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JOURNAL

OF THE

Twenty-First Annual Convention

OF THE

DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

NOTICES.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS, will be held in St. James' Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, the 14th day of September, A. D. 1859.

SAM'L D. PULFORD,
Secretary of Convention.

THE SECRETARY was ordered, by the Convention of 1857, to procure and have bound as many complete sets as possible of the Journals of this Diocese. Among the Journals in the keeping of the Secretary, there is no one full set. Those who have in their possession, and will forward to the Secretary, copies of the Journals of the 3d, 4th, 5th, 13th and 16th Annual Conventions, will confer a great favor on the Diocese.

SAM'L D. PULFORD,
Secretary of Convention.

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ON THE

FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH DAYS OF SEPTEMBER, 1858.

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List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Illinois,

FOR THE CONVENTION OF 1858.

- RT. REV. HENRY JOHN WHITEHOUSE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and President of Jubilee College.
- REV. ADAMS, HENRY,* Deacon.
- REV. BARTON, JOHN O., Rector Church of the Atonement, Chicago.
- REV. BENEDICT, THOMAS N., Rector Grace Church, Galena.
- REV. BENSON, JOHN, Rector Calvary Church, Farmington.
- REV. BISHOP, HIRAM N., Rector St. John's Church, Chicago.
- REV. BOSTWICK, WILLIAM L., Rector St. John's Church, Decatur, M.
- REV. BRODNAX, WILLIAM M. A., (Deacon,) Assist. Minister Trinity Church, Chicago.
- REV. CASTLEMAN, THOMAS TAYLOR.*
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- REV. CHASE, SAMUEL, D. D., Vice President of Jubilee College, and South Carolina Professor of Ancient Languages.
- REV. CHITTENDEN, RICHARD L., Rector Zion Church, Freeport.
- REV. CLARK, ANSON, Rector Emmanuel Church, Rockford.
- REV. CLARK, CHARLES P.
- REV. CLARK, JOHN W., Rector Grace Church, Chicago.
- REV. CLARKSON, ROBERT H., D. D., Rector St. James' Church, Chicago.
- REV. CLOVER, LEWIS P., Rector St. Paul's Church, Springfield.
- REV. COWELL, SAMUEL, Rector St. John's Church, Lockport.
- REV. DRESSER, CHARLES, D. D., Chaplain of Jubilee College, and Professor of Belles Lettres.
- REV. DRESSER, DAVID WALKER, Rector St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield, and St. Paul's Church, Carlinville, M.
- REV. GASMANN, JOHN G., Norwegian Minister St. Ansgarius', Chicago.
- REV. GOODALE, SAMUEL, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneseo, M.
- REV. GRISWOLD, ASA, residing in Chicago.
- REV. HARLOW, EDWARD H., Rector St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington.
- REV. HAVEN, JOHN H.,* Deacon.
- REV. HUTCHINS, BENJAMIN, Rector St. John's Church, Albion.
- REV. KELLY, CHARLES V.,* residing in Chicago.
- REV. LOCKE, JAMES DEW. C., Rector Christ Church, Joliet.
- REV. LOOP, DEWITT CLINTON, Lacon, M.

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- REV. MAYO, JOSEPH,* residing near Kickapoo.
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 REV. MORRELL, HENRY H., Rector Church of the Ascension, Chicago.
 REV. MORRISON, THEODORE N., Rector Trinity Church, Jacksonville.
 REV. NASH, SYLVESTER, Rector Christ Church, Waukegan.
 REV. NIGLAS, JOHN,* residing in Peoria.
 REV. OSBORNE, JOHN WESLEY, (Deacon,) Missionary at Centralia and Jonesboro'.
 REV. PETERS, G. E., Rector St. John's Church, Kewanee.
 REV. PORTER, GEORGE S.,* residing at Arcadia, Stark county.
 REV. PULFORD, SAMUEL D., Principal of the Preparatory Department, Jubilee College.
 REV. ROBERTS, WARREN H., Rector St. Peter's Church, Sycamore, M.
 REV. RUDDER, WILLIAM.*
 REV. RYALL, ROBERT, Rector Grace Church, Rock Island county, M.
 REV. SAYRES, GEORGE, Rector St. Paul's Church, Pekin, M.
 REV. SCHENCK, NOAH H., Rector Trinity Church, Chicago.
 REV. SPALDING, V., Rector Trinity Church, Aurora, M.
 REV. STANLEY, HENRY, Rector Trinity Church, Rock Island.
 REV. STOUT, CHARLES B., Rector St. Paul's Church, Manhattan, and Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington.
 REV. STRONG, HENRY N., D. D., Rector St. Paul's Church, Peoria.
 REV. TODD, CHARLES J., residing at Dement.
 REV. TUTTLE, EDMUND B., Rector Trinity Church, Belvidere, M.
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 REV. WARNER, ABRAHAM J., Rector St. Paul's Church, Peru, M.
 REV. WATERBURY, JULIUS H., Minister at Elgin, and parts adjacent.
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 REV. WHIPPLE, HENRY B., Rector Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago.
 REV. WILKINSON, JOHN, Deacon, St. Luke's Church, Dixon, M.
 REV. WOODWARD, JAMES A., Rector St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge.

Whole number, SIXTY.

Certified,

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE,

Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER 15, 1858.

NOTE.—Those marked with asterisks (*), not entitled to seat in Convention.
 Those marked M. are Missionaries.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

- ALTON, ST. PAUL'S; S. R. Doble, *Charles Trumbull*, S. E. McGregory, James Birdsall.
AURORA, TRINITY; *Ephraim Smith*, P. A. Allaire, Samuel Hoyle.
BELVIDERE, TRINITY; Samuel Rockwood, Noah Merchant.
BLOOMINGTON, ST. MATTHEW'S; *T. C. Peck*, *J. M. Jordan*.
CHICAGO, ST. JAMES'; *C. R. Larrabee*, T. F. Phillips, A. M. Robinson.
" TRINITY; L. E. Alexander, C. Beers, *E. L. Canfield*.
" ATONEMENT; *L. B. Otis*, Isaac Dyke, *George P. Lee*.
" GRACE; J. W. Chickering, *J. Taber*, *Samuel S. Hascy*.
" HOLY COMMUNION; W. J. McAlpine, William H. Lowe, *D. D. Chapin*.
" ST. JOHN'S; *J. A. Nichols*, James F. Aldrich, Jno. A. Grow.
CARLINVILLE, ST. PAUL'S; Richard Morfoot, *W. W. Dorset*.
CHESTER, ST. MARK'S; *R. B. Servant*, John Swanwick.
CHESTERFIELD, ST. PETER'S; *Thomas Sherburne Gelder*.
DIXON, ST. LUKE'S; *G. C. Chipman*, J. K. Edsall, *W. W. DeWolfe*.
DECATUR, ST. JOHN'S; *Cyril Fuller*, Henry Prather, *D. C. Lockwood*.
FARMINGTON, CALVARY; *S. C. Judd*, F. A. Warner, *Samuel Wilkinson*.
FARM RIDGE, ST. ANDREW'S; *Isaac Yost*.
FREEPORT, ZION; D. S. Brewster, Thomas Webster, F. E. Dakin.
GALENA, GRACE; Frederick Stahl, Richard Seal.
JACKSONVILLE, TRINITY; *Dr. B. Gillette*, *Wm. M. Mayo*.
JOLIET, CHRIST; J. N. Webster, Wm. Carlyle, *Francis Nicholson*.
KEWANEE, ST. JOHN'S; J. B. Flagg, *R. P. Parish*.
LOCKPORT, ST. JOHN'S; Hiram Norton, John Griswold, Comstock Hanford.
METAMORA, CHRIST; Charles Rich, *J. M. Clarke*, P. F. Kellogg.
MANHATTAN, ST. PAUL'S; H. W. Hubbard, C. P. Lord, Edw. Young.
PEORIA, ST. PAUL'S; P. R. K. Brotherson, John Johnson, *M. W. McReynolds*.
QUINCY, ST. JOHN'S; *F. C. Moore*, Henry Asbury, *W. C. Van Doren*.
ROBIN'S NEST, CHRIST; *Benjamin Tucker*.
ROCK ISLAND, TRINITY; Dr. G. W. Huntington, Bushrod Birch.
SPRINGFIELD, ST. PAUL'S; *Antrim Campbell*, *S. H. Treat*, James Brown.
SYCAMORE, ST. PETER'S; Isaac Johnson, U. B. Prescott, *Joseph Moore*.
WILMINGTON, REDEEMER; Rodney S. Bowen.
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Those present in Convention in *Italics*.



JOURNAL.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, }
September 15th, A. D. 1858. }

The Twenty-First Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Illinois, assembled for organization and business this 15th day of September, A. D. 1858, in St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

The Convention was opened with Divine service and the Holy Communion. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Dresser, Rev. Dr. Clarkson, and the Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry B. Whipple, Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Chase.

The Convention was called to order, and the Secretary proceeded to call the names of the Clergy, from the list furnished by the Bishop, when the following answered to their names and took their seats:

Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese and President of Jubilee College.

Rev. Thomas N. Benedict,

“ John Benson,

“ Hiram N. Bishop,

“ Wm. L. Bostwick,

“ Wm. M. A. Brodnax,

“ Philander Chase,

“ Samuel Chase, D. D.,

“ Richard L. Chittenden,

“ Anson Clark,

“ Robert H. Clarkson, D. D.,

“ Lewis P. Clover,

“ Charles Dresser, D. D.,

“ David Walker Dresser,

“ John G. Gasmann,

Rev. Edward H. Harlow,

“ J. De W. C. Locke,

“ Wm. Mitchell, M. D.,

“ Theodore N. Morrison,

“ John Wesley Osborne,

“ G. E. Peters,

“ Samuel D. Pulford,

“ Warren H. Roberts,

“ V. Spalding,

“ Charles B. Stout,

“ Henry N. Strong, D. D.,

“ Edmund B. Tuttle,

“ Henry B. Whipple,

“ John Wilkinson.

There appearing a canonical number of clergy in attendance, the Secretary proceeded to call over the churches entitled to representation.

The certificates of lay delegates were then called for and submitted to the Secretary, and a committee duly appointed, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Clarkson and Antrim Campbell, Esq., who reported favorably on the following :

Trinity, Aurora—Ephraim Smith, P. A. Allaire, Samuel Hoyle.

Trinity, Belvidere—Samuel Rockwood, Noah Merchant.

St. James', Chicago—C. R. Larrabee, T. F. Phillips, A. M. Robinson.

Trinity, Chicago—L. E. Alexander, C. Beers, E. L. Canfield.

Church of the Atonement, Chicago—L. B. Otis, Isaac Dyke, George P. Lee.

Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago—Wm. J. McAlpine, Wm. H. Lowe, D. D. Chapin.

St. John's, Chicago—J. A. Nichols, James F. Aldrich, John A. Grow.

St. Paul's, Carlinville—Richard Morfoot, W. N. Dorset.

St. Mark's, Chester—R. B. Servant, John Swanwick.

St. Luke's, Dixon—G. C. Chipman, J. K. Edsall, W. W. DeWolfe.

St. John's, Decatur—C. Fuller, Henry Prather, D. C. Lockwood.

Calvary, Farmington—S. C. Judd, F. A. Warner, S. Wilkinson.

St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge—Isaac Yost.

Trinity, Jacksonville—Dr. B. Gillette, Wm. M. Mayo.

Christ, Joliet—J. N. Webster, Wm. Carlyle, Francis Nicholson.

St. John's, Kewanee—J. B. Flagg, R. P. Parish.

- St. Paul's, Manhattan*—H. W. Hubbard, C. P. Lord, Ed. Young.
St. Paul's, Peoria—P. R. K. Brotherson, John Johnson, M. W. McReynolds.
St. John's, Quincy—F. C. Moore, Henry Asbury, W. C. Van Doren.
Christ, Robin's Nest—Benj. Tucker.
St. Paul's, Springfield—Antrim Campbell, S. H. Treat, James Brown.
St. Peter's, Sycamore—Isaac Johnson, U. B. Prescott, Joseph Moore.

The names of the lay delegates duly appointed being called, the following answered and took their seats :

- Ephraim Smith—*Trinity, Aurora*.
 C. R. Larrabee—*St. James', Chicago*.
 L. B. Otis, George P. Lee—*Atonement, Chicago*.
 D. D. Chapin—*Holy Communion, Chicago*.
 W. N. Dorset—*St. Paul's, Carlinville*.
 R. B. Servant—*St. Mark's, Chester*.
 G. C. Chipman, W. W. DeWolfe—*St. Luke's, Dixon*.
 C. Fuller, D. C. Lockwood—*St. John's Decatur*.
 S. C. Judd, Samuel Wilkinson—*Calvary, Farmington*.
 Isaac Yost—*St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge*.
 Dr. B. Gillette, Wm. M. Mayo—*Trinity, Jacksonville*.
 Francis Nicholson—*Christ, Joliet*.
 R. P. Parish—*St. John's, Kewanee*.
 P. R. K. Brotherson, M. W. McReynolds—*St. Paul's, Peoria*.
 F. C. Moore, Henry Asbury, W. C. Van Doren—*St. John's, Quincy*.
 Benj. Tucker—*Christ, Robin's Nest*.
 Antrim Campbell, S. H. Treat, James Brown—*St. Paul's, Springfield*.
 Joseph Moore—*St. Peter's, Sycamore*.

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

The election of Secretary being next in order, on motion,

Resolved, That the ballot be dispensed with, and that the present Secretary, Rev. S. D. Pulford, be elected—

Which was carried unanimously.

The election of Treasurer being next in order, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the ballot be dispensed with, and that the present Treasurer, Rev. T. N. Morrison, be elected—

Which was unanimously carried.

The Secretary nominated the Rev. H. B. Whipple as his Assistant, and, on motion, the House unanimously approved the same.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved, That clergymen present, not entitled to seats in this Convention, clergymen from other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The following clergymen of the Diocese, not entitled at this time to seats, attended the sittings of the Convention :

Rev. Henry Adams,

Rev. Dr. McMasters.

There were also present :

Rev. James W. Coe, of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

“ H. F. Hiester, of the Diocese of Ohio.

The following standing committees were then appointed by the Bishop :

Committee on the Incorporation of Churches, and their admission into union with the Convention—Rev. T. N. Benedict, Hon. L. B. Otis, Dr. B. Gillette.

Committee on Finance—Rev. John Benson, Francis C. Moore, P. R. K. Brotherson.

Committee on Privilege—Rev. Robert H. Clarkson, D. D., Rev. J. DeW. C. Locke, Antrim Campbell, Esq., Henry Asbury.

Committee on Legislation—Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., Rev. H. B. Whipple, Hon. S. H. Treat, Hon. R. B. Servant.

Committee on the Extension of the Church—Rev. Charles Dresser, D. D., Rev. H. N. Bishop, Rev. Philander Chase, S. C. Judd, Esq., M. W. McReynolds.

The following were appointed Inspectors of Elections.

For the Standing Committee :

On Clerical votes—

Rev. Wm. L. Bostwick,
Wm. M. Mayo.

On Lay votes—

Rev. L. P. Clover,
Cyril Fuller.

For Deputies to General Convention :

Clerical votes—

Rev. Anson Clark,
R. P. Parish.

Lay votes—

Rev. W. H. Roberts,
Isaac Yost.

For Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church
in the Diocese of Illinois :

Clerical votes—

Rev. Charles B. Stout,
Benj. Tucker.

Lay votes—

Rev. V. Spalding,
Francis Nicholson.

It was then

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, agreeably to the provisions of the 14th Article of the Constitution, to state to the Convention whether, in his opinion, there are any parishes now in union with the Convention that are essentially defunct, and whose connection with the Diocese ought to be canonically dissolved.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., of the following day, to meet at the same place.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1858.

The Convention assembled at 9, A. M.

Morning Prayers were read by the Rev. V. Spalding, of Aurora, and the Rev. E. B. Tuttle, of Belvidere.

The minutes of the preceding day were then read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That the assessments on St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago, be remitted, on account of its constitution as a Scandinavian missionary parish.

The committee on Lay Delegates received, and reported as correct, the following additional testimonials:

St. Peter's, Chesterfield—Thomas Sherburne Gelder.

Christ, Metamora—Charles Rich, J. M. Clarke, P. F. Kellogg.

St. John's, Lockport—Hiram Norton, John Griswold, Comstock Hanford.

Grace, Chicago—John W. Chickering, Job Taber, Samuel S. Hasey.

St. Matthew's, Bloomington—T. C. Peek, J. M. Jordan.

Trinity, Rock Island—Dr. G. W. Huntington, Bushrod Birch, Esq.

Of whom the following, upon their names being called, appeared and took their seats:

Thomas Sherburne Gelder—*St. Peter's, Chesterfield.*

J. M. Clarke—*Christ, Metamora.*

Job Taber, Samuel S. Hasey—*Grace, Chicago.*

T. C. Peek, J. M. Jordan—*St. Matthew's, Bloomington.*

Upon calling over the names of members not present on the first day, the following answered to their names:

Rev. Noah H. Schenck,

“ Henry Stanley.

The committee on the Incorporation and Admission of Churches then made the following Report:

The Committee to whom was referred the papers of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, and the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, applying to be admitted into union with the Convention, beg leave to report, that—

They have examined them, and find them correct, with one or two exceptions:

In the case of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, application for admission was made at the last Convention, but, on account of some defect, the papers were sent back to the parish to amend. They come to us now in full compliance with the old canons, and as their former application was made and they were referred back under those canons, the Committee deem it right that they should govern the case. The Committee have no evidence before them that they are a legal corporation, neither did the former canons require it.

In the case of the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, every thing has been done that is necessary to its organization and incorpora-

tion. In regard to its admission to the Convention, some doubt arose in the minds of the Committee, on account of a seeming obscurity in the thirteenth Article of the Constitution. Among the requirements for admission, it is there stated that the parish shall present to the Convention a constitution subscribed by the Wardens, in which they accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship, set forth by the General Convention, and also to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese. Whether this means that the Parochial Constitution required by Canon VIII, shall be formally presented, or that there shall simply be a declaration that they accede to the Constitution and Canons, and which involves the adoption of the Parochial Constitution, the Committee were unable to determine. If the former be the right interpretation of the Article, the parish has not complied with it ; if the latter, they have.

One other defect the Committee find in the papers. The Constitution requires, in order to admission, that all the facts connected with the organization of the parish shall be certified by the Minister *and* Wardens. This has not been done by the Wardens, though it is by the Minister.

The Committee, however, are of the opinion that both parishes have substantially complied with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, in force at the time of their application, and therefore recommend that they be admitted.

THOS. N. BENEDICT, }
L. B. OTIS, } *Committee.*
B. GILLETTE, }

Springfield, September 16, 1858.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, be admitted into union with this Convention.

It was also, on motion,

Resolved, That the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The application of Trinity Church, Polo, asking admission into union with this Convention, was then presented, and referred to the committee on Incorporation and Admission of Churches.

The committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates reported as correct the following :

Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington—Rodney S. Bowen.
Grace Church, Galena—Frederick Stahl, Richard Seal.

The Bishop then proceeded to read his Annual Address to the Convention.

The Convention then took a recess until 3, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention re-assembled.

The Standing Committee then presented the following Report :

The Standing Committee beg leave to report, that—

During the year past they have recommended to the Bishop, to be received as Candidates for Orders :

Rev. Henry Adams, a Congregationalist minister,
Salmon R. Weldon,
Charles Gilbert, and

Rev. W. W. Guilford, a Baptist minister.

Also, that they have recommended, for ordination to the Diaconate :

Rev. Henry Adams, and
John Wilkinson.

Also, that they have recommended, for ordination to the Priesthood :

Rev. R. L. Chittenden.

Also, that they have signed the testimonials of—

Rev. Sullivan H. Weston, Bishop elect of Texas, and
Rev. Dr. Samuel Bowman, Ass. Bishop of Penn.

They would further report, that—

In connection with the Bishop, they have acted as the Missionary Committee of the Diocese; and have also distributed the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.

ROBERT H. CLARKSON, *Sec.*

Chicago, Sept., 1858.

The Report of the Treasurer, together with a list of delinquent parishes, was then presented, which Report was, on motion, referred to the committee on Finance. [See Appendix.]

The House then proceeded, in the order of business, to the election of the Standing Committee.

On the first ballot, there were elected, by the concurrent vote of both orders,

Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., and
Hon. S. H. Treat.

Pending the counting of the votes on the second ballot, the following business came before the House :

The committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates reported as correct,

St. Paul's Church, Alton—S. E. McGregory, Charles Trumbull,
James Birdsall and S. R. Doble.

Zion Church, Freeport—D. S. Brewster, Thomas Webster and F. E. Dakin.

Of whom, on their names being called, Charles Trumbull, of St. Paul's, Alton, appeared and took his seat.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in St. James' Church, Chicago.

It was next, on motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ascertain the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary the Diocese of Illinois is entitled to, and recommend suitable persons to be chosen for that office by the Convention.

The Bishop then appointed as said committee :

Rev. Robert H. Clarkson, D. D.,
" Henry N. Strong, D. D.,
" J. DeW. C. Locke, and
Mr. Henry Asbury.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Jubilee College be referred to the same committee.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of Trustees of the Gen. Theological Seminary, reported that this Diocese is entitled to eight Trustees, and recommended the following persons :

Rev. T. N. Benedict,	Rev. H. N. Bishop,
“ E. B. Tuttle,	C. R. Larrabee,
“ H. B. Whipple,	Antrim Campbell,
“ Henry Stanley,	Judge L. B. Otis.

