

NOTICES.

The next annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, will be held in St. James' Church, on the 1st Monday (the 18th) after the 15th of June, 1849.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Secretary of Convention.

Terms of Jubilee College.

One hundred dollars, paid invariably in advance. This sum, in ordinary cases, will cover all the expenses for the academical term of forty weeks, viz:

Board, tuition, room, &c., incl. use of library,	\$80
Books, stationery, lights and washing, (estimated.)	20

The incidental expenses of books, washing, &c., depend much upon the studies pursued and the habits of the scholar. Bed, bedding and towels to be furnished by the student.

The session for 1848-9, will commence the first Wednesday, (the 10th,) of Oct. 1848.

Bishop Chase, in account with Scholar Ship Fund:

1847-8.	Dr.	Cr.
By amount expended over receipts, as per statement of January 6, 1848		\$1787 26
From a benevolent person, acknowledged in third No. of the Motto	\$20 00	
W. A. Spencer, N. Y.	100 00	
Miss E. Swearingen, M. I.	30 00	
Rev. P. B. Kellogg	7 00	
To BALANCE	152 25	
	\$1787 26	\$1787 26

The above account shows that Bishop Chase has advanced, for the support of the beneficiaries in board, tuition and incidental expenses, the sum of \$152 26 above what he has received; this makes his account for the academical year 1847-8, fully with much solicitude that the Bishop at this time appeals to the Church in behalf of the scholar ship fund. He cordially believes that were it possible that the contributors to the fund could personally witness the *fruits of their benevolence*, they would be more efficacious for the past year, and that their subscriptions for the coming year, would promptly follow.

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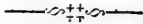
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List of Clergy in the Diocese of Illinois.

Rt. Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Robinsnest, Jubilee College, Peoria county.

Presbyters entitled to seats in convention.

Rev. D. E. BROWN, Christ Church, Lockport.

- “ J. S. CHAMBERLAINE,* residing at Peoria, officiating at Tremont & Pekin.
- “ S. CHASE, Jubilee College, Robinsnest.
- “ D. CHASE, Church of the Atonement, Chicago.
- “ J. B. COLHOUN, Grace Church, Galena.
- “ J. L. DARROW,* Christ Church, Collinsville.
- “ C. DRESSER, St. Pauls, Springfield.
- “ G. P. GIDDINGE,* St. John's Quincy.
- “ B. HUTCHINS,* St. John's Albion.
- “ C. V. KELLEY, Christ Church, Ottawa.
- “ E. B. KELLOGG, Christ Church, Metamora.
- “ S. Y. M^oMASTERS, St. Paul's, Alton.
- “ W. MITCHELL, St. Mark's, Chester.
- “ R. RADLEY,* Christ Church, Limestone Prairie, and St. Luke's Chapel, Kickapoo.
- “ J. SELLWOOD,* Zion Church, Mendon.
- “ G. UNONIUS, St. Ansgarius', Chicago.
- “ A. J. WARNER, St. Peter's Grand De Tour.
- “ J. T. WORTHINGTON, Trinity Church, Jacksonville.
- “ J. M^oNAMARA, Christ Church, Waukegan, (Littlefort.)

Presbyters having no parochial cures, and therefore not entitled to seats in convention.

Rev. JOSEPH MAYO, Langdon, near Robinsnest.

- “ ERASTUS DE WOLF, near Dixon.

Deacons entitled to seats in convention.

Rev. JAMES BENTLEY,* Freeport.

- “ PHILANDER CHASE, jr.,* St. Luke's, Farmington.
- “ STEPHEN R. CHILD,* St. Paul's, Warsaw.
- “ R. H. CLARKSON, St. James', Chicago.
- “ J. L. JOHNSTON,* St. Peter's, Chesterfield.
- “ T. N. MORRISON, St. John's, Aurora.
- “ S. D. PULFORD, — — — —, Belvidere.
- “ C. E. SWOPE,* Trinity, Chicago.

Total number belonging to the diocese,	30
“ “ entitled to seats in convention,	28
“ “ present in convention,	16

* Not in attendance on convention.

JOURNAL.

CHICAGO, June 17th, 1850.
Monday Morning, 9 A. M.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Illinois, assembled in St James' Church, Chicago, this 17th day of June, A. D. 1850.

No Convention was held in 1849, in consequence of the prevalence of the cholera, in the providence of God, throughout the land.

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. C. Dresser read prayers, Rev. S. Chase preached, and the Bishop administered the communion, assisted by Messrs. Brown and Kellogg.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Kelley read prayers, and Rev. Mr. Pulford preached.

Services were also held in Trinity Church, and the Church of the Atonement. In the morning Rev. Mr. Worthington read prayers, and Rev. Mr. M'Masters preached. In the evening Rev. Mr. M'Masters read prayers, and Rev. Mr. Dresser preached a sermon before the Diocesan Missionary Association, in Trinity Church.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. M'Masters read prayers, and Rev. Mr. Colhoun preached in the Church of the Atonement.

The Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, presiding: the Rt. Rev. the Bishop read prayers and delivered his address.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the names of the clergy, from the certified list, furnished by the Bishop, according to

canon of this Diocese, when the following clergymen responded to their names, and took their seats, viz :

PPRESBYTERS.

Rev. D. E. Brown,	Rev. S. Chase,
“ D. Chase,	“ J. B. Colhoun,
“ C. Dresser,	“ C. V. Kelley,
“ E. B. Kellogg,	“ S. Y. M'Masters,
“ W. Mitchell,	“ G. Unonius,
“ A. J. Warner,	“ J. T. Worthington.

DEACONS.

Rev. R. A. Clarkson,	Rev. T. N. Morrison,
“ S. D. Pulford.	

There appearing a canonical number of the clergy in attendance, Rev. Messrs. Dresser and Worthington were appointed a committee upon the testimonials of lay delegates, who reported, from

St. Paul's, Alton—Hon. J. Bailhache, J. W. Schweppe,* Utton Smith,* John Locke.*

Grace Church, Galena—H. H. Gear, Thomas Drummond.

Trinity Church, Chicago—David Rutter, M. D., J. Brinkerhoff, M. D., John W. Chickering, Esq.

St. James' Chicago—John Rogers, Franklin Hathaway.

Christ Church, Ottawa—B. W. Atherton, Esq., Mr. Yoste.*

Christ Church, Little Fort—Ransom Steel, Calvin Parks, G. P. Terry,* J. L. Turner,* Lymon Sprague.*

There appearing a canonical quorum of lay delegates, on motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Secretary, whereupon the Rev. S. Chase was elected.

On motion, a committee on the organization of parishes, and admission of new parishes, was appointed, viz :

Rev. Mr. Kellogg, Rev. Mr. M'Masters. Dr. Rutter.

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen not canonically connected with the diocese, who may be present, be invited to honorary seats in this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the parish of Christ Church, Little Fort, have leave to change the style of that parish to Christ Church,

* Not in attendance on convention.

Waukegan, so as to correspond with the name of the village in which it is located.

The committee appointed at the Convention of 1848, to apply for an act of incorporation, to enable trustees appointed by this Convention to hold funds and property for certain diocesan purposes, viz: support of the episcopate, relief of clergymen's widows and orphans, and destitute and infirm clergymen, reported, through their chairman, that they had made application to the legislature, and obtained an act: whereupon it was moved and resolved that the report be received, and the act be accepted, on the part of this Convention, for the purposes therein specified. (For act of incorporation, see appendix.)

The committee on the organization of parishes, and their admission to union with this Convention, reported that they find the papers correct in the case of the following parishes, viz: Trinity Church, Mount Stirling, Brown co. Trinity Chh. Aurora, Kane co. St. Paul's Church, Carlinville, Macoupin co. Christ Church, Metamora, Woodford co. St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield, Macoupin co. Church of the Atonement, Chicago, Cook co. St. John's Church, Cornishville, M'Henry co. St. John's Church, Oswego, Kendall co. St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago, Cook co., and recommend that they be admitted into union with the Convention, whereupon the above parishes were, on motion, admitted.

The committee upon certificates of lay delegates further reported from

St. Ansgarius'—P. Von Schneidau, A. Johnson.

Church of the Atonement—Wm. Lamb, David J. Ely, James Dyke.

St. John's Cornishville—Peter Aridran, as having presented certificates duly authenticated. Whereupon they were admitted to seats in the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three clergymen and two laymen be appointed to take into consideration the subject matter of the act relating to the support of the episcopate, &c., with instructions to report a plan of organization, and the

names of suitable persons to be elected as trustees: and that said committee report this afternoon.

Thereupon, Rev. Messrs. M'Masters, Dresser, Kellogg, J. W. Chickering, Esq., and Hon. J. Bailhache, were appointed said committee.

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

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee upon the act of incorporation for the support of the episcopate, &c., reported in part, and begged for further time, which was granted.

Messrs. J. W. Chickering, and John Rogers were appointed a committee on finance; and the account of the Treasurer with the Convention was, on motion, referred to that committee.

The committee on testimonials of lay delegates further reported that Comstock Hanford* had presented a certificate of his election as a candidate from St. John's Church, Lockport.

The parochial reports were then read, and ordered, by the Bishop, to be inserted on the Journal.

On motion, Mr. Parks, a delegate from Waukegan, was excused from further attendance upon this Convention, he having urgent business calling him away.

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's account, reported as follows, viz: That they have examined the same, and find it correctly cast, and properly vouched.

They would further say, that from the documents committed to them, they are unable to ascertain what parishes are in default of payment of their quota towards the expenses of the convention.

On motion, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The standing committee report that they signed testimonials recommending to the Bishop, to be received as candidates for orders: G. L. Roberts, formerly a preacher in the Methodist connexion, and James Howe.

They have recommended for Deacon's Orders: S. D. Pul-

* Not in attendance on convention.

ford, P. Chase, jr., Theodore N. Morrison, Stephen A. Child, J. L. Johnston, and G. L. Roberts; and for priest's orders:— Rev. G. P. Comings, and Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine.

They also signed the customary testimonials in behalf of the recently consecrated Bishops of Mississippi and Indiana.

C. DRESSER, Pres't. S. Com.

On motion, the above report was received.

On motion, the convention proceed to the election of standing committee; whereupon were elected of the clergy, Rev. Mr. Dresser, and Rev. S. Chase; of the laity, J. Bailhache, and Hon. S. H. Treat.

On motion,

Resolved, That this convention concur in the proposed amendment to the constitution of the church, changing the time of the meeting of the General Convention to the first Wednesday in September, and that the delegates to the General Convention be instructed to make this resolution known to that body.

On motion, the convention adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

June 18, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday. Rev. J. M'Namara having been canonically transferred from Wisconsin to this Diocese appeared and took his seat.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to append to the Journal a list of the parishes which have failed to pay the quota due at the last convention.

Resolved, That the parish St. Ansgarius be exempted for the present from the requisitions of canon XV.

On motion, the following resolution was offered and seconded.

Resolved, That the Bishop of this Diocese be requested to admit persons, to the holy order of Deacons, under canon V., 1847, of the General Convention, entitled "of a Discretion to be allowed in the calling, trial, and examination of Deacons in certain cases."

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of the above be postponed until four o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the question of postponement was reconsidered.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this house adjourns, it adjourns to meet at three o'clock.

The following resolution was offered: That the question upon the resolution requesting the Bishop to ordain under canon V., 1847, be taken at three o'clock, without debate: which motion was lost.

A motion was then made to renew the previous question: which was carried.

