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FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION,

SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1868.

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The Rev. Thomas N. Benedict, Priest, resident at Jubilee College, and officiating at parts adjacent. P. O., Robin's Nest.

The Rev. John Benson, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Peoria.

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The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., Priest, Vice-President of Jubilee College; Rector of Christ Church, Robin's Nest; Rural Dean, North Western Deanry.

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The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Priest, Missionary, residing in Belvidere.

The Rev. GEORGE GIBSON,* Priest, residing in Chicago.

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The Rev. JONAS GREENE,* Priest, residing in Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM GREENE, Priest, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Geneva.

The Rev. ASA GRISWOLD, Priest, residing in New York.

The Rev. GEORGE C. GRISWOLD, Priest, Rector of Trinity Church Geneseo.

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The Rev. Henry T. Hiester, Priest, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge.

The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, Priest, officiating in St. John's Church, Albion.

The Rev. William F. B. Jackson, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield; Rural Dean, Middle Deanry.

The Rev. William John Johnstone, Priest, Rector of Zion Church, Freeport.

The Rev. Philip A. Johnson,* Priest, acting as Missionary at Centralia.

The Rev. William Y. Johnson, Priest, Rector of Trinity Church, Polo.

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The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Priest, Rector of Grace Church, Chicago.

The Rev. Thomas Lyle, Priest, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Evanston.

The Rev. Matthew Magill,* Priest, residing in Peru.

The Rev. James S. McGowan, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Lacon.

The Rev. Philip McKim, Priest, Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown.

The Rev. William Mitchell, M. D., Priest, Mound City.

The Rev. Theodore N. Morrison, D. D., Priest, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington; Rural Dean, Eastern Deanry.

The Rev. Francis B. Nash, Priest, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Tiskilwa, and Zion Church, Providence.

The Rev. John Wesley Osborne, Priest, Missionary at Bement, and on Illinois Central Railroad. P. O. Chicago.

The Rev. Roswell Park, D, D.,* Priest, Principal of Immanuel Hall, Lake View. P. O. Chicago.

The Rev. Duane S. Phillips, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kankakee.

The Rev. John Portmess, Priest, Bunker Hill.

The Rev. H. N. POWERS, D. D.,* Priest, Rector elect of St. John's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. SAMUEL D. PULFORD, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Decatur.

The Rev. E. JAMES PURDY, Priest, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville.

The Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Warsaw.

The Rev. CHARLES RITTER, Priest, Rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Chicago.

The Rev. WARREN H. ROBERTS, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peoria.

The Rev. A. B. RUSSELL, Priest, residing in Pekin.

The Rev. J. A. RUSSELL, Priest, Principal of High School, Galva, officiating at Mendota.

The Rev. ROBERT RYALL,* Priest, residing at Vandalia.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. RYLANCE, D. D., Priest, Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago; Rural Dean, Northern Deanry.

The Rev. GEORGE SAYRES,* Priest, residing in New York.

The Rev. A. W. SNYDER, Priest, Rector of Calvary Church, Chicago.

The Rev. THOMAS SMITH, B. D.,* Priest, residing in Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pekin.

The Rev. GEORGE C. STREET, Priest, Canon of the Cathedral Church, Chicago.

The Rev. EDWARD SULLIVAN, A. B.,* Priest, Rector elect, Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. RICHARD F. SWEET, B. D., Priest, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM THOMPSON, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Kewanee.

The Rev. ROBERT TREWARTHA, Deacon, Minister of St. Mark's Church, Chester.

The Rev. GUSTAV UNONIUS,* Priest, residing in Sweden.

The Rev. J. E. WALTON, Priest, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

The Rev. J. H. WATERMAN,* Deacon, residing near Morris.

The Rev. ALBERT E. WELLS, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peru.

The Rev. JOHN R. WEST,* Priest, absent in Europe.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, Priest, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Dixon.

The Rev. HENRY W. WOOD, Priest, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. JAMES A. WOODWARD,* Priest, residing at Farm Ridge.

The Rev. GERSHOM P. WALDO, Priest, residing at Springfield.

Whole number of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese:

Bishop		1
Priests		86
Deacons		4—91
Number entitled to seats in this Convention		75
Number present entitled to seats		61
Number present not entitled to seats		5
Number absent entitled to seats		14
Number absent not entitled to seats		11

CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS

PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., etc., Bishop of the Diocese.

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" C. P. Clarke,
" C. A. Gilbert,
" William Greene,
" Asa Griswold,
The Rev. Edward H. Harlow,
" Benjamin Hutchins,
" John Portmess,
" S. D. Pulford,
" J. A. Russell,
" R. F. Sweet,
" Robert Trewartha.

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PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION.

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" Jonas Greene,
" Roswell Park, D. D.,
The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A. B.
" James A. Woodward.

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ABSENT FROM THIS CONVENTION.

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" Robert Ryall,
" George Sayres,
The Rev. Thomas Smith, B. D.,
" Gustav Unonius,
" J. H. Waterman,
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" F. M. Gregg, Diocese of Indiana.
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" John Wilkinson, Diocese of Wisconsin.

List of Parishes

ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION IN THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

Delegates marked thus * were absent, or were not heard to answer to their names.

St. John's,	Algonquin,	Wm. Estergreen, *James Kee.
St. Paul's,	Alton,	S. R. Dolbee, *J. W. Schweppe, Gaius Paddock.
Trinity,	Aurora,	C. F. Jauriet, *S. A. Tenney, *Samuel Hoyles.
Trinity,	Belvidere,	Nijah Hotchkiss, *N. H. Merchant, Henry Pineger.
St. Matthew's,	Bloomington,	George S. Todd, *James S. Ewing, *James W. Peck.
Redeemer,	Cairo,	H. H. Candee, *W. W. Thornton, H. L. Halliday.
St. Paul's,	Carlinville,	*M. H. Head, M. D., *James McIntyre, *Fred. L. Matthews, M. D.
St. Mark's,	Chester,	*R. B. Servant, *John L. Edwards, *John Swanwick.
Ascension,	Chicago,	J. L. Watson, F. B. Peabody, *J. B. Fall.
Atonement,	Chicago,	*Reuben Taylor, *N. E. Petersen, J. A. J. Kendig.
Calvary,	Chicago,	J. J. White, Henry Pilcher, F. F. Hilder.

Christ,	Chicago,	A. C. Calkins, Albert Crane, Edward C. Cleaver.
Epiphany,	Chicago,	D. W. Page, Geo. Gardner, *Henry F. Chace.
Grace,	Chicago,	W. J. Barney, Henry C. Ranney, Melville W. Fuller.
Holy Communion,	Chicago,	L. B. Otis, *A. E. Neely.
Our Saviour,	Chicago,	Franklin Hathaway, Wm. H. Stickney.
St. Ansgarius',	Chicago,	John M. Shonbeck, *Herman Roos, *C. M. Eklund.
St. James',	Chicago,	*E. K. Hubbard, *J. H. Bowen, *G. M. Higginson.
St. John's,	Chicago,	C. H. Jordan, C. M. Fitch, M. D., *S. H. Larminie.
St. Mark's,	Chicago,	H. O. Stone, *C. T. Bowen, R. S. Thompson.
Trinity,	Chicago,	G. R. Chittenden, J. H. Roberts, *J. M. Wilson.
Holy Trinity,	Danville,	A. G. Denney, *A. S. Williams.
St. Luke's	Dixon,	James B. Charters, Wm. W. DeWolf, *James K. Edsall.
St. James',	Dundee,	A. S. Hollister, *George Barnet.
Redeemer,	Elgin,	John F. Beaty, *E. Hancock.
St. Mark's	Evanston,	Charles Comstock, *Wells Lake, *Charles Barrett.
Calvary,	Farmington.	*Lyman Warner, *William Wilkinson, Jr., Thomas Bell.

St. Andrew's,	Farm Ridge,	A. W. Griffith, *Jasper Bennett, *H. W. Jackson.
Zion,	Freeport,	*Thomas Webster, *Daniel S. Brewster, Isar Lawver.
Grace,	Galena,	*Fred. Stahl, Samuel B. Heron.
Grace,	Galesburg,	T. E. Coot, *J. P. McCutchen, *D. Greenleaf.
Trinity,	Jacksonville,	*Henry Stryker, Sr., *John Flack, *William K. Dewey.
St. Paul's,	Kankakee,	*William Sibley, Sr., Emory Cobb.
St. John's,	Kewanee,	*R. P. Parrish, J. Hopkins, *Isaac Harper.
St. James',	Lewistown,	S. Corning Judd, *DeWitt C. Bryant, *E. M. M. Clark.
St. John's,	Lockport,	*Hiram Norton, *William Hanley, *Francis Hanford.
St. Paul's,	Manhattan,	*Thomas Jones, *John Young, *Charles S. Guion.
Zion	Mendon,	*John Lunn, *Eli Banks, *A. D. Cooke.
St. John's	Naperville,	James G. Wright, Samuel Gehr, Morris B. Powell.
St. Paul's,	Pekin,	*Wm. Stanberry, *Edward Hudson, *John W. Casey.
Christ,	Ottawa,	J. W. Dow, *F. C. Prescott, *H. A. Howland.
St. John's,	Peoria,	*Henry I. Chase, Samuel Wilkinson, *Richard F. Seabury.

St. Paul's,	Peoria,	A. G. Tyng, *O. P. Bissell, O. H. White.
St. Paul's,	Peru,	*Naason Young, *John T. Milling, *Peter Bowers.
St. John's,	Quincy,	Francis C. Moore, S. C. Sherman, Wm. M. Robertson.
Christ,	Robin's Nest,	Joseph Mayo, Cecil Moss, *James Stewart.
Emmanuel,	Rockford,	R. P. Lane, M. C. Churchill, S. W. Stone.
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	S. H. Treat, N. W. Edwards, *Geo. H. Harlowe.
Grace,	Sterling,	*Gabriel Davis, *D. F. Batcheller.
St. Peter's,	Sycamore,	Isaac Johnson, *F. W. Partridge, *E. G. Wheaton.
St. Jude's,	Tiskilwa,	*Oliver Milling, *N. W. Barlow.
St. Paul's,	Warsaw,	*Pierre A. Barker, *John W. Marsh, *John Chittenden.
Christ,	Waukegan,	*William Besley, Charles R. Steele, Thomas Bidwell.
St. Luke's,	Wyoming,	*Henry A. Holst, *J. G. Green, M. D.

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THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
September 15th, A. D., 1868.

The Thirty-First Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois assembled for Divine Worship in the Cathedral, Chicago, on Tuesday, the 15th day of September, A. D., 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. D. W. DRESSER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlinville; the First Lesson read by the Rev. C. S. ABBOTT, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton, and the Second Lesson by the Rev. W. H. ROBERTS, Peoria. The Rev. EDWIN COAN, Rector of Christ Church, Ottawa, said the Creed and the concluding Collects.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Right Reverend the BISHOP, assisted in the Epistle by the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. THOMAS G. CARVER, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, from St. John, xiv: 16.

The Alms at the Offertory, amounting to $100.00, were devoted to the relief of the family of the late Rev. CHARLES H. ALBERT, of Arkansas.

The Right Reverend the BISHOP proceeded with the Celebration of the Holy Communion, and administered the same to the Clergy, Lay Delegates and Congregation present.

Divine Service having been concluded, the Convention met for organization and business at 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Secretary called the names of the Clergy of the Diocese entitled to seats in Convention, in all seventy-five; of this number fifty-three* were present.

There being a quorum of the Clergy, the list of the Parishes entitled to representation according to Canon VI., thirty-eight in number, was read. The Certificates of the Lay Delegates, were, on call, presented, and referred to a committee consisting of Mr. S. H. TREAT, Mr. A. G. TYNG, and the SECRETARY.

The committee reported as correct the entire list.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates, when it was found that twenty-eight† Parishes were represented in Convention.

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, on motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES was re-elected.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. GEORGE P. LEE was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Secretary asked for an Assistant, and nominated the Rev. MARCH CHASE. The nomination was, on motion, confirmed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That upon the payment of a certain proportion of dues (specified in each instance), the privilege of representation in this Convention be granted to Zion Church, Mendon; St. Paul's Church, Pekin; St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington, and St. John's Church, Knoxville.

* A list of the Clergy who attended this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 11.

† A list of the Lay Delegates present during the session of this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

The following resolution was adopted:

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 seats of the East Transept were reserved for this purpose.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

I. ON THE INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.—The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Mr. Samuel Wilkinson, Mr. J. H. Roberts.

II. ON FINANCE.—The Rev. Sidney Corbett, Mr. James G. Wright, Mr. Charles Comstock.

III. ON PRIVILEGE.—The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D., The Rev. T. G. Carver, D. D., Mr. A. G. Tyng, Mr. A. C. Calkins.

IV. ON LEGISLATION.—The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., The Rev. George F. Cushman, D. D., The Rev. C. S. Abbott, Mr. S. H. Treat, Mr. S. Corning Judd, Mr. W. W. DeWolf.

V. ON THE EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH.—The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., The Rev. Edwin Coan, Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden, Mr. W. J. Barney.

VI. ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—The Rev. E. J. Purdy, Mr. J. W. Dow, Mr. J. Hopkins.

The President also appointed the Inspectors of Elections, as follows:

For Standing Committee:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. E. J. Purdy,	The Rev. J. Taylor Chambers,
Mr. Samuel Gehr.	Mr. H. H. Candee.

For Deputies to General Convention:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. J. W. Coe,	The Rev. Samuel Edson,
Mr. Francis C. Moore.	Mr. F. W. Partridge.

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

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. Wm. John Johnstone,	The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.
Mr. Thomas Bidwell.	Mr. S. C. Sherman.

* A list of Clergymen from other Dioceses, present at the Convention, is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 12.

Papers of application for admission into union with this Convention were received from the following Churches, and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches:

CALVARY CHURCH, ...	Chicago.
ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, ...	DeKalb.
CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, . . .	Chicago.
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ...	Peoria.
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, . . .	Chicago.

On motion, the claims of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan, and the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, to representation in this Convention were referred to the Committee on Privilege.

The Committee on the Incorporation of Churches reported the papers of application of the following Churches to be correct:

CALVARY CHURCH, ...	Chicago.
ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, ...	DeKalb.
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ...	Peoria.
CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, . . .	Chicago.
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, . . .	Chicago.

On motion, the aforesaid Parishes were severally admitted into union with the Convention.

The Committee on Privilege reported favorably on the claims of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan, and the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, to representation in this Convention.

On motion, said Parishes were admitted to such privilege.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from the recently admitted Parishes and others, were then presented, referred, and reported correct; and, on call, those who were present took seats.*

*A list of the Lay Delegates present during the session of this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

Miscellaneous Business.

Miscellaneous Business being in order, the following preamble and resolution were presented and unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Convention:

The members of the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, having heard this morning of the sudden death of the Rev. H. N. Bishop, D. D., in Paris, desire to express their sorrow at the event and their sympathy with those whom God has thus afflicted.

They wish to put on record their admiration of his enthusiasm, his earnestness, his untiring labor in his Master's cause, his warm and generous impulses, and his success in winning souls.

They would invoke for his widow, his children and his mourning relations and parishioners, that promise of the Holy Comforter which is never denied to those who faithfully ask it, and would prayerfully commend them to the keeping of that God and Saviour who is a very present help in time of trouble.

Resolved, That this their formal action be published in the Church papers and communicated to the family of the deceased.

Previous to the adoption of the foregoing, addresses expressing sincere affection for the deceased, heartfelt regret for his loss, and warm appreciation of his many noble qualities, were delivered by the Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., the Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., and the Rev. William H. Cooper, D. D.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet again Wednesday, at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Wednesday, Sept. 16, A. D., 1868.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. J. H. KNOWLES, Canon of the Cathedral. The Rev. C. W. LEFFINGWELL, Rector of St. Mary's School, Knoxville, read the First Lesson, the Rev. Canon DORSET the Second. The Rev. JOHN WILKINSON, of the Diocese of Wisconsin, said the Creed, Collects, and the Litany.

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

The minutes were read and approved.

The certificates of Lay Delegates not present before were called for, presented, and referred to the Committee. Those presented were found correct, and approved. The Lay Delegates answering took their seats.*

The names of members not present on the first day were called. Those answering took their seats.†

Papers of application for union with this Convention were received from St. James' Church, Dundee, and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches.

The Committee reported the same to be correct.

* A list of the Lay Delegates present in this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

† A list of the Clergy who attended this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 11.

On motion, St. James' Church, Dundee, was admitted into union with the Convention.

The Right Reverend the BISHOP of the Diocese then commenced to read his Seventeenth Annual Address.

At one o'clock, on motion of the Bishop, the Convention took a recess until two o'clock.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP, who proceeded with the reading of his Address.

At its conclusion, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Lambeth Conference be referred to a committee.

Said Committee was appointed, as follows:

The Rev. S. Chase, D. D., Mr. F. F. Hilder,
The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D., Mr. W. W. DeWolf.
The Rev. John Benson,

On motion, a committee was appointed upon that part of the Bishop's Address referring to the late Bishop of Montreal.

Said Committee consisted of

The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Mr. George P. Lee.
The Rev. Canon Street,

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address touching the subject of Missions was referred to a committee, as follows:

The Rev. T. G. Carver, D. D., Mr. J. H. Roberts,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Mr. L. B. Otis.
The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.,

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address relating to St. Mary's School, Knoxville, was referred to a Special Committee, as follows:

The Rev. Charles Ritter, Mr. N. W. Edwards.
The Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D.,

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Church Unity was referred to a Committee, as follows:

The Rev. W. H. Roberts,
The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D.D.,
The Rev. W. H. Cooper, D.D.,
Mr. Samuel Wilkinson,
Mr. S. H. Treat.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Relief of the Southern portion of the Church was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Said Committee consisted of

The Rev. F. W. Boyd, D.D.,
The Rev. C. P. Dorset,
The Rev. D. W. Dresser,
Mr. S. C. Judd,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the necessity of making suitable provision for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy, by Life Insurance or otherwise, was referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report at the next Convention.

Said Committee was appointed as follows:

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D.D.,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D.D.,
The Rev. S. T. Allen,
Mr. H. C. Ranney,
Mr. E. K. Hubbard,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's Address as related to Christian Education was referred to a committee.

Said Committee consisted of

The Rev. W. H. Woods,
The Rev. Edwin Coan,
The Rev. D. S. Phillips,
Mr. H. C. Ranney,
Mr. J. J. White.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the Rt. Rev. J. H. HOPKINS, D. D., late Presiding Bishop, was referred to a Committee, as follows:

The Rev. W. H. Roberts,
The Rev. D. S. Phillips,
Mr. S. Corning Judd.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address

relating to Sisterhoods was referred to the following Committee:

The Rev. Canon Street, Mr. John F. Beaty.
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.,

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address touching the subject of Lay Readers was referred to the following Committee:

The Rev. Sidney Corbett, Mr. F. F. Hilder,
Mr. H. C. Ranney.

The Report of the Standing Committee was presented and read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE FOR THE CONVENTIONAL YEAR 1867-8.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully report as follows:

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, August 21st, 1867, the Revs. Clinton Locke, Hiram W. Beers and J. H. Rylance, D. D., and Messrs. A. C. Calkins, Geo. R. Chittenden and C. R. Larrabee were elected the Standing Committee.

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1867.—The Committee met and organized by the election of Rev. Clinton Locke, President, and Mr. C. R. Larrabee, Secretary.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. Mr. Pitts, to be Missionary for District comprising Elgin, St. Charles, Geneva and Batavia, with a stipend of $1,000, *provided* one-half that amount be raised in that field.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. E. B. Tuttle, as Missionary at Petersburg, Carrollton, Jerseyville and Whitehall, with a stipend of $1,000; and Rev. Albert E. Wells, as Missionary at La Salle and Peru, with a stipend of $150.

Recommended the payment, to Rev. Mr. Guillemont, Missionary at St. Anne, of a stipend of $200, for the year 1865, omitted through an oversight of the Secretary of the Committee at that time.

NOVEMBER 6TH, 1867.—Granted Letters Dimissory as follows: Rev. Robert J. Keeling, D. D., transferring him to Diocese of Pennsylvania; Rev. Edmund B. Tuttle, transferring him to jurisdiction of Missionary Bishop of Nebraska; Rev. W. W. Rafter, transferring him to Diocese of Wisconsin; Rev. Hiram W. Beers, transferring him to Diocese of Wisconsin.

Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Wm. Y. Johnson from the Diocese of Iowa.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. G. C. Griswold, as Missionary at Geneseo, with a stipend of $200; Rev. W. M. Steel, as Missionary at El Paso and Chenoa, with a stipend of $300; Rev. Erastus DeWolf, to be Colporteur, under direction of the Board.

NOVEMBER 20TH, 1867.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of Rev. John W. Beckwith, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. T. N. Benedict, as Missionary at Morris, with a stipend of $200; Rev. Charles Ritter, as Missionary in North Chicago, with a stipend of $375.

Authorized Rev. Clinton Locke, President of Committee, to sign Papers sanctioning the organization of a new Parish in the city of Peoria.

Received Canonical Notice of the deposition from the ministry of Rev. John W. Ledenham, by Bishop Stevens, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, dated November 7th, 1867.

DECEMBER 10TH, 1867.—Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Henry W. Woods from the Diocese of Iowa.

Granted Letters Dimissory to Rev. Jno. Austin Merrick, transferring him to the Diocese of California.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. Wm. W. Estabrook, as Itinerant Missionary in a District of which Jacksonville should be the centre.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D., as Missionary at Duquoin, with a stipend of $200.

Gave consent to Jas. J. White, Henry Pilcher and others to organize a Parish in West Chicago, under the name of "Calvary" Church, and Licensed Messrs. White and Pilcher as Lay Readers in same.

Gave consent to Richard D. Van Wagenen, Franklin Hathaway and others, to organize a Parish in North Chicago, under the name of "Our Saviour."

DECEMBER 26TH, 1867.—Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Joseph Adderly from the Diocese of Pittsburg.

JANUARY 21ST, 1868.—Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Charles Ritter from the Diocese of Michigan, and Rev. Thos. G. Carver, D. D., from the Diocese of Indiana.

Granted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Wm. J. Pigott to the Diocese of Western New York.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. J. A. Russell, as Missionary at Galva, without stipend.

Appropriated the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese, as follows: To Rev. Chas. P. Clarke $100; to Rev. Asa Griswold $100; to Rev. Benj. Hutchins $100.

MARCH 23D, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of Rev. Wm. H. Augustus Bissell, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont.

Signed Testimonials of Rev. C. W. Leffingwell and Rev. J. E. Walton, Deacons, recommending them to the Bishop of the Diocese for Priests' Orders.

Received from the Bishop of the Diocese, Notice of the deposition from the ministry of Rev. John Niglas.

JULY 18TH, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of March Chase, recommending him to the Bishop of the Diocese for Deacon's Orders.

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of Mr. Edward Toll and Mr. James Cornell, recommending them to the Bishop of the Diocese as candidates for Holy Orders.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of William Allington, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

CLINTON LOCKE, *President.*

C. R. LARRABEE, *Secretary.*

The Report of the Trustees of the Diocese was next presented and read:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE.

The Trustees of the Diocese beg to report, that, owing to the Legislation of the Diocese in reference to the Diocesan and Endowment Fund, little or no business connected with Church interests comes before their Body.

They have not, therefore, held any meetings for business for the two past years.

There is, however, a matter of some moment upon which the Trustees would ask the advice and counsel of the Convention.

In former years the Trustees held in trust a Lot of Land, consisting of eighty acres; this, through inadvertencies arising from a change of officers and the removal of the Board to Chicago, becomes involved by a Tax-title.

During the past year the matter has been investigated and there is now a proposition from the present claimant as against the Board to pay the sum of $300 to perfect his title.

The Board ask direction of the Convention both as to the proposed compromise and the disposition of the proceeds.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Chairman of Trustees of Diocese.

On motion, said report was referred to a committee, consisting of two Laymen, as follows: Mr. L. B. OTIS and S. CORNING JUDD.

The Vice President of Jubilee College presented and read the following:

REPORT OF JUBILEE COLLEGE.

Since the last Report to this body in 1866, this Institution has been revived in its educational interests.

The Sessions of 1866-7 and 1867-8 ended favorably both as to numbers and attainment in scholarship. The number in 1866-7 averaged about thirty; in 1867-8 about forty. Of these four are looking forward to the ministry.

Since the last Report the sum of $2,723.66 has been expended in repairs and improvement. Of this sum $2,098.03 have been received from various sources in contributions and personal gifts.

In the efforts to revive the Institution and place it in such relations as will command patronage, its financial condition has not been improved; its present indebtedness on book account is $1,730.31. This statement does not involve its real estate or personal property.

The Institution is believed to be now in a condition to command patronage; should this be accorded to the extent of its accommodations it will prove an efficient instrumentality of education within the pale of the Church and upon her own principles.

SAMUEL CHASE, *Vice President.*

The Treasurer presented and read his report, which was, on motion, referred for auditing to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Board of Missions was next presented and read, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, in making their Second Annual Report, desire to thank the Clergy and Laity of Illinois for the cordial help given them in seconding all their plans.

Soon after the adjournment of the last Convention, the Board met at Springfield and organized by appointing ALEXANDER G. TYNG Secretary.

After a careful review of the work during the past year, and a free consultation with their brethren, they felt satisfied that the system and plans they had adopted were the best they could devise. They have tried to realize that their work was deeper and broader than merely to raise money for Missions, and have sought to increase among Clergy and Laity a true missionary spirit and an earnest desire for the salvation of men. In their plans, therefore, they have sought, by God's help, to make their meetings a blessing to the Parish in which they were held, and to make each Parish a center of organized Missionary work.

With this view of their work, the Board desired and expected this year to hold a Missionary Convocation in every Parish and Mission Station in the Diocese, but from various causes, mostly local, they have been only partially successful; still over fifty Convocations have been held. They expected to raise $10,000 this year, and the first six months promised well; but the unusual scarcity of money in the

country this spring and summer, and the failure of Convocations through the non-attendance of those appointed, have prevented the fulfillment of these expectations. The following are the Convocations held and amount pledged at each:

MISSIONARY CONVOCATION PLEDGES.

Trinity	Rock Island	$ 100 00
St. Paul's	Kankakee	125 00
Zion	Freeport	125 00
St. Paul's	Springfield	650 00
St. John's	Algonquin	....
Cathedral	Chicago	400 00
St. Andrew's	Farm Ridge	34 12
St. Paul's	Alton	200 00
Missionary Station	Knoxville	115 00
Holy Trinity	Danville	81 78
Christ Church	Robin's Nest	150 00
St. Luke's	Dixon	120 00
Christ Church	Waukegan	263 00
St. John's	Kewanee, adjourned	....
St. John's	Chicago	625 00
St. James'	Chicago	1,500 00
St. Paul's	Peru	22 00
Trinity	Polo	39 13
St. Paul's	Peoria	725 00
Grace	Galena	113 00
St. Mark's	Evanston	25 00
St. Peter's	Sycamore	25 00
Grace	Chicago	400 00
Trinity	Geneva	66 00
St. Jude's	Tiskilwa	43 34
Trinity	Duquoin	26 45
Emmanuel	Rockford	50 00
St. John's	Quincy	700 00
Grace	Galesburg	20 00
St. John's	Naperville	11 00
St. Mark's	Chicago	6 63
Trinity	Aurora	75 00
St. James',	Lewistown	34 45
St. John's	Peoria	238 50
Trinity	Chicago	194 00
Ascension	Chicago	33 65
Calvary	Chicago	51 00
St. Stephen's	Chicago	12 00
St. John's	Lockport	35 00
Redeemer	Elgin	31 00
St. Matthew's	Bloomington	75 00
Christ Church	Ottawa	25 00

As the result of their work, the Board have increased the number of appointments helped by them from twelve, two years ago, to the present number — twenty-seven — and have been enabled to increase the amount given, in many cases; yet their hearts feel sad at the small amount received by many faithful laborers of the Lord in this Diocese.

The Board have given much thought and attention to the subject of Colporteur work. Immediately after the last Convention, they appointed Rev. E. DE WOLF, who, for three months, did good work, and from many points they have received gratifying testimony of the good done. Last March they appointed Mr. THOMAS CLOUGHER, a Layman, in all points thoroughly adapted to this work. After sending him to visit several Parishes, the Board found the sale of books very slow, and sent him, in May, to visit thoroughly the town of Moline, to see what could be done towards establishing an Episcopal Church there. The result of his labors there was the organization of a Sunday School; then of a Parish; and the raising of money and starting a Church building, with every promise of great success. The Parishes of Rock Island and Moline have united together, and called a Rector to take charge of the two Parishes. During the last two months, he has been at work at Preemption, under the direction of the Bishop of this Diocese, officiating every Sunday as a Lay Reader, visiting the people during the week with his books and tracts. He has so united and interested this scattered congregation, that there is good prospect that they will be able to call and help support a Minister in connection with a Mission Station on the same prairie, five miles distant, in Mercer county, under charge of Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE.

The Board of Missions would call attention to the many school houses within five miles of every Parish, where congregations of from thirty to fifty could be gathered every Sunday. The laborers should be Laymen, working under the direction of the Rector of Parish. While presenting no plan, the Board desire to present to the consideration of the Convention this field, white for the harvest.

The Board of Missions would call especial attention to the southern part of the State. If a line be drawn through Jacksonville, Springfield and Decatur, nearly one-half of our State will be found south of this line. In this part of our State, in 1855, we had nine Parishes and four Clergy; in 1860, nine Parishes and six Clergy; and the Report of 1867 gives the same number of Parishes and Clergy. During this time, the population of that part of our State has increased nearly three-fold. The opening of new railroads and the developing of the large fruit-growing interests have brought in a large eastern population, and the social and religious changes have been as great and as thorough as the political. With these changes, has come a demand for an educated Ministry. Other Christian bodies are sending their best men there, and new and handsome Churches are being built all over that part of the State. Our branch of the Church of Christ has alone been idle, while there is a great and growing desire for our order and form of worship. This year has been, in that part of our state, a year of

religious life and enthusiasm never before known, showing itself in large Christian conventions and Sunday School gatherings. It is a flood-tide, and demands our prompt and immediate action. This demand is great and pressing, and the Board, with the work they now have on hand, see no way in which they can meet it.

The Board, while finding so much to encourage and fill their hearts with praise and thanksgiving, regret to find so many Parishes, assisted by them, appear to be making so little progress toward becoming self-supporting, while several Parishes are fast joining the long list of Parishes which, in the past History of our Church in this Diocese, have been organized and then died away. This difficulty, with the wants of Southern Illinois, demands our careful and earnest consideration, and the Board of Missions would close their Report by suggesting that the Convention devote half a day to the prayerful consideration of these questions, that God, our Heavenly Father, who hath given us a good will to do all these things, may grant, also, unto us strength and power to perform the same; and therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That half a day be given to the consideration of the Mission work in this Diocese.

T. N. Morrison, D.D.
J. H. Rylance, D.D.
J. S. Chamberlaine.
G. P. Lee.
E. K. Hubbard.
Alex. G. Tyng.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee appointed upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Missions be instructed to report to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, and that, upon the incoming of said report, the subject of Diocesan Missions be taken as the Order of the Day.

The Report of the Examination Committee of Jubilee College was presented and read as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF JUBILEE COLLEGE.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to attend the Examination and Commencement of Jubilee College, respectfully report—

The Committee was not so fully represented as desirable, but those who were present gave their most careful attention to the exercises of the various classes in the College.

Throughout the Examination, the Committee was impressed with evidences of the untiring industry and efforts of the Rev. Dr. Chase and his assistants to render the school attractive and in a high degree useful to the scholars.

The classes were composed of boys from ten to fifteen years of age, who had received, previous to their connection with this school,

little or no literary training. It would seem to require much time and great patience to beautify such material, and give it a pleasing aspect to the educated spectator; and yet, under the benefit of the great experience and the liberally furnished mind of the Rev. Dr. CHASE, many of these boys had made great proficiency in a very short time. The recitations were pleasantly conducted, and the answers prompt and generally correct.

In connection with the school, ample provision is also made for muscular development. There is a gymnasium, a fine campus for playing ball, and the most inviting places for walking and rambling.

We would recommend this school to the confidence and patronage of Churchmen in the Diocese.

Why should Jubilee be suffered to languish and die for the want of support? With a site beautiful beyond comparison, and an ample domain, it would seem only to need the attention and care of the Diocese, which it truly merits, to make it a successful and influential school.

Here, also, every provision is made for the moral and religious needs of the student. The beautiful system of the Church is carefully observed. Her Confession, Anthems, Creeds and Prayers form part of the daily routine. How sweet is the influence which is felt in a school like this. How different from those schools where God's name is seldom spoken, except in ridicule or contempt, and prayer is never offered, and holy song never heard.

Asking the indulgence of the house, your Committee would add, that, in their judgment, the great want of the Diocese and the nation is Christian schools. It would be far better to educate our children at home than to send them to other than religious and churchly schools. We are at a loss to know upon what principle, either financially, morally, or religiously, Churchmen subject their children to the disastrous influence which pervades many of the schools and colleges of this land. It may be done thoughtlessly and upon the expectation of honestly giving and receiving, but, in nine cases out of ten, the result is only to be deplored. There is a victim. The Church loses her child, or else he becomes indifferent to her welfare and ungrateful for her precious blessings.

Have we not facilities for educating our youth? Yes; but they might be made far more complete. First, let us support, by our confidence and patronage, the schools we have, thus making them more permanent and more efficient. In the second place, where are our benevolent Laymen? Where are the men who give five, ten, twenty, thirty and fifty thousand dollars for the founding and endowing of Church schools and colleges? There are many Laymen in this Diocese in possession of vast sums of money, and yet we are not aware that a dollar has been given to found or endow a school or college of any grade or character within the Church.

We most earnestly ask our wealthy Laymen to think of their obligations to Christ's Church. What account will they render to Him who

hath made them His earthly stewards? It may seem like a dream of the enthusiast to *speak* even of such schools as Rugby, Eton and Winchester, but may we not with confidence hope that soon a school like Trinity, or Hobart, or Racine, will be firmly established in our own Diocese? This is one of the great objects which as Churchmen we have to do. Other systems of education arise, flourish, and die. The Church alone, like her Divine Founder and Head, is eternal, immortal. Shall she not be permitted to train her own children? Shall she not be permitted to teach them to pursue science in the fear of God? A part of her great duty in this world is to "go teach all nations." God hath therefore made His Church the instructor of the people.

Let then the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese engage in this great work, feeling confident that, should the torch fall from our failing hand, another will be found to catch it up and bear it onward unquenched.

W. H. Roberts.

The Sunday School Committee presented and read the following Report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools, appointed at the last Annual Convention, respectfully report, that the removal from this Diocese of its Chairman, and the impossibility of getting a quorum of the Committee together, must be the only excuse for the meagerness of their remarks.

The subject of Sunday School education has been so often brought before this body, and has been so thoroughly handled by previous Committees, that it leaves us but little to suggest or comment on. The present Committee have therefore confined their labors to the preparation of a table of statistics connected with this work—forwarding a blank form to every Clergyman of our Church, and where Parishes were vacant, to one of the Wardens; but up to the present time the returns are so incomplete, owing to remissness on the part of those on whom we looked for information, that we cannot yet submit reliable figures.

The system of Instruction is still very varied, comprising twenty-four different kinds of Lesson and Question Books.

In answer to a question, as to the advisability of holding an annual meeting of Superintendents of, and Teachers in, Sunday Schools—

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The points we propose to touch on are, the necessity of more uniformity in instruction, the necessity of greater interest among the Laity in this work, and the necessity of some organization among those interested, to discuss more fully than this Convention can, ways and means to prosecute and systematize the entire work of Sunday Schools.

And first, as to uniformity in instruction, a glance at the list

used will show the evil resulting from such a large mass of Lesson Books—not but what all may have their merits, but that where so many are used, with the constant removals of Clergy from Parish to Parish, there must of necessity be frequent changes of Lesson Books, to the detriment of both Scholars and Teachers.

The theory of Sunday School instruction with us is a preparation for Confirmation, and the Church in her wisdom, knowing the restlessness of man, has set forth a plan for the education of her children; and we contend that no child, unless of such mature age as to be prepared for a more advanced Christian education, should be instructed in other than the "Church Catechism" simple, and the knowledge of the Prayer Book in our Daily Services.

We are convinced, from personal examination on this subject, that too little attention is paid to this plain duty of Priest and people, and that there is too much seeking after novelty in new methods and new books. Children should be well grounded in the primitive method; for nothing can be more detrimental to the growth of a proper Churchly sentiment among us than the neglect of this great and imperative duty.

Cramming children of all ages, and of all degrees of intellect, with a certain number of verses every Sunday is not Christian education, and, to our mind, is not of much practical utility.

Second: We require a greater interest on the part of the Laity. This is a point upon which we find some difficulty, after what has been already said, to add any new arguments, but the urgency of the case demands another appeal for Churchly sympathy and aid. Our Prayer Book, in her Baptismal Service, teaches us that it is the duty of sponsors "to see that infants be taught what a solemn vow, promise and profession hath been made for them." It is useless disguising the fact that in this hard, driving, practical, money-making age, this duty, in the great majority of cases, is grossly neglected; and, as parents and sponsors cannot and will not attend to this solemn duty and responsibility, the Church steps in, and, to the utmost of her power, gathers the lambs into her fold, and attempts the delicate task of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; a task which none but a parent can or should inculcate. Now, what are the Laity doing to help us in our time of need? Thank God we have some brave Christian hearts, both men and women, who give their time and ability to the work, but "the laborers are few and the harvest is ready for the sickle." Our teachers—who are they? In the last Diocesan Report, they are stated as two females to one male, and a very large proportion of these, young persons, whose proper place, too often, should be in Bible Class. Sunday after Sunday the appeal goes out for aid, for sympathy, for teachers, and the appeal is too often answered by the young. We want men and women for this work, not children. We want tact, experience, a knowledge of human nature, and we want, above all, a matured Christian knowledge which it cannot be expected a great majority of this class of teachers can possess. For, although, in our great extremity, we are only glad to take all that offer, yet we must acknowl-

edge we hesitate before committing our children to this class in the matter of secular education, and yet, in the all important question of a religious education, we act as if it was no account in whose hands we place them. Still, if we have to depend for the future, as in the past, on this class of teachers, means must be devised, by meetings or general Teachers' Institutes, to bring them to a better appreciation of their duties.

From the short space of time generally allotted to the discussion of the Sunday School cause, it has been a question of some importance with your Committee, whether it would not be better to submit this entire subject to an annual meeting of superintendents, and possibly teachers, where the whole matter could be more fully discussed, a greater uniformity obtained, and a heartier appreciation of the work established. Our brethren of the sects around us understand this, apparently, better than we do. Witness their large and overflowing schools; laborers of experience offering themselves; the establishment of Missions and the liberal donations of time and money constantly being made. And are we, Churchmen, ashamed of our great privileges, our vaunted superior system? Let our answer be NO! Let us wake up from our lethargy, and, by renewed exertions, convince the world that we do something besides talk—something besides making reports and adopting resolutions, year by year, which are but seldom thought of again until we meet in Convention, and then, again, our ears are greeted with the report of a committee, whose recommendations and whose resolutions are of little worth, because not accompanied by any apparent effort to remedy the evil or to redeem the time. "Deeds, not words," should be our motto.

From the returns, as before mentioned, we find that thirty-eight Clerical or Lay Superintendents out of forty-five report themselves as very favorable to an annual meeting, to be devoted exclusively to this work. Let us have it, by all means, so that, if successful, and by God's blessing, if we approach the work in a proper spirit, we believe it must be, we may all exclaim "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name be the glory!"

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. ROBERTS.
SIDNEY CORBETT.
GEO. GARDNER.
HENRY C. RANNEY.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Examination Committee of Jubilee College and the Report of the Sunday School Committee be referred to the Committee appointed upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Christian Education.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the arrearages from certain Parishes of the special assessment for Contingent Expenses, made four years since, as reported by the Treasurer, be and hereby are remitted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee upon the Bonded Debt and upon the Endowment Fund be made the Order of the Day after recess to-morrow.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what change is necessary in the Canonical provision for the Contingent Expenses of the Diocese, and if new legislation be necessary, to report a suitable Canon.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be requested to report upon the expediency of a triennial election of Deputies and Provisional Deputies to General Convention, at the Diocesan Convention, immediately preceding the meetings of that body, instead of the present prescribed annual election.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to this Convention the Constitution and By-Laws of a Church Building Society for the Diocese of Illinois.

Said Committee was appointed, as follows:

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Mr. L. B. Otis,
Mr. G. P. Lee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported three items left over for the action of this Convention: one, on page forty-five, Journal of Thirtieth Annual Convention, regarding a proposed Canon for the election of Bishop; one, on page fifty-eight of the same Journal, relating to Vestries, and one, on page fifty-nine of the same Journal, on Rural Deans.

In connection with the subject of Rural Deans, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this Convention recognizes and adopts the system of Rural Deanries as organized by the Bishop during the past year, and hereby confirms the appointments of Rural Deans made by him in the respective Ruri-Decanal Districts of the Diocese.

On motion, that portion of Unfinished Business relating to Vestries, found on page fifty eight, Journal of last Convention, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The Committee on Finance presented and read the following Report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Treasurer's Report, and find the same correct.

SIDNEY CORBETT.
JAS. G. WRIGHT.
C. COMSTOCK.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again on Thursday, at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Thursday, Sept. 17, A. D., 1868.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. WILLIAM JOHN JOHNSTONE, Rector of Zion Church, Freeport. The Lessons were read by the Rev. Canon DORSET. The Rev. E. J. PURDY, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville, said the Creed and concluding Collects.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Committee on Legislation presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation beg to report, as follows:

They have had under consideration the proposed amendment of Article XI. of the Constitution, as to the election of Deputies to the General Convention, and advise no change in the Article, for the reason that there is a provision already in the Article. Any annual election may be passed, except the one immediately preceding any General Convention requiring the election of Provisional Deputies.

They have also had under consideration the relative distribution of the Diocesan Fund, and recommend that 70 and 80 per cent. be substituted for 90 and 100 per cent., in Section 3 of Canon XIII.

The Committee report as inexpedient any changes in Canon IX., as to the election of Wardens and Vestry.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Chairman of Committee on Legislation.

On motion, that portion of the Report referring to Contingent Expenses was, at their own request, referred back to the Committee.

The Special Committee upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Missions presented the following:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Missionary work of the Diocese, respectfully report:

That they rejoice at the success of the Board in raising money and extending the Missionary work of the Diocese.

The Bishop having apportioned the Diocese into "Ruri-Decanal Districts," and appointed therein "Rural Deans," and this action of the Bishop having been approved by this Convention, some additional legislation would appear to be necessary for the harmonious working of the Diocese.

That, in our judgment, the whole subject of the appropriation of the "Missionary Funds" should be left entirely within the control of the Board of Missions, as constituted by the additional legislation hereinafter recommended, being fully persuaded that such action will harmonize with the views of the Bishop.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following additions to Canon VII. of Diocesan Missions:

"The Rural Deans of this Diocese shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Missions.

"The Board may choose out of its own members an Executive Committee, of not less than three nor more than five, and define its powers and duties, of which the Bishop shall be President.

"Any five members of the Board, at any time duly assembled—the whole having been summoned by the Bishop—shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

THOMAS G. CARVER.
CLINTON LOCKE.
SIDNEY CORBETT.
L. B. OTIS.
J. H. ROBERTS.

On motion, the addition to Canon VII., proposed in the foregoing report, was unanimously adopted.

The Special Committee upon the Report of the Trustees of the Diocese reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The undersigned Special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Diocese, beg leave to report that, so far as it is possible to do during the session of this Convention, they have inquired into the matter of the proposition made to the Trustees of the Diocese in respect to the sale, for the price of $300, of the title vested in them of the eighty acre tract of land referred to in the said Report, and would respectfully recommend that the Trustees be advised not to accept, for the present at least, of the proposition referred to; and that some gentleman learned in the law be appointed to examine into the title of the said tract, and the facts in reference to the possession and payment of taxes, who shall report his opinion and such facts to the Trustees, who thereupon should use their discretion in view of such facts and such opinion.

All of which is respectfully submitted. L. B. Otis.
S. Corning Judd.

The Recommendations therein set forth were adopted, and, on motion, Mr. S. Corning Judd was appointed said Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the death of the Metropolitan of Canada, presented the following Resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted:

The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Episcopal Address which relates to the recent decease of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, beg leave to submit the following Resolution for adoption by the Convention:

Resolved, That this Convention has learned with sincere sorrow of the unexpected death of the Most Reverend Francis Fulford, D. D., Lord Bishop of Montreal, and Metropolitan of Canada.

Judicious in counsel, wise and considerate in the administration of his important charge, exemplary in all the relations of life, and peculiarly simple and unaffected in his habits, the departed Prelate was a noble pattern of a Christian Bishop.

