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FOR THE CONVENTION OF 1865.

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- REV. CORBETT, SIDNEY, B.D., Rector of St. John's Church, Quincy.
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- REV. CUMMINS, GEORGE D., D.D., Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago.
- REV. DE GARMO, H. H., Missionary at Danville.
- REV. DE WOLF, ERASTUS,* Residing at Wilmington.

* Not entitled to seat in Convention.

List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Illinois, for the Convention of 1865.

- REV. DRESSER, DAVID W., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlinville, and St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield. P. O. Carlinville.
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- REV. EDSON, SAMUEL R., Rector of Grace Church, Galena.
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- REV. HIESTER, HENRY T., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge.
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- REV. MAGILL, MATTHEW, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peru.
- REV. McCULLOUGH, J. W., D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton.
- REV. MCGOWAN, JAMES S., Deacon, Officiating in St. Thomas' Church, Morris.
- REV. MITCHELL, WILLIAM, M.D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chester.
- REV. MITCHELL, THOMAS W., Rector of St. John's Church, Gillespie.
- REV. MORRISON, THEODORE N., D.D., Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.
- REV. NASH, FRANCIS B., Rector of St. Jude's Church, Tiskilwa, and Zion Church, Providence.
- REV. NIGLAS, JOHN,* Residing in Peoria.

List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Illinois, for the Convention of 1865

- REV. OSBORNE, JOHN WESLEY, Missionary at Bement and on Illinois Central Railroad. P. O. Chicago.
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- REV. VANDYNE, CHARLES H.,* Officiating in Philadelphia.
- REV. WELDON, SALMON R., Rector of Zion Church, Freeport.
- REV. WEST, JOHN R., Absent in Europe.
- REV. WOODS, HENRY W., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington.
- REV. WOODWARD, JAMES A.,* Residing in Farm Ridge.

RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE.

- REV. CRACRAFT, JOHN W.,* Galesburg.
- REV. JOHNSON, PHILIP A.,* Officiating in Missionary work. P. O. Decatur.
- REV. WORTHINGTON, J. T., D.D.,* Residing in Pittsfield. Officiating in Missouri.

Whole number of Clergy	89
Entitled to seats.....	65
Present.....	51
Present, but not entitled to seats	6
Absent, entitled to seats	14
Absent, not entitled to seats.....	18

LAY DELEGATES ENTITLED TO SEATS IN CONVENTION.

- ALGONQUIN, ST. JOHN'S—*Wm. Estergren.*
 ALTON, ST. PAUL'S—*S. R. Dolbee, J. C. Topping, J. W. Schweppe.*
 AURORA, TRINITY—*S. B. Hawley, M.D., C. F. Jauriet.*
 BELVIDERE, TRINITY—*Jabez H. Fitch, Nijah Hotchkiss, N. H. Merchant.*
 CAIRO, REDEEMER—*H. H. Candee, H. L. Halliday, John Rosenberg.*
 CHESTER, ST. MARK'S—*C. F. Jones, M.D., R. B. Servant, John Swanwick.*
 CHESTERFIELD, ST. PETER'S—*T. S. Gelder, R. Oliver.*
 CHICAGO, ASCENSION—*M. S. Bacon, S. Gehr, S. W. Johnson.*
 " ATONEMENT—*T. G. Baxter, Henry Keep, Reuben Tayler.*
 " CHRIST—*A. C. Calkins, H. W. Fuller, N. B. Rich.*
 " GRACE—*C. H. Brower, M. W. Fuller, H. C. Ranney.*
 " HOLY COMMUNION—*E. Dorsen, R. D. Van Wageningen, J. J. White.*
 " ST. ANSGARIUS—*T. G. Peterson, J. M. Shonbeck, Hans Yenson.*
 " ST. JAMES'—*D. J. Ely, C. R. Larrabee, T. Wheeler.*
 " ST. JOHN'S—*J. Carpenter, G. Gardner, S. Johnston.*
 " ST. LUKE'S—*Geo. P. Lee, C. A. Street.*
 " ST. MARK'S—*Benj. F. Guyton, A. Marshall, A. B. Johnson.*
 " ST. STEPHEN'S—*J. F. Beatty, A. McWhorter, W. H. Tobey.*
 " TRINITY—*G. R. Chittenden, L. B. Otis, D. C. Scranton.*
 DECATUR, ST. JOHNS—*Reuben Burrows, D. C. Lockwood, W. J. Quinlan.*
 DIXON, ST. LUKE'S—*Jas. K. Edsall, Wm. W. DeWolf, W. T. House.*
 EVANSTON, ST. MARK'S—*Charles Comstock, Jas. H. Kedzie.*
 FARMINGTON, CALVARY—*F. A. Warner, Wm. Wilkinson, Jr.*
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 KEWANEE, ST. JOHN'S—*Isaac Harper, J. Hopkins, R. P. Parrish.*
 LEWISTOWN, ST. JAMES'—*C. E. Fahnstock, S. Corning Judd.*
 LIMESTONE, CHRIST—*Jas. Clark, Grove U. Hotchkiss.*
 LOCKPORT, ST. JOHN'S—*John Griswold, William Hanley, M.D., Hiram Norton.*
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 OTTAWA, CHRIST—*A. W. Dow, F. C. Prescott.*
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 STERLING, GRACE—*F. D. Batchellor, L. Hopgood, Wm. Muir.*
 SYCAMORE, ST. PETER'S—*J. G. Ketchum, Isaac Johnson.*
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 WAUKEGAN, CHRIST—*Wm. Besley, Wm. Freeman, C. R. Steele.*

Those present in Convention in *italics.*

RULES OF ORDER.

I.—OPENING DEVOTIONS.

Prayers shall be offered on each day, introductory to the business of Convention.

II.—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. He shall take the chair every day, precisely at the hour to which the Convention shall have adjourned; shall call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any two members: on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Convention.

3. Questions shall be decided but in this form, viz: "As many as are of the opinion that, (as the case may be,) say Aye," and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion, say No." If the President doubt as to the result of the vote, taken as above, or a division be called for, the Convention shall divide; those in the affirmative shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. No congregation shall be entitled to be counted as more than one vote amongst the laity. And an equal division of the lay delegates from a congregation shall neutralize the vote of such congregation.

4. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Convention; in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if upon such ballot the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the Convention shall proceed to a second ballot; and in case a greater number than is required to compose a complete committee shall have an equal number of votes, the Convention shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.

III.—OF DECORUM AND DEBATE.

5. When the President takes the chair, no member shall stand up except to address the Chair.

6. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

7. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

8. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House.

9. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, unless by consent of two-thirds of the House.

10. While the President is putting any question the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

11. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he is personally interested in the discussion.

Rules of Order.

12. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it be seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

13. When a question is under consideration no motion shall be received unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motions to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

14. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

15. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the minutes of this House.

16. The reports of all committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion for acceptance, unless recommitted by a vote of the House. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the House, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the House therein.

17. If the question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately; except that a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision, which appeal shall be decided by the House; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without express leave of the House.

19. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition, on a subject different from the one under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

IV.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

20. The business of the House shall be called up and disposed of in the following order, to wit: 1st, Communications from the President. 2d, Reports from Standing Committees. 3d, Special Committees, in the order of appointment. 4th, Petitions and Memorials. 5th, Motions and Resolutions.

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THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO, }
September 13, 1865. }

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois assembled for Divine Worship in the CATHEDRAL, Chicago, on Wednesday, the 13th day of September, A.D. 1865, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by Rev. JOHN WILKINSON, Rector of St. James' Church, Milwaukee, the First Lesson being read by the Rev. THOMAS N. BENEDICT, and the Second Lesson by the Rev. CLINTON LOCKE. The Rev. WARREN H. ROBERTS said the Creed and the opening Collects, and the Rev. HIRAM N. BISHOP, D.D., the Litany.

The Ante Communion Service was read by the BISHOP, the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D.D., reading the Epistle and Offertory. The Alms were appropriated to Diocesan Missions.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, D.D., from St. John's Gospel, first chapter and forty-sixth verse, on the Claims of the Protestant Episcopal Church upon the American People.

Meeting for Business—Clergy Present—Quorum—Call of Parishes.

The BISHOP then proceeded with the Holy Communion, consecrating the elements, and administering them to the Clergy, Lay Delegates and Congregation present.

At four P.M. the Convention met for organization and business.

The Secretary called the names of the Clergy entitled to seats, when the following were found present :

	Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., L.L.D.,	
Rev. Peter Arvedson,		Rev. Charles J. Hendley,
“ Hiram W. Beers,		“ Henry T. Hiester,
“ Thomas N. Benedict,		“ S. Russell Jones,
“ John Benson,		“ J. Harris Knowles,
“ Hiram N. Bishop, D.D.,		“ Marcus Lane,
“ Charles A. Bruce,		“ Clinton Locke,
“ J. S. Chamberlain,		“ John W. McCullough, D.D.,
“ Philander Chase,		“ Thomas W. Mitchell,
“ Samuel Chase, D.D.,		“ Francis B. Nash,
“ Charles E. Cheney,		“ John W. Osborne,
“ Robert H. Clarkson, D.D.,		“ John B. M. Pedelupe,
“ Hiram H. Cole,		“ William Reynolds, D.D.,
“ William H. Cooper,		“ Warren H. Roberts,
“ Sidney Corbett,		“ John B. Saye,
“ Samuel Cowell,		“ William T. Smithett,
“ George D. Cummins, D.D.,		“ Alpheus W. Spor,
“ David W. Dresser,		“ George C. Street,
“ Samuel R. Edson,		“ Oscar B. Thayer,
“ John Gierlow,		“ Silas Totten, D.D.,
“ Charles A. Gilbert,		“ Edmund B. Tuttle,
“ William Greene,		“ Samuel R. Weldon,
“ Henry W. Woods.		

Whole number entitled to seats.....64

Whole number present51

There were also present, but not entitled to seats :

Rev. John W. Buckmaster,	Rev. S. B. Duffield,
“ Charles P. Clarke,	“ Roswell Park, D.D.,
“ Jonas Greene,	“ Thomas Smith, B.D.

List of Parishes Entitled to Representation.

Those entitled to seats, but not present, were :

Rev. Charles H. Albert,	Rev. Thomas Lyle,
“ Jacob Bredberg,	“ Matthew Magill,
“ John Cauch,	“ James S. McGowan,
“ James W. Coe,	“ William Mitchell, M.D.,
“ H. H. DeGarmo,	“ Theodore N. Morrison, D.D.,
“ John Foster,	“ John Portness,
“ Benjamin R. Gifford,	“ George Sayres,
“ Charles B. Guillemont,	“ William M. Steele,
“ William F. B. Jackson,	“ Robert Trewartha,
“ Benjamin H. Hutchins.	“ John R. West.

There being a quorum of the Clergy, the list of Parishes entitled to representation was read. The Certificates of the Lay Delegates were, on call, presented, and referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. SILAS TOTTEN, D.D., Hon. S. H. TREAT, and the Secretary.

The Committee reported as correct the following :

<i>St. John's, Algonquin</i>	{ William Estergren.
<i>Redeemer, Cairo</i>	{ W. H. Candee, H. L. Halliday, John Rosenberg.
<i>St. Mark's, Chester</i>	{ C. F. Jones, M.D., R. B. Servant, John Swanwick.
<i>St. Peter's, Chesterfield</i>	{ Thomas S. Gelder, Robert Oliver.
<i>Christ, Chicago</i>	{ A. C. Calkins, Henry W. Fuller, M. B. Rich.
<i>Grace, Chicago</i>	{ Charles H. Brower, Melville Fuller, Henry C. Ranney.
<i>Holy Communion, Chicago</i>	{ E. Dorsen, R. D. Van Wagenen, James J. White.
<i>St. Ansgarius', Chicago</i>	{ T. J. Peterson, J. M. Shonbeck, Hans Yensen.

List of Parishes Entitled to Representation.

<i>St. James', Chicago</i>	{ D. J. Ely, C. R. Larrabee, Talman Wheeler.
<i>St. John's, Chicago</i>	{ Job Carpenter, George Gardner, Sheperd Johnston.
<i>Trinity, Chicago</i>	{ George R. Chittenden, L. B. Otis, D. C. Scranton.
<i>St. John's, Decatur</i>	{ Lowber Burrows, Daniel C. Lockwood, Wm. J. Quinlan.
<i>Zion, Freeport</i>	{ D. S. Brewster, Esrom Mayer, Thomas Webster.
<i>Grace, Galena</i>	{ Richard Seal, Frederick Stahl.
<i>Trinity, Jacksonville</i>	{ Wm. K. Dewey, John Flack, Henry Stryker.
<i>Christ, Joliet</i>	{ William Adams, B. H. Cheney, M.D., D. E. Sibley.
<i>St. Paul's, Kankakee</i>	{ Alfred Daniels, William Sibley.
<i>St. John's, Kewanee</i>	{ Isaac Harper, J. Hopkins, R. P. Parrish.
<i>St. James', Lewistown</i>	{ C. E. Fahnestock, S. Corning Judd.
<i>St. John's, Lockport</i>	{ John Griswold, Wm Hanley, M.D., Hiram Norton.
<i>St. Paul's, Peoria</i>	{ A. G. Tyng, Samuel Wilkinson.
<i>St. John's, Quincy</i>	{ Henry Allen, Henry Head, H. A. Williamson.
<i>Christ, Robin's Nest</i>	{ John Moss, R. F. Seabury, Benjamin Tucker.
<i>St. Paul's, Springfield</i>	{ Wm. H. Bailhache, Ninian Edwards, Samuel H. Treat.
<i>Grace, Sterling</i>	{ F. D. Batchellor, L. Hopgood, Wm. Muir.
<i>St. Jude's, Tiskilwa</i>	{ Josiah Barnard, Wm. E. Remington.

List of Parishes Entitled to Representation—Lay Delegates Present.

<i>St. Paul's, Warsaw</i>	} P. A. Barker, J. W. Marsh, I. M. True.	
<i>Christ, Waukegan</i>		} William Besley, William Freeman, Charles R. Steele.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates, and the following were found present :

A. C. Calkins, M. B. Rich—*Christ, Chicago*.
 Charles H. Brower, Melville W. Fuller, Henry C. Ranney—*Grace, Chicago*.
 R. D. Van Wagenen, James J. White—*Holy Communion, Chicago*.
 John M. Shonbeck, Hans Yensen—*St. Ansgarius', Chicago*.
 C. R. Larrabee—*St. James', Chicago*.
 Job Carpenter, George Gardner, Shepherd Johnston—*St. John's, Chicago*.
 L. B. Otis—*Trinity, Chicago*.
 Daniel C. Lockwood—*St. John's, Decatur*.
 Frederic Stahl—*Grace, Galena*.
 Alfred Daniels—*St. Paul's Kankakee*.
 J. Hopkins, R. P. Parrish—*St. John's, Kewanee*.
 C. E. Fahnestock, S. Corning Judd—*St. James', Levestown*.
 A. G. Tyng, Samuel Wilkinson—*St. Paul's, Peoria*.
 Henry Allen, Henry Head, H. A. Williamson—*St. John's, Quincy*.
 Ninian W. Edwards, Samuel H. Treat—*St. Paul's, Springfield*.
 Wm. Freeman, Charles R. Steele—*Christ, Waukegan*.

<i>Whole number of Parishes entitled to representation</i>	61
<i>Whole number of Certificates approved</i>	48
<i>Whole number of Parishes represented</i>	36

There being present a Canonical number of Lay Delegates, thus constituting a quorum of both Orders, the Convention was declared to be duly organized and ready for business.

The "Rules of Order" were then read.

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

Resolved, That the ballot be dispensed with, and the present Secretary be elected *viva voce*; whereupon the Rev. CHARLES A. GILBERT was re-elected Secretary.

Election of Treasurer—Resolution of Courtesy—Standing Committees.

A similar motion being made with reference to the election of Treasurer, Mr. GEORGE P. LEE was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That Clergymen present not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention, and that they be requested to hand their names to the Secretary.

The Bishop gave notice that the front seats of the East Transept were reserved for this purpose; whereupon the following Clergymen took seats accordingly :

Rev. Lyman Freeman, Diocese of Wisconsin.

“ George Gibson,	“	“
“ Mosely Morris,	“	“
“ R. F. Sweet,	“	“
“ John Wilkinson,	“	“
“ G. W. Dubois,	“	Iowa.
“ C. S. Percival,	“	“
“ C. B. Stout,	“	“
“ M. V. Averill,	“	Indiana.
“ Wm. Lusk, Jr.,	“	“
“ E. James Purdy,	“	“
“ F. M. Gregg,	“	Kentucky.
“ James Saul,	“	Pennsylvania.
“ E. P. Wright,	“	Ohio.

Also, Messrs. D. F. Fleetwood and Frederick C. Whitehouse, of Illinois, Messrs. C. R. Brainard, C. C. Tate and A. W. Snyder, of Wisconsin, Candidates for Holy Orders.

The Bishop then appointed the following Standing Committees :

I. *On the Incorporation of Churches*—Rev. T. N. Benedict, S. C. Judd, C. R. Larrabee.

II. *On Finance*—Rev. Silas Totten, D.D., G. R. Chittenden, N. W. Edwards.

 Inspectors of Election—Application of Parishes.

III. *On Privilege*—Rev. R. H. Clarkson, D.D., Rev. J. W. McCullough, D.D., R. B. Servant, L. B. Otis.

IV. *On Legislation*—Rev. Samuel Chase, D.D., Rev. W. H. Roberts, S. H. Treat, Wm. W. De Wolf.

V. *On the Extension of the Church*—Rev. H. N. Bishop, D.D., Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D., Rev. D. W. Dresser, R. D. Van Wagenen, R. P. Parrish, Benjamin Dorsey.

VI. *On Unfinished Business*—Rev. C. E. Cheney, William Wilkinson.

The Bishop also appointed the Inspectors of Elections as follows :

For Standing Committee :

Clerical Votes.

Rev. J. W. Coe,
Moses G. Bacon.

Lay Votes.

Rev. C. A. Bruce,
James G. Wright.

For Deputies to General Convention :

Clerical Votes.

Rev. Clinton Locke,
S. R. Dolbee.

Lay Votes.

Rev. A. W. Spor,
James Clark.

For Provisional Deputies to General Convention :

Clerical Votes.

Rev. H. T. Hiester,
F. A. Warner.

Lay Votes.

Rev. H. W. Beers,
Lowber Burrows.

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

Clerical Votes.

Rev. Thomas Mitchell,
B. H. Cheney, M.D.

Lay Votes.

Rev. H. W. Woods,
Naason Young.

The "Papers of Application" for admission into union with the Convention were, on motion, re-

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ceived from the following Parishes, and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches :

St. Mark's, *Evanston.*
 Trinity, *Shelbyville.*
 St. Mark's, *Chicago.*

St. Luke's, *Chicago.*
 St. Stephen's, *Chicago.*

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Miscellaneous business being in order, the following Preamble and Resolution were then introduced :

WHEREAS, The Parish of Grace Church, Galesburg, did, in violation of Section 3, Canon X., of this Diocese, as well as of Title I., Canon 12, of the Digest of Canons of the General Convention, employ as their "Stated Minister," a Presbyter not canonically connected with this Diocese; and also, since about the 13th day of May, A. D. 1865, with full knowledge of the Canons in such case provided, and of the action of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, procure and permit to officiate as their Rector the same Presbyter, who had been, as they well knew, canonically prohibited from officiating in this Diocese; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to the very existence of the Church, that the law of its organic life and its discipline should be enforced and maintained. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention, under a solemn sense of responsibility, and in the discharge of a duty devolved upon it by Article XIV. of the Constitution of this Diocese, does hereby "wholly dissolve the connection with the Diocese" of Grace Church, Galesburg.

Pending the debate, the following was offered as an amendment :

Resolved, That the resolution be referred to a special committee of eight, to consist of our Delegates to General Convention, to report at the next Convention.

Pending the debate upon this amendment, the following was offered as a substitute to the amendment:

Admission of Parishes on Payment of Dues.

Resolved, That the subject of Grace Church, Galesburg, be referred to a committee, to consist of four Clergymen and three Laymen, to report at this Convention.

Before the debate was concluded the Treasurer laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Parishes which had paid their dues since the opening of the Convention. Whereupon the debate was suspended, the list of Parishes called, and the following Certificates of Lay Delegates were presented, and approved by the committee :

<i>St. Paul's, Alton</i>	{ S. R. Dolbee, J. W. Schweppe, J. C. Topping.
<i>Trinity, Aurora</i>	{ S. B. Hawley, M. D., C. F. Jauriet.
<i>Ascension, Chicago</i>	{ M. S. Bacon, Samuel Gehr, S. W. Johnson,
<i>Atonement, Chicago</i>	{ Thomas G. Baxter, Henry Keep, Reuben Tayler.
<i>St. Luke's, Dixon</i>	{ William W. DeWolf, James K. Edsall, W. T. House.
<i>St. Mark's, Geneva</i>	{ James L. Carey, B. F. Towner.
<i>St. John's, Gillespie</i>	{ Benjamin Dorsey, Richard Dorsey, Charles Francis.
<i>St. John's, Naperville</i>	{ William B. Greene, James G. Wright.
<i>Christ, Ottawa</i>	{ A. W. Dow, F. C. Prescott.

The following answered to their names and took their seats as members of the Convention :

S. B. Hawley, M.D.. C. F. Jauriet—*Trinity, Aurora.*

M. S. Bacon—*Ascension, Chicago.*

Thomas G. Baxter, Reuben Tayler—*Atonement, Chicago.*

Wm. W. De Wolf, W. T. House—*St. Luke's, Dixon.*

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James L. Carey. B. F. Towner—*St. Mark's, Geneva.*

Benjamin Dorsey—*St. John's, Gillespie.*

James G. Wright—*St. John's, Naperville.*

F. C. Prescott—*Christ, Ottawa.*

On resuming the debate, an ineffectual motion was made to lay the substitute and the amendment to the original preamble and resolution upon the table.

The question recurring on the original preamble and resolution, and a call for a vote by orders being duly made, the preamble and resolution were carried by the following vote :

Of the Clergy--Ayes, 37 ; Noes, 7.

Of the Laity—Ayes, 22 ; Noes, 4.

CLERGY voting in the affirmative :

Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D. L.L.D., Rev. Messrs. Peter Arvedson, H. W. Beers, T. N. Benedict, John Benson, C. A. Bruce, J. S. Chamberlain, Philander Chase, Samuel Chase, D.D., R. H. Clarkson, D.D., H. H. Cole, Wm. H. Cooper, Sidney Corbett, George D. Cummins, D.D., D. W. Dresser, S. R. Edson, John Gierlow, Charles A. Gilbert, Wm. Greene, Charles J. Hendley, H. T. Hiester, S. Russell Jones, J. Harris Knowles, Marcus Lane, Clinton Locke, J. W. McCullough, D.D., Thomas W. Mitchell, J. W. Osborne, J. B. M. Pedelupe, Wm. Reynolds, D.D., Warren H. Roberts, John B. Saye, A. W. Spor, George C. Street, O. B. Thayer, Silas Totten, D.D., and H. W. Woods.

CLERGY voting in the negative :

Rev. Messrs. H. N. Bishop, D.D., Chas. E. Cheney, Samuel Cowell, F. B. Nash, Wm. T. Smithett, E. B. Tuttle, S. R. Weldon.

LAITY.

PARISHES voting in the affirmative :

St. John's, *Algonquin* ; St. Paul's, *Alton* ; Trinity, *Aurora* ;

Redeemer, *Cairo*; Atonement, Grace, Holy Communion, St. Ansgarius', St. James', Trinity, *Chicago*; St. John's, *Decatur*; St. Luke's, *Dixon*; Grace, *Galena*; St. Mark's, *Geneva*; St. John's, *Gillespie*; St. Paul's, *Kankakee*; St. James', *Lewistown*; St. John's, *Naperville*; St. John's, *Quincy*; St. Paul's, *Springfield*; St. Peters, *Sycamore*; Christ, *Waukegan*.

PARISHES voting in the negative:

Christ and St. John's, *Chicago*; St. John's, *Kewanee*; Christ, *Ottawa*.

St. Paul's, *Peoria*, divided.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention is always prepared to receive from the parish of Grace Church, Galesburg, an acknowledgment of their disregard of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, and the Canons of the Diocese of Illinois and of the General Convention; and on the reception of such acknowledgment, this Convention will rejoice to receive the parish back into union with this body, and will ever pray for its spiritual prosperity.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Charles P. Clarke, although not having parochial charge, be admitted to a seat in the Convention of this Diocese, on the ground of "age and infirmities," under Art. V. Sec. 2, of Constitution and Canons of Diocese of Illinois.

The Parishes of Trinity Church, *Belvidere*, Trinity Church, *Polo*, and The Redeemer's, *Princeton*, asked to be admitted to seats in this Convention, the arrears of dues not being fully paid up. And their request was, on motion, referred to the committee on Privilege.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned, to meet again Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Thursday, September 14, 1865.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, a. m.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. CHARLES J. HENDLEY, Deacon, and the Rev. THOMAS W. MITCHELL; concluding Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop.

The Convention was then called to order by the Bishop, and the roll called by the Secretary.

The following Clergy, not present the day before, answered to their names:

Rev. Jacob Bredberg,
" H. H. De Garmo,

Rev. B. R. Gifford,
" Wm. F. B. Jackson,
Rev. George Sayres.

The following Lay Delegates, not present the day before, also answered to their names:

William Estergren—*St. John's, Algonquin.*
H. H. Candee, H. L. Halliday—*Redeemer, Cairo.*
Samuel Gehr—*Ascension, Chicago.*
Talman Wheeler—*St. James', Chicago.*
George R. Chittenden—*Trinity, Chicago.*
J. R. Phelps—*Trinity, Polo.*

The minutes were read, amended and approved.

The certificates of Lay Delegates, not presented the day before, were then called for, whereupon the

following were laid upon the Secretary's table and approved by the committee :

<i>Christ, Rushville</i>	{ Dewitt C. Johnston, E. V. H. Seeley.
<i>St. Peter's, Sycamore</i>	{ Isaac Johnson, J. G. Ketchum.

The names of the Lay Delegates were called, but none were found present.

Trinity Church, *Geneseo*, then asked to be restored to its seat in the Convention, the arrears of dues not having been fully paid.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the papers of Trinity Church, *Geneseo*, be referred to the committee on Privilege.

The Committee on the Incorporation of Churches presented the following report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.

The Committee on the Incorporation of Churches respectfully report, that five Parishes have applied for admission into union with the Convention, viz. : St. Luke's Church, Chicago, St. Mark's, Chicago, St. Stephen's, Evanston, Trinity Church, Shelbyville. The committee find the papers presented by these Parishes correct, except those of St. Mark's, Chicago, in which there is no evidence of its having the constitutional qualification of six communicants.