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

AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The convention met pursuant. Present as in the morning. The question recurring on the resolution requesting the Bishop to ordain under canon V. of 1847, the vote, by orders, was called for, by three votes, and determined as follows:

CLERICAL VOTES.—AYES.

Rev. D. G. Brown,	Rev. S. Chase,
“ D. Chase,	“ C. Dresser,
“ C. V. Kelley,	“ E. B. Kellogg,
“ S. Y. M'Masters,	“ W. Mitchell,
“ G. Unonius,	“ A. J. Warner,
“ J. T. Worthington,	“ R. H. Clarkson,
“ T. N. Morrison,	“ S. D. Pulford.

NAYS.

Rev. J. B. Colhoun,	Rev. Mr. M'Namara.
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Ayes, 14; Nays, 2.

LAY VOTES.—AYES.

St. Paul's, Alton; Trinity, Chicago; St. Ansgarius', Chicago.

NAYS.

Grace Church, Galena.

DIVIDED.

St. James', Chicago.

Ayes, 3; Nays, 1; Divided, 1.

St. John's, Cornishville, was, on request, excused. So the request was carried in the affirmative, there being a majority of both orders in favour of the same.

The committee upon the act of incorporation reported, which

report was accepted, and the resolutions therein contained adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the Act of the Legislature of this State, authorizing the Protestant Episcopal Chh. to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop, and to aid superannuated ministers, &c., having had the same under consideration, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this Convention, pursuant to the provisions of "An act to authorise the Protestant Episcopal Chh., in the State of Illinois, to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop, and to aid superannuated ministers, and the widows and children of deceased ministers, approved Feb. 10th. 1849, now proceed to appoint five persons to serve as "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois," until the next annual convention, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified.

Resolved, That the Trustees appointed under the provisions of the foregoing act, cause to be prepared and circulated an address, calling upon the friends of the Church, both in the Diocese and elsewhere, to contribute, as God may give them the ability and disposition to aid in securing a permanent fund for the several purposes named in said act, and especially the first.

Resolved, That the Trustees recommend some plan by which small annual contributions may be secured from the members and friends of the Church generally in this diocese towards constituting a permanent fund for the support of a Bishop.

Resolved, That the Trustees be instructed to prepare and report to the next convention, for adoption, such by-laws as they may deem necessary for the government of themselves and their successors in office.

For the adoption of the present convention, the committee recommend the following

BY-LAWS.

1. The Trustees shall hold semi-annual meetings in the first week of December and June, for the transaction of such business as may come before them, and oftener, when necessary.

2. They shall appoint one of their own number Treasurer, who shall give bonds, with approved security, for the faithful discharge of the trust confided to him.

3. The Treasurer shall attend to the payment of all taxes which may become due, and other expenses incidental to the management of the property and funds vested in the Trustees.

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be recommended to serve as Trustees, under the first of the foregoing resolutions, until the next convention, viz: Rev. J. T. Worthington, Rev. Charles Dresser, Hon. S. H. Treat, A. Campbell Esq., and D. Rockwell, Esq.

Resolved, That the Rev. S. Y. M'Masters, and J. Bailhache, be constituted a committee of correspondence, with the different Dioceses of the United States, for the purpose of reporting to the next convention an efficient plan of organization, under the above named act of incorporation, of a society for the relief of superannuated and infirm clergymen, and the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of delegates to the general convention: whereupon, were elected, of the clergy, S. Chase, Charles Dresser, J. T. Worthington, G. Unonius; of the laity, Hon. S. H. Treat, Dr. Gillette, Hon. J. Bailhache, G. H. Sheldon.

On motion, it was ordered, that the Secretary cause to be printed 400 copies of the Journal, and 300 extra copies of the Bishop's address, and send two copies to each member of the convention, and one copy for every 10 communicants in each parish, and the usual copies to the Bishops, Secretaries of the conventions, and periodicals of the church.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the inhabitants of Chicago, for their hospitality and courtesy to its members, during its session.

On motion,

Resolved, That with unfeigned gratitude we would render our humble thanks to Almighty God, for the harmony and good feeling which has pervaded our consultations, in our collective capacities, on this occasion.

The committee appointed to ascertain where pure wine, for the communion, might be obtained, reported, finally, that the same could be procured from Cincinnati, and other cities of the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That Dr. Brinckerhoff, be requested to procure and keep the same for sale, in his store, in Chicago; and also, A. S. Barry, of Alton; and also, Dr. Weirich, of Galena.

On motion,

Resolved, That the clergy be requested to bring before their congregations, the subject of the mode of providing for the support of the episcopate.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next convention of this diocese be held in Quincy.

On motion,

Resolved, That this convention desire to acknowledge with unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God, his goodness, in continuing the health and strength of our venerable Bishop, which has enabled him so successfully, (though labouriously to himself,) to administer to the spiritual wants of his diocese.

On motion, the minutes having been read, were approved.

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

PHILANDER CHASE,

Bishop of P. E. Church, in Illinois.

SAMUEL CHASE, Sec'y of Convention.

BISHOP CHASE'S ADDRESS

TO THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS, IN CHICAGO,
JUNE 17, 1850.

Dear Brethren:—

Without exordium or preface, other than the expression of our gratitude to the Good God, who hath permitted us to assemble in health and peace, I proceed to comply with the canon requiring the Bishop to give a report of his proceedings.

By reason of the prevalence of the cholera in this city of Chicago, the Convention of our Church did not take place last year, at the time appointed. My report, however, was not suppressed, but published in the *Motto*.

During the remainder of the year 1849, my health was indifferent, although my public duties were but seldom remitted.

In the month of September the mills of Jubilee College, which had brought in the interest of more than \$10,000, were destroyed by fire.

Soon after this, I visited the church in Jacksonville, and confirmed eleven persons, and preached.

Through the kindness of a friend, who loaned me her carriage and horses, I visited the scattered flock of Christ, mostly of English immigrants, in Macoupin county, Illinois. They had been gathered by the missionary exertions of the Rev. J. L. Johnston, in deacon's orders, of whom I spake in my last report. I confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion to several: this was at Carlinville. While going to Chesterfield I preached in the Episcopal Church, in Waverly. The support which Mr. J. L. Johnston receives is too limited in its amount, even with the aid of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, to pay his expenses; and it remains yet to be determined whether he will stay in that mission much longer.

The carriage lent me at Jacksonville having been taken back by the driver, another was provided by friends in Carlinville, to go to Springfield, towards home, due north, thirty miles. Here I preached in the evening and confirmed three persons, presented by the Rev. Mr. Dresser. Thence I hired another carriage to take me to Jubilee, 80 miles. Of the injuries in my person which I received in this tour additional to my former complaints I forbear to speak.

The succeeding winter I spent in attending to most important duties pertaining to the kingdom of God, at home.

In the month of February I made out a list of appointments for the then coming season, and gave it general circulation in the *Motto*.

On 10th of March I preached in the Church at Limestone Prairie, and confirmed three persons, from England, two of whom were the children of a worthy clergyman, educated at Oxford, and long a curate in that blessed country. In the afternoon I preached in the chapel in Kickapoo village, having ridden 8 miles between services: congregation large and very attentive. On the 15th of March, I visited the sick chamber of the wife of the Rev. Ezra B. Kellogg, in the city of Peoria, whither she had come for medical aid. The same day she set out for home, Metamora, which she reached but to die:—a flower in its full bloom, among the fairest and sweetest in our western world. The fragrance of her example, full of faith and good works, is felt and tasted by all who knew her; especially by those who witnessed her resignation to the will of her Heavenly Father, in her last moments. Long will her memory be embalmed in the tears of her beloved relatives and friends. The consecration of Mr. Kellogg's church deferred. On the 17th of March, Preached in Jubilee Chapel: 24th, did the same duty in Peoria, and confirmed Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Shelbyville. Passion week was spent in attending Church in Jubilee Chapel. Good Friday and Saturday I preached. There were present at the Holy Communion, on this blessed festival of the Resurrection, (always kept sacred throughout Christendom,) between 70 and 80 persons, evidently repenting of their sins, which nailed the Redeemer to the cross, yet rejoicing in

the hope of a blessed resurrection, through him, to eternal life. What comfort to a dying world!

The spectacle alluded to was inexpressibly animating to me. A little more than a dozen years ago all was waste on Jubilee Hill. The number of communicants in the Bishop's humble dwelling, (now, by reason of its frailty, crumbling to ruins,) even when counting his own family, did not exceed 12.—No church through the length and breadth of the diocese, but one or two. Now how altered the prospect. Nearly 30 clergymen, and churches rising in many directions. Even in Peoria co., and immediate vicinity, 7 churches and chapels are finished, and of the eighth the corner-stone is laid, and the walls going up.

One person, the daughter of the Rev. S. Chase, was confirmed on Easter Day, 1850, in Jubilee Chapel.

After Easter I visited Springfield, by the steamer and cars, a second time, preached, and confirmed four persons. Returning, I preached in the church in Jacksonville. The Rev. Mr. Worthington being absent on a visit to his friends in Kentucky, I conducted the whole service myself. The audience was large and very attentive.

The next day, the 9th of April, I went, via Naples and Florence, to Pike co., on the west side of the Illinois River. On the 10th, I visited a settlement called Frankonia, consisting chiefly of Irish Protestants, performed evening service, and preached to a large and well behaved congregation. Next day, preached in the village of Pittsfield, and confirmed 11 persons, having been assisted in their examination by the Rev. J. L. Johnston, who, on his way to Jubilee, had come to my assistance, and read prayers.

Painful as it was to me, the next day we went in the same farmer's wagon to Florence again, on the river side, 12 miles, got on board a steamer, and were landed at midnight in the city of Alton. Our luggage being thrown ashore, we wandered in search of the "Franklin Hotel," but, instead thereof, stumbled over bricks, and the house shut up for repairs. Not a voice could we hear, nor a light could we see, up and down the streets; realizing the poet's language, "Silence and dark-

ness, solemn sisters, twins of primeval night." We could almost fancy these ideal beings "sitting on their ebon throne" ruling the destiny of two aged persons, but "whether for weal or woe," we knew not, till our Christian faith in our blessed motto came to our aid. "Jehovah Jireh, God will provide" and "in the mount" of His holy protecting providence "it shall be seen."

It would not suit the gravity of this address to tell the particulars of the fulfilment of this promise of protecting us from imminent danger, but in general to say we seldom had more reason for grateful acknowledgement to God for having conducted us, in spite of many perils, to the house and hospitalities of the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton.

The weather was exceedingly cold for the season of the year. On the 14th, the snow fell to the depth of five or six inches. The congregation was small, and the number confirmed amounted only to five. In the evening I was pressed to appear in the pulpit for the second time. The congregation on both occasions was very attentive.

April 15th, I was prevented by the depth of the snow, and muddy roads from fulfilling my appointments at Edwardsville and Collinsville, and went in the steamer to Saint Louis, to transact business of importance to Jubilee College, but did not land, my friends came to me on board. In the evening I changed my lodging for a state-room in the Quincy boat, and soon found myself going up the Mississippi river, towards that interesting city. The vessel was crowded with passengers, all served, through the kindness of the Captain, with the best of fare, from the fountains of Divine Providence. What Christian partaking of these mercies but feels a desire of *acknowledging* the hand that feeds him? And what occasion so appropriate can a faithful minister of Christ select as that now alluded to,—in a steamer filled with immortal souls, all intelligent, and most of them in a high degree civilized, and gentle in their manners, looking to a man of God to be the mouth and tongue to speak forth their gratitude, by "*asking a blessing*." If it be objected that the steamer sets a *public table*; so much the more reason there is, the same should be done, to

prove ourselves in a *Christian*, not in a *heathen* land. Even the dumb creation obey the laws of gratitude, by a divinely appointed law of instinct. "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib," and shall Christians be reprov'd as were the ungrateful Jews? "Israel doth not know, my people do not consider." Surely this want of consideration is a great sin. Who shall say that to this inconsideration may not be traced the many judgments that befall our public modes of travelling. We "*forget God,*" and God, alas! forgets to protect and save us. Our steamboats sink in the deep waters, or are burned in the devouring flames.

