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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE,

On Wednesday May 19, Thursday May 20, Friday May 21, Saturday
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LIST OF CLERGY,

In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to Seats in the Convention.

- Rt. Rev. L. SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., Bishop, and Ex-Officio President of the Convention.
- Rev. R. W. BARBER, Missionary, Wilkes and Iredell Counties, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. GEORGE BENTON, Rector of Christ Church, Rockfish, Cumberland County.
- Rev. JARVIS BUXTON, Rector of Trinity Church, Asheville.
- Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector of Calvary Church, Tarborough, and Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
- Rev. THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.
- Rev. J. B. DONNELLY, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. F. FITZGERALD, Deacon, Church of the Saviour, Jackson, Northampton County.
- Rev. E. M. FORBES, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. EDWIN GEER, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- Rev. W. N. HAWKS, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
- Rev. F. M. HUBBARD, Rector of Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, and Professor in the University of North Carolina.
- Rev. N. COLLIN HUGHES, Missionary, Pitt and Beaufort Counties.
- Rev. JOS. C. HUSKE, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. JAMES G. JACOBS, Missionary, St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. JOHN R. LEE, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
- Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. CHARLES A. MAISON, New York.
- Rev. T. S. W. MOTT, Charlotte and Lincolnton.
- Rev. JOSEPH W. MURPHY, Deacon, Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. A. F. OLMSTEAD, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, and St. Mark's, Chatham County.
- Rev. JNO. HAYWOOD PARKER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
- Rev. CHARLES M. PARKMAN, Assistant, St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. H. H. PROUT, John's River Chapel, Burke County, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, St. Paul's, Louisburg, and St. James's, Granville.
- Rev. GEORGE PATTERSON, Deacon, Grace Church, Plymouth.
- Rev. J. AVERY SHEPHERD, Missionary Station, Scuppernong, Washington County.
- Rev. ALDERT SMEDES, Rector of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.

- Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity,
Hertford, Perquimons County, and Missionary in parts adjacent.
- Rev. W. W. SKILES, Deacon, Watauga County.
- Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Granville County.
- Rev. ALFRED A. WATSON, Rector of Grace Church, Plymouth, and St.
Luke's, Washington County.
- Rev. J. T. WHEAT, D. D., Professor in the University of N. Carolina.

The Rev. Messrs. J. B. DONNELLY, E. M. FORBES, W. N. HAWKS,
N. COLLIN HUGHES, SAM'L I. JOHNETON, J. R. LEE, CHAS. A. MAI-
SON, T. S. W. MOTT, A. F. OLNSTEAD, CHARLES M. PARKMAN, GEO.
PATTEERSON, ALDERT SNEDES, LEWIS TAYLOR, and J. T. WHEAT,
D. D., were not in attendance on this Convention.

LAY DELEGATES.

*JOHN W. WRIGHT, *CHARLES T. HAIGH, *Hon. R. STRANGE, *E. J. HALE,	} St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
*JOS. H. LAUGHINGHOUSE, JARVIS B. HARDING, *ISRAEL HARDING, *CHARLES C. ARCHBELL,	} Trinity Church, Beaufort County.
*Dr. JOHN H. HILL, OWEN D. HOLMES, SAMUEL LANGDON, *JEREMIAH W. MURPHY,	} St. Philip's Church, Smithville.
EDMUND WILKINS, D. A. BARNES, HENRY K. BURGWYN, JOHN RANDOLPH,	} Church of the Saviour, Northampton Co.
JACOB CORRELL, JOHN RICE, THOMAS TURNER, WM. T. THOMASON,	} St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County.
CHARLES P. MALLET, *AMASA ALDEN, KENON PHILLIPS, REUBEN SPENCER,	} Christ Church, Rockfish, Cumberland Co.
Dr. F. J. HILL, *HENRY A. LONDON, JOHN H. HAUGHTON, M. Q. WADDELL,	} St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.
Dr. J. CALLOWAY, M. JASON CARSON, J. G. BYNUM, WM. M. SHIPP,	} St. John's Church, Rutherfordton.
J. W. PATTON, WM. PATTON,	} Trinity Church, Asheville.
*J. CICERO JUSTICE, *R. N. FORBES, *ISRAEL DISOSWAY, *Dr. JOHN HARVEY,	} Christ Church, Newbern.
WILLIAM LOCKE, WILLIAM MURPHY, BENJ. SUMNER, CHAS. F. FISHER,	} St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

Dr. J. B. JONES, A. MICKLE, *E. MALLETT, M. FETTER,	} Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.
*Dr. A. J. DeROSSET, Jr., *A. A. BROWN, JAMES ANDERSON, *C. W. BRADLEY,	} St. James's Church, Wilmington.
*THOS. W. BROWN, S. J. PERSON, C. MYERS, A. H. VAN BOKKELIN,	} " " " Alternates.
J. B. GOELET, HENRY DOWNING, JOSIAH COLLINS, JOHN GOELET, A. L. CHESSEON,	} St. Luke's Parish, Washington County. " " " Alternate.
*Dr. S. J. BAKER, W. R. SMITH, RICHARD SMITH, P. M. EDMONDSTON,	} Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
*Dr. BENJ. ARRINGTON, JOHN F. PHELPS, F. F. FAGAN, JOHN McC. BOYLE,	} Grace Church, Plymouth.
G. W. MORDECAI, W. H. HAYWOOD, Jr., *JOHN H. BRYAN, *THOS. D. HOGG,	} Christ Church, Raleigh.
Dr. E. T. BRODNAX, Dr. A. B. JOHNS, ROBERT BRODNAX, RAWLEY GALLOWAY,	} Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
*GEO. N. EVANS, PETER G. EVANS, L. J. HAUGHTON, R. S. FRASIER,	} St. Mark's Church, Deep River.
*Dr. W. T. JOHNSON, Dr. W. M. GREEN, Dr. SPYERS SINGLETON,	} St. Paul's Church, Louisburg.
*THOMAS S. ASHE, N. D. BOGGAN, *W. E. TROY, *Dr. THOS. C. HALL,	} Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
B. H. DAVIDSON, Dr. L. G. JONES, *WILLIAM BRYSON,	} St. Peter's Church, Charlotte. St. John's in the Wilderness.

W. L. KENNEDY, DAVID B. PERRY, W. E. DEMILL, EDMUND S. HOYT,	} St. Peter's Church, Washington.
THOMAS BARBER, Jr., FRANKLIN S. NEELY, *JULIUS A. NEELY, *SAMUEL S. BARBER,	} Christ Church, Rowan County.
R. KINGSBURY, E. H. HICKS, L. A. PASCHALL, JAMES T. LITTLEJOHN,	} St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
JOHN WHITE, WM. EATON, Jr., Dr. G. E. SPRUILL, THOS. A. MONTGOMERY,	} Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
JOHN D. HAWKINS, JOHN S. EATON, R. P. HUGHES, R. F. STURDIVANT,	} Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.
JAMES WEDDELL, RUSSELL CHAPMAN, MATTHEW WEDDELL, JOS. H. BOWDITCH,	} Calvary Church, Tarborough.
L. E. THOMPSON, H. W. GUION, Dr. ALEX. RAMSOUR, V. A. MCBEE,	} St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton.
Dr. M. PAGE, E. C. HINES, W. C. HUNTER, Dr. EDWARD WARREN,	} St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Those marked [*] were present.

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FAYETTEVILLE, MAY 19, 1852.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 36th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Bishop, with the attending Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. John's Church, for the purpose of organizing the Convention.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

The Secretary for the last year called the list of the Clergy, and the following were found present and took their seats:

Rev. R. W. BARBER.	Rev. JAS. G. JACOCKS.
Rev. JARVIS BUXTON.	Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.
Rev. GEORGE BENTON.	Rev. JOS. W. MURPHY.
Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.	Rev. JOHN H. PARKER.
Rev. THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr.	Rev. H. H. PROUT.
Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.	Rev. J. AVERY SHEPHERD.
Rev. EDWIN GEER.	Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN.
Rev. FREDERICK FITZGERALD.	Rev. W. W. SKILES.
Rev. F. M. HUBBARD.	Rev. A. A. WATSON.
Rev. JOS. C. HUSKE.	

The Certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, laid on the Secretary's table, and read, from which it appeared that the following Churches had elected Delegates to this Convention:

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—John W. Wright, E. J. Hale, Charles T. Haigh, Hon. Robert Strange.

Trinity Church, Beaufort County.—Jos. H. Laughinghouse, Jarvis B. Harding, Israel Harding, Charles C. Archbell.

St. Philip's Church, Smithville.—Dr. John H. Hill, Samuel Langdon, Owen D. Holmes, Jeremiah W. Murphy.

Church of the Saviour, Jackson, Northampton County.—Edmund Wilkins, D. A. Barnes, Henry K. Burgwyn, John Randolph.

St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County.—Jacob Correll, John Rice, Thomas Turner, William T. Thomason.

Christ Church, Rockfish, Cumberland County.—Charles P. Mallett, Amasa Alden, Kenon Phillips, Reuben Spencer.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—Dr. F. J. Hill, Henry A. London, John H. Haughton, M. Q. Waddell.

St. John's Church, Rutherfordton.—Dr. J. Calloway, M. Jason Gerson, J. G. Bynum, Wm. M. Shipp.

Trinity Church, Asheville.—J. W. Patton, Wm. Patton.

Christ Church, Newbern.—J. Cicero Justice, R. N. Forbes, Israel Disosway, Dr. John Harvey.

St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.—Wm. Locke, Wm. Murphy, Benjamin Sumner, Charles F. Fisher.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—Dr. J. B. Jones, A. Mickle, E. Mallett, M. Fetter.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr., A. A. Brown, James Anderson, C. W. Bradley. Alternates: Thos. W. Brown, S. J. Person, C. Myers, A. H. Van Bokkelin.

St. Luke's Parish, Washington County.—J. B. Goelet, Josiah Collins, Henry Downing, John Goelet. A. L. Chesson, Alternate.

Calvary Church, Tarborough.—James Weddell, Russell Chapman, Matthew Weddell, Jos. H. Bowditch.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—Dr. S. J. Baker, W. R. Smith, Richard Smith, P. M. Edmondston.

Grace Church, Plymouth.—Dr. Benj. Arrington, John F. Phelps, F. F. Fagan, John McC. Boyle.

Christ Church, Raleigh.—G. W. Mordecai, W. H. Haywood, Jr., John H. Bryan, Thos. D. Hogg. Alternates: E. P. Guion, Charles Manly, Richard Hines, Jas. McKimmon.

Of whom the following were present and took seats as members of the Convention:

John W. Wright, E. J. Hale, Charles T. Haigh, Hon. R. Strange, Joseph H. Laughinghouse, Charles C. Archbell, Dr. John H. Hill, Jeremiah W. Murphy, Amasa Alden, Henry A. London, J. Cicero Justice, Israel Disosway, R. N. Forbes, Dr. John Harvey, Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr., Thos. W. Brown, Dr. S. J. Baker.