THOS. N. BENEDICT,
S. CORNING JUDD,
C. R. LARRABEE.

On motion, the above-named Parishes, except the Parish of St. Mark's Church, Chicago, were *severally* admitted into union with the Convention.

Report of Committee on Privilege.

The Bishop then stating to the Convention, that St. Mark's Church, Chicago, has at least six communicants, this Parish also was, on motion, admitted into union with the Convention.

The following Certificates of Lay Delegates were presented, referred to the committee, and approved :

<i>St. Luke's, Chicago</i>	{ George P. Lee, Charles A. Street.
<i>St. Mark's, Chicago</i>	{ Benjamin F. Guyton, A. B. Johnson, Andrew Marshall.
<i>St. Stephen's, Chicago</i>	{ John F. Beatty, A. McWhorter, W. H. Tobey.
<i>St. Mark's, Evanston</i>	{ Charles Comstock, John H. Kedzie.
<i>Trinity, Shelbyville</i>	{ Matthias Riffle, Thomas N. Thornton.

And the following Delegates answered to their names, and took seats in the Convention :

George P. Lee—*St. Luke's, Chicago.*

Andrew Marshall—*St. Mark's, Chicago.*

A. McWhorter—*St. Stephen's, Chicago.*

Charles Comstock, J. H. Kedzie—*St. Marks', Evanston.*

The Committee on Privilege presented the following report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGE.

The Committee on Privilege, to whom was referred the application of Trinity Church, *Belvidere*, Trinity Church, *Polo*, The Redeemer's Church, *Princeton*, Trinity Church, *Geneseo*, beg leave to report, that they have all substantially complied with Canon XIII., and in the opinion of the committee are entitled to a representation under a liberal con-

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struction of the Canon. They beg leave, therefore, to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Lay Delegates of the Churches above named, be admitted to seats in this Convention :

ROBERT H. CLARKSON,
J. W. McCULLOUGH,
L. B. OTIS.

On motion, the above resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Certificates of the Lay Delegates were then presented, referred to the committee, and approved, viz. :

<i>Trinity, Belvidere</i>	{ Jabez H. Fitch, Nijah Hotchkiss, N. H. Merchant.
<i>Trinity, Geneseo</i>	{ Willis Hinman, Harry McArthur.
<i>Trinity, Polo</i>	J. K. Phelps.
<i>The Redeemer's, Princeton</i>	{ Wm. Bacon, M. D. Ferdinand Horton.

And the following Delegates answered to their names, and took seats in the Convention :

N. H. Merchant—*Trinity, Belvidere*.

Willis Hinman—*Trinity, Geneseo*.

J. K. Phelps—*Trinity, Polo*.

William Bacon, M.D.—*The Redeemer's, Princeton*.

The request of St. Matthew's Church, *Bloomington*, to be admitted to a seat in this Convention, although its dues have not been fully paid, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Privilege.

The Parishes of The Church of the Ascension, *Chicago*, Trinity Church, *Geneseo*, and The Redeemer's Church, *Princeton*, asked permission to record upon the Journal of this body their con-

Concurring in the vote dissolving the connection of Grace Church, Galesburg.

currence in the action of the Convention, dissolving the connection with this Convention of the Parish of Grace Church, Galesburg. On motion, permission was granted, on the ground that these Parishes were previously in union with the Convention.

A similar request was made by St. Luke's Church, *Chicago*, but, on motion, refused—the Parish having never, until the present session, been admitted into union with the Convention.

The Rev. W. F. B. JACKSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield, made a similar request, which, on motion, was unanimously granted.

The Bishop then delivered his Fourteenth Annual Address.

After which the Convention took a recess until three o'clock, P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop at three o'clock, P. M.

The following Certificate of Lay Delegates was presented, referred to the committee, and approved:

Emmanuel, Rockford { R. P. Lane, M.D.,
Horace Starkey.

The names being then called, R. P. LANE, M.D., answered, and took his seat in the Convention.

The Secretary asked for an Assistant, and nominated the Rev. J. HARRIS KNOWLES. The nomination was, on motion, confirmed.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese made the following report :

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

I. The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Illinois would report to the Convention that the committee was organized in the office of N. B. Kidder, Sept. 30, 1864, by the election of Rev. T. N. Benedict, President, and Rev. C. Locke, Secretary.

The papers consenting to the consecration of Rev. Dr. Vail as Bishop of Kansas, were signed.

John B. Saye was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders.

II. The papers consenting to the consecration of Rev. A. C. Coxe as Assistant Bishop of western New York, were signed.

The following resolutions were adopted as expressive of the sense of the Board in the matter of the Wardens and Vestry of Grace Church, Galesburg, and a copy sent to the Bishop, signed by all the members of the Board excepting one, the Rev. Dr. Clover :

WHEREAS, we are fully advised that the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, did, on or about the first day of October, address an official letter to the Wardens of Grace Church, Galesburg, calling their attention to the fact that they had entirely disregarded all canonical duty in the assumed settlement as Rector, of the Rev. J. W. Cracraft, D.D., and advising them that he was not a clergyman belonging to his jurisdiction, and therefore not eligible as Rector ; that the Bishop did also further enumerate distinct canonical charges, which he has transmitted to the ecclesiastical authority of Ohio, with the request that the said Dr. Cracraft might be remanded for ecclesiastical inquiry to the Diocese of Ohio, in which his canonical residence is ; and

WHEREAS, the Wardens and Vestry of said Grace Church, on the receipt of said communication from the Bishop, have not only neglected and withheld all expression of their sense of the offence committed against the canons and rules of the Church, and a dutiful regard to the admonition, but, on the contrary, have in a meeting of the Vestry proposed a series of resolutions, in which they assume that the Bishop deprived

them of the pastoral services of Dr. Cracraft solely on account of his own political sentiments, and identify his official action entirely with the complaint and movements of certain individuals whom they condemn ; and,

WHEREAS, said Wardens and Vestry did allow or procure that the aforesaid official letter of the Bishop, together with their own resolutions, should be put into the hands of the Hon. C. B. Lawrence, on which he prepared a letter replete with many statements and false issues, setting forth that the Bishop had acted arbitrarily, with tyranny, mainly on political grounds, and actuated by extreme partisan views adverse to the government of these United States, to which we are assured the Bishop has ever been most heartily loyal ; and,

WHEREAS, the said letter of Judge Lawrence, including the official letter of the Bishop to the Wardens and the resolutions of the Vestry before mentioned, was sent to the *Chicago Tribune*, and there published and circulated before any answer was transmitted, so as to meet the Bishop in advance of said publication, or any notice had been taken of his communication ; and,

WHEREAS, after the said resolutions had been thus furnished for publication, which in themselves are discourteous and irrelevant, they were sent to the Bishop, accompanied by a petition that the Rev. Dr. Cracraft should not be removed, assuming throughout that the Bishop had removed him on the representation of Mr. Sydney Myers, and for political opinions, and that the said resolutions do not regard or notice the real causes and character of the action of the Bishop, and have thus contributed in the same manner to evoke a false and wicked clamor, through the secular press against the Bishop. Therefore,

Resolved, That the whole conduct and proceedings in the affair of the Wardens and Vestry of Grace Church, Galesburg, appears to us reprehensible, and at variance with the truth, order, and harmony of the Church, and have given rise to many gross misconstructions of the Bishop's action, by all those ignorant of the laws of the Church.

Resolved, That we hereby advise the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, who has laid before us the papers in the case, asking our advice, that he shall decline to render to said congregation any Episcopal services, or notify the election or settlement of a permanent Rector or Minister in the said parish, until reparation deemed by him equivalent shall have been made for the miseries thus inflicted on the Bishop and on the Church.

Resolved, That we advise the Bishop, in the event of the refusal of this reparation satisfactory to himself, to bring the case before the next annual Convention of the Diocese, that

Grace Church, Galesburg, may be suspended from union with the same.

III. Dec. 20.—J. Wainwright Ray was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders.

The Board then resolved itself into the Missionary Committee, the Bishop in the chair.

The list of Missionaries was submitted by him, and adopted as follows :

Algonquin, Rev. P. Arvedson.	Lewistown, Rev. A. W. Spor.
Collinsville and Belleville, ————	Morris, Rev. J. McGowan.
Farmington, Rev. John Benson.	Pekin, Rev. W. M. Steel.
Geneseo, Rev. W. Greene.	Peru, Rev. M. Magill.
Geneva, Rev. Geo. C. Street.	Rushville, Rev. C. A. Bruce.
Jonesboro', ————	Shelbyville, Rev. J. Pedelupe.
Lee Centre, Rev. R. Trewartha.	Warsaw, Rev. W. M. Reynolds, D.D.

The Rev. W. Greene afterward declined the appointment. All these are at a stipend of \$150, excepting Algonquin, Jonesboro and Lewistown, which have \$200 each.

It was resolved that \$2400, in the opinion of the Board, is the minimum sum the Diocese should raise for Diocesan Missions this year; and also that this list of appointments and stipends be printed in the "*Northwestern Church*."

IV. Feb. 14, 1865.—Rev. W. H. Cooper was appointed a Missionary of the Board at Belvidere, with a stipend of \$150, and the Rev. John B. Sayr, a Missionary along the line of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, at the same stipend, provided that in both cases the previous stipends pledged be not interfered with.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be requested before each Missionary collection to call the attention of the Clergy to the fact, through the columns of the "*Northwestern Church*."

The Board then resolved itself into the Standing Committee and appointed as the times for the regular meetings the first Tuesdays in January, April, July and October, at 4 P. M., in the Church Guild Hall.

V. April 4th—Rev. Oscar B. Thayer, Deacon, was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders.

VI. June 6th—Dewitt C. Howard was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders, and Charles J. Hendley for Deacon's Orders.

VII. August 4th—J. Harris Knowles was recommended to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders.

The Bishop having asked for advice in the case of the Rev. J. W. Cracraft, D.D., of the Diocese of Ohio, the following communication was adopted and sent to him :

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

The undersigned, members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, in answer to your request for advice in the case of Rev. J. W. Cracraft, a Presbyterian of the Diocese of Ohio, now officiating in Grace Church, Galesburg, while canonically prohibited by you from so doing, respectfully submit the following:

Upon examination, we find the following material facts of the case: The Rev. Mr. Cracraft, while residing in this Diocese and canonically connected with the Diocese of Ohio, committed offences for which he became amenable to Can. 3, Tit. II of Digest. In accordance with the requirements of that Canon you gave notice of the same to the Ecclesiastical authority of Ohio, and at the same time sent the charges, nine in number, preferred against him. You also, as directed by Sec. 2d of the same Canon, prohibited Mr. Cracraft from officiating in this Diocese, which prohibition, as there prescribed, can terminate upon either of two conditions—your own satisfaction of his innocence, or his acquittal on trial. Upon receipt of the charges, the Bishop of Ohio instituted an inquiry, in conformity with the Canons of that Diocese, the result of which was that but three of the charges were found sufficient to sustain a presentment, and on these he was presented for trial. Without, however, proceeding to trial, he admitted the truth of the charges, confessed his guilt, and thereupon the Bishop, in compliance with the Canons of Ohio, passed the sentence of admonition. The Bishop then gave Mr. Cracraft what purported to be a Letter Dimissory to yourself; but it was of a qualified nature, not such a Letter as is prescribed in Sec. 7, Can. 12, Tit. 1, which governs such cases, and, therefore, you are under no obligation to receive it.

The prohibition you imposed upon Mr. Cracraft has not terminated by the fulfillment of either condition—you have not been satisfied of his innocence, nor has he been acquitted on trial, hence the prohibition continues in full force. Notwithstanding this, we see in a published letter from Mr. Cracraft to yourself, under date of May 13, 1865, that he declares his intention to officiate in Grace Church, Galesburg, and we learn he has actually carried that intention into effect. This conduct, in our opinion, calls for the severest reprehension. Had your course been wrong and illegal, it could have formed no justification for him to violate so grossly the Laws of the Church. Had he been aggrieved, or denied his rights, there was a legally constituted method of obtaining redress. The course, therefore, he has seen fit to pursue, is utterly sub-

versive of all law and order. We are at a loss for words sufficiently severe to condemn such conduct.

In view of the facts thus presented, we would respectfully advise you to regard the prohibition as still in force, and to give the notices required by Sec. 2, Can. 3, Tit. II. You will thus declare your intention to enforce the discipline and preserve the good order of the Diocese.

Not the least reprehensible part of the conduct of Mr. Cracraft and the Vestry of Grace Church, Galesburg, in this case, has been their studious endeavor to give publicity to the proceedings by publishing them in the secular prints, together with the most distorted views of the case; thereby creating erroneous impressions, and exciting odium against yourself. To counteract this as far as possible, we would suggest the propriety of your issuing a Pastoral Letter to your Diocese, giving a correct statement of the case.

If Mr. Cracraft and the Parish of Grace Church, Galesburg, still persevere in their contumacious course, we would advise you to refer the matter to the next Convention of this Diocese, where, we doubt not, you will be sustained in the course you have pursued, the cause of law and order vindicated, and sound discipline maintained.

VIII. September 6th—March Chase was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. N. BENEDICT, *President*,
CLINTON LOCKE, *Secretary*.

The next business in order being the elections, and first that of the Standing Committee, the ballot was, on motion, unanimously dispensed with, and the Rev. Messrs. T. N. BENEDICT, CLINTON LOCKE, H. W. BEERS, and Messrs. F. A. BRYAN, A. C. CALKINS and N. B. KIDDER were elected members of the Standing Committee.

The Convention then went into an election for Deputies to the General Convention.

Pending the result, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed seven hundred copies of the Journal and Bishop's Address, 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 three hundred 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; and also, that the Secretary seek proposals from various printing offices for the printing of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and select from the same at his discretion.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay one hundred and fifty dollars *per annum*, out of the Contingent Fund, to the Secretary.

The Inspectors of Election for Deputies to General Convention then reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected :

Rev. Samuel Chase, D.D.,	Mr. Geo. P. Lee,
“ R. H. Clarkson, D.D.,	“ L. B. Otis,
“ George D. Cummins, D.D.	“ S. H. Treat.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. W. H. ROBERTS elected a Deputy to the General Convention.

It was then moved and seconded to dispense with the ballot for the purpose of electing S. CORNING JUDD a Deputy to the General Convention. A unanimous vote being necessary, it was not carried.

The Convention went into an election for one Lay Deputy to the General Convention.

Pending the result, the following was offered :

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in the Cathedral, Chicago.

To which an amendment was offered, substituting for "the Cathedral, Chicago," the words "St. Paul's Church, Peoria."

On motion, the amendment was rejected, and the original resolution adopted.

The Inspectors of Election announced the result of the ballot. There being no election, a third ballot was ordered.

Pending the result, the *Treasurer's report was called for, read, and referred to the committee on Finance.

The Inspectors of Election announced the result of the ballot. There was no choice.

It was then stated that when the ballot was dispensed with for the purpose of electing the Rev. W. H. ROBERTS a Deputy to the General Convention, the vote was not unanimous. This being necessary, the vote electing the Rev. W. H. ROBERTS was, on motion, reconsidered.

A fourth ballot was then ordered for one Clerical and one Lay Deputy.

Pending the result, Rev. WILLIAM REYNOLDS, D.D., on account of family and Parochial engagements, asked and obtained leave of absence after the close of the present session.

The Inspectors of Election announced that the Rev. W. H. ROBERTS had received a majority of

* For this full and excellent report, see Appendix.

the votes of both Orders. He was, therefore, declared elected as Deputy to the General Convention.

An ineffectual motion was made to dispense with the ballot for the purpose of electing Mr. WILLIAM W. DEWOLF as Deputy.

Whereupon a fifth ballot was ordered, which resulted in the choice of Mr. WILLIAM W. DEWOLF. He was, therefore, declared elected.

On motion, it was

Resolved, To dispense with the ballot for the purpose of appointing a committee of five to nominate Provisional Deputies to the General Convention.

The Bishop appointed as such committee Rev. Messrs. SAMUEL CHASE, D.D., R. H. CLARKSON, D.D., Messrs. L. B. OTIS, S. H. TREAT, and WM. W. DEWOLF.

Pending the nomination, the Treasurer presented and read the report of the Endowment Fund Committee, which was, on motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

The nominating committee presented the following names for Provisional Deputies to the General Convention :

Rev. John Benson,	Mr. J. F. Beatty,
“ H. N. Bishop, D.D.,	“ G. R. Chittenden,
“ D. W. Dresser,	“ S. C. Judd,
“ J. W. McCullough, D.D.,	“ C. R. Larrabee.

On motion, the question was put upon each name separately, when they were all severally elected.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the legislation of the State in 1860-61, touching the inter-

ests of this Church, be referred to a committee, to report upon the same to this Convention.

The Bishop appointed the following committee :
SAMUEL CHASE, D.D., L. B. OTIS, and S. H. TREAT.

The committee made the following report :

The committee to whom that portion of the Bishop's Address, relating to the legislation of the State in 1860-61, touching the interests of the Church, was referred, beg leave to report :

That they have had the subject under consideration, and find that the whole subject matter was passed upon by the Convention in 1861, and that all efforts to secure the desired legislation at the hands of the State have proved abortive. They therefore recommend the following :

Resolved, That this Convention re-iterates the action in the matter in 1861, and orders the Secretary to insert the same in the pages of the journal, as the expression of its fervent wish and determination.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the foundation of a new Canon for the discipline of lay members, be referred to the committee on Legislation, to report at the next Convention.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three, one clergyman and two laymen, residing in Chicago, be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of making arrangements for the preservation of documents, and the appointment of a Registrar to take charge of the same.

Resolved, further, That if such preparation can be made, the Rev. Marcus Lane be requested to act as Registrar, to be guided by rules which they may prescribe.

As such committee the Bishop appointed the Rev. H. W. BEERS, Messrs. G. R. CHITTENDEN and H. W. FULLER.

* See Journal of "Twenty-Fourth" Convention, pp. 22-24.

Elections—Resolution of Thanks.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with for the purpose of re-electing the Endowment Fund committee, substituting the name of Mr. R. D. VAN WAGENEN for that of Mr. A. E. NEELEY.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

WHEREAS, The presentors in the late case against the Rev. Mr. Hager have been sued for proctor's fees, in such case,

Resolved, That the matter of such suit and fees be referred to a committee consisting of one clergyman and two laymen, who shall report for the action of this body.

The Bishop appointed, as said committee, Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D.D., Messrs. S. C. JUDD and GEO. P. LEE.

On motion, the ballot was unanimously dispensed with, and the Rev. H. W. BEERS, Rev. SAM'L CHASE, D.D., Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES, Messrs. J. F. BEATTY, G. R. CHITTENDEN, and GEO. P. LEE were elected Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois.

A similar motion prevailing, the Rev. SILAS TOTTEN, D.D., and SAMUEL WILKINSON were unanimously elected Trustees of Jubilee College.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the clergy, congregations and citizens of Chicago, for their kind hospitality to the members—Clerical and Lay—of the Convention.

After which the Convention took a recess until Friday afternoon at five o'clock, in order to attend the consecration of St. Mark's Church, Evanston, at ten o'clock, a. m.

THIRD DAY.

The Bishop, accompanied by a large number of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, proceeded, in cars kindly tendered by the officers of the North Western Railroad Company for the special use of the Convention, to Evanston for the purpose of consecrating St. Mark's Church to the worship of Almighty God.

The Instrument of Donation was presented and read by Mr. CHAS. COMSTOCK, Senior Warden of the Parish, and the Sentence of Consecration published for the Bishop by the Rev. JOHN W. BUCKMASTER, Rector.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. THOMAS SMITH, the Lessons being read by the Rev. H. W. WOODS and the Rev. C. P. CLARKE.

The Opening Collects were said by the Rev. J. W. OSBORNE, and the Litany by the Rev. J. W. BUCKMASTER.

The Ante Communion Service was read by the Bishop, the Epistle and the Gospel being read by the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D.D. The Alms were appropriated to Parish purposes.

The Sermon was preached by the Bishop, the text being the third verse of the third chapter of the book of Exodus.

The Bishop then proceeded with the Holy Communion, consecrating the elements and administering them to the Clergy, Lay Delegates and congregation present.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
September 15, 1865.

The Convention re-assembled in the Cathedral, Chicago, at five o'clock p. m., and was opened with prayer by the Bishop.

The Bishop having called the Convention to order, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the minutes of the Convention be made up by the Secretary, under the sanction of the Bishop, without being read to the Convention.

On motion, the Clerical Deputies to the General Convention were appointed a committee "to draft, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the General Convention," under Canon XVII. of Canons of the Diocese of Illinois.

It was moved and seconded, that the resolutions submitted to the last Convention by the committee on Sunday Schools, be adopted.

The following were then offered as a substitute to the first resolution, and, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Convention, the Church Sunday School is not a system independent in itself, but an institution of the Church, in which children are taught that they are members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven, and, as such, are trained to fight manfully against the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

Resolved, That this Convention recommends each Parish Clergyman to assume the personal supervision of his school, and, so far as practicable, make the Catechism the basis of instruction in each and every class.

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly recommends to each Clergyman having a school in charge, the practice of openly catechising, on every Sunday, the entire school, accompanying the act with proper explanations, so that he may be enabled to effectively discharge the duty set forth in Canon XVIII. of this Diocese.

The second and third resolutions, which are as follows, were, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the Convention recommend each Parish Clergyman to fully and plainly instruct his people, the solemn parental obligation of instructing their children in the great religious truths and the true position of the Sunday School, with a view to induce more general interest in its welfare, to enlarge and improve its corps of teachers, and to procure a general attendance of the adults of the Parish upon the occasions of public Catechizing.

Resolved, That the Clergy be requested to adopt a uniform system of class books, which, beside the several statistics of service, attendance and lessons, shall show the age ; if baptized ; if confirmed ; if belonging to families of the Parish ; if parents are baptized and confirmed, and if taught at home ; number of times in attendance upon Church service ; text book ; and if teacher is a communicant.

The last resolution was, on motion, amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to print and distribute such class books, and that the Clergy be earnestly requested to render a report embracing these statistics (with

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such others as may be requested by the same), to said Committee, on or before the first day of September in each year; and that said Committee be requested to report thereon, and such other matters as may be deemed applicable, within the scope of the resolution under which this Committee was formed at the Convention.

The resolutions, as amended, were unanimously adopted.

On motion, Rev. T. N. BENEDICT, Rev. W. H. ROBERTS, Messrs. JOHN F. BEATTY, and GEORGE P. LEE, were re-appointed Committee on Sunday Schools.

On motion, adopted by a unanimous vote, the Convention standing, it was

Resolved, That this Convention, a representative portion of that Church of Christ upon earth, which is ever loyal, cordially responds to, and heartily indorses, the eloquent and patriotic expressions of thanksgiving uttered by the Bishop, in his annual address, for the return of peace to our beloved land, the establishment of the Union, the consolidation of our Government, and the deliverance of our country from the evil of human slavery; and also fully concurs in his touching and discriminating eulogy of our late martyred President, Abraham Lincoln.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That twenty dollars be appropriated to the Sexton of the Bishop's Church for his faithful services to the Convention.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented and read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Treasurer's report, having carefully examined the same and

inquired into the financial condition of the Diocese, beg leave to report, that they find the Treasurer's report entirely correct.

I. The indebtedness of the Diocese, not provided for, is as follows:

Contingent expenses, \$1,252.82. Of this, \$450 is contemplated for the printing of the Journal of this Convention, and \$160 as expenses to the General Convention.

To meet this indebtedness, the Committee would recommend to the Convention, that a convertible bond, or bonds, be issued, to run two years from date of the issue thereof; and that the Trustees of the Diocese be and are hereby authorized to issue and negotiate said bonds, and apply the proceeds to the payment of the above contingent expenses.

II. There is due upon the bonded debt of this Diocese, \$7,232.14. These bonds were due on the 1st of September, 1865.

The Committee recommend that the Convention take definite action in this matter.

III. There is due the Missionaries of the Diocese a balance of \$733.41. To cancel this, the Committee recommend the Convention to invite a united effort of the Parishes to pay it immediately.

In order to raise money for the Diocese the ensuing year, this Committee would recommend the adoption of the Endowment fund plan and the suspension of Canon XIII., so far as it requires collections to be made in the several Parishes on the first Sundays of May, August, November and February, in aid of the Diocesan Fund.

IV. The Committee would recommend that the indebtedness to the Diocesan fund of the following Parishes be remitted, and that the Treasurer of the Diocese be requested to inform these Parishes of the action taken, and that they be invited heartily to co-operate in the Endowment fund plan to meet these future assessments:

St. Thomas' Church, Amboy.	Trinity Church, Mattoon.
Christ " Arcola.	St. Stephen's " Pittsfield.
Christ " Collinsville.	Zion " Providence.
St. John's " Knoxville.	Grace " Rock Island Co.
St. John's " Lacon.	St. Thomas' " Salem.
St. Mark's " La Salle.	St. Mary's " Tuscola.
St. Paul's " Lee Centre.	St. George's " Utica.
Advent " Marengo.	

They also recommend, that the remaining Parishes in arrears be admonished and urged to remit their dues to the

Report of Committee on Finance—Concluded.

Treasurer, and enter cordially upon the Endowment fund plan to meet their dues hereafter.

V. The Finance Committee, having examined the report of the Treasurer and Committee of the Endowment fund, find the same to be correct, and recommend the appointment of a Committee for the disposition of the fund.

Respectfully submitted,

S. TOTTEN, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That this Convention does not concur in the resolution offered by the Finance Committee, appointing a Committee for the disposition of the Endowment fund. (See above Report, ¶ V.)

An ineffectual motion was made to appoint a Committee of three, to report to this Convention upon the proper disposition of the Endowment Fund.

It was moved and seconded that the sum of \$733.00 be appropriated from the Endowment fund to the payment of the claims of the Missionaries of the Diocese. The motion was lost.

The following resolution was then offered :

Resolved, That the balance in the hands of the Endowment Fund Committee be appropriated, *first*, to the payment of the indebtedness due on the bonds of the Diocese; *secondly*, to the claims due the Missionaries of the Diocese; and *thirdly*, the balance to the liquidation of the bonds of the Diocese.

Whereupon, the further consideration of the disposition of the Endowment Fund was, on motion, laid upon the table for the time being, to consider the Contingent expenses of the Diocese.

Resolution to cancel indebtedness by subscription.

The first recommendation of the Finance Committee was then taken up (see Report, ¶ I.).

To which the following amendment was offered, but, on motion, rejected :

Resolved, That a special assessment is hereby levied on the Parishes, of a sum equal to fifty cents for each communicant, to meet present indebtedness to the Diocesan and Missionary Funds, to be paid by the first of November next, subject to all the provisions and penalties of Canon XIII., which shall be understood to apply to time as well as to amount.

The following resolution was offered :

Resolved, That each Rector, and the Lay Delegates from each Parish, subscribe what they will for the liquidation of the old floating debt of the Diocese, payable on or before the first day of January next.