On the second ballot for the remaining members of the Standing Committee, there were elected, by the concurrent vote of both orders,

Rev. H. N. Strong, D. D.,
 “ Charles Dresser, D. D., and
 Mr. Alexander G. Tyng.

Notice was then given of the following proposed amendment of Canons, viz.:

To amend Section 1, Canon VIII, by striking out the word “*twelve*” in the second line, and inserting the word “*five*” in lieu thereof.

Also, that line one on page eight of pamphlet publication of Constitution and Canons, be so altered as to read “any *four* of the members, the whole having,” &c. [See Canon LIII, 1832—General Constitution and Canons.]

Also, that Canon XIII be amended, by adding after the words, “for that purpose,” in fourteenth line, the following words: “It shall further be the duty of each parish to make quarterly collections in aid of Diocesan Missions on the third Sunday of December, March, June and September, the same to be forwarded by the Rector or Minister to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.”

Also, to change the words, “*not less than three*,” in Article V, Canon VIII, on the constitution of a Parish, and the words, “*from three*,” in Canon IX, respectively, to “not less than *four*,” and “from *four*,” so as to conform to Article XIII of the Constitution.

It was then, on motion, unanimously

Resolved, That the ballot for the remaining member of the Standing Committee be dispensed with, and that Matthew Griswold be elected, thus making complete the Standing Committee, as follows :

Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,	Hon. S. H. Treat,
“ H. N. Strong, D. D.,	Alexander G. Tyng,
“ Charles Dresser, D. D.,	Matthew Griswold.

The committee then proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention. On the first ballot, the Inspectors of Election reported that, by concurrent vote of both orders, Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., and Hon. S. H. Treat, were elected.

Pending the second ballot, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the ballot be dispensed with, and that—

Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,	H. S. Austin,
“ Charles Dresser, D. D.,	Matthew Griswold,
	B. F. Seabury,

be elected as the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of Illinois.

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the observance of the Lord's Day, be referred to a committee of four, consisting of two Clergymen and two Laymen.

The Bishop appointed—

Rev. H. H. Morrell,	Hon. R. B. Servant,
“ Henry Stanley,	Mr. Samuel Wilkinson.

The committee on Finance reported that the Treasurer's accounts had been examined and were correct.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee on Missions be requested to propose to the Convention a plan by which the amount due the Diocesan Missionaries may be raised immediately.

On the second ballot for Deputies to the General

Convention, the Inspectors of Election reported that, by concurrence of both orders,

Rev. R. H. Clarkson, D. D., and
Hon. L. B. Otis,

were duly elected.

Resolved, That the list of delinquent parishes be referred to the Bishop of the Diocese, with the request that he report to the Convention such of their number as in his judgment may properly be excused from the assessments for the ensuing conventional year.

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn until to-morrow morning at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, A. M.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

HALF PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention was opened with Divine service. The Rev. David Walker Dresser, and the Rev. T. N. Morrison, read Morning Prayer.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the Canons be referred to the committee on Legislation.

The House then proceeded to the election of remaining Deputies to the General Convention,—the Bishop having appointed Mr. Job Taber, Inspector of Elections in place of Mr. R. P. Parish. On the third ballot it was found that there were elected,

Rev. Henry B. Whipple,
“ Anson Clark,
Col. R. B. Servant.

It was then

Resolved, That the ballot be dispensed with, and that J. W. Chickering, Esq., be elected, thus making complete the number of Deputies to the General Convention as follows :

Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,
 “ Robert H. Clarkson, D. D.,
 “ H. B. Whipple,
 “ Anson Clark,

Hon. S. H. Treat,
 “ L. B. Otis,
 Col. R. B. Servant,
 J. W. Chickering, Esq.

The committee to whom was referred the amendments to Canons, reported as follows :

The Committee, to whom was referred the following amendments :

“ In Section 1, Canon VIII, strike out the word ‘*twelve*’ in the second line, and insert the word ‘*five*’ in lieu thereof.

“ Also, that line one, page eight, of pamphlet publication of Constitution and Canons, be so altered as to read ‘any *four* of the members, the whole having,’ &c. [See Canon LIII, 1832—General Constitution and Canons.]

“ Also, that Canon XIII be amended by adding after the words, ‘*for that purpose,*’ in fourteenth line, the following words : ‘It shall further be the duty of each parish to make quarterly collections, in aid of Diocesan Missions, on the third Sunday of December, March, June and September, the same to be forwarded by the Rector or Minister to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.’

“ Also, to change the words, ‘not less than *three,*’ in Article V, Canon VIII, on the Constitution of a Parish, and the words, ‘from *three,*’ in Canon IX, respectively, to ‘not less than *four,*’ and ‘from *four,*’ so as to conform to Article XIII of the Constitution.”

Report against the amendment of Section 1, Canon VIII. They recommend the adoption of the other amendments.

SAMUEL CHASE,

Chairman of Committee on Legislation.

The report of the committee was concurred in by the requisite vote of two-thirds of both orders.

The report of the Trustees of the Diocese of Illinois was then presented, and referred to the committee on Finance.

The report of the committee on Church Extension was received and laid on the table, as a provision by Canon had been already made.

The following preamble and resolution were presented and adopted :

Whereas, There is found to be due to Diocesan Missionaries the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars, in order to provide for that deficiency, it is hereby

Resolved, That the Rector or Minister of every parish in the Diocese be requested to take up a collection for that purpose on the second Sunday in October, and forward the same without delay to the Treasurer.

The committee on the Incorporation and Admission of Churches then made the following Report :

The committee on Incorporation of Churches further report, with reference to the papers of Trinity Church, Polo, applying for admission into union with Convention, that they are so defective as in their opinion to prevent its admission.

They find that the proper papers were not sent to the Secretary a month before the Convention, as required by the Constitution. There is no record of its organization, or having adopted a Constitution, properly certified by the Minister and Wardens, and there is no evidence of its having a legal corporate existence in compliance with the statute of the State. These defects seem to be sufficient to bar its admission at the present time. The committee would, therefore, propose the following resolution :

Resolved, That Trinity Church, Polo, having failed to comply with the requirements of the Constitution, in applying for admission into union with this Convention, be not admitted.

T. N. BENEDICT,
L. B. OTIS.

The report was adopted.

The committee on so much of the Bishop's Address as related to Jubilee College then presented the following Report, which was concurred in :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Jubilee College, beg leave to report, that—

In their opinion, this institution is most worthy of the regard and patronage of the Church in Illinois, deserving of its warmest sympathies as a part thereof, and now especially recommended by the providences of Almighty God to the practical love of all the brethren.

Your Committee cannot think it possible that the Churchmen of the Diocese, when fully informed of the facts, will allow so much of the pecuniary burden of the "Restoration" to be borne by the honored Professors, as they have thus far assumed.

With regard to the proposed alteration in the Charter of the Institution, the Committee believe that, if carried out, it will not only be an advantage to the College by enlisting the active sympathies of a larger number in its behalf, but will also have the good effect of removing the prejudice that often exists against what the world calls "close corporations."

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Chase be invited by the members of this Convention to visit us at his convenience, to receive at our hands the sum necessary to liquidate the indebtedness of the College, viz. : \$1,500.

Resolved, That the principal parishes of the Diocese be requested to pledge themselves for the support of at least one student each, during his collegiate course, preferring those who have the ministry in view.

Resolved, That this Convention approve of the proposed change in the Charter, empowering the Convention to elect additional Trustees, and will assume the consequent obligations.

Resolved, That, until this alteration takes place, a committee of three be appointed by the Bishop, to act with the Trustees in such advisory and executive relations as may be legally consistent with the premises.

ROBERT H. CLARKSON, J. D. W. C. LOCKE, HENRY N. STRONG, HENRY ASBURY,	}	Committee.
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The following persons were appointed the committee on the part of the Convention, to act with the Trustees of Jubilee College, pending the proposed alteration in the charter of that institution :

Rev. R. H. Clarkson, D. D.,
 “ H. N. Strong, D. D.,
 P. R. K. Brotherson.

The committee on so much of the Bishop's Address as referred to the proper observance of the Lord's Day, presented the following Report, which was unanimously adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the observance of the Lord's Day, would respectfully report—

That they conceive this subject, so earnestly referred to by the Bishop of the Diocese, in his Address, to be deserving of the serious consideration of this Convention. Your Committee feel that the increasing disregard for the sanctity of the Lord's Day in many parts of our land is deeply to be lamented by every right-minded Christian.

The bold and defiant manner in which God's hallowed day is profaned in the ears and before the eyes of Christians, and almost under

the very eaves of the sanctuary, gives painful indication that there is a lack of strength in public sentiment respecting the strict observance of the Lord's Day.

Your Committee believe that the Church has a duty to perform in reference to this alarming sin. They would therefore beg leave to make the following suggestions:—

First, That the clergy throughout the Diocese direct their attention to this subject, in their public ministrations, as soon as practicable, and that they set forth frequently and earnestly the Divine institution and sacred obligations of the Lord's Day.

Second, That the laity, by decided influence, cooperate with the clergy in their endeavors to promote a higher tone of public sentiment respecting the sacredness of the Lord's Day—that they take care to discountenance everything which tends to lower the standard of its observance, or intrench upon its sanctity.

Your Committee believe that with such united efforts the progress of this growing evil may be stayed—that the blessings of the Christian Sabbath may be more fully and largely enjoyed, and that its holy time may indeed become to us and to all a more fitting type of that “rest which remaineth for the people of God.”

HENRY H. MORRELL,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
HENRY STANLEY,		
R. B. SERVANT,		
SAMUEL WILKINSON,		

The committee on Finance, to whom had been committed the Report of the Trustees of the Diocese of Illinois, and the Report of the Fund for Aged and Disabled Clergymen, reported back the same to the Convention as correct. [See these Reports in Appendix.]

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Diocese be directed to write at once to the Rectors or Wardens of those parishes which have not fully paid their assessment for the Episcopal Fund, and earnestly request their immediate attention to that subject.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be printed 750 copies of the Journal, and send two copies to each of the members of the Convention, and one copy to every ten communicants in each parish, and the usual copies to the Bishops, Secretaries of Convention, and periodicals

of the Church; and that he cause to be printed 1,000 extra copies of the Bishop's Address, in separate pamphlet form, and that every clergyman in the Diocese be requested to read the same in his pulpit.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that they be prepared by the Bishop and Secretary for publication.

Resolved, That after the usual suitable religious exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The Bishop then made a parting Address. The *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung, and after appropriate Collects and the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE,

Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

SAMUEL D. PULFORD,

Secretary of Convention.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE AND CONVENTION.

BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE AND *ex officio* PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION.

Rt. REV. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D.

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

REV. SAMUEL D. PULFORD.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

REV. HENRY B. WHIPPLE.

TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

REV. THEODORE N. MORRISON.

TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

REV. THEODORE N. MORRISON.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

REV. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.,	MATTHEW GRISWOLD,
“ CHARLES DRESSER, D. D.,	ALEX. G. TYNG,
“ HENRY N. STRONG, D. D.,	S. H. TREAT.

TRUSTEES OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

REV. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.,	H. S. AUSTIN,
“ CHARLES DRESSER, D. D.,	MATTHEW GRISWOLD,
	R. F. SEABURY.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

REV. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.,	S. H. TREAT.
“ ROBERT H. CLARKSON, D. D.,	R. B. SERVANT,
“ HENRY B. WHIPPLE,	L. B. OTIS,
“ ANSON CLARK,	J. W. CHICKERING.

COMMITTEE TO ACT WITH TRUSTEES OF JUBILEE COLLEGE.

REV. ROBERT H. CLARKSON, D. D.,	P. R. K. BROTHERSON.
“ H. N. STRONG, D. D.,	

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. N. MORRISON, *in Account with Convention*, 1857-8.

		Dr.	Cr.
1857.	To Balance of Account of 1856-7 . . .	\$5	60
	“ Cash from the following parishes :		
Aug. 24	Christ Church, Waverly	2	00
Oct. 23	Trinity Church, Jacksonville . . .	10	68
	Calvary Church, Farmington . . .	3	88
	Christ Church, Robin's Nest . . .	14	00
	Trinity Church, Chicago	31	67
	St. Matthew's, Bloomington . . .	6	87
	Christ Church, Limestone	3	50
	St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge	3	12
	St. Mark's, Chester	6	65
	St. John's, Albion	5	63
	St. Jude's, Tiskilwa	2	00
	Ch. of the Redeemer, Princeton . .	2	00
	Emmanuel Church, Rockford . . .	7	00
	Christ Church, Waukegan	5	55
	St. Paul's, Alton	11	34
	St. John's, Quincy	21	35
	Zion, Brimfield	1	62
	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield	6	00
	Grace Church, Galena	12	00
	Christ Church, Joliet	5	20
	Atonement, Chicago	10	50
	St. Thomas', Morris	2	75
	Christ Church, Ottawa	9	38
	St. Paul's, Peoria	29	13
	St. Paul's, Peru	2	00
	St. Paul's, Springfield	10	38
	St. Paul's, Warsaw	4	25
	Christ Church, Chicago	1	88
	St. John's, Decatur	5	00
Nov. 9	Grace Church, Galena	6	00
1858.			
Jan. 8	Zion, Freeport	4	73
Feb. 23	St. Paul's, Springfield	15	40
	<i>Carried forward</i>	\$269	06

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

		Dr.	Cr.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$269 06	
1858.	April 7 St. James' Church, Chicago...	45 50	
	Aug. 16 St. Paul's, Pekin.....	3 00	
	Sept. 7 St. Paul's, Carlinville.....	1 00	
	Christ Church, Chesterfield....	1 25	
	Sept. 8 Ch. of the Atonement, Chicago.	12 90	
1857.	Oct. 31. By Cash paid D. Dana, N. Y., for printing Bishop's Address for 1855-6.....		\$112 00
	By Exchange and uncurrent money..		6 52
	By Cash to Scott & Co., for printing Journal, etc., for 1856-7.....		193 50
1858.	Sept. 15 By Stationery and Postage.....		2 75
	Sept. 15 By Bill from Mr. Pulford, Sec., for Postage, etc.....		3 25
	Sept. 16 By Balance.....		14 69
		\$332 71	\$332 71

T. N. MORRISON, *Treasurer*.

SEPTEMBER, 1858.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate in the Diocese of Illinois, was held this the 15th day of January, 1858.

On motion, Rev. S. Chase was appointed President of the Board, and Rev. Charles Dresser, Secretary; Matthew Griswold, Treasurer.

The following preambles and resolutions were offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, Many delinquencies, in past years, have occurred in the payment of assessments made by the Convention, or under its authority, for the support of the Episcopate; and whereas, in the opinion of this Board, all such assessments as were made under the title of traveling expenses ought to have been promptly paid, therefore,

Resolved, That the several parishes which have failed to pay such

assessment be earnestly requested to forward the same to the Treasurer of this Board.

WHEREAS, The Convention of 1857, by its action on page 22 of its Journal, and the passage of Canon XIII, in determining the amount of salary for which it will hold itself responsible to the Bishop, and the mode in which such salary shall be raised, has left little requiring the action of this Board, except to call the attention of this Diocese to the provision thus canonically made for the support of its Episcopate, and urge upon the several parishes an earnest and faithful performance of their duty, therefore,

Resolved, That the several Rectors of parishes, and Missionaries in charge, be requested to acquaint their respective vestries or congregations with the canonical requirement, and press upon them a prompt and ready compliance.

Resolved, That, in the estimation of the Board, it touches the honor and integrity of the Diocese to see that provision be made for the support of its Episcopate; and that the pledge made in Convention, without a dissentient voice, be fully and honorably redeemed on the part of the several parishes.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Board be instructed to pay over to the Bishop, in addition to the regular quarterly payments, whatever sum may be paid him as delinquencies, and also the balance reported to the Convention of 1856, as in the hands of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the foregoing action of this Board, together with a list of the parishes, with their several assessments, be communicated by circular to the Rectors of parishes, and Missionaries in charge, and also to the lay delegates of last Convention.

SAMUEL CHASE, *President of the Board.*

CHARLES DRESSER, *Secretary.*

LIST OF DELINQUENT PARISHES.

The following parishes are delinquent in assessment for contingent expenses for conventional year 1857-8 :

Ottawa.....	Christ Church.....	\$14 25
Morris.....	St. Thomas'.....	4 25
Batavia.....	Calvary.	1 88
Preëmption.....	Grace.....	8 75

T. N. MORRISON, TREASURER OF MISSIONARY FUND, in Account with Convention. Cn.

1857.	To Cash from the following Parishes:		By Monies paid the following Missionaries:		
Oct. 26	St. Paul's, Lee Centre	\$10 00	Rev. J. H. Downing	\$10 00	
Nov. 25	St. John's, Decatur	3 50	" William L. Bostwick	58 93	
" 27	Christ Church, Robin's Nest	73 00	" Samuel Goodale	25 00	
" 30	Trinity Church, Jacksonville	26 00	" J. H. Waterbury	25 00	
Dec. 2	St. James' and Holy Communion, Chicago,	100 00	" A. J. Warner	25 00	
" 5	Christ Church, Joliet	13 00	" J. H. Downing	20 00	
" 7	Trinity Church, Chicago	62 50	" John Benson	20 00	
" 7	Emmanuel Church, Rockford	9 68	" Charles J. Todd	20 00	
" 12	Christ Church, Limestone	6 25	" A. J. Warner	13 00	
" 12	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield	2 35	" John Benson	28 00	
" 14	St. Paul's, Springfield	26 60	" J. H. Waterbury	37 50	
" 16	St. Mark's, Chester	10 00	" A. J. Warner	9 68	
1858.			" John Benson	6 25	
Jan'y 8	Christ Church, Wyoming	7 00	" J. H. Downing	20 00	
" 8	Grace Church, Chicago	50 00	" A. J. Warner	17 32	
" 8	Grace Church, Galena	32 00	1858.		
" 8	Calvary Church, Farmington	14 05	Jan. 8	John Benson	14 05
" 8	Trinity Church, Belvidere	4 00	" 8	E. B. Tuttle	4 00
" 8	Metamora and Washington	5 50	" 8	D. W. C. Loop	5 50
" 8	St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge	2 03	" 11	Charles J. Todd	25 00
" 8	Calvary Church, Batavia	2 40	" 11	Wm. L. Bostwick	25 00
Feb'y 2	St. Paul's, Springfield	18 20	" 11	C. H. Albert	25 00
" 5	St. James', Chicago	33 00	" 11	Samuel Goodale	25 00
" 23	St. Paul's, Maubattan	6 00	" 28	C. H. Albert	2 40
" 25	St. Paul's, Peoria	42 80	Feb. 5	J. H. Waterbury	25 00
Mar. 5	Church of the Redeemer, Elgin	2 00	" 23	J. G. Downing	25 00
" 22	St. James', Chicago	100 00	" 25	John Benson	42 80
April 5	Trinity Church, Jacksonville	27 00	" 6	J. H. Waterbury	2 00
" 5	Metamora and Washington	1 80	" 22	E. B. Tuttle	50 00
" 9	Holy Communion, Chicago	20 00	" 9	D. W. C. Loop	25 00

April 9	Church of the Redeemer, Elgin	\$3 10	April 9	Rev. Charles B. Stout	\$25 00
" 9	Calvary Church, Farmington	9 25	" 9	" John Benson	9 25
" 19	Christ Church, Ottawa	10 75	" 9	" J. A. Woodward	20 00
" 27	Trinity Church, Belvidere	3 00	" 9	" J. H. Waterbury	3 10
May 10	Grace Church, Galena	24 15	" 19	" A. J. Warner	12 00
" 15	St. Matthew's, Bloomington	7 00	" 27	" E. B. Tuttle	3 00
" 21	St. Mark's, Chester	5 00	May 10	" Charles J. Todd	24 15
" 24	St. Luke's, Wyoming	5 00	June 17	" Wm. L. Bostwick	36 00
" 28	Trinity Church, Aurora	5 00	" 24	" Samuel Goodale	25 00
June 9	St. Paul's, Lee Centre	5 00	July 10	" Wm. L. Bostwick	6 00
" 17	St. John's, Allion	5 00	" 10	" A. J. Warner	26 00
" 24	Metamora and Washington	2 18	" 13	" John Benson	4 77
July 10	St. John's, Decatur	6 00	" 23	" J. H. Waterbury	20 00
" 10	St. Paul's, Peoria	26 05	" 23	" E. B. Tuttle	18 59
" 13	Calvary Church, Farmington	4 77	Sept. 1	" Samuel Goodale	16 00
Aug. 7	Christ Church, Waukegan	5 00	" 9	By Printing of Circular, Postage and Stationery,	9 25
" 13	Mr. S. G. M. Allis, Waverly	5 00	" 9	Rev. Charles B. Stout	25 00
Sept. 1	St. Paul's, Springfield	18 59	" 16	" John Benson	25 00
" 7	St. Paul's, Carlinville	4 65	" 16	" E. B. Tuttle	30 00
" 9	Trinity Church, Geneseo	5 00	" 16	" Wm. L. Bostwick	32 74
" 9	St. Matthew's, Cambridge	5 00	" 16	" Charles B. Stout	25 00
" 10	Trinity Church, Aurora	7 00			
" 10	Christ Church, Robin's Nest	27 00			
" 15	St. John's, Allion	5 00			
" 15	Trinity, Belvidere	1 35			
" 15	Collection at Services of Convention	48 15			
" 16	Emmanuel Church, Rockford	10 00			
" 16	Trinity Church, Chicago	20 50			
" 16	St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago	7 68			
" 16	St. John's, Chicago	25 00			
		\$1027 33			\$1027 33