When our Saviour was upon earth, he for our example, looked up to Heaven for a blessing on the food before him; and shall his ministers remain silent when the good order of our steamers seems to invite them to say "*grace before meat?*" If they say the Master of the vessel does not invite them, let it be replied, that manifesting a consistent character, their Master in Heaven *demand*s of them the discharge of this duty. Whatever place may be assigned them, whether at the head or the foot of the table, they should acknowledge God to be the giver of all good things, and implore his blessing, in giving us thankful hearts. If they do this fearlessly, yet humbly, as before God, all Christian hearts will say *amen*, and *amen*.

The cold rain was pouring down when we landed on the shore at Quincy, and but one coach in waiting to convey the passengers to the "Quincy House." This was on the 17th day of April, and most pleasantly were we situated to receive visits from friends. Few periods of visitatorial duty were ever spent with more heartfelt satisfaction than the three days preceding the 21st of April, 1850, the time appointed for confirmation in this city. The cholera in the last summer had afflicted many families in Quincy, and instead of driving the youth of this dear parish, as is too frequently the case, in many weak and unbelieving persons, to the pleasures of the world, for means of drowning their sorrows, the afflictions had evidently led them to the only true source of consolation, the bosom of their Heavenly Saviour, as he manifests himself in the spiritual improvement in the means of grace, in the right understanding

of his word and ordinances. They had gone unto their pastor to be led unto Christ, the only Intercessor before God for forgiveness. No "*auricular confession*, to "*reveal the secrets of families to the priest*," had been enjoined on them; nor had it been required of them to tell their experiences in public, thereby tempting them to vanity. The paths of duty which the Church had pointed out, were made plain to them. In them they found and followed Christ, the Shepherd of souls and by his grace were led to "the hope of Glory." Thirty one persons were presented by the Rev. Mr. Giddinge, the Rector of this interesting and growing parish, in his little church, and confirmed on the third Sunday after Easter, 1850.

The whole audience, being as numerous as the accommodation for sittings could admit, seemed moved by the "Holy Ghost, the Comforter," so sincerely invoked in the primitive service of the Church. I forbear to speak of my own agency in addressing, before and after the laying on of hands, the candidates and the congregation generally, on this very solemn occasion. I felt indeed that "it was good to be among them," and thought I saw evidence of a reciprocal sentiment in the countenances of the assembly. I was confirmed in this opinion by a declaration, made the next day, from the mouth of a most respectable character, to this effect: "that he never realized his nearness to the Kingdom of Glory, and the nothingness of this transitory world, so visibly as on this occasion." I administered the Holy Communion.

Warsaw, Hancock co., April 23rd. Preached, and confirmed five persons, presented by the Rev. S. Child, one of the Diocesan Missionaries. This gentleman, to eke out his scanty salary, is obliged to keep a school for the maintaining of himself and family. I was deeply interested in the welfare of this little parish, seeing their zeal and fond hopes of rearing a Church. If those persons who, though unknown, ought to be thanked for sending Mr. Child so many standard writings, of our beloved Church, would give some help in building him a small place of worship, in Warsaw, a divine blessing, I am sure would attend them.

It was night before we got down to the river, where we had

to wait, expecting the steamer from Alexandria, on the opposite side, seated on our luggage, a much longer space of time than usual. The company around us was large, and being chiefly of young persons, I addressed them on the subject of religion, and at the close asked them if they knew the commandments. Not one of them knew what they were, or where they were to be found in the Bible. I repeated them, one by one, and then recited the duties to God and man, as set down in the Catechism of the Church. The weather was cold, yet all were silent as the grave, and as far as I could discern by the help of a bright moon, and unclouded heavens, never had I a more attentive audience. Could such be under the direction of a Sunday school, using as a text book the Church Catechism, what good might be done! Men, in leaving the teachings of the pure Protestant Church, have sought many inventions, till the law of God is obliterated from the rising generations. In reference to the little flock of Primitive Christians, over whom God hath made me, however unworthy, an overseer, I could not but mentally repeat the collect, so appropriate to this and similar occasions, appointed for the fourth Sunday in Advent:—"O Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of thy Son, our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end, amen."

The steamer at length came over, in which we went to Keokuk, in Iowa, at the foot of the rapids.

It is a long run to Galena, but our time passed pleasantly, in pious conversation with two ministers of the old and new school of Presbyterians, Congregational denominations.

The night before our arrival at Galena, the cry of fire was heard from the hands. The next morning we were told of our merciful preservation from this devouring element, and gave sincere thanks to God, through Jesus Christ, the Saviour. On our arrival, our excellent friend, Frederic Stahl, esquire, was soon with us, and conducted us to his hospitable dwelling,

assuring me that the new church was finished and paid for, and stood ready for consecration. Of this I was heartily congratulated also by Rev. Mr. Colhoun, lately appointed minister of the parish. Seldom, in this western country, is there presented a more delightful spectacle to a tasteful spectator, than this substantial stone building. Considering its moderate expense, it is a *model church*, worthy of imitation. Under God, the founders and builders are worthy of all praise, both from the members of our Church, and the denizens of this lovely and picturesque city. May the same prove, to all posterity, "the House of God, and the Gate of Heaven."

This *Grace Church, Galena*, by the divine favour, I consecrated on the 28th day of April, being the 4th Sunday after Easter, 1850. At the same time confirmed 12 persons, and baptized one infant.

Our descent in the Steamer in the Mississippi river to Oquawka, or the "Yellow Banks," was very rapid. We landed at night, but favoured by a bright moon, we soon found a good tavern, and were kindly treated.

May 1. At early candle lighting I preached in the Presbyterian Church, in this promising city. The congregation was considerable, and very attentive.

May 2. Went to Monmouth, and preached in the evening, in the Court-house, to a large congregation.

May 3. Did the same in the old school meeting house, at Knoxville, 4 o'clock, P. M., and baptized 2 infants.

May 4, Saturday. Arrived at my peaceful home, on *Jubilee Hill*.

May 5, Sunday. Preached, and administered the Holy Communion, in the chapel.

May 7. Went 20 miles, to Farmington, and laid the corner stone of Christ Church, in that pleasant village. At this place my son, the Rev. P. Chase, junr., is the stated missionary, giving one half his sunday labours. Having taken a deep interest in this enterprize, and already expended a great portion of his living, I cannot but wish him God speed, though unable to assist him. The parish at Farmington looks to me for aid, as did that of Brimfield, not considering my great

losses. I can think of no other way than that of appealing to private sympathy, if any be left for one so unworthy as myself. I plead in behalf of this dear son, who was the means of saving my life, when ready to perish on the Alleghany mountains. He has a family, a wife, and two lovely children, and it pains me to see him expend for the church what ought to be reserved for their comfort. Something has been gathered together to complete this favourite enterprize of his, at Farmington. May I not hope that something more will be sent him to bear the expense. A parent's love for a son, who loves the the Lord and his Church is my apology.

May 9th, being the day of our Saviour's ascension into Heaven, I consecrated Christ Church, Metamora, Woodford county, and confirmed 14 persons. To the exertions of the Rev. E. B. Kellogg, under God, this Church owes its existence. May the Lord bless him and it as instruments of His glory, to the salvation of many souls.

May 12. Sunday after the ascension, 1850, in Jubilee Chapel, I admitted to the holy order of priest, the Rev. Jacob S. Chamberlain. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. B. Kellogg, Rector of Christ Church, Metamora, who, with the Rev. Charles Dresser, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield, and the Rev. Samuel Chase, Senior Professor in Jubilee College, laid on hands with the Bishop.

Monday, 13th, we set off in a private carriage, and with the little boy, William H. Rogers, 13 years of age, as our driver, on our northern tour by land. Good horses and fine spirits brought us, by God's mercy, to Wyoming, 17 miles, where I preached, and performed the evening service, at the home of Capt. Butler. Over night we stopped at Dr. Castle's, and enjoyed the hospitality of his lovely family.

14th May, rode to Providence, in Bureau county, 25 miles, preached, and read prayers, at 11 o'clock, in the "Congregational New School Church," and baptized two infants. Audience full, and very attentive. In the afternoon rode 10 miles, and preached to a very small congregation in Princeton, in the Old School Presbyterian Church. Same evening rode to Captain Swift's, 4 miles, and enjoyed the good entertainment of that excellent family.

May 15th, we were piloted by the son of our host over an extensive prairie, till we came in sight of that lone tavern, "Dad Joe." Thence we followed the road that leads to Dixon till we turned off to the north, through beautiful park lands, till we reached Mrs. Wasson's, and stayed with her son in law, Mr. Backentoss, Mr. W. having gone to California. This day's travel was about 30 miles.

16. According to appointment, I preached at Lee Centre Inlet, and confirmed five persons, and baptized one adult and five children.

In this neighbourhood there ought to be a church built, but the sheep of the flock are scattered, and no missionary shepherd to gather them together. The Rev. Mr. Dewolf having been for a long time unrewarded for his services, turns his attention to the distribution of the Bible, and receives something from that noble society. We rode, after divine service, to his house, stopping on our way to take tea with good Dr. Gardiner and his family. The Rev. Mr. Dewolf having been deprived of his aged mother by a sudden death, the family were in mourning. Mrs. D. treated us most kindly, and the next morning he conducted us across the wide fields and prairies to the road leading to Grand De Tour.

How sweetly the limpid stream of Rock River encircles with its meanderings this busy village! -

In the midst of the houses there rises a small stone church, having the addition of a large vestry-room, built of the same permanent material, with a trodden down battlement. It is the first place of worship erected in town, a circumstance rarely to be witnessed in our communion. Whether this is to be attributed to the smallness of our numbers, *entirely*, they must judge who know the abundance of wealth which church people possess. It has always appeared to me as a settled truth, and very alarming in its character, that an omniscient God must be a *good accountant*, and that He will make a wealthy Church settle with him according to riches *lent* to them while on earth, irrespective of *numbers*. If this be a correct rule, and were it duly considered and acted on, every newly commencing village in the West would have an Episcopal Church

erected in it; first of all; and thus religion,—pure primitive religion,—would keep pace with our settlements and rail-roads. I have not space to say more here, except to call the attention of the reader to the parable of the *rich man*, whose grounds brought forth plentifully, and who said to himself, “Soul, take thine ease, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, eat, drink and be merry.” But God said unto him, “thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee, and then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.” Luke c. 12, v. 20, 21.

I did not consecrate the church at Grand De Tour, the builders having a small claim not yet satisfied. The congregation which had gathered on the 19th of May was very full, and a collection was made to help pay the builders, of \$20. The Rev. A. J. Warner, their faithful missionary, read the prayers, and myself preached the sermon, and confirmed two persons.

Monday, 20th, we rode up the river to the village of Byron, and preached, and performed the evening service, at 4 o'clock, and baptized two children. The minister of the Congregational Church was present, and was civil to me. We rode home with the family whose children I had baptized, about 6 miles due west. His name is Wright, who, with Mr. Prouty, is much attached to the Church. A young Mr. Bebb expressed himself very anxious that an Episcopal Church should be built in the neighbourhood, if a missionary could be sent among them, to gather in the flock.