The President declared the Convention organized.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted.

The Convention then, on motion, proceeded to elect a Secretary for the ensuing year. On counting the ballots, Edward Lee Winslow was unanimously elected.

The Convention, on motion, adjourned, to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire,—the Rev. F. Fitzgerald reading the Lessons.

The Ante-Communion Service by the Bishop, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. John H. Parker, from the 4th chapter of Ephesians, 16th verse.

At Night, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Joseph W. Murphy, the Lessons read by the Rev. A. A. Watson, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. F. M. Hubbard, from the 30th chapter of Proverbs, 17th verse.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, amended, and approved.

The Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley appeared and took his seat.

C. W. Bradley, a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington, appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Lay Delegation were handed in and read, from which it appeared that the following Churches had elected Delegates to this Convention:

Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.—Dr. E. T. Brodnax, Dr. A. B. Johns, Robert Brodnax, Rawley Galloway.

St. Mark's Church, Deep River, Chatham County.—George N. Evans, Peter G. Evans, L. J. Haughton, R. G. Frasier.

St. Paul's Church, Louisburg.—Dr. W. T. Johnson, Dr. Wm. M. Green, Dr. Spyers Singleton.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Thomas S. Ashe, N. D. Boggan, Dr. Thos. C. Hall, W. E. Troy.

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—William L. Kennedy, David B. Perry, William E. Demill, Edmund S. Hoyt.

Christ Church, Rowan.—Thomas Barber, Jr., Franklin S. Neely, Julius A. Neely, Samuel S. Barber.

St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.—R. Kingsbury, E. H. Hicks, L. A. Paschall, Jas. T. Littlejohn.

Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—John White, William Eaton, Jr., Dr. G. E. Spruill, Thomas A. Montgomery.

Of whom the following took seats as members of this Convention: Dr. Wood T. Johnson, Julius A. Neely, Samuel S. Barber, Wm. E. Troy, George N. Evans, Dr. Thos. C. Hall.

The President of the Convention announced the following appointments of the Standing Committees:

On the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, Geer, Snowden, Parker, and Huske.

Committee of Finance.—Rev. Dr. Drane, Hon. R. Strange, Dr. S. J. Baker, Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr., W. E. Troy.

On the Admission of New Congregations.—Rev. Messrs. Cheshire and Shepherd, of the Clergy; Messrs. C. T. Haigh, J. C. Justice, and Jos. H. Laughinghouse, of the Laity.

Missionary Committee.—Messrs. Watson, Prout, Buxton, and Davis, of the Clergy; E. J. Hale, Dr. W. T. Johnson, and Dr. Arrington, of the Laity.

Relief Fund.—Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley, H. A. London, and Dr. John H. Hill.

Unfinished Business of the last Convention.—Rev. Dr. Mason and Rev. Mr. Benton, of the Clergy, and A. Alden, of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. J. Buxton,

Resolved, That the documents in relation to the formation of the Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, Buncombe County, be referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address to the Convention, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

• BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

Let us unite in thanksgiving to God, that we are allowed to assemble once more in the peace and unity of the Gospel. The affairs, both of our Diocese and of the Protestant Episcopal Church throughout the world, have, during the past year, assumed a more encouraging aspect. In our own Diocese, God seems by His providence and grace to have appeared in our behalf. His solemn interposition at our last Convention, through the death of a much-loved brother, as connected with the peaceful adjustment of our trying difficulties, has been followed with a less signal, perhaps, but no less certain manifestation of His grace, in the increasing harmony and prosperity of our Parishes during the whole period since we last met. Your Bishop desires to record his grateful thanks to Almighty God for more than usual tokens of divine blessing upon his labors during his late visitation. The thoughts of men, which for a time seemed, by outward commotion, diverted from themselves, have manifestly, as seen in numerous instances, been called back by the more urgent claims of personal religion; so that now the anxiety seems to be rapidly gaining ground, "What must I do to be saved? Lord, what wilt *thou* have ME to do?" The only serious drawback, in my view, to this encouraging state of things, is the diminished number of ministers, ordained of God, to answer such questions and guide inquiring sinners in the way of life.

In our branch of the Church Catholic, too, there are pleasing indications of increased stability in the faith, and increased zeal for the salvation of men. But what, in the view of your Bishop, is, at present, demanded to give depth and substantial reality to this advancement, is a thorough knowledge of, and simple adherence to, *the teaching of the Book of Common Prayer*. It hardly need be observed, that this to *us*, as *christians*, as well as churchmen, is the teaching of Holy Scripture; and that we are bound as honest men to shape our faith and practice to its plain and natural meaning;—to allow no fancy or prejudice of our own minds either to warp that meaning, or be the ground of departure from it. Every Priest, it is true, is expected to form his judgment of the sense, and exercise a sound discretion in the use, under certain extraordinary circumstances, of the Prayer Book. But this is clearly distinct from the idea that we are at liberty to sacrifice its natural, obvious meaning to our prejudices, or to force from it a meaning to suit our private, Theological views! The fact is, the system of the *Liturgy*, and not of our *own minds*, is to be our guide. Our first aim, then, should be to keep our minds in a state of simple submission to its actual teaching. This will require, in the first place, careful and diligent study on

the part of the Clergy. Such study, to be careful and diligent, however, must be conducted on the principle that the language is to be taken in its *natural* sense, or the meaning of it sought under the precise rules which govern the proper investigation of other writings. By which I mean, that the Liturgy is to be considered by itself, taken historically and as a whole—and not made to depend for its meaning upon our notions of the teaching of some other book to which it is held subservient. For example, we are not allowed in examining the Prayer Book, to *force* it into agreement with what we, in our private judgment, think to be the meaning of the Bible; for the simple reason that we have already received and pledged our submission to the Prayer Book as the Church's *interpreter* of the Bible—as exhibiting in respect to any litigated or other point, what we have bound ourselves to accept as the true *sense* of the Bible. So that we are not to go to the Bible to ascertain the meaning of the Prayer Book; but to the Prayer Book to ascertain the meaning of the Bible. *That* being the fountain of all fundamental Faith, the Church, under the providence and spirit of God, hath provided the Book of Common Prayer, to enable us the better to understand and apply it to our salvation.

But do not misapprehend me. It is far from my intention to teach that the Prayer Book has any truth or value independent of God's word. For my conviction is, that its truth and value are identical with that word, and come solely from it, as the source of all that is necessary, either to be believed or practiced, for the salvation of men. And further, when the Prayer Book is assailed by its enemies as *unscriptural*, I maintain that we are to go to the *Scriptures* for its defence. But I maintain, also, that *we*, as *Christians*, have accepted this Book as *Scriptural*; and furthermore, as exhibiting, *plainly, distinctly, and emphatically*, what the Scriptures teach in respect to all necessary Faith and obedience. And hence we have no right, as honest men, to hold that the Scriptures differ, in any essential matter, from the *plain, distinct, and emphatic* teaching of the Prayer Book; or that we may employ our private interpretation of the Scriptures to give an unnatural sense to this Book.

In our study of it, then, we are to look to the Prayer Book itself—are to ascertain its meaning by a careful collation and comparison of its different parts, and by a diligent and cautious examination into the distinct history of these parts. In comparing the different parts of the Prayer Book, we must keep in mind two important ideas. The first is, that we are not to admit the possibility of any *actual disagreement* in these different parts. The other is, that the parts which are designed for the use of every christian man, which enter into the foundations of his Faith and practice, must be considered as taking the lead in the office of interpretation. I have reference here to such parts as the *Creeeds, the Catechism, and the Offices for the administration of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Lord's Supper*;—not meaning, however, to imply that the other parts, rightly understood, are to be considered as of less authority; but only that what each christian is called upon to regard as defining his real relation to God, and to learn as his guide in Faith and obedience, is likely, under the wisdom of God's Church, to be eminently explicit and intelligible.

In examining the history of the several parts of the Prayer Book, we shall be under the necessity, especially in regard to the use of terms, of keeping strictly to the *Church signification*. Take the terms *Election*, *Regeneration*, *Faith*, *Justification*, and the like:—they have all attached to them a popular, *modern* idea, essentially repugnant to their true church-meaning. Instead of rejecting such idea, and searching for the church-meaning, we are prone to attempt a reconciliation between the two, and hence to produce confusion in our own minds and those of our people.

In seeking historically the sense of the Prayer Book, we have a *right*, to say the least, to go back to those primitive sources which were avowedly made the guides in its revision by the Framers themselves. Indeed, I cannot see why we are not bound as honest and faithful teachers, to do this. Besides, we are bound to ascertain the mind or judgment of these Framers, and of the Church which, at the time, received their work—together with the motive which led to any particular change, abridgement or enlargement. In this way we may hope to come at length to something like harmony in our views and teaching on the Prayer Book.

For in the next place, to promote a proper adherence to the Prayer Book, such *teaching* is *necessary*. So our Church has judged, and hence has made provision to ensure it by canon—requiring that each Parochial minister “shall not only be diligent in instructing the children in the Catechism, but also, by stated Catechetical Lectures and instruction, be diligent in informing the youth and others in the Liturgy of the Church.” In doing your duty here, Brethren of the Clergy, let me urge upon you the importance both of confining yourselves, in your explanations, strictly to the language of the Church, and of inculcating the uniform use of such language upon your people. Minds, that from any cause, have a sympathy with any thing peculiar to other communions, incur no little risk to themselves by adopting the characteristic phraseology of these communions. For phraseology constitutes the tie which binds us to ideas; and when it belongs, as a *characteristic*, to a communion adverse to our own, and is thoughtlessly or through affection adopted by ourselves, we are certain to adopt with it an idea which cannot fail either to weaken or neutralize, in our minds, the true influence of our own professed Faith. This, however, will be found true only in the cases where the phraseology adopted characterizes the *erroneous* part of the system to which it belongs. Hence we are not called upon to reject terms and phrases merely because persons in error employ them, but because they employ them to symbolize *error*. For many terms and phrases employed by such persons have always been found in the Holy Catholic Church. These we are certainly allowed to use; while we are required to avoid only those which mark a departure from Catholic Faith and usage. In our parochial instructions, the simplest and least technical language is the best. Our object is to teach the truth as it is in Jesus. This truth is *One*, and *always* the same. It is necessary, then, in the first place, that our words convey clear and definite ideas—clear and definite not only to *ourselves*, but also to our *hearers*. In the next place, they must convey such ideas as give dis-

inct impressions of the "one Faith" "once for all delivered to the saints." Hence, these words should be always plain and familiar.—Strange terms are likely to beget strange ideas. They may startle and confound, but will not instruct and confirm in the truth. Brethren, I have been led to these cautions by a conviction forced upon me by the events of the last few trying years. I could say much more—but this is not the place. Besides, I have said enough to indicate the necessity of greater attention to the teaching of the Prayer Book, and of greater caution in the discharge of that duty. It only remains that I exhort you to increased earnestness and fidelity on this behalf; and to entreat Almighty God to "give you understanding in all things."