Nor will it be readily forgotten by the American Church how deep an interest in her welfare and progress was manifested by him in various ways, while the whole Anglican Communion will bear grateful witness to that largeness of heart, and true Catholicity of spirit, which placed him in the van of the movement that resulted in the Lambeth Conference.

This Convention, therefore, while it offers its respectful sympathy to his bereaved widow and family, as well as, in an especial manner, to the Sister Church of Canada, desires to place on record its profound and sorrowful conviction that the death of the lamented Prelate has left a blank in the ranks of the Church at large, which will not be easily filled.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE C. STREET.
CLINTON LOCKE.
GEO. P. LEE.

The Committee appointed upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the late Presiding Bishop, presented the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Church in America has, since our last Convention, been called to mourn the loss of her Presiding Bishop, the late Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., of Vermont;

Resolved, That we desire, in common with the Church at large, to express our sorrow for his death, and our high regard for his character.

Resolved, That, in view of his great and varied attainments; of his eminent usefulness to the Church, no less in the labors of an author than of a Christian Bishop; of his last great work in connection with the Lambeth Conference, we cherish his memory with pride, and are grateful to God for his worthy example and his life of fruitful labor for the Church of Christ.

W. H. ROBERTS.
D. S. PHILLIPS.
S. CORNING JUDD.

On motion, the Right Reverend the BISHOP of the Diocese, was requested to act as a Committee of Communication, on behalf of the Convention, in relation to both the above instances.

The Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address referring to St. Mary's School, presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

The fervent words of the Rt. Rev. BISHOP on the subject of Education, and his paternal recommendation of St. Mary's School, prompt your Committee once more to appeal to every member of this Convention. All discussions, of this and previous Conventions, with regard to the training of the rising generation, have proved the imperative necessity of educational institutions of a high order, and of a distinct Church character. In this conviction, and with this view, St. Mary's School has been established with great care, and at much expense.

The paramount question now is, shall St. Mary's School exist only for a short period, like a rose of June, and then vanish? If not, then we appeal most emphatically to every Rector, and to all Church members of this Diocese, to take this School under their fostering care and patronage. The annual expense to sustain the School, to maintain its corps of seven able instructors, and to secure for the pupils the comforts of a Christian Home, will be about $10,000. If the Church does not send a sufficient number of her children, then this large expense must, in a brief period, terminate the existence of this Institution. We would, therefore, solicit the Rectors and parents to send the children of the Church to St. Mary's School, and to exert themselves to maintain this needed, and worthy, and promising Institution.

CHAS. RITTER.
N. W. EDWARDS.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Lambeth Conference, presented the following Report and Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relative to the Lambeth Conference, beg leave to report as follows:

The Lambeth Conference undoubtedly marks an epoch in the history of the Anglican Communion. It is the beginning of a new autonomy and self-government in the Church of England, and the affiliated Churches of the wide-spread British Empire. It is the formal reception of our American Church into the assembling Council of the Reformed Catholic Church. It is, we may hope, the germ of a new series of Ecumenical Councils that shall restore the spirit of the primitive Nicene Council, and stand in organic and vital connection with it. It is a restoration of Apostolic simplicity and purity in the position of the Episcopacy towards the Church of which it is the Chief Pastorate, and to which its Encyclical gives its godly admonitions in form and language strongly suggestive of Apostolic times.

To this venerable assembly it was the privilege and happy fortune of this Diocese to contribute not only by the expression of its interest in the projected Conference, and its earnest desire for its convocation, but much more, by sending to it its honored Diocesan, who bore so prominent a part in the deliberations of the Conference and contributed so largely to its great success. It is therefore proper that we should not only express our high satisfaction with the manner in which our highly esteemed Diocesan discharged his duties in that august assemblage, but that we should also make a suitable response to the Encyclical which he has presented to us in connection with his Address to the Convention. With this view we present the following resolutions as

the action of our Convention on this most important and interesting subject:

First.—That this Convention has listened with deep interest to the report of its Diocesan touching his connection with the Lambeth Conference and the proceedings of that most venerable body.

Second.—That we feel ourselves honored by the part which our Bishop and Representative bore in those deliberations, and most highly and cordially approve of his action in the premises.

Third.—That we heartily rejoice in the assembling of the Lambeth Conference, and acknowledge the good providence of God and the fulfilled promise of the Great Head of the Church to be with her even to the end of the world in thus bringing together such a body of the Bishops and Representatives of the Church, and so guiding them by His Holy Spirit, alike in their procedure and in the godly admonitions which they have, through their Encyclical, addressed to the Churches of the faithful all over the world.

Fourth.—That we acknowledge the Scriptural doctrines and the pure faith once delivered to the Saints set forth in that Encyclical, and that we shall ever pray for grace to enable us, both as a Church and as individuals, to walk in that faith, and to cultivate and observe the unity of the same in the bonds of peace with all the members of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Fifth.—That we most earnestly desire and pray that the work of union so happily begun among the members of the Anglican Communion may be carried on to its completion, when all parts of the Church Catholic shall once more be brought together in a true Ecumenical Council, and that, as the direct and proper means towards this end, another Congress with enlarged powers like this at Lambeth may be held at such time and place and season as suitable arrangements can, under the guidance of God, be made therefor.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

SAMUEL CHASE.
WM. M. REYNOLDS.
JOHN BENSON.
W. W. DEWOLF.
FREDERICK F. HILDER.

The Order of the Day being called for, a discussion ensued upon the subject of Missions.

At one o'clock, on motion, the Convention took a recess of an hour.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

It being the Order of the Day, the Endowment Fund Committee presented and read the following Report and Resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted:

REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE.

To the Diocese of Illinois, in Convention Assembled:

The Endowment Fund Committee beg leave to respectfully report that this plan for raising money has not been pressed upon the attention of the Parishes throughout the Diocese during the past conventional year, believing the past year was not so favorable for such work. The receipts of the Treasurer, without any extraordinary effort, amount to some four hundred and eighty dollars. (See Treasurer's Report.)

The past year has not been favorable for the prosecution of this work, for two reasons:

First.—Twenty-five per cent. of the proceeds of the Endowment Fund is appropriated to the payment of the Bonded Debt of the Diocese, and some Parishes have already paid their pro-rata of that debt. In their subscribing to said fund, they would pay over and over again to the Bonded Debt. A Committee having been appointed by the last Convention to endeavor to procure the payment of arrears in Bonded Debt, it is to be hoped that their labors may have been crowned with success, and this objection will be removed.

Second.—Fifty per cent. of the Endowment Fund is given to the Missionary work of the Diocese.

This work of the Diocese is now principally conducted by an efficient Missionary Board. This Board make their appeals to the Parishes in the form of Missionary Meetings or Convocations, and through such appeals increase the Missionary zeal of our beloved Church, and, at the same time, raise the money to prosecute its blessed work. Therefore, those who give to the Missionary Committee and to the Endowment Fund in the same Parish, give, in two different ways, to the same object, in the same year. While no one would probably be poorer by giving several times each year to such a noble work, yet, in the practical working of the two systems for collecting money, viz.: the plan of the Endowment Fund or the plan of the Missionary Board, for a series of years to come, it is not difficult to predict that one of them must succeed while the other will be abandoned. Which one of these plans will succeed, or which one of them will be abandoned, the Parishes of the Diocese will, in time, be well qualified, by experience, to decide, as they will have pretty fully tested both in the raising of money for Missionary work; and when the decision shall have been made as to which of the two systems of raising money for this object is the best, that system might be applied to the raising of money for the various purposes of Diocesan work.

For the benefit of any who may have come into the Diocese during the past year who may not have already become familiar with the Endowment Fund plan, this Committee would briefly state that this

plan is simply that the attendants upon our Church should each be induced to give five cents per week—paying to the Parish Treasurer such contributions monthly or quarterly, who, in turn, remits the same to the Treasurer of the Diocese, who, by virtue of his office, is the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund. Such fund is appropriated as follows: Fifty per cent. to the Missionary work of the Diocese; twenty-five per cent. to the payment of the Bonded Debt of the Diocese, and twenty-five per cent. as a Sinking Fund of the Diocese.

This plan of raising money in and for the Diocese would be felt by none, but, if participated in by all would give to the Diocese many times more money each year than it has ever received in any one year, putting all the contributions of the Diocese together.

The strongest possible recommendation of the plan is that it is adopted by a sister Diocese, and that a majority of the Parishes in our own have adopted and are using the Endowment Fund plan, to raise money for their local or Parish work and to pay annually their share of the Diocesan Fund.

The strong friends of our Church in this Diocese express their belief firmly that when this plan and that plan shall have been tried, this new appeal and that new appeal shall have been exhausted, for raising money for immediate use, that the Parishes in this Diocese will, by and by, universally concentrate and adopt this as their plan for raising money for Church work.

The Committee would recommend to this Convention the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That those attending the Service of our Church in this Diocese are respectfully desired to consider well and deeply, this coming year, the Endowment Fund plan, to study well its workings and the results such simple, permanent and systematic giving would secure, under God's blessing, to themselves and their children, the Parishes and the Church, not only in our own but in coming time.

Resolved, That the Endowment Fund Committee shall be, hereafter, composed of four Laymen from Chicago and three from the other parts of the Diocese, in the stead of its entire membership being from Chicago, as heretofore.

W. J. BARNEY.
GEO. R. CHITTENDEN.
SAMUEL GEHR.
GEORGE M. HIGGINSON.
GEORGE P. LEE.
A. E. NEELY.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12, 1868.

ENDOWMENT FUND—1867-8.

St. Paul's	Alton	$ 21 35
Cathedral	Chicago	31 20
St. John's	Gillespie	10 00
St. John's	Lacon	2 60
Grace	Chicago	219 27
St. Paul's.	Warsaw	7 00
Carried forward		$291 42

Brought forward		$291 42
Redeemer	Wilmington	5 45
Zion	Mendon	90 00
Christ Church	Waukegan	31 85
St. John's	Naperville	30 22
Trinity	Belvidere	11 35
St. John's	Algonquin	12 20
St. James'	Dundee	5 20
St. John's	Albion	26 00
Christ Church	Robin's Nest	2 65
Christ Church	Ottawa	28 49
St. Paul's	Peoria	15 25
St. John's	Peoria	5 25
Immanuel Hall	Chicago	5 20
Redeemer	Cairo	10 00
Christ Church	Chicago	28 30
		$598 93
Less Expenses		9 50
Total		$589 43

The Committee on Legislation presented and read the following Report. On motion, the Resolution therein set forth was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation beg to report that they have had the "Apportionment of the Diocesan Fund" again under consideration, and, owing to the lateness of the session, recommend, instead of a change in the Canon, the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a sum equivalent to twenty cents for every communicant be assessed upon each Parish, to be collected and paid in the same manner as the assessment in Canon XIII, and under like penalties. The sums so paid to be passed by the Treasurer to the fund for Contingent Expenses.

The Committee also recommend that the matter referred to them in relation to the Bishop's Salary and House Rent be referred to a Special Committee.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Chairman of Committee.

The Committee on the Bonded Debt presented and read the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BONDED DEBT.

The Committee on the Bonded Debt respectfully report, that very soon after their appointment a careful examination was made of the

various accounts of the different Parishes with the Diocese, and the indebtedness of each was ascertained by taking the liability of each as set forth in the tabular statement in the Journal of 1863, adding thereto interest and subsequent indebtedness up to September 10th, 1867, and deducting therefrom all payments since 1862. Some of the Parishes reported in the tabular statement of 1863 have been since released by subsequent Conventions, and they were allowed such remission and only held for indebtedness contracted subsequently. The indebtedness of each Parish, arrived at by this Committee as above, is set forth in a tabular statement hereto annexed.

As soon as this was done, the Committee addressed per mail a respectful but urgent appeal to each Parish, setting forth its particular account, addressing a copy to the Rector or Wardens, and where known to both. Most of the parties thus addressed have not been sufficiently courteous to even reply. A few Parishes have expressed their willingness to pay their indebtedness in part or in full provided a receipt should be given exonerating them from all further liability, direct or indirect, on the Bonded Debt. They seem desirous that the odium of this debt, so long unpaid, shall not cling to them. Such a receipt this Committee, according to a strict construction of the resolution appointing it, could not give. These Parishes are:

St. James'	Chicago, full amount	$976 00
Grace	Chicago, " "	375 00
Christ Church	Chicago, " "	90 60
St. John's,	Quincy, " "	593 20
St. Andrew's	Farm Ridge, full amount	97 50
St. Paul's	Alton, part amount ($330.07)	100 00
		$2,232 30

Most of the above amount is in the hands of the Committee or Treasurer, and the balance can readily be collected and paid over if a satisfactory receipt can be given. Your Committee, in view of these premises would advise the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Diocese, on receiving from any Parish the amount stated as its debt to the Diocese in the tabular statement reported to this Convention by the Committee on Bonded Debt, be empowered and directed to give said Parish a receipt in full of debt to Diocese to September 1st, 1867, and fully exonerating it from all liability, direct or indirect, on the Bonded Debt.

As this Committee, in ascertaining and informing each Parish what it owed has done all it can do, we respectfully leave to the Convention the manifest duty of collecting the indebtedness still in arrear by the imposition of penalties which it alone can impose, and respectfully ask to be discharged.

E. K. HUBBARD.
GEO. R. CHITTENDEN.
W. J. BARNEY.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14, 1868.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS OF PARISHES TO THE DIOCESE ON SEPT. 1, 1867.

Parishes marked thus * have paid their quotas to the Committee.

		$
Algonquin	St. John's	40
Alton	St. Paul's	330 07
Amboy	St. Thomas', remitted	....
Albion	St. John's, paid, (Journal 1864)	....
Aurora	Trinity	250 60
Belvidere	Trinity	318 70
Bloomington	St. Matthew's	337 85
Bement	Atonement	32 40
Brimfield	Zion	83 80
Cairo	Redeemer, paid previously	....
Carlinville	St. Paul's	16 30
Centralia	St. John's	52 80
Chesterfield	St. Peter's, paid previously	....
Chicago	Ascension	69 96
Chicago	Atonement	391 00
Chicago	Christ*	88 60
Chicago	Grace*	365 44
Chicago	Holy Communion	394 44
Chicago	St. Ansgarius'	664 52
Chicago	St. James'*	975 98
Chicago	St. John's	164 04
Chicago	Trinity	680 47
Collinsville	Christ, remitted	....
Decatur	St. John's	29 77
Dixon	St. Luke's	44 27
Farmington	Calvary, paid previously	....
Dundee	St. James', paid previously	....
Farm Ridge	St. Andrew's*	95 07
Freeport	Zion	136 04
Galena	Grace	442 80
Galesburg	Grace	82 60
Geneseo	Trinity	99 80
Grand Detour	St. Peter's	95 55
Hyde Park	St. Paul's	36 40
Jacksonville	Trinity	88 03
Geneva	St. Mark's	5 60
Gillespie	St. John's	20 50
Joliet	Christ	82 23
Kewanee	St. John's	127 84
Kankakee County	St. Anne	49 00
Kankakee	St. Paul's	5 82

Lacon	St. John's, remitted	1 75
Knoxville	St. John's, remitted	....
Lee Center	St. Paul's, remitted	9 67
Lewistown	St. James', paid previously	....
Limestone	Christ, paid previously	....
Lockport	St. John's	197 60
Manhattan	St. Paul's	172 34
Marengo	Advent	129 90
Morris	St. Thomas'	274 20
Naperville	St. John's	33 78
Mendon	Trinity	4 40
Mattoon	Zion, remitted	....
Metamora	Christ	95 55
Pekin	St. Paul's	256 00
Peoria	St. Paul's	396 96
Peru	St. Paul's	96 04
Pittsfield	St. Stephen's, remitted	24 00
Polo	Trinity	134 40
Princeton	Redeemer	94 25
Providence	Zion, remitted	20 00
Quincy	St. John's*	577 20
Robin's Nest	Christ, paid previously	....
Onarga	Trinity	98 00
Ottawa	Christ	334 50
Rockford	Emmanuel	472 45
Rock Island	Trinity	85 10
Rock Island County	Grace, remitted	60 00
Rushville	Christ	6 00
Salem	St. Thomas', remitted	1 75
Springfield	St. Paul's	366 96
Sycamore	St. Peter's	152 10
Shelbyville	Trinity, paid previously	....
Sterling	Grace, paid previously	....
Tiskilwa	St. Jude's	65 85
Tremont	Christ	47 10
Tuscola	St. Mary's	7 00
Utica	St. George's	14 00
Warsaw	St. Paul's	131 44
Waukegan	Christ	152 10
Waverly	Christ	36 40
Wilmington	Redeemer	39 35
Wyoming	St. Luke's	92 80
Total		$11,439 63

The Committee also presented the following additional Resolution, which, with that contained in the

conclusion of their Report, were, on motion, severally adopted:

WHEREAS, During the past year each Parish delinquent has, as far as may be, been informed of its indebtedness and urgently requested to pay the same, and

WHEREAS, A very large majority of the Parishes have, up to this time, neglected their manifest duty of discharging their liabilities to the Diocese, thereby preventing the extinguishment of the Bonded Debt, so long unpaid, and the continuance of which is discreditable to this Diocese, be it

Resolved, That, if said Bonded Debt be not then fully discharged, no Parish remaining delinquent, as per tabular statement reported to this Convention by the Committee on Bonded Debt, shall be entitled to representation in the next Diocesan Convention; and, if said debt be fully paid, no Parish which has not paid some portion of its indebtedness shall be admitted.

On motion, the subject of the Bonded Debt was referred to a Committee consisting of the following:

Mr. W. J. Barney, Mr. Albert Crane,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden, E. K. Hubbard.

The Committee upon the Episcopal Residence made a verbal Report.

In connection with this matter, a motion was made and carried to suspend the order of business for the purpose of electing the Trustees of the Diocese.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected by acclamation Trustees of the Diocese:

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Mr. A. C. Calkins,
Mr. C. T. Bowen.

The following motion was presented, read, and adopted:

That the present Committee on the Bishop's Residence be discharged and a new Committee be appointed, with Dr. RYLANCE as Chairman, with full powers to fill any vacancies in their own body that may occur, and to perform all other acts necessary to secure for the Bishop during the coming year a suitable residence, by purchase or otherwise, as in their discretion said Committee may deem for the interests of the Diocese; and the Board of Trustees of the Diocese are hereby authorized and empowered to assist said Committee in its duties by giving the obligations of this Diocese if so required, and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage or trust deed of the premises purchased.

In connection with the foregoing, the following were appointed as the Committee upon the Episcopal Residence:

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
Mr. J. H. Bowen,
Mr. Melville W. Fuller,
Mr. C. H. Jordan,
Mr. J. A. J. Kendig,
Mr. T. P. Lawrence,
Mr. L. B. Otis,
Mr. D. W. Page,
Mr. E. B. Phillips,
Mr. Chauncy Roberts,
Mr. J. H. Roberts.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relative to Lay Readers presented the following:

REPORT ON LAY READERS.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address in regard to Lay Readers, would report:

First.—That they fully approve of the encouragement and extension of this branch of Lay co-operation.

Second.—The Committee heartily approve of the use of the plain surplice by Lay Readers, as identifying them more with the solemnity of the sacred office.

Respectfully submitted.

SIDNEY CORBETT.
FRED. F. HILDER.
HENRY C. RANNEY.

The Committee on Church Building Society asked permission to defer their Report until next Convention.

The Committee upon that portion of the Bishop's Address referring to Christian Education made a similar request.

The Committee upon that portion of the Bishop's Address referring to Christian Unity presented and read the following Report and Resolution which was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The Committe to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Christian Unity respectfully report:

That none of the great principles which render the Anglican Church catholic and historical can be compromised or abandoned. It would therefore seem impracticable and unsafe to make any overtures or propositions touching Unity of a direct and specific character

to the religious bodies about us. There is always an opportunity of Unity extended to them on their willingness to receive an Apostolic Ministry, the ancient Creeds of the Church as adopted by the first four General Councils, and a Liturgical form of worship.

We would present these great features of the Church in gentleness and love, hoping and praying that God will, in due time, restore visible Unity among Christians on the principles of the Nicene Age.

The Committee would, however, offer the following Resolution for adoption by this body:

Resolved, That, if the General Convention shall think it meet and right to revive the Commission on Christian Unity, with such restrictions as they shall think proper, it will be agreeable to the feelings and judgment of this Convention.

W. H. Roberts.
Geo. F. Cushman.
S. H. Treat.
Samuel Wilkinson.

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

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

On motion, it was

Resolved, That twenty dollars be appropriated to the Sexton of the Cathedral, for his faithful services to the Convention.

It was, also,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Church families in this city for their kind hospitalities.

The following Resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

Whereas, The Convention of this Diocese, at its session of 1867, adopted the following Resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Diocesan Convention of Illinois declares itself to be in favor of an early adoption in this country of a Provincial System adapted to the condition and wants of the Church in the United States; and the General Convention is requested, at its next session, to provide the necessary legislation to accomplish this end.

Resolved, That this Convention is in favor of changing the names of our General and Diocesan Conventions to those of General and Diocesan Councils; and,

Whereas, This present Convention heartily concurs in the said Resolutions, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese be, and they are hereby instructed to bring the said Resolutions before that body, and to urge all necessary legislation toward the accomplishment of the ends proposed.

The following Report and Resolutions were presented and read. On motion the Resolutions were adopted:

REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN CHURCH.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address concerning the suffering and destitution of our brethren in the Southern States, beg leave respectfully to Report:

That they have had the subject under serious consideration, and are deeply impressed with the necessity of devising some plan by which substantial relief may be secured, and appropriated for the purpose specified.

There would be little need of argument to secure such means as are necessary to this end, if the affecting and earnest words of the Bishop's Address could be read and pondered by all the members of the Church in the Northern and more favored portion of our country.

Much has been done by Churches in this Northern region to relieve the distress which is so widely felt at the South, and for this we give God thanks. But we cannot fail to remember that the limit of Christian obligation, as taught by the narrative of the Good Samaritan, is the "existence of human distress," and "the ability to relieve it."

That there is a vast amount of real suffering in the South is indisputable. The wealth which has been accumulating there for a half century has been swept away. It is not in existence there. Households have been desolated, lands laid waste, and the besom of destruction has swept over the broad expanses of that once fertile and beautiful region, absolutely annihilating the very elements of prosperity. The buildings have been burned, agricultural implements destroyed, the laboring animals driven away, and the labor system entirely subverted, and rendered unreliable and inoperative. In some conditions of society this detail of ruin would be less calamitous than it is found to be by our Southern brethren. Their whole industrial system had unfitted them for the manly struggle of laborious life. They have had no early discipline of labor to brace them for that conflict; so that, when the necessity to meet it is devolved upon them suddenly, it is no wonder that their inexperienced efforts fail to accomplish the desired result, and that consequent suffering falls upon those dependent upon their exertions.

Inexperienced labor cannot speedily develop the resources of an agricultural country. When these resources are sensibly diminished, suffering ensues; when they fail, starvation results. Throughout the broad extent of the Southern States this diminution has occurred. In extensive districts, entire failure of agricultural returns for labor bestowed, has crushed the hopes and defeated the expectations of the impoverished residents.

With a noble independence that leaves no effort untried, their sons, at the plow, are stricken down by fierce midsummer heats. Their

accomplished and tenderly reared wives and daughters, at the washtub and milking pail, evidence the dignity of a true womanhood, which rises above the depressions of poverty, to be the faithful helpers of man. And yet, all these sacrifices, and all this heroic endurance, are unable to procure for them the necessaries of life.

Unskilled labor and unpropitious seasons have combined to diminish their harvests, until the bare necessaries of the most frugal provision for daily life are wanting.

If ever there was time for Christian philanthropy to expand into beneficial action, sure that time is now presented. If ever fitting exigency called upon the "liberal soul to devise liberal things," that exigency is now appealing to us. If ever large-hearted and generous profusion should undertake the alleviation of wide-spreading domestic distress, the occasion specified demands it now. No partial benefaction or individual exertion can reach and allay the pervading and continuing destitution. Combined and general and sustained effort alone can be expected to approach the necessity of the case.

Your Committee, therefore, would propose that each Minister in the Diocese be requested to bring this subject to the especial attention of his congregation, (either by a sermon before announced, or by a public meeting called for that purpose,) and that liberal aid be earnestly invoked in behalf of our suffering brethren of the South.

They, therefore, beg leave to present the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That each and every Clergyman, having any Parochial charge in the Diocese of Illinois, be requested, on the first Sunday in November, (twenty-first after Trinity—All Saints' Day,) to present to his Congregation the suffering condition of our brethren in the Southern States, and earnestly invoke liberal aid in their behalf.

Resolved, That collections made on such, or other occasions, for this purpose, be forwarded to the Bishop of this Diocese, to be distributed at his discretion for the relief contemplated in this Report.

F. W. Boyd, D. D.
C. P. Dorset.
D. W. Dresser.
G. R. Chittenden.
S. C. Judd.

The following Resolutions were moved and seconded:

Whereas, An organized effort is now being made to secure from the General Convention of the American Church an authorized translation of the Nicene Creed as set forth by undisputed General Councils, without addition or omission; therefore,

Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois hereby expresses its sympathy with this movement, as essential to the vindication of the American Church as an organic branch of the Holy Catholic Church, and to the inter-communion of the now separated parts of the One Body.

Resolved, That the Deputies to General Convention be instructed to present the above Resolution to that body.

On motion, they were laid upon the table.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed one thousand 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 the Convention, and periodicals of the Church; and that he cause to be printed five 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, the Convention took a further recess until half-past seven o'clock.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the BISHOP called the Convention to order.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected as the Endowment Fund Committee:

Mr. W. J. Barney,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden,
Mr. Samuel Gehr,
Mr. Geo. P. Lee,
Mr. A. E. Neely,
Mr. Chas. R. Steele,
Mr. Samuel Wilkinson.

The Special Committee upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Christian Education, asked to be continued.

On motion, the Convention went into an election for members of Standing Committee.

The Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., was appointed Inspector of Election on the Lay vote, in place of the Rev. J. TAYLOR CHAMBERS, absent.

Pending the result of the ballot, the following was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to set forth morning and evening Lessons for daily Services during Lent, from the Thursday succeeding Ash Wednesday to the Saturday preceeding the Sunday before Easter, and to authorize their use.

The Inspectors of Election for members of the Standing Committee being ready to declare the result of the ballot, just had, reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. T. G. Carver, D. D.,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
Mr. A. C. Calkins,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden,
Mr. H. C. Ranney.

One Clerical member yet remaining to be elected, on motion, the ballot was unanimously dispensed with, and the Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., was elected by acclamation.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for Deputies to the General Convention.

In the absence of the Inspectors of Election for Deputies to General Convention first named, the following were appointed:

CLERICAL VOTE.	LAY VOTE.
The Rev. Canon Street,	The Rev. S. Edson,
Mr. Francis C. Moore,	Mr. Geo. Gardner.

Pending the ballot, the following Memorial was presented, read and adopted by this Convention, and the Deputies to the General Convention instructed to present the same to that body:

A MEMORIAL.

To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States:

The Church, in the State of Illinois, assembled in Convention in the city of Chicago, with the Bishop, Clergy and Laity, do hereby respectfully represent:

First.—That the Episcopate is the Missionary order of the Church, and has been so, constitutionally, from the beginning; Bishops being not only successors of the Apostles, but themselves Apostles, the one Order having the direct and immediate commission and command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. And that they were so called in the first ages, until at last the title Bishops (Episcopi or Overseers) belonging to the first two Orders in the Ministry was given to them, and the term Apostle was appropriated exclusively to the Twelve, is evident from the unanimous testimony of Christian antiquity. Bishops, therefore, as Apostles, are, and ought to

be leaders of the Church in every onward step of advance and progress; the pioneers of all our work in the conversion of the world to Christ; according to their name Apostles, the first sent forth into each new sphere of Christian Missionary enterprise.

And, furthermore, that it is evident that, from the earliest time, after the miraculous powers of the first band of the Apostles of Christ, those chosen by Himself, came to an end, the place for the Apostle or Bishop was in the city, as the centre of population, of wealth, of intelligence, and all progress of doctrine and propagation of ideas. And from the city the Episcopate was named—the Bishoprics of Rome, of Ephesus, of Corinth, not of Italy, Asia Minor, or Greece. And in the city was the Bishop's Church, or Cathedral—the mother Church of the whole Diocese—and the Bishop's residence at the centre of his work, the very focus of all influences whereby the propagation of the Gospel can be organized, pursued or facilitated.

The Church in Illinois being convinced that these facts are true, and that they make the only basis whereupon the Church can be organized so as to have her full power to do the work that God has placed before her in this great land. And that the English Reformation which takes the ground of Primitive Truth and Apostolic Order, the open Bible and Catholic Faith, and in England has been impeded by the domination of the State, is to be completed and consummated here only, in this land, in us the American Church, free alike from supremacy, whether of the Pope or of the State. And that such a Church only gives the hope of Christian unity once again to the whole Christian world, first in this land, and finally in all Christendom. And, therefore, that in every State, in every city, and in every village over this whole land, this holy Church should be organized and represented, manifesting to all people her Apostolic Order and Evangelical Truth. And all impediments to her progress which at present exist should be removed.

With these convictions, the Church of Illinois begs leave to call the attention of the Church, in General Convention assembled, to the Canonical legislation of the Fifth Article of the Constitution. This article was finally enacted so late as the year 1838. We have many provisos, and limitations, and restrictions, so that instead of being, as its title purports, an article for the "admission of new Dioceses," it has been actually an article to prevent the increase of the Episcopate, and hinder the erection of new Dioceses. So that by means of the obstructive legislation of this article, instead of the Church having at this time her Episcopate established and settled, the Apostles of the Gospel in the Church throughout the cities of this land, the Clergy and Laity of States the size of European kingdoms cannot place Bishops of the Church in many localities, even when endowments are ready and the Church in the whole State desire it.

The Church in Illinois, knowing that at the present time it would be greatly desirable to increase the Missionary work of the Church in this country by the erection of new Sees, and that it is only the unchurchly

and obstructive legislation of this Fifth Article that hinders this action upon her part, as it hath hitherto hindered Church progress in the United States, and especially in the great valley of the Mississippi, request the General Convention to repeal this Fifth Article, with all the restrictions that it imposes upon the increase of our Episcopate, in accordance with Primitive and Scriptural principles; or to so change and modify the same by such provisions as the wisdom of the Church in General Convention assembled may supply.

And this she suggests for the increase and progress of the Church over all this land, according to her Apostolic organization and Constitution, and the manifold necessities that lie upon her of expanding and growing with the growth of this great land, million peopled, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. And the more that all the statistics of commerce and population manifestly indicate that it is to be a land of great cities, many in number and populous, more than any country has been since the fall of the Roman Empire.

This measure she suggests, that the Reformation begun in England may here be completed by the universal spread of the Church founded upon the same principle, but free from the domination of the State. That the world may behold once more what it has not seen since the fatal days of the first Constantine, the Church equally free from the supremacy of Kings and Popes, standing forth with the Bible in her hand open to all her children, and the Catholic Creed, governed by the law of Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit, pure and holy in principle and life; in every city in the land offering herself as a sure haven of refuge in this great storm of manifold and sincere, yet perplexed and agitated religious thought—having in every principal city her Apostle or Bishop, the embassador of the everlasting Gospel, the Bishop's Church, his Cathedral, the centre of all his work, religious, educational and benevolent, a blessed temple and heavenly home to which all eyes may turn, and in which all hearts may rejoice.

That these manifold blessings may be brought about, the Church in Illinois requests the repeal of the Fifth Article of the Constitution, and the enactment in its stead of a substitute based upon the principles above stated, and such other action as may be necessary for the more speedy erection and admission of new Dioceses.

The following was also presented, read and adopted:

WHEREAS, The title to the property known as St. Mary's School, Knoxville, is temporarily vested in the Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE, and,

WHEREAS, There are certain debts remaining upon that property and its furniture,

Resolved, That this Convention now stands ready to receive the title to the property in the names of its proper officers, and to make, as soon as possible, the necessary arrangements as to the indebtedness.

The Inspectors of Election for Deputies to the General Convention then reported the following as having

received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. S. Chase, D. D.,	Mr. Geo. P. Lee,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.,	Mr. L. B. Otis,
The Rev. W. H. Roberts,	Mr. D. W. Page,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,	Mr. S. H. Treat.

A ballot was next had for Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention.

The following having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, were declared elected:

The Rev. Edwin Coan,	Mr. John F. Beaty,
The Rev. Sidney Corbett,	Mr. Emory Cobb,
The Rev. D. W. Dresser,	Mr. W. W. De Wolf,
The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.,	Mr. Alex. G. Tyng.

The Convention next proceeded to the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The Inspectors of Election of the Clerical vote for Deputies to General Convention were appointed also on this ballot. They reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared duly elected:

The Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D., The Rev. John H. Knowles.

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

FOURTH DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Friday, September 18th, A. D., 1868.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. PHILIP MCKIM, Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown. The Lessons were read by the Rev. Canon KNOWLES. The Creed and Opening Collects were said by the Rev. C. W. LEFFINGWELL, Rector of St. Mary's School, Knoxville, and the Litany by the Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Warsaw.

The Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

A motion was made to reconsider the Resolution regarding the Printing of the Journal, for the purpose of reducing the number ordered and curtailing the expense incurred.

On motion, the subject was laid upon the table.

On motion, the following Resolution was presented and read:

Resolved, That, for the purpose of greater conformity to the long established usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, the Secretary of this Convention be directed in publishing the Journal of the Proceedings of the present session of this House to restore the words "Protestant Episcopal Church," omitted, without authority of this body, from the title page of the Journal of 1867.

After discussion, on motion, the whole subject was laid upon the table.

The Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE, Mr. A. G. TYNG and Mr. GEORGE P. LEE, the members of the Board of Missions, declining a re-election, on motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected as the Board of Missions for ensuing year:

The Rev. T. G. Carver, D. D.,	Mr. Emory Cobb,
The Rev. C. A. Gilbert,	Mr. L. B. Otis,
The Rev. Edwin Coan,	Mr. H. C. Ranney.

On motion, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention expresses its sense of the earnest and heartfelt work of the Missionary Board of the Diocese during the past year, and trusts, by the blessing of God, that the energy thus infused will bring forth permanent fruits to the glory of God and advance of His Church; and the Convention regrets that, from any cause, the efficient members of that Board should be unable to continue to the Church their valued services in this department of her work.

On motion, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are gratefully tendered to Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE, for assuming personally the financial

obligations consequent upon receiving and securing to this Convention (with conditions) the property of St. Mary's School, Knoxville;

And also to Rev. C. W. LEFFINGWELL, for assuming the position of Principal of the same School, as a venture of faith, in the hope of thus forming a Diocesan School in Illinois.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the C., B. & Q. R. R., the C., A. & St. L. R. R., the C. & N. W. R. R., and the C., R. I. & P. R. R., in consideration of the commutation of fare made to the Lay Delegates.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., was elected Trustee of Jubilee College.

The following were appointed as the Examination Committee of Jubilee College:

The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.,	Mr. George Gardner,
The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D.,	Mr. J. H. Kedzie,
The Rev. W. H. Roberts,	Mr. E. H. Sheldon,
The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.,	Mr. S. H. Treat.

The Board of Education was appointed as follows:

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,	Mr. H. W. Hinsdale,
The Rev. C. A. Gilbert,	Mr. Wm. H. Wood,
The Rev. C. W. Leffingwell.	

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following Sunday School Committee was elected by acclamation:

The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.,	Mr. George Gardner,
The Rev. W. H. Roberts,	Mr. H. C. Ranney,
The Rev. A. W. Snyder, B. D.	

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 Episcopal Benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

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LOCATION.	PARISH NAME.	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, 1864-5.	1865-6.	1866-7.	1867-8.	GENERAL MISSIONARY.	DESIGNATED OFFERINGS.	ENDOWMENT.	TOTAL.	1862-3.	1863-4.	1864-5.	SPECIAL. 1864-5.	1865-6.	1866-7.	1867-8.	TOTAL.	1865-6.	1866-7.	1867-8.
Albion,	St. John's,			$28 00	$30 00	$20 10		$26 00	$104 10									$19 00	$2 00	
Algonquin,	St. John's,			10 00	12 00	14 20		12 20	48 40											
Alton,	St. Paul's,				65 00	150 00		21 35	236 35											
Arcola,	Christ Church,													30 00	$33 00	$21 00	$84 00			
Aurora,	Trinity,		$28 00		28 00	65 00			121 00									22 00		
Amboy,	St. Thomas',													9 00	9 00		18 00			
Belvidere,	Trinity,			38 00	45 00			11 35	94 35									31 00		
Bement,	Atonement,											$12 00	$2 40	16 00	13 00	9 00	52 40			
Bloomington,	St. Matthew's,			58 00	83 00	105 66			246 66	$34 00	$30 00		10 60				74 60			
Brimfield,	Zion,													8 40	8 00	No return.	16 40			
Cairo,	Redeemer,				30 00	10 60		10 00	50 60											
Carlinville,	St. Paul's,			18 00	15 00				33 00											
Centralia,	St. John's,									10 00	14 00	6 00	2 80	No	assessm't.	12 00	44 80			
Chester,	St. Mark's,			10 00	28 00	15 00			53 00											
Chesterfield,	St. Peter's,														12 00	No return.	12 00			
Chicago,	Ascension,			100 00	80 00	33 25			213 25											
Chicago,	Atonement,			10 00					10 00							No return.				
Chicago,	Calvary,					51 00			51 00											
Chicago,	Ch. of our Saviour,				6 36	4 50			10 86											
Chicago,	Cathedral,					374 43		31 20	405 63											
Chicago,	Christ Church,			69 13	170 00	50 00		28 40	317 53											
Chicago,	Grace,			200 00	220 00	473 35		219 27	1,012 62											
Chicago,	Holy Communion,													30 00	30 00	15 00	75 00			
Chicago,	St. Ansgarius',			24 00		13 55			37 55						12 10	40 00	52 10		147 90	$186 00
Chicago,	St. James',				335 00	947 25	$100 00		1,382 25											
Chicago,	St. John's,				187 00	450 21			637 21				21 00				21 00			
Chicago,	St. Mark's,			25 00	37 00	6 63			68 63									17 00		
Chicago,	St. Stephen's,					16 08			16 08							75 00	75 00			
Chicago,	Trinity,			170 00	150 00	355 86			675 86											
Collinsville,	Christ Church,			5 50	1 00				6 50					3 00		11 00	14 00			
Clay City,	St. Paul's,													No	returns.	No return.				
Danville,	Holy Trinity,			13 00	24 00	19 85			56 85											
Decatur,	St. John's,			48 00		90 75			138 75							40 00	40 00			
Dixon,	St. Luke's,			61 00	34 30	97 28			192 58							12 70	12 70			
Dundee,	St. James',					6 85		5 20	12 05									7 00	11 00	15 00
Evanston,	St. Mark's,				29 00	20 00			49 00											
Elgin,	Redeemer,															27 00	27 00			
Farmington,	Calvary,					24 55			24 55							22 00	22 00			
Farm Ridge,	St. Andrew's,				40 00	34 12			74 12											
Freeport,	Zion,			25 60		72 00			97 60						35 40	70 00	105 40			
Galena,	Grace,			37 25	64 30	103 85			205 40							14 70	14 70			
Galesburg,	Grace,			20 00	20 00	24 00			64 00											
Geneseo,	Trinity,			13 00		20 00			33 00							16 00	16 00	27 00		
Geneva,	St. Mark's,			22 00					22 00					5 00		22 00	27 00			
Gillespie,	St. John's,		10 00	10 00				10 00	30 00							9 00	9 00	13 00		
Jacksonville,	Trinity,			39 00	17 70	113 00			169 70							62 30	62 30			
Joliet,	Christ Church,														97 00	105 00	202 00			
Kankakee,	St. Paul's,					70 35			70 35							40 00	40 00			
Kankakee County,	St. Anne's,													49 00	56 00	49 00	154 00			
Kewanee,	St. John's,			54 00		32 50			86 50							53 00	53 00			
Lacon,	St. John's,			13 00		26 00		2 60	41 60							13 00	13 00			
La Salle,	St. Mark's,																			
Lee Center,	St. Paul's,			2 00		3 75			5 75					13 00	6 00	14 00	33 00			
Lewistown,	St. James',			16 00	16 00	53 45			85 45											
Limestone,	Christ Church,		36 00	34 00		5 30			75 30							29 00	29 00			
Lockport,	St. John's,			3 00	35 00	5 00			43 00										27 00	
Manhattan,	St. Paul's,			10 00					10 00	27 00	7 00	2 14	4 40	20 00	8 00	20 00	88 54			
Marengo,	Advent,													22 00	No	returns.	22 00			
Marseilles,	St. Andrew's,															4 00	4 00			
Morris,	St. Thomas',														24 00	34 00	58 00			
Naperville,	St. John's,			21 15	39 00	31 59		30 22	121 96											
Onarga,	Christ Church,									22 00	22 00	22 00	4 40	No	returns.	15 00	85 40			
Ottawa,	Christ Church,	$6 20	102 00	83 00				28 49	219 69							92 00	92 00			
Pekin,	St. Paul's,			12 00	9 67	104 72			126 39	26 00	26 00	26 00	5 20	22 00	13 00	20 33	138 53			
Peoria,	St. Paul's,			175 00	180 00	604 18		15 25	974 43											
Peoria,	St. John's,							5 25	5 25							34 00	34 00			
Peru,	St. Paul's,			7 00	2 15	8 85			18 00							18 85	18 85			
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,			15 00					15 00					24 00	5 00	No return.	29 00			
Polo,	Trinity,					21 13			21 13					33 00	25 00	23 00	81 00			
Princeton,	Redeemer,															23 00	23 00	27 00		
Providence,	Zion,													20 00	18 00	20 00	58 00			
Quincy,	St. John's,			163 00	163 00	758 29	230 26		1,314 55											
Rantoul,	St. Paul's,														4 00	No return.	4 00			
Robin's Nest,	Christ Church,				33 75	65 00		2 65	101 40										29 95	45 25
Rockford,	Emmanuel,		25 00	60 00					85 00							67 00	67 00			
Rock Island,	Trinity,				18 00	101 00			119 00							12 00	12 00			
Rock Island County,	Grace,													60 00	No	returns.	60 00			
Rushville,	Christ Church,													6 00	7 00	No return.	13 00			
Salem,	St. Thomas',			8 00					8 00							5 00	5 00			
Shelbyville,	Trinity,													20 00	No	returns.	20 00			
Springfield,	St Paul's,			109 20	169 00	510 60			788 80											
Sterling,	Grace,				45 00	55 00			100 00											
Sycamore,	St. Peter's,				35 00	28 00			63 00											
Tiskilwa,	St. Jude's,			50 00		20 34			70 34							50 00	50 00			
Tremont,	Christ Church,													12 00	13 00	No return.	25 00			
Tuscola,	St. Mary's,													7 00	No	returns.	7 00			
Utica,	St. George's,		3 00						3 00					11 00	No return.	6 00	17 00			
Warsaw,	St. Paul's,				24 00	32 50		7 00	63 50											
Waukegan,	Christ Church,			18 75	102 00	274 99		31 85	427 59											
Wilmington,	Redeemer,			34 00		10 70		5 45	50 15							36 00	36 00			
Wyoming,	St. Luke's,	2 60	3 00	10 00	10 00				25 60											
Miscellaneous,						7 00	300 00		307 00											
Knoxville,	St. John's,					53 25			53 25											
Du Quoin,	Trinity,					10 00			10 00											
Mendon,	Zion,							90 00	90 00											
Chicago,	Immanuel Hall,							5 20	5 20											
TOTAL		$8 80	$207 00	$1,952 58	$2,633 23	$6,676 41	$630 26	$498 93	$12,607 21	$119 00	$99 00	$68 14	$50 80	$420 40	$428 50	$1,261 88	$2,447 72	$163 00	$217 85	$246 25

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer of the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois presents the following Report for the Conventional year 1867–8, as appears by his books and accounts on the 1st day of September, inst.:

This differs from all preceding reports, in that it shows all floating indebtedness fully paid up. In order, however, to show this, it has been necessary for the Treasurer to assume authority heretofore conferred by the Convention, after the report of its Finance Committee.

The Convention will please bear in mind that, for the last two years, the current receipts have been sufficient for the ordinary Diocesan expenses, and that no indebtedness would have been reported on its current expenses had all the receipts belonged to a common fund; but there being three distinct funds, created by Canon, the receipts from each are confined to the payment of its own debts. Of these, one is too large for its requirements under the existing legislation, and another is always too small to meet its obligations; and so the practice has been, by vote of the Convention, to transfer the surplus of the one fund to the credit of the other, in such degree as might be necessary. This has now been done by the Treasurer in advance, and for which he now asks the approbation of the Convention.