21. Set forward to fulfil my appointment at Freeport, a town of rising importance, on the road from Galena to Chicago. Our course was circuitous, and about 20 miles. The Rev. J. Bentley superintends a school. This example of Christian piety renders him very useful, though having lost his voice he cannot preach. In the evening of the same day of our arrival we went five miles to the north, to visit a pious family, by the name of Wilcoxon. The extraordinary kindness and hospitality with which we were received, prompted me to ask the cause. The gentleman replied that he “had read my history.” I asked him if he would head a subscription for the crection of an

Episcopal Church, in Free Port. His reply was that he would, and put down against his name \$50. I assured him of my prayers to God for a blessing on him and his family,—“on his basket and his store,”—“when he went out and when he came in.” If that is the light in which you view my poor offering,” said he, “I am inclined to double it when it is needed.”

May 22. Eleven o'clock, A. M., I preached, and read prayers, in the Congregational Church, at Free Port, Stephenson county. The congregation was large and attentive. The appointment at Silver Creek was omitted, being nearer to the town than I expected. I have good hopes that a Church will soon be built in Free Port. “Jehovah Jireh,” God will provide the due means, if we will but use the lawful ways. The same afternoon rode east to Davis' Inn, 15 miles, thence, next day, to Rockford, 15 miles.

It is difficult to describe the heartfelt greetings shown me here. A few sincere and well informed churchmen know well how to make a Bishop glad when he comes among them, longing for the ways of Zion, as the Israel of God did in Babylon, while hanging their harps on the withering willows, they wept with tears of Joy at sight of a Christian minister.

Our humble vehicle was hailed and stopped in the streets, and every possible hospitality was afforded us. The morning prayer and a sermon in the court-house, neatly swept for the occasion. Two infants were baptized, and a couple married. After which, a subscription was prepared, to raise funds for the erection of a Church. The Legacy of George Hogg, Esq. as pledged by the executors of his will, in Pittsburg, Penn., and made subject to my order, was put at the head of the subscribers, for \$150. Other sums were added, for \$100 each, three in number, besides the promise of a lot to build on, worth at least \$100, making in all \$550. When will a missionary be stationed here, to cherish and water this “*lilly of the valley*,” at Rockford? When? Echo says,—*when?* “Hath God forgotten to be gracious, and are his mercies clean gone forever?”

That evening we rode to Mr. Starkey's, in whose heart seems to glow a spirit of true piety, zeal, and love to the Church, seldom equalled. He lives four miles from Rockford, on the

road to Belvidere ; to which place, through a most lovely country of cultivated farms, irrigated by the limpid and meandering stream of the Kishwakee, we arrived in good health, and held divine service, in the Methodist church, at 11, A. M. I administered the rite of confirmation to four persons, and the sacrament of the Lord's supper to a goodly number. The Rev. S. D. Pulford, Deacon, (now a Presbyter,) and graduate of Jubilee College, Illinois, and missionary of the Diocesan Society, has charge of this interesting parish ; by all of whom he is highly esteemed, and much beloved. Would that his salary were more commensurate with his usefulness ! Several of his first supporters having moved away, the remaining number of his friends tremble at the thoughts of failure, in their attempting to erect an Episcopal Church. May the good God strengthen their faith, and by some sympathizing friends at a distance send them aid in this time of great need. If the Lord will, there shall be a church here ; and the promises to those who humbly ask in faith will be fulfilled. If the door of public appeal be closed, private feelings in the bosoms of some lonely pious persons will prompt them to taste the sweets denied to those who expend in luxury what should be offered to God, in the extension of his Church. There are "*a few names in Sardis*" who have not defiled their garments with modern idolatry to wealth. The Lord knoweth who are his, and by the operation of his Holy Spirit, some, I trust, will assist Mr. Pulford in erecting a church in Belvidere.

Having stopped at the house of Mr. Hotchkiss, on the night of the 24th, we set off on the morning of the 25th for Algonquin. Missing the direct way, we travelled nearly 40 miles before we reached Algonquin, and were conducted to the hospitable dwelling of Mr. Early, by Mr. Wanger.

26th, Trinity Sunday. Morning prayers in the new school-house, on the south side of the Fox River. A sermon was preached, and three children were baptized, in the midst of a crowded audience. Sitting, as I am obliged to do, by reason of the infirm state of my body, and the place where I was being strait and uncomfortable, I was obliged to repeat the services *memoriter*, while baptizing. Hence the congregation concluded

the words were "ex improviso," and were evidently, deeply affected. Does not this suggest the propriety and usefulness of committing our baptismal and burial services thoroughly to memory, that they may be distinctly and feelingly delivered, where light and other conveniences, in the new countries, cannot be enjoyed? In the afternoon of this day, Trinity Sunday, having ridden one and a half miles out of town, I performed the "visitation of the sick," at the house of the venerable lady, Mrs. Cornish, the mother of two clergymen, now presbyters of the diocese of South Carolina. Several persons received the Holy Communion with her: and I baptized a child.

27. The members of a parish, never as yet received into connexion by the convention, were duly organized, according to civil law, and the canons of the church, in Illinois. The name of it is St. John's Church, Cornishville, in the township of Algonquin. Measures were taken to erect, as soon as may be, a small church. May the hearts of the two worthy clergymen above alluded to, apply to their rich benevolent friends in South Carolina for aid in this most benevolent work; and thus do honour to the memory of their venerable father, who was the first Churchman in this wild, but now flourishing part of our country. How many souls may be saved by the accomplishment of this wish!

After having finished this most important work, we rode to Dundee, 4 or 5 miles, and dined at the Inn. Several respectable persons called in to converse with us on the importance of making this town a part of the missionary field of the Episcopal Church. Its population is large, and very industrious, and the electric wires from Chicago to Galena pass through it. Some promises were made for the erection of a church; but my stay was limited, and with regret, I was obliged to pass on. Four o'clock, P. M., preached at Elgin, congregation full, and seemed devout and attentive. The service was explained, and the prayers read, by myself. Several persons joined in response.

28. St. Charles is a flourishing city. The rail-road cars reach it every day, from Chicago. Here we stopped at the Inn, and had the pleasure of a visit from two esteemed cler-

gymen, the Rev. Messrs. Dudley Tyng, and R. G. Clarkson. The former from Ohio; the latter from Chicago. Mr. Tyng was obliged to return the same morning, by the cars. The latter stayed, and preached in my stead, an excellent sermon. Would that the whole town could have heard it! The Rev. Mr. Morrison came also to my assistance, and read the service. Some efforts are making by neighbouring inhabitants to procure a lot, and build a church here. May God speed them, is my hearty prayer.

29. Proceeded down the river to Geneva, the county seat of Kane county, about 3 miles. Here lives a worthy member of our Church, a pious and zealous widow lady, Mrs. Harrington, respected by all who know her, as a mother in the Israel of our God; who received us into her hospitable dwelling, one of the first houses built in the town, near a gushing spring of purest water; emblem of the purity of her faith, and of the *freeness* of the gospel to those who thirst after righteousness. An ornament and an example to her numerous family. She freely secured two fine lots for the erection of a church, fronting one of the principal streets, and looking over the Cemetery, where she hopes to rest in peace, till the resurrection to life eternal. The subscription for the erection of the church on the ground given by Mrs. H., was committed to the care of Mr. Blodget, a gentleman of known respectability, and pious zeal. Prayers were read by the Rev. Theodore N. Morrison, and a sermon was preached by myself, in the Methodist Church. The audience for a week day was large and attentive.

30th of May, I was at Batavia, 5 or 6 miles south of Geneva, stopping at the hospitable, and very commodious dwelling of Mr. Van Nostrick, and attending divine service in the chapel of the Methodists. Mr. Morrison read prayers. The sermon was preached, and three were confirmed, and five children baptized, and the Holy Communion was administered to a large number, by myself. It was told me that the so long neglected duty of securing a lot, for a church, in this interesting place, was about being accomplished. Better late than never. I can not speak too highly of the treatment I received at Mr. Van Nostrick's, though he, himself, was from home.

From Batavia, we went down the river, 12 miles, to Aurora, situate on both sides of the stream, now a town, grown almost to the size of a city. Fifteen years ago there were but a few scanty buildings, in one of which, (then a newly erected blacksmith's shop,) I preached the first sermon, by an Episcopal Minister, from its mouth, to the source of Fox River. My anxiety to have a church built, and to lay the foundation of its commencement, at this visitation, was very great. Availing myself of the great concourse of people who would assemble I thought the pressing of a duty of this sacred nature was a part of the work laid upon me, on the hallowed sabbath.

May 31. Divine services were held on Saturday evening, and on the first of June, the Holy Communion was administered; and \$234 were collected at the offertory, for the building of a church in Aurora. Encouraged by this expression of the public desire to have a place of worship for Episcopalians, a pledge was given, after service, by Mr. Day, my worthy friend, that \$800 would be forthcoming, if the building contemplated would be fixed on the west side of the river.

The number of communicants at the Lord's table was 14. Three persons were confirmed. Two adults, and five infants were baptized, by myself. In all this was plainly discernable the blessing of God, on the untiring exertions of a faithful missionary. The Rev. Theodore N. Morrison is a graduate of Jubilee College, now in deacon's orders. Having suffered much sickness, he is now through divine mercy to the church, spared. But to reflect on the inadequate support he receives for the maintenance of himself and lovely family gives me pain. May I not hope that a day of brighter prospects is dawning on us. While the parish is engaged in the great work mentioned, their hands will be tied; and their numbers being small, and their means being limited, must it be,—is it decreed that good Mr. Morrison should suffer? I hope not.

June 2. The same day, accompanied by Mr. Morrison, we rode to Oswego, another parish under his missionary care. It was past sundown when we arrived at Mr. Parke's, and immediately after tea we were shown the way to the court-house, in which, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, I addressed

the congregation on the subject of Christian faith and duties: in conclusion, I urged the building of a Church. This was the close of a day of great fatigue, and of my labours, perhaps, for the last time on that sweet stream of water, Fox River. May the Good Lord pardon my short comings, and forgive my sins, for Christ's sake.

It is seventeen miles across the prairies, to the north east from Oswego to Napersville. Here, by mistake, I found the appointment for service had been postponed from Monday till Tuesday. This gave me time for a little rest amid the hospitalities of friends. J. Wight, Esq., and the family of Captain Sleight showed me much kindness: the Capt. having gone to California.

June 4. Four P. M., preached, read prayers, and baptized two children, and next day set off towards Chicago. The printed appointments having been disturbed by the mistake alluded to, we went directly for the Torode settlement, near Salt Creek, 13 miles, where I arrived in time to give notice to the neighbours to assemble at 3 o'clock P. M., 5th of June, when prayers were read, and a sermon preached, and three children baptized. Mr. S. Rand was there, from Auxplain, and after service, conducted us across the wide prairies, northward, 10 miles, to his hospitable dwelling. With what tender regards his venerable father and mother, both attached and exemplary members of the Church, received me, (their coeval and loving Bishop,) I shall not here attempt to describe. The kindest entertainment was afforded us, and on the morning of the 6th day of June, the public service was performed, and a sermon preached, by myself, in a convenient school-house, near Mr. Rand's. Much was said, and encouraging pledges given to build a church in this neighbourhood. I did not fail to mention to them that years ago I had made a collection in Chicago for this purpose, and it was their duty to inquire what had become of it, and the interest accruing from the same.

The same day, I called on my way to Chicago, on the family of Mr. Potter, and conversed with an applicant for confirmation. The same was advised to go to Chicago for the reception of that primitive ordinance.