To which the following amendment was, on motion, added :

Resolved, That the amount of \$733.41 due the missionaries, be added to the unpaid amount of contingent expenses.

And the resolution thus amended was, on motion, unanimously adopted.

The Secretary then called the list of Parishes, when the following amounts were pledged :

Trinity, Aurora	\$15 00	Trinity, Jacksonville	\$25 00
Trinity, Belvidere.....	10 00	Christ, Joliet.....	25 00
St. Matthew's, Bloomington	30 00	St. James', Lewistown.....	5 00
Ascension, Chicago.....	30 00	Christ, Limestone	5 00
Atonement, "	25 00	St. John's, Lockport.....	10 00
Christ, "	25 00	St. John's, Naperville.....	10 00
Grace, "	100 00	Christ, Ottawa.....	20 00
Holy Communion, Chicago	15 00	St. Paul's, Peoria.....	50 00
St. James', Chicago.....	150 00	The Redeemer's, Princeton.	5 00
St. John's, "	60 00	St. John's, Quincy.....	75 00
St. Luke's, "	10 00	Christ, Robin's Nest	25 00
Trinity, "	175 00	Emmanuel, Rockford	25 00
St. John's, Decatur.....	20 00	St. Paul's, Springfield	25 00
St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge..	12 00	St. Luke's, Wyoming	5 00
Grace, Galena	25 00		
Trinity, Geneseo	10 00	Whole amount.....	\$1,022 00

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to write to the Parishes not represented this evening, state to them the action of the Convention in this matter, and request them to aid in making out the full amount required.

On motion, the resolution of the Finance Committee, in paragraph three of their report, was adopted, Canon XIII., so far as it relates to the *mode* of raising the Diocesan Fund, suspended, and the Endowment Fund plan adopted.

On motion, the dues of the Parishes named by the committee, in paragraph four of their report, were remitted, and the resolutions contained in the same section adopted.

The question recurring on the disposition of the Endowment Fund, a motion was made and seconded to appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars to St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. But the motion was lost.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved, That the balance of the Endowment Fund be applied to the liquidation of the bonded debt of this Diocese.

A report of the committee appointed to consider the matter of Proctor's fees in the late suit against the Rev. E. W. Hager being called for, it was stated that the committee had partially attended to the matter, but had not been able fully to consider it, and were therefore not prepared to report to this Convention for definite action.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to employ counsel to protect the interests of the assessors in the trial of the Rev. E. W. Hager, who are now sued for the payment of Proctor's fees.

On motion, it was then

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

The Bishop then made a closing address; the *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung by the Convention, and, after prayers and the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE,

Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

CHARLES A. GILBERT,

Secretary.



Treasurer's Report.

The income has been as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

General appropriation 1862-3.....	\$1 00	
“ “ 1863-4.....	41 50	
“ “ 1864-5.....	2,269 46	
		<u>\$2,311 96</u>
Special appropriation of 1864 for printing expenses..		350 90

MISSIONARY FUND.

Collections.....	\$1,333 59	
Balance on hand Sept. 1st, 1864.....	205 00	
		<u>\$1,335 64</u>
Special collections for Missionary—deficiency, as per vote of last Convention.....		84 60

CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance 1st September, 1864.....		31 26
		<u>\$4,114 36</u>
Now add, for full statement, amount nett receipts from Endowment Fund, as per first report.....	2,447 10	
		<u>6,561 46</u>
Making total receipts.....		6,561 46
Showing deficit of.....		<u>\$6,654 87</u>

Separating the floating from the bonded debt, the following result is attained:

Appropriations and indebtedness, as above stated, for 1864-5..	\$5,984 19	
Receipts, as above stated.....	4,114 36	
		<u>\$1,869 83</u>
Leaving deficit of.....		\$1,869 83
From this, however, may <i>legally</i> be deducted the excess of Missionary appropriations above collections; as the stipends are offered by the Board, and accepted by the Missionaries, subject to that condition. The difference is between aggregate appropriations.....	\$2,040 00	
and amount paid, as per statement, marked—....	1,261 87	778 13
		<u>\$1,091 70</u>
Leaving balance of floating debt of.....	\$1,091 70	
to be provided for by the present Convention.		

This deficiency arises from two causes: First, the inattention paid to the quarterly missionary collections; and, secondly, the failure of so many Parishes, either wholly or in part, to pay the assessment in aid of the Diocesan Fund. The former is depended upon for payment of stipends; the latter furnishes means to pay the Bishop's salary and the contingent expenses. Both are required by *Canon*; but to one attaches a penalty. And yet so far as the current expenses and work are concerned, the voluntary and compul-

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sory systems seem almost equally at fault; as, for instance: Missionary appropriations, \$2,040.00; paid, \$1,261.87; due, \$771.87—a little more than two-thirds paid. Assessment, 1864-5, \$3,384.00; paid, \$2,259.46—about two-thirds paid.

Very many of the Parishes make no missionary collections; very few make the full number required by Canon; and the same may be said respecting the collections for Diocesan Fund.

The subjoined table shows the names and number of collections made by each Parish, and may be summed up thus:

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

8 Parishes, three times.	5 Parishes, two times.
18 " once.	39 " none.
7 " four times.	

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS.

10 Parishes, four times.	14 Parishes, two times.
6 " three times	31 " none.
16 " once.	
Whole number of Parishes, 77. Missionary Stations, 7.	

The whole subject of a more thorough and efficient financial system for carrying on Diocesan work in greater breadth and vigor, and for paying the just indebtedness of the same, demands the serious and full consideration of the Convention.

The money received has been applied as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

Bishop's salary.....	\$2,000 00
Applied upon balance due 1st Sept., 1864.....	80 76
" Contingent Fund (10 per ct.).....	231 20
Total.....	\$2,311 96

CONTINGENT FUND.

Paid S. P. Rounds, printing.....	\$434 00
" sundry expenses for Secretary's blanks, postage, &c., and Treasurer's expenses for books, printing, post office and revenue stamps, stationery, &c.....	122 50
Total.....	\$456 50

MISSIONARY FUND.

Paid stipends.....	\$1,261 87
" of 1863-4, by aid of Missionary Deficiency Fund.....	84 60
Total.....	\$1,346 47

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Leaving amount of funds on hand as follows:

From Contingent Fund.....	\$56 86
“ Missionary “	73 77
Total.....	\$130 63

Quite a large number of the Parishes upon the list are in arrears for more than one year. Some of them can probably never pay the amounts now standing against them. To continue to assess them seems useless, and also always falsifies the apparent financial strength of the Diocese. Some action would appear proper in this respect, in either remitting their assessments and starting with a clean sheet from this date, or in striking the names of such delinquent Parishes from the assessment roll. A subjoined list shows the amounts remaining due upon last of their assessments.

A very large number of the Parishes are exceedingly lax (as shown heretofore) in making the quarterly collections in aid of the Diocesan Fund, in many cases procrastinating until the opening of Convention before making any payments for the year then preceding. The consequence of such action is alike unfavorable to the Parish and the Diocese; to the former, in imposing at last the burden of paying the whole assessment at once, when, with much greater ease, it could be made in installments of one-fourth each, at intervals of three months. Upon the part of the Diocese, the salary of the Bishop is never more than one-fourth or one-third paid until in the fortnight preceding the Convention; and the Contingent Fund (being dependent upon payment of the assessment) is also without the power to meet any of the calls upon it for the common expenses of the Diocese. It has thus become a matter of delicacy for an honest man to procure the necessary material and labor for the absolute requirements of the same. The subjoined list shows the payments upon the Diocesan Fund, and the amounts remaining due upon the same.

The attention of Convention is again earnestly called to the amount of unpaid Missionary stipends—the deficit for this year being \$778.13, or a little more than 33½ per cent. of the appropriation. Last year, owing to the special effort inaugurated at the Convention, the deficiency was reduced to \$212.40; for the year 1862–3, to about 220.

The Missionaries all have small stipends and small salaries, and, as a whole, doubtless need the full payments, and that with scrupulous exactness as to time. Putting the matter upon no higher grounds, the best interests of the Diocese demand an exact fulfillment in this branch of expenditure; else at no distant day our broad missionary field may be

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wholly without earnest and honest workers, and this very important branch of Church extension become wholly neglected.

The policy of shielding ourselves behind the legal liability should never be resorted to, except in case of inability to pay. That can hardly be pleaded in a Diocese embracing upwards of 14,000 Church attendants, with an appropriation but little exceeding \$2,000 per annum. Inattention to the requirements of the Canon and of an honest discharge of duty, it would seem, must now, rather than inability, be the plea made to our unpaid Missionaries.

The whole question of finances and the financial policy of the Diocese is respectfully and earnestly recommended to the careful attention of the Convention.

The floating debt now due from the Diocese, and demanding provision at this time, is as follows:

Unpaid stipends (if the Convention so please) for current year.	\$778	13
S. P. Rounds, balance printing Journal, etc.....	369	17
Assessors, &c., in Hager trial.....	158	90
Balance appropriation due H. J. Whitehouse on interest acct. to 1st July, 1865.....	694	26
Amount due to expenses of General Convention, say.....	160	00
	<u>\$2,160</u>	<u>46</u>
Estimate of printing Journal of present Convention.....	450	00
		<u>\$2,610 46</u>
Without Missionary stipends (\$1,832 33) the amount of funds are—		
Balance Contingent Fund.....	\$50	86
“ Missionary “	73	77
	<u>\$130</u>	<u>63</u>
		<u>\$2,479 83</u>

The full statement, including the funded debt, is as follows:

Floating debt as above.....	\$2,479	83
Funded debt due 1st Sept., 1865.....	7,232	14
Total.....	<u>\$9,711</u>	<u>97</u>

ASSETS.

Cash in hand, as above.....	\$130	63
“ from Endowment Fund.....	2,447	10
	<u>2,577</u>	<u>73</u>
	<u>\$7,134</u>	<u>24</u>

GEORGE P. LEE,
Treasurer of Convention.

Amounts Received from Parishes.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM THE SEVERAL PARISHES.

Church.	Name.	Assessm't.	Mission'ry	Special Assess-ment.	Mission-ary Defi-ciency.
St John's.....	Albion	\$20 00	.....	.....	.....
"	Algonquin.....	10 00	\$8 90	\$2 00	\$1 22
St. Paul's.....	Alton .....	.....	2 60	.....	.....
Atonement	Bement	10 00	6 37	.....	.....
Zion	Brimfield.....	8 00	.....	60	.....
Trinity.....	Belvidere.....	20 00	3 30	.....	.....
Christ.....	Chicago.....	60 00	7 35	10 00	.....
St. James'.....	"	324 00	230 00	22 00	.....
St. Ansgarius'.....	"	23 60	17 02	.....	.....
Grace	"	164 00	77 32	30 00	.....
Trinity.....	"	150 00	118 03	28 20	30 00
St. John's	"	122 00	57 91	.....	.....
Holy Commun'n	"	30 00	.....	5 00	.....
St. Mark's	Chester	31 00	35 00	6 20	80
Redeemer	Cairo	30 00	.....	.....	.....
St Peter's.....	Chesterfield	12 00	.....	1 80	1 00
St. Paul's.....	Carlinville .....	.....	17 05	.....	1 50
St. John's.....	Decatur	46 00	36 40	7 00	.....
St. Luke's	Dixon .....	.....	15 95	.....	.....
Calvary	Farmington	29 00	29 05	6 20	.....
St. Andrew's.....	Farm Ridge	33 00	5 00	8 00	.....
Zion	Freeport	56 00	.....	9 60	.....
Grace	Galesburgh.....	27 00	.....	.....	.....
"	Galena	67 00	28 20	12 80	.....
St. John's	Gillespie .....	.....	11 40	.....	.....
Trinity.....	Jacksonville.....	68 00	48 00	13 40	7 00
Christ.....	Joliet	34 00	10 75	12 00	.....
St. John's	Kewanee	30 00	.....	6 00	.....
St. Paul's.....	Kankakee	17 00	12 18	.....	.....
Christ.....	Limestone.....	25 00	21 65	6 30	.....
St. John's.....	Lockport	22 61	5 80	3 20	10 50
St. James'	Lewistown	12 00	5 00	3 00	.....
St. Paul's.....	Lee Centre	8 00	10 75	3 80	.....
"	Manhattan	11 50	10 00	.....	.....
St. Thomas'.....	Morris	2 75	3 25	.....	.....
Christ.....	Ottawa	60 00	76 40	13 00	.....
St. Paul's.....	Peru	25 00	24 39	3 20	4 30
"	Peoria	98 00	141 87	19 00	.....
Trinity.....	Polo	24 00	.....	5 60	.....
The Redeemers'	Princeton	12 00	.....	.....	.....
St. John's.....	Quincy.....	163 00	25 00	27 00	.....
Emmanuel	Rockford.....	40 00	5 00	12 00	.....
Christ.....	Robin's Nest.....	30 00	15 00	6 00	15 00
Trinity.....	Rock Island.....	30 50	26 50	4 20	.....

Amounts Received from Parishes—Continued

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM THE PARISHES—CONTINUED.

Church.	Name.	Assessm't.	Mission'ry	Special Assess-ment.	Mission-ary Defi-ciency.
Christ.....	Rushville .....	.....	\$5 40	.....	.....
St. Paul's.....	Springfield	\$151 00	60 70	\$ 28 40	.....
St. Peter's.....	Sycamore.....	26 00	.....	.....	.....
St. Jude's.....	Tiskilwa	15 00	.....	3 00	.....
"	Clay City .....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Redeemer	Wilmington	25 00	3 00	4 20	\$2 10
Christ.....	Waukegan	65 00	16 00	13 00	.....
St. Paul's.....	Warsaw.....	44 00	.....	4 40	.....
Miscellaneous.....	.....	.....	55 20	.....	.....
Aurora	Trinity.....	.....	.....	8 00	95
St. Stephen's	Chicago.....	.....	.....	2 80	.....
Total .....	.....	\$2,311 96	\$1,333 60	\$350 91	\$84 60

Treasurer's Account with Convention.

*GEORGE P. LEE, *Treasurer, in Account with the Convention.*

1865.	DR.		
Sept. 1.—For amount of cash in hand, Sept. 1, 1864,			
as balance of Missionary Fund.....			\$2. 05
For " Contingent Fund.....			31. 25
For Cash from the following named Par-			
ishes, for assessment of 1862-3.....		\$1 00	
" " 1863-4.....		41 50	
" " 1864-5.....	2,269 46		2,311 96
For cash for special assessment of 1864....			350 90
" for Missionary Deficiency Fund..			84 60
" for General Missionary Fund....			1,333 59
Total.....			\$4,114 36

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Sept. 1.—By paid sundries as per receipts and vouchers this day presented, as follows:			
Paid Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D.,			
L.L.D., on account of Episcopal salary,			
and in full for 1864-5.....			\$2,000 00
Paid do on ac't of interest on bonded debt			80 76
By Missionary stipends, in part, as follows:			
Rev. Peter Arvedson.....	130 00		
" James W. Coe	97 50		
" John Benson.....	97 50		
" Geo. C. Street	97 50		
" Robert Trewartha	97 50		
" James McGowan.....	97 50		
" Wm. M. Steel	97 50		
" Matthew Magill.....	97 50		
" Caleb A. Bruce.....	97 50		
" John B. M. Pedelupe	97 50		
" Wm. Reynolds, D. D	97 50		
" Wm. Greene	67 50		
" Alpheus Spor.....	40 62		
" John Portmess.....	48 70	1,261 87	
Paid Missionary stipends in part for 1863-4:			
Rev. Robert Trewartha.....	7 69		
" James W. Coe	7 69		
" Wm. Brittain.....	7 69		
" John Benson.....	7 69		
" Samuel Goodale.....	7 69		
" J. W. McCullough, D. D.....	5 13		
" John Cauch.....	5 13		
" John B. M. Pedelupe.....	7 69		
" Jacob Bredberg.....	10 26		
" Geo. C. Street.....	7 69		
" M. Magill.....	7 69		
" James McGowan.....	2 56	84 60	

*The Treasurer's Report bears date of the 1st September.

Treasurer's Account with Convention—Continued.

Sept. 1—Paid S. P. Rounds on account of Printing Journals of 1863--4 and 1864--5.....		434 00
Paid do. printing (errors in Journal).....	4 25	
Paid Dunlap, Sewell & Spaulding for books and printing	66 50	
Paid Rev. C. A. Gilbert, Secretary of Convention, for printing certificates.....	12 00	
Posting Journals, &c.....	14 00	
Paid Stationery.....	14 50	
Paid P. O. and Revenue Stamps.....	11 25	51 76
Cash in hand to balance.....		130 63
		<u>\$4,114 36</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Endowment Fund Committee of the Diocese of Illinois respectfully report as follows:

That immediately after their appointment, at the last annual convention, they commenced their labors in preparing for the details of this plan.

The very nature of the enterprise, comprising as it does, the reaching forth for a great number of small sums, from a great number of persons, necessitated the carrying out of the system into its minute details. The end sought to be attained was a plan so amplified that it might win its way and reach to every person (adult and child) in every Parish in the Diocese—and yet so simple that it might not lay too great a burden upon its friends and workers. Believing, earnestly, that an actual weekly offering of five cents by each subscriber was the only key to great success in the enterprise, the committee studiously made their blanks and books point in this direction. The work was one of some magnitude, and demanded and received much attention from the committee; but, with all the progress they could make, the details were not sufficiently adjusted so as to present the scheme to the Churchmen of the Diocese until the second Sunday in November last, upon which day, all the Parish clergy in the Diocese were invited to present the subject to their respective congregations. This, the committee believe, was generally done—exceptional cases, of course, there were, but, so far as we know, except in very few instances, the delay was unavoidable, and was made as brief as possible.

The committee entered upon their work with a full consciousness, that their labors were much amplified by reason of the haste with which the measure was hurried through the last Convention. The scheme needs reflection and careful examination, with some following up of the rapid aggregation of many small sums before its magnitude is apparent. The want of time, in this report, dwarfed the project in the minds of the members of that Convention, and hence, confidence, hope and consequent energetic action were the fruit of much time and labor.

The attention of the Clergy and laity was claimed by the committee in various circulars, for the purpose above named,

and also by an extended correspondence; but they have ever regretted that so much of this labor was put upon them, conscious that they were thus working at a great disadvantage.

The committee organized the 22d of September, 1864, by the election of Geo. R. Chittenden, President, and Samuel Gehr, Secretary; they have held semi-monthly meetings during the year. On the 2d of January, 1865, after mature deliberation and consultation with friends of the movement, they ordered manufactured in Connecticut one thousand Endowment Fund boxes for distribution among families in furtherance of inducing and perpetuating the feature of an *actual weekly giving*.

Feeling the inadequacy of correspondence in reaching the individuals, upon whose action the scheme must depend, and after much delay by reason of connection with the army, on the 10th of April last, the committee effected an engagement with the Rev. Samuel Chase, D.D., and availed themselves of his services to visit the different Parishes in the Diocese, to prominently introduce the movement and to actually organize the same. The result in these cases has been very gratifying, though so late in the year that its benefits are not so apparent in the present as, we think, they will be in preceding years.

Thirty-five Parishes have joined in the movement, though many of them at a very late date.

The record shows a success wherever the plan has been heartily tried, and more money raised than could, probably, have been in any other way.

The failing, however, is general in the practical working of the plan, the payments being either deferred or anticipated for a quarter of a year. In this case, to many it only becomes one more Church tax, while the charm of the weekly offering is that no one feels it a burden. Hence, all can join, even the parent or the little child, and so there results a great aggregate without a regret or hardly a self-denial.

The receipts to the fund have been, as follows:

Three thousand, four hundred and thirty-three dollars and seven cents, from the following Parishes:

St. Luke's Dixon.....	\$ 44 75
St. Ansgarius', Chicago.....	21 65
St. John's, Chicago.....	339 25
Redeemer, Wilmington.....	59 85
Trinity, Shelbyville.....	76 40
Trinity, Chicago.....	529 25
Grace, Galena.....	12 40
St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge.....	44 60
Christ, Ottawa.....	104 25
Emmanuel, Rockford.....	14 00

Report of Endowment Fund Committee—Continued.

Grace, Chicago.....	\$264 10
St. Paul's, Peru.....	20 80
St. Paul's, Springfield.....	171 25
St. Mark's, Geneva.....	14 10
Christ, Waukegan.....	76 05
St. James', Lewistown.....	3 25
Christ, Limestone.....	96 85
Cathedral, Chicago.....	410 00
St. Jude's, Tiskilwa, (personal).....	2 60
St. James', Chicago.....	439 60
St. Mark's, Chester.....	29 00
Trinity, Jacksonville.....	129 25
St. Thomas', Amboy.....	36 40
The Redeemer's, Cairo.....	79 90
St. James', Dundee.....	29 60
St. John's, Allgonquin.....	26 00
Ascension, Chicago.....	140 77
Zion, Brimfield, (personal).....	2 60
Christ, Chicago.....	25 05
Christ, Robin's Nest.....	58 00
St. Peter's, Chesterfield.....	5 20
St. Paul's, Carlinville, (personal).....	2 60
Holy Communion, Chicago.....	13 00
St. Paul's, Lee Centre.....	5 00
St. Luke's, Wyoming.....	9 10
St. John's, Kewanee.....	5 20
Calvary, Farmington.....	33 80
Various personal subscriptions detached from Parishes.....	80 20
Received for sale of boxes.....	14 00
Total.....	<u>\$3,533 07</u>

Thirty-five Parishes in all, of which many commenced late in the year, and have made but one quarter's payment.

The expenses have, of course, been relatively heavy, having to provide books and blanks for seventy-seven Parishes, and which have all, with one exception, been retained to be used in the service during the next year, as we hope.

Expenditures are as follows:

1864.	
Nov. 21. Paid Tribune Co., for circulars and cards used at the last Convention.....	\$17 00
1865.	
Jan. 19. Paid Dunlap, Sewell & Spaulding, for Treasurer's book and bills.....	43 50
Discount on drafts.....	20
May 15. Paid Culver, Page & Hoyne, bill of books for Parish Treasurers, and printing since September 14.....	313 00
Paid Barnum & Bro., for 1000 Endowment Boxes.....	500 00
Paid freight on the same.....	2 35
	<u>\$876 05</u>
Leaving balance of.....	\$2,657 02

Report of Endowment Fund Committee—Continued.

Due Rev. Dr. Chase, for expenses.....	\$76 60	
“ “ “ services.....	33 32	
		\$209 92
Net balance.....		<u>\$2,447 10</u>

The largest item of boxes will, in a greater or less degree, be repaid. This amount will depend upon the liberality of the Churchmen to whom sent; but considerable returns are expected therefrom.

There need be no more printing done for a long time, as the books already distributed will last for five years.

The committee acknowledge, with gratitude, the favors of *printing* the Parish Treasurer's books free of charge, the expense being upon stock and binding; the free transportation by Merchant's Dispatch, from Albany to Chicago, of 500 boxes; the free use of American and United States Express Companies, transported from Chicago to all parts of the Diocese of boxes, books, packages, &c.; the gift of a draft book, and of a card for papers, &c., at the Church Guild Hall.

They also gratefully acknowledge the gratuitous service performed by the Parish Treasurers throughout the Diocese, upon some of whom, quite an amount of care and patient toil has been imposed.

The committee recommend this whole plan to the Convention for its full examination and elaboration, as a means, at no distant day, for the receipts of all Church funds.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

GEO. R. CHITTENDEN, *Chairman.*

Secretary's Account with Convention—Statistics of Diocese.

CHAS. A. GILBERT, *Secretary, in account with the Convention.*

Dr. Cr.

1864.			
Sept. 15	To Balance on hand.....	\$ 3 57	-----
Oct. 22	To Cash, from Treasurer.....	12 00	-----
1865.			
Aug. 1	To Cash, from Treasurer.....	14 00	-----
1864.			
Oct. —	Mailing Bishop's Address.....	-----	\$ 1 18
Nov. 11	Express Charges on Journals.....	-----	1 20
	Wrapping paper.....	-----	1 90
	Postage on Journals.....	-----	8 53
1865.			
Aug. 1	Printing Blank Forms.....	-----	10 00
	Envelopes for the same.....	-----	1 00
	Postage.....	-----	3 69
Sept. 11	Stationery for Convention.....	-----	1 00
	Balance.....	-----	1 07
		\$29 57	\$29 57

The following table is given to show, at one view, the condition of the Church in the Diocese of Illinois for each period of five years, from the organization of the Diocese to the present time:

	1835	1840	1845	1850	1855	1860	1865
Number of Clergy.....	5	13	26	30	41	57	89
Number of Parishes.....	6	18	27	50	54	65	96
Number of Communicants.....	28	267	730	1336	1821	3070	3854

CANON VIII.

OF PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION AND INCORPORATIONS.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any number of persons not less than twelve, males of full age, friendly to the Episcopal Church, and desirous of concentrating their endeavors, to associate and organize themselves as a Parish in the following manner:

I. Notice shall first be given to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee, of the intention thus to associate and organize. Said notice shall be in writing, and contain such information in the premises, as may enable the Bishop to judge of the propriety of the act, which paper shall be signed by the persons respectively, who propose to organize. If the Bishop approve of the proposed organization, he shall give a written certificate to that effect, which approval shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Convention with the other papers, and the approval of the Bishop of the organization be essential for the admission of the Parish into union with the Convention. The notice to the Bishop shall contain the following Article: "We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply sensible of the truth of the Christian Religion, and earnestly desirous of promoting its holy influences in our own hearts, and in those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of ———, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Diocese of Illinois, the authority of whose Constitution and Canons we do hereby recognize, and to whose Liturgy and mode of Worship and Discipline we promise conformity."

On the approval by the Bishop, or in the event of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the President of the Standing Committee, of the proposed organization the proceedings shall be as follows:

1. Notice shall be given, on some occasion of public Morning Service, at least two weeks previous to the time of meeting, that the persons belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, or desirous of uniting with the same, will meet at a time and place specified, for the purpose of incorporating themselves, adopting a constitution for the Parish, and electing the requisite number of wardens and vestrymen. This notice shall be given by the clergyman, if there be one, and if not, by some neighboring clergyman, invited to hold service, and give the notice, and also preside on the occasion of the meeting for organization.

2. At the time of the meeting, the clergyman, as aforesaid, shall preside; a Secretary shall be appointed; a book provided for the minutes, in which should be first entered the names of the persons who attend, and are qualified to vote, and a record made of all papers and action, previously had, in reference to the association and organization.

3. A Constitution for the Parish shall then be adopted according to the prescribed form :

See "CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS," p. 23.

4. All the provisions of the statute for religious incorporations of the State of Illinois, and of any Canon of the General Convention, shall be strictly followed and observed, and all the acknowledgments or record, thereby required, be duly made, and the whole proceedings of the meeting be certified by its presiding officer and Secretary.