The Expenses of the Diocese have been—

Salaries	$2,275 00	
Missionary Stipends	7,725 84	
Contingent Expenses	2,397 17	
Total		$12,398 02
Then add amounts due at last Convention, page 67, Journal of 1867—		
Balance Episcopal Salary	$1,051 89	
" Interest to Oct. 1, 1867, on Bond	257 54	
" Missionary Stipends	875 85—	2,185 28
And the whole Floating Debt would be		$14,583 30
Then add balance of Bond		5,626 40
And the whole debt would amount to		20,209 70

INCOME has been as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

Special Assessment,	1864–5		$8 80
General "	1865–6		207 00
" "	1866–7		1,952 58
" "	1867–8		2,633 23
			$4,791 64

MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance from last year	$1,592 97	
Voluntary Contributions for General Missionary Purposes	6,676 41	
Voluntary Contributions for Designated Purposes	630 26	
		$8,899 64

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts for Endowment Fund Committee's Report:		
Sept., 1867, less corrections made in same by transfers to the Diocesan Fund	$ 534 61	
Same for 1867–8, now incorporated into this Report—$498.93 less $9.50 expenses (net sum)	489 43	
		$1,024 04

CONTINGENT FUND.

Having no balance forward from last year, is dependent upon transfers from other funds, as will be hereafter seen.

Thus, total receipts are $14,715 32

Aside from the Bond, the following exhibit will appear:

Receipts as above stated	$14,715 32
Expenses " "	14,583 30
Thus showing excess of receipts, over all floating indebtedness, of	$127 20

Thus showing that cash on hand at its commencement and current receipts have not only paid its current debts, but have cancelled all old indebtedness also; and besides has applied, as will appear in the cash exhibit, a small surplus to the extinguishment of the Bond.

The expenses will be seen to have largely increased during this year, in consequence of a largely increased amount of Church work. As an example, there has been this year in the field a Missionary Staff of twenty-eight Missionaries and two Colporteurs under pay, in the place of twenty last year—some of each year not having remained through the full term. The Stipends have also been increased quite considerably. The full Stipends would amount to $9,625. Owing, however, to quite numerous changes and consequent stoppages of Stipends and appointments later in the year, the amount actually has been:

For Missionary Clergy	$7,019 68	
For Colporteurs	706 14	
		$7,725 82

and are in detail as follows:

For the whole year—

One, being an Itinerant, and doing active duty as member of Missionary Board, for which an addition of $250.00 was made	$1,250 00	
One at	400 00	
One at	350 00	
One at	300 00	
Four at $250	1,000 00	
Eight at 200	1,600 00	
One at	150 00	
One at	100 00	

For part of year—

One at $500	312 45	
One at 375	328 12	
Two at 300	362 50	
Five at 200	749 96	
One at 100	75 00	
		$6,936 38
One Colporteur at $1,000	250 00	
One " at 900 and expenses	456 14—	706 14
Total		$7,642 52

The money has been applied as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

Paid Episcopal Salary, balance of 1866–7	$1,051 89	
Full Salary, 1867–8	2,000 00	
Transferred to Contingent Fund, including 10 per cent., as provided by Canon and Exhausting Fund	1,739 72—	$4,791 61

MISSIONARY FUND.

Has been increased by the absorption of its proportion (½) of the Endowment Fund receipts for 1866–7	$ 267 30		
Same for 1867–8	244 71		
And thus making the whole fund $9,411.65. Expended as follows:			
Paid balance Stipends 1866–7	917 50		
" in full " 1867–8	6,978 03		
" " Colporteurs 1867–8	706 14		
" Designated Contributions	430 26		
" Ordinary Missionary Expenses	106 53		
Transferred to Contingent Fund	24 83		
Overpaid Colporteur	3 86		
Leaving balance on hand	244 50—	$9,411	65
Of this balance $200 is a pledged sum, and in relation to which the action of the Convention will be asked.			

ENDOWMENT FUND.

This has been transferred, as per Resolution of Convention:			
One-half to Missionary Fund	512 01		
" to Contingent "	512 03—	$1,024	04
This last named, covering both the Sinking Fund and the payment on Bond, and the Receipts for the last and the current year being also included in this Report.			

CONTINGENT FUND.

Is created by absorption from the others as follows:			
Diocesan Fund	$1,739 72		
Missionary Fund	24 83		
Endowment Fund of 1866–7 and 1867–8	512 03—	$2,276	58
And has been expended as follows:			
Paid sundry ordinary Expenses	73 32		
" Printing Journal, Bishop's Address, and Reports of Sunday School Committee and Board of Missions	821 11		
" Salaries	275 00		
" Interest on Bonded Debt, balance to Oct. 1, 1867 $257 54			
" Same in full to Oct. 1, 1868 337 58—	$595 12		
" Sinking Fund, 1866–7 $133 66			
" " " 1867–8 122 36—	$256 02		
" Account principal Bond and Exhausting Fund	256 01—	$2,276	58

The Contingent Expense will be seen to have largely increased. This is for two reasons:

1st. The increase in Church work in Diocesan capacity must always carry with it, as a necessary accompaniment, an increased expenditure; and,

2nd. During the past year some Parishes, or some individuals in Parishes, have made extra offerings for specified purposes, and have passed them through the ordinary channel of the Convention officers, and thus bringing them into the Diocesan accounts. These amounts are this year about $630, and have, to that extent, increased both the receipts and the payments.

It is much to be hoped that this idea may be fostered to a large extent, and thus, as far as may be, unite the Parish and the individual offerings in the broad stream of Diocesan action, thus establishing, to a greater extent, catholicity and unity, not only in our efforts, but also in our offerings.

Of this sum thus specifically offered for good works, $200 was from J. H. Kedzie, Esq., in fulfillment of his proposition made to the Convention of 1866, and to be found as a part of the proceedings of that year. This appropriation was made by him for the benefit of Church Building Funds at the Mission Stations of Augusta and Young America, and in response to a request of the Board of Missions for such help. Each place has, however, (it is believed,) failed, thus far, to comply with the condition precedent, insisted upon and forming a part of that proposition, and so long a time having intervened, Mr. Kedzie now claims to be equitably relieved from continuing the proposition in force after October 1, prox., and desires then, if matters are unchanged at those points, to withdraw and use the amounts for other Church purposes. The Treasurer asks the action of the Convention upon this matter.

Connected with the matter of Contingent Expenses is this further point, which needs legislation. This Fund is chargeable with all expenditures, except Bishop's salary and Missionaries' stipends, and the only means for its creation is by a deduction quarterly of ten per cent. from amounts paid upon Diocesan Fund. This latter Fund increases slowly every year, as is evidenced by the annual assessment upon the Parishes, but yet is entirely incompetent to furnish the necessary contingent means in the Canonical way.

The assessment for 1867-8 is the larger yet laid, and amounts to $4,136. Should this all be paid during the year, it would yield to the Contingent Fund only $413.60. This would not pay for printing the Journal of Proceedings, and leaving no provision for all the other expenses which must inevitably exist; and probably twenty per cent. of the amount will never be paid, thus reducing still more the Contingent Fund.

The practical mode of obviating this difficulty has been to allow the Treasurer to get along with the Contingent Expenses as best he might through the year, and then, by vote of Convention, to with-

draw and transfer from the Diocesan Fund such amount as might be necessary; but, should the Convention ever take action upon the amount of Episcopal salary by way of increase, then some additional means must be found to meet these Contingent Expenses.

The Missionary Stipends have been promptly paid upon quarter day, during this as well as the last year, and to this may, in a large degree, be attributed the confidence and success of the Missionary work during the two years. And yet there is great room for improvement in the Parishes, even in respect to this. During this year, care has been taken never to bankrupt the movement by expending faster than means were pledged; and yet, to such extent have the Parish pledges (in time) been unfulfilled, that the payments have not only consumed the receipts of the year, but have also reduced the balance with which the year started from $1,592.67 to $244.50. And still the worst feature is yet to come, for the *comparatively* prompt action upon the part of Parishes in remitting for the Missionary purposes, has apparently produced a corresponding neglect of the payment upon Diocesan Fund.

This meets with almost entire neglect. Very little was paid until the near approach of Convention compelled it, and it was not until about the 1st of September that the Treasurer was enabled to write a check for the amount of the whole year's salary.

A very serious fault exists in nearly all the Parishes in this respect, and without any good reason. It is much easier to pay quarterly than annually, and *then* justice is done by and to all; otherwise, injustice and even dishonesty is practiced by the non-conforming Parishes, and the rebuke, (louder than words,) which comes from the never asked for Episcopal salary falls unheeded upon careless ears and hearts.

The amount now due from the Diocese is confined to the Bonded Debt, which has been reduced by a payment of $256.01 of the principal. This amount was derived from the Diocesan Fund, and exhausted it. The present amount of the principal balance is $5,370.39, and for the payment of which a committee of this Body is taking action.

There remains due upon the various past assessments the following amounts:

General assessment	1862–3	$119	00
" "	1863–4	99	00
" "	1864–5	68	14
Special "	1864–5	50	80
General "	1865–6	420	40
" "	1866–7	428	50
" "	1867–8	1,261	88
Constituting a nominal asset to amount of		$2,447	72

but will not probably realize more than $1,500; the balance standing against Parishes declining to pay, or going off in remitted assessments.

The Treasurer last year asked instructions in reference to the Special Assessment of 1864–5.

Parishes are obtaining representation in Convention annually, who decline expressly to pay the same.

If it is a dead letter, it had best be revoked, so far as delinquents are concerned.

Remitted assessments for the past year amount to $627.10, of which $93 was by vote of last Convention, and the balance claimed under the reduced Assessment Clause of Canon XIV.

The cash receipts and expenses, as well as amount of payments from each Parish, and upon what account, and also the amounts due from each Parish, and upon what account, are herewith subjoined and form a part of this report.

The Expenditure and Indebtedness to be provided for is as follows:

Printing Journal, estimate	$650 00	
Diocesan Assessment for General Convention, est.	270 00	
		$ 920 00
Balance due on Bond		5,370 39
Total		$6,290 39

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. P. LEE,
Treasurer.

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer, in Account with Convention:*

1868—Sept. 1. DR.

To balance of Missionary Fund from last year		$1,592 97
To Cash received from various Parishes on Assessments, as per schedule attached:		
Special Assessment, 1864–5...	$ 8 80	
General " 1865–6...	207 00	
" " 1866–7...	1,926 38	
" " 1867–8...	2,649 43	—$4,791 61
To Cash, Missionary Fund, as per schedule attached, for—		
General Missionary purposes...	$6,676 47	
Designated purposes	630 26	
Endowment Fund Receipts, 1866–7, ½ amount...	267 30	
Same, 1867–8, ½ amount	244 71	—$7,818 68
To Cash, Contingent Fund:		
Endowment Fund Receipts, 1866–7, ½ amount	267 31	
Same, 1867–8, ½ amount	244 72	—$ 512 03

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By sundry payments, as per Cash receipts and vouchers:		
To Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., Balance Salary 1866–7.....		$1,051 89
Salary in full 1867–8.....		2,000 00
To various Missionaries, being balances of Stipends 1866–7:		
Rev. P. Arvedson.....	$ 75 00	
Rev. J. Bredberg.....	62 50	
Rev. W. H. Cooper.....	62 60	
Rev. C. B. Guillemont.....	50 00	
Rev. Jno. Portmess.....	37 50	
Rev. W. J. Pigott.....	50 00	
Rev. W. M. Reynolds, D. D..	50 00	
Rev. A. B. Russell.....	37 50	
Rev. R. Trewartha.....	37 50	
Rev. T. W. Mitchell, D. D...	8 35	
Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine.....	130 00	
Rev. J. S. McGowan.....	37 50	
Rev. C. A. Bruce.....	50 00	
Rev. J. A. Fitch.....	25 00	
Rev. Jno. Benson	50 00	
Rev. Philander Chase.....	62 50	
Rev. Wm. M. Steel.....	50 00	
Rev. J. A. Merrick, D. D.....	41 65	
		$917 50
By paid following named Missionaries in full their Stipends for 1867–8, viz.:		
Rev. P. Arvedson.....	$350 00	
Rev. Jacob Bredberg.....	250 00	
Rev. Wm. H. Cooper.....	250 00	
Rev. Jno. Portmess.....	200 00	
Rev. W. J. Pigott and E. De Wolf.....	200 00	
Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.	400 00	
Rev. R. Trewartha.....	200 00	
Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine, as Itinerant and Member of Board of Missions..	1,250 00	
Rev. Jas. S. McGowan.....	250 00	
Rev. Jno. A. Fitch..	100 00	
Rev. Jno. Benson.....	200 00	
Rev. Philander Chase.....	300 00	
Rev. Wm. M. Steel.....	250 00	

Rev. Philip McKim.....	$262 50	
Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D. D.	200 00	
Rev. C. B. Guillemont.....	200 00	
Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D...	75 00	
Rev. A. B. Russell.....	200 00	
Rev. C. A. Bruce.....	200 00	
Rev. Albert E. Wells.....	150 00	
Rev. Chas. Ritter.....	328 12	
Rev. T. N. Benedict.....	100 00	
Rev. C. G. Griswold.....	191 67	
Rev. W. Y. Johnson.....	191 67	
Rev. Albert W. Snyder.....	312 45	
Rev. P. A. Johnson.....	145 81	
Rev. C. W. Leffingwell.....	145 81	
Rev. J. A. Russell.....	75 00	
		$6,978 03
By paid following named Colporteurs in full their Salaries for 1867–8 :		
Rev. E. De Wolf	250 00	
Thos. Clougher.....	456 14	
		$706 14
By paid for Missionary Contintingent Expense Account :		
Prayer Books, Street, Moore & Co.....	30 00	
Rev. E. De Wolf, two weeks' Colporteurage.....	33 33	
Rev. Dr. Reynolds, Expenses to attend Missionary Board Meeting.....	5 00	
Prayer Books for Aledo.....	7 20	
By paid Print'g Miss'n'y Pl'dg's.	10 50	
" Expenses Rev. W. Y. Johnson to Duquoin...	18 50	
" Colporteur's License to May 1.....	2 00	
" Rev. D. S. Phillips, for Momence Station, being "Designated Contribution.".....	100 00	
" to St. Mary's School, Knoxville, being Designated Contribution..	230 26	
" Same for same.....	100 00	
		$536 79

By paid for CONTINGENT EXPENSE Account:				
Paid Expressman, moving Convention Furniture.....	$2	50		
" Treasurer's Letter Book.....	3	25		
" Cathedral Sexton, per Convention vote.....	20	00		
" Secretary's Postage Bill.....	23	62		
" Rounds & James, on account printing Journal.....	500	00		
" Discount on Draft.....		25		
" Printing Circular.....	3	50		
" Printing Circular.....	3	25		
" Discount on Draft.....		50		
" Post Office and Stationery Bill, Treasurer.....	16	45		
" Rounds & James balance of printing Journal.....	321	11		
" Sinking Fund, 1866–7.....	133	66		
" Secretary's salary.....	125	00		
" Sinking Fund 1867–8.....	122	36		
" Assistant Treasurer's salary..	125	00		
" Balance interest on Bonded Debt to Oct. 1, 1867....	257	54		
" Same to Oct. 1, 1868.....	337	58		
" On account of Principal of Bonded Debt.....	256	01		
				$2,276 58
By am't overpaid Thos. Clougher on account his salary.....				3 86
By cash on hand to balance.....				244 50
			$14,715 29	$14,715 29

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer of Trustees of the Diocese of Illinois, in Account with the Same:*

1867. DR.

To balance from last year.....		$	02
For moneys received from various Parishes, to wit:			
Nov. 29.—St. Thomas'.....	Morris.....	3	25
Cathedral.....	Chicago.....	37	50
St. James'.....	Chicago.....	78	10
St. Mark's.....	Evanston.....	5	10
" 30.—St. Stephen's.....	Chicago.....	4	60
St. John's.....	Decatur.....	3	00

Nov.	30.—St. Luke's	Dixon		5 28	
	Grace	Sterling		5 00	
Dec.	3.—St. John's	Algonquin		1 00	
	Christ Church	Chicago		18 80	
	Holy Trinity	Danville		3 00	
	Grace	Galena		7 75	
	Christ Church	Ottawa		14 35	
	Grace	Chicago		20 00	
"	4.—Trinity	Rock Island		4 00	
	St. Paul's	Peoria		24 00	
	Christ Church	Robin's Nest		2 60	
"	6.—St. John's	Albion		5 00	
"	9.—Trinity	Polo		2 00	
	St. Luke's	Dixon, additional		5 00	
"	12.—St. Paul's	Peru		2 00	
"	17.—St. Paul's	Alton		14 40	
	Christ Church	Waukegan		6 87	
"	21.—St. Paul's	Springfield		29 00	
"	24.—St. Paul's	Warsaw		3 50	
"	28.—Redeemer	Cairo		5 00	

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Jan.	31.—By paid amounts then received to the following named, being constituted beneficiaries of the fund by the Standing Committee :			
	Rev. C. P. Clark			100 00
	Rev. Benj. Hutchins			100 00
	Rev. Asa Griswold			100 00
	To following amounts received from—			
Mar.	16.—St. Peter's	Sycamore	3 00	
"	19.—St. John's	Naperville	5 00	
Aug.	19.—St. Mark's	Chicago	5 80	
	By amount in hand to balance			23 92
			$323 92	$323 92

Sept. 14.—Balance brought down $23 92

GEO. P. LEE,

Treasurer.

Digest of the Canons.

Title I. Canon 12.

General Regulations of Ministers and their Duties.

§ I. [1.] It is hereby required, that on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:—

"We, the Church Wardens, (*or, in case of an Assistant Minister*, We, the Rector and Church Wardens), do certify to the Right Rev. (*naming the Bishop*), or to the Rev. (*naming the President of the Standing Committee*), that (*naming the person*) has been duly chosen Rector (*or* Assistant Minister, *as the case may be*) of (*naming the Parish or Church*).

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

§ II. No Minister, removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another, shall officiate as the Rector, Stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or District to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the ecclesiastical authority a certificate in the words following:—

"I hereby certify that the Rev. A. B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and is a Minister in regular standing."

Diocese of Illinois. Canon X.

Of the Settlement of Clergymen in Parishes.

§ 1. It shall be the duty of the Wardens of every Parish to give written notice to the Bishop, and, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, so soon as a vacancy shall occur in the pastoral charge of the same.

Canon XVI.

Of Vacant Parishes.

Whenever a parish shall have become vacant, and the Wardens shall have given the required notice thereof to the Bishop, he shall appoint those of the clergy in the Diocese, who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant parishes as have been reported to him, at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. And at any Convention the clergy so appointed shall be called on for an account of the fulfillment of the duty, and to make a full report concerning the state of the parish which they have visited. It shall be the duty of such vacant parishes thus supplied to defray all of the expenses incident to such occasional services.

PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The principal statistics contained in the Reports will be found at one view in the Tabular Statement at the end.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS.

Reports from Parishes and Stations	90
From Clergymen without cure	13
Whole number of Reports	103

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

	1866.	1867.	1868.
Baptisms—Infants	746	796	1,072
Adults	169	160	279
Total	915	956	1,351
Confirmations	484	510	813
Marriages	278	267	366
Burials	345	335	461
Communicants—Admitted	415	363	643
Received	301	317	513
Removed	343	404	385
Died	46	49	55
Present number	3,452	3,960	5,280
Sunday Schools—Teachers	586	670	880
Scholars	4,150	4,898	6,674
Contributions—Whole amount	$81,199.21	$111,175.85	$196,993.79

REPORTS.

Albion, St. John's. - - The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins.

Church Wardens—Bryan Walker, Wm. B. Tribe.

Baptisms—Infants, 14; Adults, 7; Total, 21.
Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10.
Communicants—Present Number, 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 7; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 46; Female, 50; Total, 96.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 2; Total, 16.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 40; Total, 92.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 20; Total, 72.
Sermons, 106.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$28 88	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$28 88
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	$ 3 00	
Endowment Fund.....	28 10	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	31 10
Total of Offerings.....		$59 98

The Minister officiating makes this report for the two reasons, that it embraces his own measure of services and that, otherwise, from the backwardness of Vestry action, no report whatever would be forthcoming. Imperfection marks the filling up of statistics, yet work has been done, notwithstanding. The writer is more disposed to labor than to talk or write much about it.

St. John's Church will do better, hereafter, in the matter of accounts, and, even, in assuming its proper position on the Convention floor. It must be remembered, however, that it is a frontier post, cut off from all railroad communication with the rest of the Diocese, and at a vast distance from the Church centre, Chicago. It is as poor as its Minister, and far more faithful amid adverse circumstances.

Algonquin, St. John's. - - The Rev. Peter Arvedson.

Church Wardens—James Kee, Wm. Estergren.

Families, 9; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls, 51.
Baptisms—Infants, 8; Adults, 7; Total, 15.
Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 1; Removed, 4.
Present Number, 21.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 6; Total, 58.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 5; Total, 57.
Sermons, 113. Lectures and other Addresses, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$11 60	
For Organ	62 45	
Towards Canceling Indebtedness on the Church	340 00	
Incidental Expenses—Light, &c...	25 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$439 05
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$13 61	
Diocesan Fund	12 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	1 00	
Endowment Fund	7 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		33 61
General Purposes—		
Total for General Purposes		2 50
Total of Offerings		$518 16

Right Reverend Father in God:

I beg to refer to the statistics as showing a marked increase of actual membership since the last Conventional Report, and also to the cheering fact that the indebtedness of the Parish, incurred in building their House of Worship, has so far been cancelled as to warrant the Consecration of the building, and thereby setting it apart for the especial purpose of Christian Worship. It has also been deeded in trust to the Bishop and his successors in office, in order to prevent its alienation, in any way, from the original purpose of its erection. Besides officiating in this Parish, as per statistics, and in St. James' Church, Dundee, as per report from that Parish, my labors have been extended to four different points in McHenry County, on week-day evenings, at the distance of nine, twenty-seven, thirty-one and thirty miles, respectively, two of them being district school houses, one a school house in the village of Bloom Mills, and the fourth point being Harvard Junction, on the Northwestern Railway. In these places, we humbly trust some good has been done, though in neither place can any permanent churchly relation by way of organization be immediately looked for. We have been comforted in our work by the words "Be not weary in well-doing; for, in due season, ye shall reap, if ye faint not." I have thus officiated fifteen times, and, if the Lord permit, a monthly week-day evening service will be held at each of these places during the Fall and Winter.

Alton, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Cornelius S. Abbott.

Church Warden—S. R. Dolbee, J. W. Schweppe.

Families, 64; Individuals not thus included, 21; Total of Souls, 289.
Baptisms—Infants, 30; Adults, 3; Total, 33.
Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 8. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 22; Removed, 9; Died, 1.
Present Number, 77.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 16; Total, 20.
Scholars: Male, 80; Female, 130; Total, 210.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 210.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total, 14.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 24; Total, 76.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 59; Total, 108.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 65.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 109 94		
Balance of Church Indebtedness	541 08		
Sunday School	233 40		
Other Parish Objects, about	2,700 00		
Total for Parish Purposes			$3,584 42
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$150 00		
Diocesan Fund	65 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	14 40		
Back Indebtedness to Episcopal Fund	100 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			329 40
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions	$42 19		
Foreign Missions	23 71		
P. E. Freedman's Commission	29 63		
Total for General Purposes			95 53
Total of Offerings			$4,009 35

The Rector is gratified at being able to report the Parish in a highly flourishing condition.

The burden of debt, which has so long pressed upon us, has been thrown entirely off our shoulders; and now, with a property that can in truth be said to belong to the Lord, a large accession to the number of Communicants, a Congregation increasing in numbers and interest, there is every reason to expect, under the Divine blessing, a career of marked prosperity for the Parish.

In the above Report there is included, under the item Sunday School, a Mission School, which has been in operation a little over a

year, established in the suburbs of the city; a work so important that, I doubt not, if properly cared for and managed, will, in a few years, result in the establishment of a new Parish.

Arcola, Christ. - - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Wardens—John Vellum, Charles Bradbury.

Families, 11; Individuals not thus included, 34; Total of Souls, 96.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 4; Died, 1.
Present Number, 15.

There has been no service at this place during the past year:
First.—Because we could get no place to worship in.
Secondly.—The members are not united.

Aurora, Trinity. - - - *The Rev. Stephen T. Allen.*

Church Wardens—Sidney B. Hawley, M. D., James C. James.

Families, 75; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 350.
Baptisms—Infants, 14; Adults, 6; Total, 20.
Confirmed, 25. Marriages, 8. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Amitted, 23; Received, 15; Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present Number, 60.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 7; Total, 13.
Scholars: Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 28; Other Days, 7; Total, 35.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 28; Other Days, 32; Total, 60.
Sermons, 60; Lectures and other Addresses, 28.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$25 56	
Rent of Hall and Incidental Expenses.....	450 00	
Sunday School.....	75 00	
Toward Paying for Church Lot...	475 00	
Sundries.....	23 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$1,048 56
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$76 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	56 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		$132 00

GENERAL PURPOSES—		
American Bible Society.....	$10 00	
Total for General Purposes....	———	$10 00
Total of Offerings.....		$1,190 56

This Report embraces only a portion of the year. The present Rector returned to this his former charge just before the beginning of Lent. We still worship in a hall, as being more convenient of location than our Church on the west side of the river. We have effected negotiations for a very eligible lot for a new Church, and look forward with hope to the time when we shall be again settled in a consecrated house of worship.

Belvidere, Trinity. - - - The Rev. W. H. Cooper.

Church Wardens—Nijah Hotchkiss, N. H. Merchant.

Families, 43; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 214.
Baptisms—Infants, 4.
Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 16.
Present number, 33.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 25; Total, 35.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 1; Total, 48.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 43.
Sermons, 89.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 5 56	
Painting, Repairing and Miscellaneous Expenses.....	284 79	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$290 35
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions..	$11 35	
Diocesan Fund.....	45 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	56 35
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Foreign Missions.....	$1 25	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	1 25
Total of Offerings		$347 95

This Parish has been without a Rector since January 27th, 1868. Regular services have, however, been held, principally by the Rev. JOHN CAUCH, of Marengo. At no time has this Parish been more in

need of a zealous, practical, working Rector, than at the present. Many of the former members of the Church are now ready and willing to rejoin us as soon as the Parish is in regular working order. The Vestry have improved the absence of a Rector by having the Church thoroughly repaired and painted, at an outlay of more than $200.00. The falling off in the number of Communicants is not all a loss of the present year, but owing to removals and errors in former reports; and, should we be able to obtain a suitable Rector, the prospects are for a large addition next year.

N. HOTCHKISS,
Senior Warden.

Bement, Atonement. - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 3; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 67.
Communicants—Removed, 2.
Present Number, 7.

The Congregation wish to be connected with St. John's Church, Decatur. The one-fourth of the Minister's support will be paid most cheerfully. I trust the Rector of St. John's Church, Decatur, will take charge of this interesting Parish, for whom I have labored long.

Bloomington, St. Matthew's. - *The Rev. T. N. Morrison.*

Church Wardens—Goodman Ferre, Alfred Ollis.

Families, 65; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total of Souls, 325.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 5; Total, 9.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 11; Received, 10; Removed, 2.
Present Number, 86.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 80; Total, 120.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 22; Other Days, 6; Total, 28.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 16; Other Days, 6; Total, 22.
Sermons, 38.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$29 25	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$29 25

DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$71 00	
Diocesan Fund	83 00	
Other Diocesan Purposes	32 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		$186 00
Total of Offerings		$215 25

The present Rector entered upon his duties in this Parish on the first Sunday after last Easter. The Report includes his own official acts only, as there is no record of any other. The statistics of Families, number of Souls, and of Communicants, are necessarily somewhat defective. A better acquaintance with the Parish would probably modify them in some respects, still they are very nearly correct. The Rector has a Bible Class of Adults, and catechises the Sunday School on the second Sunday of every month.

Bunker Hill, Christ. - - - The Rev. John Portmess.

Church Warden—Elijah Wells.

Families, 16.
Baptisms—Infants, 15; Adults, 9; Total, 24.
Marriages, 6. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Present Number, 26.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 14; Female, 21; Total, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Total for Parish Purposes		$224 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$ 2 90	
Deanry Fund	15 75	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		18 65
Total of Offerings		$242 65

Besides my regular work at Bunker Hill and Gillespie, I have celebrated Divine Service at Woodbine, once; at Xenia, four times; at Flora, once; at Jerseyville, four times; at Carrolton, twice, and at Collinsville upon an average of once a month during the past year. At these various places I have baptized one adult and seven infants; celebrated four marriages and two funerals. P.

Cairo, Redeemer. - - - - The Rev. James W. Coe.

Church Wardens—H. H. Wardner, W. W. Thornton.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 18; Total of Souls, 240;
Baptisms—Infants, 12; Adults, 8; Total, 20.
Confirmed 17. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 18; Received, 20; Removed, 7; Died, 1.
Present Number, 60.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 12; Total, 16.
Scholars: Total, 150.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total 14.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 8; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 7; Total, 57.
Sermons, 98.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 60 92	
Sunday School Purposes	135 00	
Contingent Expenses.....	230 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$425 92
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$10 60	
Diocesan Fund.....	30 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	10 00	
Endowment Fund.....	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	60 60
Total of Offerings.....		$486 52

The Parish, I am happy to state, is, by the blessing of God, in a harmonious and flourishing condition.

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

Church Wardens—Dr. M. H. Head, Jas. McIntyre.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 18; Total of Souls, 90.
Baptisms—Infants, 3; Adults, 3; Total, 6.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 6; Removed, 2.
Present Number, 27.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 22; Female, 24; Total, 46.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 27; Other Days, 8; Total, 35.

Evening Prayer—Sundays, 27; Other Days, 10; Total, 37.
Sermons, 35. Lectures and other Addresses, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$32 40	
To pay for Parsonage.....	59 21	
Books and Requisites for S. School.	32 06	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$123 67
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund, for two years.....	$33 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		33 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions, Sunday School Missionary Army.....	$3 85	
For Family of Rev. Mr. Albert, through Bishop Lay, (Sunday School Collection).....	1 75	
Total for General Purposes....		5 60
Total of Offerings.....		$162 27

The present Minister returned to this Parish on the 15th of February last, after an absence of about sixteen months. This Report, therefore, covers a period of only about seven months. The Parish is in tolerably good condition. It now has a comfortable Parsonage, as well as a Church—though neither is yet entirely finished. A Parish School is to be begun at the Parsonage September 21st (D. V.).

The Minister now has charge of this Parish only, with the privilege of using one Sunday each month for Missionary work. He catechises and addresses the Sunday School on nearly every Sunday.

Last year, there being no Minister, there was no Report, and no payment of assessment for Diocesan Fund. The $33.00 above reported is for the two years 1867–68. Little or nothing has been given for Missions, because of the above heavy draft upon the Parish, together with the pressure occasioned by the building of the Parsonage.

Centralia, St. John's. - - - The Rev. P. A. Johnson.

Church Wardens—J. A.Wakeman, M. D., J. Perry.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 54.
Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 1; Total 8.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, 15.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 20; Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 5; Catechumens, 20.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 35.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 4; Total, 29.
Sermons, 50; Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$8 00
Total of Offerings.....		$8 00

The Parish at Centralia has been neglected so long that some of the people who have been connected with the Church do not show a great deal of interest. I have also visited Odin, several times, where there are a few families who have kindly welcomed our visits. I have also visited Carlyle, about fifteen miles from here, five or six times, with a great deal of pleasure. The field is large, here, and seems to be neglected. It is worthy the attention of the Missionary Committee. I have given up my charge.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. JOHNSON.

Chester, St. Mark's. - - The Rev. Robert Trewartha.

Church Wardens—John L. Edwards, Wm. R. Marlen.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 80.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; Adults, 1; Total, 7.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 28.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 27; Female, 10; Total, 37.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4; Catechumens, 12.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 34.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 34.
Sermons, 34. Lectures and other Addresses, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$26 65	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$26 65
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$20 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	28 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		48 00
General Purposes—		
Total for General Purposes.....		31 70
Total of Offerings.....		$106 35

This Parish has been well called, by an eminent living Prelate, "The Model Parish." It is so, in every sense of the word. In it peace and good will, charity and good works, are memorials of its truth. A more kind and loving people, working together as one man for the defence of the Gospel, will be difficult to find. We are out of debt, owing no man, neither the Diocese, anything, but more love and greater energies for the well-being and prosperity of both. Our Sunday School is in successful operation, and hope it will continue and increase, to the great and lasting benefit both of teachers and children.

We would here acknowledge our heartfelt thanks to the "Female Prayer Book Society of Pennsylvania," for a grant of books; also, to the "New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society" for a like grant; as well, to John L. Edwards, Esq., of Chester, in presenting us a beautiful chandelier, in order to have evening Service; and to the ladies for a new linen Surplice to the Minister. Several persons are awaiting Confirmation. May God revive his work with us and throughout the world.

Chesterfield, St. Peter's. - - The Rev. Joseph Adderly.

Church Wardens—Thomas S. Gelder, Robert Oliver.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 59.
Baptisms—Infants 6; Adults, 1; Total, 7.
Confirmed, 3. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 2; Removed, 3; Died, 1.
Present Number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 14; Total, 26.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10, Other days, 3; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 23; Other Days, 14; Total, 37.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 23.
Sermons, 46; Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$8 50	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$188 50
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$12 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	3 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		15 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$3 53	
Total for General Purposes.....		3 53
Total of Offerings.....		$206 03

Besides these services at St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield, I have officiated at Waverly every third Sunday. Families, 4; Individuals not thus included, 5: Total, 18. Baptisms—Adults, 1. Communicants—Admitted, 1; Present Number, 6. Holy Communion—Sundays, 4. Morning Prayer—Sundays, 12; Evening Prayer—Sundays, 12. Sermons, 24.

I have officiated for the Congregation at Jerseyville five times, and celebrated the Holy Communion to nine persons.

Not having a Journal of the last Convention, I did not know what contributions were required by the Diocese. This will explain why they were not all made.

Chicago, Ascension. - The Rev. Thos. G. Carver, D. D.

Church Wardens—J. L. Watson, F. B. Peabody.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 52; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 18; Adults, 5; Total, 23.
Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 7. Burials, 9.
Communicants—Present Number, 80.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 16; Total, 22.
Scholars: Male, 75; Female, 125; Total, 200.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$220 00	
Offertory	557 71	
Pew Rents	4,090 89	
Special Collections	820 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$5,688 60
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$33 25	
Diocesan Fund	80 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		$113 25
Total of Offerings		$5,791 85

The present Rector took charge of this Parish on the second Sunday after Christmas. At that time it was in a depressed condition. Since then, however, its condition has materially improved. Its finances have been put into manageable shape, the Sunday School has been largely increased, and the people evince a disposition to do all in their power to build up the Church of Christ. Located in a neighborhood which is rapidly improving, there is no doubt that in a short time, under the Divine blessing, this will become a strong Parish.

Chicago, Atonement. - - - The Rev. S. Russell Jones.

Church Wardens—Reuben Taylor, Alex. J. Chase.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 19; Total of Souls, 250.
Baptisms—Infants, 34; Adults, 23; Total, 57.
Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 9. Burials, 20.
Communicants—Died 4.
Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 11; Total, 16.
Scholars: Male, 65; Female, 124; Total, 189.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 3; Total, 18,
Private, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 53; Total, 101.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 88.
Sermons, 136. Lectures and other Addresses, 53.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 61 00	
Amount raised to pay on Church Debt	1,956 00	
Paid for Font	150 00	
For Furnace and Church enlargement	200 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$2,307 00
Total of Offerings		$2,367 00

The past year has been a hard one for this new Church enterprise. The Rector having purchased the Church in which services were held, and only having paid a small portion of the purchase money, it was necessary to appropriate all the income of the Parish to the liquidation of the debt. As a last effort, we raised over $400.00 on Easter Day last, and paid all our floating debts; but a few weeks only had passed when our Church was destroyed by fire. This was a dreadful misfortune for Minister and People. The Rector felt it impossible to work on two years more without salary, (comparatively,) but the people were full of hope, and at once set about rebuilding, and our new Church is now nearly ready for occupancy. Whole length, 125 feet; Nave, 34x60; Transepts, 34x60; Fore Chancel, 34x16; Chancel, 12x16.

We have also raised all the money immediately necessary, except some $2,000, which we hope soon ro realize.

On the whole, we have great reason to thank God that, although he has not sent us any external patronage, from the Missionary Society or otherwise, yet we have been enabled to regularly support the services of the Church, and with blessed results.

The Rector in addition to his regular work, has officiated at Harlem in the afternoons of three months in the past year.

On the whole, we are thankful for past blessing, and hopeful for the future.

Chicago, Calvary. - - - - *The Rev. A. W. Snyder.*

Church Wardens—Jas. J. White, Henry Pilcher.

Families, 40; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 350.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 4; Total, 20.
Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 7; Removed, 6.
Present Number, 38.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 10; Total, 15.
Scholars: Total, 105.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 33; Catechumens, 105.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 2; Total, 16.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 33; Other Days, 12; Total, 45.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 33; Other Days, 52; Total, 85.
Sermons, 80. Lectures and other Addresses, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 37 40		
For Parish Purposes	3,690 01		
Total for Parish Purposes			$3,727 41
Diocesan Purposes—			
Diocesan Missions	$52 00		
General	10 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			62 00
General Purposes—			
For Missions	$ 51 86		
Theological Education	200 00		
Total for General Purposes			251 86
Total of Offerings			$4,091 27

Calvary became an organized Parish upon the Feast of the Epiphany, 1868 (January 6th). Its Rector began his duties, as such, February 1st, 1868. This will explain the small number of services reported. The Parish is, in every way, prosperous.

Chicago, Cathedral. The Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., &c.

Canons—The Rev. C. P. Dorset,
The Rev. J. H. Knowles,
The Rev. G. C. Street.

Families, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 53; Adults, 15: Total, 68.
Confirmed, 45. Marriages, 23. Burials, 32.
Communicants—Admitted, 50; Died, 2.
Present Number, 316.
Sunday School—Teachers, 40. Mission, 15.
Scholars, 300. Mission, 80.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, Every Sunday.
Catechumens, the Sunday School.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 52, and all Holy Days.
Private, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52: Other Days, Daily; Total, 366.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 63; Other Days, Daily; Total, 377.
Sermons, 135. Lectures and other Addresses, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CATHEDRAL PURPOSES—		
General Expenses, Repairs, New Organ, &c., exclusive of Clerical Salaries	$6,336 00	
Sunday School Festivals and Expenses	690 65	
Total for Cathedral Purposes		$7,020 65
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$375 43	
Endowment Fund	31 20	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	37 50	
Calvary Church	25 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		459 13
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Church in the South	$71 23	
Church at Atlanta	24 24	
Total for General Purposes		95 47
Total of Offerings		$7,575 25

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER:

In addition to my regular services as Canon of the Cathedral, I have officiated in the various Parishes in the city of Chicago and else where as follows:

St. James'—Preached three times and celebrated Holy Communion once. Ascension—Preached once. Grace—Preached once. St. Stephen's—Preached four times. Calvary—Preached three times and

baptized two children. Harlem — Preached twelve times and celebrated Holy Communion three times. Elgin — Preached three times, baptized nine children, and celebrated Holy Communion twice. La-Crosse, Wisconsin — Preached twice, celebrated Holy Communion once, baptized five children and married two couples.

I have also assisted at Missionary Convocations at the Cathedral, and at Algonquin, Dundee and Elgin.

Since the first of January, I have had Pastoral charge of the Mission on Desplaines street, where we have a flourishing Sunday School, in a rented room. We hope soon to have erected a suitable building for a Day School and Church services in that neglected district.

Obediently,

C. P. DORSET.

Right Reverend Father:

In addition to my regular duties at the Cathedral, I have ministered in the city of Chicago and elsewhere as follows:

Preached in Calvary Church, four times; Church of the Ascension, once; Epiphany, once; St. Stephen's, twice; Christ Church, Harlem, six times; St. John's, Naperville, once; St. Luke's, Racine, Wis., twice. In New York, I have also preached in Grace Church, the Church of the Transfiguration, and St. Alban's, besides officiating in Trinity Church and Trinity Chapel; also, took part in the Festival services at the re-opening of Holy Trinity, Toronto.

The duty of attending Missionary Convocations, enjoined by resolution of last Convention, has also been met, as far as possible. I have attended three—Naperville, Church of the Ascension and Aurora.

It is proper, also, to mention that during the past year I have answered calls made upon me for Pastoral work in each division of our city—officiating, in various relations, in almost every Parish, during the absence or indisposition of their respective Rectors.

Very respectfully yours,

September 10th, 1868. J. H. KNOWLES.

To the Right Reverend H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., &c.,
Bishop of Illinois:

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:

During the past Conventional year, I have officiated, on Sundays, in my place at the Cathedral, twenty-eight times, besides, occasionally, at the week-day services.

During the first half of the year, my duties in connection with the *American Churchman* newspaper took me, as usual, much from home, which afforded me the opportunity of officiating and Preaching as follows: Twice at Green Bay, Wis.; twice at Rochester, Minn.; once at Minneapolis, Minn.; once at LaCrosse, Wis.; twice at Christ Church, Indianapolis; twice at Sharon, Pa.; once at Oil City, Pa.; twice at

Williamsport, Pa.; three times at Maunch Chunk, Pa.; once at St. Clement's, Philadelpia; twice at St. Mark's, Philadelphhia; twice at Christ Church, Philadelphia; twice at Manheim, Pa.; four times at Lancaster, Pa.; twice at Germantown, Pa.; once at St. James the Less, Philadelphia; twice at Manyunk, Pa.; twice at Stephen's, Philadelphia; once at Trinity Church, New York; once at Grace Church, Brooklyn; once at the Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia; once at Norristown, Pa.; once at the Monumental Church, Philadelphia. Besides which, I have officiated in the city of Chicago, in addition to the above: In the Church of the Holy Communion, once; in Trinity Church, four times; in the Church of the Ascension, eleven times; at St. James', five times; at Calvary, twice; at the Chapel of Our Saviour, twice; at Grace Church, twice; at St. Stephen's, once. I have also officiated in this Diocese at Waukegan, twice; at Kankakee, twice; at Belvidere, twice.

In the Diocese of Toronto, Canada, assisted at several services at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, besides, preaching in St. John's Church in the same city.

Officiated in the Cathedral on Sundays twenty-eight times, besides occasionally at the week-day services; and, in other Churches, seventy-seven times; baptized three children; officiated at five Funerals and at three Marriages.

All which I beg respectfully to submit.

GEORGE C. STREET.

Chicago, Christ. - - - The Rev. Chas. Edward Cheney.

Church Wardens—A. C. Calkins, George A. Sacket.

Families, 220; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total Souls, 1,000.
Baptisms—Infants, 50; Adults, 13; Total, 63.
Confirmed, 34. Marriages, 15. Burials, 18.
Communicants—Amitted, 35; Received, 40; Removed, 41; Died, 1.
Present Number, 204.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 10; Female, 30; Total, 40.
Scholars: Male, 160; Female, 190; Total, 350.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 15; Total, 67.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 45; Other Days, 29; Total, 74.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 42.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—

Alms at Holy Communion.. .....$	363 86
Collections in Church.	2,672 74
Debt of the Church Liquidated..	24,600 00

Sunday School	$ 200 00		
Pew Rental	9,500 00		
Total for Parish Purposes			$37,336 60
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$ 20 44		
Diocesan Fund	170 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	19 05		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			209 49
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions	$115 60		
Foreign Missions	129 00		
Evangelical Education Society	461 50		
Evangelical Knowledge Society	155 00		
Young Men's Christian Ass'n	69 00		
St. Luke's Hospital	221 32		
Total for General Purposes			1,151 42
Total of Offerings			$38,705 51

The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Parish. Our Lenten Services were blessed by the Holy Spirit in the conversion of precious souls; our Sunday School has steadily grown in numbers and usefulness; and the attendance upon the Sunday services has only been limited by the capacity of the Church building.

On Easter Monday, our indebtedness of over $25,000 was provided for by the sale of pews, and early in the summer the Vestry inaugurated the work of an enlargement of the Church. The completion of the undertaking we look for in the month of October—adding sixty-five pews to the present number, and enabling us to seat over a thousand worshippers.

Chicago, Epiphany. - - - - *The Rev. R. F. Sweet.*

Church Wardens—D. W. Page, George Gardner.

Families, 51; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 160.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 2; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 34; Total, 49.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 22.
Sermons, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Total for Parish Purposes		$4,397 70
Total of Offerings		$4,397 70

This Parish was organized on Easter Monday of this year, from families in the vicinity of Jefferson Park. Services have been held since that time in the Presbyterian Church near the corner of Adams

and Throop streets every Sunday, the Clergy of the city kindly conducting the same until about the 1st of August, since which time the Rev. MARCH CHASE, Deacon, has been officiating. A Sunday School has been established, and is steadily increasing its numbers.

