St. John's Church, Albion, adopted Easter Monday last. This congregation has succeeded to the name and position of St. John's Church in this place, created many years ago, on occasion of the visit of the Rev. Mr. Baldwin to Illinois, under the auspices of the then Missionary Society of our church. The old vestry having all died but one, and no services following on that organization, which I believe took place about the year 1825, it was considered dissolved, and consequently the present reorganization became necessary. The names of the vestrymen will be seen from the charter. Since their election, Henry J. Hutchins and Joseph Williams have been chosen wardens, and the Rev. B. Hutchins rector. With a subscription of \$700 and upwards, measures are in operation for the building of a church. A lot has been given by Mr. George Flowers, and a deed made out conveying the same to the bishop and his successors, the rector, church wardens and vestrymen of St. John's church, Albion, and their successors forever. Contracts for the work have already commenced.

Baptisms of infants 16; confirmed (adult) 1; marriage 1; burials 2; communicants 10.

CHRIST CHURCH, COLLINSVILLE—REV. J. L. DARROW, *Rector*.

Since the session of the last convention I have been regularly officiating at my station in Collinsville and vicinity, preaching usually on Lord's day twice, and holding a service on Wednesday evening most of the year. I have baptized four infants and added to the communion five adults, of whom two have removed. One very worthy communicant has, I confidently believe, gone to join the church triumphant. Some others have removed so far as very rarely to be in attendance. We number in the list of communicants, in Edwardsville, Marine, Collinsville and vicinity, including some near Lebanon, 21. We have this spring commenced a Sunday school at Collinsville, which, though containing but about 15 scholars, promises to aid much in the permanent establishment of the church in the village. In Marine our congrega-

tions are usually as large, as can comfortably be seated in the house we have to worship in—sometimes larger. In Edwardsville circumstances have tended to retard the prosperity of the church for some time past; but I sincerely hope the difficulties will ere long be removed. A distressing and protracted affection of my eyes has for several months interrupted my usual mode of preaching written discourses, obliging me for the most part to preach extempore; but by the blessing of God I have now nearly recovered. In addition to the above services I have preached once in Hillsborough and once in Audebon. Here a strong desire is felt for the services of our church, one gentleman offering to give a missionary his board if one can be obtained. I have attended two funerals; one has been confirmed; and at the late visit of our bishop, our church was consecrated to the services of Almighty God.

TRINITY CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—WILLIAM GRANT HEYER, *Rector*.

I took charge of this church in August, 1840, at which time there were about twelve families attending the services, of whom seven persons were communicants. Since that time 17 have been added, making in all 24. Of these, 7 have removed, leaving the present number 17. In July, 1841, 7 persons were confirmed by the bishop. There have been 21 baptisms, 6 of which were adults. Two of the infants were baptized by the bishop. Marriages 5; burials 4. There are now attending upon the services of the church about 18 families. In the Sunday school there are about 20 scholars; teachers 5. It is expected that at the next visit of the bishop a class will be presented for confirmation.

CHRIST CHURCH, TREMONT—REV. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, *Missionary*.

After the adjournment of last convention, until October 24th, I officiated alternately at this place and Pekin. Being then deprived of the room in which the small congregation at Pekin assembled to worship, and no other convenient place being provided, I have since devoted the other half of my time to a few Episcopal families living by Farm creek, near Washington, in this county, and 12 miles from Tremont. The congregation meets in a private dwelling, a comfortable log house, which is generally filled with (I hope sincere) worshippers. In this house I have baptized seven children and one adult, who has since been confirmed by the bishop, and added to the list of communicants. At Pekin I baptized one infant, solemnized five marriages, and attended one funeral. At Tremont I have baptized eight infants, married six couple, and interred one infant. In this congregation two have been confirmed and added to the number of communicants. Besides the above I have visited the colony at Delavan twice, conducted the service and preached a sermon each time, also baptized one infant. In Washington I have preached four

times; also attended one funeral and preached on the occasion at Mud creek. Number of baptisms in all 18, confirmed 3, marriages 11, deaths 3: communicants in my mission, 5 being added and 1 deceased, 25.

WESTERN DISTRICT—JOHN SKILLWOOD, *Itinerant missionary.*

In the three counties of Pike, Adams and Hancock, included in my district, I preach in thirteen different places; the number of families belonging to our church in those places between 20 and 30; baptisms, 10 infants and 1 adult; confirmed 13. One communicant has died at Columbus, and one new one added from the congregation; one has also been added at Fall creek, and two at Mendon, one of them received from the Congregationalists; present number of communicants 42. During the last twelve months I have traveled, for the purpose of preaching the gospel, between three and four thousand miles, and have preached 157 times. The number of persons attending divine worship at the various places where I preach, and under different circumstances, vary from 20 to 200. In one or two places in my district the prospects of our church are encouraging, but in the greater portion there is at present but little of interest.

CHRIST CHURCH, RUSHVILLE.

The senior warden of this parish offers the following informal report:—

This parish has not been under the care of any clergyman since the removal of the Rev. James Young in 1838. Since that time it has had no lay services, nor clerical save from the occasional visits of the bishop and other clergymen. Some of its members have removed; some have joined other denominations; but what was yet more unfortunate, a desponding gloom had pervaded the remaining members and friends of the parish. Yet amid all embarrassments it has been preserved in existence. What though its hands were extended and voices raised in constant supplication, though vain, for human aid; yet God heard its cries, and under his favor its prospects are no less cheering now than they have been at any previous period, save one, of its existence.