5. The application for admission into union with the Convention of the Diocese shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention at least one month before the meeting of the annual Convention, which application shall be accompanied with a copy of the minutes duly certified, and of all the other papers, the certificate of the Bishop, approving of the organization, and the proof of record or other acts required by the statute. Provided, however, that such Parish shall have at least six communicants to entitle it to representation in the Convention.

DIRECTIONS.

PRELIMINARY.

1. For Parochial Association there must be at least twelve persons of full age friendly to the Episcopal Church. Sec. 1.

NOTICE TO THE BISHOP AND APPROVAL.

1. Notice must be first given to the Bishop of the intention thus to associate.

2. The notice to the Bishop must contain the Article beginning—"We, whose names"—to—"promise conformity."

3. This notice in writing must "contain such information in the premises as may enable the Bishop to judge of the propriety of the act."

4. The Bishop, if he approves, will then give a written Certificate to that effect, and this Certificate is initiatory and fundamental for the admission of the Parish into union with the Convention.

PROCEEDINGS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE BISHOP'S APPROVAL.

1. Notice on some occasion of public morning service at least two weeks previous, in the words and tenor of subsection 1.

2. Notice must be by a Clergyman.

3. The same Clergyman must preside at the meeting for organization.

THE MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION.

1. Clergyman, as aforesaid, must preside.

2. Secretary be appointed.

3. A Book provided for the Minutes.

4. The entry first made of all persons who attend and are qualified to vote.

Meeting for Organization, continued—Application for Union with the Diocesan Convention.

5. A record must be made in order of all Papers and action previously held. This will include, necessarily:

1. The notice to the Bishop.
2. His approval.
3. The papers or action collateral.

6. A Constitution for the Parish must be there adopted as prescribed in form in Canon VIII, p. 23, of the Diocese of Illinois.

7. Steps must be taken to incorporate legally under "the Statute for religious Incorporation of the State." Also, of any Canon of the General Convention. Those having reference might be, Tit. I, Canon 12, § VI, [2]. Tit. III, Canon 5, § 5, I, II.

All acknowledgments and record must be duly made.

8. Proceedings of meeting certified by the Presiding Officer and Secretary.

APPLICATION FOR UNION WITH THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

1. Application must be forwarded to the Secretary at least one month before the Annual Convention.

2. Accompanied by a copy of minutes duly certified.

3. All other Papers embraced, viz:

1. Notice to the Bishop.
2. Certificate from Bishop.
3. Proof of public notice and its due form.
4. The minutes of meeting.
5. The Constitution as prescribed.
6. Proof of legal incorporation, of acknowledgment and record.
7. Certificate that Parish contains at least six communicants.

If the minutes have been fully and properly kept, and papers transcribed in order, the above will require little more than the certified copy of the minutes themselves.

DECLARATION

Of the Bishop and Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, on the melancholy death of our Chief Magistrate, the President of the United States.

WHEREAS, in the dispensation of Providence, infinite in wisdom, tender in love and working all things after the counsel of His own will, our venerated Chief Magistrate has been taken away by the violence of a wicked man, and the whole nation mourns the dark and terrible calamity:

We, the Ministers of God, in our behalf and that of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, desire hereby to give utterance to our humiliation, under the solemn discipline of the Lord: our fellowship with the stricken nation, our solicitude for those in authority under their heavy burdens, our humbling anxiety in this crisis of our national life, and our respectful sympathy with the bereaved family which laments the irreparable loss of a husband and father.

We acknowledge the goodness through which, notwithstanding the shock so foreboding to our social polity, the evil was restrained from extremeness, our Government preserved from disorder, our people from confusion, and the administration has been settled in order, tranquility and strength.

We shall not cease, in public and in private, to offer our humble prayers and intercession, that the awful trial may work "the peaceable fruits of righteousness," and through the Holy Spirit, making us to will and to do those things which are good, that all may tend to advance and hasten the

Declaration, continued.

restoration of union, peace and love over our whole land to the glory of God's name and the blessing of His chosen people.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, April 19, 1865.

Henry J. Whitehouse,
Bishop of the Diocese
of Illinois.
H. W. Beers.
T. N. Benedict.
John Benson.
Hiram N. Bishop.
Jacob Bredberg.
Samuel Chase.
Chas. E. Cheney.
C. P. Clarke.
R. H. Clarkson.
L. P. Clover.
James W. Coe.
W. H. Cooper.
Sidney Corbet.
Erastus De Wolf.
D. W. Dresser.
John Foster.
Benjamin R. Gifford.
C. A. Gilbert.
Samuel Goodale.
Wm. Green.
Jonas Greene.
E. W. Hager.
H. T. Hiester.
Peter Arvedson.

John Cauch.
B. Hutchins.
Geo. H. Jenks.
S. Russell Jones.
Clinton Locke.
Thomas Lyle.
J. W. McCullough.
M. Magill.
Wm. Mitchell.
F. B. Nash.
J. Wesley Osborne.
Roswell Park.
J. B. Pedelupe.
Wm. M. Reynolds.
Warren H. Roberts.
Thomas Smith.
Wm. T. Smithett.
Wm. M. Steel.
G. C. Street.
Oscar B. Thayer.
Silas Totten.
Robert Trewartha.
E. B. Tuttle.
S. R. Weldon.
J. A. Woodward.
James S. McGowan.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The following portions of the Clerical, Missionary and Parochial Reports are published by the direction of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The various statistics contained in them have been carried out in the Tabular Statement. Additional facts throwing light on the condition of the Parish, or the duties performed by Clergymen without cure, are given here in full.

Whole number of Reports.....	92
From Clergymen without cure.....	11
From Parishes.....	81

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The comparative inspection of the Table of this year and of the last, will give the following results :

	1864.		1865.
<i>Baptisms</i> —Infants.....	754	.....	979
Adults.....	119	.....	203
Total.....	873	.....	1,182
<i>Communicants</i> —Admitted.....	239	.....	442
Received.....	265	.....	304
Removed.....	338	.....	313
Died.....	61	.....	61
Whole number....	3,632	.....	3,854
<i>Marriages</i>	238	.....	256
<i>Burials</i>	544	.....	465
<i>Confirmations</i>	327	.....	585
<i>Sunday Schools</i> —Teachers.....	615	.....	593
Scholars.....	4,695	.....	4,309
Contributions, whole amount.....	\$121,235	.....	\$131,332.02

St. John's Church, Algonquin, Rev. Peter Arvedson, Missionary.

Our little Church building will be finished in three or at most four weeks ; it will cost about \$2,500. We were fortunate to secure in the enterprise the services of Henry White, Esq., to whom the Parish is much indebted for the thorough and workmanlike manner in which the work has been done. Besides officiating, as by statistical report, at Algonquin and

 Alton—Amboy.

Dundee, the Missionary has baptised eleven children, and held services and preached on week day evenings once in every four weeks at a country school house, eight miles distance from his residence. Although there are in the neighborhood but three families connected with the Church, and no permanent organization can be reasonably looked for, nor pecuniary compensation expected, yet, as the attendance has in every instance been good, he feels it his duty as well as privilege thus to continue sowing the good seed. He also intends to open services and preach on week day evenings once in four weeks in the village of Crystallake, four miles from his home; he regrets deeply that no candidates for confirmation have been presented, and no communicants added. The Parish will be in arrears on their Church building enterprise about \$700, which must be borrowed and mortgage on the Church given to secure it, in order to pay up the workmen. If some persons, having the ability, would consider us worthy of their aid, and enable us to pay this debt and have this first house of worship in the village consecrated to the service of Almighty God, according to our Apostolic and beautiful order, a permanent foundation would then, we trust, be laid for a work redounding to the glory of God and instrumental in the salvation of souls.

St. Paul's Church, Alton, Rev. J. W. McCullough, D.D., Rector.

Within the conventional year a debt of \$6,285, most of it long standing, has been liquidated; and, with the exception of a few hundred dollars, the Church is now free from debt. In this respect the Parish is now in a much better state than it has been for many years.

It is due to S. R. Dolbee, Senior Warden, to state that he has generously cancelled a debt long due to himself of upwards of \$1,600. This is not included in the above liquidated debt of \$6,285.

At the present time arrangements are being made and nearly completed for repairing the Church edifice and improving its surroundings at an expense of \$600 or \$700. Of this sum upwards of \$300 are the proceeds of a "Ladies' Entertainment." The balance has been or is to be raised by special subscription. The work is to be commenced at once.

St. Thomas' Church, Amboy. . . . Rev. R. Trewartha, Minister.

This Parish is without a Church building. The parishioners attend for the present St. Paul's, Lee Centre. However, by

the blessing of God, they hope, ere long, to have a Church of their own.

Christ Church, Arcola Rev. J. W. Osborne, Missionary.

I have visited the Parish, but the Wardens and Vestry say they cannot make any provision for the support of the service.

St. John's Church, Aurora, Rev. J. Harris Knowles, Minister.

The field is large and of much promise. The growing importance of Aurora demands a more centrally located building. Could such be had, the interest of many in the Church would be revived; and others, favorably disposed to our Communion, would gladly avail themselves of the increased facilities thus afforded.

Trinity Church, Belvidere W. H. Cooper, Rector.

My Parochial report embraces the period from Jan. 1, 1865, when, after having officiated occasionally since November, I assumed formal charge of the Parish as Rector. The list of Families and of Communicants has been carefully revised, and none reported but such as are in actual attendance upon the Church and Sacraments. The congregation at Shattuck's Grove has been included in the foregoing statistics.

Towards the close of last year the present Rector found the Parish almost "demoralized," or rather discouraged by repeated failures, and the pressure of a heavy debt. Feeling, however, that the Parish *ought not* to become extinct; and that the fine Church edifice *could* and *should* be saved to our Communion, he, at great pecuniary risk, accepted a call to the Rectorship asking for his support only the weekly offertory, and an annual "donation," stipulating also the immediate extinction of the Church debt of \$1,400. This was soon paid off, so that we now own a corporate property worth, probably, not less than \$4,000; and the offertory is working so admirably, as to the mode of collection, that the writer would not willingly substitute it by any other. The Parish is poor, however, and cannot do what it would wish to do. Much ground has been lost which it will require time, faith, energy, and perseverance to recover.

Bement—Bloomington.

We need a Chapel at Shattuck's Grove, and another in South Belvidere. At both points the field is white to the harvest. In order to growth we must have the buildings; but I cannot ask my people, so soon after the sacrifice they have just made, to provide them. \$140 have still to be provided for an Organ Harmonium, and the Parish Church needs fencing, painting and refitting. We are also striving to do somewhat for outside objects, and in fulfilment of canonical requirements.

Church of the Atonement, Bement, Rev. J. W. Osborne, Rector.

The Parish is in a very fine condition; the congregation is on the increase; the people are very liberal, and in earnest in the Church work, and all we want is a Church building to become self-supporting.

St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington, Rev. Henry Woods, Rector.

Owing to the long vacancy, combined with other causes, the present Rector found the Parish at the time of his beginning his duties, at very low ebb. It had no property—not even a place of worship—and some friends of the Church feared that this field would have to be abandoned. But with the divine blessing, on about ten months of arduous and earnest labor, the Parish now owns a Church edifice and a comfortable rectory. We are preparing also for the reception of an organ, which is nearly finished, and will cost \$2,000. Our prosperity in the material temple has been encouraging. We trust also that in spiritual things we have not been stationary. The additions to the Church, though not very numerous, have been of those who display great earnestness, and a high tone of Christian sentiment. The earnest hope and prayer of the Rector is, that the good work will grow rapidly as time advances. That the Lord will more abundantly bless his labors, and that with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, with the preaching of the gospel in the Church, and the exercise of earnest pastoral care, there may be a large in-gathering of souls into the fold of Christ. It may be observed that we have given nothing to missions outside of the Parish this year. But when it is remembered how much had to be done to put our Church in working order, and that this was essentially a missionary field, this will cause little surprise.

Zion Church, Brimfield, . . William W. Church, Senior Warden.

We have had no services since Dr. Chase left, November, 1862, till last Sabbath, August 27, when Rev. Mr. Chamberlain preached for us, and has kindly agreed to give us a service every two weeks. So we thank God and take courage.

Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, Rev. Thomas Lyle, Rector.

On the 20th of November, 1864, our Church, finished and all paid for, was solemnly consecrated by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, greatly to the joy of the parishoners.

We have lost during the past year, by removals and death, some valued members; yet the Parish more than holds its own in numbers, and is constantly gaining in influence.

Several members in the congregation have lately joined in presenting to the Church a massive and beautiful stone font.

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

Of the \$1,724, reported under head of Parish Purposes, the largest part has been contributed toward the building of the Church, which is progressing slowly; but, we trust, rapidly enough to be ready for use by Christmas, in an unfinished state.

In this Parish, the same remarks will apply as in Chesterfield, in relation to "Catechetical Instruction;" but it is found exceedingly hard to keep up a Sunday School in cases where but very few take any interest in the matter, where the minister is absent every alternate Sunday.

St. John's Church, Centralia, . . Rev. J. W. Osborne, Missionary.

I have visited this place, but the few Episcopalians left, are not able to support the service. If we had a Church building of our own, the congregation would support a minister.

St. Mark's Church, Chester, . . Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M.D., Rector.

Through many discouragements within the past year, we have been sustained in the regular discharge of our minis-

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terial duty; and now another year ended. We brush away the tear, press down the misgiving of our own unprofitable service, and look out in new hope that the Saviour will bless us with greater success by His closer presence, and in our weakness become our strength.

The unsettled condition of the people is the great hindrance to Church growth. However, by divine grace and God's goodness to us as a Parish, every demand made upon us has been paid promptly, except foreign missions.

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

The number of families and of souls is taken from last year's report. The minister himself personally oversees the Sunday School, regularly questioning them and addressing them, when present; but otherwise, there is no "Public Catechetical Instruction."

Church of the Ascension, Chicago,..Rev. H. W. Beers, Rector.

This report covers a period dating from April 1, 1865, at which time the present Rector took charge of the Parish. The Rector is cheered in his labors by the co-operation of a people second to none in the American Church for liberality and zeal. The prospect seems promising.

SUPPLEMENTAL.

During the period extending from September, 1864, to April 1st, 1865 (not included in the foregoing statement), the congregation have contributed for general "Parish Purposes," about \$2,200.

Receipts from "Endowment Fund," \$140.21, and same paid to Diocesan Treasurer.

SAML. GEHR, *Sen. Warden.*

Church of the Atonement, Chicago, Rev. S. Russell Jones, Rector.

About the first of August I accepted the Rectorship of the Church of the Atonement, Chicago. A fine lot has been procured on the corner of Ilvrop and Adams streets, fronting on Jefferson Park. Arrangements have also been made for a Church building, and it is expected that services will shortly be resumed. In this connection I feel it my duty to add a

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record of my acts for the past conventional year. Until the first of January, 1865, I was the Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago. Having at that date resigned my connection with that Parish, I have assisted the Bishop in the Cathedral Services down to the present time.

Christ Church, Chicago,.....Rev. Charles H. Cheney, Rector.

The Parish seems flourishing in all respects.

During the past year we were compelled to have but one Sunday service each week, on account of the sale of our old Church edifice; hence the small number of Sunday services reported. The amount of offerings given does not include subscriptions to the new building, of which I have no sufficient data at hand.

Grace Church, Chicago,.....Rev. Clintock Locke, Rector.

Other Church Offerings include: Sanitary Commission, \$1,615; St. Luke's Hospital, \$1,381.94; Nashotah, \$94.00; Faribault, \$24.30; Church at Algonquin, \$37.00; St. Ansgarius' Church, \$10.00; Theol. Education, \$20; St. Stephen's, \$250. To these may be added, with justice, \$250, contributed by a generous parishoner toward the support of the Rector of St. Stephen's, and \$200 by another toward S. Marks, making a sum total of near \$4,000—a splendid contrast with the \$432 last year reported. The Parish has advanced very greatly in every way during the year. The Rector is also Chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital, where he has daily prayer, and a short service on Sundays, and has baptized there three adults, and eight children, and buried three persons.

Church of Holy Communion, Chicago..Rev. J. Gierlow, Rector.

The present Rector, having had charge of the Parish only since August, this report is necessarily imperfect; and yet it is as near correct, as might well be expected under the circumstances. The Parish has labored under many disadvantages; but, by the blessing of God, things do now seem to be working more prosperously.

St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago.....Rev. J. Bredberg, Rector.

Besides, as the statistics show, the Rector has officiated to

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a congregation at Neoga, 120 miles from this city, once in two months; but during the summer season he has been prevented, by severe sickness, from attending to his ministerial duties for six weeks, during which time the service in the Church has been sustained by lay-reading. Having in a great measure recovered, the Rector has renewed his duties, content to labor in Faith and patience, trusting to God to give the increase.

St. James' Church, Chicago. . . Rev. R. H. Clarkson, D.D., Rector.

Twenty thousand dollars of the sum (\$23,750) included under the head of Church Offerings, were contributed, I am happy to say, by a member of St. James' Church, for the endowment of a Professorship in a Church Institution.

St. John's Church, Chicago. . . . Rev. H. N. Bishop, D.D., Rector.

In the item, "Other Church Offerings," \$1100 was appropriated for a lot for the Parsonage; \$350 for St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago; \$152 for the Chicago Bible Society; \$300 for Ministerial Education, given chiefly by one member of the Parish, \$250 for enlargement of Sunday School Library; \$175 for a Monitor Organ for the Sunday School; \$350 for tokens of esteem to the Rector and his family, by the congregation; \$141 for Endowment of the Episcopate of Kansas; \$75 for the Diocese of Iowa; \$28 for Mission at Yankton, Dacotah Territory; \$500 for the Sanitary Fair, in goods and money; \$341.75 for the Endowment Fund of the Diocese—Total, \$9,522.75.

The demand for pews has made another enlargement of our Church building necessary. This work is now in progress, and when completed, which will be in a few days, we shall have additional accommodations for nearly 200 persons. The Rector acknowledges with gratitude, many substantial acts of kindness to himself and family from the beloved flock committed to his spiritual oversight.

The Rector's missionary duties have been chiefly confined to Harlem, about nine miles west of the city, where there are *three* zealous communicants of the Church, and where he has preached once in two weeks, Sunday afternoons, during the past year. There is a reasonable prospect that we shall have, in the course of the ensuing year, a Church building at Harlem and a vigorous, though not a numerous Parish.

Trinity Church, Chicago. . . Rev. Geo. D. Cummins, D.D., Rector.

The chief fact in the growth of this Parish during the past year is the purchase of a Mission Chapel on Monroe Street, where free services for the neighborhood are held each Sunday, and also a Mission Sunday school.

Clay City and Lawrenceville Mission: Rev. J. B. Saye, Missionary.

CLAY CITY, ST. PAUL'S (not organized).

Church Wardens—Charles Peshall, William W. Jones.

Families, 13; communicants, 12; total No. of souls, 64.

Baptisms—Infants, 1.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 13.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, \$5; Parish purposes, \$53.

LAWRENCEVILLE MISSION.

Families, 6; communicants, 13; total number of souls, 34; individuals not thus included, 6.

Baptisms—Infants, 1; marriages, 1; burials, 1.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 6; other days, 1.

Not included in the above report, I have celebrated Divine service in other localities, including several visits to Vincennes, and one to Evansville, Ind., 16 times.

The many Sundays, the past year, in which I have not celebrated Divine service has been owing to two causes: 1st Feeble health; and 2d, The difficulty in obtaining suitable houses in which to assemble the congregations desirous of having Church services.

Christ Church, Collinsville Rev. John Portmess, Minister.

The Parochial report is for 8 months, commencing in January of the present year, and does not include a small congregation in the city of Belleville, 12 miles distant, where I minister twice each month. There are in Belleville 18 persons who have been confirmed and entitled to receive the Holy Communion. Being only a Deacon, of course they have not had an opportunity to communicate.

A few ladies here built a beautiful little Chapel, with 100 sittings. It has not yet been dedicated. They have contributed, during the 8 months, \$134 for ministerial support, and \$5 for Diocesan fund. They are very anxious to secure the exclusive services of a clergyman.

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St. James' Church, Dundee. . . . Rev. Peter Arvedson, Minister.

The Parish was organized in September, A. D. 1864. The attendance upon the services has not been large, though tolerably regular, considering that most of the families connected with the Church live in the country, at a distance of from three to four miles.

The first payment on the Church has been made; the second and last, \$250, will be due the 1st of September, 1866, and is yet unpaid. The building requires some repairs, inside and out; our people are few and not very well off, but I think willing to do all they can. If the present Missionary, upon whom at present rests the whole responsibility of paying for the Church edifice, could be aided outside of the Parish to pay for it, the Parish would no doubt find the means to repair it; and the present Minister in charge, who also officiated at St. John's, Algonquin, would have cause to rejoice that, by God's blessing, he had been instrumental in laying a foundation for the Church in the place, upon which some more able minister of Jesus, by God's providence and blessing, may build a Spiritual temple of souls saved, to the glory of God.

Calvary Church, Farmington. . . . Rev. John Benson, Rector.

This Parish has lost by death and removal some of its most valued members. Several families have left for other places, so that our number is greatly reduced; yet those who remain do not purpose giving way under their discouragements, but rather to work and wait, in the strength of the Lord.

Though our lay reader, faithful for so many years, has left us, the Church is still kept open every Lord's day.

Grace Church, Galena. . . . Rev. Samuel Edson, Rector.

The Rev. Mr. Roberts resigned the charge of this Parish in February last, from which time the Church was left without the services of a clergyman until the present Rector took charge of the Parish, on the second Sunday in July last. This fact will explain the meagreness of the statistic report.

St. Mark's Church, Geneva, . . . Rev. George C. Street, Minister.

The state of this Parish is such that it only requires the faithful ministrations of a clergyman who can give his entire time to missionary work in this and the neighboring towns, to insure the speedy building up of a flourishing Parish.

St. John's Church, Gillespie, . . Rev. Thomas W. Mitchell, Rector.

The report of St. John's, Gillespie, embodies the material of Bunker Hill Station, where there is now a parochial organization under the name of Christ Church. In Gillespie a creditable and successful effort has been made to raise money for the payment of the beautiful little Church which was consecrated on the Bishop's last visit to the Parish. Since that time the Church has been tastefully painted, at a cost of \$350. A liberal-minded and generous lady, Mrs. Levin Dorsey, of Kentucky, has presented the Parish with an expensive and handsome silver communion service. The population of Gillespie is small, and much lukewarmness on the subject of religion is painfully manifest, yet the Church has here a good measure of moral and material strength. Its extension must be necessarily slow, yet I think it is sure.

In Bunker Hill there is considerable energy and zeal manifested. An effort, and I have no doubt a successful one, will be made to build a Church by the spring of the year. The Parish, however, has lately sustained heavy loss by war or removals, and has not been quite so harmonious in its working since its organization and the election of a Vestry.

Christ Church, Joliet, Rev. Charles A. Gilbert, Rector.

In almost every respect the history of the past year is full of encouragement. The Parish is steadily increasing in numbers and in strength. The Sunday and "week-day" services are well attended, while the average attendance at the Holy Communion is greater than one-half the number of communicants.

St. John's Church, Kewanee, . . Rev. Benjamin R. Gifford, Rector.

During the past year the Parish has completed the removal of its large indebtedness, put a new furnace into the Church, and procured a cottage organ for the improvement of the music.

The free pew system has been successfully tried. Most of the people are satisfied that, for this Parish at least, it is preferable to the pew rented system.

The Sunday School has been unusually prosperous, numbering from seventy-five to a hundred pupils, and under the superintendence of the same efficient layman who organized the school eight years ago, and who has had charge of it from that time to the present.

Several persons are awaiting confirmation who were prevented from being present to receive the rite at the recent visitation of the Bishop.

Many of the families who are more or less identified with the Church, live in the country, and during the year have had their children baptized.

I have held services several times in the neighboring village of Galva, and at the request of a number of persons I purpose visiting the place semi-monthly, and holding a week-day evening service. The prospect seems favorable for the permanent establishment of the Church there.

St. Paul's Church, Lee Center, Rev. Robert Trewartha, Minister.

It gives me much pleasure to state that an evidence of increased interest on the part of the Church and congregation has taken place in the temporal affairs of the Parish. The Lord has been with us and blessed us. Many have given themselves up to His blessed service. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

St. James' Church, Lewistown,.....Rev. A. Spor, Rector.

The parochial report is only from Easter, the Rector having entered upon his duties at that time. It embraces, however, the full amount of money raised for Parish purposes for the whole year.

During the year the Church edifice has been finished inside, and it was opened for the worship of Almighty God for the first time on the second Sunday after Easter. The future prospects of the Parish are bright, though for the present we labor under a heavy debt.

Besides my regular duties in this Parish, I have held service twice at Canton, a growing town of full 3,000 inhabitants, about sixteen miles north of Lewistown, on the line of the railroad, and also the same number of times at Cuba, a place of 500 inhabitants, seven miles northwest by stage route. All of these services, which have been held on week nights, have been well attended. At Canton there is a good prospect for building up the Church. There is, indeed, only one communicant who is really at the present time in communion with the Church, but there are several who have united with some of the sects in consequence of there being no

Church services to attend. Some of these are ready to come back to the fold as soon as permanent provision can be made for supplying them with the bread of life. With a clergyman on the ground, a larger congregation could, I think, be gathered than at Lewistown. Even if they could be supplied with partial Sunday services, much good could be done. I purpose giving them, with the consent of my Parish, an occasional Sunday service; but this, of course, cannot amount to much unless some arrangement can be made to have such services regular and frequent.

Christ Church, Limestone Prairie, . . . Rev. John Benson, Rector.

The attendance on the services of the Church is good. The Church has been open for service every Sunday, Mr. Clarke, the lay reader, reading service, and a sermon every other Sunday.

St. John's Church, Lockport, . . . Rev. Charles Gilbert, A. Rector.

The congregations are now so large that a new Church is a necessity. An effort is now being made to build, which, I hope, will prove successful.

St. Paul's Church, Manhattan . . . Rev. Samuel Cowell, Minister.

This Parish has the privilege of but one service a fortnight, but continues to grow in those graces, which, like living stones, will survive when all the things belonging to Time and Sense shall disappear. With the accession of new-comers to the neighborhood, the Church is gradually gaining strength, and though far from being a self-supporting Parish, as yet, many years, we trust, will not pass away ere it becomes all that its Christian friends and helpers shall desire.

Church of the Advent, Marengo . . . Rev. John Cauch, Minister.

The condition of this Parish, I regret to say, is very discouraging. Our membership has been somewhat reduced by removals and other causes; nevertheless, there are a few

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faithful members, whose attachment to the "Church" will not admit of their giving up her services, and who have endeavored to sustain them, but I fear it will be a long time before we recover our standing here as a "Church," especially as we have no place of our own in which to hold our services.