I now pass to the record of my official acts for the last conventional year.

The first was in St. John's, Fayetteville, on the Sunday after Ascension. In the morning I administered the Holy Communion, and in the evening confirmed twelve persons. On the evening of the next day, preached in the same Church. These were seasons of great solemnity, as enforcing truth through the sudden death of a beloved and revered Pastor.

Whit Sunday, in Christ Church, Raleigh, I celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Trinity Sunday, officiated in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, three times, preaching each time, and celebrating the Lord's Supper in the morning.

17th June, Christ Church, Rowan, preached, confirmed five persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

1st Sunday after Trinity, St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, said morning prayer and evening prayer, preached twice, confirmed two persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper. The wants and interests of the Church here I found to demand greatly the services of a Missionary.

25th and 26th, in St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, preached three times, confirmed one person, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

2d Sunday after Trinity, St. John's Church, Rutherfordton, consecrated the Church, preached twice, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

July 2d, St. John's Church in the Wilderness, preached and confirmed one person.

3d Sunday after Trinity, Trinity Church, Asheville, consecrated the Church, a neat Gothic edifice, highly creditable to the zeal and taste of the few churchmen there, preached twice, confirmed one person, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

9th and 10th, Grace Church, Morganton, preached three times, confirmed one person, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

11th, John's River, preached, confirmed three persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

4th Sunday after Trinity, Lenoir, Caldwell county; I only preached,—the celebration of Holy Communion being deferred till it could take place in the Church building, which, through the praiseworthy efforts of the congregation, was nearly completed.

15th, Valley of the Yadkin; preached.

5th Sunday after Trinity, in the morning, Church of the Holy Cross,

Valle Crucis, preached, confirmed three persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper. In the evening, preached at the house of the Rev. Mr. Prout, Upper Wataga.

24th, St. Paul's Church, Wilkesborough; morning, said prayers and preached; evening, said prayers, preached, and confirmed one person. Next morning, St. James's day, celebrated the Lord's Supper.

26th, and 6th Sunday after Trinity, St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, preached three times, confirmed one person, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

28th, morning, St. Andrew's Church, Rowan, preached, confirmed two persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper. At night, St. Luke's, Salisbury, preached.

29th, at night, in Court House at Lexington, preached.

August 2d, St. Mark's Church, Deep River, preached, and confirmed two persons.

Saturday, and 7th Sunday after Trinity, St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, preached three times, confirmed three persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

6th, St. Mary's School, Raleigh, by special visitation, confirmed one person.

8th Sunday after Trinity, Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, preached, and celebrated the Lord's Supper. This Parish having at the time only the services of a Deacon.

13th, in Emmanuel Parish, Warrenton, by request of the Rector, performed Burial Service, and made an address at the funeral of an old and highly valued friend and communicant of the Church.

9th Sunday after Trinity and the four following Sundays, All Saints' Chapel, Nag's Head, preached five times, and celebrated the Lord's Supper twice.

Sept. 28th, (15th Sunday after Trinity,) Church of the Holy Trinity, Hertford, preached twice, confirmed three persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

16th Sunday after Trinity, in Church of Holy Innocents, Henderson, preached, and confirmed two persons.

Having been called by business to the little town of Newton, Catawba county, I passed 17th Sunday after Trinity there, said morning and evening prayer, and preached twice.

18th October, St. Luke's day, in the Mountain Chapel, Rockingham county, preached, and confirmed three persons. This Chapel was erected through the christian liberality and active zeal of Rawley Galloway, Esq., whose detention from the services by an afflicting providence prevented its consecration.

18th Sunday after Trinity, in the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville, preached, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

19th Sunday after Trinity, officiated in St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county, preaching, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. The confirmation was deferred, owing to a violent rain.

28th, St. Simon's and St. Jude's day, in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, preached, and ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. J. G. Jackcocks,—the Rev. Dr. Wheat and the Rev. Mr. Donnelly being present and bearing witness.

Morning of All Saints, in St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county, preached, and confirmed four persons. Evening of same day, in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, preached, and confirmed eight persons. Next morning, celebrated the Lord's Supper for a sick person in private, by request of the Rector. After which, preached and celebrated the Lord's Supper in St. Matthew's Church. Evening, preached and examined children in Catechism.

Tuesday, 4th Nov'r, in Chapel of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, by special request, preached, and confirmed two persons.

21st Sunday after Trinity and previous evening, in Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, preached three times, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Being called by special duty to Washington City, I officiated in the morning of 22d Sunday after Trinity in St. John's Church, and in the evening in the Church of the Epiphany.

23d Sunday after Trinity and previous day, in St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, preached five times, confirmed ten persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Wednesday after, in St. James's Church, Granville county, officiated once.

Advent Sunday, in St. John's Church, Williamsborough, preached, confirmed one person, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Tuesday morning, 2d Dec., baptised, confirmed, and celebrated the Lord's Supper, for sick person, in the Parish of Holy Innocents, Henderson.

2d Sunday in Advent, Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, preached twice, confirmed seven persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

3d Sunday in Advent and previous evening, in School House, Louisburg, preached three times, confirmed three persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper. It was a matter for gratitude to God, that the friends of the Church here are entering seriously and zealously upon the work of building a Church.

4th Sunday in Advent, and Christmas day, in Church of Holy Innocents, Henderson, preached twice, confirmed one person, and celebrated the Lord's Supper twice.

1st and 2d Sundays after Christmas, preached in Christ Church, Raleigh.

1st and 2d Sundays after Epiphany, in Chapel of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, preached twice, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Friday, Jan. 9th, in Christ Church, Raleigh, by special request, confirmed one person.

3d Sunday after Epiphany, preached in Christ Church, Raleigh.

4th Sunday after Epiphany, in Chapel of St. Mary's School.

Septuagesima Sunday, Church of Holy Innocents, Henderson, ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr.,—the Rev. Dr. Mason, the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard, McRae, and Tayler being present and bearing witness.

Sexagesima Sunday, at the residence of William Eaton, Esq., Warren county, officiated to colored congregation.

Quinquagesima Sunday, Christ Church, Raleigh, preached, and confirmed four persons.

Ash-Wednesday and 1st Sunday in Lent, preached at Chapel of St. Mary's School.

6th March, at Halifax, baptised an adult, preached, and confirmed three persons. I note with much pleasure that arrangements are here made for Missionary services, once in the month, under encouraging circumstances.

2d Sunday in Lent, in Church of the Saviour, Jackson, preached twice, confirmed four persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Wednesday, 10th, preached at Woodville, Bertie county.

Thursday, 11th, in St. Thomas's Church, Windsor, preached, and confirmed three persons.

3d Sunday in Lent, Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, said Morning Prayers, baptised an adult, preached, and confirmed four persons. The Rector being absent by special appointment.

16th, Calvary Church, Tarborough, preached morning and night.

18th, Church of Advent, Williamston, preached, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

4th Sunday in Lent, St. Paul's Church, Edenton, preached, twice, ordained the Rev. C. M. Parkman to the Priesthood, (the Rev. Messrs. Johnston, Watson, and Shepherd being present and bearing witness,) and confirmed thirteen persons.

Tuesday, 23d, Gates C. H., preached, confirmed four persons, and celebrated Holy Eucharist.

Thursday, 25th, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, Trinity Church, Hertford, preached twice, confirmed two persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Saturday, 27th, St. Barnabas' Church, Woodville, preached, confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

5th Sunday in Lent, Christ Church, Elizabeth City, preached twice, confirmed five persons, and addressed colored congregation at night.

6th Sunday in Lent, morning, at Pettigrew's Chapel, preached, and confirmed eight persons. Evening, at Lake Scuppernong, preached, and confirmed five persons.

Good-Friday, Grace Church, Plymouth; morning, ordained to Holy Order of Deacons, George Patterson. Evening, preached, and confirmed four persons.

Easter-Day, morning, St. Luke's, Locust Grove, preached, confirmed one person, and celebrated the Lord's Supper. Evening, in Grace Church, Plymouth, preached, and celebrated Lord's Supper.

Easter-Tuesday, St. Thomas's, Bath, preached, confirmed five persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Next day, 14th April, in Zion Chapel, Beaufort county, preached, and confirmed ten persons.

Thursday, 15th, Saturday, 17th, and 1st Sunday after Easter, in St. Peter's Church, Washington, preached four times, confirmed five persons, examined children in Catechism, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Monday, 19th, Trinity Church, Beaufort county, preached, confirmed three persons, examined children, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Tuesday, 20th, officiated in St. Paul's, Greenville, Pitt county.

Thursday, 22d, St. John's, Pitt county, preached, and confirmed two persons.

Saturday, 24th, and 2d Sunday after Easter, Christ Church, Newbern, preached four times, confirmed four persons, examined children, and celebrated Lord's Supper.

Tuesday, 27th, Kinston, said Morning Prayer, baptised one adult and four infants, and preached.

Thursday, 29th, Waynesborough, preached, confirmed one person, and celebrated Lord's Supper.

Next two days and 3d Sunday after Easter, St. James's, Wilmington, preached five times, examined children, confirmed nineteen persons, and celebrated Lord's Supper.

4th Sunday after Easter, Calvary Church, Wadesborough, said Morning and Evening Prayer, baptised eleven infants, confirmed two persons, and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

5th Sunday after Easter, morning, preached, St. John's Church, Fayetteville; evening, Christ Church, Rockfish, and confirmed thirteen persons.

From all which it appears, that during the past year I have baptised 4 Adults and 15 Infants; confirmed 210 persons; preached 130 times; celebrated the Lord's Supper on 52 occasions; consecrated 2 Churches, and ordained one Deacon and three Priests. In addition, St. Mary's School is to be visited soon after the Convention, where the number of confirmations will be considerably increased; and three Churches are now ready for consecration.

The present number of candidates for Holy Orders is eight, as follows: Richard H. Mason, Horatio Hewett, Arthur F. N. Rolf, Richard Hines, James T. Pickett, James Norwood, James A. Harrell, and Benjamin Swan Bronson.

In regard to the changes among the Clergy of the Diocese, we are first met by that solemn providence which, during the sittings of our last Convention, deprived this Parish of a most able, efficient, and faithful Rector; this Diocese of the example and counsel of one of its most venerated Presbyters; and your Bishop of an ever dear and valued friend. May this providence keep us alive to that last great change which must so soon come upon us all!

The Rev. Joseph C. Huske has been called from Burke county to supply this vacancy in the Rectorship of St. John's, Fayetteville. The Rev. Mr. Mott has removed from Caldwell county and taken charge of the Churches at Lincolnton and Charlotte. The Rev. Mr. Passmore has removed by letter to the Diocese of Texas. The Rev. Mr. Gries, by letter to the Diocese of New Jersey. The Rev. Mr. Babbitt, by letter to the Diocese of Florida. The Rev. Mr. McRae, by letter to the Diocese of Massachusetts. The Rev. C. A. Maison has taken up his residence temporarily in New York. The Rev. Mr. Barber, Deacon, has, under the direction of the Bishop, been officiating during the past year in Wilkes and Yadkin counties. The Rev. Mr. Parkman, since his ordination to the Priesthood, has accepted a call as Assistant Minister to the Rev. Mr. Johnston, of St. Paul's, Edenton. The Rev.