The parish register shows three infant baptisms by Rev. G. P. Giddinge in 1840; one adult and one infant baptism by Rt. Rev. P. Chase in June 1841; one adult and five infant baptisms by the same on the 5th June 1842, and two confirmations on the same day; on the day following, one adult baptism and three confirmations by the same. On the 7th June, one infant baptism by Rev. C. Dresser; on the 12th, four adult and four infant baptisms by Rev. G. P. Giddinge, and three other persons, previously baptized, taken into the church by the same; and on the 13th, two adult and one infant baptism by the same. In all, 9 adult and 15 infant baptisms, and 5 confirmations.

At the convention of 1841 this parish had but one lay delegate (no clerical), because it had but one male communicant : now it has seven male communicants ; the number of female not certainly known, but believed to be at least 12 ; candidates for confirmation 9. It has a consecrated chapel, under mortgage for a small debt to a benevolent society in New-York, who, although it was long since due, have never demanded it. This is a simple statement of facts. It will go abroad to the world. May it reach the heart of some pious, active clergyman, who will come immediately to our aid. JOHN T. WORTHINGTON, senior warden.

#### ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

<i>Locations.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Bap- tisms.</i>	<i>Confir- mations.</i>	<i>Commu- nicants.</i>	<i>A. D.</i>
Robin's Nest,	Christ church,	Bishop Chase,	14	6	74	1842
Tremont,	Christ "	Rev. Wm. Douglass,	18	3	25	1842
Springfield,	St. Paul's "	" Charles Dresser,	18	18	50	1842
Quincy,	St. John's "	" Geo. P. Giddinge,	10		28	1842
Chicago,	St. James's "	" I. W. Hallam,	36	20	78	1842
Mendon,	Zion "	" John Sellwood,	11	13	42	1842
Collinsville,	Christ "	" J. E. Darrow,	4	5	21	1842
Jacksonville,	Trinity "	" W. G. Heyer,	21	7	17	1842
Albion,	St. John's "	" B. Hutchins,	16	1	10	1842
Galena,	Grace "	" James De Pui,	20		29	1842
Palestine grove,	Christ "	" E. De Wolf,				
Rushville,	Christ "		17	5	19	1842
Juliet,	Christ "	(Report of 1841,)	28	10	20	1841
Ottawa,	Christ "	(Report of 1839,)			12	1839
Alton,	St. Paul's "	(Report of 1838,)	11		30	1838

#### JUBILEE COLLEGE.

The preparatory, collegiate, and theological departments of this institution, are now open for the reception of students.

In the preparatory department all the branches of education usual in high schools are pursued. In the collegiate department the first freshman class will enter upon the regular course of studies on the commencement of the ensuing session, several of whom have been prepared here. In the theological department, to students possessing the requisite literary qualifications, facilities will be afforded in the way of books, frequent examinations, and directions as to the course of studies.

The students will board with the teachers, and at all times be subject to their supervision. All due efforts will be used not only for the acquisition of knowledge, but for the formation of those principles and habits which constitute the christian character. The motives for action presented to the students—the theory of moral duty, as well as the discipline and training—will be based upon the authority of the scriptures, and when private admonition, or, in extreme cases, public censure, fails in restraining the students, their parents will be advised to remove them.

Terms of admission into the present freshman class:—Geography, arithmetic, English grammar, Latin grammar, Sallust, Cicero and Virgil. Anthon's Greek grammar, Reader, and Greek Testament as far as the Acts.

Course of studies in the freshman class:—Folsom's *Lyra* and *Odes* of Horace, Xenophon, Herodotus, Demosthenes, and *Epistles* of the New Testament; Davies' Bourdon's *Algebra*, Davies' Legendre's *Geometry*, *Logarithms* and *Trigo-*

nometry, Classical Antiquities from Eschenburg's Manual, Palmer's Ecclesiastical History.

In addition to recitations from the above books, frequent exercises in declamation, Latin and English composition and translations will be required. The studies in the higher classes are not given, as the text books are not in all cases definitely determined; but they will be as full and comprehensive as any college, and will be determined as the necessities of the students require. Competent instructors are engaged in the several departments.

The Female department will be opened at Jubilee Cottage, the residence of the bishop's family, situated half a mile from the college buildings. Pains have been taken to render the accommodations as pleasant as possible for the pupils, consistent with strict discipline and entire seclusion, both of which are deemed necessary to the advancement of moral and literary attainments. As the grand object is the formation of the christian character, particular attention will be paid to religious instruction. The teachers will be with the pupils at all hours, regulating their deportment and assisting them in their studies. The course of study will be thorough in all the usual English branches, with the addition of the classics, if desired. Lessons in music will also be given, if requested, for which an extra charge will be made. The limited age is between six and fourteen.

The ensuing session will commence on Wednesday, the 3d of August next, and continue forty-four weeks. The charges are \$2 per week for board and tuition; other contingent expenses, as books, lights, washing, &c. charged at reasonable prices. Bed, bedding and towels, in all cases, must be furnished by the students, and every piece of clothing, bedding, &c. must be marked with the owner's name in full.

Terms, \$50 on the commencement of the session, and \$50 on the 1st of January. No student will be received until the terms are complied with.

By order of

PHILANDER CHASE, Bishop of Illinois.

## NOTICE.

The next annual convention of the diocese of Illinois will be held at Quincy on the first Monday in June. The religious solemnities preparatory to business will take place on Sunday, the day previous, according to usage.

S. CHASE, Secretary of convention.