St. John's Church, Naperville: Rev. J. Harris Knowles, Minister.

Since the sitting of last Convention, the congregation of St. John's Naperville, have been happily enabled to complete their really tasteful, and in all respects, Church-like edifice. The building was consecrated to the service of Almighty God on April 24th, 1865, the entire cost, \$3,000, having been paid. A few articles of Church furniture, as a font, a lectern, chancel carpets, and matting for the aisle, still are lacking. It would be a graceful appreciation of the great effort made by the few Church people here to do so nobly what they have done, if some liberal Churchmen elsewhere would assist in procuring these necessary articles.

St. Paul's Church, Pekin.....Rev. W. M. Steel, Minister.

The congregation poor in pecuniary matters. Not able to pay more than what is promised to the minister. Cannot, by any means pay, at present, the Diocesan fund. Hope that Canon VI. will be repealed, otherwise, we have no expectation of ever being represented in Convention.

St. Paul's Church, Peoria.....Rev. W. H. Roberts, Rector.

The report embraces the time which has elapsed since Septuagesima Sunday, 1865, a period of seven months.

The Parish is in a prosperous condition. There is a Mission Sunday School in the city, under the general supervision of the Rector, and superintended by the energetic Senior Warden of the Church. This school numbers over three hundred and fifty children. The Church Catechism and Liturgical Worship are constantly taught.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.....Rev. John Foster.

The statistics of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, are given in the report. My other services have been in different parts

and places; ninety-six services and sermons, and ten celebrations of the Holy Communion, publicly on Sundays.

Trinity Church, Polo.....Rev. Geo. H. Jenks, late Rector.

I have the honor of furnishing herewith my report for the Convention year ending September 1st, 1865. In September last, I entered upon the charge of Trinity Church, Polo, where I continued as Rector until April last, being at that time obliged to relinquish my duties there on account of insufficient support for myself and family. Services were held regularly twice each Sunday, with few exceptions, and occasional week day services, the exact number I cannot give, as my journal is not by me.

Although obliged to board more than a mile from the Church and most of the congregation, I made during the seven months of my stay in Polo, over four hundred pastoral visits. I am unable here to give any definite parochial statistics. This will doubtless be furnished in the report of the Parish, as I left a statement with the officers of the Parish. Besides contributions to various objects, I collected \$34.00 for the Convention Fund for which the Parish Treasurer will doubtless report. Forty-three volumes of choice books were added to the Sunday School Library at a cost of \$30.00. The Church debt of about \$100.00 was entirely paid off just before I left. The ladies of the Parish, and a few enterprising members of the vestry deserve the chief credit for this good work.

Since my resignation, I have spent most of the time in Racine, Wisconsin, and it has been my endeavor, wherever I might be, to fulfill the duties of my calling by rendering assistance to brother clergy. Hoping soon to be able to devote all my energies to parochial work and duties, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

GEO. H. JENKS.

Racine, Wis., Sept. 1865.

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

The two adults reported as baptized, were baptized at Tiskilwa. The four confirmed, were confirmed also at Tiskilwa. I discontinued my regular appointments at Providence Church the eleventh of November. I see most of the members of the Church there often. The Church is much weakened by removals. The members left are much scattered. A number of

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the most influential ones live at such a distance from the place of meeting as to make the regular attendance impracticable. Matters seem to be tending to the breaking up of the separate Church organization at Providence, and to the connection of the active members of the Church there with the Church at Tiskilwa.

St. Mary's Church, Tuscola...Rev. J. W. Osborne, Missionary.

It has been utterly impossible to have service at this place for the want of some suitable hall, or room. We hope to get the use of the new Court House when finished.

St. Paul's Parish, QuincyRev. Sidney Corbett, Rector.

Inasmuch as I commenced my duties here on Easter last, I find it impossible to give the statistics for the entire year as I should like. Since I accepted the Rectorship of this Parish, I have been surrounded with warm hearts and willing hands. Amongst the many acts *cheerfully* performed by my people, was the paying off the old mortgage, enlarging the chancel to double its former capacity, re-furnishing the vestry room, adding new pews, re-carpeting the entire Church, and buying a Sunday School Library of six hundred volumes.

Our Church edifice needs to be enlarged, or else a new Parish should be organized. Our pew-rents are necessarily too high, and therefore many who have no religious home are prevented from casting in their lot with us. We have *twelve pews perpetually free for the poor*, but the very fact that they are designated as *free pews* (although upholstered like all the other seats) prevents the sensitive poor from regularly occupying them. If our Church edifice could double its present capacity, and the rent of all the pews be reduced, we should have more of the poor joining us in our prayers and praises.

St. Paul's Church, Peru.....Rev. M. Magill, Rector.

The condition of this Parish is rather more hopeful than it was last year, and the Rector is still laboring with a view to its growth and prosperity, in sure confidence that the Great head of the Church will approve and bless the labors of his weakest servant. We are gaining strength from our late

confirmation, several of whom are added to our Communion. We have lost some by death and removal, as well as by falling away.

The Bishop's last visit was timely and valuable; of ten persons confirmed then, seven have already become communicants. One has removed, and the other two live at a distance from this town, so as to render their attendance impossible on Sundays. I mention these facts because there are several here who were confirmed in former years, and who have not yet been found to come to the Lord's table, and, numerically, are of no avail to the strength of parochial statistics.

We have some true-hearted men and women in our congregation, who greatly help the Rector by their word and deeds. Our Church lot is fenced; our Vestry room erected (many thanks to kind clergymen and friends in Chicago who helped us in this work). We still have to labor to get a debt removed which was incurred in the erection of the Church, and when this shall be accomplished, hope to have the Bishop's services in the consecration of our "Beautiful house" to the service of God.

Emmanuel Church, Rockford.....Rev. W. T. Smithett, Rector.

Parish purposes—For liquidating old debt..	\$475 80
For Rector.....	105 00
Am. Church Miss. Society.....	5 00
S. Refugee Fund	12 00
Endowment "	14 00
S. S. Books and Periodicals.....	55 00

The figures of the report in the tabular statement best show the state of the Parish, and need no comments. The Rector has resigned the charge, to take place after Easter next. The Parish is now free of debt and in advance of its necessities, and should the same success attend the next incumbent, a new and larger Church, in the centre of the city, will be required, or the establishment of a second Parish, or Missionary Chapel, on the east side of the river.

Grace Church, Rock Island Co.....Rev. Geo. Sayres, Rector.

There has been but little change in the condition of the Parish. The usual services and visiting have been sedulously performed, though much interrupted by bad weather, which must account also for the number of Holy Communion not being so many as usual. The infant baptisms however are

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unusually numerous, 60 of them having occurred among the miners of Coal Valley, which adjoins this Parish, and may be considered a part of it. About 40 English families reside there at present, among whom I have held 16 services. They will help hereafter to maintain a minister in this Parish.

Christ Church, Rushville.....Rev. C. A. Bruce, Minister.

The state of the Parish is hopeful. Beside the above, I have officiated once at Beardstown; officiated at one funeral at Lewistown, and, in the absence of the Rector, at one marriage.

St. Thomas' Church, Salem...Rev. J. W. Osborne, Missionary.

There are a faithful few at this place who will do all they can to support the service occasionally.

St. Paul's Church, Springfield..Rev. W. F. B. Jackson, Rector.

The Rector regrets that the above report is not fuller. He has been in charge of the Parish but four months, and has no record of the late Rector's services, such as the number of times Divine service, Holy Communion, &c., have been celebrated, since last Convention. The Parish is at present in a very flourishing condition, and the old Church edifice will be enlarged, or a new one built. If the number of communicants should seem considerably smaller than when last reported to the Convention, it can be accounted for by the fact that, through some mistake, the number was then given larger than it really was.

St. Anne.....Rev. Charles Borromei Guillemont, Missionary.

I took charge of this Parish last May. Not finding any Register, I have had to make out my report from personal knowledge. The families occupying the Parish are poor and mostly farmers, who have been unfortunate with their crops for the last few years; they are, however, faithful and zealous, and will contribute more towards my support in time to come.

I think the prospects of increase in the Parish are favorable. Many of the colony are dissatisfied with the teachings

and practices to which they have been accustomed; and all that is needed is for them to become more familiar with our services to prefer them. I have been requested to hold services in Kankakee in French, and intend to do so every second Sunday. If we can find support, I think a good work can be done here and in Kankakee.

Trinity Church, Shelbyville.....Rev. J. B. Pedelupé, Rector.

The Church is progressing slowly, but I think surely. Our congregations are good, particularly those of Sunday evenings; and several are examining seriously the claims of the Church. May God direct their minds.

Besides my Parish duties, I have since my last report officiated twice at Hillsboro', then left it; they could not meet the expenses.

In the month of January, at the request of a gentleman of Edgewood, I visited that place and held Divine service. Since then I have held regular service once a month; given twice the Communion. How long they will continue to have services, I cannot tell; it depends on circumstances. This much I can say, the prospect is not promising, for the newcomers are mostly Germans, and the Church people but few and uncertain if they will remain in the place. I officiated also one Sunday in Mattoon. There also the prospect is poor; it may be better soon.

St. Peter's Church, Sycamore, Rev. Charles J. Hendley, Minister.

On the first Sunday after Trinity I held services and preached, by the Bishop's order, in St. Peter's Church of this place; and on the Wednesday and Thursday morning following, read service and lectured the class for Confirmation, which I presented to him to receive that rite Thursday evening.

Leaving Sycamore I proceeded to Quincy, Ill., and there, by permission of the Bishop, officiated for the Rev. Sydney Corbett, B.D., Rector of St. John's Parish, during his absence. While there I received a call to St. Peter's Church, Sycamore, which I accepted.

I commenced my duties here (in Sycamore) on the ninth Sunday after Trinity, since which time I have held services, with preaching, every Sunday morning and evening; and have also had morning service every Wednesday.

I am making an effort to have services at De Kalb, a town six miles distant from here, as there are some Church fami-

lies there. I hope to introduce the Church and feel somewhat hopeful of success.

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

There has been a great improvement in the condition and prospects of the Church in Tiskilwa during the last year. It has had a large accession to its communion and to its real strength. Arrangements have been made for the erection of a Church edifice, a lot having been secured and nearly \$3,000 in subscriptions and money raised for that purpose.

I discontinued holding regular services at Providence the first of last December; transferring then my appointments at Providence to Princeton. The removal of a number of the principal Church families from Providence at that time, and the contemplated removal of others, and difficulties in the way of securing a suitable place for public worship, seemed to make such an arrangement expedient. I visit the members of the Church at Providence still as often as practicable, and hope that most of them will ere long connect themselves with the Church here.

Four of those confirmed in Tiskilwa in the summer belonged to the Providence congregation, and one to Princeton.

St. Paul's Church, Warsaw.....Rev. W. M. Reynolds, Rector.

The Parochial report covers only *eleven* months, viz: from Oct. 1, 1864, to Sept. 1, 1865. The Parish was vacant over a year. One-third of my time has been given to Carthage, the county seat of this (Hancock) county, where we have had four Church families, with *seven* communicants and respectable attendance upon service; with the contribution of \$220 to my support. This county is an interesting field of missions for the Church.

Christ Church, Waukegan.....William Besley, Warden.

Rev. Charles H. Vandyne resigned the Rectorship in May of the present year, but services have been regularly held since that time.

Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, Rev. E. De Wolf late Rector.

The above report comprises about ten months, viz: from the Convention of 1864 to the first of July 1865. At the ex-

piration of that time I was compelled, by a chronic weakness of voice, to resign. The Rev. Jas. W. Coe accepted a call to the Parish, and has since been laboring with earnestness and success. The Parish, I make bold to say, was never more flourishing than at present, and never had a brighter prospect before it.

St. Luke's Church, Wyoming... Rev. Philander Chase, Minister.

More interest in S. Schools, and in the prosperity of this Church generally. Two, if not more, candidates for confirmation.

September, 1865.

Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D.:

Since last Diocesan Convention divine service was regularly performed by me at Duquoin and Mound City, until the fifth of February, when my duties ceased as Missionary on the Illinois Central R. R., south of Centralia.

The following is the record of official acts:

Holy Communion, 1; Baptisms—infants, 1; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1; Confirmations—at Duquoin, 4; Anna, 2; Mound City, 1—7.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WM. BRITAIN.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop Whitehouse:

SIR—I have the honor to report my obedience to your directions of last month, as follows:

I have held service (twice in each place) at Brimfield and Kickapoo; in the former place administered the communion to nine persons. I have visited Knoxville, and had consultations with several Churchmen of the place, and appointed a service for the 1st proximo. Invited cordially to celebrate services at Chillicothe. I had consultation with some of the brethren there, and have appointed to accede to their request on Sunday next. I have also made inquiries about Elmwood, McQuann (as I heard the name), Princeville, and Kickapoo Prairie.

Wherever I have gone, the proposal for services has been thankfully received; and where they have been held, they

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have been well attended. As yet, I cannot make a further judgment than that I have courage to undertake a mission, should it have your sanction, of this form, viz: Semi-monthly Sunday services at Brimfield, Kickapoo, Knoxville, Elmwood, McQuann (or Hunter's Settlement), and Kickapoo Prairie, with monthly week-day services at Chillicothe and Princeville. Also, I proffer, as a part of the plan of the mission, one half of every third month to be spent by the missionary in canvassing other places and holding services therein, as you shall desire and direct.

Very respectfully, Rt. Rev. Sir,
 Your obt. servt. in Christ,
 J. S. CHAMBERLAINE.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., L.L. D.:

The undersigned has no parochial charge, and for the year past has performed but little occasional duty. He has baptized three children, and preached once in Emmanuel Church, Rockford, at the request of the Rector.

A. CLARK.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 8th, 1865.

To the Right Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

I respectfully report that from the 15th January, 1865, I have acted as the assistant of the Rev. Geo. D. Cummings, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago. The result of my labors will be contained in the report of Trinity Church.

H. H. DE GARMO, *Deacon.*

GENESE0, Sept. 14, 1865.

Rt. Rev. Bp. Whitehouse:

I have continued my residence at Geneseo the last year, and had no parochial charge.

I have baptized two children, officiated at two funerals and one marriage in this vicinity.

I have also officiated a few times in Michigan, as I have been there.

Very truly yours,
 SAMUEL GOODALE.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13th, 1865.

To the Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois :

RT. REV. SIR—I have been engaged during six months of the last Conventional year in officiating at St. Mark's Church, Geneva, Kane Co., during the absence of the Rector, Rev. Mr. Street. During the remainder of the year I have been performing missionary duty at various points where my services have been required. Number of Services performed, 59; Baptisms, 2; Marriages, 1.

Respectfully yours,
JONAS GREENE.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois :

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—During the Conventional year ending September, 1865, I have occasionally—perhaps ten or twelve times in all—performed Divine Service, by reading prayers and preaching in some of the Churches in Connecticut and New York city.

Respectfully,
ASA GRISWOLD.

DAVENPORT, Iowa.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D., LL.D. :

Since the first of April, 1864, I have labored as a missionary among the sick prisoners on Rock Island. This field of labor was kindly secured for me by Bishop Lee, of Iowa. The number of prisoners was about 9,000, of whom 500 continued to be on the sick list until the time of exchange. The prisoners received my offices very gladly, and evinced their appreciation of them by giving respectful attention.

During last summer I often officiated in the open air, in the general prison, to large audiences, using the "Mission Service." This is a pamphlet composed of the Morning and Evening Service, select portions of the Psalter, and the Psalms and Hymns of our Prayer Book. Of these I had about 200, for distribution at each service. The prisoners engaged audibly in the service. Bishop Lee, with whose Diocese I was canonically connected, also procured, at different times, Prayer Books to the amount of 1,300, for distribution; also Bibles, Testaments, Parish Visitors, and Tracts.

But my time was chiefly given to the sick and dying in the hospitals. A large number of these were professing Chris-

tians. The hardships and privations of camp life prepared them to receive with gladness of heart, the consolations of the Gospel. In the course of the year I administered the Sacrament of baptism to three prisoners. In these visits Bishop Lee often accompanied me, and in them was afforded an opportunity for the exercise of that mercy and charity alluded to by the Saviour—"Sick and in prison, and ye visited me."

JOHN HOCHULY.

To Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse :

During the past year I have visited Todd's Point an English settlement, about twenty-five miles from Decatur, on each alternate Sunday, officiating twice each time.

In that time, I have baptized four children, officiated at one burial, and performed one marriage ceremony. It has been more than two years that I have visited this place, but the people had been so long without services and ministerial care, that the occasional services and visits given them, do not seem sufficient to gain their full interest and have them do as might be expected, so that we cannot offer a full and formal report. They need more constant teaching and care, as this has been shown to be their need, when we have been able to hold more frequent services among them. We have a Sunday School of twenty-five children and four regular teachers.

For the past six months I have also visited Danville once each month. There are quite a number of persons here who give encouragement as attentive hearers. There are also a number of English families in the neighborhood who attend. For these latter I have baptized five children.

There is now an effort being made in Danville to establish regular services.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. JOHNSON.

IMMANUEL HALL, Sept. 12, 1865.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., LL.D. :

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the past conventional year he has been assiduously engaged in the performance of his duties as Rector of Immanuel Hall ; and, by God's blessing, his labors have met with gratifying success. The average attendance at this institution during the first year was fifteen ; during the second year thirty ; and there is a prospect of a still greater attendance during the

third year, which is about to commence. To this end a new school-house has been erected, and the accommodations thereby have been greatly improved. During the vacations, the Rector has assisted his clerical brethren, as opportunities occurred, having preached in Evanston, Wilmington, and several churches in Chicago; also in Racine, Wisconsin, and in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Michigan.

ROSWELL PARK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 31, 1865.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

I have to report, that for the past year I have assisted some neighboring clergyman nearly every Sunday, in reading the services or preaching—the latter much less frequently than the former, owing to the feeble condition of my health. I also organized and carried on a Sunday school. I have also “performed marriages and burials,” and visited the sick whenever invited to do so in the absence of the Rector.

JOHN TRIMBLE, Jr.

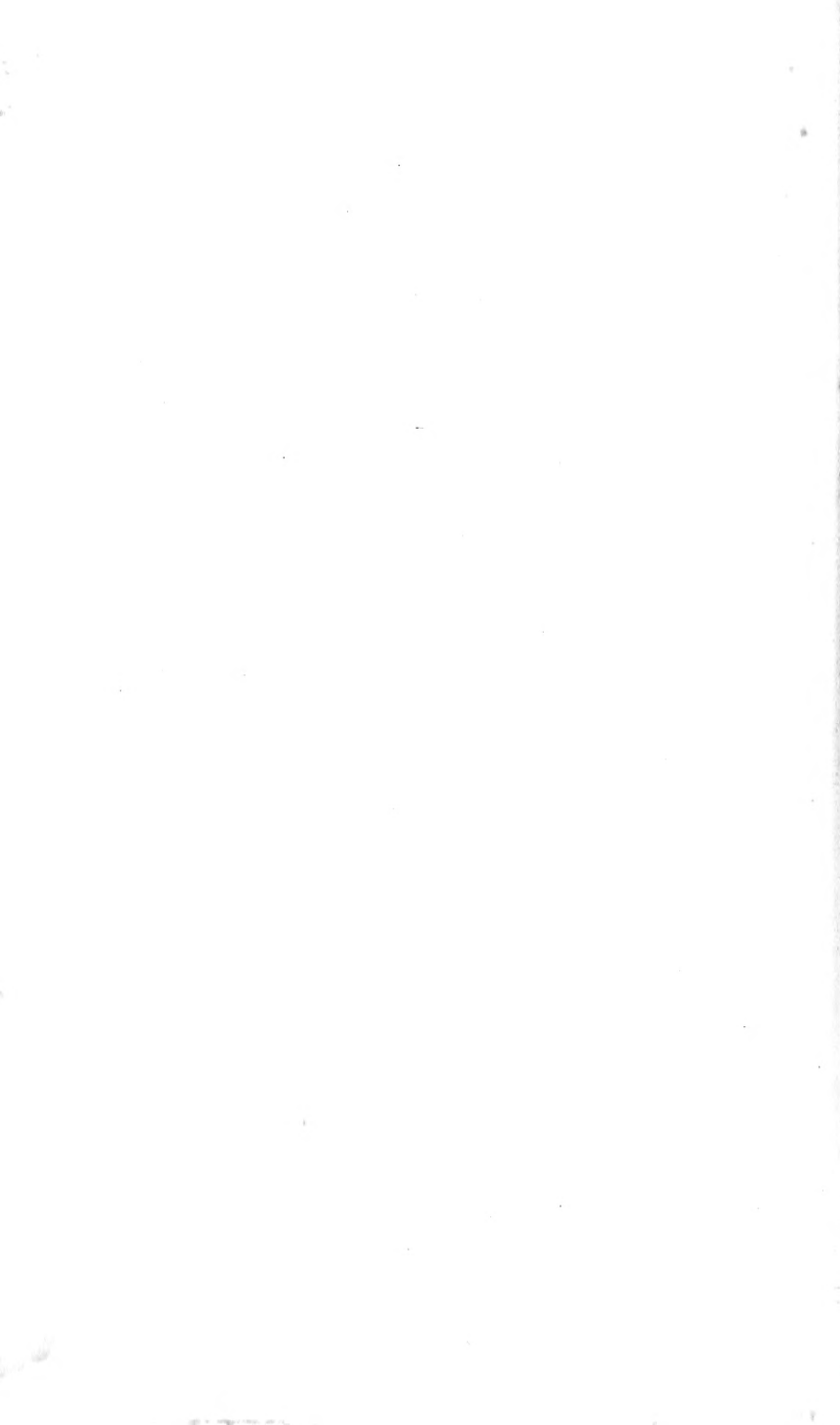
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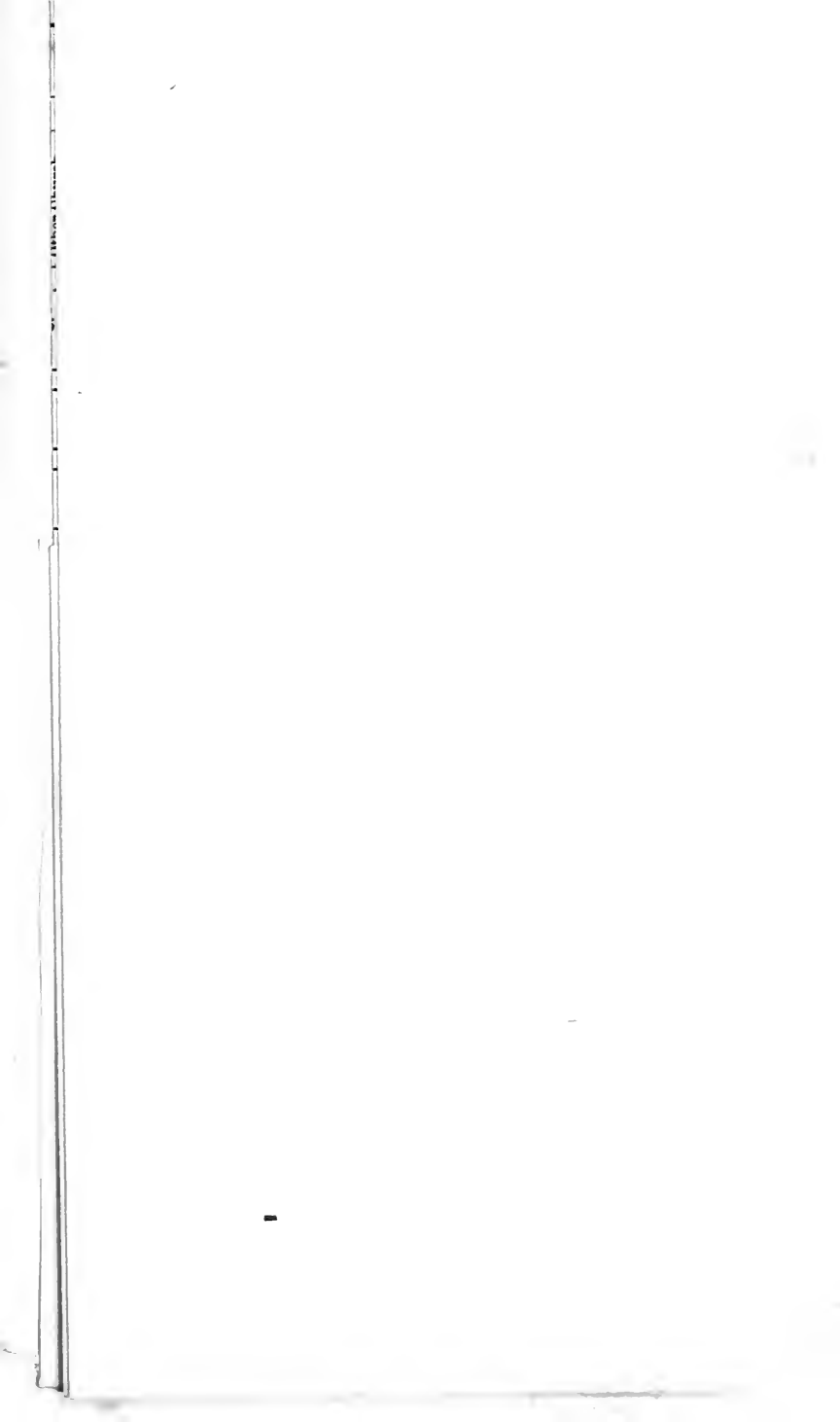
Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D.:

Since my last letter to you, I have spent one Sunday in Clay City, one in Vincennes, Ind., one in Evansville, Ind., and two at home—one of which (last Sunday) I had an appointment in Clay City, but the Church people, being unable to get a house to meet in (the school-house having been sold), wrote to me to that effect, and not to come. I was therefore at home unemployed. Of this unoccupied time I am getting truly tired, and feel myself isolated from the Church and her services here.

I am a good deal discouraged, having had so little success and so little to encourage me to persevere in my efforts in this field. All the encouragement I have had at any point is at Clay City. For the six Sundays spent there, I received from the people \$53, and collected and sent the treasurer \$5 for Diocesan Missions. But now, having no place to meet, I know not when I shall be called to go there again. The \$53 is all I have received for ministerial labors the past year, consequently I must spend much time and labor in secular things. It is very much desired by me to be relieved from secular pursuits, at as early a date as well can be, and entirely devoted to the work of the ministry.

JOHN B. SAYE.