A lot has been purchased on the east side of Jefferson Park, and a Church is now being erected upon the same, which will be completed in the month of November, with capacity for seating four hundred persons, and which will cost about $9,000. A liberal subscription has been secured, and the prospects of the Parish are highly encouraging.

Chicago, Grace. - - . The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.

Church Wardens—H. W. Hinsdale, W. G. Hibbard.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total of Souls, 750.
Baptisms—Infants, 50; Adults, 6; Total, 56.
Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 26. Burials, 40.
Communicants—Admitted, 40; Removed, 29; Died, 1.
Present Number, 230.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; Female, 20; Total, 28.
Scholars: Total, 284.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 284.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 3; Total 16.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 20; Total, 72.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 64; Total, 112.
Sermons, 120. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 429 73		
Sunday School	600 00		
Other Parish Purposes	3,900 00		
Debt to Bishop	375 00		
Total for Parish Purposes			$5,304 73
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$ 300 00		
Diocesan Fund	220 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	46 24		
St. Luke's Hospital	2,948 10		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			3,514 34
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions, Nebraska	$110 87		
" " Nashotah	280 00		
Total for General Purposes			390 87
Total of Offerings			$9,209 94

The Parish is engaged in the construction of a very large and costly Church. It will be finished some time in the winter, and will cost about $120,000.00, including the lot. None of the contributions for that purpose are reported this year, as it was thought best to report them in one item next year. The state of the Parish is about the same as last year.

Chicago, Holy Communion. - - - ——— ———.

Church Wardens—Albert E. Neely, C. N. Shanly.

Families, 5; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 25.
Marriages, 2.
Communicants—Present number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 2; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 18; Total, 30.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 40; Catechumens, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 40.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20.
Sermons, 40.

This Parish has been without a Rector for something over two years past. During the past year services have been kept up chiefly by Lay reading. Lots have now been secured by purchase for the Church on Burnside street, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets (west of State street), and the Church building is now being removed thereto. As soon as the Church is located in its new quarters, the Parish will be reorganized and a Rector called, and as the field is a large one, it is hoped and believed that the Church in that locality will be a success.

ALBERT E. NEELY,
CHICAGO, Sept. 14, 1868. *Senior Warden.*

Chicago, Our Saviour. - - - *The Rev. Chas. Ritter.*

Church Wardens—Richard D. Van Wagenen, Franklin Hathaway.

Families, 13; Individuals not thus included, 4; Total of Souls, 72.
Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 1; Total, 8.
Confirmed, 4. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Present Number, 28.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 34; Total, 46.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 1; Total, 11.
Private, 1.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 14; Total, 56.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 9; Total, 51.
Sermons, 96.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
For the Poor	$32 92	
For Singing Books and Catechisms	10 00	
For S. S. Christmas Anniversary	24 42	
Total for Parish Purposes		$67 34
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$4 50	
Diocesan Fund	6 96	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		10 86
Total of Offerings		$78 20

TO THE RT. REV. H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &c.:

In November, 1867, I took charge of this Missionary Station. On the 5th of January, 1868, the Parish was duly organized. The Report shows that but little progress has been made during the year. My best efforts remained fruitless, on account of unforeseen circumstances. Unless means for erecting a Church edifice can be obtained, we cannot anticipate a marked growth and progress in this new and feeble Parish.

Yours very truly, CHARLES RITTER.

Chicago, St. Ansgarius'. - - The Rev. Jacob Bredberg.

Church Wardens—P. G. Peterson, Andrew Larson.

Families, 106; Individuals not thus included, 120; Total of Souls, 474.
Baptisms—Infants, 66; Adults, 1; Total, 67.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 63. Burials, 43.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 70; Removed, 16; Died, 2.
Present Number, 285.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 30; Female, 20; Total, 50.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Private, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 68; Other Days, 6; Total, 74.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$13 68	
Diocesan Fund	40 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		$53 68
Total of Offerings		$53 68

The past year has been very prosperous. The members have increased, and the attendance on Divine Service has been very large. The Church has been refitted and rearranged to its interior, and galleries erected to accommodate those who were continually added to the Church. After the Bishop's visit to Sweden, two years ago, we have received not a few with special recommendations to the Bishops and Clergy of the Episcopal Church. The Rector has spent nearly $150 on poor emigrants imploring his aid, having been kindly assisted in this work of charity by collections from St. James' and Trinity Churches to an amount of $90. From the necessary reparation of the Church, there has been an indebtedness of $2,000, which will be a too heavy burden to this poor Parish, and a great drawback on its growth. The Sunday School is hard to keep up, for want of Teachers and necessary books and papers.

Chicago, St. James'. - - The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D.D.

Church Wardens—Tolman Wheeler, C. R. Larrabee.

Families, 185; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total Souls, 1,000.
Baptisms—Infants, 40; Adults, 4; Total, 44.
Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 15. Burials, 18.
Communicants—Admitted, 18; Received, 14; Removed, 6; Died, 1.
Present Number, 360.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 12; Female, 18; Total, 30.
Scholars: Total, 200.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 3; Total, 18.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 24; Total, 76.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 40; Total, 82.
Sermons, 90. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 786 84	
Parish Sunday School	418 15	
Subscriptions towards finishing the Parish Church	25,000 00	
Communion Linen, &c	182 00	
General Expenses and Repairs	6,772 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$33,168 99
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$1,089 25	
Diocesan Fund	335 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	78 10	
Poor Parishes within the Diocese	416 77	

St. Luke's Hospital.....	$659 60	
St. Mary's School, Knoxville.....	167 17	
Total for Diocesan Purposes..		$2,745 89
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Poor Parishes beyond the Diocese	$345 00	
Talbot Hall, Nebraska.....	372 09	
Evangelical Education Society.....	100 00	
Bible and Prayer Book Society...	118 00	
Total for General Purposes...		935 09
Total of Offerings.....		$36,849 97

The Parish is in a united and healthy condition. It is engaged in the heavy task of finishing the mother Church of Chicago at a probable cost of $50,000.00. When complete, the edifice will be an object of just pride to every friend of the Church in Illinois.

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*Chicago, St. John's. - - The Rev. H. N. Bishop, D.D.**

Church Wardens—Job Carpenter, C. H. Jordan.

Baptisms—Infants, 42; Adults, 12; Total, 54.
Confirmed, 26. Marriages, 21. Burials, 26.
Communicants—Admitted, 26; Removed, 33; Died, 2.
Present Number, 185.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 17; Female, 23; Total, 40.
Scholars: Total, 325.
Mission School—Teachers: Total, 18.
Scholars: Total, 175.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 500.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 15; Total, 67.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 41; Other Days, 25; Total, 66.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Church Lot.....	$3,000 00	
Sunday Schools.....	1,000 00	
Incidental Expenses.....	3,012 94	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$7,012 94
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions..	$540 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	187 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	20 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		$747 00

* Died in Paris, August 31st, 1868. See page 21.

General Purposes—

Domestic Missions—Collection for Mission Sunday School	$150 00	
Evangelical Knowledge Society	157 24	
Evangelical Education Society	225 25	
St. Luke's Hospital	152 50	
Half Orphan Asylum	100 00	
Talbot Hall, Nebraska	19 68	
Bible Society	46 00	
Y. M. Christian Association	28 50	
Total for General Purposes		$879 17
Total of Offerings		$8,639 11

St. John's Parish still continues in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding many adverse circumstances. During the year, a new Parish has been formed in our immediate vicinity, which has detracted somewhat from our numbers, and, during the latter part of June, our much valued and ever faithful Rector, the Rev. Dr. Bishop, tendered his resignation, to take effect October 1st, 1868, having received a call to St. John's Church, Cincinnati. With much reluctance, the Vestry finally accepted the resignation. Dr. Bishop then left for a short tour in England and on the Continent, prior to entering upon his new field of labor, sailing from New York City July 4th. After a very pleasant journey through England and Scotland, he crossed over to the Continent, and while in Switzerland was attacked with an illness which terminated in his death, at Paris, France, August 31st, 1868. During the absence of the Rector, the Vestry used all diligence to procure a successor, and finally decided to extend a call to the Rev. H. N. Powers, D. D., late President of Griswold College, Davenport, Iowa, which has been accepted by Dr. Powers, who will enter upon his duties on the first Sunday in November. During the absence of the Rector, there has been one service each Sunday, which has been unusually well attended.

Since making our last Annual Report, we have succeeded in clearing off the remaining incumbrance on our permanent Church lot—a beautiful location, one hundred feet front, facing Union Park, on which we hope, before many years, to see our permanent Church edifice erected.

During the year, the place of meeting of our Mission Sunday School has been changed from its old location, (in the fourth story of a building on Lake street,) to a Church building on Desplaines street, near Randolph; and, finding the accommodations insufficient, an addition has been erected, during the Summer, for the Infant Class, which adds greatly to the comfort and efficiency of the School, and we have much reason to rejoice over the work that is being accomplished here.

Chicago, St. Mark's. - - *The Rev. Henry W. Woods.*

Church Wardens—Chauncey T. Bowen, Frederick C. Smith.

Families, 40; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 217.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 2; Total, 6.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 10; Received, 30; Removed, 3.
Present Number, 74.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 9; Total, 14.
Scholars: Total, 75.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 11; Catechumens, 75.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 1; Total, 12.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 8; Total, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 15; Total, 55.
Sermons, 96. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 60 65		
Sunday Collections	119 81		
For Sunday School, &c	50 00		
On Church Edifice	967 93		
On Rectory	1,150 20		
Total for Parish Purposes			$2,348 59
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$ 6 63		
Diocesan Fund	37 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	5 80		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			49 43
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Donated by Rector for Relief of Suffering Clergy	$25 00		
Total for General Purposes			25 00
Total of Offerings			$2,423 02

The condition of the Parish has been steadily improving since the present Rector took charge, which was in November, 1867.

Chicago, Trinity. - - *The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A.B.*

Church Wardens—L. P. Hilliard, J. Wright.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total Souls, 1,000.
Baptisms—Infants, 11; Adults, 1; Total, 12.
Marriages, 8. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Present Number, 150.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; Female, 24; Total, 32.
Scholars: Male, 110; Female, 230; Total, 340.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12.
Private 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 1; Total, 53.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 8; Total, 60.
Sermons, 105. Lectures, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—			
Alms at Holy Communion		$ 420 00	
Other Parish Purposes		10,492 66	
Total for Parish Purposes			$10,912 66
Diocesan Purposes—			
Diocesan Missions	$194 01		
Diocesan Fund	150 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			344 01
General Purposes—			
Domestic Missions	$256 00		
Other General Purposes	567 20		
Total for General Purposes			823 20
Total of Offerings			$12,079 87

To the Right Reverend H. J. Whitehouse, D.D., &c.:

Right Reverend and Dear Sir—The partial meagerness of the above Report is explained by the fact that though Trinity Church was kept open and the Sunday services regularly supplied through the Conventional year just expired, yet during the interregnum which occurred in the Rectorship, and which extended over several months, no Parish Record was kept. The statistical details consequently possess neither the fullness nor the accuracy which was to be desired.

With regard to the past four months, the period during which I have been in charge, I am glad to be able to report many symptoms of an improved state of things. The Congregation, which had been in a great measure broken up, is now reorganized; the Sunday Schools (Parish and Mission) have grown in numbers, and are supplied with a staff of willing and efficient Teachers, while the general interest in Church work has revived, and by means of the Parochial Societies and Committees about to be formed will, I have no doubt, be largely increased. There is an abundance of Parish material, but owing to the existence of some peculiarities in its composition, and the almost total absence, for many years past, of Parochial machinery, some time must elapse before lost ground can be recovered, or Trinity once more occupy her former advanced position.

I remain, Sir, Yours respectfully,

EDWARD SULLIVAN.

Collinsville, Christ. - - - -The Rev. John Portmess.

Church Warden—Jabez F. Clark.

Families, 11; Individuals not thus included, 22; Total of Souls, 75.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 1; Total, 5.
Confirmed 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Received, 1; Removed, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 14.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 4; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 14; Total, 24.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 2; Catechumens, 4.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1; Other Days, 1; Total 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 3.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 3; Other Days, 9; Total, 12.
Sermons, 15. Lectures and other Addresses, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 3 85	
Amount Contributed for Contingent and Charitable Purposes...	60 00	
Amount for Sabbath School.....	11 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$74 85
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$1 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	1 00
Total of Offerings.....		$75 85

For the Conventional year past, this Parish has been virtually vacant, the undersigned only making it occasional visits, chiefly on week-days, averaging once a month. As will be seen, the Parish is very weak, though an old one, chiefly caused by removals—the young people of the Parish almost invariably moving away as fast as they arrive at mature years. It is only by receiving extraneous aid, that they can hope to maintain the services of the Church.

Danville, Holy Trinity. - - - The Rev. E. J. Purdy.

Church Wardens—A. S. Williams, J. C. Winslow.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 120.
Baptisms—Infants, 17.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 24; Received, 14; Removed, 4; Died 1.
Present Number, 27.

Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars: Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction — Number Times, 8; Catechumens, 40.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 24.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes —		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 84 89	
Sunday School	15 59	
.....	305 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$405 48
Diocesan Purposes —		
Diocesan Missions	$19 78	
Diocesan Fund	24 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	3 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		46 78
General Purposes —		
Domestic Missions	$15 00	
Total for General Purposes		15 00
Total of Offerings		$467 16

Decatur, St. John's. - - - - The Rev. S. D. Pulford.

Church Wardens — Cyril Fuller, R. J. Young.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 200.
Baptisms — Infants, 3.
Confirmed, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants — Admitted, 4; Removed, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 42.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 9; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 54; Total, 94.
Public Catechetical Instruction — Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 94.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 52: Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 52; Other Days, 60; Total, 112.
Sermons, 106. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes —		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 25 85	
Contingent Expenses	43 20	
Sunday School	16 00	
Parsonage Fund	300 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$385 05

DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	$3 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	$3 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—,		
Domestic Missions.....	$2 80	
Foreign Missions.....	2 50	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	5 30
Total of Offerings.....		$393 35

DeKalb, St. Alban's. - - - - - - - - - - *Vacant.*

Church Wardens—Ambrose Spencer, Isaac Johnson.

Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 2; Total, 7.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 1; Died 7; Present Number, 12.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
For Parish Purposes.....	$100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$100 00
Total of Offerings.....		$100 00

This Parish was organized on Easter Monday, 1868, and regular Sunday evening services have been held, through the attentive kindness of the Rev. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, of St. Peter's, Sycamore. These services have been well attended, and an awakening interest in the Church is manifest. The prospects of St. Alban's Parish are very hopeful, and the promises of the future look encouraging. We will make a strong effort the coming year to erect a Church edifice, but aid must be sought outside of our own limits, as we are poor and weak. There is a large number of English people living not far from this town who have been reared under the sound of the Church's voice, and who yet retain their respect for its teachings, whom a convenient and assured place for holding our services would induce a regular attendance from.

AMBROSE SPENCER, *Senior Warden.*

Dixon, St. Luke's. - - *The Rev. Wm. Henry Williams.*

Church Wardens—James K. Edsall, James Hawley.

Families, 45; Individuals not thus included, 29; Total of Souls, 140.
Baptisms—Infants 4; Adults, 2; Total, 6.

Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 1; Removed, 3; Died, 2.
Present Number, 46.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 6; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 40; Total, 60.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 8.
Holy Communion—Public, 13.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 22; Other Days, 2; Total, 24.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 32.
Sermons, 56. Lectures and other Addresses, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 97 15	
Contingent Expenses of Parish, &c.	308 98	
Amount Cash Collected to Purchase Lot	600 00	
Estimated Value of Lot Donated	300 00	
Balance of Endowment Fund, after deducting $47 to pay Diocesan Assessment	2 65	
Total for Parish Purposes		$1,308 78
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$112 50	
Diocesan Fund	47 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		162 15
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Total for General Purposes		1,918 98
Total of Offerings		$2,389 81

I would report that I took charge of this Parish at Easter last, and have given the statistics accordingly. For several months previous to my acceptance, the Parish was without a Rector, and I find no official acts recorded.

Besides my regular Parochial duties, I have officiated every alternate Sunday afternoon at Grand Detour, and once at Amboy.

The present growth of the Parish is limited by the insufficiency of Church accommodation. It is purposed to build a new stone Church the coming Spring. A lot has been purchased, some liberal donations have been made, and a deep and growing interest felt for success.

Dundee, St. James'. - - - *The Rev. Peter Arvedson.*

Church Wardens—Samuel Wardlow, George Barnet.

Families, 14; Individuals not thus included, 2; Total of Souls, 65.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; Adults, 6; Total, 12.

Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 7; Present Number, 35.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 8; Female, 18; Total, 26.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 3; Total, 55.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 3 65	
Repairing the Church	231 00	
Incidentals	13 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$247 65
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$5 50	
Endowment Fund	2 60	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		8 11
Total of Offerings		$342 76

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

In this Parish we have been cheered by a healthy growth, we trust in every way. A Sunday School is in a fair way of being successfully established. The interior of the Church has been rearranged and refitted as well as our means would allow. That neither of the Parishes have stipulated any fixed sum towards the Minister's support, is because they have really done all they could in the way of providing the House of Worship. The Missionary begs to acknowledge the receipt of a donation of Theological works for the St. James' Parish from the Bishop White Library Association, upon the recommendation of the Bishop of the Diocese; also, kind and substantial tokens of interest in and sympathy with my work from a Church family in the city of Chicago, whose name I am not, I suppose, at liberty to mention, but which tokens have been remarkably well chosen as respects real use, and providentially well timed. We have been strengthened in our faith in the promise, "Trust in the Lord and be doing good; dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

PETER ARVEDSON.

Elgin, Redeemer. - - - - - - - - - - - -

Church Wardens—Jno. F. Beaty, Robert Vasey.

Families, 24; Individuals not thus included, 14; Total of Souls, 104.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 2; Total 6.
Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Received, 7: Removed, 3.
Present number, 32.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 1; Total, 3.
Scholars: Male, 13; Female, 16; Total, 29.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4; Catechumens, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 2; Total, 53.
Sermons, 107.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$18 50	
Alms at other times.....	97 01	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$115 01
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$31 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	27 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	58 00
Total of Offerings.....		$173 01

The Parish continues to grow in numbers and increase in strength. We have now secured a lot upon which to erect a Church, and we hope that before the meeting of the Convention of 1869 the Church will be completed, and we shall have a "fold" where it has been so much needed.

JOHN F. BEATY,
Lay Reader.

El Paso, St. Paul's. - - - - The Rev. W. M. Steel.

Families, 14; Individuals not thus included, 1; Total of Souls, 60.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Removed, 1; Present Number, 17.
Sunday School—Teachers: 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays 3.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 17.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 17; Other Days, 1; Total, 18.
Sermons, 30.

Besides the services at El Paso, I have officiated as follows:
Chenoa—Services, 30; Sermons, 28; Holy Communion, 1. Limestone—Services, 3; Sermons, 3; Baptism, 1 Infant. Bloomington—Services, 7; Sermons, 2; Marriage, 1; Burials, 1. Odell—Services, 3; Sermons, 3. Fairbury—Services, 2; Sermons, 2; Holy Communion, 1. Wilmington—Services, 2; Sermons, 2. Pekin—Sermons, 2. Peru—Services, 2; Sermons, 1. Peoria—Services, 1. Winona—Services, 2; Sermons, 1. Tremont—Burials, 1.

Evanston, St. Mark's. - - - *The Rev. Thomas Lyle.*

Church Wardens—C. Comstock, A. G. Wilder.

Families, 35; Individuals not thus included, 7; Total of Souls, 162.
Baptisms—Infants, 6.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 16; Removed, 4.
Present Number, 36.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 22; Female, 31; Total, 53.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 50.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 55; Other Days, 6; Total, 61.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 56; Other Days, 14; Total, 70.
Sermons, 110. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 11 47	
Sunday School Purposes	52 79	
Rector's Support, &c	1,670 00	
Enlargement of Church and Erection of Tower	1,225 00	
Current Expenses	115 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$3,074 26
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$25 00	
Diocesan Fund	29 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	5 10	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		59 10
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Foreign Missions	$7 00	
Total for General Purposes		7 00
Total of Offerings		$3,140 36

The Parish is steadily growing in numbers, and increasing in strength. The Church edifice has been greatly enlarged and improved within the year, and a substantial bell-tower has been erected at the southeast corner, in which we expect very soon to place a properly-sized bell. Almost the entire cost of these improvements has been met by the Parishioners. The future of this youthful Parish seems full of promise.

Farmington, Calvary. - - - *The Rev. C. A. Bruce.*

Church Wardens—William Wilkinson, Sen., Lyman Warner.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls, 50.
Baptizms—Infants, 6.

Confirmed, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants — Admitted, 2; Present Number, 24.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 9; Female, 16; Total, 25.
Public Catechetical Instruction — Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 6.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 50; Other Days, 3; Total, 53.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 30.
Sermons, 80. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes —		
Alms at Holy Communion	$44 37	
Sunday School Library	26 50	
Contingent	4 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$74 87
Diocesan Purposes —		
Diocesan Missions	$17 25	
Diocesan Fund	22 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		39 25
Total of Offerings		$114 12

This Parish is in a hopeful condition, though, from unfavorable circumstances, its progress and growth must be slow. Besides the services reported, I have officiated three times at Elmwood, six miles north, and where I think the services of the Church might be successfully held. I have also preached a number of times on the corner of the street in Farmington, on Sunday evenings, to large, quiet, and attentive audiences.

Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's. - The Rev. Henry T. Hiester.

Church Wardens — Beebe Clark, John Yocum.

Families, 24; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 130.
Baptisms — Infants, 2; Adults, 5; Total, 7.
Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants — Admitted, 6; Removed, 4; Present Number, 42.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 30; Female, 31; Total, 61.
Public Catechetical Instruction — Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 61.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 11.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 52; Other Days, 7; Total, 59.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 10; Other Days, 3; Total, 13.
Sermons, 69.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$56 48	
For Sunday School.....	15 00	
For Bonded Debt.....	98 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$169 48
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$34 10	
Diocesan Fund.....	40 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	74 10
Total of Offerings.....		$203 58

The $40 paid to the Diocesan Fund is included in the $56 collected on Communion Sundays, and therefore is not reckoned as a separate item in final summing up.

Freeport, Zion. - - - The Rev. William J. Johnstone.

Church Wardens—Thomas Webster, Daniel S. Brewster.

Families, 60; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Received, 6; Removed, 8; Died, 2.
Present Number, 66.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 11; Total, 15.
Scholars: Total, 70.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 3; Catechumens, 70.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 14.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 10; Other Days, 5; Total, 15.
Sermons, 24. Lectures and other Addresses, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$12 00	
For Sunday School Books.....	14 20	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$ 26 20
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$70 00	
Arrearage on Diocesan Fund.....	35 40	
Total for Diocesan Purposes....	———	105 40
Total of Offerings.....		$131 60

The report of religious services and contributions includes only the time the present Rector has had charge of the Parish—since Trinity Sunday.

Galena, Grace. - - - - - *The Rev. Samuel Edson.*

Church Wardens—Frederick Stahl, Richard Seal.

Families, 60; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 250.
Baptisms—Infants, 18; Adults, 2; Total, 20.
Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 7. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Removed, 2; Present Number, 84.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 12; Total, 14.
Scholars: Total, 104.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 39; Total, 88.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 8; Total, 57.
Sermons, 99. Lectures and other Addresses, 7.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 51 86	
Sunday Collections	141 00	
Sunday School Offerings	125 00	
Other Monies for Parochial Work	100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$417 86
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$108 85	
Diocesan Fund	79 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	7 55	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		195 40
General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions	$28 55	
For Relief of Southern Clergy	43 25	
Sunday School (at Easter), for Nashotah	15 30	
Society for Increase of Ministry	7 50	
Total for General Purposes		96 60
Total of Offerings		$709 86

Galesburg, Grace. - - - *The Rev. F. W. Boyd, D.D.*

Total of Souls, 154.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 3; Total, 16.
Confirmed, 14. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 20; Present Number, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—	
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 7 90

Other Offerings.....	$55 83	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$63 73
Total of Offerings.....		$63 73

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Right Reverend, the BISHOP of Illinois, that he accepted the charge of Grace Church, Galesburg, and entered upon his work, as Rector, early in July last past.

Ignoring the past difficulties and troubles of that flock, and recognizing only present duty, he has sought to heal the divisions and strengthen the things that "remain and are ready to die." A hopeful energy characterizes the Parish. Dissention and strife have given place to union and peaceful labor for the Church. The Sunday School has increased and is increasing. A Bible Class for adult parishioners has been started, and promises to be useful. A sound and thorough exhibition of Church teaching and practice is eagerly accepted and acted on; and when time shall have ripened churchly practice into habit, a strong and vigorous Parish will be the result. Constant catechizing of the children in Sunday School and monthly exercise of the same "openly in the Church," I regard as the best means to this end.

F. W. BOYD.

Galva. ——. - - - - - - - *The Rev. J. A. Russell.*

Families, 7; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 40.
Confirmed, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 25; Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 3; Catechumens, 40.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 30.
Sermons, 30.

Geneseo, Trinity. - - - - *The Rev. Geo. C. Griswold.*

Church Wardens—Willis Hinman, Charles Cameron.

Families, 37; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 125.
Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 6; Total, 13.
Confirmed, 14. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 19; Received, 8; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 45.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 24; Total, 36.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 25; Catechumens, 36.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 3; Total, 14.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 15; Total, 64.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 6; Other Days, 20; Total, 26.
Sermons, 45. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$42 00	
Parish Reading Circle.....	75 00	
Sunday School and Tune Books....	52 00	
Parish Debt Paid.....	300 00	
Collections for Parish Purposes.....	25 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$484 00
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions..	$20 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	16 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	36 00
Total of Offerings.....		$520 00

When the present Rector took charge of this Parish, last October, it was in a very depressed condition, and there were enrolled only sixteen Communicants. By the Divine blessing, a great change has taken place. Services have been regularly held, and well attended. The principles and doctrines of the Church have been constantly reiterated and enforced. We have a good Sunday School, and the Scholars know, and are able to tell, what they believe. There have been severe impediments in the way of progress, and many things tending to dishearten the Rector; but, through all, we have steadily gained ground, and to-day the Parish is probably in a far more hopeful condition than it ever before has been. There is still great room for improvement, and ample occasion for earnest, faithful Church work.

During most of the year services have been held on the afternoon of Sunday at a Mission ten miles distant, where there are a few Church families, who are intending to secure the services of some Clergyman for the whole time next year, and to build a Church, for which latter object over a thousand dollars has already been subscribed. At the Mission, I have Baptized 11 Infants and solemnized 1 Marriage.

Our Report, both in point of increased membership and contributions for Parish purposes, gives some idea of the improved condition of affairs in this Parish. Male members are very few, but the ladies are active and earnest, striving so to conduct themselves that at last the Great Husbandman may utter in respect to each, "She hath done what she could."

Geneva, St. Mark's. - - - - *The Rev. Wm. Greene.*

Church Wardens—Frank Warren, B. F. Towner.

Families, 32; Total of Souls, 128.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Removed, 2; Present number, 25.

Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 10.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 37; Other Days, 14; Total, 51.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 37.

Last January, the present Rector took charge of the Parish, and has celebrated Divine Service regularly from that time to this. The consequence is the commencement of a Church building, the corner-stone of which was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese, on the 12th of August, and which we hope to see Consecrated before Christmas. There will then be a class duly prepared for Confirmation.

Since Easter, services have been held on Sunday afternoons at St. Charles, a town two miles from Geneva, where there is promise that a strong Parish may be established.

Gilman, Mission Station. - The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.

Families, 5; Individuals not thus included, 42; Total of Souls, 61.
Baptisms — Infants, 2.
Communicants — Received, 7; Present Number, 7.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 12.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 24. Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

We worship in Brasee's Hall, which we have rented for the purpose. We have the use of a Cabinet Organ, and the people are becoming more and more interested in the Church and its delightful service. By the blessing of the good Lord, we hope to build up a strong Parish.

Grand Detour, St. Peter's. - - The Rev. W. H. Williams.

Church Wardens — John Pankhurst, S. Pankhurst.

Families, 14.
Communicants — Present Number, 15.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 35; Total, 50.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 1.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 1.

Harlem, Christ. - - - The Rev. Alexander Fullerton.

Church Wardens — John S. Quick, John H. S. Quick.

Families, 19; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 110.
Baptisms — Infants, 13; Adults, 4; Total, 17.
Confirmed, 10. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Admitted, 9; Received, 1; Present Number, 37.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 29; Female, 34; Total, 63.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 2.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 1; Total 9.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 27; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 27; Total, 52.
Sermons, 51. Lectures and other Addresses, 24.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Towards Extinction of Debt.....	$107 00	
Expenses of Church.....	100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$207 00
Total of Offerings.....		$207 00

The above statistics include only the period of five and a half months. The contributions during the Conventional year were $657.67. This Parish, being partly of a Missionary character, has been unable to contribute for other than its own support, and its failure to receive the expected Stipend has occasioned great embarrassment. Yet there is much of encouragement in its growth and prospects, and its great advance in Church Music has now reached the point of two full Choral Services weekly, with the further promise of a surpliced Choir by September 13th.

Hyde Park, St. Paul's. - - - - ——— ———

Church Wardens—Allen Fiske, W. K. Ackerman.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 70.
Communicants—Present Number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 16; Total, 28.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 24.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
For Church Building—Subscribed, $5,000; Paid in.....	$3,000 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$3,000 00
Total of Offerings.....		$3,000 00

HYDE PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILL.,
September 12th, 1868.

RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR:

As Senior Warden, and at the instance of others, members of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Hyde Park (having no settled Rector), I beg leave to present a brief statement of the present condition and prospects of our Parish.

Since the resignation of the Rev. WM. H. COOPER, in the Autumn of 1863, we have had no stated place of public worship, and only an occasional service, until the first of June last, when, encouraged by the kind words and proffered assistance of our venerated Bishop and several of his worthy Presbyters in the city of Chicago, we procured the use of the lecture room in the public school house at Kenwood, and have, since then, had regular services therein every Sunday afternoon. These services have been conducted mainly by the gratuitous assistance of Clergymen from the city, and have been remarkably well attended—affording us great encouragement, and much gratification to those who so kindly conducted the services.

Thus encouraged, and having our hands still further strengthened by a conditional offer of $2,000 from a liberal minded Layman of Chicago, the Vestry, on the 14th of July last, took measures for the immediate erection of a suitable Church edifice upon the lots belonging to our Society. Subscriptions were at once started, and have resulted in a contract with a responsible builder to erect, forthwith, a beautiful little Church, which is estimated to cost, ultimately, about $10,000; something over half of which sum has been already subscribed.

Ground was broken for the building on the 7th inst., and we hope to have it ready for occupancy by Christmas; until which time, we expect to continue the services as at present. We hope and expect to complete the Church building without incurring any debt or incumbering our Church property; but, to do this, we shall be obliged to seek assistance largely outside of our own Parish.

We have a flourishing Sunday School, in which the children of the Parish are being trained up in the truths of Christianity and the lessons of the Catholic Church.

Very respectfully presented, Right Reverend Sir, by
Your obedient servant, ALLEN FISKE.

Joliet, Christ. - - - - *The Rev. Charles A. Gilbert.*

Church Wardens—R. P. Denker, B. H. Cheney, M. D.

Families, 77; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 302.
Baptisms—Infants, 15; Adults, 4; Total, 19.
Confirmed 20. Marriages, 9. Burials, 7.

Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 13; Removed, 21.
Present Number, 108.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 7; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 19; Female, 56; Total, 75.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 75.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 12; Total, 64.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 12; Total, 64.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 63 05	
Sunday School	74 80	
Parish Purposes	1,661 66	
Total for Parish Purposes		$1,799 51
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Fund	$61 07	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		61 07
Total of Offerings		$1,860 58

The "state of the Parish" is, in almost every respect, better than that of any preceding year. We have enlarged and improved the Church building, and received many accessions to the Congregation. A good Organ has been contracted for, at a cost of $1,500, and it is expected before the close of the month of September.

Kankakee, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Duane S. Phillips.

Church Wardens—William Sibley, Sr., Emory Cobb.

Families, 60; Individuals not thus included, 26; Total of Souls, 258.
Baptisms—Infants, 25; Adults, 5; Total, 30.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 15; Received, 14; Removed, 5; Died, 2.
Present Number, 63.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 9; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 59; Female, 58; Total, 117.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 117.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 10; Total, 59.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 64; Other Days, 46; Total, 110.
Sermons, 115. Lectures and other Addresses, 57.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—	
Alms at Holy Communion	$103 22
Current Expenses for Music, Sexton, Fuel, &c	519 73

Chandelier and Repairs	$ 229 80		
Sunday School Offerings,	132 89		
Easter Offering, to pay off the Church Debt	2,500 35		
Total for Parish Purposes			$3,485 99
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$112 60		
Diocesan Fund	41 00		
Mission at Momence	113 57		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			267 17
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
To the Family of late Rev. C. H. Albert, in response to Bishop Lay's Circular	$275 00		
Total for General Purposes			275 00
Total of Offerings			$4,023 16

The Church in Kankakee has been blessed of God the year past, both in things spiritual and temporal. The actual Communicants have increased fifty per cent., the services are well attended, and the Sunday School continues efficient. The Parish debt has been paid, and the Church edifice now awaits Consecration. By the Christian liberality of a noble-hearted Parishioner, a property has been purchased and fitted up, at a cost of about $6,000, for a Church School. The Rector of the Parish is the Rector of the School; and although it is not under the control of the Vestry, its influence for the Church will be fully equal to that of a Parish School. The buildings accommodate one hundred and twenty pupils. The School opened September 1st with a corps of six instructors and seventy pupils, with applications at once for nearly as many more as can be received.

During the year I have held services at Momence (thirteen miles east) as often as I have been able without omitting any service in the Church at home. We have now a Sunday School at Momence of seventy-five Scholars, which has assembled every Sunday since Advent—an average attendance of about one hundred on the services, and an interesting class ready for Confirmation. They now desire a resident Missionary, and pledge his support.

Kankakee Co., St. Anne. - - The Rev. C. B. Guillemont.

Church Wardens—Laurent Chaillé, Antoine Massé.

Families, 29; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 146.
Baptisms—Infants, 17.
Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 4: Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present number, 47.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 1; Total, 2.
Scholars: Male, 22; Female, 14; Total, 36.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 70.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 9; Total, 61.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 8; Other Days, 15; Total, 23.
Sermons, 65.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions.....	$5 25	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	5 25
Total of Offerings.....		$5 25

The Mission is in as good a condition as may be, hindered, as it is, by rivalry of sects and influence of parties. Those obstacles will soon pass away, we hope, and a new era will then succeed—happy and full of good results.

Our people have become better acquainted with the true Church, stronger in their Catholic belief and more faithful in the fulfilling of their Christian duties. The number who attend the Church services and present themselves regularly at the Lord's Table is nearly double the average of any preceding year. Since a few months, three of our families have removed to Dakota. God sent us some others to take their places.

We have around St. Anne two Sunday Stations, where we preach and catechise alternately, in the afternoon. People of all denominations like to come to hear the Word of God.

The pretty good crops of this year will enable our people, until now very poor, to contribute, hereafter, their small share for the wants of Diocesan and Domestic Missions. In thort, we thank God for the past and are ready to labor for more blessings in the future.

Kewanee, St. John's. - - - *The Rev. Wm. Thompson.*

Church Wardens—R. P. Parrish, Jeremiah Hopkins.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 265.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 9; Total, 25.
Confirmed, 30. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 28; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 76.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 8; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 60; Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 75.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52: Other Days, 16; Total, 68.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 52; Total, 104.
Sermons, 104. Lectures and other Addresses, 70.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Sunday School Library	$200 00	
Poor of the Parish	12 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$212 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$40 00	
Diocesan Fund	53 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		93 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$15 05	
Foreign Missions	41 11	
Total for General Purposes		56.16
Total of Offerings		$361 16

Knoxville, St. John's. - - The Rev. C. W. Leffingwell.

Church Wardens—John Babbington, J. J. Egan.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 85.
Baptisms—Infants 3; Adults, 10; Total, 13.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 11; Received, 9; Died, 1.
Present Number, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 1; Total, 11.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 2; Total, 27.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 20; Total, 60.
Sermons, 60. Lectures and other Addresses, 12.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 35 00	
Church Building, &c	3,500 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$3,535 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$115 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		115 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions (South)	$12 00	
Education (Nashotah)	20 00	
Total for General Purposes		32 00
Total of Offerings		$3,682 00

The Parish at Knoxville, under the efficient labors of my predecessor, Rev. Mr. Chamberlaine, Missionary in charge, has made great progress during the past year, and now gives promise of large growth and usefulness in the future.

The above Report may be regarded as almost entirely the result of his work here.

The opening of St. Mary's School in this place has, of course, swelled the number of Communicants and Parishioners, but has not, as yet, materially added to the financial results of the work.

Lacon, St. John's. - - *The Rev. James S. McGowan.*

Church Wardens—Frank Stire, L. C. Rose.

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total of Souls, 56.
Baptisms—Infants, 17; Adults, 4; Total, 21.
Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 6; Received, 5; Removed, 4; Died, 2.
Present Number, 18.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 13; Total, 25.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 5.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 17; Other Days, 1; Total, 18.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 53; Other Days, 3; Total, 56.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 58; Other Days, 8; Total, 66.
Sermons, 113.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 21 20	
For Sunday School.....	15 00	
For Parish Purposes.....	10 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$46 20
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$26 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	13 00	
Endowment Fund.....	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	44 00
Total of Offerings.....		$90 20

Right Reverend H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., LL. D.:

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:—St. John's Church in Lacon is growing in strength and numbers. Two years ago the number of Communicants here was only two. We have now eighteen. The Parish is yet in its childhood; time will mature its strength.

My Missionary work at Henry is quite hopeful. We have at that place seventeen Communicants. A lot for a Church has been donated,

I hope to see a Church building upon it before the end of our next Conventional year. Trusting that my labor has not been in vain, I remain, Right Reverend and Dear Sir, your humble servant,

JAS. S. McGOWAN.

Lewistown, St. James'. - - - The Rev. Philip McKim.

Church Wardens—S. C. Judd, D. W. C. Bryant.

Families, 29; Individuals not thus included, 17; Total of Souls, 146.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 8; Total, 12.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 3 Died 1.
Present Number, 19.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 88; Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 37; Other Days, 40; Total, 77.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 37; Other Days, 9; Total, 46.
Sermons, 84. Lectures and other Addresses, 45.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 29 60	
S. S. Library, Books and Papers...	143 42	
Fuel, Lights, Repairs, &c.....	142 00	
Fence and Hardware.....	105 85	
Liquidation of Debt.....	2,000 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$2,420 87
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions..	$38 45	
Diocesan Fund.....	16 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		54 45
Total of Offerings.....		$2,475 32

The present Rector took charge of the Parish in November of last year, so that this Report covers but ten months of the Conventional year. The condition of the Parish is considered healthy. The attendance on the public services have greatly increased. All the festivals and fasts of the Church are properly noticed. S. C. JUDD, Esq., has again manifested his liberality and Christian spirit towards the Parish by a donation of $2,000 towards relieving it of debt. The Vestry is putting forth an effort to pay off the balance of debt and procure a home for their Minister. We acknowledge the kindness of the Missionary Board of the Diocese, and hope a helping hand will still be extended to us, and, with the blessing of God, hope to return

in kind, at no very far distant day, all that has been lent us by the Board. A little help from abroad is needed to assist in liquidating our debt; this done, and we should then be able to help others in return.

Limestone, Christ. - - - *The Rev. Philander Chase.*

Church Wardens—James Clark, George Norwood.

Families, 17; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 75.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 2; Total, 15.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Died, 1; Present Number, 34.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 2; Total, 27.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 23.
Sermons, 50.

The inclosed Report is a summary of my own official acts. Besides, I have to explain that we have, by the assistance of the Senior Warden, been enabled to have the Church open for Divine Worship every Sunday morning. The Warden, Mr. Clark, has also read the Funeral Service twice in my absence.

We have also kept up a regular afternoon service in a neighboring school-house, half time service being read by a Lay Reader. I regard the plan of officiating in the school-houses around the Church in the afternoons as the only way we have of reaching many who have not become sufficiently interested in the Church to attend, but who, when they become acquainted, will be regular attendants at the morning service in the Church.

Lockport, St. John's. - - *The Rev. W. H. Cooper, D. D.*

Church Wardens—John Griswold, Hiram Norton.

Families, 26; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 97.
Baptisms—Infants, 8.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Received, 2; Present Number, 35.
Sunday School—Teachers: Female, 7.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 25; Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 27; Other Days, 6; Total, 33.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 28; Other Days, 8; Total, 36.
Sermons, 67. Lectures and other Addresses, 19.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$35 77	
Repairs on Church and Parsonage	156 14	
Church Improvements, etc	110 17	
Total for Parish Purposes		$302 08
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$35 16	
Diocesan Fund	38 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		73 16
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$6 00	
Foreign Missions	1 50	
Evangelical Knowledge Society	15 00	
Church at Marseilles	5 00	
Total for General Purposes		27 50
Total of Offerings		$402 74

The services in this Parish had been suspended for a considerable period previously to my taking charge, in February of this year, since when they have been regularly carried on, with a goodly degree of interest. Numerically, the Parish is small; pecuniarily, it is better off than many of its size. The Church is an old and somewhat dilapidated edifice, needing greatly to be enlarged, or replaced by a new one. The Parsonage is small, but comfortable. Both Church and Parsonage have been improved since the present Rector's arrival, but need still further improvement in the way of painting, etc., which we hope, ere long, to accomplish. The Parish loves the truth, and is in perfect harmony, but cannot grow much until the improvements on the canal shall have been completed, which, it is expected, will give us a large increase of population. There had been no Sunday School for years, by reason of which many children have been lost to the Church. Although small, the school is quite an interesting one. It is supervised by the Rector. The undersigned has officiated to good Congregations at Lemont, and at Plainfield, and purposes to continue doing so occasionally.

W. H. COOPER.

Manhattan, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Samuel Cowell.

Church Wardens—John Young, Edward Crafts.

Families, 20; Total of Souls, 82.
Baptisms—Infants, 4.
Confirmed, 3. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Removed, 1; Present Number, 23.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Scholars: Total, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$3 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$22 45
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$15 37	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	15 37
General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions.....	$12 05	
Foreign Missions.....	10 00	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	22 05
Total of Offerings.....		$59 87

Marengo, Advent. - - - - *The Rev. John Cauch.*

Baptisms—Infants, 1. Burials, 1.

This Parish, I regret to say, has, practically, given up its distinct organization. There are sixteen or eighteen Communicants in the neighborhood, but such is the discouragement caused by the loss of their Church building, and not having a place to hold services, that it seems impossible to get them to unite together. All my Ministerial Services in the Parish are included in one Infant Baptism and one Funeral.

Since the beginning of February last, I have officiated at Trinity Church, Belvidere, by the unanimous request of the Vestry—the Parish being without a Rector, where I have read prayers and preached forty-five times. I have also visited Shattuck's Grove, belonging to the same Parish, where I preached seven times.

Marseilles, St. Andrew's. - - *The Rev. Erastus De Wolf.*

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 60.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 7; Died, 1.
Present Number, 15.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 21; Other Days, 2; Total, 23.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 15; Other Days, 3; Total, 18.
Sermons, 37. Lectures and other Addresses, 9.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$5 65	
Total for Parish Purposes, including Church building....		$1,500 00
Total of Offerings.....		$1,500 00

The above Record dates from January 1st, 1868. Previous to that date the Mission was in charge of the Rev. E. COAN, of Ottawa. In consequence of the hall, in which we were holding services, having been rented last spring to a theatrical company, and fitted up with all the paraphernalia of the stage, we have been compelled—although few in numbers and poor in this world's goods—to build us a little Chapel. Owing to this circumstance, the Rector has been necessitated to be absent during the greater part of the summer soliciting aid among our more highly favored brethren. This will account for the paucity of services here, as above indicated. Everywhere he went, however, he has been preaching the Word—oftentimes in the absence of the Rector in charge.

I am happy to state that our neat little Chapel is now nearly completed, for which God be praised. The brethren who have kindly come to the relief of our necessities have our prayerful thanks.

Mendon, Zion. - - The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.

Church Wardens—Eli Banks, Samuel Heaney.