THEODORE N. MORRISON, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MATTHEW GRISWOLD, *in account with Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, September 17th, 1858.*

Location.	Parish.	Assessment.	Amount paid.	
			DR.	CR.
Albion	St. John's	\$35 00	\$18 00	
Alton	St. Paul's	63 00	63 00	
Aurora	Trinity	28 00		
Batavia	Calvary	12 00		
Belvidere	Trinity	20 00	14 00	
Bloomington	St. Matthew's	34 00		
Brimfield	Zion	16 00		
Beardstown	St. Andrew's	1 00		
Chicago	St. James'	260 00	260 00	
"	Trinity	121 00	121 00	
"	Atonement	86 00	86 00	
"	Grace	140 00	58 30	
"	St. Ansgarius'	142 00		
"	Christ	11 00		
"	Holy Communion	30 00	30 00	
"	St. John's	72 00		
Carlinville	St. Paul's	8 00	6 00	
Cambridge	St. Matthew's	11 00		
Chester	St. Mark's	38 00		
Chesterfield	St. Peter's	7 00	4 00	
Collinsville	Christ	29 00		
Dixon	St. Luke's	17 00	17 00	
Decatur	St. John's	22 00	16 50	
Erindale	Christ	36 00		
Farmington	Calvary	31 00	23 00	
Farm Ridge	St. Andrew's	25 00	25 00	
Freeport	Zion	25 00	19 00	
Geneseo	Trinity	8 00		
Galena	Grace	104 00	104 00	
Geneva	St. Mark's	12 00		
Grand Detour	St. Peter's	18 00		
Jacksonville	Trinity	61 00	61 00	
Joliet	Christ	40 00	40 00	
Kickapoo	St. Luke's	26 00		
<i>Amount Forward</i>			\$965 80	

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

Location.	Parish.	Assessment.	Amount paid.	
			DR.	CR.
<i>Brought Forward</i>			\$965 80	
Kewanee.....	St. Paul's.....	\$10 00	10 00	
Lockport.....	St. John's.....	28 00		
La Salle.....	St. Mark's.....			
Limestone.....	Christ.....	28 00	17 25	
Lee Centre.....	St. Paul's.....	21 00		
Mendon.....	Zion.....	32 00		
Metamora.....	Christ.....	25 00	3 50	
Mt. Sterling.....	Trinity.....	11 00		
Morris.....	St. Thomas'.....	15 00	13 00	
Manhattan.....	St. Paul's.....	18 00		
Moline.....	Grace.....	7 00		
Oswego.....	St. John's.....	8 00		
Ottawa.....	Christ.....	83 00	36 00	
Pekin.....	St. Paul's.....	28 00		
Peoria.....	St. Paul's.....	98 00	74 00	
Pittsfield.....	St. Stephen's.....	45 00		
Preëmption.....	Grace.....	66 00		
Peru.....	St. Paul's.....	15 00		
Princeton.....	Redeemer.....	16 00		
Providence.....	Zion.....	28 00		
Quiney.....	St. John's.....	130 00	130 00	
Rockford.....	Emmanuel.....	56 00	15 63	
Robin's Nest.....	Christ.....	80 00	60 00	
Rock Island.....	Trinity.....	32 00	32 00	
Rushville.....	Christ.....	26 00		
Springfield.....	St. Paul's.....	88 00	47 75	
St. Charles.....	St. Paul's.....	6 00		
Sycamore.....	St. Paul's.....	25 00		
Tiskilwa.....	St. Jude.....	15 00		
Tremont.....	Christ.....	9 00		
Wyoming.....	St. Luke's.....	18 00		
Waverly.....	Christ.....	8 00		
Waukegan.....	Christ.....	31 00		
Warsaw.....	St. Paul's.....	41 00		
Woodstock.....	Miss. Station.....	3 00		
<i>Rec'd of Alex. G. Tyng, bal. old acc't Trav. Ex.</i>			186 25	
<i>Amount Forward</i>			\$1393 88	

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

Date.	To whom Paid.	Amount.	
		DR.	CR.
	<i>Brought Forward</i>	\$1,393 88	
Febr'y.	By paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Whitehouse.....		\$187 25
"	" " paid for two blank books for keeping accounts in.....		1 25
"	" " Dr. Chase's bill for printing circulars, &c. for Episcopal fund.		8 80
Febr'y 9	" " paid Bishop Whitehouse on account of this fund.....		60 25
" 15	" " do. in Chicago, by Dr. Clarkson, and credited to St. James'.		10 00
May 21	" " paid Bishop Whitehouse on account of this fund.....		150 00
Sept. 17	" " paid Bishop Whitehouse balance of funds on hand.....		1,173 63
		\$1,393 88	\$1,393 88

MATTHEW GRISWOLD, *Treasurer of Fund for "Aged and Indigent Clergyman."*

		Dr.	Cr.
1857.			
Dec. 23	To Cash of St. Paul's Parish, Springfield.....	\$31 64	
1858.			
Jan. 16	To Cash of Grace Parish, Galena...	10 15	
Jan. 16	" " St. John's, Chicago....	15 00	
Feb. 20	" " St. James' and Holy Communion, Chicago.....	35 00	
March 2	To Cash of St. John's, Decatur....	2 00	
April 15	" " Emmanuel, Rockford...	8 95	
Jan. 23	By Paid by St. John's, Chicago, to Rev. O. Miller.....		\$15 00
Feb. 20	" " Paid by Treas. to Rev. O. Miller		30 90
Feb. 20	" " " " to Asa Griswold.		10 90
Feb. 20	" " by St. James' (Rev. Mr. Clarkson) to Asa Griswold....		35 00
Sept. 13	Cash on hand, subject to order.....		10 94
		\$102 74	\$102 74

MATTHEW GRISWOLD, *Treas.*

PEORIA, SEPT. 13, 1858.



TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

Date.	To whom Paid.	Amount.	
		DR.	CR.
	<i>Brought Forward</i>	\$1,393 88	
Febr'y.	By paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Whitehouse.....		\$187 25
"	" paid for two blank books for keeping accounts in.....		1 25
"	" Dr. Chase's bill for printing circulars, &c. for Episcopal fund.		8 80
Febr'y 9	" paid Bishop Whitehouse on account of this fund.....		60 25
" 15	" do. in Chicago, by Dr. Clarkson, and credited to St. James'.		10 00
May 21	" paid Bishop Whitehouse on account of this fund.....		150 00
Sept. 17	" paid Bishop Whitehouse balance of funds on hand.....		1,173 63
		\$1,393 88	\$1,393 88

MATTHEW GRISWOLD, *Treasurer of Fund for "Aged and Indigent Clergyman."*

		Dr.	Cr.
1857.			
Dec. 23	To Cash of St. Paul's Parish, Springfield.....	\$31 64	
1858.			
Jan. 16	To Cash of Grace Parish, Galena...	10 15	
Jan. 16	" " St. John's, Chicago....	15 00	
Feb. 20	" " St. James' and Holy Communion, Chicago.....	35 00	
March 2	To Cash of St. John's, Decatur....	2 00	
April 15	" " Emmanuel, Rockford...	8 95	
Jan. 23	By Paid by St. John's, Chicago, to Rev. O. Miller.....		\$15 00
Feb. 20	" Paid by Treas. to Rev. O. Miller		30 90
Feb. 20	" " " to Asa Griswold.		10 90
Feb. 20	" " by St. James' (Rev. Mr. Clarkson) to Asa Griswold....		35 00
Sept. 13	Cash on hand, subject to order....		10 94
		\$102 74	\$102 74

MATTHEW GRISWOLD, *Treas.*

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PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1858.

Alton, St. Paul's, Rev. S. Y. McMasters, D.D. LL.D.

Number of families, say, 100 ; number of souls, 500.

Baptisms—adult, 9 ; infant, 22 ; total, 31 ; confirmed, 17 ; marriages, 12 ; burials, 9 ; communicants—added anew, 17 ; removed from the parish, 2 ; present number, 88.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 10 ; catechumens, 80 ; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 30 ; number of times, 12.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 98 ; on holy days, 6 ; on other days, 6 ; total, 110.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 12.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$63 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$13.20 ; total, \$76.20.

Aurora, Trinity, Rev. V. Spalding.

Number of families attached to the church, say, 37.

Number of persons who attend the service habitually or occasionally, about 120.

Baptisms—infant, at Aurora, 5 ; at Geneva, 1 ; at Naperville, 1 ; burial, (21 miles out in the country,) 1.

Communicants—removed into the parish, 7 ; removed out of the parish, 4 ; present number, so far as ascertained, 25.

Catechist, 1 ; children instructed in the catechism every Sunday in the church, about 15.

Celebration of divine service—number of times in this church, 29 ; in neighboring villages and country places, 13.

Contributions—for diocesan missions, \$12 ; for Nashotah, \$5 ; for domestic missions, \$2 ; total, \$19.

This church had been destitute of a minister for about a year before I was called to the rectorship of it, last spring, and was consequently in quite a scattered condition. I have been trying to “strengthen the things that remain,” during the short time I have been in the parish,

an effort in which I have not met with *very flattering* success thus far, as will be seen by my statistics. The population of the place, however, is so considerable as to encourage me in the hope of finally gathering *some* of Christ's dispersed sheep into His "one fold," "that they may be saved through Him forever."

Besides my services in this church, I have extended my ministrations to the neighboring villages of Oswego, Batavia, Geneva and Naperville, as opportunity offered and encouragement was afforded for doing so; and at the two last named places I am now holding services on alternate Sunday afternoons—the *morning* service being held *every* Sunday in the church at Aurora. I trust that He who promiseth His blessing to them that "sow beside all waters," will, in His good time, make the seed of His own Word to "bring forth fruit."

Belvidere, Trinity, Rev. Edmund B. Tuttle.

Number of families, 57; number of souls, 245.

Baptisms—adult, 5; infant, 30; total, 35; confirmed, 25; marriages, 3; burials, 6; communicants—added anew, 19; removed into the parish, 7; removed from the parish, 2; died, 1; present number, 66.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 12 times; number in Bible class, 15; Sunday scholars, 40; total number of young persons instructed, 55.

Celebration of divine service—twice every Sunday, twice in the week in Lent, and daily in Passion week; total, 131.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 15; in private, 3; total, 18.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$14; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$3; diocesan missions, \$16.74; offerings at communion, \$41.50; parish purposes, including salary, \$462.52; total, \$537.76.

It is proper to state, that the three-fold increase of this parish during the past year is owing, in a great measure, to the blessing of God upon my labors in searching out many Church of England families, on the prairie near "Shattuck's Grove," distant six miles from the town. I have held a stated service in a school house there, to a good congregation, numbering twenty-one families, (thirty-two being communicants) who unite in the services of the Church most heartily.

Since last Convention our church has been finished and consecrated to the service of Almighty God. When I came here, the building was enclosed, but the people could go no further without incurring debt. After hesitating for four months, it was thought best to go on and finish; and now we are struggling on, just as all must do with such an

hindrance to the good work as debt is sure to bring with it. We would be glad of help from others, but "the harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." We have a beautiful church, and on the whole believe that it is taking hold upon the affections of those who worship with us.

Bloomington, St. Matthew's, . Rev. Edward H. Harlow.

Number of families, 35 ; number of souls, 175.

Baptisms—infant, 4 ; confirmed, 4 ; communicants—added anew, 8 ; present number, 40.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8 ; Sunday scholars, 30.

Celebration of divine service—twice on Sundays.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 2.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$10 ; diocesan missions, \$7 ; offerings at communion, \$9.50 ; contributions for church purposes, \$362 ; total, \$388.50.

Chicago, St. Ansgarius', . . . Rev. J. G. Gasmann.

Number of families, 37 ; number of souls, 211.

Baptisms—infant, 14 ; confirmed, 6 ; marriages, 12 ; burials, 8 ; communicants—added anew, 3 ; present number, 100.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 35.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 5 ; in private, 1.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$21.30 ; domestic missions, \$7.68 ; diocesan, \$8 ; offerings at communion, \$37.58 ; parish purposes, \$235.36 ; total, \$309.92.

The former Rector, Gustaf Unonius, having left the parish of St. Ansgarius', and the parish being unable to agree, came to the conclusion to separate ; the Norwegian portion calling Mr. Gasmann, and the Swedish, the Rev. Mr. Whipple, to take charge of the parish, until further arrangements could be made. Owing to removals and other causes, the parish has become very much weakened. The church is situated in the midst of a dense population, and with the blessing of God, it is hoped that some of these may be led to find a home with us. We look onward with hope to the future.

Chicago, Ascension, . . . Rev. Henry H. Morrell.

Number of families, 32 ; number of souls, 72.

Baptisms—adult, 2 ; infant, 29 ; total, 31 ; confirmed, 1 ; burials, 14 ; communicants, 26.

Sunday school teachers, 9 ; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 6 times ; Sunday scholars, 60.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 54 ; holy days, 1 ; total, 55.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 5.

Contributions—offerings at communion, \$27.44 ; parish purposes, \$85.06 ; total, \$112.50.

In addition to the above services, I have held service and preached in other churches and at other places nine times. The above report extends back only to the 7th of last March, at which time I took charge of the parish, no record having been kept previous to that date. The parish has erected and partly paid for a neat and comfortable edifice, costing about \$2,400, with over 300 sittings. The congregation is slowly increasing.

Chicago, Atonement, . . . Rev. John O. Barton.

Number of families, about 70 ; number of souls, 300.

Baptisms—infant, 10 ; marriages, 2 ; burials, 2 ; communicants—whole number, about 80.

Sunday school teachers, 14 ; scholars, 70.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 28 ; week days, 10 ; holy days, 1.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 2.

Contributions—fund for support of the episcopate, \$86 ; contingent expenses of the convention, \$12.90 ; improving and repairing inside of church edifice, \$778.50 ; total, \$877.40.

I took charge of this parish June 13th, 1858. The inside of the church edifice has been completely changed ; new pews have been put in and upholstered throughout with best quality of damask, the whole inside has been painted, and three beautiful memorial windows have been placed in the church, which has now a cheerful and comfortable appearance. The number of attendants upon the week-day services are increasing, and on Sundays the church seems full. Our prospects for the future, with the blessing of God, are bright.

Chicago, Christ, Rev. N. H. Schenck.

Number of families, 10 ; number of souls, 75.

Burials, 1 ; communicants, 7.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 48.

*Chicago, Holy Communion, Rev. Henry B. Whipple.*

Number of families, 42 ; number of souls, 200.

Baptisms—adult, 9 ; infant, 11 ; total, 20 ; confirmed, 26 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 11 ; communicants—added anew, 29 ; removed into the parish, 39 ; removed from the parish, 18 ; died, 1 ; present number, 79.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8 ; children taught the catechism openly in church, 40 ; number of times, 40.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 103 ; holy days, 37 ; other days, 65 ; total, 205.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 14 ; in private, 4 ; total, 18.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$30 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$4.50 ; foreign missions, \$12.50 ; domestic, \$12.50 ; diocesan, \$20 ; Nashotah, \$10 ; offerings at communion and for the poor, \$207.54 ; parish purposes, \$2,021.53 ; other contributions for church purposes, \$50 ; total, \$2,368.57.

The experience of this year has strengthened our faith in the Free Church system. We have been sorely tried, once burned out, for weeks without a place of worship, and when secured, a hall in a third story, where we have billiard rooms and saloons below us and a concert hall on the same floor ; even during our daily services in Passion week we were compelled to listen to the discordant sounds of Negro Minstrels. Amid all discouragements and trials the blessing of God has followed us. Our congregation is for the most part made up of young men, and most of them are regular attendants upon the services of the Church. The parish is supported wholly by the offertory. With no rich men of our number, the contributions have been large, beyond our expectations. Of those received to the communion, by far the most were those who had no connection with any parish in Chicago—many of them had lived in neglect of the blessed privileges of the Church. Our greatest difficulty is the lack of a church edifice ; by the blessing of God we hope for this before winter ; \$3,500 have been subscribed, and the work will be speedily commenced.

The Rector returns his grateful thanks to the kind friends who have

stood by him in every effort. Our parish is united as the heart of one man, and we look onward hopefully, to the time when this Free Church shall welcome every stranger to the fold of Christ. Satan has his houses of revelry at every corner, and why should not the Church of Christ have her blessed homes for all?

The Rector of this Church has accepted the temporary charge of the Swedish portion of the congregation of St. Ansgarius' Church. He has preached there once every Sunday during the summer. He has also officiated once at Hyde Park. On Thanksgiving day, at the invitation of the Rev. Dr. Clarkson, we worshiped with the congregation of St. James', at which time a collection was taken up for Diocesan Missions. On Christmas day the two parishes worshiped together, at which time there was a collection taken up for Disabled Clergy.

The salary of the Rector has been promptly paid. The parish is under many obligations to the Rev. Charles V. Kelly, M. D., for aid both in its public services and in parish work.

Chicago, Grace, Rev. John W. Clark.

Number of families, 130.

Baptisms—adult, 5; infant, 25; confirmed, 29; marriages, 9; burials, 7; communicants, 160.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 16; catechumens, 150.

Weekly Bible class, for about six months.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 104; holy days, 29; other days, 30; total, 163.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 16; in private, 3.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$58.30; domestic missions, \$5; diocesan, \$50; offerings at communion, \$187.24; Nashotah (Sunday school offering), \$30; parochical purposes, \$6,155; total, \$6,485.54.

Chicago, St. James', Rev. Robert H. Clarkson, D. D.

Number of families, 230; number of souls, 1,260.

Baptisms—adult, 10; infant, 93; total, 103; confirmed, 35; marriages, 28; burials, 18; communicants—added anew, 28; removed into the parish, 21; removed from the parish, 16; died, 3; present number, 290.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 52; total number of young persons instructed, 360.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 104 ; holy days, 17 ; other days, 50 ; total, 171.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 13 ; in private, 7 ; total, 20.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$260 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$42 ; foreign missions, \$50 ; domestic, \$811.80 ; diocesan, \$233 ; offerings at communion, \$888.65 ; parish purposes, \$3,760.25 ; other contributions for church purposes, \$2,610.70 ; total, \$8,556.

In January last our new church edifice was opened for public worship, though in an unfinished condition. It was a cause of great regret to us that the debt upon it prevented its consecration ; but we trust that before many years we shall be able to offer it entirely completed and without debt, as a free gift to Almighty God.

The amount of money mentioned in the report for “ Domestic Missions,” includes what was given to all Western Churches and Missionaries. The amount mentioned “ for other Church purposes,” includes what was given, by members of the parish as far as could be ascertained, to Jubilee and Nashotah, and for the aid of churches in Chicago and Illinois. “ The communion alms ” includes all that was given to the poor, and to the “ Hospital,” and to the “ Soup House,” through the offertory.

Galleries are now in process of erection in the new church, which will afford sittings for three hundred and fifty persons. On Thanksgiving day, and on Christmas day, the congregation of the “ Church of the Holy Communion ” worshiped with us ; on the former occasion the united collection was devoted to “ Diocesan Missions,” and on the latter occasion to “ Disabled Clergy.”



Chicago, St. John's, Rev. H. N. Bishop.

Number of families, 100.

Baptisms—adult, 18 ; infant, 44 ; total, 62 ; confirmed, 55 ; marriages, 12 ; burials, 8 ; communicants—added anew, 61 ; removed into the parish, 8 ; removed from the parish, 51 ; present number, 90.

The Sunday school, under the efficient superintendence of Mr. James F. Aldrich is in a prosperous condition—number of scholars enrolled, 280 ; average attendance, including 20 teachers and Bible classes, 185. The school is regularly questioned and addressed by the Rector, openly in the church.

Besides the school at the church, there are *two* branch schools in the more destitute parts of the parish. These are sustained chiefly by teachers from the parent school. Mr. John A. Nichols is the able and

energetic superintendent of one of these schools, and Mr. B. F. Harriotte of the other. The average attendance in each is from 50 to 75 scholars, making the total number of young persons instructed in the parish, over 400.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 102 ; and on several of the holy days ; there have also been, for a large part of the year, two services during the week.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 12 ; in private, 2 ; total, 14.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$40 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$14.70 ; foreign missions, \$20 ; domestic missions, for Iowa, \$60 ; diocesan missions, \$62.50 ; for Two Rivers, \$5 ; for Racine college, Wis., \$10 ; fund for aged and infirm clergymen, \$15 ; for the publications of the Evangelical Knowledge Society, to be circulated in the parish, \$33.50 ; for the parish Sunday schools, \$250 ; for making the Rector a life member of Young Men's Christian Association, \$30 ; for the poor, \$50 ; for parish purposes, \$3,000 ; total, \$3,590.63.

During the past year, a rectory, costing \$2,000, has been erected and is all paid for, to within \$200. Had it not been for the financial pressure, causing some to fail in their promises, there would not at this time be a dollar's debt hanging over the vestry. There is no debt upon the church building or upon the church lots.

Notwithstanding the large number of removals from the parish, both of individuals and families, still the regular congregation and communicants have steadily increased, and peace and harmony prevail among us, for all which the Rector is thankful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and is encouraged to persevere and labor on in the blessed work of winning souls to Christ.

Chicago, Trinity, . . . Rev. N. H. Schenck, Rector.
Rev. Wm. M. A. Brodnax, Assistant Minister.