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TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE:

BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

It becomes my duty to present once again the annual record of my official acts, and such relations in our Diocesan Church as may serve to show its condition, or shape its course of counsel and action. As year thus steps after year into the past, and we "take note of time" on our dial "but by its loss," the instinctive feeling is that of sadness, change and decay. We feel how rapidly we are using up our brief span, how surely the experience deepens of insecurity, bereavement and defeat, how cumulative becomes the haunting sense of failure, mistakes, neglect and sin. Such emotions are natural to our individual being, and we become sensitive to them perhaps the more as our moral consciousness enhances responsibility and elevates the scope of our spiritual aims. But, after all, this is not the true ascendant feeling for us in such an hour or place as this, which groups and concentrates us as God's ministers and workmen. We are here "not our own." The using up of our individual being in the cause of Christ and His Church is of no account. It is an honor to be employed and a privilege to "spend and be spent." Every sacrifice we make is the real advance of our own true life. Each wear of the corruptible is the gain of the permanent. The unclothing of the changing garment of the flesh is the "clothing upon" of the angelic. As we are leaves

of the tree which is for the healing of the nations, we fade and shrivel only to make place for new growth, and drop silently to enrich the soil that covers its roots. Our individual wear and waste, our personal history of change and record of humble labor, form part of the great Progress. "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Our whole for time and the heavenly is absorbed in Him, and all things work together for the good of the lowliest, as the grand but mysterious march sweeps on to the closing triumph. Every year passed in the Church's fight of patience and hope is answer to our prayer—"Thy kingdom come." Every atom within and around that disintegrates for new combinations is material working up for "the new heavens and the new earth." Each step that we take onward to the grave makes room behind for fresher effort and warmer love, born into the world; while the nearer here that self can come to being nothing for Christ, the more distinct our individuality will be in the day of manifestation and the precious opening of the garner of His mercy.

Welcome, then, brothers and friends, even the vicissitudes and decline of our personal life. The relation to the blessed Saviour, His strength, sympathy, gifts and rewards, is able to transmute all infirmities and give them place among the "powers of the world to come." We may learn to "glory in them" as part of the "substance of the earth," the power and material of the true growth of humanity, the great issues of human restoration, and the hastening of plans, executed indeed by the Divine Sovereignty, but committed to the Church for the blessing and honor of every one that waits and endures in this short crucifixion, for "thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

The condition of our Diocesan Church during the year har-

monizes with the cheering expression of progress and success. In every department, as far as my observation goes, there has been gain, and an evident indication of multiplying and expanding forces called into action, or a freer power in those before existent. Churches in debt have cleared themselves from the burthen, new ones have been built, and others enlarged and beautified. The number of Clergy has increased, and the supply is equivalent to our present demand. The means of support in many of the Parishes has been made more liberal, and the increase of salary indicates the respect for the Pastor, as well as the advancing ability. Organizations or Missionary services have been solicited for many of our growing towns, and in several the promise has been sufficient to warrant the Parochial venture. There is a freshness of spirit, an elastic confidence, a growing harmony of Church life, an increased sense of responsibility, an inquiry for improved plans of working, a readiness to co-operate, and a willingness to try them in reference to the city and poorer classes, as well as for Diocesan endowment. There has been an advance in nice uniformity in ritual observances and intelligent desire to conform strictly to rubrics and canons, a growing love of order and appreciation of it as the sound basis of peace and strength.

The Church is held in larger reflective esteem from its calm, conservative position, its fidelity to every ordinance of man "for the Lord's sake," its steady devotional sympathy with our national trials, and its reticent jealousy on the entangling and subtle alliance of Church and State. Popular in the wide and low sense, the Church of Christ never has been or can be in the world as it now is. If true, she must be like her Master, and when He is loved and throned in its enterprise, literature, pleasures, and administrations and in the

The seeming restraints of a suffering Church comprehend the true breadth of humanity

homes of society, when He has mastered its wilful rejection and cleansed its pollution, when He is revered over the land, then will His body also, in its spirit and constitution, be honored and obeyed. Until then it must share with its suffering Head, and find its excellence and power in temper and aims which, being not of the world, can never receive its plaudits or be sustained by the hearty obedience of its "mixed multitude." She works, endures and triumphs as the "election of grace," and, "as He is, so are we in this world."

This very position it is, when rightly grasped and taken into the inner life, which restrains and defines our practical activities, but at the same time gives breadth and endurance to our sympathy, duty and philanthropy. It creates, sustains and intensifies the love and the sacrifice. It defines the specific object of life's efforts and groanings as a "one thing needful" but expands it in glorious unity and exhaustless detail through every manifold change of the earthly, each beat of the heart or pang of the flesh in our common humanity.

It veils the eye in its singleness to see none but Christ, His reign in the heart, His kingdom among men. But it is Christ "seeking and saving" in the profound fellowship with human nature, everywhere, and at all times. It is determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ, even Him crucified, and acknowledge "no man after the flesh"—not to "love the world," nor to live identified with its desires, principles and achievements. But, at the same time, it is abstracted from none of the deep interests of society and government, none of the struggles or successes of civilization, none of the toil and perils in the martyrdom of time, or the burdens and sacrifices entailed by the tyranny of evil. It repudiates no law nor mocks a necessity of our common nature, but is one with

everything in real life, outer and inward, of the people, all that spreads broadest over the social communion or ramifies minutely into its households and hearts. They who live by this rule may cling to the Economy of Salvation and bind themselves inflexibly by its polity, instruments and historic constitution, only to find a surer guide and an unfailing source of the Charity which endures when Faith has seen and Hope has held all in possession. Out of all this seeming narrowness, separation and restriction, this concentration in the life of Christ and His Church, where our honor is to be "fools for His sake," comes the true breadth of humanity—we reverence manhood, "love the brotherhood, fear God, and honor the king."

Our Churchly emotions in the return of peace and the marvelous results of our God-led national struggle are thus refined and elevated. We share with all our heart in the thankfulness for relief, the triumph of success, the results achieved, the profound issues which have been settled, the material prosperity which is poured upon us, the noble qualities of endurance and heroism which have been called up and trained, the love and charity which have swelled to the dimensions of every want and ramified in every channel of suffering and patriotism. We glory in the historic record of our battle-fields, in their bravery, talent and unfailing ranks, and in the spectacle we now present to the civilized world of the graceful subsidence into the peaceful life without a convulsion, and the return of our hundred thousands of soldiers from the war of duty to the sphere of the same principle in our fields, workshops and merchandise, and the gentle affections of home. We share in all the expansive thankfulness in our sphere as men and citizens, that, through the stern arbitrament of war not of our choosing, principles have

been settled of government and social well-being for posterity, which has established our Union, consolidated our Government, and ended the awful anomaly of human servitude among us. We glory in the magnificent resources of every kind which these gigantic movements, necessities and changes have created or enlarged. We bend in reverent sympathy before the immense expenditure of human grief, sacrifice and suffering, by which this has been accomplished.

As men and citizens we feel all this, and deeper and wider than my poor words could tell or measure. But on still and higher lies our province of feeling and duty ; our hearts must not only chord with these common emotions which it were recreant to our humanity not to recognize, but carry them where they are sanctified by a direct relation to God in Christ. There is for each of us a character and stand-point beyond that of men and citizens—that of Christians and Churchmen. It seems natural and instinctive to joy and glory in the popular acclaim ; it must be thoughtful, sober, resolute, prayerful, cross-bearing, in order to take our share of all this mass of public gratulation, prosperity, honor and wealth, and appreciate it to the glory of its Author, use it as His stewards, protect ourselves against its temptations, temper its excesses, save it from waste, and in thoughtfulness with labor apply it to the interests of Christ and His Church, where it must all rightly culminate.

Our thankfulness must swell as a song of praise to God and the Lamb, the pride and love of our country steady itself by the majesty and mercy of God, our flush sense of strength and means tone into humility and the devouter recognition of His Providence and Grace. Our consciousness of present success and prospective achievement must be instinct with the heart's indebtedness "What shall I render to the

Lord?" Our personal deliverance and prosperity should be the record of larger trusts and more efficient stewardships. As out of the heart are the issues of the inner life, so out of the Church are the issues of the life made manifest, personal religion, contemplative and practical in the edifying of others, the improvement of our talents, the development of a sanctified humanity, as Christ may shape our prerogatives or sacrifices; for all this the Church of the Living God is our home, our school, our workshop, our realty and our sanctuary—the Church in its Catholic faith and order—the Church in that branch which I believe purer and freer than any other among "the tents on the wilderness"—the "Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

There can be no doubt that the direct and secondary effects of the war on national character and interests are wonderful and indellible. In the excitement of deliverance from awful evils which impended, and hazards so devious, we have almost now to rebuke the impulse that glories in it as the normal majority of national manhood, too unreflective of the woes and perils of the huge convulsion, and the untried problems of social and moral discipline, that it has left for present and long future solution. These civil changes, political and moral; what the war has left as the remains on its battle-field, and what it has wrought in individual character, the griefs it has made for piety to tend and heal and comfort, the forces it has hurled out for religion to subdue and guide, these must all be thoughtfully recognized by the Church, and in different forms serve to control and shape her charities and her pastorship, her aspirations and hopes.

The same characteristic difficulties may remain as before, to adjust and exert the due working power of the Church, and bring the actual nearer to its ideal. The same issues

will be presented, the same wants press, the same shortcomings shame and dishearten. There is the same characteristic want as ever to spread the Church by Missionary effort and Pastoral aid; to do all that we have been doing by the pulpit, Sunday school and religious classes, and the detail of Parish ingenuity and love. There is the same claim to train and employ the ministrations of its lay members, the love and ability of the men and women of the Church, and devise modes of applying them. The same necessity exists for religious instruction and appeal, broader and more adaptive to the young, the immature, the ignorant, and even the debased. There is the same problem how to employ the social element without pandering to worldliness and frivolity, and dignify it as worthy of the "Communion of Saints," while it is familiar, cordial and comprehensive. There must be the same patient effort to cultivate, direct and employ each member in the individual vocation and ministry, for the edification and salvation of others. There will be the same claim—how anxious and elusive it is in the longing and weakness of the overworked pastor—to afford to each soul in the congregation the pastoral care required. The same want, for it is ever springing, will exist for teaching the meaning and use of the Liturgy, so that there may be a familiarity with the Prayer Book, causing it to be used heartily and reverently as the utterance of warm devotion, fervent response, and spirited congregational chanting, drawing thus within its common worship all, of every degree and age. The same characteristic want remains for Church education, the training our young in parochial schools, or watchfully securing in higher seminaries the atmosphere and discipline of the Church. The same grand duty is at all times laid on the heart and conscience of the Church, to care for the sick and

needy, the widow and the orphan, the aged and infirm, in hospital, asylum and home ; and to provide in Brotherhood and Sisterhood of special consecration the skill and love trained for the noble discipline. It never can be new or strange, as a bounden impulse in our Branch of the Church, to yearn after any legitimate sacrifice and plan which may commend her to the working masses around, in the reality of Christ's own appointment, Holy and Catholic, the Church of the People. We want for all these old and constant claims which are ever with us, reflective consecration, generous gifts, religious self-denial, patient humility of work in our several stations, the cultivation of a refined Christian deportment, the study, within the individual resources, of the Bible, Ecclesiastical History and Liturgical discipline, and the selection of the department for special work, while there and everywhere, we fight wisely, fight watchfully, fight in self-distrust and the strength of grace, the hidden warfare of the soul. These all remain. It is right for us to muster them, that we may call them over and over as our roll of duty, in our going out and coming in, among our worldly activities and blessings, in our thoughts and on our knees, to chasten us from indolent satisfaction, and minister step on step for our "onward and higher," until the cloud of glory receives them from our sight.

But into all these will enter the wants and claims from our war, in its strife and its triumphs. These will move special sympathies and create forms of benevolent action ; will control the direction of our efforts, and quicken them with fresh impulse ; will designate prevalent moral offenses, and the special matter for pulpit admonishing and social reformation ; will furnish larger offerings and disclose fields riper for the harvest. There will be the widows and orphans which have been

multiplied, the maimed and crippled host come home to take their infirmer chance in the strife for daily bread; the race whose bonds have been loosed, in the anomalous condition which our freedmen present.

Viciousness has been cast here and there, with flaunting audacity and reckless defiance, for plunder and violence. Character has been unsettled from the loss of the conventional restraints of home and society. Intemperance, gambling, profane swearing and licentiousness have spread, and been invested with a false apology from military brotherhood and the soldier's clanship. The license of spoil and robbery, the wasteful destruction of rudeness, the vindictive excesses of passion have demoralized. The tone of mercantile probity has been lowered by the large temptations of contracts and speculation and an unsettled finance. But all these will be found, I trust, exceptive conditions, serious as they may be for religion to deal with, potent as they may be in their grasp and subtle in their influence of example for the ruin of many.

I regard the present and future effects of our national struggle as favorable for the work and progress of the Church. There have been profound educational impressions made on the intellect, will and affections of the people. The young have been lifted preternaturally to a maturity of experience, self-reliance, earnestness and judgment. In many a heart, deeper than human eye can reach, there has been the preparation for a religious profession in the long, lone hours of suffering in prisons and hospitals; in the solitude of the picket guard; in the death of companions; in the reading furnished for idle camp hours; in the ministrations of nurses and the efforts of the Christian Commission; in the anxious letters of parents, wives and sisters at home; in the solemn

hazards which the soldier is compelled thoughtfully to heed, and the marked escapes cut sharply on memory. In the army and out of it, national education and development have been going on with intuitive impulse and productive strength. A rapid growth has sprung up as the ploughshare of civil war has turned in the awful fertility of blood. Seeds, too, have been scattered and buried which, like the mysterious second growth of our native forests, will supply, far on, new productions to surprise the observer. The discipline of duty and the stimulus of self-interest, the vigor of action, and the training of suffering, have furnished what is more earnest and real, and stirred impulses, in many respects preparatory for personal religion. It will be sought from the manly sense of conscientious duty, and from the chastening of sorrow and affliction. The spirit of thankfulness may alike help the personal consecration and induce the more liberal use of the increased wealth. The watchful benevolence, the unbounded charity which have flowed down the chasm of temporal exigency will gently spread and refresh the Zion of God. The discipline of the army has been conducive to esteem for order, obedience, union and fixed rules. The drill and subordinate points of dress, ceremonial and official respect, of concert of action, even in small things, of submission of the individual taste and will to a general harmony and grace, prepare the way for the Church's ritual and order. The actual use of the liturgy in hospitals and camps, and on ship-board, has familiarized thousands to its form and beauty. It has witnessed to its control for quiet respect and seriousness, and made not a few cherish with thankful association its sacred teachings and sublime prayers. For the Church in the West, these corrective influences have been peculiarly favorable.

In the deep elements of religious feeling, and the dis-

cipline of the public mind, the course has been marked for Christian exertion and success all around. But there have been influences from the wrong of secession, and evils of disunion. The deep-toned loyalty, the familiar benefits of rank and order and marshalled training, the grand ideal of a united country, one with the past and unbroken for the long future, combining with the intrinsic right, will dispose many to turn to the Episcopal worship and ministry, the grave forms, historic unity, Catholic breadth, conservative reverence, and polity all but identical with the General and State governments of our country. The sectarian right to dissolve the Federal Union under any pretense has been forever hereafter branded as treason; and thoughtful minds may now ponder more anxiously than before Sectarian secession from the Unity of the Church. The old flag has rallied more loving patriotism because it was the gift of our fathers, and had come down the undimmed symbol, *E Pluribus Unum*; and now the heart thus touched in its depth may turn more genially to the old Creeds and Sacraments, "the way the fathers trod," bright in saintship, sacred with the blood of martyrs and Anglican reformers. The wager of battle, with its conflict and victory, has, for the present, and long to come, signally modified what, as Christians and Churchmen, we have to do, how to do it, and the resources to do it with. May we be found wise and faithful in this spiritual endowment with the loving heart, the clear head and the strong hand, to fulfill the will of the Lord.

RECORD OF OFFICIAL ACTS.

I proceed to give the selected parts of my official duty during the Conventional year, which will afford to the Diocese the current details of its history as connected with my supervision and functions.

Immediately after the Convention, I had the pleasure of meeting on several occasions with the Clergy of the city, to confer on plans of enlarged usefulness in our respective spheres. The result of these conferences was, by God's grace, favorable, and out of them grew the two great measures which have been carried out: 1st, Districting the city, and assigning portions to each Church for its special supervision and exertions; and 2d, The organization of the CHURCH GUILD, for combined voluntary agency to elevate the Church life in its members, and diffuse its faith and ministrations by all lawful exertions in and from our great metropolitan centre. Two works at least have already been effected by this, which comprehend the whole Diocese—the opening of rooms under the title of the "Guild Hall," for the convenience of all Clergymen visiting the city, and as a place of reading and Christian intercourse for young men belonging to our parishes, and another in providing, with excellent order, for the hospitable entertainment of the Lay as well as the Clerical members of the Convention during its session. This inaugurates an influence which cannot fail to make our annual assembly more what it ought to be, a time and place of refreshment and strength for the head and heart of Churchmen. I feel that in these humble efforts we have effectually initiated a system through which the true "vocation and ministry of Church members" may be developed and applied, the best modes of working our parishes be practically found, the laity be drawn and trained for their work in the family of Christ, and godly ingenuity quickened to devise liberal things and carry the same to good effect.

On Sunday, 19th after Trinity, Oct. 2, 1864, I admitted to the Diaconate, in the Cathedral, John Brown Saye, who had been for some years a Presbyterian minister. I preached on

the occasion, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. L. N. Freeman. In the afternoon attended the Bible class, and administered the Sacrament of infant baptism. From Monday to Friday was engaged in the meeting, at Cleveland, Ohio, of the Board of Missions, the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, and Church Book Society.

SUNDAY, Oct. 22.—Conducted the services and preached in my own Church. In the afternoon attended the Sunday school for catechetical examination.

SUNDAY, Oct. 30.—Preached in my own Church. In the afternoon taught the Bible class, and administered infant baptism.

ST. THOMAS' MORRIS, Nov. 1.—Held a visitation of this parish, under the charge of the Rev. J. S. McGowan, Deacon, at which I preached, confirmed *four*, and by request, during my stay, baptised an infant. I also married the minister in charge to Miss Catherine Peacock.

SUNDAY, Nov. 6.—Conducted the services and preached in my own Church.

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, BEMENT, Nov. 13.—I made on this Lord's day my second visit to this thriving young Church, under charge of the Rev. J. W. Osborne. Officiated morning and evening, using the Methodist Church, and confirmed *two*.

ST. THOMAS' SALEM, Nov. 15.—The services here were held in the Baptist Church, on which occasion I preached and confirmed *two* persons.

DUQUOIN, Nov. 16.—On a very rainy day we passed on to the missionary stations then in charge of the Rev. Mr. Brittain. The first service was held in the evening, when I preached and confirmed *seven* persons. There are but few

Episcopalians here, and the general congregation was small, owing to the inclement weather.

CARBONDALE, Nov. 17.—We went to this place, where Mr. Brittain has occasionally held service, and where a valued member and officer of St. Luke's Church, Rochester, during my rectorship there, is now resident. The resources in number and property are very limited, but with the zealous desire which I know exists for the ministrations of the Church and the growing wealth of that fruit region, there is hope that a line of successful missionary work may be adequately sustained. Preached in the evening.

ANNA, Nov. 18.—I reached this station by the freight train. It is contiguous to, and almost connected with Jonesboro'. I preached and confirmed *two*.

CAIRO, Sunday, Nov. 20.—Consecrated the new attractive edifice here by the name of the "Church of the Redeemer." It has been finished very actively, after a long previous struggle, under the valued ministry of the Rev. Thos. Lyle. The Instrument of Donation was presented by Colonel Watson, U. S. A., and the Sentence of Consecration read by the Rev. J. W. Osborne. The sermon was by myself, after which I confirmed *nine*, and made to them an address, as usual. By the courteous attentions of Captain Pennock, the dispatch boat was sent for me, and in that I went for an evening's service to

MOUND CITY, where I preached and confirmed *one*. The collection of officers and their families in the place, a large number of operatives, the extensive hospital, and the activity incident to a large naval depot during the war, combined at this time to make it an important point for Church effort, and could not have failed in a short time to have established

there permanent services. But the change which has since happened in the return of peace, and the dismantling of it as a naval station, reduces so essentially its population and activity, that it is doubtful whether we shall be able to sustain ourselves there with as much promise. The Church building is well begun, and there are a few earnest and devout persons there interested in its progress. The employment of the hospital for a cotton manufactory, and the naval yards for ship work, if carried out as projected, may effect issues more favorable than the present sudden change might indicate.

SHELBYVILLE, SHELBY COUNTY, Nov. 22, 23. — I reached this place after a severe journey with the first intense cold of the season. In the evening, preached in the court-house and confirmed *eleven*. Mr. Pedelupé is Missionary here, and his efforts have been successful. The gentlemen interested in the Church are signally efficient and liberal. Several fine lots were selected, and donated during my visit as a site for a Church, and \$2,500 secured by one gentleman if a Church to cost \$5,000 could be built. I feel sanguine in the rapid development of this important position.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GILLESPIE, Nov. 24. — I here found, finished and ready for consecration, an appropriate, well furnished building, which was dedicated with the usual service. The Instrument of Donation was presented and read by Dr. Hornsby, and the Sentence of Consecration published for me by Rev. Mr. Pedelupé. The collection on the occasion reached the sum of \$390. In the afternoon of the same day I married Benjamin L. Doisey, the efficient and liberal warden, to Miss Harriet L. Blair.

BUNKER HILL, Nov. 25. — At the solicitation of several Episcopalians resident in this place, about twelve miles

west of Gillespie, I stopped for morning service on my way to Alton, where I had an evening appointment. It was an interesting service, held in the Methodist Church, where, after the sermon, I confirmed *five*. The beginning made here by Mr. Mitchell, from Gillespie, continues its promise, and organization has since been effected.

ST. PAUL'S, ALTON, Nov. 25.—I rode in a carriage eighteen miles after the above service, and fulfilled the visitation here by preaching, there being no candidates for confirmation. The parish is financially in much better condition than before. The large and troublesome indebtedness has been discharged, and the title to the property fully secured.

ADVENT SUNDAY, Nov. 27.—I had returned to Chicago, and fulfilled my duties pleasantly by preaching morning and evening in the Cathedral, assisting in the services and attending the Sunday-school.

SUNDAY, Dec. 4.—In my own Church, preached, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, Bible class and Infant Baptism. Evening, read prayers and preached. During the morning service I made an address also for the Endowment fund, introducing it to the congregation, the cards and papers having been distributed. I am happy to say that the congregation has fully responded to this admirable plan of collection, and my observation through the Diocese has satisfied me that it is popular and effective in its training for charity and its accumulating results. It needs only to be fairly presented to secure a trial, and judiciously watched in order to attain a permanent result in every way satisfactory. The earnest, intelligent, and ingenious zeal of the committee will be appreciated from their own report.

GRACE CHURCH, STERLING, December 10, 11.—I had been in this place some years ago, and found that the congrega-

tion organized there under Bishop Chase had died out; but it is now renewed with remarkable vigor under the Rev. Oscar B. Thayer. The Church was organized last summer at my request by Rev. John Foster, who spent with them several months, affording them valuable encouragement and direction. They have purchased a fine lot, adopted plans, and are proceeding vigorously with the building of a large brick edifice. I confirmed, on Saturday evening, *two* in private in consequence of sickness. The Sunday proved excessively cold and stormy, but, notwithstanding, a large congregation assembled in the hall, and, after the sermon, I confirmed *thirteen*. In the afternoon confirmed in private a sick lady. On June 24, 1865, while on a visitation in the neighborhood, without interrupting my regular appointments, I made a night ride from Dixon, in a buggy, and at an early morning service confirmed *fourteen*, with an address, and drove back in time for the cars at 10:30 a. m., on my way to Peru. The violence of the storm impeded me and prevented services, as intended, on Sunday evening, at Dixon, and Monday at Sycamore. I returned direct to Chicago, and have since fulfilled the appointments thus defeated.

ON TUESDAY, December 13, I left for Iowa as one of the consecrators of the Rev. Dr. Vail, Bishop elect of Kansas, in his own Parish Church at Muscatine. The services took place, as appointed, on Thursday the 15th. It was part of my duty, with the Assistant Bishop of Ohio, to present the Bishop elect, assisting in other parts of the impressive services. I returned to Chicago by seven o'clock next morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 18.—Preached in the Cathedral, and attended the usual afternoon duty of Sunday-school and Bible class.

TUESDAY, December 20.—Presided in the Missionary Board of the Diocese, when the final arrangements were made for the stations and incumbents for the ensuing year.

ON THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY, SUNDAY, December 25th, I preached, in the afternoon catechized the children around the chancel, and performed infant baptism. From this time I found myself obliged to lessen my public duties in the pulpit, in consequence of a painful catarrhal affection. It left me, however, unimpeded in all the other duties of my official life.

MONDAY, January 9.—I attended and assisted in the examination of J. Wainwright Ray, a candidate for Orders, who had been formerly a Presbyterian minister. He was ordained in the Cathedral on Thursday, January 19. The Rev. Dr. Cummins presented the candidate, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. S. Russell Jones. Mr. Ray was soon after invited to the charge of a church in Michigan; and though sorry to lose his services from my own Diocese, after the long expectation of his candidateship, I complied, on his own account, with his request for Letters Dimissory.

SUNDAY, January 29.—Assisted in the services in my own Church, and in the afternoon baptized several children.

FRIDAY, February 3.—I attended to preside at the celebration in the Swedish Church of St. Ansgarius, on the one thousandth anniversary of the death of this distinguished Bishop, to whom Northern Europe owes so largely its conversion to Christianity. A number of the Clergy were present. The services were partly in Swedish, by the Rev. Messrs. Bredberg and Arvedson. I delivered an address on the life and death of Ansgar, and Mr. Bredberg did the same in Swedish.

SUNDAY, February 5.—I assisted in the services and administered in the morning the Holy Communion, and in the afternoon the Sacrament of infant baptism, in my Church.

SUNDAY, February 19.—Preached in the morning, conducting, as usual, the chancel services.

SUNDAY, February 26—Preached again in the morning, and in the afternoon baptized an adult.

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1.—Performed the usual services in my Church with the sermon, and read prayers in the afternoon; and again morning and afternoon of the Friday following.

SUNDAY, March 5.—Took part in the Liturgical services; celebrated the Holy Communion; baptized in the afternoon eight children, and read prayers in the evening.

MONDAY, March 6.—Left for New York to attend while there “the Joint Committee on friendly intercourse with the Church in Sweden.” Several meetings were held and a course of action adopted which has since been put into execution. While there I preached several times and administered the Holy Communion, assisted at the ordination of the Rev. O. Applegate to the Priesthood in Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, and the week day Communion in St. Paul’s Chapel, New York, also attended the laying of the corner-stone of the beautiful school house of Grace Church and the funeral obsequies of my venerable friend, Rev. Evan Malbone Johnson, D.D., who closed in peace his long life of disinterested and untiring practical devotion to the cause of Missionary Church work to which he consecrated devotedly his labors and liberally of his means.

GRACE CHURCH, CHICAGO.—Sunday before Easter, I visited this thriving Parish, officiating for the first time in its enlarged and beautified edifice. I preached and confirmed *twelve*.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CHICAGO.—In the afternoon of this day I fulfilled a similar engagement in the Parish of the Rev. Dr. Clarkson, who presented *twenty-two* for the laying on of hands.