Families, 35; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total Souls, 156.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 38; Removed, 2; Died, 1.
Present Number, 35.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; Female, 6; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 34; Female, 52; Total, 86.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 23.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 46. Lectures and other Addresses, 13.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$15 00	
For an Organ.....	87 00	
For Sunday School.....	120 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$222 00

Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$40 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	40 00
Total of Offerings.....		$362 00

Up to the time of my taking charge of it, (Nov. 1, 1867,) this Parish had not had the services of a Rector for many years. There is no record of the administration of the Holy Communion for ten years preceding the date just given. An occasional service was given by the Rectors of Quincy, (eighteen miles distant,) and the Bishop made an annual visitation until within the last two years; but, for the two years preceding my visit, in October 1867, no service whatever had been held in the Parish; Lay reading had ceased; the Sunday School was dispersed. I found the people anxious for the restoration of Church privileges, but almost despairing of such an event. Encouraged by the Board of Missions, I took charge of them, giving them a service every other Sunday. The attendance at once became very good, limited only by the capacity of the little Church, which was soon unable to contain the people who pressed into it. A Sunday School was organized and has proved very efficient. An interesting class of Catechumens attended the lectures established for their benefit, and quite a number would have been Confirmed had not the Bishop been providentially prevented from making his visitation. In a word, there has been a most encouraging revival of Church-life in this Parish. The most urgent need now is that of an enlarged Church edifice, capable of containing the people who are pressing into it. A subscription has been started for this purpose, but as the Parish contains very few wealthy members, the amount is scarcely the half of what is called for by the circumstances of the case. With a Church edifice of suitable dimensions, we have every reason to believe that the Parish would soon become self-supporting, and exercise a most salutary influence in the region in which it is situated.

Mendota, St. John's. - - - The Rev. J. A. Russell.

Church Wardens——— Kealer, Asa Howes.

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 60.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Confirmed, 2. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 2; Removed, 2.
Present Number. 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 20; Total, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Private. 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 12.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 12.
Sermons, 24.

Mound City, St. Peter's. - *The Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D.*

Church Warden—Dr. H. Wardner.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 15 to 30; Total of Souls, 75.
Baptisms—Adults, 5. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 2; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 3; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 16; Female, 14; Total, 30.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4; Catechumens, 15.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 5; Other Days, 1; Total, 6.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 5; Total, 30.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 14; Other Days, 4; Total, 18.
Lectures and other Addresses, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$9 90	
Collection in Sunday School.....	6 45	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$16 35
Total of Offerings.....		$16 35

The above is for four and a half months, up to the 31st of August.

The number of services not reported in St. Mark's Parish, Chester, Ill., are—Public Prayers and Sermons, 5; Infant Baptisms, 5; Holy Communion, 1; Burials, 1.

The number of Public Prayers and Sermons in Duquoin, Perry county, Ill., are—Sermons and Public Prayer, 20; Holy Communion, 4 times; Baptisms, Infants, 1; Marriages, 1. Assisted there in organizing Trinity Parish.

Naperville, St. John's. - *The Rev. J. Taylor Chambers.*

Church Wardens—S. P. Stevens, James G. Wright.

Families, 22; Individuals not thus included, 48; Total of Souls, 120.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 4; Total, 9.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Received, 2; Removed, 2.
Present Number, 44.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 9; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 29; Female, 42; Total, 71.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 71.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 17; Other Days, 2; Total, 19.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 44; Total, 88.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 53; Total, 99.
Sermons, 75. Lectures and other Addresses, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 28 25	
Building Fund	449 09	
Current Expenses	164 38	
Sunday School Offerings	76 14	
Prayer Book Fund	4 25	
Total for Parish Purposes		$722 11
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$31 59	
Diocesan Fund	39 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	5 00	
Endowment Fund	30 82	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		106 41
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$6 50	
Total for General Purposes		6 50
Total of Offerings		$835 02

The present Rector took the oversight of the Parish November 15th, 1867, and held his first service the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity. Thus the above Report embraces a period of only ten months. Every Wednesday and Friday and all Holy Days are duly observed with service; extra appointments throughout Advent and Lent, and daily service and lecture during Holy Week.

The Holy Communion is administered on the first and third Sunday of each month (the latter at an early hour), and also on the Feast of Christmas, Easter, Ascension, Whitsunday and Trinity. All these services have been quite well attended, and a lively interest in the success of the Church is manifested.

The eleventh Sunday after Trinity the Rector held Missionary Service in a country school-house in Lisle township, some five or six miles from the Parish Church. Immediately after this service, the authorities of the Congregational house of worship in that neighborhood very kindly placed the use of said house at our disposal for service on the afternoon of Sundays. We thankfully accepted this generous offer, and it is our present intention to supply that neighborhood with Church Services twice a month.

Onarga, Trinity. - - - - *The Rev. Philander Chase.*

Church Warden—Horace Pinney.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 80.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 1; Total, 6.
Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Admitted, 19; Received, 2; Removed, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 38.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Sermons, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—
Total for Parish Purposes..... $1,860 00

Total of Offerings..... $1,860 00

The most marked effort in the progress of this Parish is the completion of a Church and the opening of the same, not as yet by consecration, but by a class of seventeen presenting themselves for Confirmation before their Bishop, as the first and most appropriate rite to show to us all that the harvest is already ripe, and it only needs a little instruction and explanation, in connection with the earnest endeavors of those who seek the Lord and determine to build a temple to God's name, to bring in, Oh! how many, of those who desire to find that rest for their souls promised by our Saviour to all those who will come into His ark.

This Parish, situated 85 miles south of Chicago, and having the only Church building now erected between Kankakee and Cairo, a distance of 310 miles, on one of the principal railroads in the State, needs the services of a man of large soul, who will devise liberal things, and who can realize that, as he occupies one of the outposts in the grand army of the Church militant, his only safety wil be in keeping up a picket guard of outposts, by the aid of Lay Readers, if the order of Deacon can *never* be *revived*, who will go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that God's House may be full.

Ottawa, Christ. - - - - - - *The Rev. Edwin Coan.*

Church Wardens—Joseph W. Dow, William Osman.

Families, 75; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 350.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 1; Total, 14.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 6; Received, 3; Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present Number, 95.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 12; Total, 17.
Scholars: Total, 175.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Private, 4.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 200; Total, 252.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 80; Other Days, 38; Total, 118.
Sermons, 132. Lectures and other Addresses, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 39 26	
General Parish Purposes	498 06	
Total for Parish Purposes		$537 32
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$125 00	
Diocesan Fund	92 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	14 45	
Endowment Fund	15 65	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		247 10
General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions	$10 00	
Total for General Purposes		10 00
Total of Offerings		$794 42

The resignation of the Rev. W. J. Pigott as Assistant Minister of the Parish took effect at Christmas, and the Rev. E. DeWolf succeeded to his labors in the Parochial School at Ottawa, and in the charge of St. Andrew's Mission, at Marseilles. That Mission requiring Mr. DeWolf's entire time and strength, he withdrew from the School at Easter, and has since devoted himself wholly to the growing demands of the Mission. The Parochial School, though it has suffered from frequent change of Teachers, still gives promise of permanent success and usefulness.

Beautiful designs by Lloyd have been received for the proposed new Church edifice, and the Vestry are maturing the necessary measures for its erection at the earliest possible day. We entertain the hope of laying a foundation this fall.

The report of services includes services rendered by the Rector at Marseilles and South Ottawa, as well as the ordinary Parochial Services, in which latter—particularly in the daily Morning Service—he has been largely aided by the Clergy whose names appear in this Report.

The Report of Contributions to Diocesan Missions includes amounts raised for St. Andrew's, Marseilles, but which were not remitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Our recently appointed Lay Reader, Mr. A. P. Barnes, is conducting services at South Ottawa, with gratifying encouragement and success.

Pekin, St. Paul's. - - - - *The Rev. A. B. Russell.*

Church Wardens—William Stanberry, Wm. H. Medcalf, M. D.

Families, 52; Individuals not thus included, 4; Total of Souls, 208.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 1; Total, 17.
Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 1. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 23; Received, 7; Removed, 5. Died, 1.
Present Number, 59.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 10; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 35; Female, 45; Total, 80.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 28.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 3; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 53; Other Days, 11; Total, 64.
Sermons, 105.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 32 50	
Incidental Expenses	300 00	
Ladies Aid Society	275 00	
Interest on Lot	120 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$727 50
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$22 25	
Diocesan Fund	30 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	1 50	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		53 75
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$10 50	
Foreign Missions	1 50	
Total for General Purposes		12 00
Total of Offerings		$793 75

Peoria, St. John's. - - - - *The Rev. John Benson.*

Church Wardens—Henry I. Chase, Samuel Wilkinson.

Families, 22; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 121.
Baptisms—Infants, 15; Adults, 8; Total, 23.
Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 6; Removed, 6; Died. 1.
Present Number, 53.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 6; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 29; Total, 54.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 11.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 1.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 51; Total, 103.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 40; Total, 90.
Sermons, 64. Lectures and other Addresses, 46.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 29 00		
Sunday School Books, &c	68 00		
For General Purposes	956 35		
Total for Parish Purposes		$1,053	35
Diocesan Purposes—			
Diocesan Missions	$63 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes		63	00
General Purposes—			
Domestic Missions	$6 00		
Foreign Missions	8 00		
Church at Mankato	5 00		
Total for General Purposes		19	00
Total of Offerings		$1,135	35

Right Reverend Father in God:

The Mission of which I had charge under the Rector and Vestry of St. Paul's for one year showed such evidence of growth and prosperity that it was thought best to organize a Parish, which was done, with the kindly expressed consent of the Reverend Rector of St. Paul's and that of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, on the 9th of December, 1867. Since then the growth has been steady, and we think there are gratifying evidences of strength.

The building we worship in is rented, and has been made somewhat churchly in appearance by repairs and alterations. The seats are free, the expenses being defrayed by monies collected during the reading of the Offertory Sentences every Lord's Day morning. The envelope system has been adopted, as the one bringing the best results. The organization was completed during your absence in England, you having kindly intimated that such a proceeding would meet with your approbation. Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN BENSON.

Peoria, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Warren H. Roberts.

Church Wardens—Alex. G. Tyng, M. Griswold.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 22; Adults, 9; Total, 31.
Confirmed, 24. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 20; Received, 5; Removed, 30.
Present Number, 175.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; Female, 13; Total, 21.
Scholars: Male, 75; Female, 100; Total, 175.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 30; Catechumens, 175.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 75; Total, 122.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 40; Total, 90.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 60.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 400 00	
Sunday School Collections	300 00	
For General Purposes in Parish	2,400 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$3,100 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$725 00	
Diocesan Fund	180 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	24 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		929 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$25 00	
Foreign Missions	25 00	
Missions in Minnesota	40 00	
Other Objects	50 00	
Total for General Purposes		140 00
Total of Offerings		$4,169 00

This Parish still maintains itself in strength and vigor. It is a source of profound gratitude to the Rector that this Parish seems more and more willing to throw its strength into channels of distinctive Church work. The people are liberal to a large extent, and give freely to promote agencies of a missionary and churchly character within the city and suburbs.

Peru, St. Paul's. - - - - The Rev. Albert E. Wells.

Church Wardens—Naason Young, John T. Milling.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 100.
Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 1; Total, 8.
Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Removed, 4.
Present Number, 17.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 30; Total, 45.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 2; Total, 10.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 43; Other Days, 3; Total, 46.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 39; Other Days, 25; Total, 64.
Sermons, 85. Lectures and other Addresses, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$18 83	
Sunday School	30 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$48 83
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$14 50	
Diocesan Fund	21 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		37 50
Total of Offerings		$86 33

There is great need that the Church should maintain services in this Parish and in the neighboring ones of Utica and La Salle, for in the three places there are faithful hearts that love the Holy Services, and many that would be won to a devout membership in the Church, if only they could feel that she would surely care for them.

I have held regular services at La Salle for over a year, and can bear testimony that the weakness there is more owing to neglect and disappointment than to prejudice or animosity against the Church; and if, indeed, the Church will take hold of these places, she will soon reap a reward for efficient work. I have resigned the charge, and can only hope and pray that some one may enter upon the work in these Parishes.

Polo, Trinity. - - - - *The Rev. William Y. Johnson.*

Church Wardens—J. R. Phelps, John J. Thompson.

Families, 29; Individuals not thus included, 30; Total of Souls, 146.
Baptisms—Infants, 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 21; Received, 4; Removed, 4; Died, 1.
Present Number, 21.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 7; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 41; Female, 54; Total, 95.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 10; Total, 60.
Sermons, 110.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 11 42	
Donation for Rector	100 00	
Sunday School	86 00	
Parish Aid	176 00	
Incidentals	100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$473 42
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$38 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		40 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
American Bible Society	$15 00	
Total for General Purposes		15 00
Total of Offerings		$528 42

I only report the operations of the Parish since October, 1867. There have been some changes which have taken away some of our Communicants. Four have removed from the Parish; two have been gained by removal. There have been for several years four or five candidates for Confirmation, one of which died a few days ago, and has joined the Church Triumphant. Some of these candidates were admitted to the Holy Communion by a former Rector, and have been numbered among our regular Communicants. Our congregations are good, and we are steadily gathering in and increasing the number of those who listen to the Word of God. Prejudice is subsiding, and a favorable impression is being made upon the public mind; and many are learning to love our precious Liturgy who never before knew anything of its adaptability and sublimity. We are anxious to overcome our indebtedness to the Diocesan Fund, so as to be once more represented in Convention. The Parish has been so long without a Pastor that almost all its strength has vanished. Our prayer and hope is that the Divine Blessing may descend upon us so that we may hope that God's set time to favor Zion will come. W. Y. JOHNSON.

Princeton, Redeemer. - - - *The Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Church Wardens—T. M. Woodruff, Ferdinand Horton.

Families, 23; Individuals not thus included, 4; Total of Souls, 50.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; Adults, 1; Total, 2. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 2; Present Number, 21.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Total, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6;
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 48.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 42.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 20 00	
For Building Church	1,850 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$1,870 00
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Fund	$10 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		10 00
General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions	$7 00	
Total for General Purposes		7 00
Total of Offerings		$1,887 00

Our new Church is nearly completed. The Church and lot together have cost about $6,500. The Church will seat comfortably nearly three hundred people. It is greatly admired.

It has required a very arduous struggle for the little Church at Princeton to achieve what has already been accomplished. A brighter day seems now in store for it.

Quincy, St. John's. - - The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.

Church Wardens—Francis C. Moore, Henry A. Williamson.

Families, 100; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 31; Adults, 4; Total, 35.
Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 8. Burials, 11.
Communicants—Admitted, 18; Received, 2; Removed, 2; Died 2.
Present Number, 200.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 12; Female, 19; Total, 31.
Scholars: Total, 180.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 180.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 20; Total, 72.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 7; Total, 57.
Sermons and other Addresses, 100.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$230 00	
Incidental Expenses	436 00	
Aid Industrial School	60 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$726 00
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$600 29	
Diocesan Fund	163 00	

Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	$ 33 00	
Assessment to pay Bonded Debt...	593 20	
St. Mary's School, Knoxville.....	230 00	
Mendon Parish.....	125 00	
Parish at Marseilles.....	35 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		$1,779 49
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Nashotah	$100 00	
S. S. Union and Church B'k Soc'y	51 00	
Total for General Purposes.....		151 00
Total of Offerings.....		$2,656 49

Perhaps St. John's Parish was never in so healthy a condition as now. Our large and beautiful Church edifice is filled, and accessions from the sects are constantly augmenting our numbers. There are twenty-six places of worship in the city, but the Church leads off numerically and in benevolent receipts and disbursements. We have inaugurated an Industrial School, and, on Saturday afternoons, some two hundred girls from the by-ways and hedges congregate in a hired hall, where some of the most refined and cultivated of our ladies instruct them in sewing, and at the same time in religion. In addition to this, we have a Sunday Mission, composed of the Industrial Scholars, their brothers, and their parents. A good, conscientious Layman here reads our services—the children taking the responsive part. The members of St. John's Parish rejoiced exceedingly that our good Bishop was enabled, in July, to make them a longer visit than ever before. They were glad to meet him in private, to take him by the hand and to reassure him of their loyalty and of their filial affection.

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

Church Wardens—Joseph Mayo, William L. Moss.

Families, 19; Individuals not thus included, 60; Total of Souls, 155.
Baptisms—Infants, 7. Confirmed, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Removed, 2; Present Number, 86.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Total, 45.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 11; Total, 63.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 43; Other Days, 7; Total, 50.
Sermons, 59. Lectures and other Addresses, 47.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$37 36	
Sunday School Books and Papers...	16 92	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$54 28
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$65 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	37 40	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	2 60	
Church in Marseilles.....	35 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	140 10
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Education for Ministry.....	$15 00	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	15 00
Total of Offerings.....		$209 38

Rockford, Emmanuel. - - - The Rev. J. E. Walton.

Church Wardens—R. P. Lane, M. D., W. G. King.

Families, 80; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 440.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 2; Total, 18.
Confirmed 14. Marriages, 7. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 75.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 10; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 45; Female, 50; Total, 95.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 3.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 1; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 12; Total, 60.
Sermons, 100. Lectures and other Addresses, 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 76 53	
Easter Offerings.....	14 98	
Sunday Collections.....	200 00	
For Furnishing Church.....	500 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$791 51
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$48 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	67 00	
Endowment Fund.....	2 80	
Total for Diocesan Purposes....	———	117 80

GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Foreign Missions.....	$30 25	
Total for General Purposes.....		$30 25
Total of Offerings.....		$939 56

The Parish is in a flourishing condition. During the past year have added one-third to the capacity of the Church, which is but little more than the present necessities of the Parish require, the total cost of which is about $1,500.

Rock Island, Trinity. - The Rev. Horatio N. Powers, D.D.

Church Wardens—Wm. B. Grenell, Richard Crampton.

Families, 43; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 154.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 2; Total, 15.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 8; Removed, 2; Present number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 10; Total, 15.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 60; Total, 85.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 85.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 10.
Sermons, 62. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$64 15	
Sunday School Books and Papers..	27 75	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$91 90
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$100 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	36 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	3 35	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		139 35
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$ 8 56	
Foreign Missions.....	25 00	
Christmas Collection in Aid of Needy Clergymen at the South..	16 90	
Total for General Purposes..		50 46
Total of Offerings.....		$281 71

I assumed the Rectorship of this Parish August 1st, 1868. For about four years previous to this date, the Church had been supplied

by the Rev. Prof. R. D. Brooke of Griswold College, Iowa; through whose efficient labors it continually improved from the low state in which he found it.

We are now engaged in building a handsome and commodious Church edifice, in the Gothic style, in a pleasant part of the city. Preparations are also under way for erecting a fine stone Church in the flourishing town of Moline, where there is the promise of a prosperous Parish. It is expected that both these structures will be entirely finished during the next Conventional year. My work here is encouraging.

Salem, St. Thomas' - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Warden—Robert H. Whittaker.

Families, 4; Individuals not thus included, 42; Total of Souls, 72.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 2; Present Number, 3.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$4 70	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$4 70
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$5 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		5 00
General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions.....	$1 60	
Total for General Purposes.....		1 60
Total of Offerings.....		$11 30

Our greatest difficulty is in getting a suitable place in which to worship. The few members remaining are faithful and true. We have some funds for the Church, which we hope to build as soon as we are able to do it with safety.

Sidney, Mission Station. - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 2; Individuals not thus included, 41; Total of Souls, 52.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Received, 6; Present Number, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 14. Evening Prayer—Sundays, 14.
Sermons, 28. Lectures and other Addresses, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$4 55	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	——	$4 55
Total of Offerings.....		$4 55

We have secured the use of the Baptist Meeting-house in which to worship. The congregation is increasing in number, and in a correct use of the "Prayer Book." The Responsive Service is becoming highly interesting. The Sunday School for the present is Union, but we will soon have one of our own.

Springfield, St. Paul's. - *The Rev. Wm. F. B. Jackson.*

Church Wardens—S. H. Treat, R. P. Johnston.

Families, 73; Individuals not thus included, 450; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 43; Adults, 5; Total, 48.
Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 14. Burials, 22.
Communicants—Admitted, 16; Received, 14; Removed, 15; Died, 6.
Present Number, 178.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 4; Total, 16.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 16; Total, 68.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 7; Total, 59.
Sermons, 106. Lectures and other Addresses, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 212 17		
General Parish Purposes.....	4,673 58		
Special Gift.....	700 00		
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$5,585 75	
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions.....	$600 60		
Diocesan Fund.....	169 00		
Church in Marseilles.....	50 00		
St. Luke's Hospital.....	100 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	819 60	
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions.....	$500 00		
Special for Nebraska.....	100 00		
Special for Florida.....	100 00		
Church Book Society.....	68 70		

The Southern Clergy	$130 00	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	$898 70
Total of Offerings.....		$7,404 05

During the past year, the Parish has sustained a grievous loss in the death of Mr. ANTRIM CAMPBELL, for many years our Junior Warden. In his character, many rare qualities were blended, and conspicuous among them was that large-hearted charity which moved its possessor to "go about doing good" to all who sorrowed or suffered. Having at heart the best interests of the Parish, and forwarding them with an earnest devotion, the memory of his counsels and his works will long be fragrant among us. To him, the Parish is indebted for the Special Gift of seven hundred dollars mentioned in the Offerings, and to him must also be credited the Offerings for Domestic Missions, for Florida and Nebraska, for the Church in Marseilles, Ill., and for St. Luke's Hospital.

The Rector also desires to call attention to the Parish and Sunday School Library, for which we are mainly indebted to the exertions of an earnest member of the Vestry. It comprises nearly eight hundred volumes of carefully selected books, everything being carefully eliminated which militates against sound churchly teaching, and its good influence is already felt, not only in the Parish, but in the community at large.

Sterling, Grace. - - - - - *The Rev. John Gierlow.*

Church Wardens—Gabriel Davis, Lorenzo Hapgood.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 14; Total of Souls, 200.
Baptisms—Infants, 18; Adults, 3; Total, 21.
Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 5; Removed, 3; Died, 1.
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Baptisms—Infants, 10; Adults, 1; Total, 11.
Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Removed, 3; Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 7; Total, 11.
Scholars: Total, 80.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 2; Total, 8.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 3; Total, 47.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 30. Lectures and other Addresses, 25.

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Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 25 00	
Paying Church Debt	1,050 00	
S. School and Parochial Purposes	100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$1,175 00
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$43 00	
Diocesan Fund	50 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		93 00
General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions	$17 00	
Total for General Purposes		17 00
Total of Offerings		$1,285 00

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Baptisms—Adults, 6. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 13; Received, 8; Removed, 2; Died, 2.
Present Number, 26.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 32; Total, 52.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8; Catechumens, 25.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 2; Total, 8.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 4; Total, 29.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 50; Total, 75.
Sermons, 50. Lectures and other Addresses, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Church Wardens—William Besley, Charles R. Steele.

Families, 76; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 11. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9.
Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 3; Removed, 21; Died, 1.
Present Number, 95.

by the Rev. Prof. R. D. Brooke of Griswold College, Iowa; through whose efficient labors it continually improved from the low state in which he found it.

We are now engaged in building a handsome and commodious Church edifice, in the Gothic style, in a pleasant part of the city. Preparations are also under way for erecting a fine stone Church in the flourishing town of Moline, where there is the promise of a prosperous Parish. It is expected that both these structures will be entirely finished during the next Conventional year. My work here is encouraging.

Salem, St. Thomas' - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Warden—Robert H. Whittaker.

Families, 4; Individuals not thus included, 42; Total of Souls, 72.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 2; Present Number, 3.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$4 70	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$4 70
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$5 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		5 00
General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions.....	$1 60	
Total for General Purposes.....		1 60
Total of Offerings.....		$11 30

Our greatest difficulty is in getting a suitable place in which to worship. The few members remaining are faithful and true. We have some funds for the Church, which we hope to build as soon as we are able to do it with safety.

Sidney, Mission Station. - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 2; Individuals not thus included, 41; Total of Souls, 52.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Received, 6; Present Number, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 14. Evening Prayer—Sundays, 14.
Sermons, 28. Lectures and other Addresses, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$4 55	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	——	$4 55
Total of Offerings.....		$4 55

We have secured the use of the Baptist Meeting-house in which to worship. The congregation is increasing in number, and in a correct use of the "Prayer Book." The Responsive Service is becoming highly interesting. The Sunday School for the present is Union, but we will soon have one of our own.

Springfield, St. Paul's. - The Rev. Wm. F. B. Jackson.

Church Wardens—S. H. Treat, R. P. Johnston.

Families, 73; Individuals not thus included, 450; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 43; Adults, 5; Total, 48.
Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 14. Burials, 22.
Communicants—Admitted, 16; Received, 14; Removed, 15; Died, 6.
Present Number, 178.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 4; Total, 16.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 16; Total, 68.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 7; Total, 59.
Sermons, 106. Lectures and other Addresses, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 212 17		
General Parish Purposes.....	4,673 58		
Special Gift.....	700 00		
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$5,585 75	
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions.....	$600 60		
Diocesan Fund.....	169 00		
Church in Marseilles.....	50 00		
St. Luke's Hospital.....	100 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	819 60	
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions.....	$500 00		
Special for Nebraska.....	100 00		
Special for Florida.....	100 00		
Church Book Society.....	68 70		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$37 36	
Sunday School Books and Papers...	16 92	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$54 28
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$65 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	37 40	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	2 60	
Church in Marseilles.....	35 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	140 10
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Education for Ministry.....	$15 00	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	15 00
Total of Offerings.....		$209 38

Rockford, Emmanuel. - - - The Rev. J. E. Walton.

Church Wardens—R. P. Lane, M. D., W. G. King.

Families, 80; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 440.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 2; Total, 18.
Confirmed 14. Marriages, 7. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 75.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 10; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 45; Female, 50; Total, 95.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 3.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 1; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 12; Total, 60.
Sermons, 100. Lectures and other Addresses, 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 76 53	
Easter Offerings.....	14 98	
Sunday Collections.....	200 00	
For Furnishing Church.....	500 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$791 51
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$48 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	67 00	
Endowment Fund.....	2 80	
Total for Diocesan Purposes....	———	117 80

GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Foreign Missions	$30 25	
Total for General Purposes		$30 25
Total of Offerings		$939 56

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Rock Island, Trinity. - The Rev. Horatio N. Powers, D.D.

Church Wardens—Wm. B. Grenell, Richard Crampton.

Families, 43; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 154.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 2; Total, 15.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 8; Removed, 2; Present number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 10; Total, 15.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 60; Total, 85.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 85.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 10.
Sermons, 62. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$64 15	
Sunday School Books and Papers	27 75	
Total for Parish Purposes		$91 90
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$100 00	
Diocesan Fund	36 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy	3 35	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		139 35
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$ 8 56	
Foreign Missions	25 00	
Christmas Collection in Aid of Needy Clergymen at the South	16 90	
Total for General Purposes		50 46
Total of Offerings		$281 71

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Sterling, Grace. - - - - - *The Rev. John Gierlow.*

Church Wardens—Gabriel Davis, Lorenzo Hapgood.

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RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

The Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital, in accordance with the provision of their Constitution, present you their Fifth Annual Report:

The Churches of the city all join in this good work, and it is therefore a subject of general interest. We are still occupying the same building—inconvenient, illy ventilated, with a large and noisy machine shop in our rear, and fronting on a noisy street. Our most pressing want is a better and more convenient house, and we feel anxious to build, and not to rent. To do this, however, we will need the co-operation of all the Churchmen of the city, and as yet we have been unable to secure it. Our sister city of Detroit, with about half the number of Churches, is now building, at a cost of $30,000, a beautiful St. Luke's Hospital, and we sincerely hope that their good example will not be lost upon our fellow-churchmen. We hope that you will take an early opportunity of advocating the claims of a charity so urgent, so useful, and so creditable to the Church. Our object is to provide a refuge for the sick and respectable poor, who shrink from the vice and depravity which necessarily is brought into the General City Hospital, and we have done, we feel sure, an immense service in this respect. The pure teachings of the Church are mingled with our efforts for physical relief, and the sacrifice of Prayer is daily offered within the walls of our little Hospital.

The Chaplain reports two Private Communions, seven Infant and two Adult Baptisms, and three Funerals.

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St John's Church	375 30
Christ Church	338 22
Grace Church	2,948 10
Trinity Church	210 00
Cathedral	105 00
Church of the Epiphany	100 00
Church of the Holy Communion	65 00
St. Mark's Church	81 20
Church of the Ascension	33 00
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Births	16
Of these Patients were—	
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Natives of the United States	57
Foreigners (principally Irish)	120
Their Religious Training had been as follows:	
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Romanists	63
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Second Adventist	2
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ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS

FOR THE CONVENTIONAL YEAR 1867–68.

Page where full Report appears.	Place.	Church.	Number of Families.	Individuals not thus Included.	Total of Souls.	Baptized. Infants.	Baptized. Adults.	Baptized. Total.	Confirmed.	Communicants. Admitted.	Communicants. Received.	Communicants. Removed.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Present Number.	Worship. Holy Communion. Public.	Worship. Holy Communion. Private.	Worship. Morning Prayer.	Worship. Evening Prayer.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School. Teachers.	Sunday School. Scholars.	Contributions. For Parish Purposes, (not includ'g Salaries of Clergy.)	Contributions. For Diocesan Purposes.	Contributions. For General Purposes.	Contributions. Total.
74	Albion,	St. John's,				14	7	21	23					30	16		92	72	4	10	11	96	$28 88	$31 10		$59 98
74	Algonquin,	St. John's,	9	3	51	8	7	15	5	5	1	4		21	2		58	57	4	2			439 05	33 61	$2 50	518 16
76	Alton,	St. Paul's,	64	21	289	30	3	33	22	22		9	1	77	14		76	108	8	7	20	210	3,584 42	329 40	95 53	4,009 35
77	Arcola,	Christ Church,	11	34	96							4	1	15												
77	Aurora,	Trinity,	75	40	350	14	6	20	25	23	15	5	1	60	6		35	60	8	7	13	100	1,048 56	132 00	10 00	2,090 56
78	Belvidere,	Trinity,	43	12	214	4		4			2	16		33	8		48	43	2	2	7	35	290 35	56 35	1 25	347 95
79	Bement,	Atonement,	3	40	67							2		7												
79	Bloomington,	St. Matthew's,	65	100	325	4	5	9	11	11	10	2		86	7	1	28	22	2	7	12	120	29 25	186 00		215 25
80	Bunker Hill,	Christ Church,	16			15	9	24	17					26					6	6	6	35	224 00	17 65		242 65
81	Cairo,	Redeemer,	50	18	240	12	8	20	17	18	20	7	1	60	14	2	54	57	4	4	16	150	425 92	60 60		486 52
81	Carlinville,	St. Paul's,	20	18	90	3	3	6	9	5	6	2		27	7		35	37	2	6	8	46	123 67	33 00	5 60	162 27
82	Centralia,	St. John's,	20	20	54	7	1	8	4					12	4		35	29	1	2	6	40	8 00			8 00
83	Chester,	St. Mark's,	20	40	80	6	1	7						28			34	34		1	6	37	26 25	48 00	31 70	105 70
84	Chesterfield,	St. Peter's,	12	10	59	6	1	7	3	2	2	3	1	10	13		37			1	5	26	188 50	15 00	3 53	206 03
85	Chicago,	Ascension,	50	52	300	18	5	23	13					80					7	9	22	200	5,688 60	113 25		5,791 85
86	Chicago,	Atonement,	50	19	250	34	23	57	18				4	59	18		101	88	9	20	16	189	2,367 00			2,367 00
87	Chicago,	Calvary,	40	25	350	16	4	20	14	5	7	6		38	16	4	45	85	2	5	15	105	3,727 41	62 00	251 86	4,041 27
88	Chicago,	Cathedral,	300			53	15	68	45	50			2	316	80	6	366	377	23	32	55	480	7,020 65	459 13	95 47	7,575 25
90	Chicago,	Christ Church,	220	100	1,000	50	13	63	34	35	40	41	1	204	13	2	67	74	15	18	40	350	37,336 60	209 49	1,151 42	38,705 51
91	Chicago,	Epiphany,	51	8	160													22			5	49	4,397 90			4,397 90
92	Chicago,	Grace,	150	200	750	50	6	56	21	40		29	1	230	16	3	72	112	26	40	28	284	5,304 73	3,514 34	390 87	9,209 94
93	Chicago,	Holy Communion,	5	20	25									10	6		40	20	2		4	30				
93	Chicago,	Ch. of our Saviour,	13	4	72	7	1	8	4					28	11	1	56	51		4	6	46	67 34	10 86		78 20
94	Chicago,	St. Ansgarius',	106	120	474	66	1	67	9	7	70	16	2	285	4	5	74		63	43	6	50		53 62		53 62
95	Chicago,	St. James',	185	100	1,000	40	4	44	18	18	14	6	1	360	18	3	76	82	15	18	30	200	33,168 99	2,745 89	935 09	36,849 97
96	Chicago,	St. John's,	180	25	700	42	12	54	26	26		33	2	185	13		67	66	21	26	58	500	7,012 94	747 00	879 17	7,639 11
98	Chicago,	St. Mark's,	40	15	217	4	2	6	8	10	30	3		74	12	1	50	55	4	7	14	75	2,348 59	49 43	25 00	2,423 02
...	Chicago,	St. Stephen's,	70	30	400				12					75												
98	Chicago,	Trinity,	150	200	1,000	11	1	12						150	12	1	53	60	8	2	32	340	10,912 66	344 01	823 20	12,079 87
100	Collinsville,	Christ Church,	11	22	75	4	1	5	3	3	1	1	1	14	2		3	12	4	1	5	24	74 85	1 00		75 85
100	Danville,	Holy Trinity,	25	20	120	17		17	8	24	14	4	1	27	15		24	5	2	3	7	40	405 48	46 78	15 00	467 16
101	Decatur,	St. John's,	50	8	200	3		3	4	4		1	1	42	13		54	112		2	13	94	385 05	3 00	5 30	393 35
102	De Kalb,	St. Alban's,				5	2	7				1	1	12					1	1			100 00			100 00
102	Dixon,	St. Luke's,	45	29	140	4	2	6	5	5	1	3	2	46	13	3	24	32	2	2	10	60	1,308 78	162 15	1,918 98	2,389 81
103	Dundee,	St. James',	14	2	65	6	6	12	8	5	7			35	1			55	1	1	7	26	246 65	8 11		342 76
104	Elgin,	Redeemer,	24	14	104	4	2	6	1	1	7	3		32	5		54	53	1		3	29	115 01	58 00		173 01
105	El Paso,	St. Paul's,	14	1	60	1		1		5		1		17	3	1	17	18		1						
106	Evanston,	St. Mark's,	35	7	162	6		6	4	5	16	4		36	15		61	70	2	1	8	53	3,074 26	59 10	7 00	3,140 36
106	Farmington,	Calvary,	12	3	50	6		6	4	2				24	13	3	53	30		2	6	25	74 87	39 25		114 12
107	Farm Ridge,	St. Andrew's,	24	12	130	2	5	7	6	6		4		42	11	1	59	13	2	5	8	61	164 43	34 10		203 58
108	Freeport,	Zion,	60	12	300	3		3			6	8	2	66	3		14	15	1	4	15	70	26 20	105 40		131 60
109	Galena,	Grace,	60	5	250	18	2	20	7	7		2		84	15		88	57	7	2	14	104	417 86	195 40	96 60	709 86
109	Galesburg,	Grace,			154	13	3	16	14		20			40						1						63 73
110	Galva,		7	5	40				1					10			30				6	40				
110	Geneseo,	Trinity,	37	10	125	7	6	13	14	19	8	5		45	14		64	26		1	7	36	484 00	36 00		520 00
111	Geneva,	St. Mark's,	32		128	3		3		5		2		25	10		51	37	1	1						
112	Gilman,		5	42	61	2		2			7			7			12	24								
112	Grand Detour,	St. Peter's,	14											15							7	50				
112	Harlem,	Christ Church,	19	11	110	13	4	17	10	9	1			37	9		52	52		1	8	63	207 00			207 00
113	Hyde Park,	St. Paul's,	25	10	70									10				24			6	28	3,000 00			3,000 00
114	Joliet,	Christ Church,	77	10	302	15	4	19	20	12	13	21		108	13		104	24	9	7	10	75	1,799 51	61 07		1,860 58
115	Kankakee,	St. Paul's,	60	26	258	25	5	30	11	15	14	5	2	63	13	1	59	110	4	5	13	117	3,485 99	267 17	275 00	4,028 16
116	Kankakee County,	St. Anne's,	29	11	146	17		17		2	4	5	1	47	12	2	61	23	2	2	2	36			5 25	5 25
117	Kewanee,	St. John's,	50	15	265	16	9	25	30	4	28	5		76	13		68	104	1	3	13	100	212 00	93 00	56 16	361 16
118	Knoxville,	St. John's,	12	12	85	3	10	13	11	11	9		1	41	11		27	60	2				3,535 00	115 00	32 00	3,682 00
119	Lacon,	St. John's,	10	6	56	17	4	21	3	6	5	4	2	18	18		56	68	1	6	5	25	46 20	44 00		90 20
120	Lewistown,	St. James',	29	17	146	4	8	12	9	2	3		1	19	13		77	46	2	3	8	100	2,868 87	54 45		2,923 32
121	Limestone,	Christ Church,	17	20	75	13	2	15		1			1	35	6		27	23		1	5					
121	Lockport,	St. John's,	26	10	97	8		8			2			35	6		33	36	1	2	7	40	302 08	73 16	27 50	402 74
122	Manhattan,	St. Paul's,	20		82	4		4	3	3		1		23	7		35			1	5	30	19 45	15 37	22 05	56 87
123	Marengo,	Advent,				1		1												1						
123	Marseilles,	St. Andrew's,	10	12	60				4	4	7		1	15	4	1	23	18	1	1			1,505 65			1,505 65
124	Mendon,	Zion,	35	6	156	2		2			35	2	1	35	8	1	23	20	1	1	14	86	222 00	40 00		262 00
125	Mendota,	St. John's,	10	8	60	3		3	2	2	2	2		30	6	1	12	12		1	6	30				
126	Mound City,	St. Peter's,	15	15	75		5	5	11	10	2	5		10	6	1	30	18	1	1	6	30	16 35			16 35
126	Naperville,	St. John's,	22	48	120	5	4	9	4	3	2	2		44	19		88	99	1		11	71	722 11	106 41	6 50	835 02
127	Onarga,	Trinity,	20	15	80	5	1	6	17	19	2	1	1	38	6	1	25	25	1	2			1,860 00			1,860 00
128	Ottawa,	Christ Church,	75	40	350	13	1	14	8	6	3	5	1	95	15	4	252	118	3	7	17	175	1,937 32	247 10	10 00	2,194 42
130	Pekin,	St. Paul's,	52	4	208	16	1	17	21	23	7	5	1	59	13		52	64	1	7	10	80	727 50	53 75		781 25
130	Peoria,	St. John's,	22	15	121	15	8	23	16	12	6	6	1	53	13	1	103	90	1	2	10	54	1,053 35	63 00	19 00	1,135 35
131	Peoria,	St. Paul's,	150	100	700	22	9	31	24	20	5	30		175	14		122	90	4	7	21	175	3,100 00	929 00	104 00	4,133 00
132	Peru,	St. Paul's,	20	15	100	7	1	8	2	2		4		17	10		46	64	3	6	6	45	48 83	37 50		86 33
133	Polo,	Trinity,	29	30	146	3		3		21	4	4	1	21	6		50	60	2	3	11	95	473 42	40 00	15 00	528 42
134	Princeton,	Redeemer,	23	4	50	1	1	2			2			21	5		48	42	1		4	20	1,870 00	10 00	7 00	1,887 00
135	Quincy,	St. John's,	100	200	700	31	4	35	18	18	2	2	2	200	15	3	72	57	8	11	31	180	777 00	1,389 49	390 00	2,556 49
136	Robin's Nest,	Christ Church,	19	60	155	7		7	7	7		2		86	14	1	63	50			7	45	54 28	105 10	50 00	209 38
137	Rockford,	Emmanuel,	80	40	440	16	2	18	14	7	1		1	75	12		52	60	7	4	12	85	791 51	117 80	30 25	939 56
138	Rock Island,	Trinity,	43	15	154	13	2	15	11	8		2		50	13	2	54	10	4	2	10	85	91 90	139 35	50 46	281 71
139	Salem,	St. Thomas',	4	42	72	1		1				2		3	4		8						4 70	5 00	1 60	11 30
139	Sidney,		2	41	52	1		1			6			6	4		14	14					4 55			4 55
140	Springfield,	St. Paul's,	73	450	700	43	5	48	16	16	14	15	6	178	16	4	68	59	14	22			5,585 75	769 60	1,048 70	7,404 05
141	Sterling,	Grace,	50	14	200	18	3	21	3	2	5	3	1	48	13		72	60	3	8	9	75	874 55	105 50		980 05
142	Sycamore,	St. Peter's,	39	10	147	17	4	21	7	1	9	5	1	39	15	1	81	81	3	7	11	50	548 93	66 00		614 93
143	Tiskilwa,	St. Jude's,	32	15	175	10	1	11	3	3		3		50	8		43	24	4	3	11	80	1,175 00	93 00	17 00	1,285 00
.....	Utica,	St. George's,	14	6	56									6												
144	Warsaw,	St. Paul's,	31	24	150		6	6	13	13	8	2	2	26	8		29	75	3	3	12	52	68 85	40 00		108 85
144	Waukegan,	Christ Church,	76	3	300	11		11	12	12	3	21	1	95	16	1	89	109	5	9	14	116	1,598 60	381 86	107 32	2,087 78
146	Wilmington,	Redeemer,	46	80	200									50	2		14	14	1	2	10	50	1,008 00			1,008 00
147	Wyoming,	St. Luke's,	12	6	59	2	1	3	13	10	1			21	4	1	13				8	71	95 55	10 00		79 55
	Miscellaneous,		49	5	250	56	7	63	20	1			2	288	29	1	317		12	14		75				
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To the Clergy and Delegates
of the Thirty-First Convention,
and to the Clergy and Laity
of the Diocese of Illinois;
Greeting in the Lord:

Beloved in the Catholic Faith and Body
of Christ:

The Cathedral witnesses, for the seventh successive year, the assembling within its walls of the Diocesan Council. The spirit and acts of this body are those of the branch of our Church in this majestic State. We represent the whole; and in a deeper manner than our familiar title of social assembly would indicate. We gather with official trusts divinely constituted, which involve throughout spiritual claims and supernal energy. The form is the familiar franchise of our civil life. We have ventured, very boldly, to blend the Church's supernatural power and the authority commissioned from above, with that arising in popular will, individual right and corporate agreement. This constitutes at once our privilege and our danger. Our privilege, as it affords for the business of the Church, deliberative and executive, the concurrent action of the lay order with the clerical. It invokes and trains intelligent sympathy, practical experience, and fellowship in

work and charity. But it clears a broad area on which human impulse and the wisdom of the world may have more demonstrative sway than Godward reverence and dutiful allegiance. Hence, the tendency is natural to fall more and more into a popular tone of speaking and acting. We drift imperceptibly away from the fixed in the mystical body to the prudential and expedient in the fashions of the world. We esteem the Convention as a popular representative, having charge of the affairs of a voluntary association, rather than a Council of the Church, assembled in God's name and presence, where Clergy and Laity group around their spiritual Father, with filial counsel, and in a brotherhood, not "after the flesh," but in membership with the Headship of Christ. Because it is thus a "household of faith," we gather in God's own House. We unite in the common worship which blends us in functional sacrifice with the "Holy Catholic Church and the Communion of Saints." We receive the most precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, that "we may be filled with His grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him." This holy sacrament is the measure of our federation, and no one has place or right in the Council who is not privileged as one of the faithful who come to feed on the banquet of that most Heavenly food. The three distinct orders of the Bishop, the Clergy, and the portion of the Laity duly chosen as parochial representatives, meet in the dignity and privilege of their respective offices, as commissioned by the Lord. Nothing should be done but by their concurrence; nothing by the Clergy without the Laity; and nothing by the Clergy or Laity without the Bishop. Each and all must "magnify the office" thus imparted, by faithfully discriminating the

trusts, and solemnly separating himself from "common and worldly uses." He enters the Divine assembly God-commissioned, and illuminated by the Spirit to do his duty as far as possible, in "the wisdom which is from above." As the Bishop of Jerusalem, taught by the Holy Ghost analyzes it, as "first pure," free from the taint which stigmatizes that by which natural men are actuated, "the wisdom from below;" then "peaceable," not contentious; "kind," not intolerant; "gentle," not harsh and overbearing; but "full of mercy and good fruits." Clement of Rome, but little later, gives us fitting exhortation: "These things, therefore, being manifest to us, and since we look into the depths of the Divine Knowledge, it behooves us to do all things in their proper order, which the Lord has commanded us. Where and by whom he desires these things to be done, He, Himself, has fixed by His own Supreme will, in order that all things being piously done, according to His good pleasure, may be acceptable unto Him. Let every one of you, brethren, give thanks to God in his own order; living in all good conscience with becoming gravity, and not going beyond the rules of the ministry prescribed to him. Ye see, brethren, that the greater the knowledge that hath been vouchsafed to us, the greater also the danger to which we are exposed." I know not why I should shrink from repeating, in the ears of this honored council, the appeal of Ignatius, the martyr Bishop of the Colosseum: "Wherefore it is fitting that ye should run together in accordance with the will of your Bishop, which thing also ye do. For your justly renowned Presbytery, worthy of God, is fitted as exactly to the Bishop as the strings are to the harp. Therefore, in your concord and harmonious love, Jesus Christ is sung. And do ye, man by

man, become a choir, that being harmonious in love, He may both hear you, and perceive by your works, that ye are indeed the members of His Son. It is profitable, therefore, that ye should live in an unblamable unity, that ye may always enjoy communion with God."