Mr. Patterson, Deacon, is placed under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Watson, of Grace Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's Church, Locust Grove.

The interest in Parochial Schools, I am glad to remark, is gradually increasing, while those noticed in my last journal have continued to prosper, and to give evidence of their importance as nurseries of truth and godliness.

In our present suffering from want of Clergy, a question arises, which our Parishes individually would do well to consider, whether it may not be the duty of each of them to make a special effort to increase our means for the proper education of Candidates for Holy Orders. Many more, I doubt not, might be brought to the sacred work, could your Bishop feel warranted in promising them an adequate support while pursuing their studies.

While, in conclusion, it is my duty to exhort you to go to the business of the Convention under a controlling sense of dependence upon Him "from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed," I would not forget that it is our duty likewise to supplicate for the universal Church a special portion of that wisdom, and meekness, and holy love, with which the presence of her Divine Head blest her on earth; that she may so follow His blessed steps, as to ensure His guidance through all her toilsome way to His everlasting presence in Heaven!

L. SILLIMAN IVES.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations report: That application has been received from the Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, Buncombe county: They find the Canon complied with, and recommend that that Church be admitted into union with this Convention.

Which Report was adopted, and the Church admitted.

Whereupon, William Bryson, the delegate elect, was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 5 o'clock P. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. H. H. Prout. Lessons read by the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr. Ante-Communion Service, with the Collect, Gospel and Epistle for Ascension-Day, by the Bishop. Sermon preached by the Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, from 2d Epistle of Peter, 3d chapter, part of the 16th verse.

THURSDAY, 5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

E. Mallett, a Delegate from Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, appeared and took his seat.

The Parochial Reports were read by the Secretary, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, white 6, colored 2,	8
Infants, white 29, colored 11,	40
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Catechumens, (about)	100
Confirmed—White 16, colored 3,	19
Communicants—Died 2, withdrawn and removed 22, ad- ded 11, present number	263
Marriages—White 8, colored 3,	11
Funerals,	13
Contributions—For Bishop's Salary,	\$225 00
Diocesan Missions,	350 00
Relief Fund,	60 00
Parochial Charity,	103 00
Domestic Missions in the United States and kindred objects,	204 35
African Missions,	75 00
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This Parish continues to exhibit gratifying indications of prosperity. The increasing numbers of persons desirous of attending our services, but who have heretofore been prevented by the want of room in the present Parish Church, have induced the Vestry to undertake the erection of an additional place of worship; and although the undertaking is as yet in its incipiency, the Rector indulges the hope that by the next Convention he will be enabled to report its completion.

ROBERT B. DRANE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Joseph C. Huske, Rector.

I entered upon the charge of this Parish in the latter part of September last. During the time intervening between the death of the late lamented Rector and the beginning of my ministry in this Parish, the following ministerial acts were performed:

Baptisms, (white Infants,)	3
Confirmations—White 6, colored 5,	11
Funerals—White, Adult 1, Infant 1,	2

The following Report embraces the period of my own ministry in this Parish:

Baptisms, (white Infants,)	13
Catechumens,	100 to 120
Communicants—Died 4, removed 1, added 6; present number	140
Marriages—White 5, colored 4,	9
Burials—White 4, colored 3,	7

Contributions—Bishop's Salary and Contingent Ex.	§210 00
Diocesan Missions,	160 00
Relief Fund,	60 00
Parochial Charity,	235 05
Domestic Missions in U. States,	92 87
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CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Children 11,	12
Catechumens, (about)	70
Confirmations—White 1, colored 3,	4
Communicants,	102
Marriages—White 3, colored 4,	7
Funerals,	5
Collections for the Poor,	§116 35
“ for Missionary and Parochial purposes,	325 00
Assessment for Diocesan purposes,	210 00
	R. S. MASON.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. Wm. N. Hawks, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 2, Children 29,	31
Confirmations,	4
Marriages,	3
Communicants—Reported to last Convention, white 122, colored 31; added, white 8, colored 1; died and removed, white 9, colored 1; total	152
Burials,	7
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	§150 13
Relief Fund,	29 17
Parochial purposes,	168 25
Bishop's Salary,	210 00
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	WM. N. HAWKS.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. Edwin Geer, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 14,	15
Confirmations,	5
Communicants—Died 3, removed 8, added (4 by trans- fer) 24, present number	127

Marriages,	8
Burials,	4
Sunday School—Scholars,	54
Teachers,	9
Money collected—For Assessment,	\$100 00
Jubilee collection for Diocesan	
Missions,	21 57
Sunday School for Relief Com.,	11 36
Parochial Charities,	90 30
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	\$223 23
	EDWIN GEER.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, RALEIGH.

Rev. Aldert Smedes, Rector.

Baptised, two Adults.

Confirmed, three. Several candidates for Confirmation are now awaiting the Bishop's return from Fayetteville.

Communicants, on Easter-Sunday, thirty-five, of whom twenty-three were pupils.

Contributions at the Altar, \$114 49, which have been paid to Treasurer of our Diocese for the Missionary Fund.

The School continues in a prosperous condition.

ALDERT SMEDES.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. E. M. Forbes, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 12, colored 4; Adult, white 3,	
colored 1; total, white 15, colored 5,	20
Catechumens—White 50, colored 20,	70
Confirmations—White, (1 at Mr. Smedes')	6
Communicants—Added by 1st Communion, white 5, co-	
lored 1; removed 2; died, white 2, co-	
lored 1; present number, white 51,	
colored 13,	64
Marriages, (white)	3
Funerals—White 4, colored 3,	7
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$78 00
Bishop's Salary,	30 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
Bibles and Prayer Books,	28 50
Domestic and Foreign Missions,	47 00
Parochial objects,	170 00
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	E. M. FORBES.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. S. I. Johnston, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 13, colored 73; Adults, white 2, colored 1; total	89
Confirmations—White 12, colored 1,	13
Communicants—Died 6; removed 8; added, white 18, colored 4; present number, white 115, colored 38,	154
Marriages—White 2, colored 5,	7
Burials—White 6, colored 6,	12
Systematic Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$97 66
For the Poor,	162 37
For Valle Crucis,	18 00
For Relief Fund,	52 18
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	\$330 21

SAM'L I. JOHNSTON.

CHURCH IN SCUPPERNONG, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, Missionary.

PETTIGREW'S CHAPEL.

Baptisms—White, Adult 1, Infant 5; colored, Adult 5, Infant 1,	12
Catechumens—White 30, colored 50,	80
Confirmations—White 2, colored 6,	8
Communicants—Added, white 1, colored 6; died, colored 1; present number, white 40, colored 8,	48
Marriages—White 2, colored 1,	3
Burials—White 5, colored 1,	6
Contribution—Collection on Jubilee Sunday to the Diocesan Missionary Fund,	\$50 00

LAKE CHAPEL.

Baptisms—Colored, Infant 19, Adult 2,	21
Catechumens—White 6, colored 115,	121
Confirmations, (colored)	5
Communicants—Added (colored) 5, died 2; present number, white 6, colored 101,	107
Marriages,	3
Burials,	5
Contributions—Assessment for Missionary Fund,	\$28 00
Bishop's Salary,	25 00
Relief Fund,	9 60
Donation to Permanent Epis. Fund,	100 00
Missionary Fund,	72 00
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	\$244 60

J. AVERY SHEPHERD.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. John H. Parker, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 4, colored 1,	5
Communicants—Died 1, added by removal 2; present number, white 38, colored 1,	39
Marriages, (white)	2
Burials,	3
Contributions—Assessment,	\$70 00
Commemoration of the Jubilee of the Society for the Prop. Gospel,	22 10
General Domestic Missions,	26 58
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	\$118 63

CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, LEXINGTON.

Rev. John H. Parker, Minister.

Baptism, (white Infant)	1
Communicants,	4
Contributions—Bishop's Assessment,	\$5 00
Missionary Fund,	10 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
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	\$18 60

JOHN H. PARKER.

GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Rev. Alfred A. Watson, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 6, colored 6; Adult, white 3, colored 2,	17
Catechumens, (white)	42
Confirmations—White 3, colored 1,	4
Communicants—Added by 1st Communion, white 1, colored 1, added by removal, white 5; died (white) 1, removed (white) 1; present No., white 28, colored 1,	29
Funerals,	4
Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$18 00
Bishop's Salary,	12 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
Domestic Missions,	2 95
Foreign Missions,	5 15
Jewish Mission,	5 51
Other objects,	18 08
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	\$65 27

Since Good-Friday, I have had the services of the Rev. Geo. Patterson, officiating as Deacon under me, in the Parish of Grace Church.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. Alfred A. Watson, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2, colored 1, white Adult 1,	4
Catechumens, (white)	8
Confirmation,	1
Communicants—Added by removal 3, died 3, lost by removal 2; present number, white 30, colored 2,	32
Funerals,	3
Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$7 88
Bishop's Salary,	5 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
Domestic Missions,	1 88
Foreign Missions,	2 47
Parochial objects,	3 25
Other objects,	16 53
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	\$39 41

ALFRED A. WATSON.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROCKFISH.

Rev. George Benton, Rector.

Baptisms, (Adult)	5
Confirmations,	13
Catechumens,	45
Communicants—Added 13, removed 1, present number	45
Marriages, (white)	2
Burial, (white)	1
Contributions—For Bishop's Salary,	\$10 00
For Relief Fund,	3 60

GEORGE BENTON.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, HENDERSON.

Rev. Thos. M. Davis, Jun., Rector.

Baptisms—Adult, white 3, colored 1; Infant, white 5, colored 5,	19
Confirmations—White 5, colored 1,	6
Funerals,	2
Communicants—Added 8, removed 6, died 1; present number, white 21, colored 5,	23
Families,	15

Contributions—Diocesan Missionary Assessment,	\$27 00
Bishop's Salary, &c.,	18 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
General Domestic Missions,	7 40
General Foreign ditto,	3 00
Parochial purposes,	4 95
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	\$65 35

Some repairs, which have long been much needed, are being made in and about the Church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jun., Rector.

Baptisms, (white Infant)	4
Confirmation,	1
Funerals,	2
Communicants—Added 1, removed 2, died 1; present number, white 9, colored 3,	12
Families,	14
Contributions—Diocesan Missionary Assessment,	\$16 00
Bishop's Salary, &c.,	10 00
Relief Fund,	4 00
General Domestic Missions,	1 00
Parochial purposes,	4 50
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This Parish has sustained a heavy loss in the death of Mr. Patrick Hamilton, the Senior Warden, who was ever a constant Communicant, a faithful friend, and a liberal supporter of the Church.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jun.