In the evening I ministered in my own Church. Through Holy Week I took part in the morning and evening services there, and delivered two of the lectures in course which had been projected and sustained through the season by the Rev. S. Russell Jones, to whom for several months I have been indebted for valuable assistance in the church and parochial claims.

CHRIST CHURCH, JOLIET.—Held an evening service in this Parish; preached and confirmed *seventeen*. Its prosperity is very marked. When the Rev. Mr. Gilbert began his ministry among them, there was doubt in their capacity to raise \$400 a year. They have now voluntarily made the salary \$1,500, are taking steps for a parsonage, and mean to transform the present Church edifice of wood into one of stone.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CHICAGO.—Thursday before Easter, April 13, I found no abatement in the vigorous parochial work here, but advancing proof of increase in numbers and influence. When begun it was on the outer boundary of the population, and almost naked prairie lay stretched around it. Now it is on a great thoroughfare, with street cars running two miles beyond, hundreds of commodious and beautiful dwellings thronging the area, large places of worship for all the denominations contiguous. St John's steadily holds its own, and presses vigorously on with its trained lay agencies; *thirty-three* candidates knelt for the "laying on of hands."

CHRIST CHURCH, CHICAGO.—The morning of Good Friday was spent in this Parish, the worship of which is held still in

their old building, repaired after the fire. The new edifice of stone contiguous shows now its full proportions, and lifts the cross high on its graceful gable. This fine structure is a great undertaking for the Parish to assume, but which it promises to carry on and fulfill with a firm hand. I preached, and confirmed *twenty-seven*. It may illustrate the churchly advance in our wonderful city if I add that while the pastors of both Grace and Christ Church can recall when they were on the frontiers of city life, the space between them is now too thronged and wide to be left without distinct ministrations, and St. Luke's Church, under the Rev. H. H. Cole, has taken name and place intermediate, with the hearty consent of the rectors thus interested.

TRINITY CHURCH, CHICAGO.—In the evening of the same Holy day I preached, and confirmed *twenty-two*.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.—Thus we reached that festal day for which in fasting, and through the great week of agony, the Church had been preparing herself from the crucifixion of the sinful nature to rejoice in the glorious fact which brings "life and immortality to light." But the Church's triumph is not as the vain excitement of the world. It is consolation and hope, not a happiness in the things that perish, so that the mourner can come in the dark vestment, and the stricken heart from its earthly solitude, and the mind harassed with crushing care or the forebodings of life's mysterious vicissitudes, and still find Easter a day of joy and strength. Many realized this power of Christian rejoicing as we then stood not only with the burden of personal griefs, but awe-stricken with the deed of violence, and shuddering in fear of the indefinite woes which might follow the blow that had thus pierced the heart of the nation. In an instant our Executive Head, tried in his honored past, trusted for the unrolled

Abraham Lincoln.

future, is stricken by the hand of an assassin, and none could tell of what conspiracy or hidden force those fiendish few were the representatives; but a few hours only pass and the new Chief Magistrate is in his place, cabinet and government and army and people all remain undisturbed, and from the death-bed of our noble leader comes at once the Easter, and the renewed life of our unbroken polity and order.

Many circumstances combined to give ABRAHAM LINCOLN a firmer hold on the affection of the people than could be secured by the most popular statesman. His natural character and simple habits were genuine republicanism, which his deep heart of gentleness and truth refined and elevated until they rose to the dignity of inflexible action and solemn devotion to God-led duty. The public mind of the North rejoiced in raising to the Chief Magistracy boldness, honesty, firmness and sagacity, unvitiated as his were by the chicanery of political life. It was the beginning of the wonderful way by which we have been led, where the Christian soul instinctively cries, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

The qualities which determined his first election were triumphantly vindicated in his subsequent career. His intuitive sympathy with the heart of the people, his marvelous tact in following its guidance, won confidence and affection. His ready adoption of measures which rose in his path, grand in their simplicity, trustful in the experiment, secured admiration and support. The will of the majority was fundamental in his political creed, and he exerted his power cheerfully as the exponent of its wishes and executor of its purposes. He delighted to call himself the Public Servant, but filled the character with purity, integrity and zeal, proud to serve, but not stooping as a demagogue to cajole and use the people.

But to regard Lincoln as an exceptional being, created for the crisis, is to do injustice to the nation and himself. Our institutions are factitious, our pride of country mere vanity, if we are not now and onward making Lincolns in every portion of our land. He was the legitimate outgrowth of American institutions. Self-made, self-taught, self-reliant, his educator was the facts and incidents of the whole social state around him, handled with a sagacious mind, a resolute will, a brave and truth-loving heart. He became thus the Man for the emergency, the Man of Providence, the Man for a lasting exemplar. He did well what his hand found to do, and left a name, character, and achievement which the nation will ever laud and honor.

The generation that stood around his bier shed tears of sincerest grief, and the civilized world has responded in sympathy to our cry of horror for the deed of blood, and paid its reverent tribute to his worth.

On Easter Even, April 15th, I issued a Pastoral letter and prayer on the death of the President, and in the Cathedral lectured in the afternoon on the Intermediate State. In the evening the Church was decked with flowers for the great festival of the Resurrection, while the solemn badges of mourning draped the exterior. On the close of the Easter festival the interior assumed the same dark pall, feeble but reverent emblem of our fellowship in the profound inexpressible sorrow of the nation.

On the morning of Easter I officiated there, reading my Pastoral and preaching on the Resurrection-life of Consolation, in immediate reference to the character and death of the honored President. I also administered the rite of confirmation to *twenty* candidates, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon I confirmed nine in the Church of St. Ansgarius, and preached again in the evening at my own Church. This strange sad Easter had not run to its midnight close before tidings came of the sudden prostration, by apoplexy, of Dr. David Rutter, who breathed his last on the stroke of the first morning hour. I lost, in his departure, a good and faithful friend; the Church a son who most ardently loved her Order and Truth; the country a heart of intense loyalty that literally broke as the assassin's blow leveled her pride and hope; and his profession a veteran who had, for long years of practice and instruction in the college chair, moved a peer among the talented medical circle of Philadelphia.

On Easter Monday I convened the clergy of the city at the Guild Hall in relation to the death of the President. In this and a subsequent meeting, a declaration was prepared and signed by us and transmitted for signature to every clergyman of the Diocese. I append a copy of this declaration for permanent record, and add that in obedience to the direction I caused it to be engrossed on parchment and respectfully presented to the widow and family of our late Chief Magistrate. At the same time it was agreed that a united service should be held at Trinity Church synchronous with the funeral obsequies in Washington. These were held on the morning of Wednesday, the 19th, when a large body of the clergy assisted in the solemnities. The service was ordered by myself with special prayers, lessons and psalter, with a portion of the Burial Office. The large congregation filling the edifice united in all with reverence and many tears. The address was made by the Rev. Dr. Cummins, rector of the Church.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, ROCKFORD, April 21.—On visitation

of this Parish I preached, confirmed *twelve*, and made as usual an address to the candidates.

SUNDAY, April 23.—Preached in the morning at the Bishop's Church, and in the evening visited the new Parish of ST. MARK, on the north side, organized under the Rev. E. B. Tuttle.

They are occupying at present a rented building conveniently arranged, in a populous neighborhood, where ample material exists for pastoral exertion. Confirmed *twenty*.

MONDAY, April 24.—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NAPERVILLE, was consecrated to God. Several clergymen accompanied me from Chicago and took part in the solemnity, always interesting, but in this case peculiarly so, from our sympathy with the generous effort so wisely and bravely carried to its completion without dependence and without debt. The structure is graceful and correct. The Instrument of Donation was read by Rev. S. H. Allen, and with it the deed of the property was presented—the Sentence of Consecration published for me by the Rev. Clinton Locke, and the sermon preached by the Rev. C. A. Gilbert. I also made an address.

TRINITY CHURCH, AURORA.—In the evening I held a visitation of this Parish; preached, and confirmed *two*. The rector of these united places has been since called to Muscatine, Iowa, as the successor of the Bishop of Kansas; and the Rev. J. H. Knowles, a recent graduate of the General Seminary, has been settled in the vacancy.

By taking the night train I placed myself early the next morning in Michigan City, with the expectation of fulfilling an appointment in behalf of the Bishop of Indiana, which he had intrusted to me. I found that owing to the absence of the rector the services had not been announced. On the 3d of July, in the same relation, I officiated in Plymouth, Indi-

ana, where the Rev. W. Lusk is rector. I preached and confirmed *sixteen*, making to the candidates an address. During a short visit to the East, in May, where I was called by the sickness of a member of my family, I preached in Grace Church, Brooklyn, and baptized an infant of a relative.

On my return I spent Sunday, May 14th, in Holland Patent, Oneida county, where, the rector being absent, at the invitation of the wardens, I officiated morning and afternoon, and, on Monday, proceeded on my destination to

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, which city I reached on Friday, May 19th. On Sunday I fulfilled the appointment for which I had been invited by the Standing Committee, and morning and afternoon officiated in Christ Church, under the rectorship of Rev. William D. Harlow. I preached on both occasions, and in the afternoon confirmed *twenty-three*. My visit of several days was filled with kind attentions and affectionate hospitality, and my only regret was that I could do so little for the orphaned Diocese, for which I felt deep sympathy and interest. From Nashville, by the way of the river I found my way to Chester, May 20th, where on Saturday I visited and confirmed in private a sick lady.

ST. MARK'S, CHESTER.—Sunday after Ascension, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, after the sermon, I confirmed *four*. I made also an address on behalf of our Diocesan Missions, which was liberally responded to from the small means of this faithful household.

On Monday morning we had a heavy shock of an earthquake, the first time that I had ever experienced in any marked violence the strange phenomenon. It created some alarm and trivial damage through the neighborhood.

GRACE CHURCH, BELLEVILLE, May 31.—From Chester I

rode about sixty miles by stage to Belleville, and in the evening preached and confirmed *three*—passing on Thursday to

CHRIST CHURCH, COLLINSVILLE, where I performed services and preached in the evening—a sudden indisposition preventing the minister from being present—and the next morning held a second service, administering the Holy Communion, with an address. The Churches at Belleville and Collinsville are now in charge of the Rev. John Portmess, Deacon, transferred from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Missouri. It is a source of great satisfaction to have these weak places so well supplied. The little flock at Collinsville has lost, by death, several valued members, Mr. and Mrs. Look, in venerable but active age; and, in the full promise of young life, Fannie and Joseph L. Darrow, daughter and son of the Rev. Joseph Darrow, M.D., deceased. The one had just completed her careful education, and the other entered upon a marked career in the legal profession, when rapid consumption removed them from the home of the widowed mother, we may believe, with reverent hope, to Paradise.

By way of Olney, on the Ohio and Mississippi road, and a stage ride of thirty miles, I next reached the old Parish of ST. JOHN'S, ALBION, where I spent Whitsunday. The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins is resident there, and by invitation of the vestry has officiated with regularity. He assisted, at my request, in the services. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon I baptized three infants and confirmed *three* persons. After service six young ladies were brought to me who were anxious to be confirmed, having been deeply impressed by the previous services of the day. Finding on inquiry and examination that they were duly prepared, after preaching in the evening, I again ad-

ministered "the laying on of hands," and received the solemn renewal of their baptismal vows.

The day was one of very marked religious feeling and conviction, which I endeavored to advance and direct by several appeals specially made in connection with the ritual solemnities.

Returning on Monday by stage to Olney, and by the railroads connecting at East St. Louis, I met my next appointment in the Parish of the Rev. D. Walker Dresser, on Tuesday evening,

ST. PAUL'S, CARLINVILLE, June 6, where I preached and confirmed *five*. The Rev. Thomas Mitchell, of Gillespie, assisted in the prayers. A Church edifice is begun, and efforts will be made steadily to complete it for use.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHESTERFIELD, June 7.—The services here were in the afternoon; *three* were confirmed after sermon. There appeared to be a more than usual influence on the congregation, and I was informed afterwards by the rector that six young men had met in the evening to request confirmation the next morning, but had been prevented, by a violent gust which came up, from seeing me before I left the place. I trust that, by God's grace, the delay will only give fuller proof of their conscientious and intelligent conviction.

CHICAGO, June 10, in the Guild Hall, I held the examination of the Rev. Oscar B. Thayer for the Priesthood, and Charles T. Hendley for the Diaconate.

TRINITY SUNDAY, June 11.—The ordinations took place in the Cathedral; I preached the sermon. The candidate for the Priesthood was presented by the Rev. Geo. C. Street, and the Rev. Messrs. Street and Cole joined in the imposition of hands, the candidate for the Diaconate by the Rev. H. H. Cole.

Bloomington—Decatur—Springfield—Jacksonville—Quincy.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, BLOOMINGTON, June 12.—The Parish has purchased a place of worship, which, with small alterations, may be made ample and effective, and is advancing vigorously under the charge of the Rev. H. W. Woods. I preached and confirmed *thirteen*.

ST. JOHN'S DECATUR, June 13.—Preached and confirmed *fifteen*. The female school here, under the superintendence of Dr. Totten and conducted by his accomplished family, is an important agent for parochial influence, and if the buildings were sufficiently large, would soon claim Diocesan patronage.

ST. PAUL'S, SPRINGFIELD, June 14.—The Rev. Dr. Clover has been succeeded in this Parish by Rev. W. T. B. Jackson, from the Diocese of Kentucky, who has entered upon his duties with general acceptance. An application had been made to me for permission to organize a second congregation, and some steps taken in that direction. While it is obvious that at no remote period such an effort will be required, and the present proposal embraces some active and liberal agencies, I thought the movement then inexpedient, and declined, after mature deliberation, to give my official consent. *Six* were confirmed after the sermon.

TRINITY CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE, June 15.—Preached and confirmed *five*. This Parish moves on in its quiet and uniform course.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, QUINCY, June 16.—Here, as in Springfield, there has been a change in the rectorship, and the Rev. Sidney B. Corbet, from the Diocese of Wisconsin, has entered upon its duties. I preached and confirmed *ten*.

On Sunday morning, June 18, my pulpit was filled by the Rev. Charles W. Hayes, of Western New York, but a heavy rain occurring at the close of the service, detaining the con-

gregation, I ventured to continue the worship by an address on the same theme, and closing prayers.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GENEVA, June 19.—Services have been held for many months in this beautiful town by Rev. G. C. Street, and others, and there is promise that the Church which had been suffered for some years to decline, will be effectively revived. Steps are taking to erect a building, and, with due energy and liberality, sufficient strength exists to effect that important object. After conducting the chancel and pulpit services I confirmed *seven*.

AT PEORIA.—Tuesday and Wednesday were spent in the pleasant office of the marriage of Major General Edward McCook to Miss Mary Thompson, and on Thursday, 22d, I resumed my visitations in

ST. PETER'S, SYCAMORE, where I preached and confirmed *five*, prepared and presented by Rev. Chas. J. Hendley, whom I had sent for the purpose, and who has since received a call, and, with my full consent, accepted it.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, DIXON.—I ministered here, as usual, and confirmed *three*, going, afterwards, as before stated, to Sterling. This church is vacant, the Rev. James W. Coe having yielded to very earnest solicitations from the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, and removed to that charge.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PERU, Sunday, June 25.—Preached and confirmed *ten* in the new church which has been finished with commendable energy and taste. It is built of stone and is well located. A small indebtedness prevents its being consecrated.

In the afternoon a carriage conveyed me to Utica, where, in the evening, I performed all the offices in the school-house. The Episcopalians there are now without ministrations.

Tiskilwa—Geneseo—Rock Island—Rock Island County—Ottawa.

ST. JUDE'S, TISKILWA, June 26.—The visit to this parish was of peculiar interest, from the marked success which has attended the ministry of the Rev. Francis B. Nash during the year, indicated in the presenting of *thirty-seven* for confirmation. Tiskilwa is a small place, where we have not yet a church building of our own, and zealous labor, heretofore, has seemingly failed to make its adequate impression; but God giveth the increase in His own time, and the small, struggling Missionary Church presents the largest record of the Diocese. The vigor thus shown in personal consecration is pressing on in its work of love, and resolute effort is now making to secure the long-needed House of God.

TRINITY CHURCH, GENESEO, June 27.—Here I had the pleasure of holding my visitation services in the new church edifice. It is worthy of praise for its style and finish, but will soon have the fault of being too small for the congregation. Several clergymen were with me here. I preached and confirmed *six*.

TRINITY CHURCH, ROCK ISLAND, remains under the charge of the Rev. Robert D. Brooke, from Davenport, Iowa. He is esteemed in private and official relations, and the arrangement is the best, which, with limited means, the parish can make. I confirmed *seven*.

GRACE CHURCH, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ST. PETER'S DAY.—The Rev. Messrs. Brooke and Gifford accompanied me to this rural parish, where I preached, confirmed *eight*, and made an address to them and the congregation.

CHRIST CHURCH, OTTAWA, June 30.—Confirmed *eighteen* after my sermon. Messrs. Hiester, Magill and McGowan took part in the liturgy; and after the second lesson I baptised the infant child of the rector.

THIRD SUNDAY after Trinity, July 2.—Preached in my own Church, and in the afternoon baptised five children.

Freeport—Kewanee—Warsaw—Lockport—Manhattan.

Monday and Tuesday were spent in Plymouth, Indiana.

ZION CHURCH, FREEPORT, July 6.—Preached and confirmed *eight*.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KEWANEE, July 7.—But *one* person was presented here for confirmation, which I administered after the sermon. My closing address was an appeal to the congregation on the painful deficiency.

SUNDAY, July 9.—Occupied the pulpit in my own Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WARSAW.—Preached and confirmed *three*, and the next day, July 13th, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Reynolds, drove twenty-five miles to Mendon, where I baptised in the afternoon five children, and in the evening preached and confirmed *one*. The few Episcopalians here have been long deprived of settled ministrations. They, however, keep their building in good order and remain constant in their attachment. I hope to embrace them in a missionary arrangement for the part of the C. B. & Q. railroad contiguous.

MONDAY, July 16th.—Preached in the morning and read prayers in the evening.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LOCKPORT July 17.—Preached and confirmed *two*. A very generous effort is making here to build a new church, of stone, principally stimulated by the liberality of the senior warden. This revived spirit promises an influential future for this old but hitherto weak parish. They already have a parsonage, but the improvement will include that in its site and convenience.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MANHATTAN, is supplied every other Sunday by the Rev. Samuel Cowell, who is living on a farm in the vicinity of Lockport. I visited this church July

Morris—Farmridge—Limestone—Robin's Nest—Farmington.

18th., preached, confirmed *three*, with an address to the congregation before and to the candidates after the ceremony.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, MORRIS, July 19.—The services were held in the court-house, where I preached and confirmed *five*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, FARMRIDGE, July 20.—Preached and confirmed *four*.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PEORIA.—On Sunday, July 23d, I officiated in the morning to a crowded congregation, and after sermon confirmed a class comprising *twenty-four*, of marked influence for the love and work of the Church. An excellent spirit prevails of welcome and appreciation of the rector, and considerate fellowship in the working of the parish. A loss deeply felt and bewailed had just before occurred in the decease of WILLIAM A. WILLARD, a man justly esteemed for his virtues as a citizen and his graces as a Churchman. His funeral took place on the afternoon of this Lord's day. I was deprived of the melancholy privilege of attending, by an engagement in

CHRIST CHURCH, LIMESTONE PRAIRIE, a few miles from Peoria, where I preached and confirmed *eight*.

On Monday morning, July 24, I rode to the College Hill and preached in the afternoon in the chapel for the congregation of CHRIST CHURCH, ROBIN'S NEST. The day proved very inclement and but few persons were able to collect. I rejoiced with the flock in the return, from his effective and devoted chaplaincy in the army, of the Rev. Dr. Chase, to resume the oversight of the charge which he has nurtured and sustained for so many long years.

CALVARY CHURCH, FARMINGTON, has suffered from the removal or death of some of the few specially attached to its interests, among them two members of the Wilkinson family—the elder, the faithful lay reader on the alternate Sun-

days, removed to Peoria, and the young officer who found an early grave in the service of his country, a part only of death's doings, in family bereavement there. Preached and confirmed *six*—one from Brimfield.

IN LEWISTOWN, July 26.—The new church more than met my expectations. It is a structure every way Churchly, and worthy of attention from the ornate use of common material and graceful effect of interior color. Built in our "troublesome times" it has been costly, but the "lamp of sacrifice" has shone the brighter in the hands and hearts of the few to whom its execution has been precious. Preached and confirmed *eight*—one in private.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KANKAKEE.—Another new church of large size and careful finish, with well ordered chancel, cheered my ministrations on Sunday, July 30th, at Kankakee. It has been built by relatively few, and with gifts and energy on the part of individuals, entitling them to my grateful acknowledgment. The senior warden voted as a delegate from Lockport in the first convention of Western New York, which elected the honored Bishop recently gone to his rest. How many such like, "scattered abroad," have been seed for the Church in our then wilderness, and far on from us towards the setting sun. I occupied the pulpit morning and afternoon, reading the lessons and chancel services, to relieve the rector, whom I regretted to find in impaired health. In the afternoon I confirmed *twelve*—the first fruits.

On the following Sunday, August 6th, I held an ordination in the Cathedral, and admitted JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES to the Diaconate, with full qualifications, and after an honorable course in the General Seminary. The candidate was presented by a personal friend, the Rev. Andrew D. Benedict,

of Racine. The sermon and the Holy Communion by myself. In the afternoon I catechised the children around the Chancel and administered the baptism of infants.

SUNDAY, August 20.—I preached in my church. Immediately after the morning service were the funeral obsequies of Melvin N. Rust, surgeon in the army, and at which I made a funeral address. In the afternoon administered baptism, and in the evening performed a marriage, also assisting in divine service. The constant and varied pastoral duty opened to me through my Cathedral, filling up profitably interstices of time, extends to many incidents of parochial life, through which I find myself kept in fresher sympathy with my own past, and with the present life and claims of my clergy. It is one of the normal and healthy accidents from the right position of the Bishop ; still a fragment only of what could be achieved in the same natural influence, if the fellowship of the Church or individual benevolence would assist with the moderate means required for the Chapel, the Schools and the theological training.

TRINITY CHURCH, BELVIDERE.—Sunday, the 27th, was spent in various duties in this parish, which, from singular weakness and depressed resources, is lifting itself well up in distinct works of advance, and a spirit of courage, hope and thoughtful administration. The Rev. W. H. Cooper has become the rector, on terms necessarily involving sacrifice and hazard, but calculated to diminish risk and patiently encourage confidence in the real ability to stand and grow. The heavy debt, which has been a dead weight upon them alike from its amount and the way in which it was incurred, has been entirely liquidated. The expenses are defrayed in the venture of faith which trusts to the Lord's day offering as God hath prospered the week. There is a spreading of serv-

ices to the other side of the river, and off among the English settlement at Shattuck's Grove. On the north side of the Kishwaukee it would be of material benefit to have a chapel, and thus distribute the services. A member of the vestry, living there, has offered a suitable lot.

I officiated in the morning in Trinity church, with the Ante-Communion, sermon, confirmation of *five*, and address. In the afternoon I preached in a meeting house on the north side of the river, to a large and attentive congregation, and in the evening again in the church.

SUNDAY, September 3, twelfth after Trinity.—I was alone in the morning in my own church; performed all the services, with the Holy Communion and preached.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, CHICAGO.—In the afternoon held the visitation services for this parish in Grace church; preached on the occasion; confirmed *four* for St. Stephen's, *ten* for Grace, and *one* from Jonesboro, made an address to the candidates on the Proto-martyr as an example. In the evening preached again in my own church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LEE CENTER.—On Thursday, September 7th, visited this parish, preached and confirmed *two* persons. The day was one of heavy rains, and, in consequence, six persons prepared for the rite could not attend. The congregation also was small. Mr. Trewartha, the Deacon in charge, is making assiduous efforts to sustain the small flock, and is now encouraged by an earnest support of his efforts according to their means.

SUNDAY, September 10.—I officiated and preached in the morning in my own church; in the afternoon baptized five infants. At 4 p. m. the services were held connected with the annual supplementary confirmation, on which occasion the sermon was preached by Rev. Hiram W. Beers, rector of

the Church of the Ascension, Chicago. *Eight* were confirmed, three from that parish and five from the Cathedral congregation.

On Friday morning, September 15th, the convention took a recess to attend the consecration of ST. MARK'S CHURCH, EVANSTON. A large number of the clergy and laity proceeded with me to that place, in special cars. The church was consecrated. The Instrument of Donation was presented and read by Charles Comstock, Senior Warden, and the Sentence of Consecration published for me by Rev. J. W. Buckmaster, elected rector of the parish. The sermon was by myself. The clergy conducted the musical portion of the service. After the ceremony the members of the convention were entertained by the Rev. Dr. Cummins, at his residence near the church.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH.—The ministrations of this have been continued through the year, and with a growing conviction of the normal importance of the plan, and the existent influence for good. It affords to me, officially, a large scope of pulpit and pastoral work, identical entirely with my office of Bishop, and in harmony with all the correlative claims upon me in my Diocesan supervision and pastorship. During the year I have been mainly assisted by the Rev. S. Russell Jones, although, at intervals, several other clergymen have sustained my services. The statistics of our parochial acts are as follows: The number of communicants and *families* regularly connected, has not, I presume, materially varied. The average of the congregations has been larger, and the responses, music, and reverent use of the liturgy have obviously advanced. The Sunday school has improved in its discipline and influence. Some effort has been made in district visiting. It is all very much below my hopeful ideal;

but still marked in usefulness and progress, presenting abundant cause for devout gratitude to the mercy of our Lord, who accepts and blesses the weak endeavor.

Baptisms—Infants, by the Bishop, *sixty*.

“ by Chaplains, *eight*. *sixty-eight*.

Adults, by the Bishop, *seven*. Total, *seventy-five*.

Confirmed—*twenty-seven*.

Marriages—*seven*.

Burials—by the Bishop, *eighteen*.

by Chaplains, *four*. Total, *twenty-two*.

OBITUARY OF THE EPISCOPATE.

As we pass on from this running line of official work, we must pause for a few moments to name the honored dead, and bend to catch the voice of encouragement and warning which rises from their biers.

The Missionary Bishop of China, WILLIAM JONES BOONE, D.D., has found a grave on the arduous field of his choice, and left a ministry which will be held in lasting honor. He selected in youthful zeal an enterprise all but hopelessly adverse; gave to it admirable gifts of culture and piety; cheerfully and patiently he wrought and endured, never “looking back.” With buoyant faith and steady industry he mastered difficulties and treasured resources, and groped his pioneer way along the narrow path for Christian foot on that heathen wilderness. The Church gave and sustained him. He went, and toiled, and died. His memorial and that of the fallen laborers gathered around him are witness to our obedience in the venture of faith, but they are now hushed voices in a dreary night, where we must needs watch and wrestle, but the “day breaketh” not.