We arrived at 5 o'clock, P. M., at my son's house, the Rev. Dudley Chase, now the Rector of a newly formed congregation, by the name of the Church of the Atonement, west division of Chicago, where the city is rapidly increasing. Seldom have I experienced greater satisfaction than in beholding the success of this effort to extend the borders of our primitive zion. Having met with the approbation of all the old members of our communion on the east and north side of Chicago River, the new flock were coming into the fold of Christ with great zeal, and in considerable numbers. In a convenient room, fitted up, though in haste, with simplicity and neatness, I preached my first sermon on this visit to Chicago, on Sunday morning, on the 9th of June, at 11 o'clock, to a large audience. At half-past two I did the same duty in Trinity Church; the Rev. Dudley Tyng, of Ohio, read prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Clarkson baptized one adult and one infant.

On the same 9th day of June, 1850, I met the congregation of the Rev. Gustaf Unonius, in St. James' Church, his own not yet being finished, for the purpose of confirming his well prepared catechumens, and laid hands on thirteen of these interesting youths, after divine service had been read by Rev. Mr. Clarkson. The address was translated by the Rev. Mr. Unonius, their pastor, into Scandinavian language; deeply affecting the Christian feelings of both Swedes and Norwegians, who had thus found the same God, the same Saviour, and the same Holy Spirit, which rules, which sanctifies the faithful in Sweden, and Norway, and in all parts of the Christian world. May this scene be duly described in respectful language, and meet the eyes of the Bishops of the Church, in Sweden, and thus manifest that it is not the Pope, nor the corrupted Church of Rome, which is necessary to *unite* the Church of God; but the Holy Spirit of God, wherever extended throughout the habitable world.

On the evening of the 11th, I met the candidates for confirmation and their friends, at the house of the Rev. D. Chase, minister of the congregation of the Church of the Atonement, above named, and spoke to them of the necessity of self examination, and prayer for the spiritual improvement of the

ordinance. The next day, 12th, at early candle lighting, the congregation came together in the neatly prepared *upper room*, when, after prayers and an address, six of these candidates were confirmed, and dismissed with a short exhortation and blessing. Never were there circumstances more encouraging to so young a parish. It was, indeed, in "*an upper room*," for Jesus seemed to come among them.

June 14. In St. James' Church, Chicago, I confirmed twenty four persons, presented by the Rev. Mr. Clarkson, the faithful minister of the parish. The Rev. Mr. Mc. Masters, of Alton, read prayers. The candidates for confirmation, after retiring to their seats, were addressed by myself. The church was very full. Several of the clergy, who had already arrived for the convention, were present. The season for Christian fellowship was truly refreshing.

In the evening of the same day, the clergy of the diocese, in accordance with the wish of the Bishop, met in Trinity Church, to condole in the death of the late Rector, the Rev. William Barlow, and implore the divine aid to support them and the parish under so heavy a bereavement. The evening prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Mc. Masters, and four persons were confirmed. The address was by myself. This closes the statistical account of my poor labours.

Of the changes of location among the clergy of Illinois, I may speak in few words. The once Rev. Deacon G. L. Roberts, having removed to Indiana diocese, has been degraded for Romanizing heresies, by Bishop Upfold. *O si sic amnia, cæteris, paribus!* The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, has returned to this diocese. He is once more the Rector of the church which was built chiefly by the endeavours of himself and venerable father, at Albion, Edwards co.

The Rev. J. B. Colhoun, from the same diocese, has been regularly transferred to Illinois, and is settled in Grace Church, Galena. The Rev. J. Mc. Namara, has presented his letters from Bishop Kemper, and will take his seat in this convention, as minister of the church at Little Fort, now called Waukegan; in the north eastern part of this diocese. The Rev. C. E. Swope, from the diocese of Maryland, to Trinity Church Chicago.

Brethren of the clergy, and gentlemen of this convention : By the foregoing report, required of me by canon, you will perceive that all my time of the last year has been taken up in active duties, though suffering much by weakness in my back, and pain in my shoulder.

While counting the number of my public ministrations, you have hardly the moiety of the labour endured. In domestic circles, instead of relaxation, I found the necessity of colloquial instruction, and of speaking continually of things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Who that considers the proofs of *active* faith which the Bible requires, can rest easy when beholding most men, even of those who call themselves Christians, given to the world, and its idolatries of wealth and pleasure. Who that duly appreciates the means of grace, as set forth in the Protestant Prayer Book, drawing all its doctrines, as it does, from the Holy Scriptures, can, with patience, see so many of our own communion ignorant of its true meaning, or indifferent to the application of its holy requisitions to their own consciences? The chief object, therefore, of my endeavours, in view of the great account which I must soon give of my ministry, has been to awaken our flocks to the voice of the Heavenly Shepherd, that they return to the bosom of His heavenly love, that they feed no longer in strange pastures of dead faith, or of wild fanaticism; that they listen no more to the temptations of outward show of Godliness, without humility of heart or life; but that they pray continually to the giver of all grace to give them strength to walk in the ways of *purity* and *holiness*, and to avoid the traps set for them by the invention of new doctrines, and wild schemes of salvation on the one hand, and the piebald fripperies of Romanizing tendencies on the other.

In so doing, I feel an ease of conscience, amidst the fierce battle raging against our common Lord and King, to which, I think, an inactive soldier of Christ is a stranger. O that there were more coadjutors in this blessed work! If God should in mercy to our prayers, "raise up his power and come among us," by sending a band of faithful vigilant men, who knoweth but that all *true Churchmen* in Illinois will turn their feet, as

one man turneth from sin to holiness of life, and thus become
 “a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

Since my last report in the *Motto* I have consecrated,

CHRIST CHURCH, METAMORA, *Woodford co.*

GRACE CHURCH, GALENA, *Joe Davis' co.*

I have ordained five Deacons, and two Presbyters. I have confirmed 208 persons, baptized 59, married four couple, and buried one person.

Signed, PHILANDER CHASE,
 Bishop of P. E. Church in Illinois.

*In convention of the diocese,
 this 17th day of June, A. D. 1850.*

P. S. The day after Convention the Rev. S. D. Pulford received Priest's orders.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

AURORA—TRINITY—Rev. T. N. MORRISON.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 11, total 13; confirmed, 9; communicants, about 45; marriages, 5; funerals, 8. This enumeration embraces all the official acts of the missionary in the several parishes in his cure, viz: Trinity, Aurora, St. Paul's, Batavia, St. John's, Oswego, and the parish at Napersville, not yet organized. The communicants are about equally divided in the parishes. At Aurora there is a Sunday school. Scholars, 25; teachers, 5; library, 130 vols., of which, 100 vols. were donated by Rev. Mr. Kelley, Ottawa.

On the 10th of June last, the present missionary took charge of Trinity parish, Aurora. Since then, he has preached regularly every Sunday morning, here, in the afternoon, visiting the neighbouring parishes. Our congregations are not large. They are, however, gradually increasing. Prejudices are wearing away, and many now engage in the services with pleasure, who but a few months ago were perfect strangers to them. At Aurora, a lot has been donated by Mr. Wilder, on which to build a church. Our vestry will immediately circulate subscription papers, and commence the building as soon as practicable. In the other parishes your missionary has much to encourage him. He hopes he is sowing the seed which, with the blessing of God, will grow unto a plentiful harvest.

ALTON—ST. PAUL'S—S. Y. M^RMASTERS.

Baptisms,	Infants 32,	Adults 5,	Total, 37
Confirmed			5
Communicants added,	{ By removal 0	Lost, { By removal 7	Present no. 35
	{ Otherwise 7	{ " death 5	
Number of families			30
Number in attendance upon ordinary occasions			100
Offerings			\$50 00
Marriages 16.	Funerals 34.	No. of children in Sunday School 40	

There have been regular services twice every Lord's day since the last convention, with the exception of five Sundays, when the Rector has been absent. The progress of the parish has been slow, though it is decidedly on the increase.

BELVIDERE—TRINITY—S. D. PULFORD.

Baptisms, infants 2, confirmed 4, communicants, present number, 18, number of families 10, number in attendance on ordinary occasions 50, offerings \$5, contributions to the fund of convention \$3 35, marriages 2, burials 4.

The above report reaches back to Nov. 14th, 1848, at which time the present diocesan missionary took charge of this parish. Owing to the necessity of almost unceasing ministerial labours in the village itself, to keep alive this feebly struggling parish; and also owing to the want of a sufficient salary to enable him to keep, or hire frequently a horse, your missionary has confined his labours almost entirely to the village: but has preached occasionally at the settlement in the vicinity of this place, and also at Rockford. Though, as he thinks, our little Zion in this place has, during the time included in this report, increased in strength as well as in numbers; yet, for the want of a place of worship owned by ourselves, and the paucity and pecuniary inability of her members, she has strong claims upon the tangible sympathy of all friends of the church, to help "lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes," in this growing village.

BRIMFIELD—ZION CHAPEL. Attached to Christ Chh., Robinsnest.

Baptisms,	Infants 2,	Adults 0,	Total, 2
Communicants added,	{ By removal 3	Lost, { By removal 0	Present no. 16
		{ " death 1	
Number of families			10
Number in attendance upon ordinary occasions			60 to 80
Offerings			\$9 50
Contributions to the Funds of Convention			\$5 55

SAMUEL CHASE.

CARLINVILLE—ST. PAUL'S—J. L. JOHNSTON.

Baptisms,	Infants 10,	Total, 10
Confirmed		2
Communicants lost by removal 1,		Present no. 8
Number of families		17
Number in attendance upon ordinary occasions		60
Offerings		about \$9 50

Commenced ministrations, morning and evening, on the third Sun. after Trinity A. D. 1849, and continued them, with occasional services through the week, on every third Sunday, until the Sunday next before Easter, A. D. 1850. Through a visit from the Bishop, the Holy Communion has been administered in this parish once.

CHESTER—ST. MARK'S—W. MITCHELL.

Your missionary continued to itinerate till the last of Nov. Since that time his services are confined to St. Mark's parish, Chester. During the year he travelled 1297, or more, miles. Said prayers and preached 40 times. Administered the Holy Communion 6 times. Baptized 5 infants, attended 4 funerals, and 6 marriages. Communicants lost by death, removals and discipline, 12; added by removals 4, present number 19. We need the devout prayers of the Church, and abundance of that wisdom which cometh down from above. In this parish we have lost beyond computation for want of a church, to worship the God of our fathers in. There lies on the church lot, the stone foundation completed, the brick, the lumber, the frames for doors and windows, ready for the walls, all paid for. All our cash in the Treasurer's hands was consumed in the fire on the 13th of April. We hope our friends will not permit our church materials to perish. One hundred and fifty dollars will enable us to go on and enclose our house of prayer.

CHESTERFIELD—ST. PETER'S—J. L. JOHNSTON.

Baptisms, infants 24, communicants, (the communion has never been administered, but of the number resident in the parish who have been admitted elsewhere by confirmation) 33, number of families 29, number in attendance upon ordinary occasions 100, offerings \$3 50.

Commenced ministrations, once in the village, and once in the neighbourhood, on the first Sunday after Trinity, A. D. 1849, and continued them on every third following Sunday until Easter Day, A. D. 1850.

CHICAGO—ST. JAMES'—R. H. CLARKSON.