Number of families, 194 ; number of souls, say, 1100.

Baptisms—adult, 21 ; infant, 33 ; total, 54 ; confirmed, 51 ; marriages, 18 ; burials, 29 ; communicants—added anew, 78 ; removed into the parish, 80 ; removed from the parish, 17 ; died, 8 ; present number, 226.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 39 ; children taught the catechism openly in church, 35 ; number of times, 12 ; members of other classes for religious instruction, 24 ; Sunday scholars—parish school, 110 ; mission school, 125 ; branch school, 25 ; total, 260.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 102 ; holy days, 9 ; other days, 33 ; total, 144.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 12 ; in private, 2 ; total, 14.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$121 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$33.75 ; foreign missions, \$344.25 ; diocesan missions, \$82.50 ; offerings at communion, \$548.76 ; parish purposes, \$6,678.71 ; Trinity Church city missions, \$908 ; Christ Church, Carville, \$325 ; Jubilee College, \$5 ; Church of Ascension, Chicago, \$485 ; church in Elyria, Ohio, \$25 ; church in Elgin, Illinois, \$15 ; St. Ansgarius' church, Chicago, \$10 ; American Bible Society, \$130 ; American Seaman's Friend Society, \$50 ; church in Tipton, Iowa, \$50 ; church in Lawrence, Kansas, \$50 ; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$75 ; church in Fort Dodge, Iowa, \$130 ; total, \$10,067.07.

The Rector would gratefully acknowledge the donation of a beautiful service of communion plate, from one of the Wardens, presented as a part of his Easter offering.

Rev. R. L. Chittenden, Assistant Minister,

REPORTS FROM OCTOBER 11, 1857, TO APRIL 25, 1858. *Character of Labor*—Assisting the Rector in services, &c. ; aiding the poor and sick of our own communion and others ; seeking the children for the Sunday school ; occasional visits of a pastoral nature to families with no church connection. Ninety-three families and individuals aided, most of them a number of times each. Number of calls, over 800. Twenty-five pairs shoes, and fifty pieces clothing, distributed. Provisions, wood, &c., with cash in small sums, distributed, \$417.19. The above sum was raised within Trinity Parish, while my work was carried on almost entirely through the liberality of one of its communicants.

A mission Sunday school was commenced in April, which bids fair to be highly useful.

I would here acknowledge the valuable advice and co-operation of the estimable Rector of Trinity, as well as the efficient aid of its Ladies' Society.

Cambridge, St. Matthew's, . . . Rev. Samuel Goodale,
MISSIONARY.

Number of families, 10 ; number of souls, 50.

Communicants—present number, 12.

Communion administered 3 times.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$5 ; contingent expenses, \$1.65.

This spring we made a change in our Cambridge appointments, transferring our services from the village to a prairie school house, some three miles from town, near where all our Church families reside, except

one; also, giving them one-fourth of my services, instead of one-half, as formerly.

This change, while it obliges me to ride some twenty miles on every alternate Sunday, has encouraged me in my mission, as there seems an opening for success which I never saw in the village. The school house is generally well filled, and it is not very improbable that a prairie church may, one of these days, be erected.

You are aware that the farming interest has greatly suffered of late, and this must account for the little support to be expected from this source. If to the items of support the missionary receives from his two stations be added the missionary stipend, it will be perceived that no part can be wanting without some serious inconvenience.

I have often been over the prairie, between Geneseo and Cambridge, when a man not disposed to endure *hardness* for the Saviour's sake would have turned back. In fact, there are portions of the year when the places cannot be connected for services.

Carlinville, St. Paul's, Rev. D. W. Dresser.

Number of families, 10; number of souls, 40.

Communicants—present number, 6.

Total number of young persons instructed, 8.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 42.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 4.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$6; fund for the contingent expenses of convention, \$1; domestic missions, \$11.50; diocesan, \$4.65; offerings at communion, \$6.80; parish purposes, \$110; total, \$202.95.

Chester, St. Mark's, Rev. William Mitchell.

Number of families, 30 to 35; number of souls, 125 to 200.

Baptisms—adult, 2; infant, 5; total, 7; confirmed, 15; marriages, 2; burials, 4; communicants—added anew, 15; removed from the parish, 16; present number, 37.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 4; catechumens, 15; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 15; number of times, 4; Bible class, 10; Sunday scholars, 40; total number of young persons instructed, 45.

Celebration of divine service—every Sunday, 10½ A. M.; holy days—every Friday in Lent, and last Friday of every month; total, 72.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 12; in private, 2; total, 14.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$38 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$8 ; domestic missions, \$5 ; diocesan, \$15 ; offerings at communion, \$120.25 ; for Jubilee College, \$10 ; rector's salary, \$300 ; total, \$496.25.

Within the year, the Rector has organized a ladies' association. He has found them efficient helpers in parochial work, especially in ministering to the sick and the poor.

The many changes, by removals from the parish, is one of the causes of our small increase in real strength. The Rector's engagements in agricultural pursuits, from which he derives, at least, half of his support, is another drawback on his pastoral duties. The seats of the church being all free, the Rector gave up the offerings at communion to the treasurer of the parish, to meet contingent expenses, the salary being raised by subscription, and paid quarterly promptly. In spiritual things, we think the parish in a sound condition. For recompense, we look in hope for our final reward in heaven.

Chesterfield, St. Peter's, . . . Rev. D. W. Dresser.

Number of families, 18 ; number of souls, 95.

Baptisms—infant, 8 ; confirmed, 1 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 1 ; communicants—removed from the parish, 1 ; present number, 4.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 40 ; holy days, 2 ; total, 42.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 4.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$1.25 ; domestic missions, \$6.50 ; parish purposes, \$99.56 ; total, \$107.31.

Decatur, St. John's, . . . Rev. William L. Bostwick.

Number of families, 28 ; number of souls, 125.

Baptisms—adult, 4 ; infant, 5 ; total, 9 ; confirmed, 11 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 5 ; communicants—added anew, 10 ; removed into the parish, 4 ; removed from the parish, 3 ; present number, 33.

Sunday school teachers, 8 ; scholars, 52 ; Bible class, instructed by the Rector, 13 ; total number of young persons instructed, 65.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 92 ; holy days, 3 ; other days, 10 ; total, 105.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 11.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$16.50 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$4.95 ; foreign missions,

\$3 ; diocesan missions, \$9.50 ; offerings at communion, \$5.28 ; parish purposes, (rent, &c.,) \$95 ; infirm clergy fund, \$2 ; Sunday school books and tracts, \$19.08 ; amount contributed within the parish and paid on church lot, \$350 ; amount contributed within the parish and paid on church edifice, \$700 ; total, \$1,205.31.

In view of our field, labors and results, may we not justly say of this parish, "Thus far hath God helped us?"

Before Easter returned, many thought we could not go on. Instead however, of giving up the Lord's work because the help of men was failing, those who had faith, relying on His aid, encouraged one another. And while the sheep have still been guided, and the lambs gathered and fed, a fold has been made nearly ready for them.

An attractive, if not to say beautiful, wooden Gothic church, (24 by 57 feet ; the nave of a design by Upjohn—full plan to be carried out hereafter,) has been so far completed that we expect to use it this month. It is to be a free church, and the Rector, under God's blessing, will rely on the weekly offerings of the faithful for his support. This system has already worked so well for the past five months, that we may safely hope still brighter and better things of it for the future.

The Rector would here gratefully acknowledge the uniform kindness of his parishioners, and their consideration of his wants during times alike trying to all.

He would also thankfully acknowledge the gift of a valuable newly-plated communion service, from St. Mark's Church, New Britain, Connecticut, per the Rev. F. T. Russell. Also, thirty Prayer Books, and about 500 tracts, from the New York Protestant Episcopal Bible, Prayer Book and Tract Society. Also, the entire freight on lumber for our church, from Chicago and elsewhere, equal to \$157.18, given by the Illinois Central Railroad. And cash donations towards the church edifice, from various friends in Springfield, Ill., Philadelphia, and elsewhere, amounting to \$158.

Adding these sums to that from the parish will show the present *paid* value of the church. Several hundred dollars additional expense for materials and work has been incurred, to be cancelled as fast as subscriptions now due can be collected, and promises from abroad redeemed.

We hope to have the church free from debt, and consecrated at no very distant day.

Dixon, St. Luke's, Rev. John Wilkinson,
MINISTER.

Number of families, 30 ; number of souls, 110.

Baptisms—infant, 4 ; burials, 5 ; communicants—present number, 21.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8 ; Sunday scholars, 30.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 10.

The holy communion—celebrated in public, once.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$26 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$2.10 ; offerings at communion, \$5.30 ; parish purposes, \$8.50 ; other contributions for church purposes, \$450 ; total, \$491.90.

No regular services had been held in this parish for the year previous to my taking charge of it. I commenced my duties on the eleventh Sunday after Trinity, August 15. My report, therefore, covers but one month. I found no register of any kind, and cannot report loss or gain in number of communicants, etc. Fourteen candidates for confirmation await the coming of the Bishop on the 26th inst. The attendance upon morning services is as large as the church will accommodate. The church is not quite finished, or free from debt, but arrangements have been made to have it ready for consecration within six months.

We are under obligation to Rev. A. J. Warner, for the administration of the holy communion.

Elgin, Redeemer, Rev. J. H. Waterbury.

Baptisms—adult, 4 ; infant, 19 ; total, 23 ; confirmed, 16 ; marriages, 4 ; burials, 2 ; communicants—added anew, 24.

Sunday school teachers, 7 ; children taught the catechism openly in church, 30 ; members of other classes for religious instruction, 15 ; Sunday scholars not included in the foregoing, 50 ; total number of young persons instructed, 95.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 136 ; holy days, 9 ; other days, 19 ; total, 164.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 13 ; in private, 5 ; total, 18.

Contributions—diocesan missions, \$14.20 ; offerings at communion, \$13.59 ; parish purposes, \$193.77 ; other contributions for church purposes, \$210.24 ; total, \$431.80.

On Thanksgiving day, 1857, I resigned the charge of St. Peter's Church, Sycamore, and devoted my entire interests to the Fox River Missions. I however, continued services at Sycamore until Christmas. Since the 1st of January I have held services twice each Lord's day, and once on Holy and other days, at Elgin. At Turner, Geneva, Marengo and Algonquin, I have held evening services ; in each of which there is a little band of true Churchmen, and in the three first named places lots have been donated for the Church. The parish of "the Church of the Redeemer" have adopted the "Free Seat" plan, and depend upon the voluntary contributions of those attending its services.

Farmington, Calvary, Rev. John Benson.

Number of families, 22; number of souls, 81.

Baptisms—infant, 10; confirmed, 2; communicants—added anew, 5; removed into the parish, 3; removed from the parish, 3; loss by discipline, 1; present number, 35.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 4; children taught the catechism openly in the church by the Rector, 9; number of times, 4; Sunday scholars, 9; total number of young persons instructed, 18.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 44; holy days, 11; other days, 8; total, 63.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 6.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$23; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$4.65; diocesan missions, \$56.14; offerings at communion, \$25.95; parish purposes, \$450; other contributions for church purposes, \$35; total, \$594.74.

In addition to the above, the Rector has officiated at Lewiston, one Sunday in the month, generally two services, i. e. seventeen services. He has also, officiated four times in Christ Church, Limestone Prairie, once in the Poor House there; also baptized two children, administered the Holy Communion twice, and performed one burial service. He has also read prayers and preached four times in a school house seven miles from Farmington.

It may be well to state that three of the twenty-two families, numbering eighteen souls, reside in Lewiston; that five of the ten children baptized belong to one of these families. There being no parish organized in Lewiston, these persons are considered as members of Calvary parish, Farmington. They commune in Calvary Church, and pay the regular dues, as do other members residing in and around Farmington. A Sunday School was organized in Lewiston, four weeks since, numbering twenty-eight pupils and six teachers.

Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's, . Rev. James A. Woodward.

Baptisms—adult, 2; infant, 13; total, 15; confirmed, 8; marriages, 3; burials, 5; communicants—added anew, 7; removed into the parish, 3; removed from the parish, 2; died, 2; present number, 39.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 4; Sunday scholars, 23.

Celebration of divine service, every Sunday; holy days, 1, Christmas; other days, 4.

The holy communion, monthly; in private, 1.

Contributions—fund for support of the episcopate, \$18.75; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$3.75; diocesan mis-

sions, \$10.67 ; parish purposes, \$2.50 ; other contributions for church purposes, \$11.90 ; total, \$47.57.

Freeport, Zion, Rev. R. L. Chittenden.

Number of families, 48 ; number of souls, 200.

Baptisms—infant, 3 ; total for year, 9 ; marriages, 3 ; total for year, 7 ; communicants—added anew, 10 ; removed from the parish, 6 ; present number, 29.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8 ; Sunday scholars, 46 ; total number of young persons instructed, 46.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 35.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 3.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$19 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$4.73 ; American Bible Society, \$4 ; offerings at communion, not including a portion appropriated as above, \$21.83 ; other contributions for church purposes, \$126.98 ; total, \$176.61.

About \$125 included in the last item were the profits of a Festival given by the ladies, during the rectorship of Rev. Mr. Grover. We are now progressing as well as could be expected. The services are well attended ; and the Sunday School is increasing. A Thursday evening devotional meeting has been established, the exercises of which consist of portions of the service, prayers, &c., with a brief lecture or exhortation. I think it will serve a useful purpose.

I have visited the neighboring town of Polo twice, on Missionary duty. In the total of marriages and baptisms, I have included those reported by my predecessor. No plan for instruction in the Catechism has yet been put into operation. I took charge of the parish on the 9th of May last, and my report dates back only to that time.

Report for the present Conventional Year, to March 15th, 1858, at which time my services, as Rector, terminated :

Marriages, 4 ; baptisms—adult, 1 ; infant, 5 ; confirmations, 14.

Communion alms, \$22.55.

REV. J. L. GROVER.

Galena, Grace, Rev. Thomas N. Benedict.

Number of families, 87 ; number of souls, about 450.

Baptisms—adult, 3 ; infant, 29 ; total, 32 ; confirmed, 5 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 10 ; communicants—added anew, 10 ; removed

into the parish, 6 ; removed from the parish, 13 ; died, 1 ; withdrawn, 4 ; present number, 102.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 12 ; children taught the catechism every Sunday in Sunday school ; members of other classes for religious instruction, 8 ; Sunday scholars, 76 ; total number of young persons instructed, 84.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 90 ; holy days, 23 ; other days, 34 ; total, 147.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 11 ; in private, 3 ; total, 14.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$104 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$15.60 ; foreign missions, \$13 ; diocesan, \$56.15 ; offerings at communion, \$71.25 ; parish purposes, \$597 ; other contributions for church purposes, \$35 ; aged and infirm clergymen, \$10.50 ; total, \$902.50.

Geneseo, Trinity, Rev. Samuel Goodale.

Number of families, 20 ; number of souls, 60.

Baptisms—infant, 3 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 3 ; communicants—added anew, 3 ; removed into the parish, 1 ; present number, 12.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 2 ; catechumens, 10.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 70 ; holy days, 3.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 5.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$1.20 ; diocesan missions, \$5 ; offerings at communion, \$6 ; parish purposes, \$100 ; total, \$112. 20.

This parish began with nothing ; but the promise of God—where two or three are met together in his name—and his blessing upon patient labor for some eighteen months, have made it even the little it now is.

Unlike most places at the West, here was a well established religion. Congregationalism had been early planted, and vigorously sustained for twenty years, so that there was a strong popular current in one direction. I am glad to say, however, that we are beginning to see many indications of a settled parish. We have a good and reliable congregation, steadfast for the old religion in the midst of peculiar temptations.

A great hindrance to our success is the want of a church. In general, we have had no room at our command where we could hold any services, except our regular Sunday appointments. We are more than four-fold stronger, in every view, than at any previous report. The state of the times has greatly hindered us in pecuniary matters, and without missionary aid the parish could not live.

Grand Detour, St. Peter's, . . . Rev. Charles J. Todd.

Number of families, 14.

Baptisms—infant, 2 ; marriages, 1 ; communicants—added anew, 2 ; died, 1 ; present number, 19.

Total number of young persons instructed, 70.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 105 ; holy days, 4 ; other days, 5 ; total, 114.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 8 ; in private, 2 ; total, 10.

Contributions—foreign missions, \$3.45 ; diocesan, \$4.14 ; offerings at communion, \$20 ; total, \$27.59.

My services at Grand Detour terminated on the 24th of May last, my engagement with the parish having expired. At the time of my leaving, much religious feeling was expressed in the congregation, and the services of the Church were well attended, but the pecuniary depression and embarrassment of the times rendered it impossible for the parish alone, and without aid, to sustain the ministry of the Church.

Jacksonville, Trinity, . . . Rev. Theodore N. Morrison.

Number of families, 35 ; number of souls, 200.

Baptisms—adult, 8 ; confirmed, 4 ; marriages, 5 ; burials, 2 ; communicants—added anew, 4 ; removed into the parish, 10 ; removed from the parish, 6 ; present number, 64.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 5 ; Sunday scholars, 30.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 104 ; holy days, 5 ; other days, 18 ; total, 127.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 12.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$61 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$9.60 ; diocesan missions, \$53.50 ; offerings at communion, \$80 ; parish purposes, \$850 ; total, \$1054.10.

In addition to the above, a donation of one hundred dollars is thankfully acknowledged from William G. Heslep, Esq., of Senora, California.

Joliet, Christ, . . . Rev. James DeW. C. Locke.

Number of families, 56 ; number of souls, 250.

Baptisms—infant, 11 ; marriages, 2 ; burials, 7 ; communicants—removed from the parish, 7 ; present number, 46.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 9; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 60; members of other classes for religious instruction, 8; total number of young persons instructed, 68.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 104; holy days, the great festivals and fasts; other days, Fridays; total, 140.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 12.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$40; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$6; diocesan missions, \$13; offerings at communion, \$65.30; parish purposes, \$131; other contributions for church purposes, \$25; total, \$280.30.

Kewanee, St. John's, Rev. G. E. Peters.

Number of families, 27; number of souls, 60.

Baptisms—adult, 5; infant, 16; total, 21; confirmed, 10; marriages, 1; burials, 6; communicants—added anew, 11; removed into the parish, 2; removed from the parish, 1; present number, 21.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8; catechumens, about 50; children taught the catechism openly in the church, once every month.

Celebration of divine service—twice on Sundays, on the great festivals of the Church, and daily in Lent.

The holy communion—celebrated, in public, monthly.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$10; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$1.50; domestic missions, \$2.62; offerings at communion, \$37.21; total, \$51.33.

Kickapoo, St. Luke's, Vacant.

This church not being under the care of any clergyman, the undersigned, as one of the Wardens, would report to the Bishop, that the parish has virtually merged into that of Christ Church, Robin's Nest, most of the communicants attending the services at Jubilee Chapel, the parochial acts being performed in that parish, and the contributions for Church objects being made through the same channel.

Under a rule of the convention, this parish is not liable to assessment for the episcopate fund. The convention assessment has been paid year by year by an individual, although the parish is inadvertently reported as delinquent by the Treasurer of the Diocese.

The undersigned would further state to the Bishop, that there is a good brick church at Kickapoo, of respectable dimensions and appearance, which was erected nearly twelve years since, previous to the ex-

istence of any parish. It was built with the expectation that Church services would be supplied by the clergy resident at Jubilee College.

This idea not having been realized, a few Church people organized a parish, in the hope of providing Church services. But a sufficient salary could not be raised to induce a clergyman to come to us, and the parish has now, for the want of ministerial oversight and services, become almost extinct.

A residence of twelve years in Kickapoo has not discouraged the belief, constantly entertained by the undersigned, that a respectable parish might yet be built up in our midst. Large congregations of attentive hearers have attended our former services, and it is thought that equally large numbers would attend any future occasions of public worship, many of whom would, it is probable, attach themselves to our communion, when they became acquainted with the church. But the parish never having had the exclusive service of a minister, no fair trial of the ground has been made. Should a clergyman come to the place, willing to perform the Church's work for a moderate pecuniary reward, much good might be expected to result from his labors; and were a good school to be established, for which the place presents a favorable opening, a comfortable maintenance could be safely anticipated.

RICHARD F. SEABURY, *Senior Warden.*

Limestone, Christ, Vacant.

There being no Rector, the Warden would respectfully report :

Baptisms—infant, 3; burials, 5; communicants—added anew, 1; removed into the parish, 2; removed from the parish, 4; withdrawn, 4; suspended, 1; present number, 22.

Sunday school teachers, 3; number of scholars, 15.

Services by the Rev. Mr. Dresser 4 times, Rev. Mr. West 4 times, and Rev. Mr. Benson 4 times.

The holy communion has been celebrated 6 times by the Rev. Messrs. Dresser and Benson; the remainder of the time lay service.

Contributions—for the episcopate, \$13; for convention expenses, \$3.30; diocesan missions, \$4; communion offerings, \$9.83; parish purposes, \$72.26; total, \$102.49. JAMES CLARK, *Warden.*

Lockport, St. John's, Rev. Samuel Cowell.

Number of families, 34; number of souls, 100.

Baptisms—infant, 3; burials, 1; communicants, 23.

Sunday school teachers, 6 ; Sunday scholars, 25.

Celebration of divine service, 22 times.

The holy communion—celebrated in public, once.

Contributions—at the offertory, \$2.45 ; convention fund, \$6.06 ; total, \$8.51.