ABROAD.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE.

The Convention of last year was antedated by the suggestion of the Standing Committee, in order to afford me the opportunity of being present at the Lambeth Conference invited by his Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to convene in the old palace on Tuesday, the 24th, and following days of September. Before leaving Chicago, I prepared, as a Pastoral Letter, in obedience to the resolution of the Convention, a Form of Prayer for God's blessing on the deliberations of the Council to be assembled at Lambeth, and the Divine protection for its members on their journeys by land and sea. Sailing from New York on the 5th, I arrived in London on the 16th, where many of my Episcopal brethren from the United States had preceded me. We found that a programme of business had been prepared and published, and a preliminary meeting to consider it assembled at the rooms of the S. P. G. on the 17th. The Archbishop presided, and important discussion took place on the order and subjects of our future deliberations. For the session of the Conference, I became the guest of his Grace, at Addington Park.

Through the personal kindness of the late Presiding Bishop, I had been selected to preach the opening ser-

mon. I made several earnest but ineffectual attempts to induce the venerable Bishop to fulfill this difficult duty himself, and his steady refusal to do so brought out still more the affectionate courtesy to myself by which he had been actuated. There was no premonition then that, after the close of the memorable assembly, I should see him no more on earth. The papers brought by the pilot as we neared the haven on my return announced the loss the Church had sustained. The whole Anglican body has sympathized with us, and spoken in eulogy of the distinguished Father, who united in himself such an extraordinary compass of knowledge, covering all the learned professions; who graced that abstract and scientific with his æsthetic nature, and cultivated under the impulse of it, music, painting, and architecture; who thought profoundly; wrote with laborious scope; spoke as the cultivated orator and the adroit debater; and who, through it all, carried clear and impressive the patient work of the ministry and Episcopal supervision even larger than the too narrow bounds in which it was officially cramped. All these gifts and accomplishments were united with the higher graces of a devout life.

With all the infirmities incident to such a bold and loving experiment, the Lambeth Conference may be considered a full success. Some of us appreciate this now, and see the circles already widening in symmetry from that impulse. But the time to weigh and appreciate its holy force and daring will not be in this generation. Far on in the influence of the Anglican Communion, when she stands more developed in her Catholic power and adaptive in her Catholic love, when she presses out aggressively, more and more, in her missionary strength, and lifts herself with broader significance as the centre

of the real unity of Christ's body, then will the thoughtful mind, tracing back the steps of the hallowed influence, find in the germinant event of September last the first real step in demonstrative unity since the Reformation. There is a reality now in the federated Anglican Communion; and infused as that world-girdling body is with the highest gifts, forces and instruments of modern civilization, what, through its elect means, may not God work!

It is inevitable that such a venture should meet with opposition and ridicule. It would have been a worthless thing indeed, if gathering in an age like ours, the infidelity of society had bandied no taunts; if the conflict of the temporal and spiritual in discipline had raised no cry; if the loose breath of popular theology had not shrunk from apprehension of a more defined doctrine and terminology; if the cautious wisdom and conservatism of the Establishment had not instinctively shied from the free, outspoken empiricism of our Branch; and, if over the minds of accurate learning and the timid hearts of well ordered devotion, there had not fallen some shadow from the untried movement. But the prudent reticence and godly wisdom of the assembled Bishops have disappointed some sinister forebodings and relieved the honest apprehension.

The time of the formal meeting, of three days, was very short, indeed, for what we were expected to undertake, and for much that we might legitimately have undertaken. The Conference assumed no functions of a General Synod. It assumed to enact no Canons binding even within the sphere of our representation. But it fulfilled what it proposed. We met with united prayers and praises common to us all. We partook together of the Holy Communion where White

and Provoost and Madison had been consecrated, before that altar whence a long line of English and Missionary Bishops have gone forth. We mingled in conscious and intelligent brotherhood. We passed resolutions prefaced with an introduction of weighty truth in behalf of our own position—"Bishops of Christ's Holy Catholic Church;" of prayerful anxiety for the divided condition of the flock of Christ throughout the world; and affirmed "the Faith in its purity and integrity, as taught in the Holy Scriptures, held by the Primitive Church, summed up in the Creeds and affirmed by the undisputed General Councils."

The action of main importance was the Encyclical, which, in accents of the Apostolic age, utters the old faith to which Apostolic Fathers could have set their hands, Polycarp, Augustine and Athanasius have cordially assented; and, at the same time, in its application of the old truths to existing states of the Church, the brave Fathers could have "seen as in a glass" the modified peril and struggles of the latter days. It is a clear echo from the past, familiar as our daily church life and thought. It is a reassertion of the ancient and unchanging with a living voice which commands attention and confronts obstructively the shallow indifference or rash innovation of modern inventions, startling them both into surprise and antagonism. "It is precisely because the letter says so little that it signifies so much."

But we shall greatly underrate the practical business scope of the Lambeth Conference if we do not carefully heed the results of the work of its learned and laborious committees during the interval from the first adjournment until the reassembling at Lambeth, on December 10th. In these reports are condensed opinions on the subject and functions of Synods; the

Constitution of a voluntary Spiritual Tribunal formed and now constituted—open to the assent of our branch of the Church; on the Courts of Metropolitans and for the trial of a Bishop; scheme for the election of Bishops; Missionary work and fellowship; and the prospective renewal of a Lambeth Conference more formally convened. With all the prudent or the cowardly reticence in the action of the body, as different temperaments may decide, the Report holds no doubtful language in regard to the Natal question and the discipline of the honored Bishop of Capetown.

The steady advance in the recognition of the spiritual excommunication, and the practical settlement of the question so far by the permitted consecration of a successor to the vacant See of Natal, is proof how much Church action in England has been influenced. We ought not to doubt, in a matter of such solemn and isolated importance, so ramified in its secondary relations, that the cautious delay, the breasting of difficulties, the modified expression of final judgment have all been full of instructive and bracing energy, as well as the training of godly patience and a clearer discerning of divine wisdom and grace.

The American Bishops who had been placed respectively on these committees, on one claim or another, left England shortly after the Church Congress. The loss of their distributed counsel was, of course, poorly supplied by my own efforts however assiduously exerted. With great courtesy, I was made a member of all the committees, and did not fail to meet with them and take part, after my ability, in the deliberations and the recorded results.

Although, in the adjourned and closing meeting of the Lambeth Conference, there was no minute discus-

sion of the detail of the subjects thus laid before it, yet the first seven were unanimously received, with the following resolution:

"That this adjourned meeting of the Conference receives the Report of the Committee now presented, and directs the publication thereof, commending it to the careful consideration of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, as containing the results of the deliberations of that Committee, and returns the members of the same its thanks for the care with which they have considered the various important questions referred to them."

They have been all published by authority and remain as "Institutes" for the future ordering, discipline and federation of the Anglican Communion.

I have not dared to linger on the emotions which throng upon me when I recall the Lambeth Conference, and the contact with the high and lovely characters, "the meekness of wisdom," the refinement of manner and debate, and the elevated social intimacies with which it made us familiar. As Bishops, we have all of us brought away sweet memories and conscious improvement; and as Bishops from a National Church so differently trained, and exercising our holy offices under incidents and forces so distant from the prescript order and complicated customs of a venerable Establishment, we have left behind us (our large hearted English Brothers themselves being the free witnesses) suggestive lessons of no stinted control for their anxious minds.

With some misgiving in yielding to the temptation, I venture to add a portion of a letter from that best of men, to whose wisdom, love and firmness the success of the meeting was eminently due.

Addington Park, Dec. 27, 1867.

Dear Bishop of Illinois:

May you have a safe voyage across the Atlantic, and may you find all in your Diocese at peace, and abounding in the fruits of the Spirit. For myself, I shall always look back on the Conference

as an important era in my life and Arch-Episcopate. I trust that it has tended to bind the different branches of the Church in our Anglican Communion more closely together in the bonds of brotherly love. The Encyclical, as I have heard from very good authority, is considered a very serious matter by Roman Catholics—English and Foreign; and some of them have said that the Church of Rome has never received such a blow since the Reformation. Then, the vehemence with which the infidel press has attacked the Conference plainly shows what importance they attach to the movement. Altogether, I trust, we may thank God, and take courage.

I must not conclude without thanking you for the important aid which you rendered to the cause of the Congress throughout. But for your voice in February I certainly should not have had the courage to invite our Brethren from the United States.

I am deeply thankful that I was permitted to do so, and it will be long before the pleasing recollections of my intercourse with so many of them can fade from my memory.

Believe me, dear Bishop of Illinois,

Your faithful and affectionate

Friend and Brother,

C. T. CANTUAR.

I append in sadness to this brief record of the Lambeth Conference my deep sense of the loss just sustained by our sister Church in Canada, through the death of the most Reverend Dr. Francis Fulford, Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan. He had a large share in all the action which eventuated in that Assembly. Deputed by the Canadian Church to secure a Conference between the mother at home and her Colonial children, his voice from an Oxford pulpit sounded the movement through England. He carried through the Church and society a constant impulse in its behalf. He opened with calm argument and earnest appeal the preparatory discussions at Lambeth. He brought back to his own Synod the official tidings of its convocation; recrossed the ocean and gave to its session, and especially to the committees, his wise influence; preached the sermon at the closing public services in the old Church by the Palace Gate-Tower, and then came back to his own people, like our Presiding

Bishop, only to die. I mourn him as a loved friend, and honor his memory as a true and judicious Prelate; who brought to his office ample scholarship, wise, firm and gentle temper, manliness and honor, with unostentatious fidelity to the principles and life of our Holy Faith. In the formative crisis of the Canadian Church, the exigencies of its internal state and the sudden transition to constructive independence of the Colonial Churches, Bishop Fulford was eminently the man to seize the occasion and develop its opportunity; firmly to assert rights, and calmly to wait for issues. The honored First Metropolitan of Canada will be long revered, and the fruits of his judicious rule and honest life will ripen in long succession. He will himself gather all manner of fruits on the River which floweth by the Throne of the Lamb.

There are a few incidents of my late visit to England, which I put on record as of some interest to you in the official Report, which it is my duty to make. From the Lambeth Conference I went to the meeting of the Church Congress at Wolverhampton, over which, among the last public acts of his honorable life, the late Bishop of Litchfield presided. It was the seventh of a series of annual meetings, originating at Cambridge, next at Oxford, and from there following successively Cathedral cities, until it found place in the large manufacturing town, plying its craft in the midst of the subterranean treasures of coal and iron which distinguish the "Black Country." Very impressive have these Conventions become, from the prelates, noblemen and distinguished laity that grace the platforms, and the crowded auditories of Christian vigor and refinement that attend the meetings. But among all of grace, talent and intellectual effort during its course, nothing

to me was more impressive as a token, than literally the thousands of operatives and plain men and women, that thronged the streets and the market square, only to see the procession as it filed into the Church for its opening services; and as we found them still waiting quietly and reverently a dense mass, for its exit. Oh, how I longed that a dozen of us could have stood in our lawn, raised in convenient places, on chair or stool, above that crowd, and thanked them by tender words of Christward appeal, for the trouble they had taken, and made it an hour to refresh their hearts through the sympathy of the Church with their reverent instincts, their need and temptations.

The successions of these Church Congresses; the range of subjects they freely discuss; the persons they bring into juxtaposition; the circulation through the ably edited reports of all said and done, and the free, hearty spirit in which the whole is conducted, constitute a most important agency and significant movement for the English Church. I should rate their influence very high as a safety valve for the escape of what it were dangerous to suppress, and a regulated force for popular advance. I know not whether we want, or could command, such a Church Congress among ourselves, but it is worthy of thought by wise observers of the signs of the times. We may involve something of the kind in a Provincial system.

I was permitted to speak on both the occasions of York and Wolverhampton, and should be ungrateful indeed, if I ever forgot the generous, enthusiastic welcome with which my off-hand efforts were greeted.

A week was spent at the Palace of the Bishop of Ely, who, as Dr. Harold Browne, has entered so deeply into the theologic training of our young men, through

his work on the Articles. I refer to this visit especially among many hospitalities, because it was framed to collect there a group of visitors, distinguished for their interest in the Italian Reform and relations with the Continental Churches and Swedish intercommunion. Mornings were spent in the free discussion of these topics with weight and order, with intelligent difference of opinion, presided over and favored by the calm and scholarly judgment of our host.

On Saturday, October 13th, I was honored, in company with several of my Brethren in the American Episcopate, with the Degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Cambridge. We felt it as graceful compliment, and another bond of brotherhood with English hearts. The grand old Colleges and grounds of the University; the Academic forms and dresses; the ceremonial in conferring the degree; our own appearance in the scarlet robes of the rank, were quaint and strange to eyes strained so perpetually forward, but without the repose of an ancestral background and hereditary associations. There was humor and reality in the courteously suppressed salute of the undergraduates in the gallery, "Three cheers for the Red Men of the Prairies."

On the 18th, I preached an Anniversary Sermon in Norwich Cathedral. On Sunday morning, November 17th, I enjoyed a similar honor, on the re-opening, with a series of magnificent services, of the Cathedral of Chichester, which had been beautifully restored, and lifted once again as a far beacon the majestic tower and spire, which, eight years before, had sunk suddenly into ruins.

On an after occasion, I preached and held confirmation in the Royal Chapel in the Savoy. The name and

locality are memorable in the Conference for the revision of the Liturgy at the Restoration. The present edifice, which was not long since damaged by fire, has been restored by Her Majesty, and on this occasion the rite of Confirmation was performed for the first time within its walls during its long existence, and this by the hands of a Bishop from the United States.

Dr. Lonsdale, the late Bishop of Litchfield, was a man eminent for scholarship, but far more for the purity and godly simplicity of his character. He had passed four-score, but with a vigorous frame, bright complexion, and a voice of steady compass, which filled the large Hall of the Congress.

I had the privilege of being with him at a public meeting in behalf of Middle Schools in the city of Stafford, on Saturday, October 20th. The Earl of Shrewsbury presided, and we sat on either side of him. The Bishop, during the meeting, pressed me to go home with him to his palace at Eccleshall, which, from an engagement in the neighborhood, I was obliged to decline. A short time after he passed a note urging me, beyond all fail, to be with him on the Thursday following. This, too, I was compelled to decline with unfeigned regret from the affectionate earnestness with which the invitation was urged.

The Bishop left the meeting at its close, and died suddenly at the dinner table the same evening; while Thursday was the day selected for his funeral. He had thus invited me to be present at both the hour of his death and of his burial. I am already the only survivor of the three then sitting together.

In a short visit to Holland, I sought an interview with the Archbishop of Utrecht, Primate of the Jansenists, who are more correctly designated as "The

Ancient Catholic Church of the Low Countries." I failed, however, owing to the absence of the prelate and my limited sojourn, to meet the "Successor of Willebrod."

They constitute a Communion of only six thousand souls; and while they adhere to some errors of the Roman Church (as the full invocation of the same Saints venerated in Rome), they are disowned by the Papacy and annually excommunicated, with severe prohibition against the recognition of them by "Catholics." They elect and consecrate their own Bishops of "Utrecht," "Harlaem" and "Deventer," in spite of the existence of Roman Bishops to supersede them on their own soil. They uphold the ancient Gallican Liberties with inflexible abnegation of Jesuit subtlety and Ultramontane domination, and adopt, as of authority, the Exposition of Bossuet. They encourage earnestly the circulation and the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and cherish with cardinal fidelity the inward influences of the Holy Ghost. As far back as 1713 the Clergy formally protested against the Bull "Unigenitus" of Clement XI., denying Divine Grace as necessary for salvation. The ancestral testimony is still vocal.

The Offices are translated into Dutch. The Scriptures in the vernacular are put into every hand, and the diligent use of them is sustained by appeal to Ambrose, Chysostom, Jerome and Gregory.

The Bishops have rejected with solemn protest "The Immaculate Conception," and cite Adrian VI., a Netherlander, against Papal infallibility.

Of the dogma set forth in the Bull "Ineffabilis," they speak in these distinct and indignant words:

"Prior to the eleventh century such a privilege of the Blessed Virgin was never, and nowhere known. Not the least trace of such

a sentiment is found in the Eastern and Western Churches. The Popes did not feel such a sentiment. Innocent III. and V. and Clement VI. express the contrary. Nothing can be extracted in favor of the Immaculate Conception from God's Word or tradition, therefore we affirm that it is branded on the forehead with the mark 'Novelty.' The Bishops of the Catholic Church were not at liberty to express their sentiments on this doctrine. No regard has been had to the opinion of the Prelates as a body, but only of those who went to Rome. The successors of the Apostles which were in office when you proclaimed this new doctrine, were either stupid, dumb witnesses, or else base flatterers; therefore with what contempt is the Episcopal dignity treated in an apparently respectable conclave!

"Most holy Father! with your leave be it said, in order to raise the Head higher than it should be, the most illustrious members of the body have been crushed. Thanks to God, we have not yet forgotten the rank we hold, and we therefore complain to you of the injustice done to us respecting it.

"Our Church has repeatedly expressed a desire for a General Council, and it appears that it is now needful to repeat this appeal, on account of a violation of the pledge of Faith, and on account of the injustice committed towards the Episcopacy at the time the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was established.

"That we should openly repudiate it is due alike to the dignity of our Office, to the Catholic Faith, and to the defenders of the Truth. We are fully convinced that nothing can be added to or taken away from the Faith, once delivered to the Saints. To us, as Bishops of the Catholic Church, is committed the undefiled keeping of that Faith."

It is a small and isolated branch of the Church, but in many respects it has been noble in its confession through long years of suffering, from the heroic devotion of the men and women of the Port Royal, hunted by Jesuit rancor even to death, down to the present hour of quiet unaggressive witness in Holland. Among the Divine agencies for the vindicated unity of the Church, we may esteem that they have been thus preserved as a remnant and purified by suffering for some honorable service, that, in the agitation through the corrupt portion of the Western Church and the movements towards emancipation and reform in its National branches, "the Catholic Church of the Low Countries" may rise a Leader and Guide, and assist in these latter days the restoration of purer Catholic Truth and Order.

In view of these issues, it is not a small thing to have stood for generations in loyal dissent from the Papacy; to protest against its dogmatic Infallibility; to assert Evangelical truths corrupted and obscured by Rome; and especially to circulate freely the Word of God, and encourage the people to read the Bible diligently and literally on their knees.

AGREED INTER-RELATIONS.

Through the intercourse of the Bishops at the Lambeth Conference, several important matters of our inter-relations have been settled, so far as each case admitted.

First among these was the formal understanding of "Letters Dimissory" reciprocal between the different branches of the Anglican Communion, and the preparation of a suggestive Form for the same where prescribed forms do not already exist. The material result in this arrangement is, that a Clergyman coming to this country from England or the Colonies, and remaining here sufficiently long to be admitted to any privileges of settlement, cannot, as heretofore, return unquestioned to his original domicile, while in the interval, often of several years' extent, his character may have been liable to impeachment. A Clergyman now cannot be received in the Church in this country without "Letters Dimissory," and having asked and presented such Letters, he cannot be received back to the Church from which he came without full and specific Letters Dimissory.

A second incident of the same kind was the acknowledgment of the duty and necessity on the part of the Parish Minister to give to Church Members of good character emigrating to the United States a proper certificate; and urge upon each emigrant member of the Church the obligation to present the same on arrival to some Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

the United States. This, whenever mentioned, met with hearty concurrence.

A third point (which obtained a favorable entry into the Conference, but which was not formally acted upon, owing to the immediate courteous response of the Lord Bishop of London that it should be recommended by his authority) was the introduction of the "Prayer for the President of the United States" —after that for Her Majesty and the Royal Family— in the Churches and Chapels on the Continent. A large number of Americans are not only as travelers incidental attendants at the English Chapels, but as residents become habitual attendants and liberal supporters. His Lordship has issued a Pastoral on this subject; and I am credibly informed that in sundry Continental Chapels the occasion for this spiritual fellowship has been cheerfully embraced. An English Church, which I consecrated in the city of Stockholm a year previous to the Lambeth Conference, incorporated a perpetual provision for the use of the Prayer, in consequence of the liberal gifts made by American residents, and their cordial relations to its interests.

RESERVED SUBJECTS.

From our federated Anglican Communion, thus demonstrated in the Lambeth Conference, it would naturally follow that there are subjects which might be considered specially to be confined to its authority and decision. To some of these I made allusion, in the opening discussion of the subject at Lambeth in February, 1867. Among them I placed, prominently, the Revision of the English translation of the Scriptures. We are well aware that much preparatory attention has been directed to this serious work, and that several monographs and critical reviews have been put forth

affecting the general question and its detail. We may admit, consistently with reverent honor for our standard Bible, the necessity of revision of the translation and perfecting of the text by the aid of the enlarged critical apparatus of the modern exegesis, if we aim to have the Word of God according to its full meaning and accurate expression. The expediency of undertaking it, at the present time, is the question really at issue. It admits, however, of doubt whether such a project of revision should ever be entertained by either National Church alone; it should be reserved to the Communion of the whole Anglican body.

In addition to the revision of the English translation of the Scriptures, I would include, as thus secluded for our federated relation, the Revision, authoritatively, of the text of the Creeds. The movement now in progress in this country for bringing that subject before the approaching General Convention, however interesting and important in itself, appears to me to be, so far, premature; and I trust that nothing will be done by that body authoritatively on the subject beyond, at most, the appointment of a Committee of Conference, to act jointly with a Committee, if such may be designated by the two Houses of Convocation in England, and by Colonial Provinces. The subjects entertained in the several Committees of the Lambeth Conference, and the harmonious decisions arrived at on the principles which should govern us in these relations, may tend to show how easy it will be to attain a very close correspondence, in entire consistency with our national liberty, upon all main topics of organization, discipline, and even, ultimately, of disputed doctrine. This, also, will, by and by, extend to our Foreign Missionary operations, and to all Church work extraneous to our

immediate Home demand. I know not why, also, the revisions of our respective books of Common Prayer—a subject now daily discussed in the English branch of our Anglican Communion—should not be, to a certain degree, a joint or combined work of the several branches of the Church, English, Colonial, and in the United States. This need not be with a view to obtain absolute uniformity, but to approximate as closely as would be consistent with the peculiar relations of civil government under which we may be respectively placed. All the great questions touching actual Communion with the old Churches of Christendom should also ultimately be referred to some federated tribunal. In consequence of the ruling made for the renewal of the Lambeth Conference, under circumstances of a more determinate character and organization, and with a more definite authority for legislation, the chance does not appear to me to be remote that there may ultimately be an organized General Council, as the prospects of closer fellowship may advance, between the historic Churches of Christendom and the faithful progeny of the ancient British foundations of the Apostles. This General Council, of course, would differ essentially in authority and character, both of convocation and of action, from those which we recognize under that name, and to which we defer as such high authority; and yet, at the same time, by the mutual intercourse and discussion of a body thus endowed with qualifications of the highest order for godly deliberation, and from their number and weight deserving so much moral power over the actions and opinions of the Church, it might reasonably be supposed that a marked effect would follow towards the fundamental unity of Christ's body.

THE UNITY OF CHRISTENDOM.

A restored unity in the broken estate of Christendom constitutes, in reality, the main and largely diffused subject of reflection and feeling all through our Reformed Catholic Church, and the Protestant bodies around us, and, I trust, is not without its effective interest within the Eastern and Western Churches. It is a subject on which we should reflect deeply, and in connection with its diffused interests and importance, we may recognize that there are many incidents, in themselves not perhaps of determinate importance, which assume an importance relatively from their connection with this great issue.

Everything seems to be tending, in the Christian world, intelligently or unconsciously, in an anxious or in a hopeful spirit, toward this sublime object, that the rent body of Christ shall be again restored to the condition of oneness designed by its great Author in His own mystical enunciation, that His Church shall be one, as He and the Divine Father are one.

Many of the important questions of the present day originate from this hunger of the Christian heart, and are affected by the pathetic but bewildered groping towards this crowning enterprise of Christian sanctity. We are exposed, as in all such complicated issues, to mistakes, misapprehensions, false principles, wrong aims, and dangerous extremes. The impulses of the heart must be sobered by the study of historic facts. It is certain, and this should be our calm standpoint, that no unity can at any time be purchased by the sacrifice of any essential truth of the precious Gospel, or any reality of that organization and discipline of Christ's visible Church which, established by him, has

been perpetuated, and is sustained by the full historical testimony of the Ante-Nicene Christian world, or down to the separation of East and West.

The question of unity separates itself at once into two great divisions — the one, the restoration of inter-communion between the Eastern and Western and Anglican branches of the Church which have existed from the beginning; the other, the reclaiming again those bodies of earnest Christians who, under one plea or another, have separated themselves from this Catholic order and, to a greater or less degree, from Catholic principles. In our efforts for the restoration of this ancient inter-communion, we come at once in contact with the two great branches of the Church under very distinct relations. Popularly we have regarded both the Eastern and Latin Churches as standing in nearly identical relations in the corruptions, as we esteem them, of Christian doctrine and worship. It is requisite, therefore, for a right progress in the matter, that we should understand, on our part, more distinctly and carefully than we have done, the real differences in doctrine, discipline and worship of the great Eastern Church, and especially of the active and energetic branch of that body brought so intimately in connection with us by social and political relations, known as the Russo-Greek.

In regard to the body known as the Roman Catholic Church, as I have had other occasions to express, I cannot at present appreciate how any movement can be legitimately made by the Anglican Communion toward unity or inter-communion with it, owing to the assumed supremacy of the Papal See, which has had a demoralizing and even a destructive force over the integrity of National Churches. Since the Council of Trent, this

and its adjunctives have placed that large Western Church under the just imputation of being in the self-elected position of both heresy and schism. I cannot comprehend how we can hope satisfactorily to approach the discussion of inter-communion in the face of such arrogant and unfounded claims of universal authority. I cannot appreciate anything above a mean truckling, in any scheme of reconciliation, when a body, thus falsely organized, stands in a relation peremptorily forbidding, from its very aggregation, an acknowledgment of error, any approaches to reform of such errors, and can scarcely be supposed to admit even the necessity for change without a disintegration of its present assumed organic condition. The paltering between Primacy and Supremacy is practically on our part a blinking of the awful scope of the falsehood.

In regard to the restoration of visible unity between the Christian bodies around us and ourselves, there is one principle which we must regard as fundamental in the matter — that no plan or purpose can possibly be consistent with the Divine Will, and with the reality of such a unity, which acts upon the basis that self-willed division is the normal or permissible state of the Church of Christ. We can never, therefore, entertain any plan which assumes as a basis the justifying or remaining in actual disunion though governed by the semblance of harmony, or blending of compromise; we must not content ourselves with being able to live with a certain fusion of courtesy, but with the allowance of these fundamental and permanent distinctions as consonant with the will and love of Christ. We can cultivate, however, a better spirit in regard to the matter than we have possessed. We may carefully examine the conditions existing, in a spirit of love which might tend to abate

not only the asperity of temper in holding those differences, but perhaps modify the sharp lines on which they have hitherto been fought out. These differences should be met in a spirit more truly approximate to that which may properly be called catholic. By this I do not mean that vague application of the term, making it only synonymous with latitudinarianism. But I mean that, instead of regarding the differences only in contact with existing relations and conflicting interests, each denomination should act independently, but definitely, to shape its organization and doctrine after the chosen model of the first three centuries to which Catholic Christendom so largely defers. Instead of treating the approximation to each other as an active conflict on doctrinal or ritual matters, in which one is to yield and be absorbed by the other to a greater or less degree, each should entertain the successive points as simple facts affecting the advance of its own individual organization.

Each Protestant denomination separated itself on some ground of a higher spirituality or more definite system. Each, in securing the main reform, abandoned, of necessity, much that was orderly and beautiful, and some things consciously of organic necessity. The history of every Sect shows that they try to regain these. If they do not, they "crumble into the dust and powder of individuality." No Christian denomination around us has retained its original form and spirit. They modify, insensibly, through social forces or the altered tastes of their own membership. They appropriate without stint the æsthetic, convenient, or luxurious, and very much of a higher import in the educated ministry, refined services, and breadth of social and religious influence. This is done in the very teeth of the original prejudices, and from imitation rather than from intelli-

gent conformity to a recognized standard. More and more they throw themselves back on historic forms and habitudes—the modern representation of a more churchly condition. They have all done this to a wonderful extent; and, while externally dignified by it, they have not abated the independent separation. It is obvious that for some time the more the denominations advance in conscious strength and churchly forms and ways, the more intense will be their independency, and the more manifold the subsidiary interests antagonist to any unity which conflicts with sectarian power. These radical changes, all but revolutionary if measured by the original strictness, have been freely chosen, are rapidly progressive, and have raised no internal discord of "Romanizing" or even of worldliness. Change, all but equivalent to overturn, has gone on in the direction of a more demonstrative churchliness, and the Christian bodies are proud of its effects.

But it has been permitted to slip along without a recognized standard or defined object. It has been a mere material thing, the growth of wealth and the spirit of the world. God, through it, however, may be working His own restored Unity and drafting combined strength for the Infidel onset. What is needed is, that this accidental and purposeless advance should rise to that which is thoughtful, scholarly, and reverential. Each Protestant body must work out its own destiny, "truthing in love," by trying to conform itself to true Catholic facts and spirit—to the probable and expedient, if not to the certain and imperative—as far, as wisely, and as lovingly, as it can. The Anglican Communion, from a very different stand-point, is doing the same. The Western and Eastern Churches have similar work; to verify and invigorate their Catholicity by the Ante-

Nicene ages, or the subsidiary period before the great separation. From different points of view, the whole modern Christian world needs devouter insight of the Age of Faith—its Facts and Feelings.

It appears susceptible of such proof that no one can reasonably dispute it, whatever may be the importance that may attach to the facts themselves, that, throughout the great branches of the visible Church of Christ, which claim historical succession, there is a correspondence or harmony in important particulars, from which the great religious bodies around us, though under various circumstances, are peculiarly dissevered. It cannot be doubted that these facts, now visibly sustained both in principle and in practice by nine-tenths of Christendom, have existed, as far as history can determine, unbroken from the beginning, and that to them we can, with the most emphatic truth, apply the test of Vincent of Lerins, *quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus.*

In the numeration of some of these principles, we would refer first to the three-fold organization of the Ministry, but especially to the order of Bishops with transferred succession and authority to govern from Apostolic times, with the sole power of ordination, and with recognized head-ship in the Church of Christ.

We may also mention, as another universal fact of Christendom, that the churches have held from the beginning, and to-day hold, as authoritative, the Creeds of the ancient Church, and since the great Council, whose name it bears, have invariably made their full and habitual public confession of the Articles of Faith in that which is known as the Nicene Creed. If we proceed further we find that all these branches of the Church hold the two Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, whatever surplusage may attach to the

holding of them by some with certain additions under the name of "Sacraments," but which, in reality, they themselves scarcely receive as more than simply "Sacramental" in comparison with the greater dignity, more peculiar authority and universality of application of the two above named. In the definition of these Sacraments, and of their influence and power as supernatural means and channels of Divine Grace, there has been a substantive agreement, though with differing terminology.

In the regeneration by Holy Baptism, in the spiritual and ineffable presence of our Lord in the Eucharist, with the mystical nutriment through His Body and Blood, as well as in the definition of the Sacraments generally, there is virtual concurrence in the accepted standards of the historical Churches, Eastern, Western, and Anglican, and including largely the Continental bodies in the same category.

In addition to this substantial agreement in Orders, Creeds, and Sacraments, the rite of Confirmation, or "Laying on of hands," as of Apostolic establishment, of perpetual use and authority in the Church, and to be administered by Bishops only, may be considered another generally admitted and consistent fact. In addition to these thus mentioned, we may proceed to the Order of Worship by a precomposed Form, a "Liturgy" in the popular acceptation, and affirm, that at no period at which we have known the organized relations of humanity to a religion of Divine authority or inspiration, have we found that acceptable or appointed worship has been rendered in any other way than by prescribed Ritual. Nor is it possible that worship, in its just and elevated conception, can render its comprehensive sacrifice without prescribed Ritual. That such

existed through the Jewish economy, there is no doubt. That it prevailed and formed a continued practice of the Saviour and the Apostles, we must equally admit; and at no time since, and in no branch of the Church of Christ, down to the time of the Reformation and the separation of those bodies, that, for want of a better term, we venture to call respectfully "Sectarian," has there ever been a departure from that mode of rendering our great common Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise, admitted by the Divine goodness, and accepted by Him as the unceasing offering of Militant Saintship, partaker of the Divine Nature, and in struggling training for Heaven.

I have thus alluded to five familiar facts, and the use which, in the recovery of normal substantive unity, I venture to make of them, is this: It is impossible that we can abate or abandon any of these facts without in reality separating ourselves from the Anglican Communion, and from the whole Catholic historic body of the past. In my judgment, as at present instructed, we could not do it without degrading ourselves to a mean unenergized sect. It would seem fundamental, then, in every movement on the part of the religious bodies around us to overcome the separation now existing, and to enable us to blend together in a closer fellowship, that there should be, on their part, a recognition and faithful loving study of these points of difference; and the removing of them, one after the other, as far as possible, by the authority and within the bounds of their own respective Communions.

I cannot look upon it as practically possible that there could be at once, under the most favorable circumstances of the spiritual movement in our hearts, a fusion of any one of the larger Christian bodies around

us with our own. To refer for example to the great Methodist body, as being so closely allied, in many respects, to the Anglican Communion, it could not be assumed to be even probable that there could be a modification so radical of discipline, spirit and habits of thought and action, without its involving such an undertone of indifference and laxity as would go far practically to endanger the fundamentals of our Faith, much more inducing the inevitable disturbance of our hereditary discipline. I do not, therefore, regard even as possible, and certainly would never justify it as a formal proposition, that there should be on the part of a body so large, so vigorous, so benevolent, so fully endowed, and, in some respects, so progressive as the Methodist Church in these United States, a renunciation of their distinctive position in order to become identified in name and organization with the "Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States." But, by our common principles of Gospel Faith and love, by the yearning of our hearts for the restoration of true unity, by the great necessities of Christ's Holy Church, so distracted and disturbed owing to the present enfeebled state of Evangelical Christendom, I would affectionately urge the important fact that they have within themselves the opportunity of drawing into still closer and fundamental relation with Catholic Christendom, without in reality affecting the immediate principles or peculiar practices that led to their original separation. Should they entertain the importance of the regular historical succession in the Episcopal office, which, in form, they consider essential to their organization, it would not be even then necessary that they should seek the communication of that office from our branch of the Church. There are Moravian and

Swedish successions, and if neither of those were by itself selected, there might be effected some combined arrangement from all the Protestant Episcopal bodies, which would impart to the Methodists themselves what would be recognized as, so far, a valid relation of their own Episcopal Government to the Reformed Catholic Church.

It is obviously within their power, and the power of every Christian body thus temporarily divorced from visible catholicity, but which body in reality holds and teaches the Articles of Faith as contained in the Creeds, to assume, confess and declare those Creeds as the fundamental symbols and unchangeable expression of their Faith. By a greater approximation through discussion, concession and Christian love, and large charity, with advanced historical knowledge, I can conceive, without the disturbance of the existent discipline (which, after all, differs less perhaps now from our own than the allowed Monkish Orders do from each other in the Roman unity), advance to such a condition of meetness for normal unity that the manifestation of it, in God's providence, may afterwards proceed naturally and quietly. Not a unity of compromise; not a unity that proceeds upon the basis of a real disunion; not that founded so entirely upon human expediency as to be liable to be overturned by every breath of human caprice or will; but a unity recognizing again the great purposes of Christ in his visible "fullness;" restoring the institutions as appointed by Him, which have been perpetuated through all disaster, difficulty and disorder. For this recognition of a real catholicity I feel that God is preparing each Branch of His Church, and the more ordered denominations around us, through discipline, social advance and voluntary assimilation.

RITUALISM.

In affinity with this subject of Unity is the movement popularly known as "Ritualism"—the source of much general agitation, and cause of deep anxiety to many thoughtful minds. By some it is esteemed as a self-willed and treacherous organized attempt to seduce the Anglican Church from her Reformed position, and reconcile her again to a mediæval alliance. Others regard it as a mere frivolous conceit, which can be ridiculed as millinery and foppishness, and arrested by sumptuary legislation. Multitudes reluct from it because it disturbs old associations, and portends changes untried and indefinite—which at least disturb uniformity of worship, and may cover false doctrine and disorder. There is ground for such apprehensions. Men may be found whose conduct justifies the suspicion of a direct Romeward purpose; and with others the exaggerated attention to the minutiæ of dress and ceremonial must be painful to a serious mind. It cannot be denied that the scope of the whole is doctrinal and affecting the sense and practice of the Church in the Sacraments, and the spirit and form of Divine Worship. But admitting all extremes alleged—the superficial aspect of pomp and decoration, and the sinister use which may be made of them by subtle and disloyal men—these do not comprise nor explain this deep movement as it aims at the expression of the highest truths, the retrieval of unheeded privilege, the vindication of spiritual rights, the quickening of the sacramental life, and the arrest of reaction and confusion, which have widely fostered indifference and unbelief. It is an avowed effort to define and estimate the position of the Anglican Church in reference to Christendom. It assumes to restore to her

privileges and sway that she has, at least, held in abeyance. It strives to enlarge sacramental occasions, as it deepens the reverence for the Holy Mystery. It elevates Public Worship and trains soul and body for the functional sacrifice. It grasps fuller detail of popular work, and the recovery of the masses to churchly discipline and love. It penetrates with devout ingenuity the low places of sin and suffering, and vindicates in God's house the equal rights of redeemed manhood. It has gathered to its work and its discipline numbers of intelligent, self-abnegated and deep-toned men and women. It has thrown around Christian Education attractive reality and beautiful power, and brought the training of the Church's children more in harmony with the Church's trust. Such things is "Ritualism" putting forth its hand to do. Differ as I may from what it teaches, or the manner of teaching, I dare not esteem it lightly nor crudely condemn it.

I may be bewildered and anxious as to where it shall all tend. I must be slow and obstructive in admitting its changes. I am consciously infirm in capacity to discriminate the evil from the good. But, whatever we may think of its æsthetic, symbolic, dogmatic, or sacramental issues—whatever of its work or spirit, of its aims or its tendencies—however the Church collectively may deal with it or its abettors, one thing is certain, that as the subjective under Wesley and the reassertion of the Kingship of Christ in the Oxford movement, so this is to enter permanently into our Church's life, struggle and discipline. May we all have wisdom and love to deal with it aright, as it affects the estimate of our position in connection with the rest of Christendom and with our primitive heritage; but much more as it affects the vigorous development of the inward powers and

energies of the Church in this cultivated age, and in conflict with the subtle and intelligent and rampant forces of modern civilization.

OBITUARY.

Besides the loss of the Senior Bishop, the Episcopal College misses another member in the death, on the 20th of April, at his residence in St. Louis, of the Rt. Reverend Cicero Stephens Hawks, D. D. I attended his funeral on Friday, the 24th, and made an address commemorative. The Bishops of Iowa and Kansas assisted in the solemn services.

Two Clergymen have died, connected with our own Diocese.

The Rev. John T. Worthington, D. D., who had been identified with the Diocese for a long period. As a Layman he assisted in its organization, and as a Minister shared its early struggles; to all of which he contributed good power of mind and attainments. Dr. Worthington was formerly rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville, afterwards had charge of some Missionary places in Missouri, but returned a few years since to Pittsfield, where, as his health would permit, he has rendered Pastoral and Missionary service.

The Rev. Dr. McCullough, I learn by the papers, has deceased, but have no specific intelligence of the sad event. Dr. McCullough represented Delaware in the General Convention. In this State, he was settled in Lewiston, where he is remembered with great respect as an able writer, intelligent pastor and devout Christian gentleman.

The Rev. C. H. Albert, who has recently ended his earthly ministry (by an accident) in the Diocese of Arkansas, was for some years at Kankakee, and other places

in this Diocese. An appeal has reached us from Bishop Lay, in behalf of his wife and little children, the response to which, in your generous appropriation of the Communion Offerings at the opening services, amounting to one hundred dollars, will be welcomed as an act of tender fraternal remembrance.

Since this address was penned, we have been startled to learn that the Rev. HIRAM N. BISHOP, D. D., Rector of St. John's, in this city, has died suddenly in the French Capital, while absent for some months of recreation in European travel. The Resolutions of the Convention, yesterday, expressed with discriminating eulogy the sense of his vigorous work, indomitable energy and generous impulses. He worked with zeal and success. Many loved him deeply, and especially the poor and lowly. Hundreds will mourn over the loss of him as of a Spiritual Father, and the Church which he founded will be a lasting memorial of his indefatigable ministry. The call of his Master has been sudden. It found him flush with the excitement and diversion of European travel. He bowed down to die in the midst of strangers and away from household loves. But the Lord will remember according to the greatness of His mercy, and not wipe out the good deeds which he hath done for the house of his God, and in the offices thereof.

CONSECRATIONS.

Three Bishops have been consecrated:

The Right Reverend FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Assistant Bishop of Virginia;

The Right Reverend JOHN WATKINS BECKWITH, Bishop of Georgia; and

The Right Reverend WILLIAM HENRY AUGUSTUS

Bissell, who has succeeded the Presiding Bishop in the Diocese of Vermont.

I had the opportunity of signing the testimonials of three of these, but owing to absence, was not formally asked to decide on the somewhat difficult case of the Assistant Bishop of Virginia, to which the Standing Committee of this Diocese, concurring in this action with some others, refused their consent on Canonical grounds.

My arrival in New York afforded me, the day after, the opportunity of attending a meeting for the choice of a Bishop of Oregon. The hand, however, that penned the call for that assembly was in the grave. The election on that occasion of the Reverend Doctor Paddock proved unsuccessful, from his declinature of the office, in consequence of some doubt in regard to a Canonical majority. The Canon on that subject is obscure, and revision may be necessary, in consequence of the discussion which has grown up in connection with its application to these late cases.

DISCIPLINE.

From the Ecclesiastical authorities of other Dioceses in Disciplinary Notices, the following cases of deposition have been received:

George T. Williams, Presbyter, from Bishop Johns, of Virginia;

George W. Leddenham, Presbyter, from Bishop Stevens, of Pennsylvania;

W. K. Rodgers, Priest, from Bishop McIlvaine, of Ohio;

George H. Williams, from Bishop Odenheimer, of New Jersey; to which I add,

John Niglas, LL. D., M. D., deposed by myself.

THE SOUTHERN CHURCH.

This portion of our body requires our sympathy and assistance from its suffering and depression. Frequent claims, in different forms, have been made upon the Bishops and individuals in our Northern Dioceses, and, although the relief thus afforded may be inadequate to the great need, it has been bestowed with liberality and a deep feeling of sympathy. They are, themselves, manifesting strong energy and power of recuperation, and pathetic endurance. With the broken materials in their hands, and the present disorderly state of their resources, both of men and means, they are exerting themselves vigorously to retrieve their past estate. Their losses by the war have been such in character and amount as must take them a long time to restore. From the general reports which we have received, and from the careful one drawn up and printed in the Diocese of South Carolina, we may form some approximate idea of the extent of dilapidation and destruction for the Church which has occurred in the progress of our conflict. In that Diocese alone, it appears that ten Churches have been burned; that three have disappeared; that twenty-two Parishes are suspended; that eleven Parsonages have been burned, and that every Church between the Savannah River and Charleston has been injured—some stripped of their weather-boards and flooring; that almost every Minister in that region of the State has lost his home and library; that along the entire sea-board, from North Carolina to Georgia, where our Church had flourished for more than a century, there are but four Parishes which maintain religious services, that not one outside of Charleston can be called a living, self-sustaining Parish; that their Clergy

live by fishing, farming, and the mechanic arts; that almost every Church whose history appears on this record has lost its Communion Plate, often a massive and venerable set, the donation of English or Colonial ancestors.

The Diocesan funds have shared the fate of all Southern investments. In that Diocese alone the total amount invested in the Diocesan funds was $184,000. Many of the older Churches hold bonds and stocks as Endowments, and from partial returns these losses amount to $98,000.