I herewith subjoin the parochial reports for the two preceding years. Report of 1849: baptisms 27, confirmations 8, marriages 13, funerals 11. Report of 1850: Baptisms, adults 11, infants 43, total 54; confirmations 23, marriages 14, funerals 34, communicants lost by removal 7, died 3, joined "St. Ansgarius," or "the Atonement," parish 28, added 46, present number 116, number of families 110; contributions, for the poor \$157 93, for Bishop white Prayer Book Society \$10, for missions (in Illinois) \$35, for domestic missions \$18 80, for destitute parishes \$180, for convention fund \$29 10, total \$430 73. For the enlargement of the chh. (subscribed) \$2500 00.

The Sunday school is in a very flourishing condition. There are two parochial schools connected with the church. We have every reason to be thankful to Almighty God, "from whom cometh every good and perfect gift," for the spiritual and temporal progress of the last year.

CHICAGO—TRINITY—C. E. SWOPE.

The undersigned would respectfully report that the ministerial acts performed in Trinity parish, Chicago, Illinois, during the last two years, are as follows:

For the year ending June 18th, 1849: baptisms 11, marriages 8, burials 16. For the year ending June 18th, 1850: baptisms 12, marriages 12, burials 22.

The above acts were performed by the late Rev. Wm. Barlow, Rector of Trinity Church, and by the Rev. R. H. Clarkson, of St. James' Church, and the Rev. Mr. Unonius.

CORNELIUS E. SWOPE.

CHICAGO—ST. ANSGARIUS'—G. UNONIUS.

This parish, consisting of emigrants, from Sweden and Norway, was organized the 5th day of March, 1849. An account of its organization was, at that time, submitted to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of this diocese, into which we now respectfully have applied for admission. Since the 23rd of April last year, when I took charge of the parish, I have administered the sacrament of holy baptism to 26 infants, performed 10 marriages, and officiated at 56 funerals. Divine service has been celebrated regularly thrice every Sunday, alternately in the Swedish and Norwegian languages, except for a time of three months, when, with the permission of the Bishop, I was about making collections for a church building, which now soon will be finished. The holy communion has been administered monthly. Twelve candidates for confirmation have lately, in this solemn ordinance, received their baptismal vows. The parish now numbers 61 families, and 45 individuals. The whole population is 277, among which number 163 are communicants of the chh.

The Rector's support is now made up of weekly offerings, and inadequate as it has been during the past year, the parish has not been able to make any contributions for other purposes, except a small amount for the relief of the poor members of their own flock. Through the liberality of our friends in the east, a parsonage is nearly ready built, and if the missionary salary for a couple of years can yet be granted the rector, it is to be hoped that the parish will be self supporting.

CHICAGO—CHH. OF THE ATONEMENT—D. CHASE.

I have been enabled by the divine goodness to conduct service and preach every Sunday, with but few exceptions, since the last meeting of the convention.

These services have been rendered in the vicinity of Jubilee College, and other places where my duty as missionary called me.

The measure of gathering a new congregation in the west division of Chicago originated with the resident clergy, and was sustained by the cordial sympathy and good will and aid of the members of the two existing parishes.

After holding services a few weeks, a parish was formed on the 18th of March, and named the "Church of the Atonement." The election of wardens and vestry was held on Easter Monday. I was called as the rector of the parish, and removed my family on the first of May.

The parish have leased and fitted up a room in good taste, with seats, desk and pulpit, chancel railing and communion table.

The place of worship is capable of holding 200 persons, and is in a central position.

The families belonging to the parish number 25, adults about 60. I have baptized 2 adults and 1 infant. Six have been confirmed. Communicants, when the parish was organized, 19, present number 41.

A Sunday school has been organized. Twenty names are on the list.

In addition to my services here, it is my intention to minister to the parish on the Des-plaines, organized under the direction of the Bishop, some years ago. I have held services there one Sunday, and ascertained the number of communicants to be 10.

Since the last convention I have baptized 2 adults, and 30 infants, married 3 couple, and buried one person.

FARMINGTON—CALVARY—P. CHASE, JR.

My duties as a teacher of mathematics in Jubilee College, and missionary to neighbouring parishes have occupied all my time, except my leisure moments in horticulture, for the benefit of the institution.

As a missionary, I thought it my duty to build a church in one of the little parishes which I attended. Accordingly, the same has been commenced at Farmington, Fulton co., about 20 miles from Jubilee. The corner stone is laid, and most of the window frames and sashes are prepared, in my own cellar, at Jubilee. Some donations from dear friends abroad I have received, which, with the subscription list in the neighbourhood and at Jubilee, amount to about \$500. Something more we hope to obtain from the sale of my portion of strawberries, raised on the Hill.

There are at Farmington, now called Calvary Church, 12 communicants, number of families 5, baptisms 3, ordinary attendance 20.

The situation of Farmington is very favourable for a missionary station, as a central point which should be maintained. Since my ordination, March, 1849, I have officiated every alternate Sunday at this place, the remainder of the time at Princeville, 9 miles distant, and occasionally at Jubilee Chapel.

GALENA—GRACE—J. B. COLHOUN.

Baptisms,	Infants 20,	Adults 3,	Total, 23
Confirmed			12
Communicants added,	{ By removal 1	Lost, { By removal 3	Present no. 77
	{ Otherwise 12	{ " death 1	
Burials			2

This report embraces a period of between 5 and 6 months, during which time the undersigned has had charge of the parish. The new church edifice was consecrated by the Bishop, on the 28th of April last. A Sunday school has recently been organized, which, together with the general state of the parish, is in a flourishing condition. The children of the parish have been regularly catechised by the rector, on the first Sunday of every month, after the evening lesson. Full congregations have usually been present on these occasions.

GRAND DE TOUR—ST. PETER'S—A. J. WARNER.

Baptisms,	Infants 3,	Total, 3	
Confirmed (not belonging to the parish)		2	
Communicants added,	{ By removal 1	Lost, { By death 1	Present no. 11
	{ " discipline 1		
Number of families		8	
Number in attendance ordinarily		35 to 40	
Offerings		\$32 00	
Marriages 1.	Funerals 8.		

This parish is still small and feeble. It is therefore with the more gratitude to the author of every blessing that I am able to report the erection and completion, within the past year, of a neat little stone edifice, destined for his service, and to be dedicated to his worship.

Its dimensions on the ground are 24 by 25 feet, from out to out; with a vestry behind, costing about \$350, it being 13 by 24 feet on the ground.

The building is paid for, excepting \$415 still due the building committee, which, it is of the greatest importance should be liquidated before fall.

A part of the offerings (\$14) were applied for the purchase of plate for the communion service. Five dollars were the result of a collection in behalf of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, and the remainder was expended in the purchase of sunday school books.

Notwithstanding God hath prospered us in many respects, I have also to announce, with the deepest regret, our loss, by death, of one of the firmest and most useful members of the church. He was a communicant, confirmed a little more than one year previous to his death, and his loss is the more deeply felt, as there seems not to be at present any person to fill his place among us.

I ought to say, however, that there is in general a feeling of generosity and good will towards the church existing in this place, which speaks well for its influence in future.

Justice, at least, requires us to acknowledge and thankfully attest the assistance which we have received from all the chief business men of the place, in raising subscriptions and taking charge of the business transactions incident to the building of our little church. Everything, whether of time or means, which they could consistently bestow, has been freely and willingly rendered.

Although none of the building committee, since the death of Mr. House, already alluded to, are communicants in the church, they have made themselves liable to the builder for the debt which we owe him, and on which they are paying 10 per cent interest, until it can be paid.

As to myself; I have confined myself exclusively to this station the past year, administering the ordinances as often and as regularly as the circumstances would permit.

JACKSONVILLE—TRINITY—J. T. WORTHINGTON.

The rector of Trinity Church, at Jacksonville, Illinois, offers the following report of statistics, since the convention of 1848. Marriages 2, burials 2, and at Rushville 3, in all 5, baptisms, adults 5, infants 12, and at Rushville 1, in all 18, confirmations 11, communicants, now resident, 34, non-resident at this time, and expected to return, 6, total 40, number in June, 1847, 16, whole number since 1847, 52, showing an increase of 36 by immigration and by reception into the church, and a decrease of 12, by emigration and death. Of this whole number, only 12 are male communicants. Sunday school is small, and irregular in attendance. Say, from 20 to 30, and does not make such progress as ought to be expected.

This is owing to two causes: partly to the negligence of parents, in not requiring the children to learn their lessons at home, and in not sending them to school, especially their older children. Thus, the rector is deprived of all opportunity to prepare them for confirmation. Another cause, is the want of a sufficient number of teachers.

LOCK PORT—ST. JOHN'S—D. E. BROWN.

Baptisms,	Infants 14,	Adults 1,	Total, 15
Communicants added,	{ By removal 6	Lost, { By death 1	Present no. 34
	{ Otherwise	{ " removal 4	
Number of families			26
Number in attendance ordinarily			75
Offerings			\$10 00
Contributions to the Bishop White Prayer Book Society			\$5 00
Funerals 24.	Marriages 7.		

This report embraces the statistics of the church for the two past seasons, from the meeting of the convention at Jacksonville, June 19th, 1848, to the present convention at Chicago, June 16th, 1850; and when the pestilence of last season is remembered, the number of funerals will not appear so strange.

During the past season, this station, like most others, has suffered much by the gold mania, which has passed over our country. Our congregation, and many of our people are much affected by it, and members of our vestry. The effects have been most deleterious and lessening, not only our numbers, but lessening our means of benefiting those that are left.

A third service has been held, every alternate sunday, at Plainfield, where the congregation has been good, and the prospect encouraging. I have also visited, and held services at the village of Wilmington, on the Kankakee. I have held three services there, to a large and attentive congregation, and where, if a clergyman could be obtained, a congregation could be built up at once. An individual who has become the owner of a building, and the ground on which it stands, which was erected for a house of public worship, by another denomination, and which is eligibly situated for church purposes, proposes to donate the same to the church, provided a church shall become organized, and a clergyman stationed there. It is to be hoped that so generous an offer may be accepted, and the building secured.

I have also visited and preached in the flourishing village of Naperville, in Dupage county, where there are a few episcopal families. At this place, also, it is to be hoped, a church may soon be organized. Also I have visited and preached in the small village of Hadley, in the eastern part of the county, where there are also a few episcopal families. The field before your missionary is ample enough to occupy his whole time, how, then, can the small moiety he is able to devote to these places be enlarged without seriously drawing upon the time which must be devoted to his more important charge, at this place. Let us pray earnestly that the Lord of the harvest will send more labourers into these fields, which are already so white unto the harvest. May God grant this happy answer to our prayers.

LIMESTONE PRAIRIE—CHRIST—R. RADLEY.

Baptisms, Confirmed	Infants 14,	Adults 2,	Total, 16 4
Communicants added,	{ By removal 13 { Otherwise 4	Lost, by removal 9,	Present no. 24
Number of families			22
Number in attendance upon ordinary occasions			85
Offerings			\$12 55
Contributions to Domestic Missions			\$16 48
Contributions to the Funds of Convention			\$6 00

The condition of this parish, with regard to the number of communicants, is not materially changed; and although several have been added, still the number is kept stationary by frequent removals.

There is much to encourage in this devoted little parish. The church has faithful and zealous friends here, whose piety and good example have had a salutary effect upon the inhabitants generally in this vicinity.

For a country parish, the services are well attended, and we have good hope that ere long the number of communicants will be considerably increased.

KICKAPOO—ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL: Attached to Christ Church, Robinsnest.