REPORT of Rev. James G. Jacobs, Missionary at Mocksville and parts adjacent.

ST. PHILIP'S, MOCKSVILLE, DAVIE COUNTY.

Baptism, (Infant)	1
Confirmation,	1
Funeral,	1
Marriage,	1
Communicants, (removed 3, added 2,)	9

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN.

Baptisms, (Infant,)	5
Confirmations,	5
Funerals,	6
Marriage,	1
Communicants,	83

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ROWAN.

Baptisms,	4
Confirmations,	2
Funerals,	3
Marriage,	1
Communicants,	44

IREDELL COUNTY.

Communicants,	19
Baptisms,	5

YADKIN COUNTY.

Communicants,	3
JAMES G. JACOCKS.	

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. J. B. Donnelly, Minister.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 3,	6
Confirmations,	8
Communicants—Added 7, (2 from other Parishes and 5 by first Communion,)	50
Marriage,	1
Catechumens,	16
Collected at the Weekly Offertory,	\$89 52

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in St. Matthew's on the five high Festivals of the Church—for which a special Preface is appointed—on each Sunday in Lent, and on the second Sunday in every month. Morning and Evening Prayers are said on all Holy-days. During Lent, a second sermon is preached on Sundays, and three services are held in the week, viz: Wednesday and Friday mornings and Saturday evenings. The children of the Parish receive catechetical instruction every Sunday after Evening Prayer. The assessments have been paid from the Offertory collections.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE CO.

Baptisms, (white Infant)	5
Confirmed,	4
Communicants,	5
Collected for assessments,	\$13 00

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in St. Mary's three times a year. Morning Service is said and a sermon preached the fourth Sunday in every month.

J. B. DONNELLY.

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBOROUGH.

Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Rector.

Baptisms, (white Infant)	2
Communicants,	17
Marriages,	3
Funeral,	1
Contributions—Bishop's Assessment,	\$25 00
Diocesan Missions,	50 00
Relief Fund,	9 00
Foreign Missions,	20 00
Domestic Missions,	21 00
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	\$125 00

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

Baptisms—White, Adult 3, Infant 4; colored Infant 12,	19
Confirmations, (4 in this Parish and 2 in Halifax,)	6
Communicants—White 22, colored 6,	28
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	4
Contributions—Bishop's Assessment,	\$36 00
Diocesan Missions,	65 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
Domestic Missions,	21 00
Foreign Missions,	26 80
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	\$160 80

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

Baptisms—White, Adult 3, Infant 11; colored Infant 4,	18
Confirmations,	3
Communicants, (2 removed, 4 added,)	27
Marriages,	2
Funeral,	1
Contributions—Bishop's Assessment,	\$20 00
Diocesan Missions,	30 00
Relief Fund,	6 00
Domestic Missions,	4 00
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	\$60 00

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.

REPORT of Rev. H. H. Prout, Missionary at John's River Chapel, Burke County, and parts adjacent.

In furnishing my yearly Report of duties performed at this place, I can do little more than repeat what has been recorded annually before.

I have held divine service and preached once a month at Linnville Settlement, about twelve miles from my residence, during half the year. Once a month, I have preached in the Chapel at Valle Crucis, and administered the Holy Communion. At my own residence, also, monthly services have been held. On the remaining Sunday of each month, I have preached at Lower Wantaga Settlement. This latter station I have frequently visited twice a month, delivering familiar lectures on the Catechism. The Rev. Mr. Skiles, Deacon, officiating at this station, has also held monthly services there on Sundays; also in the Chapel at Valle Crucis; and has visited a Settlement on New River once, holding divine service. He has conducted a Sunday School during the year, with an average number of fifteen children. Also, a day School for the children in the neighborhood of Valle Crucis for about four months; and a catechetical class of colored persons has been formed under his care.

Baptisms, (Infant)	5
Confirmed,	3
Communicants,	18
Marriages,	4
Burial,	1
Offeratory collections,	\$10 40

The construction of a Chapel in the neighborhood of my residence, through the liberality of a layman of the Church, has been so far advanced that it will probably be ready for consecration next summer.

H. H. PROUT.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

Rev. Chas. A. Maison, late Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 8, colored 4; Adult, white 3,	15
Communicants—Removed 3, added 2, present number, white,	25
Burial, white,	1
Marriages, (one by the Rev. Mr. Cheshire,) white,	2
Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary, &c.,	10 00
Relief Fund,	6 00
Gen. Dom. Missions,	4 00
Parochial purposes,	92 50
In hands of Treasurer,	7 18
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	\$134 68

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, WILLIAMSTON.

Baptism, (colored Infant)	1
Communicants—Added, white 2, present number,	7
Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$9 00
In hands of Treasurer,	5 05
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	\$14 05

I have commenced a monthly service at Franklinton, with encouraging prospects.

*Of this number 2 had been confirmed before the last Convention, but were not included in my Report.

JOS. JAS. RIDLEY.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Rev. Cameron F. McRae, late Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 24, colored 29; Adult, white	
6, colored 4,	63
Confirmations,	7
Communicants—Added 12, present number	78
Marriages,	4
Burials,	6
Moneys collected—Bishop's Salary,	\$50
Missions,	65
Relief Fund,	15

CAMERON F. McRAE.

THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, JACKSON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Rev. Frederick Fitz Gerald, Deacon.

Baptisms—White Infant 6, colored Infant 43,	49
Catechumens—White 20, colored 5,	25
Confirmations,	4
Communicants—Added 7, removed 3; present number	
white 12, colored 12,	24
Assessments in full,	\$18 00
Jubilee Offering,	6 00
For Parochial purposes,	\$205 00
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	\$229 00

Regular services have been held in this Church three Sundays in the month. Half of the day is given to the instruction of a colored congregation. Both services have been remarkably well attended, and there is great cause for heartfelt thankfulness that God has manifestly blessed his Church in this place. There is also a flourishing Sunday School, and "Evening Prayer" is well attended twice in the week.—Much has been done towards making the Church more worthy for God's service, in the way of painting, plastering, and by the gifts of a folio Bible, Prayer Books, Font, and Lectum. The other Sunday in the month is given to the plantation of H. K. Burgwyn, Esq., where a plain Chapel has been erected.

By a recent order of the Bishop, the service of one Sunday in the month has been taken from Jackson and given to the town of Halifax, where at present a spirit of no little zeal for the Church seems to be

awakened; and active measures have been already taken towards the erection of a house proper for God's holy service.

In Halifax there are seven communicants.

FREDERICK FITZ GERALD.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Rector.

Baptisms, (white Infant,)	5
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—Added 4, present number	33
Marriage,	1
Burial,	1
Contributions by Weekly Offertory,	\$88 80

ST. MARK'S, DEEP RIVER.

Baptism, (white Infant,)	1
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—Added 3, present number	8
Catechumens, (colored,) about	30
Marriage,	1
Contributions,	\$22 15

The increasing interest in the services of the Church manifested by the congregation of St. Mark's, under the disadvantage of only a monthly appointment, makes it exceedingly desirable that more frequent ministrations should be afforded them. And it is my ardent hope that some arrangement may soon be made for the attainment of this object.

A. F. OLMSTED.

REPORT of the Rev. N. Collin Hughes, Missionary in Pitt and Beaufort Counties.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms, (white Infant,)	2
Confirmations, (white,)	3
Marriage, “	1
Communicants—Seceded 1, died 1, added 1; present number, white 32, colored 2,	34
Collections—Episcopal Fund,	\$24 00
Missions,	10 00
Relief Fund,	9 00

Within the past year a building has been erected for a Parochial School, and the School established with encouraging prospects.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, VITE COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Infant 2, Adult 1,	3
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—White 11, colored 2,	13

Collections—Episcopal Fund,	\$10 00
Missions,	15 00
Relief,	2 50

ZION PARISH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms, (white Infant,)	8
Confirmations,	10
Communicants—White, (not fully ascertained,)	12
Funerals, (white Infants,)	2

ST. THOMAS'S, BATH.

Baptisms—White, Adult 2, Infant 1,	3
Confirmations—White 3, colored 1,	4
Communicants—Died 1, added 4; present number, white 19, colored 3,	22
Funeral,	1
Marriage,	1

ST. JOHN'S, DURHAM'S CREEK.

Baptisms, (white Infant,)	7
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—Added 1; present No., white 9, colored 1,	10

I officiated at Gethsemane Parish, Falkland, and at St. Paul's Church, Greenville, until the beginning of the present year, at which time I resigned the charge of them. I solemnized one marriage in Greenville, and baptised one Infant at Gethsemane Parish. In the former place I collected \$1 25 for the Relief Fund.

N. COLLIN HUGHES.

REPORT of the Rev. R. W. Barber, Missionary in Wilkes, Yadkin, and Iredell Counties.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WILKESBOROUGH.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2, colored 1,	3
Communicants—Removed 1, present number	14
Marriages—White 1, colored 1,	2
Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$5 00
Bishop's Salary,	3 00
Parochial objects,	104 89
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YADKIN COUNTY.

Richmond Hill: Communicants,	4
Marriage,	1

At Buck Shoals Factory, in this county, I have officiated once a

month (at night.) The services are generally well attended, chiefly by the operators in the Factory. There are two Communicants here, and one Infant has been baptised.

In Iredell county, I have officiated on the fifth Sundays, when they have occurred. At this station there is only one Communicant; but there has been a very good attendance on the services.

R. W. BARBER, Deacon.

REPORT of the Rev. Wm. E. Snowden, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons County, and Missionary in Perquimons and Gates Counties.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HERTFORD.

Baptisms—White Adult 2, colored Infant 3,	5
Confirmations, (white)	5
Communicants, (white)	24
Burials—White 3, colored 1,	4
Marriages, (white)	2
Collections—Episcopal Fund Assessment,	\$20 00
Relief Fund,	2 50
Missionary Fund,	30 00
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	\$52 50

CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS, WOODVILLE, PERQUIMONS.

Baptisms—White, Adult 2, Infant 1, colored Infant 2,	5
Confirmation, (white)	1
Communicants, (white)	11
Burials—White, Infant 2, Adult 1,	3

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GATESVILLE, GATES COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Adult 1, Infant 6, colored Infant 2,	9
Confirmations—White 3, colored 1,	4
Communicants—White 14, colored 1,	15
Burials, (white)	2

WILLIAM E. SNOWDEN.

TRINITY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE.

Rev. Jarvis Buxton, Rector.

Baptisms, (white Infant)	5
Confirmation,	1
Communicants—Removed 2, present number	7
Burials,	2
Assessment in full,	\$17 40
General Missions, Foreign and Domestic,	5 00
Other charities,	13 06

I propose, hereafter, to confine my ministrations to this Parish and to the county within which it is situated.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, RUTHERFORDTON.

Rev. Jarvis Buxton, late Rector.