The pecuniary loss might be repaired, but no hope remains of speedy restoration to the original prosperity of the Church. May we be enabled to show, in liberal works from the North, our fraternal anxiety to repair this desolation, and with prayers and alms vitalize the sympathy which our hearts must feel, in unison with the concluding paragraph of the report:

"May the God of all grace grant us in faith and patience to see the building up of the waste places of Zion. Comfort us again after the time that thou hast plagued us, and after the years wherein we have suffered adversity. Show thy servants thy work and their children thy glory. Oh, prosper thou our handy-work."

But besides the material desolation that is recorded, there is another branch of religious suffering challenging the intense interest of our Northern Churches. It is the condition of the colored race, in view of the religious depreciation, so painfully apparent, which has taken place among them. The testimony that we have on that subject, from sources it is impossible to question, presents a condition of moral as well as physical suffering which our utmost efforts will scarcely be able to arrest or repair. In the same Diocese to which I have alluded, in 1860 the whole number of colored communicants was nearly three thousand, and there have now been

reported only about three hundred. In most cases, in exchange for the careful training of our Clergy, they are left to the blind guidance of ignorant and sometimes vicious preachers, of their own class and color. But beyond all this, testimony comes to us from several parts of the South that among the colored race there is apparent a tendency to relapse into heathenism! The belief in false prophets, priests, confessors, sorcerers, and other forms of African superstition, has revived to the ruin, in body and soul, of its deluded victims. Exercises of this kind have been narrated to me exhibited at funerals of hideous noise and wildness, and under the excitement of religious worship, acts of systematic lewdness and criminality. The summary of the testimony in the report which I have just quoted is to the following effect:

"Their religious deterioration is painful. They have forsaken the way which they had learned and taken to themselves teachers of their own color; fanaticism and extravagance rule in their religious assemblies to such an extent as to require the aid of the military to keep order and repress violence. There are indications of a return to African barbarism; there are no religious services re-established on Waccamaw; the planters are bankrupt; their houses despoiled, their costly libraries torn to pieces or shipped to Northern ports. What good the Lord may work out of the present confusion we know not. To human eyes the present state of things is only evil to both races which inhabit these beautiful shores. Hundreds of these same colored persons were communicants of our Church; thousands of colored children recited the Catechism, and answered as intelligently as any of their ages in Europe or America, and the Lord's work seemed prospering and sure. Alas, for the change in five or six years!"

Heathendom in one form or other is planted in our midst. It would be well if we could concentrate all our strength for a time to grapple with it.

DIOCESAN.

I have rarely been able to refer with more satisfaction to the state of my Diocese than on the present

occasion. On all sides indications are presented of a hearty work steadily progressing, and the blessing of God on the efforts and gifts of His people. If I venture to refer the rather to points of deficiency, it is not because there is need of rebuke for special unfaithfulness or of depreciation in the success which God has vouchsafed us. Still, in view of so much remaining undone—of such a vast field to be tilled—of such pressing necessity for exertion—my mind is filled with anxiety to do all in my power to rouse the Diocesan Church to greater anxiety and effort to fill the measure of its holy mission; to more commensurate liberality for the work, and that sincere co-operation out of the breadth and sacrifice of which alone can come permanent success and strength. One of the most painful matters that meets us in our Diocesan history is that we are doing nothing in the way of permanent institutions. Outside of the immediate claim for work of that kind, and the direct results from every united effort in education or charity on the objects themselves, there is in a Diocesan effort the secondary effect to bind and develop our Church fellowship. I fear that in this respect we compare unfavorably with other Dioceses of the same age. It is a sad loss to us—apart from all the deficiencies in absolute duty and forfeiture of powerful means that such destitution must involve. It is a condition that never can exist without indicating some constitutional defect. There must be a want of a spirit of co-operation, some mistaken selfishness, which prevents us doing our duty in our more expanded relations, owing to the pressure (which will always exist, under the most favorable circumstances) of the wants and claims of the individual Parish.

JUBILEE COLLEGE.

If we look at our educational efforts—turn our eyes to that institution founded by my predecessor and handed down as a trust to me and to you, what account can we render of it? Efforts on the part of those having custody of it have been unceasingly made, not only to preserve its remaining property, but in every way, through me as the exponent of the wishes of the trustees—as the representative of its interests—as its chief officer—to urge upon the Church its fundamental importance to Diocesan wants and claims. We have not only presented the sterling and even piteous suffering claims of the institution itself, but have proposed various plans and modifications and placed it, again and again, at the disposal of the wiser conduct and more liberal support of the Convention; but I am constrained to say, that, with all this effort, and the lapse of so many years, nothing has been done to secure for the Diocese a distinct and honorable place of Christian education.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

In relation to female education we have scarcely fared better. Private efforts have been made, sustained as far as could be by my own personal or official exertions, which hitherto have unfortunately failed. We are now making another effort of a similar kind, and present to the notice of the Diocese St. Mary's School, at Knoxville. Circumstances of a peculiar kind have enabled us to secure the premises in that place, known as Ewing Hall, on the most favorable terms. It is now open for the purpose of receiving those who desire to avail themselves of its advantages. At the head of this Institution is placed one who, though young in years, has relatively matured experience in the matter of education, and in character and his clerical position is

fully prepared to impart to it the deep tone of gospel life. Once, again, an effort is thus made and is pressed upon the patronage and sympathy of the Church.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

There is some advance, I am thankful to say, in Parochial Schools. Several have this year been opened and established. Not, indeed, in the larger and wealthier Parishes, where we might have expected and demanded them, but in Parishes even of recent origin, and where the zeal of the people has outstripped the abundant means and more stable foundations of our older bodies. In the city in which we are now meeting I do not know of a single Parochial School. I do not know that the Church is, strictly speaking, properly educating one of her dear children; but I do know that it is stated that the Roman Catholic Church has ten thousand children under her charge and religious culture, while we have not one. A fact like this should not only speak to our hearts in an appeal for a higher and more devout culture, but should startle our deepest interests as citizens in the social relations in which we are placed, which demand so imperatively that to the training of the young head — and that often now done only in a partial and vain manner — there should be added the discipline of the heart and the instruction of the affections, the God-ordained preparation of the whole nature, for the great struggle of life and the exercise of the important privileges and duties of our free birthright.

SISTERHOODS — ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

Among the public institutions which the claims of religion have evoked in parts of our country, and which I can see no reason why we should not be active in securing, are SISTERHOODS, as places of training and work for the discipline and employment of a certain

number of the female members of our Church who desire to devote themselves to her service, and to secure some form of honorable engagement, with that spiritual direction and sustenance in such work, the want of which has for so many years created the awful waste of some of the best resources and the most effective means which God has put into our hands.

The infirmities and sufferings of the body afford to the Church the most favorable occasion to minister effectively to the wants of the soul, and of blending together the two elements of a just Christian charity in the care of the suffering body, and watchful tenderness for the immortal spirit.

A Hospital has been established, with active zeal, by one of the Congregations of this city, and bears the name of honor and encouragement as "St. Luke's." It is doing a generous and devoted work, with anxiety and sacrifice on the part of its active supporters, perhaps greater than if its scope were larger and the appliances more commensurate. It is yet without the buildings and furniture of an effective hospital, and falls far below what, as a City and Diocese, we should be doing for the mass of suffering constantly renewing around us. May it serve to shame and quicken our corporate benevolence.

The Report, which is officially presented to me each year, shall find place in full on our Journal. I have here only to say that its receipts have been $5,689 and its expenditures $5,753, of which amount nearly $3,000 came from Grace Church alone.

The Medical Report is as follows:

House Patients admitted	177
Discharged	123
Eloped	3

Died	8
Remaining September 1st	13
Births	16
Of these patients were—	
Males	104
Females	73
Of these were—	
Natives of the United States	57
Foreigners, (principally Irish,)	120
Their Religious training has been as follows:	
Churchmen	43
Romanists	63
Presbyterian	15
Methodist	11
Lutheran	11
Baptists	5
Jewish	2
Congregationalists	3
Quaker	1
Spiritualist	1
Second Adventists	2
None	20

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF CLERGYMEN.

In connection with this same subject, I beg to refer to another point more immediately affecting the welfare and interests of those I am addressing. There is no provision, in this Diocese, for the widows and orphans of the deceased Clergy. Other Dioceses have adopted plans of Life Insurance and cognate means to effect this important object. We have never moved in relation to it. Hitherto, by God's grace, there have been few among us of the class which I have specified—a form of bereavement in many respects meriting, more than any other, a peculiar sympathy. No Clergyman, I may safely say, is able to make through the avails of his ministry any pecuniary provision for his helpless orphans or widow, if in the more active portion of his life he should be taken from among them. And the change is a dreary one under such loss, for not only s

there the ordinary grief and the ordinary trials of maintenance, but the necessary loss of that social position and consequence which have been the privilege of the wife and family through the acknowledged official character of the husband and father. While no case occurs to me immediately demanding relief, yet in this respect anticipative provision should be made. It must be made in an accumulated form before the case occurs, and can only be organized by the association of the Clergy themselves, creating as it were a vested interest in the benefits of their own foresight.

In the same connection I venture to urge that more attention should be paid by the Parishes to insure the lives of their Rectors. If this were done, it would perhaps be the best way of securing the object already mentioned. The frequent changes occurring in that relation certainly present difficulty in the proper exercise of this protective care. The changes in the ministry may render abortive or unprofitable the expenditure forfeited by the change of domicile and relation on the part of the incumbent. Still, in the large diversity of proposals of the various Insurance Companies, I am sure that it would be easy to establish such a condition as, by the payment of certain sums annually on the part of our respective congregations, the Rectors of these bodies might have in some way or other permanently secured to them this resource, or at least if the contingency of death should occur during his official connection with that specific Parish.

RURAL DEANS.

The last Convention unanimously passed the following resolution:

"That this Convention hereby recognizes and adopts the system of Rural Deanries as set forth by the Bishop in his Address, and recom-

mends the Bishop to carry the same into practical operation in this Diocese, so far as may be consistently done in our present legislation, and bring the whole for confirmation before the next Annual Convention."

In obedience to this resolution, I have acted directly for its fulfillment. The Diocese has been divided into seven districts, to constitute separate Deanries, under the following titles, and in each district has been appointed a Rural Dean, subject to the approval of the Convention:

The Northern Deanry, the Rev. Dr. RYLANCE;
The North Western Deanry, the Rev. Dr. CHASE;
The Eastern Deanry, the Rev. Dr. MORRISON;
The Middle Deanry, the Rev. Mr. JACKSON;
The Western Deanry, the Rev. Mr. CORBETT;
The South Western Deanry, the Rev. Mr. ABBOTT;
The Southern Deanry, the Rev. Mr. COE.

A list of the Counties included in these several districts is appended to this Address.

Instructions have been issued to them in regard to the duties and relations of the office, of which I present a copy:

DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.

TO OUR BELOVED IN CHRIST,
THE REVEREND ———,
RECTOR OF ———:

WHEREAS, It has been thought fit, after deliberation by the Annual Convention, to establish in this Diocese the ancient use of *Rural Dean*, with a correspondent district assigned to said officer, within which he may exercise such administration and superintendence for the maintaining and furthering of Clerical Communion, and for the local advance of the Church, as may be consistent with the established polity of the Diocesan Church, the vested rights of its Clergy and Parishes, and in due obedience to its Ecclesiastical Authority;

WE, THEREFORE, having confidence in your piety, diligence and prudence, DO HEREBY appoint you, our well-beloved Presbyter, as RURAL DEAN of the ——— DEANRY, composed of the Counties of ——— inclusive, subject to the confirmation of this appointment by the next Annual Convention of the Diocese.

And we do affectionately exhort you to use all right endeavors, in full co-operation with the faithful Clergy and Laity within your Deanry, to promote the extension of the Church; the fellowship of the Ministry; the love and activity of the Lay members; systematic and liberal gifts and oblations; the building and improving of places of Public Worship; the securing and improving of Parsonages and Glebes; the organization of new Parishes and Missionary Circuits; the employment and the provision of Lay Readers under our license in places destitute of the Ministry, and as helpers to the Clergy; the provision of itinerant duty by the settled Ministry or others; the larger circulation of a wholesome Church Literature, and all like godly efforts which the zeal and wisdom of the Clergy and Laity within your Deanry may, from time to time, contrive and sustain.

This office is to be held by you during the good pleasure of the Bishop and the Convention, and so long as you, the Rural Dean, shall remain a settled Minister in good standing within the District for which you are thus appointed.

It shall be your duty to keep us—your Ordinary—duly advised of matters affecting the well-being of the Church within your Deanry, and of the plans and operations for the advance of the several objects above indicated.

HENRY JOHN WHITEHOUSE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

The efforts that have been made to carry out the duties—mainly, of course, Missionary in their character—have been attended, in several of the Deanries, with encouraging results, and, from all that I have seen, it will prove the most efficient organization that we have hitherto had for the spread of the Church and the development of local interest; and the greater centralization and expansion of it from the stronger centres. It distributes fairly these centres of action; it places some one to direct that corporate influence; presents a constant means of communication with the Bishop; affords him minuter information as to wants and progress, and more advised appeal to the Diocesan agencies. We therefore present this action—the present division of the Diocese into the respective Deanries and the confirmation of the officers appointed in them, to the hearty approval of this Convention.

This relation of Deanries may have the effect to render proper certain modifications in the Missionary Board of the Diocese. Under any circumstances, the Deans will be proper organs of communication with the Board of the want of their respective districts, the recommendation of the stations themselves, and the circumstances bearing upon the intelligent selection of our places of labor, and the proper amount for their sustentation. Whether, in consequence, the Deans themselves should be attached to the Missionary Board, is a subject for the consideration of the Convention. My present impression on the subject is, that it would be advantageous that the Board should be thus increased by the addition of these officers, and that, in the organization for business by the Board in its General Meeting, provision may be made that the executive business be entrusted to a smaller Committee appointed by the Board itself, and resident as near to the Bishop for convenient convocation as can be with propriety.

In our Missionary work at large, I may safely refer you to the able and full report which will be presented by the Board to whom you have entrusted that work. It will exhibit a large amount of action and success through the year, and show some striking facts in relation to the enhancement of our pecuniary means by the vigorous meetings which have been held at different points by calling upon the Clergy and Laity from various parts to assemble there for concerted action. Our most hearty thanks are due to a number of the Clergy and Laity who, at considerable personal sacrifice, have concurred in this effort of the Committee, and have rendered to them able aid. In the same spirit which, while appreciating the benefits and admiring the spirit of the efforts, I have alluded to our Diocesan deficiencies,

I must be permitted to express some apprehension that I entertain in regard to the present form of our Missionary exertions. Effective as these have been for the last two years in rousing a spirit, in collecting an amount more commensurate with the means and wants of the Diocese than heretofore, I cannot but regard the plan itself as partaking too much of that which we are accustomed to consider spasmodic, too slightly connected with the systematic Parochial efforts of which, at last, permanent results can be alone safely predicated. This systematic collection, extending to every individual, I really consider the normal duty and privilege of our Churches. It is what the New Testament specially directs—the laying by each week, or at small stated periods. It is the law of all true charity, and the most reliable source of offerings to God for the support and propagation of the Gospel, whether in personal gifts or Parochial responsibility.

There will be difficulty in securing the services of the Clergy themselves sufficiently to render certain to any degree the continuance of these Missionary Meetings appointed by the Board, occurring, necessarily, oftentimes with opportunity only of short notice. The resolution of the Convention on which the claim upon them is rested, appears to have regard to another form of work, and one that I should feel extremely unwilling to see modified or changed to such an extent as to rob me of the privilege of claiming and applying it. The Clergy, at the direction of the Bishop, are to give a certain amount of their time for the supply of vacant Parishes and of Missionary stations. The late resolution indicates one Sunday per month, at such stations as the Bishop may direct. The object of this is to employ with greater breadth the work of our Parochial Clergy,

to obtain from them a Sunday's ministering services in the destitute but still, perhaps, promising places for the Church which may be known to the Bishop or lie around the particular cure of the Clergyman. In this way, to a certain extent, rightly employed, the whole body of the Parochial Clergy constitute a Missionary force at the disposal of the Bishop, and with the amount of it indicated in the resolution above, would obviously afford a very large energy for extending the Church and fostering it in places at present too weak to secure a more permanent supply.

The appointment of Rural Deans, and the consequent division into Decanal Chapters, combined with the employment of the Clergy attached to them in specific Missionary work, would also necessarily absorb a considerable portion of the time, which now, under the most liberal construction, a Parish would be willing to allow to its Rector, apart from his own immediate obligations. Under these circumstances, I cannot look forward to sustain, and am hardly prepared to affirm, the expediency, in conflict with those more direct applications of our clerical force, of the incidental meetings which have been called by the authority of our Missionary Board. That such concentrated meetings are effective—nay, I might almost say indispensable—for a certain part of the work, I cannot doubt; but I have no doubt they can be better managed in our Rural Decanal Chapters, and with their direct aggregate force more locally employed and concentrated.

The Missionary Board has turned its attention, in a limited degree, to the work known as Colporteurage. During the preceding year the Rev. Mr. DeWolf entered upon this work, and accomplished it, as far as he was able to go, with marked success; and although

his efforts were suspended in consequence of the more immediate claims of Parochial and Missionary duty, yet at the same time it illustrated in his hands the two great principles that must govern us in such undertakings: first, that as far as possible there should accompany this sale of books the ministrations of the Divine Offices through the parts of the State where the Church is not yet planted, and where its scattered members still cherish in love and hope their attachment to her services and reliance on her teaching; secondly, that whatever may be the benefit of the distribution of religious literature in its broader character, ours at this time and in these circumstances is not the province to fulfill it. Our duty strictly and exclusively should, in this branch of Diocesan work, be limited to circulating Church literature—that which rests not only upon the sanction of the Church in the source from which it emanates in publication, but actually contains within itself the teaching of her distinctive principles, the explanations of her services, and vindication of her against mistake and popular perversion, to secure the direct advance, in Church intelligence and life, of those into whose hands it should be put.

With regard to the subject of Missions I have another important observation. The Bishop is more than technically the Head Missionary of the Diocese, and has more direct responsibility for the conduct and administration of the whole of that work than perhaps under certain present disadvantages he is enabled to meet. I appreciate the cordial co-operation pledged by the Missionary Board, in the language of their own resolution, "with him who is by office the head of this branch of Church work in the Diocese." But with all concurrent sympathy and readiness on the part of the

Missionary Board to comply with suggestions, it nevertheless happens that there are portions of the work and many tentative operations of equal importance which the Bishop cannot effectively administer. The nomination of Missionaries is of course, and properly, entirely in his hands. In the appointment of them he acts with the Missionary Board. Machinery like this renders inevitable a certain amount of delay in the fulfillment of the definite arrangement, and implies a formed and realized condition to a certain extent in the station over which the Missionary is to be appointed. Some of the most promising efforts scarcely admit of such an immediate application. They must be tested and nursed up and combined before they can have the formal action of the Board. In the course of my visitations I may have the opportunity of officiating at a point or points in my Diocese where the Church hitherto has not reached, and find during that visit indications of a promising opening of an Episcopal Congregation. It is obvious, however, that such must be regarded for the time as simple information—good as far as it goes—and the Bishop should be provided with such Missionary auxiliaries and means of commanding them as would warrant and enable him immediately to send to that point some Clergyman capable of carrying on and fostering the work, and of acting under the direction of the Bishop in such an arrangement of adjacent localities as might bring it to a condition in which it could be offered to a Missionary for his acceptance, or permanently presented for the stipend of the Board. The Bishop now has in reality no actual means within his control. He has nothing entrusted to him for the great work bound upon him by his office, and acknowledged by the judgment of the whole Church. I feel myself,

therefore, pinched, I may say, dishonored, in these relations.

If I refer to the gratifying resolution in regard to the Cathedral, which shows in its form such a just appreciation of its character, I may perhaps be at liberty to suggest more definitely the remedy for this condition—for this powerless, infirm attitude in which I am placed—and which exercises a depressing effect over my own impulses. The resolution of the last Convention says:

"The Cathedral should be in some sort a representative institution of the Diocese—a grand and living witness of the truth and order and the charities of the Church."

"This diffusive Missionary agency is the inalienable office of a Cathedral Church."

The Cathedral, then, should afford a legitimate instrument, in some form or other, for the Missionary action of the Bishop himself, and the staff of Clergy and Deacons attached to it should be such as to allow him, for any exigencies in the mixed population immediately around him, and in the remoter parts of his Diocesan charge, at all times and on all occasions, instruments for the immediate calls and claims which, in his judgment, may arise, either to test the existence of the real need, or to provide for that need, wherever it should be found to exist. I ask, therefore, from the Convention the direct trust of means for Missionaries under my own direction and charge, and that an amount of two thousand dollars may be assigned to me for Missionary work in connection with the Cathedral or otherwise, during the ensuing year. I feel assured that thus vested with present means, however inadequate they may prove to their real exigency, I shall be able to open sources and develop feeble, germing beginnings, to

supply temporarily the needs of places in a manner effective for the glory of God and for the well-being of the Church under my administration.

There are some points, also, of our administration of the fund as remitted to our Missionary Board, upon which it appears to me the Convention itself should speak, in the way of instruction.

A source of difficulty in our Missionary operations arises from the fact that we have no security that the Missionary appointed will remain at his post, or that the Congregation or Circuit to which he is appointed will continue to sustain him during the year. Hence, it happens, that arrangements made, involving the current year at least, but also with the idea of continuance of support through successive years, if necessary, for the full establishment of the Church, are broken up at the end of two or three months, and the amount that has been given and expended becomes, in reality, mere loss and disappointment. It appears to me that one regulation, fundamental for the bestowal of the Missionary stipend, should be a condition on the part of both Minister and Parish, that the tie should be considered indissoluble during the current year, unless the Bishop, on statement of special incidents, should himself recommend that dissolution.

Another difficulty in the administration of our funds is rightly to discriminate the manner and the amount of their proper application. There are two objects, as I have frequently observed, which evidently conflict in our Missionary work—that which properly belongs to Missionary advance, and that which is a Pastoral aid to enable Parishes to call their Clergyman and to pay more salary than they are able, of their own means, to promise. Both of these objects are worthy of the constant

sympathy and benefaction of the Diocese. Without aid, our weaker organizations cannot be supposed to be able to sustain the services of a stated Pastor. But the difficulty is to decide how that addition to a Parochial salary should be regulated. Instances occur in which it is desirable, for Parochial advancement, to secure for the place, or for the neighborhood, the services of a man of more distinguished mark and talents, or who, from family relations, may demand larger salary than it is possible for the Parish inviting him to pay. In several cases, we have then stepped in for aid and benefaction, and an amount of several hundred dollars has been allowed discretionally by the Board to raise that salary to an amount beyond the average of the salary the Parish had hitherto paid or other Missionaries are receiving. It appears that some specific sum should control our Missionary aid, and that the Diocese should direct that whenever the salary of a Missionary attains a certain maximum, then Missionary benefaction should be withdrawn, if previously given, or should not be appropriated on the application.

In our work of itineracy there will be necessary modification, and I think a far greater degree of efficiency secured through the division into our Decanal districts. It is a form of work of great importance in its broader seeking and venturesome effect. It requires to be kept, however, within such limits as may render really efficient the labor of the Missionary for the planting of the Church. There is danger of attempting too large districts, and there is a tendency to forfeit, in the largeness of the area, the effective results which such labors might be expected to attain. In each of the Deanries provision may be made for work of this kind, and the assignment and relation of it being

in the hands of the Chapter—this composed of all the Clergy and certain Laity—the district will be enabled to arrange effectively the lines of such ministration, as well as the particular points favorable for real development. To the Rural Dean and these Chapters we shall look for much advice as well as definite arrangement in regard to the itinerant operations in character and magnitude necessary within their respective borders.

PAROCHIAL.

Our advance in the respective Parishes during the year has been generally satisfactory, and many instances might be selected peculiarly indicative of this progress. But even on this subject I venture rather to speak of what appears to me to be lacking than to dwell upon the detail in a more commendatory manner.

And first I would ask—and especially in view of the Churches in our cities—do we make any adequate use of our large Churches and Parishes in their local and general influence? In our present system and the erection of our finer buildings, the conduct of what we call the Parish is exclusive almost inevitably, and confined to a class of persons competent to pay large pew rents, and occupying mainly the place of public worship erected and maintained by these means. Without daring to condemn such a system entirely, or even to feel that it may not be at present an inevitable necessity, I still am deeply anxious that in some way or other the congregational sectionalism and seclusion now so manifest should be disturbed and broken up. It cannot be an adequate use of the house of God, a building furnished with such magnitude and expense, that it should be open only twice during the week for the worship and service of Almighty God. It cannot be consistent with the concentration of ability in such a Parish that its

great resources should be monopolized and expended within the congregation, and thus largely in the grandeur of the decoration, the luxury of the music, and other adjuncts of this private gratification. I know not how to find a remedy for this, and all in view of it that I can do is, in the name of the wants of immortal humanity; in the name of Him who went about doing good; in the name of the Church, which knows no distinction between her rich and her poor—that in some degree attention should be solemnly drawn to this congregational isolation, to this secluded selfishness, to this condition of all-absorbing private chaplaincies under the name of Rectors of our largest Parishes. I would pray that into such bodies there might be infused a larger-hearted sympathy with the comprehensive wants of the city around them, and of the destitute field within the scope of our Diocesan jurisdiction; and powerful as they are in wealth, honored as they are in their social condition, able as they are with means and minds to direct plans of usefulness and to fill up the measure of the mission expanding for them, that more and more there will be an effort to balance at least the selfish enjoyment and the privileges of their own household affairs that are private to themselves, by a relative sympathy and benevolence for all the claims that are distributed around them.

Public services, it appears to me, should be more frequent through all our Churches than is generally the case. Attention should be paid especially to multiplying the devotional and cultivating the spirit of Daily Prayer, or the observance of the Holy and Saints' Days. The Church is advancing in a truer appreciation of the Holy Communion and reverence for its mystery and gifts. But through our Diocese there is no general

advance in the frequency of the administration of the Lord's Supper. A monthly celebration is the most favorable average. I earnestly exhort the Ministry to a more practical recognition of the Eucharist as the most fervent and solemn of all devotional acts that can be rendered.

Everywhere we have reason to lament the neglect of responses, the irreverence in the want of kneeling, and the carelesness of attitude and manner in our worship. There is need of constant instruction on the solemn dignity of Divine worship and the personal interest of body and soul in it.

I find, also, a want of system in Parochial work. Clerical duty, assiduously as it may be performed, still seems to be deficient in systematic order and application. It is, perhaps, difficult to restrict arrangements of this character to any very defined rule, but, if I may refer to my own Parochial experience for a plan, I think it may be done. One of the great obstacles to the cultivation of system as applied to the Parish, is found in the frequency of the pastoral changes. This renders it, in many of our smaller Parishes, all but impracticable; still, more may be done by recognizing pastoral visiting as a more formal religious act than even our graver social intimacy. There may be the division of the Congregation, according to locality, into sections comprehending a number of families which may conveniently be reached within two or three hours; the appointment of a fixed day in each week to be devoted to this work, and the preparation of the parishioner to expect the visit by the announcement on Sunday of the number of the section. By a simple system of this kind the visit is raised to an official act, and the recipient is prepared to expect it. Attention may be given to the use to be

made of it, conflicting engagements may be modified, disappointment and detention may be spared to the Minister, and a religious directness imparted to the interview, by the devout forethought of all involved. The pastoral intercourse becomes comprehensive and impartial, and a larger time is really reserved for the miscellaneous exigencies of sickness, bereavement or individual anxiety.

The associated labor of parishioners may be organized in guild, or under any other name, bringing them together in union of duty, piety, or sacramental fellowship, and combining, even if few in number, in plans for advancing the Church and doing good within the sphere of its influence. Among the objects before such associations may be mentioned, besides the cultivation of personal knowledge and devotion, influencing others in attention to the Baptismal Sacrament and the duty of Confirmation, and especially as to the solemn duties of the Lord's Supper; to invite and cultivate attendance on Church; to visit the sick and poor; to watch over immigrants and strangers; to act as collectors for the prescribed offerings of the Church, and especially to seek to reclaim the outcast. In many Parishes means should be taken to further Church reading and the lending of books on Church subjects. A subordinate effort, the neglect of which, even to the verge of irreverence and uncleanness, frequently causes me pain, might be suggested in ordering and decorating the Church buildings; and in country places, the improvement of the adjacent ground by the planting of shrubbery and tending the same. Influence should also be exerted to induce a right use of the Church for funerals and other subsidiary purposes; and there should be persons, thus devoting themselves to the cultivation of

a higher tone of Christian conduct, who would make it their duty to attend on such occasions and testify to the sympathy of the Church with those who have suffered bereavement.

The cultivation of music is an object, under the present condition of Divine Worship, of no small importance to the deeper relations of congregational and personal devotion. It is a subject too large for more than the mere mention.

Far more attention should be given than is done to the character of our Sunday School and Parish Libraries. In examining them, and making inquiries about them in my visitations, I am constantly pained to find how inadequate they are for the real purposes of the Church's teaching, which is justly to discriminate her doctrines, principles and worship for the training of her children in honor and truth, and thus enlist the sympathy for the Church of those who seize with so much avidity upon these books as a means of recreation. Another means of doing good is to establish classes for both sexes of a higher kind than the classes in our Sunday Schools. The want of these classes is a great deficiency in our Parochial training. The Pastor should have his class for the History of the Church, or cognate subjects; and I am sure there are Lay men and Lay women of no small number in our Churches who would be competent to undertake the instruction of those who are too old for the Sunday Schools, or, perhaps, advanced to periods of settled life, part of which has been passed in ignorance or neglect, and who might be thus drawn into position not only for their instruction in things pertaining to God, but for consistent personal religion.

It is certain, from the testimony that is obtained from all parts of the Church, that we do not sufficiently

exert ourselves to retain our young people under such influences and such a course of instruction as to bring them to fulfil, in a proper manner, their full obligations to the Church, and remain through their lives its faithful and intelligent members. For all such classes, the Prayer Book should be the full and competent text-book. If that alone were used, there is within its leaves sufficient of the Divine Word, if carefully and lovingly explained and appreciated, with its Church Cycle and Ritual Order, to effect a large reality of spiritual influence, and devout training for the Church, over the mind and heart of the young students.

LAY READERS.

The employment of Lay Readers under the Parochial Clergy is becoming more a matter of attention and interest. As it develops, it will naturally require and originate more definite regulations to direct the personal exertions, and guard against tendencies confusing to the order and authority of the Ministry. It affords, obviously, a means of allowing the settled Pastor opportunity, at intervals, of being absent on Missionary duty, or of spreading the scope of Church services in the town in which his charge is situated. It affords a class of men ready for Missionary work itself, and the beginning of our public worship in new places. But we must regard it in still larger scope, and inculcate, as a solemn duty upon our Laymen — devout and instructed members of the Church — that, if they remove to neighborhoods where the Episcopal service is not known, even if they are alone in the attachment to it, they should at once begin a Church in their own house and feel that they are thus "scattered abroad" for this very witness. When God has vouchsafed to a man membership in His visible and historic Church,

with its Ministry, Liturgy and Sacraments, that disciple should appreciate that he has a call and endowment—a knowledge and trust which cannot be ignored. He must hold it all fast, no matter under what disadvantages. He must let the light shine, even if its range is only the family circle in its seclusion of religious culture and discipline. We have incurred large waste of means and loss of members for want of resolution to act in this spirit and aim. If God sees fit in disaster and social trial to take the Ark from its broad Tabernacle and shut it in the house of Obed Edom, it must be kept and cherished, and there will be a blessing on that house and all pertaining to it. The report of it shall spread, and the treasured casket of the Lord's memorials be borne by and by with gladness to a larger place.

I have ventured to allow Lay Readers, in the settled Parishes and wherever it may be deemed expedient, to use the plain Surplice. The Canon regulating the candidate for Holy Orders in performing the services of the Church, restricts him, among other things, from "assuming the dress peculiar to Clergymen ministering in the Congregation." I do not consider the plain Surplice without the Stole to come within the restriction, because it has been the costume for the Cathedral Choristers since the Reformation in the English Church and now largely in the Parish Churches, while the use of it extends to very subordinate officers in the Western Church before that time, as the Ostiaries, Readers, Exorcists and Acolyths. In our practice, as complying with "decently habited," before ordination the candidate for the Diaconate is in a Surplice; and in the Greek Church, in the act of ordination, the Bishop lays his hand on the head of the Candidate with the "Accipe Spiritum,"

and places a Stole over his left shoulder to mark the separation by Holy Orders. For Laymen not Candidates for Holy Orders, the wearing of the plain Surplice, whether as Lay Reader or Chorister, does not fall necessarily even within the restriction of the Canon.

In the discussion of the subject of Lay Helpers, at Lambeth, when I was present, with the Archbishop and his Comprovincials, the question was asked, after an understanding on all the material points, whether the Lay Helper should wear a Surplice? It was answered at once in the affirmative, as a matter of course, and remark made how strange it would be for the Reader to appear in his common dress, when the boys and men of even village choirs were in Surplices. I do not remember any dissentient opinion.

One of the most successful and devoted Lay Readers in the Diocese thanked me with deep emotion for the privilege in the effect of the dress over his own spirit as a characteristic separation from his secular life, and the Congregation to which he ministers appreciate it in a reflex effect of the same kind.

It is a matter in which I should, of course, yield to any enactment of our General Church disapproving the practice, although, as at present advised, I esteem it a "decent habit" for all officially engaged in the worship of God, and especially when leading the devotions of a Congregation.

CATHEDRAL.

During the year the Choirs of the Cathedral have been vested in surplices, the gifts of two or three individuals. The Chancel has been arranged with proper Choir Stalls, which accommodate, with the Clergy and singers, at least thirty-five. An Organ valued at five thousand dollars is just finished, and in its place in the

Northern Transept. For this we are indebted to a number of special donations. Some have been made with kindness from wealth, and others out of poverty with a loving sacrifice. The children of the Sunday School pledged to it voluntarily a welcome offering. For the skillful management of its grand powers, and for assiduous exertions in collecting the money and superintending the building of it, I am indebted to one of my sons, whose heart God has turned to loving zeal for His house. The builders of it, Messrs. WILLIAM and HENRY PILCHER, are active members of the Church, and to their efforts we owe in large degree the vigorous Parish near the west confine of the city known as "Calvary." They have fulfilled in this noble instrument our expectations, and I am glad to state thus publicly, for the information of the Church, that they are prepared now to execute orders for Church Furniture and Decorations, in addition to their long established hereditary business of Organ building.

A building is in progress, over sixty feet in length by twenty-five in width, which will be arranged—as always designed should be done, though in a more ornate form—to connect with the Church, and affords sittings for a hundred and fifty more worshippers. At the same time it will be the room for the Sunday Schools, for the Cathedral Day School, and other subsidiary purposes.

The congregations are as large as the Church will hold; and very often a portion occupy chairs in the aisles. We suppose that on each Lord's Day we minister to an average of one thousand persons.

The Holy Communion is celebrated weekly; and Daily Prayers morning and evening. The estimated number of Families is three hundred. Fifty-three

Infants have been baptized, and fifteen Adults; total, sixty-eight. There have been twenty-three Marriages and thirty-two Burials. The present number of Communicants recorded is three hundred and sixteen. Fifty have been admitted to their first Reception. Forty-five have received Confirmation in three Public Administrations. In the Cathedral Sunday School there are forty Teachers and three hundred Scholars. The Mission School, which promises to become a permanent Church in a destitute neighborhood, has fifteen Teachers and eighty Scholars. To this Canon DORSET has given his personal attention, while Canon KNOWLES superintends that of the Cathedral. The advance is marked which the children have made in Church music, chanting, and in the trained responses of the Service chorally, and the Easter Celebration, when we had them altogether, presented a beautiful illustration of the refined, churchly training of "these little ones." There is a Bible Class of both sexes, composed of intelligent persons for mutual improvement in God's Word, and a Guild for distributive fulfillment of different works of mercy. The Holy Communion, besides every Sunday, has been celebrated on all Holy Days, making in all—

Morning Prayer on Sunday 52 times, other days daily	366
Evening " " 63 " " " "	377
Total	743
Sermons	135
Lectures and other Addresses	50
Total	185

Of these I have been enabled myself in the last six months, filling up the interstices of Diocesan visitations, to preach forty.

The Reports made to me by the Reverend Canons

show in addition a considerable amount of Missionary and other work in the city and other places.

Canon DORSET reports twenty-nine times in the year that he has thus supplied vacancies or done Missionary work. In the course of this extraneous ministration, he has administered the Communion twelve times, baptized sixteen children, and married two couples.

Canon KNOWLES has preached twenty times in other places in addition to his regular duty at the Cathedral, "and has answered calls made for Pastoral work in each Division of the city, officiating in various relations in almost every Parish during the absence or indisposition of their respective Rectors." In this class of work all the Cathedral Clergy have participated.

Canon STREET reports a large number of places in all parts of the country while he was traveling for the "American Churchman." But in Chicago, in addition to these, he reports thirty times of performing Divine Service and preaching outside of the Cathedral, and six times in the Diocese. The aggregate of this incidental work of the Cathedral Ministers is seventy-nine services—Communion at least twenty times, Baptism sixteen, and Marriages two. The total thus of statistics of Cathedral ministrations amounts to:

Services	822
Sermons	214
Addresses	50—264
Baptisms—Adults	15
" Infants	69— 84
Marriages	25
Burials	32
Confirmed	45

This is a record highly creditable to my young assistants in the "free and open" area of the Bishop's Church. It represents, however, only a moderate proportion of what could be done if larger pecuniary means

could be secured. The support comes entirely from the free-will offerings of the Lord's Day.

My Diocesan Record embraces this year a period of only six months, and in that time all the duty has been performed.

My visitations have comprised eighty places, in seventy-five of which I have administered Confirmation, in the following order:

Kankakee	11
Immanuel Hall	7
Waukegan	12
Tiskilwa	3
Ascension, Chicago	13
St. Mark's, Chicago	8
Rockford	14
Galena	7
Atonement, Chicago	18
St. Stephen's, Chicago	12
Christ, Chicago	34
St. John's, Chicago	26
Grace, Chicago	21
St. James', Chicago	18
Cathedral	21
Marseilles	4
Ottawa	8
Geneseo	14
Rock Island	11
Our Saviour, Chicago	4
Evanston	4
Algonquin	5
Carlinville	9
Alton	22
Centralia	4
Duquoin	5
Cairo	17
Mound City	11
Carlyle	8
Albion	23
Joliet	20
Manhattan	3
Farm Ridge	6
Chesterfield	3
Collinsville	3
Bunker Hill	17
Cathedral	13
Danville	5
Danville, second time	3
Decatur	4
Lacon	3
Chillicothe	9
Jubilee	2
St. John's, Peoria	16
St. Paul's, Peoria	24
Pekin	25
Sycamore	7
Sterling	3
Dixon	5
Peru	2
Bloomington	11
Springfield	16
Jerseyville	5
Harlem	10
Mendota	2
Kewanee	16
Warsaw	13
Quincy	18
Elgin	1
Dundee	8
Aurora	25
Naperville	4
Lewistown	9
Farmington	4
Jubilee	5
Wyoming	13
Onarga	17
Knoxville	11
Galesburg	14
Kewanee	14
Cathedral	11
Calvary, Chicago	8
IN MISSOURI:	
Hannibal	17
Palmyra	2
Monroe	3

The number of Confirmations—

In Diocese	Public	72	
	Private	7	79
In Missouri	Public	3	
	Private	1	4
Total			83

The number Confirmed—

In Diocese	789
In Missouri	23

Except twice, I have preached and made addresses on every public occasion of Confirmation, Ordination and Consecration.

Places visited where no Confirmation—Gillespie, St. Ansgarius' Chicago, Geneva, Bement, Brimfield, Jacksonville, Princeton; making the Parishes visited seventy-nine Diocesan; in all, eighty-two.

Sermons, Confirmation Addresses, and Lectures—two hundred and thirty.

The average of work since my return from England has been—a visitation officially nearly every two days; Sermons and Formal Addresses, more than one a day. I have traveled in fulfilling it, within my Diocese, over two thousand miles, and met all my correspondence without drawing upon any assistance, and a large range of official duty and social obligation which claims me at every Parish.

In addition, I have visited Toronto, on the invitation of the esteemed Rector of Holy Trinity, and preached three times for that Congregation on the re-opening of their restored Church, and visited Milwaukee—preaching at the opening of St. James' Church, under charge of Rev. Mr. Wilkinson.

Everywhere, through my Diocese, I have been met and entertained with affectionate courtesy, and in some places been honored with special receptions.

The officers of the railroads have been signally kind in favoring me with "annual passes." I use these for official work, which, by God's blessing, may advance social and moral prosperity. I hope their benefaction has not been without some valuable return.

CLERGY RECEIVED.

The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese:

The Rev. Joseph Adderly, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Pittsburg, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield, and Christ Church, Waverly.

The Rev. Stephen T. Allen, from Iowa, Rector of Trinity Church, Aurora.

The Rev. Fred. W. Boyd, D. D., from Mississippi, Rector of Grace Church, Galesburg.

The Rev. Thomas G. Carver, D. D., from Indiana, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago.

The Rev. Alexander Fullerton, from Pennsylvania, Rector of Christ Church, Harlem.

The Rev. George Gibson, from Wisconsin.

The Rev. George C. Griswold, from New York, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneseo.

The Rev. Edward H. Harlow, from Massachusetts, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington.

The Rev. William J. Johnstone, from Minnesota, Rector of Zion Church, Freeport.

The Rev. William Y. Johnson, from Iowa, Rector of Trinity Church, Polo.

The Rev. Philip McKim, from Missouri, Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown.

The Rev. Henry N. Pierce, D. D., from Alabama, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

The Rev. H. N. Powers, D. D., from Iowa, Rector of Trinity Church, Rock Island (since Rector of St. John's, Chicago).

The Rev. Charles Ritter, from Michigan, Rector of the Church of our Saviour, Chicago.

The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A. B., from Montreal, Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. J. E. Walton, from Rhode Island, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

The Rev. J. H. Waterman, Deacon, from Kentucky, residing near Morris.

The Rev. William H. Williams, from Connecticut, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Dixon.

The Rev. Henry W. Wood, from Iowa, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chicago.

RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. Gershom P. Waldo, Springfield.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

The following Clergymen have asked and received Letters Dimissory since the last Convention:

The Rev. Hiram W. Beers, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Wisconsin.

The Rev. John W. Clark, to Michigan.

The Rev. Hiram H. Cole, to New York.

The Rev. B. Franklin Fleetwood, to Michigan.

The Rev. Benjamin R. Gifford, to Massachusetts.

The Rev. Robert J. Keeling, to Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Marcus Lane, to Nevada.

The Rev. J. Austin Merrick, to California.

The Rev. W. J. Pigott, to Western New York.

The Rev. William W. Rafter, to Wisconsin.

The Rev. Charles Stewart, to Kentucky.

The Rev. Edmund B. Tuttle, to Nebraska.

CLERGY DECEASED.

The Rev. Dr. McCULLOUGH.

The Rev. JOHN T. WORTHINGTON, D. D., Pittsfield.

DEPOSED.

The Rev. JOHN NIGLAS, M. D., residing in Peoria.

WHOLE NUMBER OF CLERGY, 94; RESIDENT, 1.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

MARCH CHASE, Ordained.

FREDERICK C. WHITEHOUSE, Traveling in Europe.

ALBERT AUGUSTUS FISKE, Nashotah.

JAMES CORNELL, General Theological Seminary, New York.

EDWARD TOLL, Nashotah.

WILLIAM ALLINGTON, Jubilee College.

Present number, 5.

ORDINATIONS—PRIESTHOOD.

In Emmanuel Church, Rockford, on Wednesday, the 1st day of April:

The Rev. CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL, Rector of St. Mary's School, Knoxville; and

The Rev. J. E. WALTON, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford, were admitted to the Holy Order of Priests.

DIACONATE.

In the Cathedral Church, on Friday, the 24th of July, I admitted and ordained

MARCH CHASE to the Order of Deacons.

The candidate was presented by his father, the Rev. Dr. Chase. Also,

In St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, Missouri, on Tuesday, the 7th day of July,

ISAAC MARTIN, M. D., to the Diaconate.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES.

On Monday, April 20th, I dedicated to the service of Almighty God, ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Algonquin.

CORNER STONE LAID.

On Wednesday evening, August 5th, I laid the Corner Stone of TRINITY CHURCH, Geneva.

I have thus rapidly, in an unfinished Address, presented to you some topics which seem to be of distinct importance for thought and action. I have ventured to remind you of the spiritual constitution of an Annual Council, and the elevated duties this imposes in our individual and corporate capacity. The facts have been laid before you of the first instance of the demonstrated unity of the Anglican Communion. I have ventured to speak strongly of the success and influence of the Lambeth Conference in its Resolutions, Encyclical, and the important summaries by its appointed Committees. I have touched on events of my sojourn in England; of the Church Congress, prominent public acts to which I was invited, and incidents in which I was involved. I have glanced at the remains in Holland of the Port Royalists, stigmatized as "Jansenists," and known as the "Catholic Church of the Low Countries," in order to memorate their outspoken defence of the Catholic Faith against Roman Infallibity, and hazard the opinion of the importance on the Reformation of the Western Church of this sturdy protest, and their faithful use of God's Holy Word.