The present Rector took charge of this parish in June last, and hence has little to report besides the above statistics. The aspect of the field is encouraging, partly in the position which, through God's blessing, the church has already attained in the community, and more especially in the attachment to the holy ways of the sanctuary which appears to prevail among the members.

May the Lord build us up in His holy faith and fear !

Manhattan, St. Paul's, . . . Rev. Charles B. Stout.

Number of families, about 20 ; number of souls, 80.

Baptisms—adult, 1 ; infant, 3 ; total, 4 ; confirmed, 5 ; burials, 1 ; communicants—added anew, 6 ; died, 1 ; present number, 19 ; (last year number reported, 18 : it should have been, 14.)

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 3 ; catechumens, 16 ; all the children of the parish taught the catechism openly in church.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 53 ; holy days, 3 ; other days, 1 ; total, 57.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 8.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$13 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$2 ; diocesan missions, \$6 ; offerings at communion for parish, \$14.45 ; parish purposes, (melodeon,) \$65 ; total, \$100.45.

The Rector commenced his labors in this parish on the 1st Sept. 1857. There were then but thirteen communicants, erroneously reported eighteen. The error occurred in counting two persons who had been there but a short time and left, and three others who were put down supposing them to have been communicants when they were not. There are now nineteen. One, the beloved Mrs. Young, has been taken from us by death—a loss this infant parish will long feel—and six have been added.

Since the last Convention, the Church Yard and Cemetery has been handsomely enclosed and trees planted in it and around the church—giving a cheerful and pleasant aspect. No improvement has been made of the glebe, the unfavorable state of the weather in the spring, and the total failure of summer crops in the neighborhood much crippling the resources of the parishioners, so that no further expenses could be incurred the present season.

The church has been well attended, and is gaining on the respect and attachment of the community around. There has been decided advance made in this parish and at Wilmington, for which we would thank God and take courage.

Metamora, Christ, *Rev. De Witt C. Loop,*
MISSIONARY.

Number of families, 7; number of souls, 42.

Baptisms—adult, 1; infant, 3; total, 4; confirmed, 2; marriages, 1; communicants—added anew, 2; total, 13.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 36; holy days, 3; other days, 3; total, 42.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 4; in private, 1.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$3.25; foreign missions, \$1.20; diocesan, \$5.75; for other church purposes, \$8.43; for church repairs, improvements, &c., \$177.70; total, \$196.33.

The time of the Missionary has been equally divided between Metamora and Washington, a Missionary station seven miles distant. Labor commencing Nov. 15, 1857, and ending July, 1858.

The church here is now neat and attractive. The salary *pledged* was at the rate of \$200 per annum; and the Missionary was *paid* for what portion of the time he served.

Morris, St. Thomas', *Rev. De W. C. Locke.*

Number of souls, 100.

Baptisms—adult, 5; infant, 21; total, 26; confirmations, 9; burials, 2; marriages, 1.

Catechumens, 20; teachers, 4.

Service, every Thursday; holy communion, 1; communicants, 24.

This parish progresses better than could be expected, deprived as it is of Sunday service, and of a resident Rector. The congregations are generally large, and the interest in the Church service is steadily increasing.

Ottawa, Christ, *Rev. C. P. Clarke.*

Number of families, about 80; number of souls, 450.

Baptisms—adult, 6; infant, 15; total, 21; confirmed, 10; mar-

riages, 6 ; burials, 12 ; communicants—added anew, 12 ; removed into the parish, 2 ; removed from the parish, 2 ; died, 2 ; present number, 90.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 9 ; catechumens, about 60 ; children taught the catechism openly in church, once a month ; total number of young persons instructed, 68.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2 ; the chief festivals and Lenten services as usual.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 12 ; in private, 1 ; total, 13.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$36 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$9 ; foreign missions, \$4 ; domestic, \$17 ; diocesan, \$10.76 ; offerings at communion, \$41.48 ; parish purposes, \$50 ; for aged and disabled clergymen, \$7.67 ; total, \$175.91.

Peoria, St. Paul's, Rev. Henry N. Strong.

Number of families, 92 ; number of souls, about 500.

Baptisms—adult, 13 ; infant, 26 ; total, 39 ; confirmed, 57 ; marriages, 7 ; burials, 4 ; communicants—whose names appear on the record, 156 ; removed from the parish without letter, 12 ; removed, not communicants, 11 ; dismissed by letter, 1 ; suspended, 2 ; total, 26 ; added during the year, 58 ; present number, 130.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 16 ; catechumens, 140 ; Bible class, under the care of the Rector, 10 ; total number of young persons instructed, 150.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 2 ; all holy days ; lecture on Wednesday evenings, from Oct. 1 to July 1 ; total, 126.

The holy communion—on the first Lord's day of each month.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$74 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$11.10 ; foreign missions (from Sunday scholars, \$15), \$39 ; diocesan, \$68.85 ; parish purposes, repairs, &c., \$874.15 ; Sunday school library, \$77 ; total, \$1,144.10.

The Rector of St. Paul's is grateful to his Divine Master that He has so abundantly blessed his labors in this portion of His vineyard. The services of His house have been, generally, fully attended. The Sunday School, under the Superintendance of Mr. A. G. Tyng, is in a most flourishing condition ; and from its circle many came, of those who recently confirmed their baptismal vows. During the precious Lenten season the people were frequently called to fasting, humiliation

and prayer, the results whereof were in part evinced in the unusual number present to commemorate on Easter morn, with new joy, the death and sufferings of their risen Head. Harmony, and an increasing willingness to sacrifice for Christ, on the part of the whole people, encourage the heart of their under-shepherd, and afford hope that the sacred petition, "that they may be one," will be answered among us, at the last.

During the past year, the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, has preached in this parish three times; the lamented Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, twice; the Rev. Dr. Chase, who kindly officiated for the Rector in his temporary absence, twice; the Rev. Mr. Downing, once; and the Rev. Mr. Loop, once.

Peru, St. Paul's, Rev. Abraham J. Warner.

Number of families, 28; number of souls, 150.

Baptisms—adult, 1; infant, 11; total, 12; confirmed, 11; marriages, 2; burials, 6; communicants—added anew, 10; removed into the parish, 1; present number, 26.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 6; catechumens—all the Sunday school scholars; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 30; number of times, 5; total number of young persons instructed, 30.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 115; holy days, 4; other days, 4; total, 123.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 10; in private, 5; total, 15.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$15; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$4.50; foreign missions, \$4.16; diocesan, \$12.34; offerings at communion, \$16.50; other contributions for church purposes, \$120; total, \$172.44.

The weight of pecuniary embarrassment has been more severely felt by the members of this parish than by those of parishes in other places with which I have been made acquainted. But for this, our church building would have been commenced last fall; as it is, we can do nothing. Although our numbers are nearly doubled, it has been found difficult to defray the ordinary expenses of the parish.

The above statistics are exclusive of the church in La Salle, except with reference to services, performed there by the Rector of St. Paul's, Peru. Three persons confirmed from that place, and one communicant, deceased, are accordingly omitted.

The number of times which I have publicly officiated there is thirty-five, besides administering the communion four times.

That parish, if ever properly organized, has now no male communicant for Warden, though there is hope that some of the men attached to its services, will, before another year, qualify themselves for holding this office in the way prescribed by the Canon.

Pre-emption, Grace, Rev. Robert Ryall,

MISSIONARY.

Number of families, 86 ; number of souls, 806.

Baptisms—infant, 14 ; confirmed, 13 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 3 ; communicants—added anew, 2 ; present number, 68.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 1 ; total number of young persons instructed, 15.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 4 ; in private, 1 ; total, 5.

This is a rural parish, presenting a field of much interest to the missionary laborer. They have been in an unorganized and uninstructed way, as regards the conduct of an American parish. But now, as their church building, thirty-two by forty-five feet, is being raised, and contracted to be inclosed in three months, much of which is passed, and, further, it being the only religious edifice in the country round it, they may have some centre of interest and encouragement for the time to come. The present Rector has been in charge since June last, and from motive of health wishes to resign from October next.

Princeton, Redeemer, Rev. F. B. Nash.

Number of families, 3.

Baptisms—infant, 1 ; communicants, 15.

This parish, associated with Providence and Tiskilwa, is now vacant.

Providence, Zion, Rev. F. B. Nash.

Number of families, 22.

Baptisms—adult, 2 ; infant, 3 ; total, 5 ; communicants—added anew, 8 ; present number, 40.

Quincy, St. John's, Vacant.

Number of families, 106.

Burials, 5 ; marriages, 1 ; baptisms—infant, 7 ; communicants, 107.

Sunday school teachers, 20 ; Sunday school children, 140.

Contributions in support of episcopate, \$130 ; contingent expenses of convention, \$19.50 ; offerings at communion, \$115 ; for parish purposes, \$7.25 ; for Sunday school, \$130 ; Rector's salary for church year, \$1,800 ; total, \$2,919.50.

The Rev. William Rudder left on the 13th of May, 1858, to visit (very unexpectedly) his sick mother, and did not return.

He tendered his resignation of the rectorship on the 9th of June, to take effect on the close of July, which was accepted by the vestry.

There have been no regular services since he left, but they have been held as often as possible.

FRANCIS C. MOORE, *Senior Warden.*

Robin's Nest, Christ, . . . Rev. Samuel Chase, D.D.

Number of families, 26 ; number of souls, 160.

Baptisms—adult, 1 ; infant, 4 ; total, 5 ; confirmed, 9 ; communicants—added anew, 9 ; removed into the parish, 5 ; removed from the parish, 5 ; died, 1 ; present number, 86.

Children taught the catechism openly in the church, 35 ; number of times, 40 ; Sunday scholars, 80 ; total number of young persons instructed, 125.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 104 ; holy days, 11 ; total, 115.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 13 ; in private, 2 ; total, 15.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$60 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$14 ; foreign missions, \$10 ; domestic, \$11 ; diocesan, \$100 ; offerings at communion, \$60.04 ; parish purposes, \$332 ; total, \$587.04.

Rockford, Emmanuel, . . . Rev. A. Clark.

Number of families, 68 ; number of souls, 350.

Baptisms—adult, 10 ; infant, 19 ; total, 29 ; confirmed, 31 ; marriages, 5 ; burials, 11 ; communicants—added anew, 36 ; removed into the parish, 8 ; removed from the parish, 6 ; died, 3 ; present number, 91.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 13 ; children taught the catechism openly in the church—number of times, 12 ; members of other classes for religious instruction, 22 ; Sunday scholars, 60 ; total number of young persons instructed, 82.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 100 ; holy days, 4 ; other days, 15 ; total, 119.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 12 ; in private, 3 ; total, 15.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$15.63 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$14.65 ; foreign missions, \$5 ; diocesan missions, \$18.95 ; offerings at communion, \$69.16 ; parish purposes (including Rector's salary), \$1,000 ; total, \$1,123.29.

Rock Island, Trinity, Rev. Henry Stanley.

Number of families, 60 ; number of souls, 244.

Baptisms—infant, 11 ; confirmed, 9 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 9 ; communicants—added anew, 7 ; removed into the parish, 9 ; removed from the parish, 6 ; died, 1 ; present number, 30.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 6 ; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 25 ; number of times, 3 ; Sunday scholars, 15 ; total number of young persons instructed, 40.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 95 ; holy days, 50 ; other days, 8 ; total, 153.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 11.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$32 ; domestic missions, \$8 ; diocesan, \$8.15 ; offerings at communion, \$78.04 ; parish purposes, about \$2,600 ; total, \$2,726.19.

The Rector entered upon his duties in October last. Since that time the parish has been steadily increasing in numbers, pecuniary ability, and evidences of spiritual progress. There is especial reason for thankfulness that a neat Gothic church, capable of seating 375 persons, has been erected within the last six months, and the entire expense defrayed.

I officiated in Grace Church, Preëmption, in November and December last, prior to the appointment of the Rev. Robert Ryall as missionary there, as follows: Divine service, 3 times ; holy communion administered once ; children baptized, 13. I have also officiated in Grace Church, Moline, 3 times.

The salary for the present year is \$800, and has, thus far, been promptly paid at the end of each quarter.

Springfield, St. Paul's, Rev. Lewis P. Clover.

Number of families, 70 ; number of souls, 200.

Baptisms—adult, 3 ; infant, 17 ; total, 20 ; confirmed, 14 ; marriages, 4 ; burials, 10 ; communicants—added anew, 19 ; removed

into the parish, 15 ; removed from the parish, 18 ; died, 2 ; present number, 101.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 13 ; children taught the catechism openly in the church, 90 ; number of times, 11 ; members of other classes for religious instruction, 12.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 102 ; holy days, 3 ; other days, 16 ; total, 121.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 14 ; in private, 2 ; total, 16.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$48 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$15.40 ; foreign missions, \$11.67 ; domestic, \$11.68 ; diocesan, \$63.37 ; offerings at communion, \$125.89 ; parish purposes, \$400 ; other contributions for church purposes, \$411.40 ; fund for aged and infirm clergy, \$31.64 ; total, \$1,119.21.

Under the head of “other contributions for Church purposes,” are included—for Jubilee College, about \$250 ; church at Decatur, about \$75 ; sufferers at Cairo, \$31.40 ; Sunday school, etc., \$55.

So far as can be judged from external appearances, we are, as a church, in a healthy and harmonious condition. Not the least gratifying circumstance of the present incumbent's connection with this parish, during the past year, is, that on five occasions has he been called upon to use, in full, that most touching and beautiful thanksgiving service of the Church, now grown almost obsolete, from a foolish and mistaken idea of what constitutes true refinement and delicacy in the Christian mother.

Sycamore, St. Peter's, . . . Rev. Warren H. Roberts.

Number of families, 28 ; number of souls, 112.

Baptisms—adult, 11 ; infant, 7 ; total, 18 ; confirmed, 7 ; burials, 2 ; communicants—added anew, 7 ; removed into the parish, 2 ; removed from the parish, 1 ; present number, 30.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 4 ; catechumens, 20 ; children taught the catechism openly in the church, monthly.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 64 ; holy days, 4 ; other days, 13 ; total, 81.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated, in public, 7.

Contributions—fund for the support of the episcopate, \$4 ; fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$3 ; domestic missions, \$3 ; offerings at communion, \$11.86 ; parish purposes, \$150 ; other contributions for church purposes, \$12 ; total, \$183.86.

The present Rector took charge of this parish on the fourth Sunday in Lent, not quite six months having elapsed since. I officiated twice every Sunday up to the first of July, together with a lecture every Friday evening. Since that time I have omitted the weekly evening service, and availing myself of the season for good traveling, have officiated at different points in the country around, especially at De Kalb and Cortland, two points on the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad. In each of these places I hold a service every alternate Sunday. I have had much to cheer me in my present field of labor.

Tiskilwa, St. Jude's, Rev. F. B. Nash.

Number of families, 12.

Baptisms—adult, 1 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 7 ; communicants—added anew, 5 ; removed, 1 ; died, 1 ; total, 28.

Warsaw, St. Paul's, Vacant.

Number of families, 32.

Communicants—removals, 9 ; present number, 37 ; baptisms, 5 ; burials, 1 ; marriages, 2.

Teachers in Sunday school, 8 ; Sunday scholars, 40.

Contributions—for parish purposes, \$150 ; convention dues, \$6.15 ; total, \$156.15.

This parish has been without an officiating minister since January 1st, 1858.

The Rev. Edward McClure, of Adrian, Michigan, has accepted a call to this parish, and entered upon his duties the second Sunday in September, 1858.

J. W. MARSH, *Secretary of Vestry.*

Washington, Rev. DeW. C. Loop,
MISSIONARY.

Number of families, 6 ; number of souls, 36.

Baptisms—adult, 2 ; infant, 2 ; total, 4 ; confirmed, 9 ; communicants—added anew, 8 ; total, 11.

Celebration of divine service—on Sundays, 29 times.

The holy communion—celebrated, in public, 3 times.

Contributions—for various church purposes, \$11.

There is a place for services here, though as yet there is no edifice nor organization. \$118 was pledged for the salary for one year, and the portion due for the part of the year in which duty was rendered, was paid. The congregations generally are large.

Waukegan, Christ, Rev. Sylvester Nash.

Number of families, 50.

Baptisms—infant, 15 ; confirmed, 8 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 11 ; communicants—added anew, 6.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8 ; Bible class, once a week, part of the year.

Celebration of divine service—twice each Sunday ; Christmas, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday ; Wednesdays in Lent.

The holy communion—celebrated, in public once in two months, and at Christmas and Easter ; total, 8.

Contributions—fund for the contingent expenses of the convention, \$5.55 ; domestic missions, \$5.48 ; diocesan missions, \$5 ; offerings at communion, \$18.67 ; parish purposes, \$86.15 ; by Sunday school children, for Africa, \$6.82 ; total, \$127.65.

Wilmington, Redeemer, Rev. C. B. Stout.

Number of families, 18 ; number of souls, 75.

Baptisms—infant, 4 ; confirmed, 4 ; burials, 5 ; communicants—added anew, 12 ; removed into the parish, 2 ; present number, 20.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 4 ; catechumens, 20 ; all the children taught the catechism openly in the church, 6 times.

Celebration of divine service—on Sundays, 44 times.

The holy communion—celebrated, in public, 6 times.

Contributions—offerings at communion, for expenses, \$14.21 ; parish purposes, by the ladies, \$130 ; for the church building and lot, \$570 ; total, \$714.21.

Since the first of November last, services have been regularly held one half the time. The Rector found, on his visit here in October, several warm friends of the Church, and about half a dozen communicants. We now number *twenty*.

The parish was organized on the 25th of January. The lots were purchased by three gentlemen—one presented to the parish, on which the chapel is built ; another presented to the Rector, on condition that he would build his house on it, instead of building at Manhattan. This, with the knowledge of the fact that it seemed most important for the interests of the church that the Rector reside at Wilmington, induced him to change his plan of a residence for the present at Manhattan.

The chapel has been erected and paid for—the ladies furnishing it throughout at an expense of \$130. Cost of lots and chapel, about \$700. As this is the *first year* of the existence of this parish, no collections have been made for other than parish purposes. The canonical collections will be attended to for the future. On the whole, the “Church of the Redeemer,” Wilmington, has much encouragement.

They are indebted to the Vestry of St. Paul’s, Peoria, for the gift of a Bible for the desk, and to Matthew Griswold, Esq., of the same parish, for \$5 for a desk Prayer Book. The “Bishop White Prayer Book Society” kindly sent us twenty-five Prayer Books last winter, and the Female Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia in May last sent us thirty, with a supply of tracts.

There are now several candidates, desirous of confirmation, awaiting the next visitation of the Bishop.

Wyoming, St. Luke’s, . . . Rev. Philander Chase.

Baptisms—infant, 9 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 1 ; communicants—added anew, 4 ; removed from the parish, 2 ; present number, 17.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 6 ; catechumens, 20.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 1 ; holy days, 3 ; total, 53.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 6.

Contributions—foreign missions, \$14 ; diocesan, \$5 ; parish purposes, \$200 ; total, \$219.

Rev. J. W. Osborne, Missionary—

During the conventional year that is past, I have been officiating at Rantoul on alternate Sundays. The congregation is a good one, and desire to have a parish organized.

Number of families, 13 ; number of souls, 91.

Communicants, 7 ; marriages, 1 ; Sunday school teachers, 4 ; scholars, 31 ; in Bible class, 11 ; volumes in library, 200.

Celebration of divine service—number of times on Sundays, 32.

The holy communion—number of times celebrated in public, 1, by Rev. H. N. Bishop, of St. John's Parish, Chicago.

Contributed for Sunday school books, \$3.50.

During the past six months, I have been officiating at Centralia. The congregation is large, and very attentive. The choir is a good one ; we have all that could be desired in the way of " Church Music."

We have received two valuable lots, 80 by 160 feet each,—one for a church, the other for a parsonage—from the Illinois Central Railroad Company. The congregation desire the organization of a parish in connection with Jonesboro'.

Number of families, 15 ; number of souls, 106.

Communicants, 11 ; baptisms—infant, 7.

Catechists and Sunday school teachers, 8 ; scholars, 78 ; volumes in library, 148 ; in the Bible class, 17 young persons. Paid for Sunday school books, \$30.

I have visited Jonesboro' (by special request), and preached four times to very large and attentive congregations, who took a very deep interest in the service.

Rev. Charles Dresser, D. D.—

During the last conventional year, I have performed such duties, in my connection with Jubilee College, as have heretofore been reported, except that during the last three months I have almost entirely abstained from preaching by the advice of my physician, on account of an affection of the throat, from which I hope soon to be relieved. I have also, during the year, solemnized one marriage, and officiated at five funerals,—two at Jubilee, and three at Limestone. At the latter place I have also preached three times, and on each occasion administered the communion.

Rev. Asa Griswold—

Within and without the diocese of Illinois, during the last conventional year, I have distributed several hundred copies of my Book of Sermons ; preached forty-three times ; administered the holy communion twice, and assisted in its administration three times ; and attended one funeral. My health, though improved, is yet infirm. My voice continues weak, but is stronger than it was a year ago.

Chicago, Rev. C. V. Kelly, M. D.

My official acts for the past year are as follows :

Number of sermons preached in Church of the Atonement, 76 ;
other churches, 16 ; total, 92.

Baptisms—adult, 2 ; infant, 12 ; total, 14 ; marriages, 4 ; burials, 6.

Administered communion—in churches, 6 ; in private, 17.

Amount of income, \$120.