Baptisms, Confirmed	Infants 7,	Adults 1,	Total, 8 2
Communicants added,	{ By removal 3 { Otherwise 2	Lost, { By removal 3 { " death 2	Present no. 17
Number of families			25
Number in attendance upon ordinary occasions			120
Offerings			\$9 00
Contributions to the fund of convention			\$4 25

St. Luke's Chapel, which my last report stated to be in course of erection, has been finished, in a neat and substantial manner, and was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, on the 9th of July last; and if we may be allowed to judge from the past, the time is not remote when every seat within its walls will be occupied.

From the meeting of the last convention up to April 1st, 1849, I was enabled, through the kindness of Rev. Joseph Mayo, to continue my monthly visits to the congregations at Providence and Erindale. Since that time my services, as heretofore, have been confined almost exclusively to Limestone Prairie and Kickapoo. During the past two years, divine service has been celebrated once in each place every Lord's day, except two sundays, when, from severe indisposition, I was entirely incapacitated for public duty. The sacrament of the Lord's supper has been

administered on the first sunday in each month. I have solemnized 8 marriages, and attended 11 funerals. The churches under my charge have been open for occasional week day services, and specially on the principal festivals and fasts of the church.

R. RADLEY.

FREEPORT—ZION—J. BENTLEY.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 10, confirmations 3, communicants 7, (the number at our next communion will, I trust, be increased to 15,) burials 2, marriages 1.

It is now nearly sixteen months since I entered upon the duties of a missionary at this place, and Mount Carrol. These duties I discharged according to my ability up to December last, when, my health failing, I was compelled to suspend them. Nor have I to this day been enabled to resume my ministerial duties, except occasionally to perform the church service, and to superintend the sunday school.

Though while our regular services continued, I thought the prospect for establishing the church in Freeport quite good, it is not now very flattering; yet, our trust is in God.

We were recently blessed by a visit from our venerable Diocesan, who, while here, set on foot a subscription for building a church in Freeport. And this object so devoutly to be wished and prayed for, we are not without hope will partially be accomplished this present season.

MENDON—ZION—J. SELLWOOD.

Baptisms,	Infants 3, and out of the parish, infants, 5,	Total, 8
Confirmed		12
Communicants added,	{ By removal 16 { Otherwise 1	Lost, { By removal 3 { " death 5
		Present no. 23
Number of families		12
Number in attendance upon ordinary occasions		20 to 30

The dark cloud which seemed to hang over this parish at the time of making my last report, (two years ago,) has passed away, and we have cheering indications that the Great Head of the Church has not forgotten us. We enjoy peace and prosperity. Several additions have been made to the number of parishioners, and a greater number has been added to the list of communicants than that list embraced at last report. We have, likewise, a prospect of a further addition next communion season.

But while a gracious Providence has been adding to the number of communicants, He has also been taking away. Within the last twelve months no less than five communicants of this small parish have died. One of the number was my own mother, who died singing the praises of God.

Every other sunday I am expected to spend in Carthage. Prospects here are not encouraging. There is no parish formed, nor likelihood of one yet.

Last fall I visited La Harpe, for the first time. No Episcopal clergyman had ever officiated there before. By request of several of the citizens I endeavoured to hold divine service there, on three successive evenings of every other week, up to last April, when, the evenings having become too short, I closed my ministrations there for the time. La Harpe being distant from Mendon 40 or 50 miles, and it being winter time, I have sometimes had considerable difficulty in travelling; but, though a weariness to the body, the spirit has been refreshed. I have enjoyed delightful seasons there, and many of the audience also have felt it good to be there, and have had cause to say, surely this is none other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven. On my first visit I found only 2 communicants of our church residing there. At the close of my ministrations for the time, I administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper, when two were added to the number.

METAMORA—CHRIST—E. B. KELLOGG.

Baptisms,	Infants 4,	Total, 4
Confirmed		14
Communicants added, 13,	Lost, by death 1,	Present no. 24
Number of families		10
Number in attendance on ordinary occasions		75 to 100
Offerings		\$30 00
Contributions to the Convention Fund		\$6 00

Since my removal to Metamora, about a year ago, a parish has been organized, and a church finished. The funds for this latter purpose were chiefly obtained from friends of our Zion residing in Missouri, Mississippi, Louisiana, and W. Florida. Most of the additions to our communion have been from among those who were educated in other churches. The responses are well made; and the introduction of an organ into the gallery, by a family of parishioners, has contributed greatly to the improvement of our music. There is evidently an increasing interest in our favour pervading the community in the neighbourhood of Metamora, from which we may reasonably look for favourable results.

I feel encouraged from present appearances to sow the good seed of the word in this pleasant and fertile field, believing that my labour will not be in vain in the Lord.

OTTAWA—CHRIST—C. V. KELLY.

Since my last report, at the convention of 1848, a church edifice has been completed, and entirely paid for, and is now ready for consecration. For the last year and a half I have been constantly engaged in the duties of my stations, and have reason to believe that the poor labours bestowed on this portion of the vineyard have not been altogether unblest.

The following has been the amount of duties performed:

Baptisms,	Infants 9,	Adults 4,	Total, 13
Communicants added, 14,	Died 2,	Removed 6,	Present no. 27
Marriages 4.	Candidates for confirmation 10.		
No. of sermons, 190.	Services, 190.		Funerals, 50

PEORIA—ST. PAUL'S—J. S. CHAMBERLAINE.

Last Easter I resigned the charge of this parish to the vestry thereof, esteeming it strong enough to become self-supporting. A clergyman has already been called to take my place, and the church edifice which was erected last year is being rapidly finished.

In reporting my mission, so happily ended for the church, I would remember my own sins with humility, and the mercy of God upon this work with unfeigned thankfulness.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 3, confirmations 1, marriages 2, burials 5, communicants 51.

PITTSFIELD—ST. STEPHEN'S—J. T. WORTHINGTON.

Since the convention of 1848, this parish has had no pastor up to the first of March last. At that time, with the Bishop's consent, the present rector began to visit it once a month regularly; though he had occasionally visited it before.

At present they have no house for worship, but they have lately purchased a handsome lot, very convenient to the town, and expect, during the present year, to procure stone and other materials for building a neat Gothic church. (Not a meeting house.)

Situated in one of the finest counties in the state, and immediately between the rivers Mississippi and Illinois, a constant tide of immigration is settling around Pittsfield; chiefly from our eastern states, and from England and Ireland. Among these are found occasionally Episcopal families.

The rector feels assured that this is one of the most promising fields in this diocese, for building up a vigorous, growing and healthy church.

Their means of building are not in proportion to their numbers, but their zeal and energy will accomplish much. They hope that God will send help to those who try to help themselves.

Baptisms, adults 2, by the bishop, infants 5, by rector; confirmations 11, communicants 16, that may, but have not yet come to the table, 13, in all, 29; Episcopal families in and about Pittsfield not certainly known, but believed to be about 25. Sunday school is about to be organized. They have lately received from Rev. Mr. Williams, and others, of New Jersey, and of N. Y. city, a handsome Bible and Prayer Book, for the desk, and a well selected library of catechisms and reading books, for a small school.

QUINCY—ST. JOHN'S—G. P. GIDDINGE.

Baptisms,	Infants 30,	Adults 6,	Total, 36
Communicants added,	{ By removal 8 Otherwise 26	Lost, { By removal 33 " death 6	Present no. 85
Number of families			about 65
Ordinary attendance, as many as the house will accommodate, say,			220
Raised for domestic missions \$40 00.		For Bishop White Prayer Book Soc. \$10	
For Sunday school, about \$50 00.		For expenses of Bishop, \$53 00	

The parish has, in the midst of many discouragements, much reason to bless God for an increase of strength and prosperity, and for the prospect of further increase in advance. Its numbers have been greatly thinned by emigration, and by the inroads of disease. The lumber purchased in Wisconsin last year, for a new church, and, by contract, to have been delivered on the first of August last, has been delayed by low water and high winds till the present time. Our need of increased church accommodation is great; our means to attain it very limited. The failure of two successive crops in our county; the ravages of disease during the last year; and the drain occasioned by emigration to California, have all combined to paralyse the hands of business, and to render a postponement of our efforts to erect our new church unavoidable.

In the mean time, about 20 families, desirous of obtaining seats in church, have united in an effort to put an addition to the front of our present building, which will afford, when completed, 84 sittings, all pre-engaged.

Our Lent services, the past season, were well attended. The last visit of the Bishop very interesting. The persons confirmed have nearly all become communicants, and the others design doing so at an early day. And there are some 12 or 15 persons now desirous of being confirmed.

The rector has had divine service twice on each Lord's day, when his health and the weather would permit. During Lent he had daily morning and evening prayer, and a course of practical lectures on the catechism. Generally, also, he has service on the holy days appointed by the church.

ROBINSNEST—CHRIST—Rt. Rev. P. CHASE, D. D.

Baptisms,	Infants 7,	Adults 1,	Total, 8
Confirmed			5
Communicants added,	{ By removal 8 Otherwise 4	Lost, { By removal 5 " death 1	Present no. 86
Number of families			6
Number in attendance upon ordinary occasions			75 to 100
Offerings, (say,)			\$35 00
Contributions to the Funds of Convention			\$8 76

SAMUEL CHASE.

SPRINGFIELD—ST. PAUL'S—C. DRESSER.

Baptisms,	Infants 23,		Total, 23
Confirmed			13
Communicants added,	{ By removal 12 Otherwise 11	Lost, { By removal 7 Withdrawn 1	Present no. 52
Number of families			33
Contributed for Missions, etc.			\$60 00
Assessment for convention fund			\$13 00
Marriages solemnized, 8.		Funerals attended, 8.	

Since the consecration of our church, soon after the last convention, the congregation has considerably increased; and about one thousand dollars have been raised and expended in finishing the tower, filling and enclosing the lot, paying for organ, and in making repairs, rendered necessary by defects in the roofs and gutters as originally constructed. The Sunday school, also, has been newly organized, and the number of scholars increased.

WAUKEGAN—CHRIST—J. McNAMARA.

I was called to take the charge of this parish about the first of June. Service had not been held for a year previous. There are about 12 families, sixty individuals, and, as far as I have been able to learn, about 15 communicants. Should this

parish be aided by the domestic board for a year or two, there can hardly be a doubt but that a church edifice can be built, and the parish enabled to become self-supporting.

WAVERLY—CHRIST—J. L. JOHNSTON.

Communicants lost by removal 3, by death 2, present no. 11, number of families 5, number in attendance upon ordinary occasions 25, offerings, about \$11.