Baptisms,	2
Burial,	1
Communicants,	19
Assessment in full,	\$17 40
General Foreign and Domestic Missions,	5 00
Other charities,	9 00

I have relinquished the charge of this interesting Parish, but trust that the increasing interest in behalf of the Church will soon be rewarded with the services of a resident Minister. This Parish has just been called to mourn over the death of Matthew W. Davis, its late Warden, and a true Christian man.

JARVIS BUXTON.

REPORT of the Rev. T. S. W. Mott, officiating at St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, St. James's Church, Lenoir, and St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LINCOLNTON.

Communicants,	19
Confirmed,	2
Baptised,	4
Moneys collected—Missionary Fund,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Contingent Fund,	3 60
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	\$28 60

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, LENOIR.

Communicants,	13
Died during the year,	3
Removed,	2
Baptisms—Infant 4, Adult 1,	5
Funerals,	5
Marriage,	1

A new Church, completed in best style, and now ready for Consecration. It is furnished with an excellent Bell, and is one of the most neat and graceful edifices of its kind in the State. The whole cost \$1425.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHARLOTTE.

Communicants—White 9, colored 3,	12
Confirmations,	2

Since the last Convention, the Rev. Mr. Buxton of this Diocese, and the Rev. Mr. McMasters of Illinois, have been successively called to officiate between this Parish and Charlotte, both of whom declined.

The Rev. Mr. Disbrow, of the Diocese of Virginia, was then called by this Parish alone, as Pastor and Teacher, but having just accepted a call from the Diocese of Maryland, declined our offers.

WALTER G. JONES, Warden.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, CHAPEL HILL.

Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Rector.

Baptisms, (Infant)	3
Burials,	2
Communicants,	27
Catechumens,	17
Collections at the Offertory,	\$42 12
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Applied to the Bishop's Salary,	\$10 00
Missionary Fund,	15 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
" to Parochial purposes,	13 52
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	\$42 12

F. M. HUBBARD.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, SMITHVILLE.

Communicants—Added 4, present number	10
Contributions—Bishop's Salary, &c.	\$6 00
Missionary Fund,	9 00
Relief Fund,	2 40

I have performed Divine Service since the early part of February in this Church, to small but attentive congregations.

J. W. MURPHY, Lay Reader.

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

REPORT of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee respectfully report: That during the past Conventional year they have performed the following acts: They have given their consent to the consecration of the Rev. Jno. Williams, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut; to the Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois; and of the Rev. William Creighton, D. D., as Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of New York. They have granted testimonials to the Rev. Charles M. Parkman, the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, the Rev. R. W. Barber, and the Rev. J. G. Jacobs, for Priest's Orders; to Mr. Horatio Hewitt, for Deacon's Orders; and to Dr. James A. Harrell and Mr. Benjn S. Bronson, desirous of becoming candidates for Deacon's Orders.

R. S. MASON, Chairman.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to Friday morning, 10 o'clock.

At Night, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley; Lessons read by the Rev. Jas. G. Jacobs; Sermon preached by the Rev. W. E. Snowden, from 1st Chronicles, 16th chapter, 29th verse.

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Hon. John H. Bryan and Thomas D. Hogg, Delegates from Christ Church, Raleigh, and A. A. Brown, a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington, appeared and took their seats.

A Certificate of Lay Delegation from the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, was handed in and read, and the following were found to be elected Delegates from that Church: John D. Hawkins, John S. Eaton, Ro. P. Hughes, Ro. F. Sturdivant.

The Parochial Report of the Rector of St. Mary's School was handed in and read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to fix the place and time for the meeting of the next Annual Convention, and after some discussion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in Raleigh, on the last Thursday in May 1853.

The Treasurer of the Convention made his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance. [*See Appendix.*]

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet at 5 o'clock.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Wm. E. Snowden; Lessons read by the Rev. J. H. Parker; Sermon preached by the Rev. H. H. Prout, from 12th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, 7th verse.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Standing Committee, the Executive Missionary Committee, and the Delegates to the General Convention, for the ensuing year. When the following were elected:

Standing Committee.—Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Rev. Aldert Smedes, of the Clergy, and Hon. John H. Bryan and G. W. Mordecai, of the Laity.

Executive Missionary Committee.—Rev. George Benton, Rev. Jos. C. Huske, of the Clergy, and John W. Wright, Charles P. Mallett, and Charles T. Haigh, of the Laity.

Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rev. A. A. Watson, Rev. S. I. Johnston, of the Clergy; John S. Eaton, Josiah Collins, Edw'd Lee Winslow, and Hon. John H. Bryan, of the Laity.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a President, and the Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., was unanimously elected.

On motion, Resolved, That before the Convention proceed to fill the vacancy in the list of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church to ascertain the number to which this Diocese is entitled.

On motion of the Rev. J. A. Shepherd,

Resolved, That the action of the Convention, fixing the time and place of meeting of the next Annual Convention, be rescinded.

Pending the discussion of this resolution, a motion was made to adjourn, and the Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

At Night, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. A. A. Watson; Lessons read by the Rev. R. W. Barber; Sermon preached by the Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, from the 8th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, 1st clause of the 18th verse.

SATURDAY, MAY 22.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Thos. S. Ashe, a Delegate from Calvary Church, Wadesborough, appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Lay Delegation were handed in and read, and the following Churches were found to have elected Delegates to this Convention:

St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton.—L. E. Thompson, H. W. Guion, Dr. Alex. Ramsour, V. A. McBee.

St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.—Benj. H. Davidson, Dr. L. G. Jones.

The Committee on the Relief Fund made the following Report, which was read, and, on motion, Resolved, That the Scale of Assessment be the same as the last year.

REPORT of the Committee on the Relief Fund.

The Relief Committee respectfully report, with devout thanksgiving to Almighty God: That there has been no addition to the number of objects of this charity since the last Convention. There are now, as then, two widows of deceased clergymen (one having three children,) who receive aid from the Relief Fund.

There has been paid into the Treasury, during the past Conventional year, in this behalf, the sum of \$390 69; which, added to a balance on

hand at the last report of \$46 00, makes \$436 69. Out of this Fund, Mrs. Thurston has received \$138 08, and Mrs. Wiley \$256 43; leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$42 18. Had death removed from his earthly ministry one of the clergy during the past year, and thrown his wife and children upon the charity of the Church, the Relief Treasury would have been rendered bankrupt—little or no assistance could have been rendered.

Your Committee beg leave to urge upon the Church the duty of making ample provision for the objects contemplated by this charity. The ministerial calling forbids such attention to worldly interests as is demanded to secure competency. The life of the ministry is a probation of faith—faith in God, faith in His Church. If, for the edification and comfort of their brethren in Christ, they be willing to endure the loss of all things; to labor, watch and pray, surely they have the right to ask the Church to throw the mantle of her charity over those whom God gave them for nurture and protection. There is surely an amount of divine charity among churchmen in North Carolina sufficient to provide amply for the widows and orphans of those who, for Christ and the Church, abandoned all considerations of worldly emolument. How cheerfully do your ministers give themselves wholly to their work, laboring upon the poorest pittance. But when called to “pass through the dark valley of the shadow of death,” they ask, (they have a right to ask,) for some assurance that the Church will take care of those who are thus bereaved of a husband, a father. What heart, endowed with human feelings, but must feel, at this trying hour, peculiar solicitude about those whom we love and cherish! The ministers of Christ feel, deeply feel this; and we ask the Church to give them assurance that their widows and orphans shall now be remembered and cared for.

Your Committee beg leave to commend this charity to the care of those whom God hath blessed with this world’s goods. Could there be raised a permanent fund for this purpose, so that the helpless need not depend upon the precariousness of the annual collection, an incalculable benefit would be done the Church in North Carolina. Should not churchmen in North Carolina make provision for the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, who have broken to them the bread of life, while they are making testamentary disposition of the good things with which God hath blessed them? Would to God that christians could, in sickness and in health, bear ever in mind that the silver and the gold are the Lord’s, and out of it make provision for the poor of God’s heritage.

Your Committee ask that this suggestion be taken with serious and prayerful consideration; and that while churchmen, in their last testament, are making provision for those whom *they* are about to leave behind them, they forget not the “widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.” We are much pained to perceive that of 52 Parishes assessed, 23 paid nothing towards this object. Can it be, that the clergy find an unwillingness among their people to contribute to this fund? We beg leave to suggest that the clergy bring this matter to the consideration of their Parishes on Easter Sunday of each year, or such other time as

may to them seem fit; and that a collection be then taken up for this object.

We recommend that the scale of assessment for last year be adopted as the scale of assessment for this.

JOS. JAS. RIDLEY, Chairman.

On motion, Resolved, That if any one of the Delegates to the General Convention shall be unable to attend, they be required to give 30 days' notice to the Standing Committee, who shall be required to fill the vacancy.

The Executive Missionary Committee made the following Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Missionary Committee:

REPORT of the Executive Missionary Committee.

The Missionary Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, respectfully report: That the funds placed within the control of the Committee during the past year, including balance on hand at the date of the last report, amount to \$3,383 42. Of this sum, \$250 have been appropriated to Missionaries for services rendered during the year ending with the Convention of 1851, and \$1,816 in remuneration of services ending with this Convention; leaving a balance of \$1,217 42 applicable to further Missionary purposes.

For information respecting the sources from which these funds are derived, the Convention is referred to the report of the Treasurer.

The Stations which have been aided by appropriations and their incumbents are as follows:

Plymouth, and Washington County.—Rev. A. A. Watson.
 Pittsborough, and St. Mark's, Chatham.—Rev. A. F. Olmsted.
 Wataga Mission and parts adjacent.—Rev. H. H. Prout.
 Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.—Rev. J. R. Lee.
 Asheville and Rutherfordton.—Rev. J. Buxton.
 Morganton and Lincolnton.—Rev. J. C. Huske.
 Hillsborough, and St. Mary's Chapel.—Rev. J. B. Donnelly.
 Windsor and Williamston.—Rev. C. A. Maison.
 Oxford.—Rev. J. J. Ridley.
 Hertford and Gatesville.—Rev. W. E. Snowden.
 Mocksville and parts adjacent.—Rev. J. G. Jacobs.
 Jackson, Northampton County.—Rev. F. Fitz Gerald.
 Wilkesborough.—Rev. R. W. Barber.

The Committee earnestly recommend to the incumbents of the various Missionary Stations, to transmit to them within the first quarter of each Conventional year, a statement of the ability of their several Parishes to support the services of the Church. During the past year, the Committee have felt the need of such information. Statistics of this nature would serve as a guide in their appropriations, and would relieve them, in many instances, from perplexity and embarrassment.