Rev. Orrin Miller—

Owing to my ill health, I was not able to preach (this conventional year) until April. During that and the following month I preached four times, administered the communion once, and gave several addresses in St. James' Church, Chicago—one at Trinity Church, and one at the Metropolitan Hall. I have been too poorly to perform any clerical service since the first of June.

Rev. John Mayo—

I beg respectfully to state that I continue to reside in Radnor township, county of Peoria, and that age and increasing infirmities prevent me from undertaking any duty.

Rev. George S. Porter—

Since the last Convention I have removed from Jubilee, and my present post office is Princeville, Peoria, and I am near Arcadia.

From my locating here, early in the spring, I have held services regularly each Lord's Day morning in a school house. I have also administered the Holy Communion twice to five communicants. Double the number are residents of the vicinity. The house is but poorly adapted to accommodate the services of the Church.

I assembled also a Sunday school of twenty or more, and have superintended it, with several teachers, each Sunday afternoon. There is a good library, left by Rev. P. Chase. The school might easily be enlarged, and also the present limited attendance at church, by the Divine blessing, might be increased much, could faithful labors be expended, although it may be questioned whether alike favorable opportunities with the past occur for building up the Church.

While I reside here, as far as my health allows, I shall hold the service regularly, even though it be in my own household.

Rev. Samuel D. Pulford, Jubilee College—

In addition to the regular daily religious exercises which I have conducted as Principal of the Preparatory Department, I have, on the morning of each Sunday, taught a Bible class of college students; during each afternoon superintended the Sunday school of Christ Church, Robin's Nest; have usually read service once on each Lord's Day; and have preached thirty-three times since the last Convention.

S. Corning Judd, Lay Reader—

The undersigned, Lay Reader for Lewistown, Fulton county, appointed by the Bishop of Illinois, under date of June 8, 1858, in compliance with the instructions contained in his letter of appointment, would respectfully report that, since the receipt of such letter of appointment, he has performed services as follows, viz.:

June 27, 1858. Fourth Sunday after Trinity, read evening service and sermon No. 1 from the work entitled "Sermons preached in St. James' Chapel, Clapham, Surrey, by the Rev. Charles Bradley," &c.

July 4. Fifth Sunday after Trinity, read evening service.

July 25. Eighth Sunday after Trinity, read evening service.

August 1. Ninth Sunday after Trinity, read evening service and sermon No. 7 from above mentioned work.

August 22. Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, read evening service and sermon No. 1 from work entitled "Short Sermons for Families and Destitute Parishes, by John A. Norton, A. M.," &c.

August 29. Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, read evening service and sermon No. 2 from last named work.

September 11. Saturday, read the burial service at the funeral ceremonies of Florence Candace Davidson, a young child of James M. and Susan Davidson.

September 12. Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, read morning service.

The service last stated was read at the residence of J. M. Davidson. The funeral referred to took place from the house of the parents of the deceased. All the other services were performed at our usual place of public worship.

The sermons read were used with the approbation of the Rev. John Benson. Norton's sermons have been latterly read, those in the other work not being deemed so well suited to the congregation.

The attendance upon lay reading services has been fair; once or twice, large.

ERRATA.

Owing to alterations in the Report of MATT. GRISWOLD, Esq., Treasurer, after it came into the hands of the printer, the following errors occurred :

On page 31, the amount (\$13) credited St. Thomas' Parish, Morris, should be placed opposite St. Paul's, Manhattan.

Also, the footing on same page, and in same report on page 32, should be \$1,591.18, instead of \$1,393.88.

The Treasurer requests us to add, as received from St. John's Church, Chicago, \$40, and from St. Paul's, Peru, \$15, which were omitted in the original report.

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Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

THE year, for which I now present my humble record of official work, is a memorable one in the history of the kingdom of Christ. It opened in the midst of a financial convulsion, which, in its extent and identity, revealed that God's Providence had already laid a thousand lines of sympathy and dependence between the Old World and the New, along which flew shocks like the thunderbolt, and silent messages of warning, correction, sobriety and faith. The commercial world was found to be in remarkable affinity; and the same known or mysterious causes, with similar effect, wrought simultaneously over its whole area. It is no new thing for revulsion to happen in trade, or failure sweep over man's best and broadest plans. But perhaps never before did it happen so suddenly, so wide, so strangely deep. Disasters come, in which we see a strong arm made bare. Fire, flood, pestilence, blasted crops, the withholding of gifts which are claimed and used in atheism, attest a Power to which puny man must submit; but where he reserves "eminent domain" for his pride, self-reliance and lust; for confidence in his fellows; and almost defiant energy with their combined resources. But this was altogether different. As rarely before, everything was prosperous. It seemed impossible to ask larger measure of providential gifts. Like quails around the tents of Israel, came God's favors; and with intense appetite, and exuberant feeling, did all rush to appropriate and enjoy. Not a gift took wing; not a spring, fed by the early and the latter rain, dried up; not a cloud crossed the sunshine; no lightning

from the Throne burned the granaries; nor storms from the clouds wrecked the fleets. Yet through society was panic, mistrust and ruin. No one felt secure. The many were bewildered, oppressed and prostrate. Confidence was destroyed; no man was trustful in his brother—in his resources, his powers, or himself. Faith was eclipsed, and society felt, in its shuddering heart, a chill and darkness. There was a strange loneliness even in common disaster. Nothing to grasp reliantly; no hand to hold and feel safe; no large bosom of human sympathy to confide in. The blessings were cursed, but we knew it to be all our own doing; "earth seemed rottenness, and its blossoms to go up as dust."

In the reaction, the great longing was for something to trust; and, by the Grace of Him, whose Providence has disposed the self-made disaster, an impulse in the religious instinct began and spread—sudden—wide—spontaneous, like the other. It appeared to be all comprised in a desire to be near God; to find access to something on which to lean—in whom to trust. The movement earnest, almost rushing in numbers in our large cities, was, nevertheless, calm, subduing and silent. Short prayers, simple exhortation, singing of hymns, frequent services at stated hours in places convenient for those engaged in their secular callings, consecutive services in the evening at appointed centres—these formed the means which the exigency called up, in addition to the ordinary courses of the sanctuary. They were like hasty tents put up to accommodate a large band of emigrants, when the village homes were inadequate. The means followed the necessity, but did not create or anticipate it. They were as supply for a demand, in many respects inadequate, but by Divine grace made effective to the call, conversion and final salvation of thousands. The form and spirit of the religious movement differed. In some places it had the characteristics mentioned; and the effect, as far as observed, was beautiful and solemn. In other places it appeared forced and imitated—lost the spontaneity, which I consider the striking, reliable feature of the movement. The miserable

agencies of the revival system were brought forth, and effects quickly developed of false excitement, treacherous hope, mistaken feeling, and dissension, with the last state worse than the first.

It was a season of grace consequent upon affliction. In the economy of means that God deigns to employ, He allowed man to work out by the unhallowed use of natural blessings, and the intense pursuit of social advance, a state of things in which suddenly he found all insecure and treacherous, his confidence stunned, his hopes baseless. Then, in tenderness for this disappointed and forlorn condition, God spake by His Spirit, called society to trust in Him, to regard for the unseen, and efforts to lay up treasure where no vicissitude was subtle or fearful enough to scatter it. The common grief responded to the Father's call, and, staggering under the loss and fear, thousands sought access to the offered Source of pardon, love and hope. It cannot be doubted, that many found a grace in the time of need, which will not be received in vain; while multitudes, sympathetic for the time, have relapsed again to complacency, and, ashamed alike of the panic and devotion, have returned to the same selfish and absorbing worldliness.

In this wonderful burst of religious sentiment and feeling, we must gratefully own the work of God's Spirit. None can justly doubt that, whatever may have been the human element, the Divine power and grace have been gloriously manifest. The Holy Spirit has wrought in thousands of hearts with unwonted energy, and has given an earnest of the rapidity with which the kingdom of Christ, in the midst of untoward elements, may extend, which the faithful will cherish with ardent praise. We look for the coming of Christ with power to receive earth as His inheritance; and His kingdom will come, and subdue all kingdoms to itself. "Nations are to be born in a day." Over all lands the Gospel will be preached and felt, human nature brought into harmony with its principles, ruling ascendant in the intellect, feeling, will and institutions of the whole world. For these mighty destinies the

individual Christian hopes, prays and works. For these, the Church should steadily press, and in her successive generations make advance, so uniform and cumulative, that each age should be only wiser and more influential than the preceding. It is not easy to say, whether religion is advancing from age to age; we are sure that her course is full of vicissitudes, with changes of success and reverse, baffling to such an inquiry. We are sure that the experience of our own equable progress, through education, politics, literature, the strife of the world, and its vast enterprise, greed and pleasure, has not been such as to excite lively hope of an early triumph. In the deeper power of Gospel faith and discipline, it is a doubtful question, at least, whether this age has not lost ground.

Into this dubious and stagnant condition, such a season of supernatural energy breaks with light and force. It shows what God can and will do for His Church; and how easily, apparently without disturbing a single right enterprise, the hearts of the multitude can be moved, their feet run to meet God, their harried minds repose on Him, and the hungry heart, which no accumulation of earth's gains could satisfy, find itself healthfully feeding on angel's food, without being recreant to a single domestic claim, or abating the manly energy of social progress. It testifies that fidelity to business and in religion are not incompatible; the spirit of the prayer meeting and the counting-house not so discordant; the work of charity not a robbery of the means or time for the world's great calling; the talk of Christ and the soul not an impertinence in the intercourse of merchants, lawyers, artisans and laborers with each other. Religion may be for the week-day as well as the Sabbath, and instinct with vitality permeates the life and occupation, correcting what is wrong, assimilating the good, and establishing the Divine law and glory as the principle and aim of the individual life. What has been immoral is rebuked, and the high-toned but selfish morality bows in humility before a purer standard, and through the pathway of repentance, pardon and grace, rises to spirituality; virtue

advances to holiness, charity to love; and the standard of happiness becomes a Godlikeness. The degree of this social renovation may be very imperfect, and the extent of it may be practically more limited than the excitement of feeling would indicate. The reaction may soon give cause for the lament, that our "goodness is as the morning cloud"—already it may seem thus to have exhaled, still the fact of a rapid change is demonstrated, and while the faithful acknowledge that it is all the energy of the Holy Spirit, the human element becomes so natural an instrument, that we feel assured that the most glorious visions of millennial triumph may be near us, without changes revolutionizing our present life to effect them, or a process so quiet and slow as to remove the consummation hopelessly beyond our horizon.

The religious awakening which has visited us has been a rich gift from God; and many an individual and household will look back to its era with devout gratitude. In this aspect the whole Church must regard it, and through our own immediate field there are many congregations and pastors who have record of ample fruits. These manifestations of Divine influence are indispensable, and the past history of God's dealings with His Church affords abundant instance to sustain the assurance that they are consistent with His purposes, and just subjects for our prayerful desire. In this, all Christians must be agreed. The practical question, however, lies not with the divine, but the human agency. Whether such seasons require extraordinary agencies, and the Church must change her order, relax her principles, throw herself into new forms of religious service, combine with men of all religious sects, and for the time hold in abeyance distinctions of doctrine, discipline and government. There are many bodies of Christians who can do this in harmony with the principles that affiliate them. I cannot admit its necessity, expediency or propriety in ministers of our branch of the Church. Our machinery, if I may be pardoned the expression, is sufficient and ample for every exigency; our principles in the constitution of the Church, the succession of the

ministry, the validity and power of the sacraments, the use of a liturgy, the special obligations which bind us in ordination, place barriers which we cannot pass with consistency or safety. Our claim is, that we are a full and living branch of the Catholic Church—a “keeper and witness of her truth”—prepared historically to sustain that position against the Roman schism and Protestant dissent; that we can honor all men, and love the brotherhood of souls looking by faith to the same Saviour; and that we look forward with confidence to a time of larger unity, and in the better land, to the full communion of the saints in perfect fellowship. But in our covenant bond, our membership in Christ's visible Church, our hereditary faith and order, our office, and ministry derived from Him, we cannot compromise or change; and at no time would there seem to be less propriety in working outside of her established agencies than when the dew of the Divine blessing became the shower, and the Church's work and ways would be by the Spirit more suavisly and potently vindicated. In these precious “times of refreshing,” then, I deem no necessity exists for new forms of action, outside of our ordinary means of grace in our beautiful order. To resort to those that are novel, and the offspring of a present expediency, is, to confess our own inadequate; and in adopting such as in their very nature must be temporary, we assume that the impulse is to be short and transient—that it is an exception to the usual course, while we ought to welcome it as a gift from God of renovation, power and progress, from which the Church, instead of cooling down after brief excitement, may go on “conquering and to conquer,” on a higher level of zeal and devotion, charity and diffusion. I say not this to fault the discretionary action of the ministry, or to “spy out the liberty” of the people. But in these seasons the difficult position is that of calm principle, persevering labor, wise and consistent zeal, the conservatism of which is often mistaken, and branded with the ungenerous charge of lukewarmness or opposition. The ministry of our Church, as far as I have been permitted to observe, have, by a large majority, sustained this exact relation. They have

welcomed with earnest gratitude the popular interest in religion; they have sympathized with the awakening, and looked kindly on the temporary provisions to meet and guide it; they have given themselves to diligent and faithful pastoral effort; they have increased the services which the Lenten season usually claims; they have combined with each other and striven to make the whole worship adaptive and attracting, and have in all steadily kept within the order of the Church in the Prayer Book. The blessing of God has been with them, and the Lord's work has prospered in their hands. Many a pastor is now not only humbly jubilant for the "loving mercy" shown through him as the undeserving instrument to many reclaimed sinners folded in the covenant, but has a braver heart for the future, a higher reverence for the Church's order and spirit, a more profound conviction that she is equipped for all service, and that the descending fire of the latter days, however trying in judgment to the members, will irradiate her with glorious beauty, as the sanctuary of truth—the sure refuge—the "palace of the Great King"—"the joy of the whole earth."

In this same relation, the Christian mind has "gloried in" the lightning strand through the ocean, which unites, with almost the annihilation of time and space, our Continent with the Old World. No event of our age has awakened a louder and wider burst of gratulation than this spinal cord of the Anglo-Saxon race, and it has been affiliated with the Revival by the strong religious feeling which stood ready to baptize its birth. "God in History,"—Von Müller's noble expression,—is not truer than "God in Inventions." Not only is the material His in Nature's storehouse and laboratory; not only are the elements and their laws His wonderful order; not only is mind His gift and instrument to use and combine these; not only is the skill of the handicraft His teaching and power; not only must they all concur to work out the ultimate purposes of His grace—but His minute Providence orders the whole detail; marks the exact period in the world's history in which inventions arise and succeed; discoveries are made

and applied ; the order in which they take rank ; the social combinations into which they enter, and the mighty sweep of their associations ; the keeping back until the appointed hour, that which at last seems so obvious that centuries before it might have been antiquated—these all attest that God is in inventions, that materialism, and man's closest domain of independent power, are one and the same with the supernatural of grace, and the mysterious sovereignty of the Divine will. The Christian prayer taught in the hoary past, on inspired page, is, that "God would hasten His work ;" that He would "make haste ;" and the souls under the Altar are permitted to ejaculate in the same spirit: "Lord ! how long ?" Society in its selfish impulses is mad for speed. It yawns over the slowness of the Railroad ; and an hour's delay of the Telegraph voice from London to New York would be a disheartening failure. It is the glory and shame of our age. It describes its evil and its good. It is the spring and waste of our life. We flaunt it in our pride as we look upwards ; we shudder as we glance down over the precipice,—that we are a "fast age." But stand on the mount of Promise and look down on this rushing whirl—draw into the cave and listen to the "still small voice" that there is heard above the earthquake and the fire—go to the lively oracles in silent study by Faith's light—hover over it all on Hope's wing in the clearer air where angels can be heard, and then, O Christian soul ! the hurry of business, the clatter of materialism, the wild uproar of the headlong throng, will be to thine ear the nearer rolling of His chariot wheels, and to thine heart the clearer tone—"He cometh ! He cometh !"

The tendency of all around is to assure us of the pledged diffusion of the Gospel, and the reign of Christ over its restored people. Everything is pressing thitherward. The first message of public import along the sea-wire was the opening of China to commerce and diplomacy. Her wall is virtually fallen, which a score years ago frowned impregnable alike to imprison and exclude, and where, even Faith's arithmetic numbered hopeless decades before it could crack or crumble.

Commerce is the queen of her ports, and embassies have a highway to her capital, and the whole train that wait on these agencies for work or show, may insinuate itself through the strange society of its hundreds of millions—while already Chinese idolatry has little shrines in our Atlantic cities, and its crowding emigrants have become a source of jealousy on the Pacific coast.

The native powers of India have endeavored, with a remorseless cruelty which has appalled the civilized world, to crush the British authority and replace the foreign by a rule of intolerable tyranny. But there, in spite of all the fault and crime of East India management, God has made the Christian power victorious, and the frightful crisis which has rebuked the oppression and apathy of the past, will, by His grace, induce a more religious government, and awaken a more vigilant anxiety for the social and religious welfare of these vast dependencies.

Recently, too, in Turkey Mahomedanism has broken into popular persecution of the Christians. This overwhelming heresy which has been so long permitted, partly as a scourge for the Church, and partly with a mission of its own to resist idolatry, to sustain the Divine unity, and aid the progress of society, has in its decrepitude been singularly sustained by Christian allies. It has been the interest of part of Europe, in order to arrest northern aggression, to protect the Porte. But now, as if infatuated, the populace rise in persecution to blood. Fanaticism seems to be spreading, and, if so, it may safely be predicted, that in spite of the balance of power, Christendom may be compelled to strike a heavy blow at the garbled faith of Ishmael, the son of the bord woman, and clear the way for the pure dominion of Abraham's promised seed.

When the sun mounts high in the heavens and illumines the world, it shines stronger on the cottage window, directing the humblest labor, and cheering a farther corner. So, beloved—workers together with Christ,—no matter in what retired spot or unhonored toil, are we cheered and guided by the higher course of the Sun of Righteousness. The burthen may be the

same, but the spirits are more elastic, the will stronger, than when the day is overcast or the storm beats. The great religious character of the year thus concerns us, and, I doubt not, you have labored through its course with a vigor and ease consciously greater.

But from this Pisgah must I descend to stand in the door of my own tent, and read the record required from me of personal acts, though in comparison it is, but the lifting of a grain of sand upon the tip of the finger.

The time embraced in the report is much less than a year, owing to the change in the constitutional provision for the annual meeting, made at the last Convention. It is mainly the work of six months, for it never has been practicable to hold a visitation for several weeks after the close of the diocesan year; the parishes are not prepared, and the Episcopal work is incidental and scattered.

From Peoria, our last place of meeting, I went to *Jubilee College*, and spent a few days, including *Sunday, October 25th*, when I preached in the chapel in the morning; in the afternoon made a special address to the students, and conducted also the usual evening services. From there I went to Washington, where there was a prospect of establishing the Church, a work which has since been accomplished to some extent by the services of a Missionary, in union with *Metamora*, and the acquisition of an excellent lot for the church edifice and parsonage, through the kindness of Mr. John Birket, of Peoria, of whose wise liberality I shall have still larger instance to record.

I returned from thence to Chicago, and remained several weeks; during which time, the missionary arrangements for the year were made by the Standing Committee, acting with me in that department.

The Rev. Richard L. Chittenden was examined by me for Priests' Orders, and ordained in Trinity Church, where he had been acting as assistant, on *Wednesday, Nov. 11th*, on which occasion I preached; the candidate was presented

by Rev. Mr. Schenck, who, with Rev. Messrs. Clark and Whipple, joined in the "laying on of hands."

For some years, Mr. John Birket has desired to make provision for the Church in the northern addition to the city of Peoria, which bears his name. I returned to that place on the 7th of November, when the donation of eighteen lots, comprising a block and a half of ground, was completed. These lots are given for a church, parsonage, school and graveyard; and will form a very valuable endowment for a second congregation in that expanding city. The "southern addition," it is understood, is equally provided for by the will of a venerable clergyman in another Diocese, who holds large hereditary property in that locality. By these noble and timely provisions, the future of the Episcopal Church is well secured, and there is promise in the energy and growth of its central congregation that it will soon deploy these wings. The Christian simplicity, faith and love of the donor, whose act I thus record, while they restrain the full expression of respect and gratitude due, will carry down a blessing when he shall have passed from the stewardship so conscientiously held.

Sunday, Nov. 15th, was appointed for the consecration of St. John's Church, Kewanee, on which occasion I preached, and again in the afternoon, when Confirmation was administered to *two* persons. The building is all that could be desired—chaste and correct in plan; relieved from debt; large enough for the place; and the whole enterprise thus consummated in two years from the date of my first sermon in a town then a year old, by the downright energy of two or three young men, is proof of what can be done; and that means are less wanting in our homeless flocks than a brave heart and wise head, to develop and concentrate what they could all command.

1858, *January 17th*. My first regular visitation began with the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, where I preached, in addition to the ritual services; but there were no candidates prepared for Confirmation. This was owing to the vacancy

in the rectorship, through the resignation of the Rev. Dudley Chase. To his labor and self-denial the church owes its existence, and it is a subject of regret that, in leaving its pastorate, he has also left the Diocese, tempted by the newer field of the Upper Mississippi.

I add in the same connection, that the Church of the Atonement has since called as Rector the Rev. John O. Barton, of Wisconsin, who has been duly transferred, and is vigorously at work. The church has been enlarged in its accommodations, and, from its favorable position, must soon require greater extension.

In the afternoon of the same day I assisted in the services at St. James', and afterwards addressed the class in training for Confirmation.