To the Federated Anglican Communion I deem that special subjects are confined, such as the revision of our English Translation of the Bible, the Text of the Creeds, the assimilation of our respective Books of Common Prayer, and the ultimate questions of intercommunion with the old Churches of Christendom.

There may be, in God's Providence, and as indicated by the late Conference, another meeting like the one we have enjoyed, though more ordered and authoritative. It may rise to the weight of a General Council for the Anglican Churches in their world-wide extent, and thus develop with united effort in Missionary and other work.

A restored unity in the broken estate of Christendom is an object of pervading desire and of very distinct recognition in our branch of the Church. This originates many of the questions of the day, and complicates with them, and we are hence exposed to misinterpret their purport and confuse their relations. The Eastern Church is not to be assumed to be identical with the Roman in its doctrines or corruptions. The latter, by the Papal Supremacy and its adjuncts, has chosen a position of heresy and schism to the rest of the Christian world, and cannot recede or reform without subverting this false bond and disintegrating its factitious composition. The Christian bodies around us, with which we agree in so much of an Evangelical truth, are severed from the Church Catholic by several facts of fundamental importance, which to this day are fully and historically retained by nine-tenths of the Christian world. We cannot abandon these; to do so would break our faith with the large portion of Christendom, and by this separation sink ourselves into an inert sect.

It cannot be right to cultivate, as from Christ, a seeming unity which goes on the implied basis that disunion is a normal and satisfactory state of the Christian world. Fusion would be impracticable, and tend to the destruction of both bodies attempting such an unprincipled remedy. It only remains that cultivating more charity and intelligence one with another, the bodies around us should act independently to

remedy the defects in their own peculiar organization, as they may recognize any such, bringing them thus in Ministry, Creeds and Liturgy, in harmony with the Church of the past ages, and thus lifting themselves to the level of a formal Catholicity, where their zeal and love for the spiritual may exert a permeating influence. God will then, in his own way, unite us. It will come, "we know not how."

The changes of the Church in the United States are chronicled, and an appeal offered for that Southern portion of it which for a time was severed from us by the war, and returns to the old fellowship crippled and suffering.

On the state of the Diocese, I report my conviction of growth and strength, but beg to press some sad deficiencies, especially in permanent institutions for Christian education, adequate Church Hospital, Sisterhoods, Parochial Schools, and provision for the orphans and widows of deceased Clergymen.

The organization of Deanries and the appointment of Rural Deans, according to the unanimous resolution of the Convention, has been done and awaits the approving confirmation of this body for a system which will commend itself in due time by its results. This may modify the Missionary Board. The work of that Committee has been diligent and enterprising, but in what have been called "Convocations," may pursue a spasmodic rather than permanent place, and thus unintentionally may impair systematic Parochial charity and overtax the time of the Clergy.

In all pertaining to Church Literature, whether circulated by Colporteurage, in Sunday School Libraries, or efforts of private lending, the books should be clearly and distinctively Churchly, thus supplying a great need

indeed, but one that cannot be met except by our own specific exertions.

For Missionary work, I ask appropriation more directly entrusted to the Bishop as the legitimate dispenser of some means to meet obligations bound upon him by his office, and by the judgment of the whole Church.

Itinerancy, we may hope, will form an effective agency in each Deanry, and be administered with thoughtful arrangement of practicable circuits.

For Parochial improvement, in virtue of my office, I lament the selfish and extravagant position of our larger Churches—the unfrequency of the use of them, and the limited area of aggressive benevolence which they cover. There has seemed to be, as a general observation, a want of system in Parochial work, of Pastoral intercourse, Class instruction, Parish Guilds, and associations for the mutual elevation in the Church life, and the judicious ministering in her good works.

On Lay Readers, I have expressed myself convinced of the growing importance of such agency, and especially urge the bounden duty of the trained disciple of the Church, removing into a neighborhood where the services are not established, to begin the Church in his own house, and employ bravely the calling which God has given him.

The Cathedral presents its record of material growth and free work—an honorable one, I think.

My own Visitation Summaries follow, and I tender them with humble gratitude to Him who has given me strength and will to do it. It embraces, I believe, a larger amount than I have before done within the year, condensed within half that period. The detail has been prepared more at length in selections from my

Diary and its running comment, which is subjoined to this Address.

In the conclusion of the Address, where I am wont naturally to utter word of exhortation and comfort in the consciousness of our mutual needs, I this time present the grand and solemn testimony of seventy-five of my honored Brethren—Fathers in God in the different branches of our Anglican Communion. I wish them to be heard in their own Encyclical, which has been so widely diffused and translated into so many tongues. "For is it indeed a light thing that, at the end of eighteen centuries, seventy-five descendants of the Apostles of THE LAMB, for the most part unknown to one another by face, should meet together here in England and with one mouth put forth before the whole World a Confession of Faith which those Apostles would have recognized as identical in every respect with their own? an Address which their successors for four hundred years would have rejoiced in being permitted to sign? Is it nothing that neither tract of time nor altered circumstances of place; neither the idiosyncrasy of the individual, nor any peculiarities in the race among whom his lot is thrown; neither accidents of education, nor inherited prejudices; neither new modes of popular thought, nor the changed condition of every other science, every other branch of knowledge in the world—should have wrought either jot or tittle of alteration or discrepancy *here?* I freely confess that it is to me a marvel without parallel—a phenomenon which it seems only possible to account for on one theory and to explain in one way."*

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* Sermon, Rev. JOHN W. BURGON, M. A., preached in St. Mary the Virgin's, Oxford.

ENCYCLICAL OF LAMBETH CONFERENCE.

"To the faithful in Christ Jesus, the Priests and Deacons, and the Lay Members of the Church of Christ in Communion with the Anglican Branch of the Church Catholic:

"We, the undersigned Bishops, gathered under the good providence of God for prayer and conference at Lambeth, pray for you that ye may obtain grace, mercy and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

"We give thanks to God, brethren beloved, for the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love towards the saints, which hath abounded amongst you; and for the knowledge of Christ which through you hath been spread abroad amongst the most vigorous races of the earth; and with one mouth we make our supplications to God, even the Father, that by the power of the Holy Ghost He would strengthen us with His might, to amend amongst us the things which are amiss, to supply the things which are lacking, and to reach forth unto higher measures of love and zeal in worshipping Him, and in making known His name; and we pray that in His good time He would give back unto His whole Church the Blessed gift of Unity in Truth.

"And now we exhort you in love that ye keep whole and undefiled the faith once delivered to the saints, as ye have received it of the Lord Jesus. We entreat you to watch and pray, and to strive heartily with us against the frauds and subtleties wherewith the faith hath been aforetime and is now assailed.

"We beseech you to hold fast, as the sure word of God, all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testament; and that by diligent study of these oracles of God, praying in the Holy Ghost, ye seek to know more of the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, very God and very Man, ever to be adored and worshipped, whom they reveal unto us, and of the will of God, which they declare.

"Furthermore, we entreat you to guard yourselves and yours against the growing superstitions and additions with which in these latter days the truth of God hath been overlaid; as otherwise, so especially by the pretension to universal sovereignty over God's heritage asserted for the See of Rome, and by the practical exaltation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as mediator in the place of her Divine Son, and by the addressing of prayers to her as intercessor between God and man. Of such

beware, we beseech you, knowing that the jealous God giveth not His honor to another.

"Build yourselves up, therefore, beloved, in your most holy faith; grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Show forth before all men by your faith, self-denial, purity, and godly conversation, as well as by your labors for the people amongst whom God hath so widely spread you, and by the setting forth of His Gospel to the unbelievers and the heathen, that ye are indeed the servants of Him who died for us to reconcile His Father to us, and to be a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

"Brethren beloved, with one voice we warn you: the time is short; the Lord cometh; watch and be sober. Abide steadfast in the Communion of Saints, wherein God hath granted you a place. Seek in faith for oneness with Christ in the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood. Hold fast the Creeds and the pure worship and order, which of God's grace ye have inherited from the Primitive Church. Beware of causing divisions contrary to the doctrine ye have received. Pray and seek for unity amongst yourselves, and amongst all the faithful in Christ Jesus; and the good Lord make you perfect, and keep your bodies, souls and spirits until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Signed)

C. T. Cantuar.
M. G. Armagh.
R. C. Dublin.
A. C. London.
C. R. Winton.
C. St. David's.
J. Lichfield.
S. Oxon.
Thomas Vowler St. Asaph.
A. Llandaff.
John Lincoln.
W. K. Sarum.
John T. Norwich.
J. C. Bangor.
H. Worcester.
C. J. Gloucester and Bristol.
E. H. Ely.
William Chester.
T. L. Rochester.
Horace Sodor and Mann.
Samuel Meath.
H. Kilmore.
Charles Limerick Ardfert and Aghadoe.

Robert Eden, D. D., Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Primus.
Alexander Ewing, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles.
Charles Wordsworth, D. C. L., Bishop of St. Andrew's, Dunkeld, and Dunblane.
Thos. G. Suther, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney.
William S. Wilson, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway.
Thomas B. Morrell, Coadjutor Bishop of Edinburgh.

F. Montreal, Metropolitan of Canada.
G. A. New Zealand, Metropolitan of New Zealand.
R. Capetown, Metropolitan of South Africa.
Aubrey G. Jamaica.
T. Barbados.
J. Bombay.
H. Nova Scotia.
F. T. Labuan.
H. Grahamstown.
H. J. C. Christchurch.

Matthew Perth.
Benj. Huron.
W. W. Antigua.
E. H. Sierra Leone.
T. N. Honolulu.
J. T. Ontario.
J. W. Quebec.
W. J. Gibraltar.
H. L. Dunedin.
Edward, Bishop Orange River Free State.
A. N. Niagara.
William George Tozer, Missionary Bishop.
James B. Kelly, Coadjutor of Newfoundland.
S. Angl. Hierosol.

H. J. Whitehouse, Bishop of Illinois.
Thomas Atkinson, Bishop of North Carolina.
Henry W. Lee, Bishop of Iowa.
Horatio Potter, Bishop of New York.
Thomas M. Clark, Bishop of Rhode Island.
Alexander Gregg, Bishop of Texas.
W. H. Odenheimer, Bishop of New Jersey.
G. T. Bedell, Assistant Bishop of Ohio.
Henry C. Lay, Missionary Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory.
Jos. C. Talbot, Assistant Bishop of Indiana.
Richard H. Wilmer, Bishop of Alabama.
Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennesese.
John B. Kerfoot, Bishop of Pittsburg.
J. P. B. Wilmer, Bishop of Louisiana.
C. M. Williams, Missionary Bishop to China.

John H. Hopkins, Presiding Bishop of Pr. Ep. Church in the United States.
Chas. P. McIlvaine, Bishop of Ohio.
Manton Eastburn, Bishop of Massachusetts.
J. Payne, Bishop of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent.
J. Chapman, Bishop.
George Smith, late Bishop of Victoria (China).
David Anderson, late Bishop of Rupert's Land.
Edmund Hobhouse, by Bishop of New Zealand."

[The Convention voluntarily rose and remained standing during the reading of the Encyclical.]

SELECTIONS FROM MY DIARY.

I commence these Selections from my Diary with the first public services after my return, on Sunday, the 23d of February. On that day, I preached in the Cathedral in the morning, baptized three children, and in the evening preached again.

On Wednesday, the 26th of February, Ash Wednesday, again preached in the Cathedral.

On Friday, the 28th of February, commenced, in the Cathedral, a course of lectures on "The Cloud of Witnesses," which, with the necessary interruptions of visitation, has just been completed.

On Sunday, March 1st, preached and administered the Holy Communion in the Cathedral. In the afternoon, also, made an address on the "Anglican Communion."

On Wednesday, the 4th of March, I conducted the services at Metropolitan Hall, making there an address. These services had been instituted during the season of Lent, and were sustained regularly by the voluntary efforts of the Clergy of the city. I am glad to say that they were well attended.

On Friday, the 6th of March, I again lectured on "The Cloud of Witnesses."

On Sunday, the 8th of March, made a visitation to Kankakee, where I confirmed nine persons; afterwards confirmed two persons, sick, and in the evening made an address, by request, on the "Lambeth Conference." This Parish is doing nobly in its efforts for the Church education of its young members, in the establishment of a School for comprehensive instruction, which opens, I am informed, with one hundred and twenty-five scholars.

On Tuesday, the 10th of March, at the request of the Clergy of the city, I delivered, in Trinity Church, Chicago, before a large congregation, an address on the "Lambeth Conference."

On Friday, the 13th of March, lectured upon the Course, in the Cathedral.

On Sunday, March 15th, preached in the Cathedral in the morning; in the afternoon, made an address on the "Lambeth Conference" and the Encyclical of that body; in the evening, lectured on the appointed Course.

On Monday, March 16th, visited Immanuel Hall, where I confirmed seven; preached and made an address, and enjoyed the satisfaction of finding this valuable instrument of Christian education fulfilling its duties in an effective manner.

On Tuesday, March 17th, in the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, at request from the Rector and Vestry, made an address on the "Lambeth Conference," at which the Encyclical Letter was read, and the Congregation voluntarily rose when this was done.

Wednesday, March 18th, at his own request — renouncing the Ministry — I Deposed, before proper witnesses, in the Cathedral, the Rev. John Niglas, M. D., and issued the proper notice of such Deposition required by the Canon.

On Friday, March 20th, lectured again at the Cathedral, in Course.

On Sunday, March 22d, made a visitation to Waukegan; preached in the morning. In the afternoon confirmed twelve, with an address. Baptized one infant, at request of the Rector, and in the evening made an address on the Anglican Communion in its relations to the Lambeth Conference.

On Wednesday, March 25th, visited Tiskilwa. The day was inclement, and the congregation reduced in consequence. I preached, confirmed three, and made an address. This was my first service in the new Church which, with large sacrifices, they have erected. They have long been provided with a Parsonage. On Friday, March 27th, lectured again in the Cathedral.

On Sunday, March 29th, visited in the morning the Church of the Ascension, Chicago. Preached and confirmed thirteen, and in the evening visited St. Mark's. Preached and confirmed eight. This Church is now under the Pastorship of the Rev. H. W. Wood. They have a good, permanent Church edifice and Parsonage, situated in a flourishing neighborhood.

On Tuesday, March 31st, arrived at Rockford, where service was held in the evening, and I made an address on the Lambeth Conference.

On Wednesday, April 1st, the day appointed for the Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. J. E. Walton, Rector elect of that Church, and the Rev. C. W. Leffingwell, that service was duly performed. The sermon was by the Rev. Dr. Carver. The Rev. Messrs. Edson and Fitch assisted in the service. In the evening I preached, and confirmed fourteen.

Thursday, April 2d, visited Galena. Service was held in the

evening, and an address on the Lambeth Conference on Friday; and services again in the evening, when I confirmed seven, and addressed the Candidates.

On Sunday, April 5th — Palm Sunday — an appointment for the visitation of St. James' Church, Chicago, was, in consequence of a mistake, postponed, and I administered the Holy Communion at the Cathedral. In the evening visited the Church of the Atonement; preached and confirmed eighteen, with an address to the Candidates. Since that time this Church has suffered the loss by fire of its buildings, but in consequence of the insurance, and vigorous effort on the part of the congregation, it is now rebuilding, with largely increased accommodations.

Monday, April 6th, visited the Swedish Church, St. Ansgarius; preached and confirmed nine.

On April 7th — Tuesday before Easter — visited Calvary Church; preached and confirmed fourteen. This young Parish engages the services of the Rev. Mr. Snyder, and is progressing healthily under his administration.

On Wednesday before Easter, April 8th, officiated in St. Stephen's Church; in the evening preached, confirmed twelve, and made an address. I found there a large and attentive congregation. They were about to remove their Church building to another lot, which they have accomplished, but I regret to say that their energetic Rector, the Rev. Mr. Gibson, has since resigned his position.

Thursday before Easter, April 9th, visited Christ Church, Chicago, where the large number of thirty-four were presented for confirmation, and where I preached. This vigorous congregation have found it necessary to enlarge their Church edifice, which in the commencement was considered so great an undertaking as probably to cripple them for many years to come. The debt upon it has been entirely paid, and the whole administration financially is in a successful form.

April 10th — Good Friday — officiated at St. John's Church in the morning, and preached, confirming there twenty-six. Preached again in the evening at Grace Church, where I confirmed twenty-one — probably the last confirmation in the temporary building in which that strong congregation has developed itself, and which it will soon leave for the large and elegant stone structure which they are erecting for their use upon Wabash Avenue.

On Saturday, Easter Even, preached in the Cathedral. In the evening visited St. James', where I preached and made an address to the Candidates, in confirming eighteen.

On Easter Sunday, April 12th, the services throughout at the Cathedral were interesting and impressive. I preached in the morning and confirmed twenty-one. In the afternoon presided at the Anniversary of the Sunday School of the Cathedral, making to them an address.

On Tuesday, April 14th, visited Marseilles, where the Rev. Erastus DeWolf is, with zeal and tact, planting a Church. I preached and confirmed four, with an address to the Candidates, and subsequently made an address to the congregation in relation to the zeal and efforts which they had displayed on behalf of the Church.

On Wednesday, April 15th, visited Ottawa; preached in the evening and confirmed eight.

On Thursday morning, the 16th, there was service again in the Church, on which occasion I baptized an infant child of the Rector and made an address upon that Sacrament. The same day, in the afternoon, went to Geneseo, where I preached in the evening and confirmed fourteen. This Congregation, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Griswold, is advancing in numbers and order.

On Friday, April 17th, was at Rock Island. Rev. Mr. Brooke, of Davenport, who has for some time supplied, to their great satisfaction, that Congregation, met me and assisted me in the services. I preached and confirmed eleven. They are prepared at that place to erect a larger and more substantial Church.

On Sunday, April 19th, I preached in the morning for the Congregation of "Our Saviour," situated in the extreme Northern part of this city. The work at present is entirely Missionary. A great effort will be necessary to gather sufficient strength to carry it to its formation. I confirmed four. In the afternoon I passed to Evanston and preached and confirmed four, and, in the evening, made an address, by request, on the Lambeth Conference, to a large and miscellaneous congregation.

April 20th, I went to Dundee, for the purpose of Consecrating, on Tuesday, the Church at Algonquin, which holy service was duly fulfilled—preaching on the occasion, confirming five and baptizing an infant child of Mr. Arvedson, the devoted Missionary, to whom the origin of the Churches at both Algonquin and Dundee are, under God, due.

On Thursday, April 23d, being St. George's Day, and according to request made to me by the St. George's Society, I held, for them, religious services in the Cathedral, and delivered to them an address. This was the first instance in which this large society had availed themselves of this religious mode of celebrating the festival of their patron

Saint, but, from the kind testimony expressed of the effect of these services, I am satisfied it will pass into a usual form for that commemoration.

Having been telegraphed of the decease of the Right Reverend Doctor Hawks, Bishop of Missouri, with a request that I would attend and deliver the funeral address, I went to St. Louis, on Friday, April 24th, to fulfill the very sad duty, which I did by the sermon and uniting with my Right Reverend brethren, the Bishops of Iowa and Kansas, in the Burial Offices. Leaving St. Louis, I went, on Saturday, to Carlinville, where the Rev. Mr. Abbott, Rural Dean of that Deanry, joined me. A new Church, erected there by the energetic Rector, had been opened for Divine Services, but it is not yet consecrated. In the morning, we held a meeting of the Sunday School, in which, in addition to my own address, several others were made by the Clergy present. In the afternoon, though the weather was rainy, there was a good congregation. I preached and confirmed nine, and left with the evening train for Alton, and there fulfilled the services on Sunday, April 26th, which consisted of the Morning Services, at which I preached and confirmed twenty-two and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening, preached again to a large congregation. This Parish, under its present administration, is vigorous, to a degree beyond anything in its past history, and, under the Decanal system is co-operating with the zealous Rector in Missionary work.

On Monday, the 27th, returned to St. Louis for the purpose of attending the Delegate Meeting of the Missionary Board, which had been appointed at that city, on which I was there four days of that week. At all of these meetings I presided, and availed myself of the opportunity of making opening and closing addresses, as well as enjoying the privilege of hearing several able discussions on subjects previously arranged, and of witnessing an impression upon the members of the Church in that place which I have scarcely before seen equaled. I must record, in connection with it, my grateful sense of the kindest personal attentions and hospitality.

On Thursday, April 30th, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Portmess, went to Centralia, where the Rev. Philip A. Johnson is now temporarily acting as Missionary. I baptized there a gentleman, who came in from the neighborhood, and confirmed four — preaching and making the usual address.

From Centralia I went, on Friday, May 1st, to Duquoin, which at the time was deprived of its Missionary. I performed the services alone, confirmed five and preached, and addressed the Candidates. The next morning, at a private house, baptized seven children.

From there I went to Cairo, where on Sunday morning I preached, confirmed seventeen, and administered the Holy Communion to a very large and crowded congregation. This Church is in vigorous condition under the Pastorship of the Rev. Mr. Coe. In the afternoon, a small boat having been provided for the purpose, in company with a number of Church members of Cairo I went to Mound City, where I preached in the evening, confirmed eleven, and after service baptized an infant, returning in the evening to Cairo. There is activity and influence in this new Parish.

From Cairo I went to fulfill an appointment at Carlisle, where Church Services had never before been held, and where some zealous ladies, appreciating an opening, had requested me to come.

I officiated on Tuesday, the 5th, by devoting the morning to the preparation of a number of Candidates for baptism and confirmation, as far as the time allowed. In the afternoon I baptized three adults and eleven children, confirmed eight persons, and administered the Communion to fifteen, with an address on the three services. In the evening there was Divine Service and a sermon. The whole was interesting, and very promising for the planting of a Church successfully in that beautiful town. The contributions of pecuniary aid were made by several persons with liberality for present need, and offers prospective for a Church Building.

From that place I went, May 6th, to Albion — the extreme southern part of my Diocese, and access to which it was difficult to gain except by a long ride over very bad roads — remaining there three days.

On Thursday, the 7th, I commenced services by preaching in the morning. In the afternoon the children of the Parish were collected for an address and instruction, and in the evening I preached again and confirmed twenty-two. The Church was crowded, and very great attention manifested in the services. The state of the Parish is highly encouraging — never before in my observation so much so. Had I been able to stay there a few days longer, at least an equal number to those presented would have come forward for confirmation. I visited also a sick man, and confirmed him during the afternoon.

On Friday, May 8th, on request, I baptized an infant child and an adult, the father of the infant.

On May 10th, returning to Chicago, I officiated in the morning at the Cathedral, and in the evening enjoyed the opportunity of continuing my lectures on "The Cloud of Witnesses."

On Tuesday, May 12th, visited Joliet, an appointment made for Lockport having been postponed, by the request of the Rector, in

consequence of his sickness. I preached and confirmed twenty in the well-ordered and flourishing Parish of the Rev. Mr. Gilbert.

On Wednesday, through a heavy storm, went, accompanied by him, to Manhattan, where twenty-five assembled in the rural Church notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and three were presented for confirmation by Rev. Mr. Cowell, who resides at Lockport, and officiates fortnightly in this rural Parish. I preached and made the usual address.

May 14th, while on my way to Farm Ridge, passing through Ottawa, I visited and addressed the Parochial School attached to Christ Church, which, I am glad to say, is in effective operation, promoting the interests largely of that important Parish. Beautiful plans have been procured and adopted for a stone Church to replace the existing inadequate building. The services at Farm Ridge were held at three o'clock, where I preached and confirmed six.

On Sunday, May 17th, preached in the morning at the Cathedral, and in the afternoon continued my prescribed Course of Lectures. Assisted in the services again in the evening.

On May 18th, officiated at Chesterfield — preaching and confirming three.

On Wednesday, passed on to Collinsville, held services, preached and confirmed three.

On the following morning, at the same place, I attended the funeral of a child at which I made an address; drove from there to St. Louis, and passed on to Bunker Hill, where I preached in the evening in a large hall used by the congregation for their worship, which was quite full. Confirmed seventeen — a remarkable class for their refinement, appearance and manner. In several instances, parents and children were confirmed together.

From there, I passed on to Gillespie, where there were no Candidates; but I had an opportunity of preaching in the Church to a fair congregation. This place has been for some months without permanent services, but is anxious to secure a Minister, to whom competent support can be afforded if he will take charge of a family school.

On Sunday, May 24th, held a Confirmation in the Cathedral, when thirteen were admitted to that rite. In the afternoon, continued the series of discourses.

On Wednesday, the 27th, by way of Springfield, reached Bement, where I had appointed services; but, in consequence of the weather, they could not take place. There are only two or three Episcopalians now in this town. From there I passed to Danville, where I preached and

confirmed five, only a portion of a class, the rest being prevented from attending by the inclemency of the weather. In the morning, at the same Church, I again held services and confirmed three — preaching on the occasion — thus making the whole number eight. From there, traveled to Decatur, and, in the evening, preached there and confirmed four.

On Sunday, May 31st, preached in the Cathedral — administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, discoursed, in order, on "The Cloud of Witnesses."

Monday, June 1st, visited Lacon; held an evening service, preached and confirmed three.

Tuesday, June 2d, had been appointed as a day for the Consecration of the Church which had been erected at Chillicothe, with great resolution, by a small flock, but, in consequence of the absence of important papers affecting the title for the donation, that service could not take place. The ordinary services, however, were held. I preached and confirmed nine — being a portion of a class who were incidentally at the Church. More had been prepared and expected to present themselves for the ordinance. Several of the neighboring Clergy were present with me on this occasion: Rev. Messrs. Roberts and Benson, of Peoria; McGowan, of Lacon; McKim, of Lewistown; with Mr. Chamberlaine, of the Mission.

On Wednesday, June 3d, officiated in the Chapel of Jubilee College, where I preached and confirmed two. In the afternoon, rode to Brimfield and preached; but there was no confirmation. This is one of the Missionary posts supplied by the Rev. Mr. Benedict.

On Thursday, June 4th, I had an opportunity, before leaving, of meeting the scholars at the College and making to them an address after Divine Service.

At Peoria, I visited St. John's Church — a thriving work of the Rev. Mr. Benson, and which has been largely sustained by the liberality of the older Congregation. I preached and confirmed sixteen, and two afterwards who were sick, in private, making the number eighteen. In the evening, confirmed twenty-four in St. Paul's Church and made the usual address. The Church, beautifully decorated with flowers, was, notwithstanding the rain, crowded.

On Friday, June 5th, after holding a private confirmation of a sick person, went, accompanied by the Peoria Clergy, to Pekin, where I preached, and confirmed two — again in private, in consequence of mortal sickness — and nineteen after public evening service — in all, twenty-one.

On Sunday, the 7th, in consequence of the absence of the Rector, I was requested to preach at Christ Church, in Chicago; which duty

I fulfilled with great pleasure. In the afternoon, officiated and preached at the Cathedral. In the evening, read prayer.

On Monday, June 8th, visited Sycamore; preached and confirmed seven, with an address. Some from the neighboring town of DeKalb were present. An organization has taken place in that village, with considerable promise of success, under Dr. CUSHMAN, who renders their services a portion of every Sunday. Among the number of Lay persons engaged in it is the son of the late Hon. JOHN C. SPENCER, early and honorably known for his long years of devoted service for the Church in the Diocese of New York.

On Tuesday, June 9th, at Sterling, service was held in the evening, when I preached and confirmed three. On this occasion the Sunday School was assembled for Divine Service before the chancel, and I had an opportunity of saying words of kindness and counsel to the children thus gathered. The Church edifice at this place is a fine one, and seems to be promising for a permanent and large, advantageous influence throughout the neighborhood.

On Wednesday returned to Dixon. The Rev. Mr. WILLIAMS, from Connecticut, who had recently accepted its Rectorship, had unfortunately been sick, but notwithstanding the shortness of the time and this impediment, succeeded in presenting a class for confirmation necessarily limited in number, being five, to whom I administered the rite and made an address.

Thursday, the 11th, at Peru, services were held in the evening, with a sermon and confirmation of two. Afterwards held a meeting with the Vestry on the payment of the Church debt, and the removal of some other impediments to the growth of that Parish. I am thankful to say that plans were proposed and met with promises for the fulfillment of these objects.

On Friday, the 12th, I visited Bloomington, of which important Parish the Rev. Dr. MORRISON, from Jacksonville, has become Rector. Preached there, to a good congregation, in the place of worship which they purchased and have occupied for some time, and which promises soon to be replaced by one more equivalent to the life, strength and influence of the Congregation. I there confirmed eleven.

Sunday, June 14, was spent at Springfield, where I preached in the morning of a very hot day. In the evening, made an address on the "Lambeth Conference" and confirmed sixteen. I have to record, on the evening of the next day, the privilege I enjoyed of a kind reception at the house of Mr. NINIAN EDWARDS, where I had the pleasure of meeting a large proportion of the members of the Church and other

prominent citizens. In consequence of the lameness of my back, from a strain in getting from a car, I was compelled to omit an appointment for Tuesday, at Pittsfield, being unable to bear the jolting on the road necessary to reach that place. It became, however, to me a subject of lasting regret, for, as I afterwards learned, the Rev. Dr. WORTHINGTON, an old Clergyman of the Diocese, lay, at the time, on his dying bed, and went to his rest on Monday. At the funeral, on Tuesday, there was no Episcopalian Clergyman present to render the last rites to our respected brother.

From Springfield, Wednesday, the 17th, I went to Jacksonville and officiated there on Thursday, the 18th, in the Church, so thoroughly repaired and beautified. The Rev. Mr. FOSTER, of Kalamazoo, and the Rev. Dr. REYNOLDS, of Warsaw, met me at the time in that vast Parish, and assisted in the services. I preached, but there was no confirmation, in consequence of a vacancy in the Parish.

On Friday, the 19th of June, I visited Jerseyville, where, through the exertions of the neighboring Clergy, especially that of the Rural Dean, Mr. ABBOTT, a more vigorous beginning has been made for the Church. The people are zealous, active and liberal; and I cannot doubt that there will soon be established there a sterling congregation and a proper edifice erected. I preached and confirmed five.

On Saturday, returned to Chicago, and on Sunday, the 21st preached in the Cathedral in the morning. In the afternoon I visited the beautiful little Church erected at Harlem, of which the Rev. Mr. FULLERTON has become Rector. Confirmed there ten; preached and addressed the Candidates.

On Tuesday, June 23d, visited the new Missionary station at Mendota, where I preached in the evening and confirmed two, sisters. The progress of the Church here is not marked, but far from discouraging. It is supplied every fortnight by the Rev. Mr. RUSSELL, of Galva.

On Wednesday, the 24th, went on to Princeton, where I found furnished a Church edifice of size and beauty, which has been erected by that small Congregation with remarkable liberality and sacrifice. I read prayers and preached there, but there was no confirmation. The Rev. Mr. NASH, of Tiskilwa, supplies the place on the afternoons of Sunday, but he had gone to Davenport to attend an Examination of the College there, in consequence of having a son in that institution.

June 25th, visited Kewanee; preached and confirmed sixteen, leaving in the evening train for Chicago, where I arrived and left the next day for Toronto, accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. STREET and KNOWLES, to attend the opening services of the Church of the Holy Trinity,

under the Rectorship of an old friend the Rev. Mr. Darling, who kindly invited me to preach on the occasion. This I fulfilled on Sunday, the 28th; preached again in the evening, and repeated the same service on Monday evening.

On Tuesday, after a delightful visit, returned to Chicago, where I arrived on Wednesday.

On Friday, July 3d, I was at Warsaw, where I preached and confirmed thirteen, but was disappointed to find that, in consequence of the celebration of the Fourth of July, it would be impossible to obtain the necessary conveyance to proceed to Mendon, where my next appointment had been made. It is a subject of regret at any time to interrupt the line of appointment, and it was peculiarly so to me on this occasion, on account of the fidelity of that little Congregation to their Church services and duties, isolated as they are by their situation, and for such long periods deprived of any regular ministrations. Dr. Reynolds now ministers to them.

On Saturday, July 4th, I arrived in Quincy, where, through the kindness of the Rector, a large reception was prepared for me, which was largely attended by the members of the Church and other citizens. The Church at this place has, by the most liberal outlay on the part of the Congregation and energy on the part of its Rector, become one of the largest and most ornate in the Diocese. Although so large a sum as $25,000 has been raised and expended in its improvement, I found no symptom of exhaustion, but a resolute purpose of future advancement. I preached in the morning and confirmed eighteen, and afterwards a sick lady, making nineteen. In the evening there was an address, by request, on the Lambeth Conference.

On Monday, the 6th, I passed, according to previous appointment, into the orphaned Diocese of Missouri, and performed services at Hannibal and some adjacent places on that railroad. In the evening I arrived and found myself advertised for an address on Catholic Unity as connected with the Lambeth Conference, which I fulfilled, confirming at the same time seventeen.

On Tuesday, July 7th, I passed on to Palmyra by the early train, where the College is situated, so long under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Corbyn. We had in its chapel, now used as a Parish Church, interesting services. Several Clergy were present. Dr. Isaac Martin, a Candidate for Orders, was presented, and I admitted and ordained him to the office of Deacon. I preached a sermon on the occasion. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Corbyn and the Rev. Mr. Scheetz.

Into the Parish of the latter gentleman, at Monroe, I passed for the next day's service. Before morning services, I went into the country a mile and a half to confirm a sick man. Had service in the Church, where I preached and confirmed three, with an address.

Sunday, July 12th, was spent at Elgin and Dundee. The first named place has been entirely in charge, as Lay Reader, of Col. J. F. Beaty, who, notwithstanding the arduous labors of his office in the Board of Trade, and health not always competent to the duty, has given himself with earnest consecration to the work which has been blessed to a large degree by God, and has secured a very grateful acceptance from the Episcopalians in that town. Through his exertions, it can not be doubted that the Church will be permanently founded and developed there. The success illustrates by another instance how much wise and prudent Laymen can do for the Church's progress, when deeply imbued with the Church's spirit, and in Christian humility working in her behalf. I preached in this place in the Hall ordinarily used, and now exclusively, for worship, confirmed one and made an address, and administered the Holy Communion. Several other Candidates were proposed, but, from a variety of causes, were prevented from attending. In the afternoon, I rode to Dundee, where I preached and made an address on Confirmation; administered the rite to eight, and three the Holy Communion. In the evening, I married the daughter of the Rev. Mr. Arvedson. In connection with the public religious service, I made an address suitable to the rite then celebrated.

Sunday, July 19th, was spent at Aurora and Naperville. In the former, I preached and confirmed twenty-five. The Rev. Mr. Allen, the former Rector, has returned to the Church, from Iowa, and it is an important point. The situation of the Church edifice is unfavorable and advance is made toward the erection of another upon the East side of the river, to which the large works of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad give great importance. The field is very large, not only for regular services, but for Missionary work in the towns and neighborhoods. I felt that both Rector and Congregation were awake to the importance of vigorously pursuing it. The Rev. Mr. Chambers, from Naperville, came to carry me to that place, where, in the evening, I preached and confirmed four.

On Friday, the 24th, I held an Ordination in the Cathedral, at which March Chase, son of the Reverend Doctor Chase, and a late student and graduate of the General Seminary, was ordained to the Diaconate. I preached on the occasion, and a number

of Clergymen were present. The Candidate was presented by his honored father.

On Saturday, July 25th, I had the privilege of attending the opening of the beautiful Church of St. James, at Milwaukee, erected under the Rectorship, and largely through the exertions of the Rev. JOHN WILKINSON, formerly my own assistant in Cathedral work. I preached the sermon on the occasion, assisting, also, the venerable Bishop KEMPER in the Holy Communion. Afterwards, at a lunch, by special request, I made an address embracing the different subjects of Catholic Unity connected with my two visits to Europe.

On Sunday, July 26th, I preached in the morning in the Cathedral, and in the evening also, continuing on that occasion the course of sermons before enumerated.

On Friday, the 31st of July, I received a telegram informing me that Mr. ANTRIM CAMPBELL, of Springfield, so long known and esteemed in the work of the Diocese and in that of the Parish, lay on his deathbed, and in consequence of the absence of the Rector, I immediately left to minister to him as far as my ability went. In that solemn hour his calm mind and faith made the visit as profitable to myself as it could have been to him; but in it I enjoyed the privilege of once more meeting one whom I had so much esteemed in life, and whom the Church has so much cause to regret.

On Sunday, August 2d, I visited the Swedish Church of St. Ansgarius on its re-opening after extended repairs. These repairs have been well done, and the building is now in a better state to receive the large accession which, I am happy to say, are coming out both from Swedes long resident here and the number of emigrants coming to and remaining in our city. In the evening I preached again at the Cathedral, and on Tuesday I attended the funeral of a child at the Cathedral.

On Wednesday, August 5th, I went to Geneva to lay the Cornerstone of St. Mark's Church in that beautiful town. The present Rector there is the Rev. WILLIAM GREENE. I made an address in the open air to a large assemblage just after the sun set, when all around seemed quiet and harmonious with the services.

On Saturday, August 8th, I left for Lewistown, where I officiated on Sunday in the morning and preached in the afternoon, making an address on the Anglican Communion and administering the Sacrament of adult baptism. In the evening I delivered an address on Confirmation, on which occasion I confirmed nine, afterwards addressing the Candidates themselves. The Rev. Mr. MCKIM is the Rector at Lewistown, transferred to me from the Diocese of Missouri. His letters

of transfer were the last to which the much lamented head of that Diocese affixed his signature. Mr. McKim is an accession to our own working body, and appreciated by the Parish in which God has placed him.

At Farmington, evening service was held, where I preached and confirmed four, and made an address to the Candidates. This Parish, very weak in its resources, and with small opportunities of advance, is mainly upheld by the zeal and piety of a few. It is supplied by the Rev. Mr. Bruce, resident at Lewistown.

On Tuesday I again visited the Clergy at Jubilee. We had service at four o'clock, at which I preached and confirmed five.

The next day, accompanied by Dr. Chase and the Rev. Mr. Benedict, who has been the faithful Minister of the Congregation, I visited Wyoming, where service was held in the afternoon. Thirteen were presented for confirmation, among whom were three generations kneeling together and five husbands with their wives. I was driven late in the evening to Galva, which I reached at 11 o'clock P. M., in time to take the train and return to the city.

On Sunday, August 16th, I preached in the Cathedral, and in the evening again.

On Sunday, the 23d, I preached in the Cathedral. In the afternoon baptized, by request, a child, and in the evening preached again — a continuation of the same series of discourses.

On Tuesday, August 25th, visited Onarga for the first time, and officiated in the small but appropriate Church erected by that Congregation. The services which they have enjoyed have been rendered by the Rev. Philander Chase, from Robin's Nest. They are now prepared, however, to call a Minister, who will find there a promising field, and around him large opportunities for missionary work on the Illinois Central Railroad. I preached, made an address, and confirmed seventeen during my visit.

Sunday, August 30th, I preached, morning and evening, in the Cathedral, and, on Monday night, left for Knoxville to attend the opening of the term of St. Mary's Hall, our institution for female education, established by the Rev. Mr. Leffingwell. The large hall of the institution was well filled on the occasion; and, after appropriate religious services and address by the Rector, I, myself, made an address on the subject of Christian Education, especially for the daughters of the Church, for whom that institution was designed. In the afternoon I preached and confirmed eleven in the new Church building which has been erected in that little town. The Parish, at present, is under

the charge of Rev. Mr. Leffingwell, and in the services of which he can be assisted by such Clerical assistants as may be connected with St. Mary's. In the evening of the same day, I officiated at Galesburg. For the Rectorship of this Parish, Reverend Doctor Boyd, has been transferred from Mississippi. The Church is now in good order, and having thus, in God's Providence, secured one so well known as the present Rector for his zeal and ability, offers promise for the future, perhaps, beyond any in its previous history. I there confirmed fourteen—good first fruits of the short ministry which Doctor Boyd has been enabled to cast among them.

On Wednesday, I made a second visitation at the Church at Kewanee, officiating there in the morning and finding, by the zeal of his Rectorship, a second class ready for confirmation, embracing fourteen persons. I preached and made to them the usual closing address.

On Thursday, September 3, I went to Naperville for the marriage of the daughter of a friend—an active officer of that thriving Parish.

Sunday, September 6th, preached in Cathedral and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 13th, preached again in the morning, and in the afternoon held the Supplementary Confirmation, on which occasion eleven were confirmed for the Cathedral, and eight for Calvary—presented by the Rector, the Rev. A. W. Snyder. The Bishop of Georgia was present with me on the occasion, and our valuable new organ was used for the first time.

Yesterday (Tuesday), the 15th, I officiated at the opening services of the Convention and administered the Holy Communion to the large number of assembled Clergy and Laity. The solemnity and beauty were largely promoted by the kind attention of the Clergy in wearing their Surplices and sustaining, effectively, the musical services. We have reason to remember it as a very impressive scene and a devout fulfillment of our common worship.

Thus ends my running record of the last six months of Diocesan work. It is inseparable from a certain amount of monotony and egoism, but is not without its import in promoting intelligent sympathy and fellowship.

APPENDIX—I.

In accordance with a Resolution found on page fifty-nine, Journal of Thirtieth Annual Convention, in which the Diocese recognized and adopted the system of Rural Deanries as set forth by the Bishop in his Address, he, in compliance therewith, has apportioned the Diocese into seven Ruri-Decanal Districts, and appointed therein Rural Deans, as follows:

The Northern Deanry, consisting of the Counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Lake, Carroll, Ogle, DeKalb, Kane, Cook, DuPage, Whiteside, and Lee.

Rural Dean—The Rev. Joseph H. Rylance, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago.

The North Western Deanry, consisting of the Counties of Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, Mercer, Knox, Stark, Putnam west of the Illinois River, Marshall (the same), Henderson, Warren, and Peoria.

Rural Dean—The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., Vice-President of Jubilee College, and Rector of Christ Church, Robin's Nest.

The Eastern Deanry, consisting of the Counties of LaSalle, Kendall, Will, Grundy, Kankakee, Putnam east of the Illinois River, Marshall (the same), Woodford, Livingston, Iroquois, Tazewell, McLean, and Ford.

Rural Dean—The Rev. Theodore N. Morrison, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington.

The Middle Deanry, consisting of the Counties of Mason, Cass, Menard, Logan, DeWitt, Piatt, Douglas, Edgar, Morgan, Sangamon, Macon, Moultrie, Coles, Scott, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland, Clark, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, and Crawford.

Rural Dean—The Rev. William F. B. Jackson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

The Western Deanry, consisting of the Counties of Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Adams, Schuyler, Brown, Pike, and Calhoun.

Rural Dean—The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Quincy.

The South Western Deanry, consisting of the Counties of Green, Macoupin, Montgomery, Jersey, Madison, Bond, St. Clair, Clinton, Marion, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Monroe, Washington, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, and Wabash.

Rural Dean—The Rev. Cornelius S. Abbott, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton.

The Southern Deanry, consisting of the Counties of Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski, and Massac.

Rural Dean—The Rev. James W. Coe, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo.

The Commission issued by the Bishop to each Rural Dean appears on pp. 47–48 of foregoing Address.

CALENDAR

Of Parochial Offerings, and of Vestry and Parish Meetings, &c., in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Illinois.

Advent A. D. 1868. Advent A. D. 1869.

Dec. 13,	1868	3d Sunday in Advent...	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Feb. 7,..	1869	Quinquagesima.....	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
Feb. 8,..	1869	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
Mar. 21,	1869	6th Sunday in Lent.....	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Mar. 29,	1869	Monday in Easter Week	§ Election of Vestry, &c.
May 2,..	1869	5th Sunday after Easter	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
May 3,..	1869	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
June 20,	1869	4th Sunday aft. Trinity	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Aug. 1,..	1869	10th Sunday aft. Trinity	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
Aug. 2,..	1869	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
Sept. 14,	1869	.....	‖ Diocesan Convention, Chicago.
Sept. 19,	1869	17th Sunday aft. Trinity	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Nov. 7,..	1869	24th Sunday aft. Trinity	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
Nov. 8,..	1869	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
.....	1869	Thanksgiving Day.....	¶ Offering, Infirm Clergy Fund.

* See Canon XIII, Sec. 6.

† See Canon XIII, Sec 2.

‡ See Canon VIII, *Constitution of a Parish, Art. VIII, Sec.* 1.

§ See Canon IX, Sec. 1, and Canon VIII, *Constitution of a Parish, Art. V.*

‖ See Amendment to Article III, Constitution, Sec. 1, Page 26, Journal of Thirtieth Annual Convention.

¶ See Canon XIV, Sec. 1.