Harmonious, practical and beautiful has been the course of the veteran Senior Bishop, THOMAS CHURCH BROWNELL, D.D., LL. D., whose life, full-orbed in its grace and accomplished mission, so long flickered with age and infirmities in its earthen pitcher. He has been long withdrawn from active ministrations, but still his counsels and acts have, from time to time, been welcome to the Church. Throughout the term of forty-five years of Diocesan headship the record is uniform of personal wisdom and goodness, of conservative and serene administration, of accurate judgment and refined scholarship, equable, unimpassioned, religious temperament, of calm, meek and systematic devotion, graceful purity in moral deportment, and a felt-sufficiency for every claim of his high office.

The Church has been scarcely as well prepared to yield up the first Bishop of Western New York, the Right Reverend William H. DeLancey, D.D., D. C. L., Oxon. Sorely will he be missed in the Council of the Church and the organizations for her work, faithfully will he be mourned in the Diocese he loved so well and administered with concentrated earnestness. In the grace, ease and dignity of the Christian gentleman; as the refined and fervid preacher; the intelligent and faithful man of business; for power to sway and tact to direct by counsel and in debate; in the honest, outspoken reality of his Churchmanship; in the impartial, discriminating firmness of his administration; in the practical development and efficient use of diocesan resources; in the system of executive life; in the manliness, delicacy and good temper of his intercourse, few deserve better to be esteemed a model Bishop, and it is to the honor of the Church that he was always cherished, appreciated and successful.

We have lost another eminent and marked man in the Right

Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., LL. D., late Bishop of Pennsylvania, who closed his fine career of earthly work while absent on a voyage to California for the benefit of his worn health. For twenty years he administered, with eminent vigor, ability and success, his large Diocese coterminous with the State. He brought to the office and charge character and ability; trained with unusual breadth, variety and thoroughness of intellectual culture, a peculiar knowledge of men, and sagacity in calling out and guiding all resources to practical issues. He combined the experience and discipline of business, educational administration and parochial life, in each of which he had developed himself with high culture, and with singular talent applied his power and knowledge over large and varied fields.

The whole met and concentrated in his office as Bishop in the Church of God, and he has been uniformly known there as alike laborious and successful, in literature, in devising and prosecuting plans for the extension of the Church, in the founding and management of noble endowments, in diligent detail of diocesan government, for prominence in the counsels of the General Church, and harmonizing for co-ordinate action elements of disagreement. He adorned all with manly piety and devotion, and has won beyond all professional eminence and executive honor, wide-spread esteem, veneration and love.

DIOCESAN OBITUARY.

The record of death is not confined to the high places of the Church in other dioceses. Two of the ministry within our own borders have finished their work.

REV. CHARLES DRESSER, D.D., died at his residence in Springfield. He had long been in failing health, and the

hand of decay had been laid on mind as well as body. His last engagement for the church was in a professorship at Jubilee College, from which he retired to "dwell among his own people." As rector of St. Paul's Springfield, his best years of ministration had been passed. There he had labored with faithful "hardness" and enjoyed the success of a vigorous parish with one of the best edifices then in the diocese. He was universally esteemed and trusted for purity of life, for meekness and prudence in his parochial relations, and for the soundness of his judgment. He filled most of the offices of trust in the gift of the Convention, and was the esteemed friend and counsellor of Bishop Chase. He was a "good man, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom," and sank gradually to rest "accepted in the Beloved."

The Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter, once rector of Trinity Church, Polo, and a hospital chaplain, died near Cincinnati, December 26, 1864, at the age of fifty-seven. The clergy of that city passed a series of resolutions expressive of their regard, in which they bear testimony to the fidelity and earnestness which characterized his official labors, and the qualities which marked and adorned his social intercourse among them. The immediate cause of his death was disease contracted in the discharge of hospital duties.

The venerable relict of Bishop Chase has also passed, in good old age, to rejoin him in Paradise. Since the decease of her husband, she has resided in retirement at the Robin's Nest, the memorable spot where her home and abundant labors in Illinois began. She largely shared the cares of the Bishop, as his companion in travel, in managing his business and correspondence, as well as sustaining him in trials by her firm affection, patient resolution and vigorous action. Her body rests by the side of the venerable Bishop, in the graveyard of Jubilee College.

ORDINATIONS—DIACONATE.

On the second day of October, 1864, being the nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, in the Cathedral church, I did admit and ordain to the Holy Order of Deacons, JOHN BROWN SAYE, late minister of the Presbyterians. The candidate was presented by Rev. Lyman N. Freeman.

In the Cathedral Church, on Thursday, the nineteenth day of January, 1865, I did admit and ordain as Deacon, J. WAINRIGHT RAY, late a minister of the Presbyterians. The candidate was presented by the Rev. George D. Cummins, D.D., rector of Trinity church, Chicago.

In the Cathedral church, on the 11th day of June, being Trinity Sunday, 1865, I did admit and ordain to the Diaconate, CHARLES J. HENDLEY, a graduate of Nashotah, and transferred as a candidate from Wisconsin. The candidate was presented by the Rev. H. H. Cole.

In the Cathedral church, Sunday, August 6th, being the eighth Sunday after Trinity, 1865, I did admit and ordain to the Diaconate JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES, a graduate of the General Theological Seminary. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Andrew D. Benedict, rector of St. Luke's church, Racine, Wisconsin.

ORDINATIONS—PRIESTHOOD.

In the Cathedral church, on the 11th day of June, being Trinity Sunday, 1865, I did admit and ordain to the Holy Order of Priesthood, the Rev. Oscar B. Thayer. The candidate was presented by the Rev. George C. Street, who, with Rev. H. H. Cole, joined in the laying on of hands.

On the 28th day of April I did also receive the Rev. Chas. Borromeé Guillemont, formerly officiating in the obedience of the Roman Church, under the Bishop of Lucon, in France,

and for seven months last past resident in lay communion on probation, in the diocese of Illinois, into the full exercise of the holy ministry, as a Priest in the Church of Christ, in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, after a full declaration by him of reconciliation and renunciation of the errors and superstitions of the church of Rome. The said renunciation was made in the presence of the Rev. Clinton Locke and the Rev. George C. Street. Mr. Guillemont is ministering to the French in St. Anne, Kankakee county.

LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED.

The following clergy have been received into this jurisdiction :

The Rev. HIRAM W. BEERS, Presbyter, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Wisconsin.

The Rev. JAMES J. CHAMBERLAIN, Presbyter, Minnesota.

The Rev. HIRAM H. COLE, Presbyter, New York.

The Rev. SIDNEY CORBET, Presbyter, Wisconsin.

The Rev. H. H. DE GARMO, Deacon, Wisconsin.

The Rev. S. BRAINERD DUFFIELD, Presbyter, Connecticut.

The Rev. SAMUEL EDSON, Presbyter, Indiana.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Presbyter, Minnesota.

The Rev. JOHN GIERLOW, Presbyter, Wisconsin.

The Rev. BENJAMIN R. GIFFORD, Massachusetts.

The Rev. WILLIAM F. B. JACKSON, Presbyter, Kentucky.

The Rev. MARCUS LANE, Presbyter, Michigan.

The Rev. JOHN PORTMESS, Deacon, Missouri.

The Rev. ALPHEUS W. SPOR, Presbyter, Minnesota.

The Rev. HENRY W. WOODS, Presbyter, Maryland.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GIVEN.

The following clergymen have left the Diocese :

Rev. STEPHEN T. ALLEN, Presbyter, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Iowa.

Clergymen—Deceased—Ordained—Received.

- Rev. WM. BRITAIN, *Presbyter*, to Wisconsin.
Rev. WM. BRODNAX, *Presbyter*, to Indiana.
Rev. LYMAN N. FREEMAN, *Presbyter*, to Wisconsin.
Rev. FREDERIC JUNY, *Presbyter*, to Kentucky.
Rev. ISAAC P. LABACH, *Presbyter*, to Iowa.
Rev. J. WAINRIGHT RAY, *Deacon*, to Michigan.
Rev. ALBERT WELLS, *Presbyter*, to Michigan.

CLERGYMEN DECEASED.

- Rev. CHARLES DRESSER, D.D.
Rev. SAMUEL T. CARPENTER.

CLERGY ADDED BY ORDINATION.

- Rev. CHARLES J. HENDLEY, *Deacon*.
Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES, *Deacon*.
Rev. J. WAINRIGHT RAY, *Deacon*.
Rev. JOHN B. SAYE, *Deacon*.
Rev. CHARLES BORROMEE GUILLEMONT, from Roman Church.

SETTLEMENT OF CLERGY RECEIVED AND ADDED.

- Rev. HIRAM W. BEERS, *Rector* of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago.
Rev. JOHN W. BUCKMASTER, *Rector* of St. Mark's Church, Evanston.
Rev. JAMES J. CHAMBERLAIN, *Missionary* in Peoria County.
Rev. HIRAM H. COLE, *Rector* of St. Luke's Church, Chicago.
Rev. SIDNEY CORBET, *Rector* of St. John's Church, Quincy.
Rev. H. H. DE GARMO, *Assistant* at Trinity Church, Chicago.
Rev. S. B. DUFFIELD, *Cathedral*, Chicago.
Rev. CHARLES J. HENDLEY, *Minister* of St. Peter's Church, Sycamore.

Rev. SAMUEL EDSON, Rector of Grace Church, Galena.

Rev. JOHN A. FITCH Missionary.

Rev. JOHN GIERLOW, Rector of Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago.

Rev. BENJAMIN R. GIFFORD, Rector of St. John's Church, Kewanee.

Rev. CHARLES B. GUILLEMONT, Missionary to the French at St. Anne, Kankakee.

Rev. WILLIAM F. B. JACKSON, Rector of St. Paul's Springfield.

Rev. JOHN H. KNOWLES, Minister of Trinity Church, Aurora, and St. John's, Naperville.

Rev. MARCUS LANE, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Chicago.

Rev. JOHN PORTMESS, Minister of Christ Church, Collinsville, and at Belleville.

Rev. JOHN B. SAYE, Missionary at Bridgeport and parts adjacent.

Rev. ALPHEUS W. SPOR, Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown.

Rev. HENRY W. WOODS, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington.

CHANGES OF SETTLEMENT.

The following clergy have, during the year, changed their parochial relations :

The Rev. CHARLES P. CLARKE has resigned St. George's, Utica, and is resident in Ottawa.

The Rev. LEWIS P. CLOVER, D.D., has resigned St. Paul's, Springfield.

The Rev. JAMES W. COE has resigned St. Luke's, Dixon, and accepted the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. COOPER, has become Rector of Trinity Church, Belvidere.

Changes of Settlement—Candidates for Orders.

The Rev. ERASTUS DEWOLF has resigned the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, and is resident without charge.

The Rev. JOHN FOSTER has resigned St. Peter's Church, Sycamore, and accepted St. Stephen's, Pittsfield.

The Rev. ELIJAH W. HAGER has resigned the Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago.

The Rev. GEORGE H. JENKS has resigned Trinity Church, Polo.

The Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES has resigned the Church of the Ascension and is Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Chicago.

The Rev. WARREN H. ROBERTS has resigned Grace Church, Galena, and accepted St. Paul's Church, Peoria.

The Rev. WILLIAM T. SMITHETT has resigned Emmanuel Church, Rockford, to take effect next Easter.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL has taken charge of Christ Church, Tremont, and St. Paul's Church, Pekin.

The Rev. HENRY W. STRONG, D.D., LL. D., has resigned St. John's Church, Quincy.

The Rev. CHARLES H. VAN DYNE has resigned Christ Church, Waukegan.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

CANDIDATES ORDAINED.

CHARLES J. HENDLEY,
JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES,
J. WAINWRIGHT RAY,
JOHN BROWN SAYE.

CANDIDATES ADMITTED.

MARCH CHASE,
CHARLES J. HENDLEY,
DEWITT CLINTON HOWARD.

PRESENT CANDIDATES.

MARCH CHASE,
 ALBERT AUGUSTUS FISK,
 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FLEETWOOD,
 D. O. HALSEY,
 DEWITT CLINTON HOWARD,
 CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL,
 FREDERIC COPE WHITEHOUSE.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES.

1864.—On Sunday, November 20, being the twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity, I consecrated the CHURCH of the REDEEMER, Cairo.

1864.—On Thursday, November 24, I consecrated ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GILLESPIE.

1865.—On Monday, April 24, I consecrated ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NAPERVILLE.

1865.—On Friday, September 15, I consecrated ST. MARK'S CHURCH, EVANSTON—*Four*.

In addition to the churches consecrated, because out of debt, several have been erected, finished, or nearly so, but with more or less incumbrance, viz :

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KANKAKEE ;

TRINITY CHURCH, GENESEO ;

ST. JAMES' LEWISTOWN ;

ST. PAUL'S, PERU ;

CHRIST CHURCH, CHICAGO ;

ST. JOHN'S, ALGONQUIN—*Six*.

The following have purchased buildings :

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, BLOOMINGTON ;

ST. JAMES', DUNDEE ;

ST. MARK'S, CHICAGO ;

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, CHICAGO—*Four*.

The parishes named below have either begun to build or taken steps to do so immediately :

GRACE CHURCH, STERLING ;
 ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, TISKILWA ;
 TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBYVILLE ;
 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LOCKPORT ;
 —, MOUND CITY.

The full number of new churches, *nineteen*.

ORGANIZATION OF PARISHES.

—, MOUND CITY ;
 ST. MARK'S CHURCH, CHICAGO ;
 ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CHICAGO ;
 ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, CHICAGO ;
 TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBYVILLE ;
 CHRIST CHURCH, BUNKER HILL.

CANONICAL NOTICES OF DISCIPLINE.

RICHARD HOLDEN, Presbyter, Canon 5, Tit. II—by the Bishop of Ohio.

PETER NEFF, Presbyter, Canon 5, Tit. II—by the Bishop of Ohio.

JOHN T. MINES—by the Bishop of Maine.

By canonical provision each case of displacement or deposition from the ministry is officially communicated by the Bishop performing it to the ecclesiastical authority of each of the other dioceses. The intention of this is obvious, and the record of these depositions as received during the year is formally made in the annual address of many of the Bishops. By this means full notice and warning are given to the Church that such clergymen have ceased to be competent to officiate in any function whatever, or be recognized as in the ministry of our Church.

This deposition takes place as a penalty after trial, from

voluntary renunciation of the ministry, or from the abandonment of the Church.

Some of them rest then on moral delinquency, others on doctrinal errors, and a portion involve no implication of character, but arise from sickness and infirmity, disqualifying from the successful work of the ministry and compelling a resort to secular business, not deemed in harmony with the vows of Ordination. Except as removed by death, these notices of discipline include every case that can occur of forfeiture or abandonment of Holy Orders, whether in the Diaconate or Priesthood, when once they have been conferred.

A glance at the aggregate statistics may not be without interest.

In the thirteen years of my Episcopate I have received in all, of every class, notices of sixty-two depositions. They are from twenty-five dioceses. In twelve of these dioceses there has been but one single case in this lapse of time. In five more only two cases in each. In the residue, as follows: New York, nine; Ohio, five; Kentucky, five; Western New York, five. In Massachusetts, Maryland, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, four each. I cannot discriminate the exact number on which deposition has been inflicted as a penalty for offense, but it falls below the half.

The Episcopal Church in the United States now embraces thirty-eight dioceses and missions, under charge of bishops, and at least two thousand clergymen. Such a record of aggregate discipline is far from discreditable to the stability and purity of its ministry.

Under my own immediate administration, I may say that no case of discipline has occurred from renunciation of our ministry or from trial. But one formal presentment resulting in trial has been among the anxieties of my Episcopate. In this the accused party was acquitted.

ACTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1861.

In the year thus named, in my Address, made at the twenty-fourth annual Convention, in Ottawa, I called the attention of the body to an underhand effort to repeal an act, passed in 1853, for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Illinois, and to substitute another with different object and provisions. The Convention referred the matter to an able committee, who reported in full on the merits of the case, with preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

By one of those resolutions it was provided, "That the Bishop and Standing Committee of the diocese be and are hereby appointed a committee of this body, with instructions to memorialize the Legislature of the State to restore to their original provisions the acts of 1840 and 1853, and to repeal the act of 1861."

In the session of the Legislature which immediately followed, provision was made for bringing the subject properly before them, but the abrupt termination of that session prevented any definite action.

During the last winter the application was renewed, and the proper papers put in the hands of influential members of the Church in Springfield, requesting them to take steps to obtain the relief required, and which, it might naturally be supposed would be at once granted by the Honorable Body.

I regret to say that a personal and covert opposition interposed objections, after the bill of relief had been reported and passed to the third reading, and the delay thus caused proved so far fatal to the application.

I would commend to the Convention to reiterate the expression of their convictions and wishes, and put the subject in such form as to satisfy the next Legislature on the merits of the case.

The references will be found on pp. 19, 22 and 24 of Journal, and pp. 33, 35 and 36 of "Bishop's Address."

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE LAITY.

I desire to direct the attention of the Convention to Can. 12, Tit. II, of the Digest, which bears the above title, and to suggest the propriety of a carefully digested diocesan canon, or canons, prescribing the proper form of the "inquiry" and rules and process for the deprivation of Church membership.

Cases occur not unfrequently of suspension from the Holy Communion which on being reported to the Ordinary, as required by the rubric are followed by complaint to the Bishop from the repelled party, begging that an "inquiry may be duly instituted." It is made the duty of the Bishop in this case to comply with this appeal and conduct it "as may be directed by the canons of the diocese in which the event has taken place."

We have no canon responding to this, and it seems to me proper that there should be such, and that the whole subject of discipline, as affecting the laity, may be put into a shape more clearly directory and authoritative.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

It is with no small gratification that I enter and utter such a title, as at least indicating that there has been movement in the direction in which we have been and are so singularly deficient as a diocese—Institutions of Benevolence and Education. This one has sprung, too, more from congregational effort than the broad, genial, consecrated impulse of either the Convention or the Churchmen of our large city. Still it is in shape to appeal to all this and win co-operation and sympathy, and prompt enlargement to equivalent usefulness. By the requirement of their constitution the Board of Trus.

tees report to the Bishop of the Diocese, and I feel it a privilege to adopt that report as a part of this annual Address, and present it in full to the Convention and Diocese :

CHICAGO, Sept. 6th, 1865.

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR:—In accordance with the requirement of their Constitution, the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital beg leave to present you a report, extending from the opening of the Hospital, June 23d, 1864, to Sept. 1st, 1865. This Hospital was originated by some Christian ladies of the city, who felt deeply the need of some place where the sick poor could receive the care and attention impossible to give them in their homes. For some months it was under the care of Grace Church alone, but during the session of the last Legislature a charter was procured, which embraces all the parishes of the city in the government of the Institution. The Incorporators, at their first meeting, adopted a Constitution, the leading features of which are as follows: The Board of Trustees to be composed of all the city Rectors and a layman from each parish, nominated by the Rector thereof, with the Chief Physician of the Hospital. The President of the Board to be a Rector of a city parish or the Bishop of the Diocese, elected annually on the Festival of St. Luke. (The present President, the Rector of Grace Church, can, however, retain the office as long as he wishes, in consideration of the efforts of his parish in the work of the Hospital.) The internal government of the Hospital to be vested in a Board of Directors—ladies—nominated, one from each parish, by the Rector thereof, and responsible to the Board of Trustees. The Chaplain to be always a Priest of the Episcopal Church. An annual report to be made to the Bishop before the meeting of the Diocesan Convention. The charter embraces ample provisions for holding property, exemption from taxation, &c. The work, as yet, is small, but it has progressed much since its first inception, and we hope, year by year, to be enabled to report to you a greater record of usefulness. It is a Church work, and we believe the only work in which *all* the parishes of the city have ever heartily engaged; and if they will continue their interest, its success is certain, and before many years we shall see a noble building, with its Sisterhood and its many beds, offering gratuitous assistance to all those of any creed who have not the means to help themselves. There has been contributed to the support of the Institution from June 1st, 1864, its inception to September 1st, 1865:

From St. James' Church.....	\$455 00
“ Trinity “	180 00
“ Grace “	1,381 94
“ Holy Communion Church.....	15 00
“ Christ Church.....	73 51
“ St. John's Church.....	350 00
“ sources outside the Church	1,095 26

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Besides these gifts in money, there have been given large quantities of provisions, fuel and housekeeping articles. The expenses, including all the furniture and fitting up of the house, have been about \$3,500, leaving a balance on hand of \$50.71. The medical department is under the charge of Dr. Walter Hay, assisted by Dr. John Owens. Both these gentlemen give their services, and the Trustees feel grateful indeed for their devotion to their poor beneficiaries. Dr. Hay reports that from June 23d, 1864, to Sept. 1st, 1865, there have been admitted 37 males and 59 females, and there have been 27 births, making 123 inmates. The deaths have been 8. Present number of inmates, 13. Average cost of patients per diem, \$1.13½, including the cost of original outfit of the Hospital. For ten months the number of beds, 8; for four months, 12. The building now in use is a large three-story brick house, 669 State street, where there is room for twenty beds, but we have thus far been only able to support twelve for adults and one for a child. We hope, however, this fall, to fill up the number.

Such is the statement of our work—a work of faith, supported only by the contributions of those who care for God's poor. Service is daily held in the wards of the Hospital, and, on Sunday morning, service and a sermon, and the Chaplain spares no pains to do his duty. We ask for it your attention and your prayers, and feel assured that you will do everything in your power for its advancement.

We remain, Right Reverend Sir, very truly and respectfully yours,
 CLINTON LOCKE, *President*.
 A. C. CALKINS, *Secretary*.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Clergy within the Diocese—During the year, *one hundred*.

At present, *eighty-eight*.

Presbyters—In Parish duty, *fifty-one*.

In other work, *five*.

Without cure, *eleven*.

Infirm or sick, *three*.

Absent on leave, *three*.

Resident without transfer, *three*.

Settled, but not transferred, *two*.

Entitled to seats, *fifty-three*.

Deacons — With full qualifications, *six*.

With limited qualifications, *three*.

Entitled to seats, *nine*.

Whole number entitled to seats, *sixty-two*.

Clergy added—By Letters Dimissory, *fourteen*.

By Ordination, *five*.

By Reception, *one*.

Settled, but not transferred, *two*.—*Twenty-two*.

Clergy transferred from the Diocese, *eight*.

Deceased, *two*.

Ordinations—To the Priesthood, *one*.

To the Diaconate, *four*.

Admitted from the Roman Church, *one*.—*six*.

Candidates for Orders—Whole number in the year, *twelve*.

Ordained, *four*.

Admitted, *three*.

Present number, *seven*.

Churches Consecrated, *four*.

Built, *ten*.

Bought, *four*.

Building, *five*.—*Nineteen*.

Confirmations—In public, *sixty-one*.

In private, *seven*.—*Sixty-eight*.

Number confirmed, *five hundred and sixty-one*.

Out of the Diocese, *thirty-nine*.—*Six hundred*.

Consent to Organization, *seven*.

Baptisms—Adults, *eight*.

Infants, *seventy-one*.—*Seventy-nine*.

Funerals, *nineteen*.

Marriages, *ten*.

Holy Communion, *twenty-six*.

Sermons, *one hundred and two*.

Addresses on visitations, *seventy-four*.—*One hundred and seventy-six*.

Issued two Pastoral Letters, with special services, for two occasions.

Travel, over eight thousand miles.

CONCLUSION.

How awfully the world around us, in its modes of thought, business or amusement, does violence to the claims of morality and of God; and what a discrepancy there is between the great end, promised and sealed by immutable truth, of the conversion of these myriads to permanent holiness, and the trivial means brought to bear on man's part to effect it. There may be times when it taxes all our faith to realize the ultimate triumph of the Gospel, and still so associate it with the feeble agency to which it is committed as to bring comfort to our heart and invigorate our practical conduct. But the voice of God's promise is still to the believer the certainty of the glorious facts, and gives him the assurance that he has an influence with God to hasten and perfect His plans. If, then, we feel any interest in the triumph of the Church, that the men of other lands may be blessed with Gospel truth; that "spirits in prison" under bondage, political and religious, that eats into the soul, may be comforted; that the few, daring reproach and punishment for the sake of their benighted brethren, may be prospered; that the multitude of the heathen may be gathered to the "valley of decision," and the Jews as a holy people be grafted in again; if we honestly desire any of the great issues of human restoration, the advancement of society, the abatement of its sore evils, then let us gain an influence with God, put ourselves with affectionate trust under his acknowledged care, make it sure in our consciousness that we have chosen Him for our portion, that we are co-workers with Him, that in the great opposing parties we are surely with God, and that the banner over us is his love.

All blessing is referred to the time when the "Spirit is poured out from on high." On this blessed influence turns

all our hope. It is the Spirit of God alone that restrains evil which would utterly subvert society, before which all force would be powerless, all laws idle words. It is the Spirit of God that can alone meliorate it, and resist or overcome the evils with which human corruption deluges it. There is no present reform that is hopeful except it follow the full pattern of the great regeneration promised. It must be by the faithful teaching and preaching of the Gospel, the religious education of the young, the increase of the number of true Christians, and by the more elevated aims and faithful lives of those who call themselves such. These are means and instruments, effects of the Holy Spirit given, and agencies by which He acts to increase and multiply upon us His own influence. On this precious gift of the Spirit, prayer has, in the Divine love, its wonderful efficacy, and the evidence of what is renovating will appear in a more humble and believing reliance on this supernatural power. This reliance will make us pray more for His special offices on our churches and ministers, country and society, our children and families, and praying thus, we shall be more faithful in working with Him, and laying hold of means of advancing the blessing we pray for. We cannot transcend the promises and predictions, ask as largely as we will; and when human means fail and natural agencies seem to be baffled, we shall find that obedience to this high law of the Spirit will secure blessings which human sagacity, enterprise and power sought in vain. Let us cast our seed on these waters, sowing among untoward incidents, and, with labor seemingly ill-directed, looking for the fruits according to the good pleasure of His grace, cheerful to do, and content, if He will, to "stand, and wait"—for, "blessed are they who sow beside all waters, and send forth thither the foot of the ox and the ass,"—**FAITH AND LABOR**—faith that works and labor

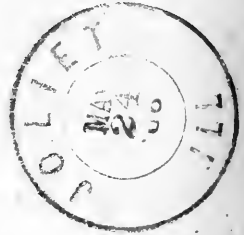
trusts—each laying hold of instruments and guiding them by the powerful will; and each alike, looking only for increase and blessing to the Invisible who works in us all “to will and to do.”











NOTICE.

The TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the DIOCESE of ILLINOIS, will be held in the CATHEDRAL, Chicago, on Wednesday, the 12th day of September, A. D. 1866.

CHARLES A. GILBERT.

Secretary of the Convention.