On *Wednesday, Jan. 20th*, I preached and confirmed *six* in St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

In Trinity Church, Jacksonville, on *Thursday, Jan. 21st*, performed similar duty, the number confirmed being *four*.

Sunday, Jan. 24th. Held a Confirmation of *twenty-two* (the first) in the new edifice of St. James' Parish. It is of large dimensions and elaborate finish. The plan does credit to the young architect; but the high gratification felt in officiating in it, as the first building fairly representative of the taste and wealth of the Episcopalians of Chicago, was qualified by the fact that a debt remains upon it too heavy to allow of its being consecrated, and thus solemnly made over to God. From the united energy and liberality for which the congregation has been so conspicuous, it may be reasonably hoped that in some way this incumbrance will be removed, and, before long, its fine tower and spire complete the design.

In the afternoon, I again preached at the Church of the Atonement.

On *Tuesday, Jan. 26th*, preached in the morning, and again in the evening, in Grace Church, Galena, on which occasion I confirmed *five*.

Wednesday, Jan. 27th. Preached, and confirmed *fourteen*

in Zion Church, Freeport, where the Rev. Mr. Grover was popular and effective, but has since removed to Columbus, Ohio. The congregation, which had previously been depressed and scattered, sustains the promise in which I then found it, under the present charge of Rev. R. L. Chittenden, and will soon be obliged, I trust, to enlarge their church edifice.

Thursday, Jan. 28th. In Emmanuel Church, Rockford, preached, and confirmed *five*.

Friday, Jan. 29th. At Belvidere, where the Rev. E. B. Tuttle, from the Diocese of Maryland, is working faithfully and with success. Assisted by an accomplished wife, with long training as an instructor, he has opened a female school worthy of the attention of all obliged to send daughters from home for education, should the patronage warrant the continuance of it. The services were held, until the completion of the church, in a small wooden building, formerly owned by the Congregationalists. It presented on this occasion a very pleasant appearance. Besides the gratifying presence and assistance of the Rev. Messrs. Coe and Smedes, from Wisconsin, the decorations of greens, remaining from the Christmas and Epiphany season, carried the associations to distant parts of our Church. The hemlock for the wreaths was a present from Auburn, W. N. Y.; while the lettering of Scripture sentences of "glad tidings" on the walls had been cut and made in Maine, purchased in New York by a generous lady, and sent "by express," with a liberal amount "to pay expenses." The whole was a token of wide fellowship, and a cheerful "God-speed" to the little band in their work of love and duty.

Sunday, Jan. 31st. Preached, and confirmed *thirteen* for the "Holy Communion" in St. James'. The edifice vacated by the latter congregation had been leased to the congregation of the Rev. Mr. Whipple; but on Saturday night it caught fire, and was too much damaged for use.

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Preached, and confirmed *six*, in the Court House, at Rock Island. The influence of the new Rector has been rapidly and deeply appreciated, and the con-

dition of the parish in connection with progress afterwards recorded, is peculiarly cheering.

Thursday, Feb. 4th. Reached Peoria, and met Dr. Chase, on the business of Jubilee College.

Friday Evening, 5th. Preached, and confirmed *twenty-seven* in Christ Church in that city.

Sunday, Feb. 7th. Officiated in the Church of St. Ansgarius, preached, and confirmed *six*. The service, at the suggestion of the Rector, was entirely in English. The mention of this parish at this date, may properly embrace its present condition. After many years of trying labor in establishing a mission for his countrymen, gathering funds for the building, and the pastoral charge of the flock, the Rev. Gustaf Unonius has returned to Sweden with his family. He retains for the present his connection with this branch of the Church, and for the future, must await the guidance of God's Providence. The public action of his clerical brethren in Chicago before his departure, bore full testimony to the esteem in which he was held, and the interest felt in his future happiness and work. The return of this clergyman, ordained by a Bishop of this branch of the Church, to his own land, has an interest and importance beyond its personal relations. The Swedish Church is Episcopal, and by competent judges its ministry is esteemed valid in its apostolic succession. The reception of Mr. Unonius as a minister, and the full acknowledgment of his orders, would appear to be a natural result. But, of course, where the Church is an Establishment, there may be obstacles to this almost insuperable, even where none ought to exist in Catholic intercommunion. The disqualification of ministers, with American, or, even in some cases Colonial ordination, for holding livings or regularly officiating in England, is a painful proof of this separation. Some in Sweden hold that ordination is merely relative to a certain Established Church and Country, and that, therefore, a re-ordination is necessary. Others, and among them the Arch-Bishop, I am informed, take the right view of the case, and if that should prevail, and Mr. Unonius be admitted on a transfer

from this Church, the incident will be highly satisfactory; and a precedent exist favorable for closer communion with the Continental Churches of Europe. It is an interesting fact that the Bishop of Gottenburg, in which city there is a Chaplain of the Church of England, has been lately requested by English Bishops to administer confirmation to British subjects residing there. The request has been complied with, and several have received the laying on of hands from the Swedish Prelate. The desire is now wide spread, and gaining ground every year, for closer fellowship between the different branches of the Church of Christ, and towards this issue the removal of our Reverend Brother, in God's Providence, may contribute.

The constitution of the Swedish Mission in Chicago has been somewhat anomalous. It has been composed of the two nations, Swedes and Norwegians, and the services, alternately held in each language, embraced as much of our liturgy, translated by the minister, as could be conveniently used. The psalmody and partially the order of service, conformed to that of their National Churches. Provision was made in the original endowment for a separation by mutual consent and division of the property, whenever it seemed expedient. A desire for this now exists, and it will probably be carried into effect at an early period. For the year the Norwegians have called a countryman, the Rev. Mr. Gassman, a deacon from Nashotah; and the Swedes have put themselves under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Whipple, and of a Lay Reader, duly appointed. If the present intentions are carried out, two congregations will be formed, with distinct places of worship, the organization of which will be as nearly as practicable in conformity with the Canons, and in full identity with the order and discipline of the Church.

In the evening of the same day, officiated in Trinity Church, enlarged now to seat a thousand persons. The Rector presented his "first fruits" in a class of *seventeen* for confirmation.

Sunday, Feb. 14th. Preached in Grace Church, Chicago, and confirmed *sixteen*.

In the afternoon at St. John's, and confirmed *thirty-one*—a church where at every successive visit, I find rapid and sound advance in numbers and strength.

On *Sunday, April 25th*, I officiated all day in St. John's Church, Decatur. In the afternoon *five* were confirmed. Request was made to me in the evening for a repetition of the office, as several who had been undecided, though approved by the Rector, earnestly desired to renew their baptismal vows. I appointed Monday afternoon, at which time I preached, and confirmed *six*—making thus the whole number *eleven*.

The place of worship is a hall in an upper story, but I found a zealous and intelligent purpose to build immediately; and that event is, in the lapse of the few months since, nearly completed. St. John's, Decatur, promises to be a vigorous and influential church.

Tuesday, April 27th. Preached in the afternoon at Chesterfield, in the Seminary, and confirmed *one*. This parish cannot sustain itself properly without a church building, and although the prospects for that effort do not appear very encouraging this year, it may be reasonably expected that with comparatively large means among its members, a liberal effort will be made at no remote period.

On *Wednesday, April 28th*, officiated at Carlinville, in the upper room of the Seminary, where the congregation usually worship. There were none to be confirmed.

These two places are under the faithful charge of the Rev. Mr. Dresser; and his flock appreciate his self denial and ability, although there may seem to be a deficiency in that testimony which most cheers a pastor's heart—the giving themselves to the service of the Lord.

Thursday, April 29th. Confirmed *seventeen* in St. Paul's Church, Alton. Suffering from a severe cold, I combined the sermon and address in one from the chancel.

I reached Chester on Friday night, and on *Sunday, May*

2nd, in the morning, I baptized two adults and administered the communion, and in the afternoon, after preaching again, I confirmed *fifteen*.

This parish is in quietness and peace, with strong attachment to their good pastor—and in consequence, though with very moderate resources, steadily gains in size and influence. Its few laymen are models of loyal devotion to the Church and Ministry.

After a long journey, I reached, on *Wednesday, May 5th*, the saddened home of the Rev. Mr. Hutchins, at Albion—from which, since my last visit, eight out of nine of a lovely household had in a short fortnight been carried to the grave.

I preached on Wednesday evening, Thursday, morning and evening, and confirmed *six* persons. In the afternoon the Rev. John Frederic Esch, a deacon from Indiana, who had joined me on the way, preached, and also assisted in the service. The relations of Mr. Hutchins as Rector, intermitted for more than a year by his resignation, have, on the call of the vestry, been renewed; and the parish is again supplied. The congregations during my visit were large and attentive, but the parish still stands, as it long has done, an isolated outpost of our diocesan Church.

One of the transverse railroads crosses the State now within about thirty miles, and at intervals along it there are towns springing up, and the country around is fast settling. Olney, a vigorous town, the nearest point on the O. & M. R. R., has in it a number of Episcopalians. I held the first service there, and preached on *Friday evening, May 7th*. The next morning I baptized *five* children, four of them of one family.

At Sandoval, the intersecting R. R. station with the Central, there is also some movement to establish an Episcopal Church, for which material exists. In the month of July, the Rev. Mr. Morrison, having very kindly placed himself at my disposal for a missionary trip, in a short leisure during repairs in his own church edifice, visited these places. He reports that at Sandoval lots could be procured at any time for a church, and a liberal subscription for its erection. There are about

twelve persons interested in our services, but no communicants. The same gentleman who gave Mr. M. this information, added, "he thought that two hundred dollars would be subscribed for the occasional services of a Missionary."

Centralia is six miles south of Sandoval, and there the services are well sustained in response, and an hundred and fifty dollars could be raised for a Missionary.

At Salem, nine miles east of Sandoval, and the county town of Marion, there are several Church families who would be glad to have her services.

It is stated, also, that an Englishman has purchased a large tract of land on the "Chicago Branch," fifteen miles from Centralia. He is now in England, intending to bring out tenants, and would welcome, with liberality, the services of a clergyman. It is of importance, that the southern portion of the Diocese should receive immediate attention, and favorable effects will follow; although it may be true there, as in so much of our new Western field, that, "under the most favorable circumstances, it will be a field of toil and disappointment, requiring abundant zeal and faith on the part of those who cultivate it."

From this neighborhood I advanced, for *Sunday, May 9th*, to Bloomington, where I was allowed to occupy, in the morning, the Methodist Church, with a very large congregation, on which occasion the Holy Communion was administered. In the afternoon, the services were held in the Hall lately in use by the congregation, and consisted, besides the usual order, of the baptism of *four* children, and the confirmation of *four* persons.

This parish had been for some time vacant, by the retirement of Mr. Haven, and I was alone during the day, but gratified to find, from many incidents, that its vigor and resolution were unabated. Its present prospects are encouraging; for the Rev. Mr. Harlow, transferred from Virginia, has become the Rector, and been cordially welcomed. It would not be easy to find a more important position for

usefulness and success in the Diocese. The location there of the Normal School of the State, is a marked feature of interest.

From Bloomington I went to Rock Island, on my way to Preëmption, where I officiated in the School House for the parish of "Grace Church, Rock Island county," on *Tuesday, May 11th*, and confirmed *thirteen*. My intercourse with the warm-hearted people in this neighborhood, is always gratifying; and nowhere is there more feeling interest in my public services. The promise to "arise and build," without which nothing permanent can be secured, is now, I trust, to be fulfilled, and the edifice is already in some forwardness.

Ascension Day, May 13th, was spent at Kewanee, the date of the severe storm of wind and rain which swept so disastrously through a belt of country from west to east. It was sufficiently over, however, for the evening service, at which I preached, and confirmed *seven*, being the second visitation within about half a year.

At Peru, on *Friday, May 14th*, I found *thirteen* candidates for confirmation, preached in the Methodist Church, and heard gratifying statements of the usefulness of the worthy Rector, whose labors now embrace La Salle.

Sunday, May 16th, I spent in the field of the Rev. F. B. Nash, where for several years he has worked patiently, and with an ability commensurate with a far larger "cure of souls." I am sorry that this has been offered him in another jurisdiction, and that we have lost so earnest and able a minister. In the morning I preached, and confirmed *five*, in Tiskilwa; and in the afternoon, at Providence, fulfilled a similar duty for *seven* candidates.

By way of Peoria, I reached Washington for my appointment on *Tuesday, May 18th*. For most of this season the railroads have been, in places, seriously impeded by storms and floods; and the traveling by ordinary roads extremely heavy and difficult. I am thankful, however, to say, that in no case was I compelled to alter or forfeit an appointment, and, by God's goodness, passed through all the impediments and "hardness," with comparative ease.

At the time of my visit, the Rev. Mr. Loop was in charge of this place, with Metamora. Under some discouragement, he has since left, although, from my own inspection, he had no reason to mistrust the steady influence of his efforts. It is a missionary post, feeble in numbers, but at Metamora with a good church edifice, and at Washington five lots situated in the best part of the town, with a few but resolute friends to go on and occupy. For these lots we are indebted to the excellent friend of the Church whom I have had occasion to mention before as the donor of the lots in the "Birket Addition to the city of Peoria." There were *nine* persons confirmed here; and the next day, *Wednesday, May 19th*, two, after sermon, at Christ Church, Metamora.

Thursday, May 20th, visited Calvary Church, Farmington. The Rev. Mr. Benson has supplied Lewistown, the county seat of Fulton; and from that place came two out of the *three* persons confirmed.

The successful Rector of St. Paul's, Peoria, having requested a second visitation, I fulfilled it on *Friday evening, May 21st*, preached, and confirmed *thirty*—an aggregate, in about six months, of *fifty-seven*, all of whom, I understood, were prepared for the Holy Communion, and have since been, I presume, admitted to its privileges.

Whitsunday, May 23rd, was spent at Farmridge, where I administered the Holy Communion, baptized an adult and seven children (one of them the infant of the Rector), confirmed *eight*, and preached twice.

Monday, May 24th, officiated at Morris, where I was met by Rev. Mr. Locke, to whose effective occasional services this parish owes, under God, its present condition of revived hope and strength. After sermon I confirmed *nine*. Morris presents a favorable place of labor for an active man.

Tuesday, May 25th, in the evening, preached in Christ Church, Joliet. There were no candidates for confirmation, and the heavy rains of the day reduced the congregation.

On *Wednesday, May 26th*, rode out to Manhattan, and in the Prairic Church preached, and confirmed *five*. In this

number were embraced three generations of one family—the mother, son, and grand-daughter. The burial ground has received a tenant since my last visit, by whose removal from this sphere of duty and trial the little parish has lost an efficient member, whose life was a beautiful example of the Christian, and her judicious zeal a diffusive energy.

Where she stood a few months before in deep emotion as the Grave Yard was consecrated, now rises the white tablet cut with the name of ‘Caroline Young.’

Thursday, May 27th, I was at Wilmington, which, with the previous place, is under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Stout, and during the year both have developed rapidly. In this town a small edifice has been built, serving conveniently at present for worship, and capable of being easily changed into a parsonage. In view of this, it has not been consecrated. I confirmed here *four* persons, among them a venerable officer of the British army, and also administered the Holy Communion.

On *Friday, May 28th*, preached at Lockport, the parish at the time being vacant. It has since been supplied by the acceptance of Rev. Mr. Cowell, from the Diocese of Maine.

On *Trinity Sunday*, I consecrated Trinity Church, Belvidere. Besides the Rector, there were present Rev. Orrin Miller and Rev. A. Smedes, from Wisconsin. I preached, confirmed *fourteen*, and administered the Communion. The building is in good taste, and of ample size.

In the evening, I officiated in Emmanuel Church, Rockford—the second visit within four months—and confirmed *twenty-six*.

I spent *Monday, May 31st*, at Elgin, where the Rev. Mr. Waterbury has made auspicious beginning, and confirmed *eight*. Mr. Spalding, from Michigan, who had recently accepted the call to Aurora, joined me here, and, for several days, he and Mr. Waterbury were my companions.

Services had been occasionally held by the latter at Turner's, known as “The Junction.” Mr. Spalding preached, and I confirmed *four*, after an address.

In the afternoon, I preached at Geneva, and confirmed *four*.

On *Wednesday, June 2nd*, I preached, and confirmed *seven*,

and administered the Communion in St. Peter's, Sycamore, and held service again in the afternoon. The parish is favorably supplied by Rev. Mr. Roberts, transferred from Ohio.

My next service was in Christ Church, Waukegan. The congregation was not large, but the number confirmed was *eight*, and the Rector seemed more hopeful.

On *Sunday, June 6th*, I began a series of services for the churches in Chicago, being second visitations. In the morning, in Grace Church, I confirmed *thirteen*; in the afternoon, at St. James', *thirteen*; and at Trinity, *thirty-four*. I preached, and addressed the candidates.

On *Tuesday, June 8th*, I consecrated St. Luke's Church, Wyoming, which has been built through the exertions of the Rev. Philander Chase, who has given, for some time, his services gratuitously, and gathered a small congregation. In addition to his assistance, I was favored with that of the Rev. Mr. Benson. The Holy Communion was celebrated. In the afternoon, I preached again, and confirmed *four*.

Arriving at Peoria on *Wednesday evening*, the Rector being absent, I preached at the usual week service.

On *Friday, June 11th*, at Rock Island, I had the privilege of consecrating a very appropriate church edifice, which the congregation had built and paid for within the few months since my last visit. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee, of Iowa, spent the day with me, and kindly assisted in the services. The Rev. Mr. Goodale, and Rev. Mr. Powers, of Iowa, were also present. The Communion was administered in the afternoon; Confirmation to *three*. The Rector, Rev. Henry Stanley, was instituted. I preached on both occasions. The present state of this parish is very encouraging for pastor and people.

Sunday, June 13th, in St. John's Church, Chicago, where I preached, confirmed *twenty-four*, and administered the Communion.

In the afternoon, at the hall occupied by the Church of the Holy Communion, preached, and confirmed *thirteen*, and afterwards *one* in private.

In the evening, at the Church of the Ascension, where, after sermon, I confirmed *one*. This new congregation has supplied the vacancy caused by the removal of Mr. Cracraft to Ohio, by the Rev. Henry H. Morrell, and have built a convenient place of worship.

On *Monday evening, June 14th*, I officiated at Ottawa, preached, and confirmed *ten*. Christ Church is now vacant, by the resignation of the Rev. C. P. Clarke.

On *Thursday, July 17th*, I started for New York, to attend the examination of the General Seminary, and the meeting of the Board of Trustees, which I did, and also was at the Commencement, held in St. Peter's Church, where I assisted in the sacred offices.

On *Sunday, July 27th*, I assisted at Trinity Church, New York, at the ordination, by the Rt. Rev. the Provisional Bishop of New York, of seven to the Diaconate, members of the late graduating class of the Seminary, and one to the Priesthood.

Mr. John Wilkinson, candidate from Illinois, graduated, and, by the courtesy of my Rt. Rev. Brother, and of the Rector of the parish, I appointed his ordination, in company with Mr. Henry Adams,—late a minister among the Congregationalists, whose term of candidateship was completed at that date,—in Christ Church, Rye, on *Sunday, July 11th*. The ordination of Mr. Wilkinson, Deacon, took place as appointed, the candidate being presented by the Rev. Mr. Young, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New York. But Mr. Adams, not arriving until the week following, and the circumstances being peculiar and pressing in his case, I ordained him on *Sunday, July 18th*, in St. Peter's Church, Portchester—the Rev. Mr. Bull, Rector of Christ Church, Rye, doing me the favor of assisting in the examination, and presenting him.

Rev. Mr. Wilkinson has since gone to St. Luke's Church, Dixon; but Rev. Mr. Adams has been prevented by sickness from making proof of his new armor.

On *Friday afternoon, Sept. 10th*, I arrived at Jubilee.

On *Saturday*, the annual meeting of the Trustees took place, and the usual business was transacted.

On *Sunday morning*, I preached, and confirmed *nine*, in the Chapel, occupied by the congregation of Christ Church, Robin's Nest, which, at present, draws to itself, as a convenient centre, some faithful members from Kickapoo and Brimfield, whose resources are too small for the privilege of a resident pastor.

In this connection, I proceed to a fuller statement of the condition of our Diocesan College.

JUBILEE COLLEGE.

The marked incident of the year in the affairs of this Institution, is the destruction by fire, on the 28th day of November, 1857, of the west wing, which was the main reliance for Student's rooms, besides containing the Library of the College, and the study and private Library of the Rev. Dr. Chase. The valuable property in books was with great exertion saved ; and in the whole disaster, however crippling and disheartening, there was room for large gratitude to the restraining Providence which set bounds to the devouring element, and furnished marked incidents of protection and goodness.

To this hour of alarm and exposure, may be referred the exciting cause of the severe bereavement which has since fallen on the family of the presiding officer, in the loss of a daughter, beloved by all who knew her for the beautiful traits of her character, and valued for her vigorous and faithful work. From the exposure she then experienced in her personal anxiety and efforts during the hours of the conflagration, a shock was given to the constitution, which rapidly developed fatal disease ; and by the end of four months, the soul of Ruth had passed, with the serenity and peace of a Christian glad to depart and be with Christ ; leaving a void in the circle of love below never to be filled, but enlarging that of faith in the " communion of saints," and " yielding peace-

able fruits of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

For the restoration of the edifice destroyed by the fire, an appeal was made by Dr. Chase in person, to the liberality of the Church, in our own and other Dioceses; the response to which would have proved adequate, judging from the sympathy and gifts bestowed, had not the domestic trial required his presence at home, and thus interrupted the collections. It was indispensable, however, that the work of restoration should immediately proceed. The life of the Institution demanded it, and hence, even at the risk of incurring a present debt, the work was arranged, pressed, and is now completed. It leaves us with an obligation of fifteen hundred dollars, above the benefactions received; and for which we must cast ourselves on the charity of friends.