The Committee would also remark, that the object of contributions to Missionary purposes is to aid such Parishes as are really needy and unable to maintain the services of the Church—not to free those who

possess the ability from the privilege and duty of devoting of their substance unto God. And it is with regret that they have found it necessary to appropriate of the bounty of the Church where they have had reason to think that there existed sufficient means within the Parishes to support the ministrations of the Gospel, if those means were only accompanied with a willing mind and liberal heart. This is depriving the more needy Stations of the aid which they might reasonably expect, and taking out of the Committee's hands the power to establish new fields of labor.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report, and, on motion, Resolved, That the Assessments on the Congregations be the same as they were the last year.

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that the funds of the Convention in charge of the Treasurer are the permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate, the permanent fund for the support of Missions, the fund for the Bishop's Salary and contingent expenses of the Convention, the Missionary fund for current expenses, and the fund for the relief of widows and children of deceased clergymen. Assuming that the Treasurer has charged himself with the sums received by him—of which the Committee have no doubt—they find his several accounts fully and accurately stated, and the disbursements of the several funds sustained by accurate vouchers. As these accounts will be published with the Journal, a particular detail in this report is deemed unnecessary, and is therefore omitted.

The Committee see no reason to make any alteration in the Scale of Assessments adopted at the last Convention, and therefore recommend that the same Scale be continued for the ensuing year. They are sorry to observe a deficiency of payments in a number of Parishes under nearly all the items of assessment—amounting in the aggregate to a considerable sum. As these assessments have been graduated to meet the requirements of the Diocese on the most moderate scale of expenditures, and as a failure in their payment must lead to embarrassment and dishonor to the Church, your Committee would urge upon the Rectors and Vestries of the several congregations the necessity of greater punctuality in the collection and transmission of their dues.

R. B. DRANE, Chairman.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report:

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report: That from a number of Parishes no report has been received; so that a full and accurate statement cannot be given of the number of Baptisms, additions to the Communion, &c., in the Diocese, within the Conventional year.

And under the instruction of the Convention to suggest a suitable form of Parochial report, they recommend the following; and recommend that the Secretary of the Convention be directed to cause the proper number to be printed and forwarded, in due time, to every Rector of a Parish in this Diocese.

Parochial Report of the

	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Baptisms—Infant, Adult, Total,			
Catechumens, Confirmations, Communicants—Number last year, Added by 1st Communion, Removal, Lost by death, Removal, Excommunication, Total now,			
Marriages, Funerals,			
	By Weekly Offerings	In other ways.	Total.
Contributions—Diocesan Missions, Bishop's Salary, Relief Fund, Permanent Epis. Fund, Domestic Missions, Foreign Missions, Jewish Mission, Parochial objects, Other objects,			
Total,			

The Committee cannot forbear to press upon the attention of the Convention the fact alluded to in the Address of the Bishop, of a diminished number of Ministers, ordained of God, to guide inquiring sinners in the way of life; and to urge the question whether some measures may not be adopted to supply the deficiency. Perhaps one very effectual way would be to provide in part at least the means of supporting young men who have no sufficient means of their own, while they are candidates for Holy Orders.

Though our number of Clergy is yet smaller than the needs of the Parishes already organised require, the Committee are of opinion that

the services of two or more clergymen cannot be better bestowed than in the work of *Missionaries at large*. It will cost hardly more to sustain such an one, than one of our stationed Missionaries; while they can do a work not less valuable than that of any of the settled Clergy, and which is utterly beyond their reach. Let a large tract of one of our most destitute regions be committed to one of them; let him traverse the length and breadth of it once or twice or more times in a year; let him visit lonely families at whose doors no ministrations of religion are now offered; let him go to the many villages and settlements where the voice of our Church has never yet been heard; let him seek out and reclaim the baptised ones who have wandered from our fold, or have been lost in the wilderness of the world, because no shepherd was near to guide them; let him baptise the multitudes who are longing for that sacrament, and will seek what others can give, if no authorised minister of Christ brings its blessing to them; let him convey the hopes of religion and the doctrines of the Church to the scattered thousands who have no knowledge of the one and no faith in the other; and this, by public preaching, by private conversation, by the silent yet perpetual witness of Bibles and Prayer Books and Tracts;—and it would be no easy task to estimate in how many hearts such an Evangelist may awaken the hope of everlasting life, and in how many places now destitute of the Gospel, he may plant the seed which shall grow up some day into fair and prosperous Churches of our blessed Saviour. It may be well for us to consider some such method of extending the borders of His Church.

Another subject, very important to the permanent prosperity of the Church, and in respect to which a growing interest is felt, is the establishment of Parochial Schools. There are only a few now in operation among us. Several more are projected, and will probably soon be begun. The experience of those who have made the trial of such Schools leads us to hope that the number of them may rapidly increase, and to believe that every one added will contribute much to the strength and stability of all the institutions of the Church.

F. M. HUBBARD, Chairman.

On motion, Resolved unanimously, That the Executive Missionary Committee be requested to send into the field one or more Missionaries at large, to be appointed by the Bishop.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention cause to be printed and forwarded to each Clergyman, a suitable number of blank forms of the Parochial Report recommended by the Committee.

On motion of the Rev. J. A. Shepherd, the unfinished business of the last meeting, the subject of fixing the time and place of the meeting of the next Annual Convention, was called up, and after considerable discussion, the motion to reconsider did not prevail.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. G. Benton; Lessons read by the Rev. J. A. Shepherd; Sermon preached by the Rev. F. Fitz Gerald, from 2d Corinthians, 5th chapter, 7th verse.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the State of the Church report: That the Diocese of North Carolina is now entitled to appoint seven Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion, the election was postponed to the next Convention.

The Committee on Unfinished Business report: That on the Journal of the last Convention, page 41, they find the following have not been acted on, viz:

Resolved, That no individual shall be hereafter elected as a Delegate to the Diocesan or the General Convention unless he be a Communicant of the Church.

Resolved, That in future the meetings of the Convention be held alternately at Fayetteville, Raleigh, and Wilmington.

R. S. MASON, Ch'n.

On the first of these resolutions, after considerable debate, a vote by Orders was called for, and the resolution did not prevail.

On the second resolution, a motion was made for its indefinite postponement, and it was carried.

On motion of Dr. DeRosset,

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of one Clergyman and two Laymen, to be called the Education Committee, be appointed, of which the Bishop shall be the Chairman ex officio, who shall receive, take charge of and invest any fund or funds that may be contributed, and take such steps as they may deem best to raise funds for the purpose of aiding young men who may be determined to enter the Ministry of this Church, and report their proceedings to the next Convention.

The following were appointed the Committee: Rev. Dr. R. S. Mason, Hon. John H. Bryan, G. W. Mordecai.

The Missionary Committee reported as follows:

REPORT of the Missionary Committee.

The Missionary Committee raised by this Convention respectfully report: That while hailing with gratitude the openings which the Providence of God is daily making for the extension of the Church, they view with regret the difficulties in the way of entering them as fully as would be desirable. Both men and means are sadly wanting. With respect to the former, they would urge upon their fellow churchmen, and especially the young men of the Diocese, the duty of devoting themselves more numerous to the service of God in the ministry, and upon parents and others having the care of the young, the duty of more frequently encouraging those in their charge to undertake its sacred labors. With respect to the pecuniary wants of the Diocese, while your Committee would rejoice in the extent of what is already accomplished, they would express the hope that the Church's offerings may abound

more and more, and that before long the whole amount assessed, and not only two-thirds of it, as now, may be brought up for the work of the Lord. Many new points suitable for Missionary labor are constantly opening; while the departure of so many of our Clergy within the past year only makes the call upon us more imperative.

God's mercy in overruling the difficulties which have for several years embarrassed us, should be acknowledged not only with grateful hearts and emotions, but also with increased exertions for his glory and the spread of his earthly Kingdom.

Your Committee would conclude by offering the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the past and present goodness of God to us, as well as of the increasing wants of the Diocese, an increasing liberality be affectionately urged upon our fellow churchmen of N. C.

ALFRED A. WATSON, Chairman.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the Report was unanimously adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen, be appointed, who shall report such alterations and amendments in the Canons and Standing Resolutions of the Diocese, as they may deem expedient, to the next Annual Convention.

The following were appointed the Committee: Rev. Dr. R. S. Mason, Rev. A. A. Watson, Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, of the Clergy; Hon. Jno. H. Bryan and Josiah Collins, of the Laity.

John W. Wright was unanimously elected the Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing year.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be published and distributed 1000 copies of the Journals of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 6 o'clock A. M., Monday.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Jno. H. Parker; Lessons read by the Rev. J. B. Cheshire; Sermon preached by the Rev. A. A. Watson, from Epistle of St. James, 1st chapter, 22d verse. The Holy Rite of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop to 15 candidates, 5 of whom were from the Parish of Christ Church, Rockfish.

SUNDAY.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. R. B. Drane; Lessons read by the Rev. Dr. Mason; Ante-Communion Service by the Bishop, with the Gospel; the Rev. Dr. Mason reading the Epistle. Sermon by the Bishop, from 2d Timothy, 3d chapter, 17th verse.

The Rev. R. W. Barber was admitted to the Order of Priesthood,—the Rev. Drs. Mason and Drane uniting in the imposition of hands.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Drane and Mason, and then to a large number of recipients.

In the Afternoon, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Jas. G. Ja-cocks; Lessons read by the Rev. Jos. W. Murphy; Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Drane, from 11th chapter of Hebrews, 1st verse.

At Night, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. R. W. Barber; Lessons by the Rev. F. M. Hubbard; Missionary Sermon by the Rev. J. Buxton, from 16th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, 15th verse; and a collection made.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Bishop being absent by reason of illness in his family, the President of the Convention, Rev. Dr. Mason, took the Chair and said Prayers.

John W. Wright asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Convention to place on the Minutes the following resolutions, to lie over for consideration at the next Convention:

Resolved, That the 3d Article of the Constitution of this Church be amended by inserting after the words "members of such congregation," the words "*such Delegates being Communicants of this Church.*"

Resolved, That the Constitution be further amended by adding the following Article:

ARTICLE 13. No person shall hereafter be elected as Delegate or Alternate Delegate from this Diocese to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who is not a Communicant of the Church.

No further business appearing, the members of the Convention united in singing four verses of the 99th Psalm, and after the Blessing was pronounced by the President, adjourned *sine die*.

EDW'D LEE WINSLOW, Sec'y.

APPENDIX.

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS.