Being duly licensed, commenced, the first Sunday after Epiphany, A. D. 1849, officiating as lay-reader, and maintained the reading of the daily services, together with appointed sermons, every Lord's day, until the next third Sunday in Lent. Being ordained to the Deaconate, returned to the parish, and ministered twice every Lord's day, with occasional services through the week, from the Sunday next before Easter, to the first Sunday after Trinity; from which period, to the fourth Sunday in Lent, A. D. 1850, intermitted the regular services, and ministered twice every following third Sunday. By the kindness of the Rev. C. Dresser, and the Rev. J. T. Worthington, the Holy Communion was administered in this parish, at three different seasons.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Location.	Name of Church.	bapt-	Con-	Comm-	Remarks.
		isms.			
		r. A.			
Aurora,	Trinity,	2 11	9	45	
Alton,	St. Paul's,	32 5	5	35	
Albion,	St. John's,				
Algonquin,	St. John's,				
Batavia,	St. Paul's,			39	Report of 1845. Not admitted into union with con.
Brimfield,	Zion Chapel,			16	Attached to Christ church, Robinsnest.
Beardstown,	St. Andrew's,				
Belvidere,	Trinity,	2	4	18	Not admitt'd into u'n. with con.
Carlinville,	St. Paul's,	10	2	8	
Chester,	St. Mark's,	5		19	
Chesterfield,	St. Peter's,	24		38	
Chicago,	St. James',	70 11	31	116	
"	Trinity,	23		60	
"	St. Ansgarius',	26		163	
"	Atonement,	1 2	6	41	
Collinsville,	Christ,				
Carrollton,	Trinity,				Not admitt'd into u'n. with con.
Dixon,	St. Luke's,			6	Report of 1847.
Edwardsville,	St. Andrew's,				
Erindale,	Christ,			36	Report of 1848.
Farmington,	Calvary,	3		12	
Freeport,	Zion,	10 1	3	15	
Galena,	Grace,	20 3	12	77	
Geneva,	St. Paul's,				
Grand De Tour,	St. Peter's,	3 2		11	
Jacksonville,	Trinity,	12 5	11	40	
Joliet,	Christ,				Includ'd in St. John's, Lockport
Kickapoo,	St. Luke's,	7 1	2	17	Attached to Christ church, Robinsnest.
Knoxville,	St. John's,			14	Report of 1848.
Lockport,	St. John's,	14 1		34	
Limestone Prairie,	Christ,	14 2	4	24	
Mendon,	Zion,	5		23	
Metamora,	Christ,	4	14	24	
Mount Sterling,	Trinity,			11	
Ottawa,	Christ,	9 4	13	27	
Oswego,	St. John's,				
Palestine Grove,	Christ,				
Peoria,	St. Paul's,	3 1	1	51	
Peru,	St. Paul's,		7		Report of 1848.
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	5 2	17	29	
Quincy,	St. John's,	30 6	26	85	
Robinsnest,	Christ,	7 1	5	86	
Rushville,	Christ,			26	Report of 1848.
Springfield,	St. Paul's,	23	13	52	
Sterling,	Grace,				Not admitt'd into u'n. with con.
Tremont,	Christ,			32	Report of 1845.
Vergennes,	Zion,				
Warsaw,	St. Paul's,			14	
Waukegan,	Christ,			28	Formerly Christ ch. Littlefort, and not admitted into union with con.
Waverly.	St. Paul's,			11	

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APPENDIX.

The Secretary appends the following list of delinquent parishes for 1848, as ordered by the convention, viz :

St. Paul's, Alton. St. Paul's, Batavia. St. Mark's, Chester. Trinity, Chicago, (since paid.) Christ, Collinsville. St. Luke's, Dixon. St. Andrew's, Edwardsville. Christ, Erindale. Calvary, Farmington, (since paid.) Grace, Galena. St. Andrew's, Beardstown. St. Paul's, Geneva. St. Peter's, Grand De Tour. Christ, Joliet. St. John's, Knoxville. St. John's, Lockport. Christ, Ottawa. St. Paul's, Peoria. St. Paul's, Peru. St. John's, Quincy. Christ, Tremont. Zion, Vergennes. St. Paul's, Warsaw.

Samuel Chase,

In account with the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois.

	Dr.	Cr.
1848.		
June. To cash received of Christ church, Robinsnest, \$10, less assess. of 1845, \$5; Trinity, Chicago, for 1847, \$10; St. James', Chicago, for 1848, \$10; Christ, Waverly, for 1848, \$2; St. John's, Albion, for 1847, \$3; St. Paul's, Springfield, for 1848, \$9 25; St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, for 1848, \$3; St. Andrew's, Beardstown, for 1847, \$3; Christ, Rushville, for 1848, \$3; Grace, Galena, for 1847, \$10; Zion, Mendon, for 1848, \$2 50; Trinity, Jacksonville, for 1848, \$8 50; Brimfield, for 1848, \$3 94; Christ, Limestone Prairie, for 1848, \$9.	82 19	
1848.		
June. By balance of account of 1847,		32 61
" bill for Journal of 1848,		60 00
" postage on Journals,		2 10
To balance,	12 52	
	\$94 71	\$94 71

SAMUEL CHASE, Treasurer of Convention.

An Act to authorise the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Illinois, to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop, and to aid superannuated ministers, and the widows and children of deceased ministers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the general assembly,* That Samuel H. Treat, John H. Kinzie, J. Bailhache, John T. Worthington, and Ebenezer Moore, be, and they are hereby, constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of the "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may receive any property, real or personal, by purchase, devise, or otherwise, and have and hold the same; contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, as natural persons, and have and use a common or corporate seal; *Provided, however,* that the property of said corporation and the funds thereof shall never be applied to any purpose other than the support of a bishop of said church within said diocese, or aiding superannuated ministers in the same, and the widows and children of such as are deceased.

§ 2. The said trustees shall hold their office until the next ensuing annual convention of the said Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Illinois, and until their successors in office shall be appointed and qualified, at which time, and

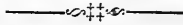
at every annual convention thereafter, trustees shall be appointed pursuant to such rules, by-laws, or canons of said church as may be in force at the time of such appointment; which, however, shall not be repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States.

§ 3. The property or funds of said corporation may be sold, alienated, or otherwise disposed of for the purpose of reinvesting the proceeds thereof, or appropriating the same as hereinbefore provided, and for no other purpose, the said trustees being governed therein by such rules, limitations, and restrictions as the said convention may prescribe; *Provided*, the property held by said corporation shall never exceed, at any one time, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

§ 4. Any future legislature shall have power to repeal, alter, or amend this act; but such alteration, amendment, or repeal, shall not in any case divert the property, money, or rights acquired under its provisions.

§ 5. This act shall be taken and constructed literally as a general act, and be in force from and after its passage.

APPROVED February 10, 1849.



DIOCESAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The association assembled immediately after the adjournment of the convention. The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the diocese presiding.

The Secretary presented and read a report of the monies received and paid out, since July 1st, 1848.

The report showed that the association had been enabled to sustain, in part, seven missionaries: the sum appropriated to each one being \$100 per annum.

The whole amount of cash in hand, unexpended, July 1st, 1848, and received since, from various sources, all of which has been acknowledged in the *Motto*, up to, and including, No. 11, is \$1625 79.

The whole amount paid out to missionaries, and reported as above, including appropriations up to July 1, 1850, is \$1348 80, leaving a balance of \$276 99.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of ten persons be appointed, to consider the propriety of presenting to the public, in the name of this association, an appeal in behalf of Diocesan Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Illinois; and that they be instructed, if they think it advisable so to do, to report such appeal forthwith, if practicable.

Whereupon, the following persons were appointed said committee, viz :

Rev. S. Y. M'Masters,	Rev. S. Chase,
“ C. Dresser,	“ G. Unonius,
“ J. T. Worthington,	“ C. V. Kelly,
“ D. E. Brown,	J. Chickering, Esq.,
John Rogers,	Judge Bailhache.

On motion, the association adjourned to meet at half-past 7 o'clock.

Half-past 7 o'clock.

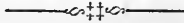
The association met pursuant to adjournment. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese presiding.

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of addressing the public, in an appeal, in favour of the Diocesan Missionaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Illinois, report, that they think it expedient to make such appeal in favour of said missions, and particularly in favour of the Theological Seminary at Jubilee, in Peoria co., which, they regard as one of the great missionary institutions of the valley of the Mississippi.

The committee desire to express to the world the legitimate claims of Christian missions — the authority by which they are made — the basis on which they rest, and the work which they propose to perform ; and to present therewith motives and inducements which are calculated to enforce these claims, and for this purpose, they herewith report an address

The address was read, and ordered to be printed.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Secretary of D. M. Association.



EXTRACT FROM JOURNAL OF 1846.

Resolved, That the clerical members of this convention, and such of the laity as shall contribute the sum of five dollars annually, do constitute a Diocesan Missionary Association, to extend the means of grace to destitute places in this Diocese, not aided by the Domestic Committee of the General Missionary Board.

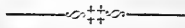
Resolved, That the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this convention fill the same places in this association ; and that the regular meetings be at the close of each annual convention.

Resolved, That it be recommended to every minister to present the peculiar claims of this association to his congregation during the ensuing year, and take up collections in furtherance of the object in view.

EXTRACT FROM JOURNAL OF 1847.

Resolved, That the friends of the Church in this Diocese, both at home and abroad, be earnestly requested to contribute of their means to enable the Bishop to carry into effect the object of this association.

Resolved, That all, clergy and laity, become active agents in promoting the interest of the association, and send to the Bishop lists of names of all to whom he may send any publication relative to the same.



CANON IV.

Of Parochial Association.

It shall be lawful for any number of persons not less than three, friendly to the Episcopal Church, and desirous of concentrating their endeavours, to associate themselves as a parish under the direction of any minister canonically resident in this Diocese; *Provided, however*, that such parish shall embrace at least six communicants to entitle it to a representative in the convention. The following shall be the form of such association :

“We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply sensible of the truth of the christian religion, and earnestly desirous of promoting its holy influences in our own hearts, and in those of our families and neighbours, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of _____ Parish, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and Diocese of Illinois, the authority of whose constitution and canons we do hereby recognize, and to whose liturgy and mode of worship we promise conformity.”

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of each parish organized according to the above form, to report the fact of such organization within one month to the secretary of the convention, duly certified by the minister under whose direction the parish was organized, and the secretary shall make an attested record of the same.

CANON V.

Of the admission of a Church into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

SEC. 1. To entitle a church, hereafter, to admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese,

it shall be required that the vestry submit to the convention, or to a committee appointed by its authority, the certificate of organization, signed by one of the wardens, or the clerk of the vestry.

SEC. 2. Every organized church, applying for admission into union with the convention of this Diocese, shall also produce to the convention a certificate of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the major part of the standing committee, that he or they approve of the organization of such church.

CANON XV.

It shall be the duty of every parish to contribute and forward to each annual convention, a sum equal to twenty-five cents for each communicant in the same, to defray the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

Form of Parochial Report,

As prepared by the Secretary, under instruction from the Convention.

Location of Parish—Name of Parish—Name of Clergyman.

Baptisms—	Infants—	Adults—	Total, —
Confirmed—			—
Communicants added, {	By removal—	Lost, {	By removal—
{	Otherwise—	{	“ death—
			Present no. —
Number of families—			—
Number in attendance upon ordinary occasions—			—
Offerings—			\$ —
Contributions to the Fund of Convention—			\$ —

REMARKS—



NOTICES.

The next annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, will be held in St. JOHN'S, Quincy, on the first Monday after the 15th of June, 1851.

SAMUEL CHASE.
Secretary of Convention

TERMS OF JUBILEE COLLEGE.

One hundred dollars, paid invariably in advance. This sum, in ordinary cases, will cover all expenses for the academical term of forty weeks, viz :

Board, tuition, room rent, fuel, use of library,	\$80
Books, stationery, lights and washing, (estimated,)	20

The incidental expenses of books, washing, etc., depend much upon the studies pursued and the habits of the scholar. Bed, bedding and towels to be furnished by the student.

The academical year commences on the first Wednesday in October, and continues forty weeks.

Jubilee College. Close of Session, 1849-50.

The examinations were held on the 8th, 9th and 10th of July, in the presence of the Bishop, and the instructors. These examinations were highly creditable to the young men; and showed them to have been thoroughly and critically instructed in the several branches of academic learning.

The following degrees were conferred by the Bishop, as President of the College.

- A. B. Upon JAMES HOWE, a graduate of 1849-50.
- A. M. Upon Samuel D. Pulford, an alumnus of the Institution, since 1846-7.
- D. D. Upon Rev. Samuel Chase, a graduate of Kenyon College, 1828-9. and admitted to the honorary degree of A. M. in Trinity College, Hartford, 1847-8.