Notwithstanding this period of loss and embarrassment, the affairs of the College in its own economy, are not impaired; and although, as always, we are struggling to do a large work with the smallest means, yet the self-denial and prudence of its local management prevent debt, and guide its limited agencies faithfully to true results.

To sustain these observations, I beg to give the following summary from the accounts presented, and approved, at the recent meeting of the Trustees:

Amount expended on the west wing, - - - -	\$3,578.65
Amount realized, in cash, on subscriptions, \$1,769	
Amount due, - - - - -	484 2,253.00
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Balance due, - - - - -	\$1,325.65

There may be some loss in the collection of the balance of the subscriptions, which, with the loss in interest, &c., brings the deficit to at least the sum before mentioned, of *fifteen hundred dollars*, necessary to reinstate us.

The bills for the re-building have been all paid; but through the generous forbearance of the officers of the College, allowing the deficit to fall upon their salaries in delay of payment. This fact will, I trust, not be without its influ-

ence in the appeal we are constrained to make. On balancing the receipts and disbursements, for the current year, there appeared a balance against the College of the above amount, which showed that the income would have been adequate to the expenditures except for the diversion of funds thus explained.

At the meeting held immediately after the fire, among the action incident to the exigency, the following was proposed, and unanimously adopted. It has already been made public, but is now officially presented to the body, whose approval and concurrent action the resolution contemplates.

Proposed Amendment to Section 6th of the Charter.

“ Provided that the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Illinois, may, on its own motion, at any annual meeting, elect by ballot, and a concurrent vote of each order, or according to the rules of said body, three Trustees of like qualifications, and at any subsequent annual meeting may elect in like manner three additional Trustees.

“ The Trustees so elected shall hold their office for two years from the time of their respective elections, and shall not be subject to the nomination and confirmation as provided in section 6th.”

The last few years have produced changes so great in the social condition of the State, that with the steady effort to sustain the College as nearly as practicable according to the known or assumed arrangements of its venerable founder, the Trustees have been compelled to admit of large modification. In this connection, it has appeared to them proper that there should be charter provision for a more direct agency of the Church, through the Convention, in the administration of the College affairs, giving breadth by this means to the feeling in its behalf, and public security for the right conduct of its work and trust; “ to throw it more immediately into the bosom of the Church, as an object of solicitude and benevolence.”

If the Convention should concur in the propriety of the proposed measure, and consent to assume its obligations, the

Trustees will proceed at the next session of the Legislature, to solicit the required change in the Charter. Pending this consummation, the Board of Trustees would be pleased to have a committee of this body appointed, of like number and qualifications with the proposed new Trustees, to act with them in such advisory and executive relations, as may be legally consistent.

On *Tuesday evening, September 14th*, I confirmed *eight* in St. Paul's, Springfield, the church in which we are now assembled.

The prospects of the Church in the Diocese, I consider very gratifying, and fair opportunities for extension on all sides outrun our means of temporary assistance, which most of the places, in their infancy, require. To this cause may be in some degree attributed the deficiency in our missionary accounts. The extended applications have compelled a larger expenditure, and we also began this year as we shall begin the next, with a weight of arrears, discouraging for collections, and embarrassing to the administrators of the trust. The actual collections have passed the amount of other years, but have not kept pace with our pledged expenditure, though projected and sustained with rigid economy.

The list of those places, to which stipends have been assigned, and the incumbents of them, is as follows :

Belvidere, Rev. E. B. Tuttle.

Geneseo, Rev. Samuel Goodale.

Peru, Rev. A. J. Warner.

Decatur, Rev. Wm. L. Bostwick.

Grand Detour, Rev. Charles J. Todd.

Farmington, Rev. John Benson.

Dixon, Rev. J. G. Downing.

Elgin, Rev. J. H. Waterbury.

Washington, Rev. D. W. C. Loop.

Farmridge, Rev. James Woodward.

Manhattan and Wilmington, Rev. C. B. Stout.

To these have been assigned the sum of \$1,325, of which at present over \$850 remain due.

The continued liberality of the Domestic Committee has enabled me to assist the following parishes during a part, or the whole of the year :

Lee Centre, Rev. James Bentley.

Grace Church, Rock Island county, Rev. Robert Ryall.

Pekin, Rev. George Sayres.

Chesterfield and Carlinville, Rev. Walker Dresser.

Providence and Tiskilwa, Rev. F. B. Nash.

Sycamore, Rev. Warren H. Roberts.

While for the next half year, Dixon, Warsaw and Aurora have been nominated for the same aid.

The changes in the parishes of the Diocese involve the following particulars :

Rev. B. HUTCHINS has become Rector of St. John's, Albion.

Rev. V. SPALDING has succeeded Rev. Rodney Nash in Trinity Church, Aurora.

In St. Matthew's, Bloomington, Rev. EDWARD H. HARLOW is Rector in place of Rev. J. H. Haven.

Rev. J. O. BARTON is Rector of the Church of the Atonement, vice Rev. Dudley Chase removed.

Rev. J. W. GASSMAN (Deacon) is Norwegian Minister in St. Ansgarius'.

Rev. H. H. MORRELL is Rector of Church of the Ascension, Chicago, vice Rev. J. W. Cracraft removed.

Rev. JOHN WILKINSON (Deacon) is Minister in St. Luke's, Dixon, vice Rev. J. G. Downing removed.

Rev. R. L. CHITTENDEN is Rector of Zion Church, Freeport, vice Rev. James L. Grover removed.

Rev. SAMUEL COWELL is Rector of St. John's, Lockport.

Rev. D. W. C. LOOP has removed from Washington and Metamora to Lacon.

Rev. ROBERT RYALL, removed from St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, to Grace Church, Rock Island county.

Rev. WARREN H. ROBERTS has become Rector of St. Peter's, Sycamore; and the Rev. J. H. WATERBURY is Minister at Elgin, and parts adjacent.

REV. EDWARD MCCLURE is Rector of St. Paul's, Warsaw, in place of Rev. L. B. Freeman resigned.

The Rev. WILLIAM RUDDER has resigned St. John's, Quincy ;

Rev. C. P. CLARKE, Christ Church, Ottawa ; and

Rev. Dr. McMASTERS, St. Paul's Church, Alton.

The Rev. W. M. A. BRODNAX is assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Chicago.

The following Clergy have been received into the Diocese, with full letters dimissory :

REV. R. L. CHITTENDEN,	from Ecc'l authority of	Ohio.
" HENRY H. MORRELL,	"	"
" WARREN H. ROBERTS,	"	"
" V. SPALDING,	"	Michigan.
" J. O. BARTON,	"	Wisconsin.
" SAMUEL COWELL,	"	Maine.
" E. MCCLURE,	"	Michigan.
" EDWARD H. HARLOW,	"	Virginia.
" JOHN G. GASSMAN (Deacon),	"	Wisconsin.
" W. M. A. BRODNAX,	"	Virginia.

By Ordination :

Rev. JOHN WILKINSON.

" HENRY ADAMS.

TOTAL, 12.

I have given at their request, letters dimissory, which have been accepted, to the following Presbyters of this Diocese :

Rev. JAMES BENTLEY, to the Ecc'l authority of Iowa.

" DUDLEY CHASE, to Bishop Kemper, for Minnesota.

" JOHN W. CRACRAFT, to the Ecc'l authority of Ohio.

" JAMES L. GROVER, " "

" JOHN G. DOWNING, " Mississippi.

" LYMAN N. FREEMAN, " Michigan.

" FRANCIS B. NASH, " Kentucky.

TOTAL, 7.

The actual gain of *five* would not at first appear in harmony with the list of the last year, unless I state the fact that three—the Rev. Messrs. Williamson, Albert and Seaman—then recently attached to the Diocese, never presented letters

dimissory. Two of them have since settled in other Dioceses, and Mr. Seaman has been deposed by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, to whose jurisdiction he belonged. The whole number of Clergy is now *sixty*, of whom *seven* are in Deacon's orders, all of them candidates for the Priesthood.

The churches consecrated since the last Convention, are as follows :

St. John's Church, Kewanee.
Trinity Church, Belvidere.
St. Luke's Church, Wyoming.
Trinity Church, Rock Island.—4.

Three have been erected besides, but not consecrated :

St. James', Chicago ;
 Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington ;
 " of the Ascension, Chicago ;

while the edifices are advanced in Dixon, Decatur, and Pre-emption.

I have given my consent, on canonical application, numerously signed, for organization, in addition to the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, to *Galesburg*, to *Elgin*, to *Kankakee*, and to *Polo*, and shall immediately do so for *Utica*, *West Urbana*, *Rantoul* and *Centralia*, where the movements in this respect are earnest and liberal.

The candidates for Orders, during the year, have been,

JOHN WILKINSON,
 ERASTUS DE WOLF,
 STEPHEN BAYARD HOFFMAN,
 NATHANIEL TAYLOR ROOT,
 HENRY ADAMS,
 SALMON RIEGO WELDON,
 W. M. GUILFORD,
 CHARLES GILBERT.—*Eight.*

Of these, as before stated, Messrs. Wilkinson and Adams have been ordained to the Diaconate, leaving *six* as the actual number.

The summary presents these particulars :

Number of Clergy—*Sixty*.

Parishes—*Seventy-eight*.

Candidates for Orders—*Six*.

Ordinations, Priesthood—*One*.

“ Diaconate—*Two*.

Clergymen, Received—*Twelve*.

“ Dismissed—*Seven*.

“ Instituted—*One*.

Visitations during the Year—about *Sixty*.

Confirmations—*Fifty-five* (including private).

Confirmed—*Five hundred and sixty*.

Baptisms, Children—*Twenty-two*.

“ Adults—*Four*.

Holy Communion—in all, *Twenty-three* times.

I have preached on every occasion of visitation, and made an address at every confirmation. The sermons on other occasions, not of direct official duty, have been about equal in number.

The following notices have been received by me from other Dioceses, and currency is given to them, in order that the discipline of the Church may be known; and that no one deposed from the sacred ministry may be able to employ the office he has dishonored, for private purposes of gain or imposture, or falsely assume the exercise of functions from which he has been irrevocably debarred :

Alsop Woodward, Presbyter, by Rt. Rev. Bp. Davis, of South Carolina.

David C. Maybin, Presbyter, by Rt. Rev. Bp. Smith, of Kentucky.

Daniel F. Hutchinson, by Rt. Rev. Bp. Lee, of Iowa.

G. C. Foot, Presbyter, by Rt. Rev. Bp. Potter, of Penn.

Samuel B. Seaman, Deacon, do. do.

Frederick William Thomas, Presbyter, by the Rt. Rev. Bp. Atkinson, of North Carolina.

Calvin McGuffie, Deacon, by Rt. Rev. Bp. Green, of Mississippi.

J. A. Weed, Presbyter, by Rt. Rev. Bp. Meade, of Virginia.

There is authority, I believe, vested in me to supply occasional services to vacant Parishes and Missionary Stations, by calling upon settled Rectors, to whom it may be reasonably convenient, to render this assistance. Hitherto I have not availed myself of this privilege, from a fear of interrupting parochial obligations, or subjecting the Clergy to personal inconvenience. I should be thankful to exercise this discretionary means of preventing an injury from an uncertain suspension of services, and of rendering our parochial centres somewhat more diffusive over a large area, unsupplied around them. During the coming year, it is my intention to assign such duties, in which, while I will avoid, as far as possible, the imposition of work disturbing to the settled obligations, I will cast myself upon the zealous coöperation of the Clergy, and the indulgence of their congregations, for the brief absences required.

There is, not unfrequently, serious embarrassment occasioned by the neglect of Vestries to observe and accurately comply with the Canons relating to vacancies, and the settlement of Clergy. Whenever a vacancy occurs, it is the duty of the Vestry to give notice of the same to the Bishop; and not to settle a minister in the parish, until they have certified the Bishop of their action, and received from him the required testimony that the person called is a duly qualified clergyman under his jurisdiction. Attention to this enters so vitally into the whole order and discipline of the Church, that, however venial a certain amount of irregularity may be in a new and expanding Diocese, I may be excused for soliciting attention to its prompt and accurate observance.

The "Parish Register," required by Canon XXIX of the General Convention of 1832, and accurately prescribed in detail in Canon XI of this Diocese, is a most important record; and every Parish, however small, should exercise vigilant care over its accurate keeping, and safe preservation. It is the record of baptisms, marriages and deaths; oftentimes of great legal importance, affecting interests of property and relationship; and certified extracts from it may be indispen-

sable for inheritance and rights in other countries. Important, and sometimes affecting incidents of the value of a few lines in the old page of the Parish Record, have taught me, during my own ministry, to be scrupulous in keeping it with accuracy, fullness and watchful preservation. In some places in the Diocese, there is none remaining, for years of parochial history; in others, it is embraced in an old copy book, or scattered leaves; and not unfrequently, the aspect of the larger book betrays less care than is consistent with accuracy. The provision of a suitable book for the Parish Register, is the duty of the Vestry; and the care of it is in the hands of the Clergyman, except when a vacancy devolves it upon the Wardens. I solicit these officers to attend at once to the subject; and where there shall be found inadequacy or past neglect, to recover all that can be collected of the parochial acts, and suitably provide for the time to come.

There is one subject of vital importance to every relation, religious, moral, social and family,—the *due observance of the Lord's Day*. It would not be becoming for me to dilate before such an assembly, on the argument for its authority, the duty and privilege of its sanctity. Coeval with the creation of the world, it embodies a fundamental principle of human life. As divine legislation it has been common to all dispensations; enforced by sanctions of profound responsibility; in the giving of the moral law on Sinai, engraved as one of the commandments, to negative any one of which would be to subvert the nature of God and man. The same seventh portion for sacred time was made the universal rule of the Gospel kingdom; and the resurrection of Jesus, with its immortal re-creation, and His entering into rest, doubled the cause and obligation. The "Sabbath" of Creation became the "Lord's Day" of Redemption. Its value may be reasoned from every standpoint of duty and interest;—the physical combines with the moral to attest its necessity; and the whole nature of man and the progress of society are undermined if its provisions are neglected, and its inviolate

inclosure made the free area of business, idleness, or amusement. It is hallowed by a crowd of tender associations for feeling; its devout observance has been the blessing of millions; the practical character of its moral life discriminates nations; and the violation of it soon makes a piteous record of public dishonor, crime and decay. We have inherited a deep reverence for this Divine Institution. But there are nations who have chosen far lower views, and among them the Sabbath is given up to amusement. The result, as it certainly must be, is degrading idleness, vicious indulgence, public corruption, and the whole mystery of iniquity working unrestrained—because the idea of rest is severed from the holiness which can alone recruit and elevate the nature of man.

Desecration of this kind has been for some time working among us; and in our older cities the change of the last twenty years has been frightfully marked. For a time, it wrought insidiously through a population mainly foreign to our language and sterling habits. But it has advanced with ominous rapidity; and it has become one of the great moral and social questions whether the Sunday can be reserved as a day of rest from labor, sacred to holy uses. The whole authority of it is vehemently assailed; the profanation of it sustained by every form of appeal; and combined resistance made to the enforcement of the salutary laws by which, as a Christian nation, our several States and municipalities have sought to garrison it. The profane extent of this desecration, and the alliance of it with the most detestable principles of socialism, infidelity and revolution, find advocacy through the press in forms intended to act broadcast through large portions of our people. It cannot be doubted that a severe struggle has begun, and is rapidly developing on this momentous question.

In England it has appeared in more sober and subtle form, and under the plea of interest in the great class of laborers, and the crowded masses of those exposed to incessant drudgery and confinement in the large cities, Sunday amusements and open places for them, with lines of public

conveyance, and national expenditure to assist private enterprise in ministering to the full supply of these reliefs for toil, has been eloquently and zealously urged. But there, we rejoice to say, without success; and Sunday law still stands on guard to protect the real use and sanctity of the Lord's Day.

Among us the signs are less cheering. All public questions of religion, whether in education or morals, are approached with great disadvantage, and the extreme latitude claimed from our political structure, cripples the right, and makes the wrong plausible, aggressive and prevailing. We cannot rely on the hereditary bulwark of national law, history, association and religious establishment. "God and the right" must be sustained on an open field, in a melee where rush the champions of every form of opinion, grade of morality, political creed, educational system, selfish passion or interest. The wisdom and piety of our fathers, the wholesome restraint of our laws, the sacred integrity of our national piety, the whole cause of the spiritual against universal materialization, must be vindicated by the influence of the moral intelligence and religious sentiment, informed, aroused, combined, vitalized, in individual hearts and conduct, in the discipline of families, in the training of the young, in broad, wholesome, distinct example. For this, as a main agency, we must look to the Pulpit and the Clergy to teach and plead for the Lord's Day, to vindicate its awful authority, to direct its hallowed rest, and make effective the sacred teachings of its hours of worship. They must show as well as they can, with "line upon line," that government in the state and family—public morals and private happiness—the health of the body, mind and soul—our country, our home, our heaven—are all involved in the Sabbath, which guards them, and regulates the whole harmonious life and power.

In this great office, brethren, I commend the subject to your anxiety and loving work. The evils are darkly foreboding; but there is a deep public sentiment in our favor, and there is a noble spirit awake to redeem the Lord's day

from desecration. We have ever maintained in our communion its high authority and devout duties, but without asceticism to vitiate its joyous privilege, or intolerant pharisaism to belittle and degrade it.

Its leading idea, looking back to the toiling week, is rest ; but looking forward, it is sacred use ; and the repose and activity are but one—the repose from toil and care, releases the powers, redeems the time, collects the thoughts and raises the affections—while we turn soberly, cheerfully, to engagements public and private to honor God, refresh and train our spiritual nature, enjoy His gifts, and make infirmities and cares the living seed of the blessings of Heaven.

To you, brethren beloved, and through you to the portion of the Church we represent, I most earnestly and lovingly commend, in all “your vocation and ministry,” to maintain and set forth the due observance of the Lord’s Day, and exert faithful influence in its favor over all committed to your charge, within the sphere of your proper efforts and honest example.

There is through our branch of the Church in these United States, and in that of England, a deepening consciousness of the great mission involved in our separate and combined work. Outside of our pale, eyes, and hearts too, are turning to us as the conservators of truth and order, and the citadel of a pure and conquering faith. The conflict between the Church and the World is to be fought hand to hand, and the antagonism is sharp and defined, with every form of error, quick, adroit or massive. Long ago the age forsook the true centre within her holy bounds, her unity, love and fealty. Society dashed lawlessly, and almost in hatred, away from all centralization. And now the reaction is producing that which is fictitious ; and men are grouping around bannerets of single leaders, or the fluttering pennon of speculative opinions. They are boldly meeting moral evil and social disorder by voluntary associations. They are grouping into companies, all with badge and sign for the special work. Nothing can be attempted alone, and the majority are not content unless

they are linked in a secret brotherhood. Our colleges are filled with secret societies; and the very school-boys must have their mysterious letters. We do not deny that great moral effects have been accomplished by some of these purer agencies. We could not deny that the best are relatively feeble and uncertain, and that the others, like bright flowering weeds, are casting a cloud of seed for coming barrenness and famine.

We cught, from all this social condition, so active, potent, intense,—this confessed weakness without association—this yearning after faith and the hidden, in the midst of pervading materialization—this life and death grapple with social evil—this rushing chase for progress—these lowering clouds that, in spite of all, are pushing up from the horizon—these underground sounds that boom deep as if we stood over a volcano,—from all these tokens we should appreciate, with more devoted consecration, the Church of Christ—the true centre—the real power—the omnipotent agent for the world's regeneration. Never was there a time when we should be more radiant with her light of love; more exemplary in her gentle graces. But as never before, visible, distinct, known, the God-appointed association, to stand out among those of man—the brotherhood linked in sacramental bonds—the Guild of the workers for Christ—the fellowship, for which head and heart can crave no better name than her symbol gives, “The Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints.”

Yes, brothers, men and ministry of Christ's Church! We are distinct; and in anxious love for the wandering, in brave fight of faith, in purest charity, in the “sublime passion of saving souls,” in the full assurance of a “new earth,” we will set up our banner to be seen of all,—“CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.” We will endeavor in this, our family-home in the City of God, to be of one mind and one heart, and let no temptation beguile us to forget our close fellowship, and our Catholic liberty. Not for us is an impulsive individualism; not for us is it to act in an egoism so intense as apparently to

treat the cross and its agencies as mere instruments of our will and purpose ; not for us to skulk from our broad brotherhood into partizanship, and cramp our unity into factitious association—much less, not for us is it, to sleep and dream.

Your preacher yesterday, in the midst of deep-toned truth, and loving exhortation, said—that the clanking of machinery, and the rush of the railroad, were the type of our age. While he was speaking, past the windows swung the crashing train, and his voice, alone in the sanctuary, was lost in the roar. In a little while we knelt around and before the Holy Table prepared to taste its heavenly food, and our full hearts with united voice raised the Trisagion. At that moment again whirled past the rushing train—but unheard, unfelt: and except for one shriek, like a baffled demon, we could not have told that it was the same frantic speed and quivering jar that an hour before had stifled the single voice, and shook the sanctuary. The Trisagion of the Sacramental Host overcometh the world!

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