	Bishop's Salary and Contingent.	Missionary Fund	Relief Fund.
St. James's Church, Wilmington.....	\$225 00	\$350 00	\$60 00
St. John's Church, Fayetteville.....	210 00	320 00	60 00
Christ Church, Raleigh.....	210 00	320 00	60 00
Christ Church, Newbern.....	210 00	320 00	60 00
St. Paul's Church, Edenton.....	200 00	300 00	48 00
St. Peter's, Washington.....	100 00	150 00	30 00
St. Mary's School.....		150 00	12 00
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.....	50 00	75 00	18 00
St. Luke's, Salisbury.....	25 00	35 00	10 00
St. Stephen's, Oxford.....	25 00	35 00	10 00
Trinity church, Scotland Neck.....	36 00	65 00	12 00
St. John's in the Wilderness.....	36 00	55 00	12 00
St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.....	35 00	25 00	12 00
Christ Church, Elizabeth City.....	30 00	50 00	12 00
Trinity School.....		50 00	6 00
St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.....	30 00	45 00	12 00
St. John's, Williamsborough.....	15 00	20 00	5 00
Calvary Church, Tarborough.....	25 00	50 00	9 00
Missionary Station in Scuppernong.....	25 00	38 00	9 00
Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.....	18 00	27 00	5 00
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort.....	24 00	36 00	9 00
Calvary Church, Wadesborough.....	20 00	30 00	6 00
St. Thomas's, Bath.....	20 00	30 00	6 00
Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons.....	20 00	30 00	2 40
St. Thomas's, Windsor.....	20 00	30 00	6 00
Christ Church, Rowan.....	15 00	22 00	4 50
St. Andrew's Church, Rowan.....	15 00	22 00	4 50
St. Thomas's, Craven.....	15 00	22 00	4 50
St. James's, Granville.....	15 00	30 00	4 50
St. Paul's, Louisburg.....	15 00	22 00	4 50
Zion Chapel, Beaufort.....	12 00	18 00	3 60
Grace Church, Plymouth.....	12 00	18 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Orange.....	10 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Kinston.....	10 00	15 00	3 60
Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.....	10 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mark's Church, Chatham county.....	10 00	15 00	3 60
Church of the Redemption, Lexington.....	5 00	10 00	3 60
St. Paul's, Granville.....	10 00	15 00	3 60
Grace Church, Morganton.....	10 00	15 00	3 60
Christ Church, Rockfish.....	10 00	15 00	3 60
Gethsemane, Falkland, Pitt county.....	10 00	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's, Lincolnton.....	10 00	15 00	3 60
St. Philip's Church, Mocksville.....	5 00	8 00	2 40
St. Peter's, Charlotte.....	5 00	15 00	2 40
St. John's, Pitt county.....	5 00	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's Church, Washington county.....	5 00	7 00	2 40
St. John's, Rutherfordton.....	5 00	10 00	2 40
Church of the Advent, Williamston.....	6 00	9 00	2 40
Old St. Philip's, Smithville.....	6 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Saviour, Jackson.....	6 00	9 00	2 40
Trinity Church, Asheville.....	6 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.....	8 00	12 00	5 60
	\$1860 00	\$3038 00	\$564 30

The Funds of the Convention, in charge of the Treasurer, are: The for Bishop's Salary and contingent expenses of the Convention; the Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen. The an- ending with the Convention of 1852, are respectfully submitted.

Dr. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Fund for the support of the*

1852, May 15.	To securities on hand:	
	Bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company, endorsed by the State,	\$7,500 00
	37 shares of Stock of Bank of Cape Fear, cost	3,616 50
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		\$11,116 50
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Dr. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Permanent Missionary Fund de-*

1852, May 15.	To securities and cash on hand, viz:	
	10 shares of stock of Bank of Cape Fear, cost	\$1,060 00
	Cash,	142 50
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		\$1,202 50
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FAYETTEVILLE, MAY 15, 1852.

Permanent Episcopal Fund; the Permanent Missionary Fund; the Fund Missionary Fund for current purposes; the Fund for relief of disabled nexed Exhibits, shewing the receipts and disbursements for the year
J. W. WRIGHT, Treas'r.

Episcopate,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention. CR.

1851,		
May 26.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1851,	\$10,566 50
	By cash from Rev. J. A. Shepherd, contribution to this Fund from Lake Chapel, Scuppernong,	100 00
	By this sum transferred from ac't of Diocese of N. Carolina for Bishop's Salary and Contingent expenses,	450 00
		<u>\$11,116 50</u>
1852,		
May 15.	By balance, securities on hand.	\$11,116 50

ived from Bequests,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. CR.

1851,		
May 26.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1851,	\$1,122 50
Nov. 4.	By cash fm B'k Cape Fear, div. 4 per ct. on 10 shares stock,	40 00
1852,		
May 3.	Ditto from ditto, for ditto,	40 00
		<u>\$1,202 50</u>
May 15.	By balance, securities and cash on hand,	\$1,202 50

DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Bishop's Salary and contingent*

1851,			
June 3.	To d'ft Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, favor self, on ac't of salary,		\$408 54
27.	To ac't pd E. J. Hale & Son, prt'g 1500 copies Jour. 1851		160 00
Sept. 4.	To d'ft Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, favor Rev. A. Smedes, ac't sal.		450 00
Oct.	Ditto ditto, C. Dewey, Cash'r, do,		50 00
Nov. 3.	Ditto ditto, Rev. A. Smedes, do,		150 00
	To this sum transferred to credit of Permanent Episcopal Fund, for purchase of Bank stock,		450 00
Dec. 3.	To d'ft Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, fav. C. Dewey, Cash'r, ac't sal.		104 00
9.	To cash pd Tax on interest on Funds invested for 1850,		13 50
1852,			
Jan. 5.	To d'ft Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, fav. Mrs. F. Thurston, ac't sal.		115 00
	Ditto ditto, C. Dewey, Cash'r, do,		112 00
7.	Ditto ditto, ditto, do,		60 00
March 6.	Ditto ditto, ditto, do,		275 00
	Ditto ditto, Rev. A. Smedes, do,		50 00
May 15.	To new account for balance on hand,		843 89
			\$3,241 93

expenses of Convention,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. CR.

1851,			
May 26.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1851,	\$988	43
28.	By cash from Rev. Dr. Drane, Ass'm't, St. James's, Wilm'n,	225	00
	From Rev. W. N. Hawks, Christ ch., Newbern, pay. 1850,	210	00
	From ditto, ditto, pay. 1851 in part,	67	00
	From Rev. Edwin Geer, St. Peter's church, Washington,	100	00
	From Rev. C. F. McRae, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	50	00
	From Rev. J. H. Parker, St. Luke's church, Salisbury,	40	00
	From ditto, church of the Redemption, Lexington,	5	00
	From Rev. J. J. Ridley, St. Stephen's church, Oxford,	27	50
	From ditto, St. Paul's church, Louisburg,	11	00
	From Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	36	00
	From ditto, Calvary church, Tarborough,	25	00
	From Rev. J. B. Donnelly, St. Matthew's ch., Hillsboro',	35	00
	From Rev. E. M. Forbes, Christ church, Elizabeth City,	30	00
	From Rev. A. F. Olmsted, St. Bartholomew's ch., Pittsboro'	30	00
	From ditto, St. Mark's church, Chatham,	5	00
	From Rev. J. A. Shepherd, ch. at Scuppernong, Wash. co.	25	00
	From Rev. T. F. Davis, ch. of Holy Innocents, Henderson	25	00
	From Rev. N. C. Hughes, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	17	00
	From ditto, St. Paul's church, Greenville,	2	00
	From ditto, Gethsemane church, Falkland,	4	00
	From ditto, St. John's church, Pitt county,	8	00
	From Dr. T. C. Hall, Calvary church, Wadesborough,	20	00
	From Rev. W. E. Snowden, ch. of Holy Trinity, Hertford,	20	00
	From Rev. C. A. Maison, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	20	00
	From Rev. J. G. Jacobs, Christ church, Rowan,	15	00
	From ditto, St. Andrew's church, Rowan,	3	00
	From ditto, St. Philip's church, Mocksville,	5	00
	From Rev. A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	12	00
	From ditto, St. Luke's ch., Washington co.,	5	00
	From Rev. George Benton, Christ church, Rockfish,	10	00
	From Edw'd Mallett, chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	10	00
July 16.	Interest for half-year ending 1st July on \$7,500, Bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company,	225	00
Aug. 5.	By cash from Rev. Dr. Mason, Ass'm't, Christ ch., Raleigh	210	00
Nov. 3.	From B'k Cape Fear, div. 4 per ct. on 32 shares of stock,	128	00
18.	From Rev. C. A. Maison, part Ass. St. Thomas's, Windsor,	10	00
1852,			
Jan 28.	Interest for half-year ending 1st Jan'y on \$7,500, Bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company,	225	00
May 3.	By cash, B'k C. Fear, div. 4 per ct. on 37 shares of stock,	148	00
15.	From J. Carmon, Treas'r, Ass't, St. John's, Fayetteville,	210	00
		\$3,241	93
	By balance,	\$843	89

purposes,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1851,		
May 26.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1851,	\$1,373 77
28.	By cash, Rev. Dr. Drane, Ass't, St. James's, Wilmington	200 32
	Ditto Rev. W. N. Hawks, Christ church, Newbern,	201 97
	Ditto " S. I. Johnston, St. Paul's church, Edenton,	10 00
	Ditto " C. F. McKrae, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	50 00
	Ditto " J. H. Parker, St. Luke's church, Salisbury,	60 00
	Ditto " ditto, ch. of Redemption, Lexington,	10 00
	Ditto " J. J. Ridley, St. Stephen's church, Oxford,	5 00
	Ditto " J. B. Cheshire, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	55 00
	Ditto " ditto, Calvary church, Tarborough,	15 00
	Ditto " J. B. Donnelly, St. Matthew's ch., Hillsboro',	25 00
	Ditto " E. M. Forbes, Christ church, Elizabeth City,	50 00
	Ditto " A. F. Olmsted, St. Bartholomew's ch., Pittsboro'	45 00
	Ditto " ditto, St. Mark's church, Chatham,	4 00
	Ditto " J. A. Shepherd, ch. at Seuppernong, Wash'tn co	108 65
	Ditto " T. F. Davis, Jr., ch. Holy Innocents, Henderson	16 00
	Ditto " N. C. Hughes, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	5 00
	Ditto " ditto, St. Paul's church, Greenville,	2 00
	Ditto " ditto, Gethsemane church, Falkland,	8 00
	Ditto " ditto, St. John's church, Pitt county,	14 00
	Ditto " W. E. Snowden, ch. of Holy Trinity, Hertford,	14 60
	Ditto " C. A. Maison, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	17 94
	Ditto " A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	18 00
	Ditto " ditto, St. Luke's ch., Washington co.,	7 00
	Ditto Edw'd Mallett, chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	15 00
	Ditto Rev. C. A. Maison, ch. of the Advent, Williamston,	6 68
	Ditto " J. R. Lee, church of the Epiphany, Leaksville,	22 00
June 2.	Ditto Wardens St. John's ch., Fayettev'e, Miss. col. at Con.	153 50
Aug. 5.	Ditto Rev. Dr. Mason, Ass't, Christ church, Raleigh,	50 00
15.	Ditto " C. A. Maison, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	15 00
Sept. 7.	Ditto " J. G. Jacecks, Jubilee col. St. Andrew's, Rowan	7 00
	Ditto " ditto, St. Philip's church, Mocksville,	10 35
	Ditto " ditto, Christ church, Rowan,	2 66
Oct. 27.	Ditto " Rev. Dr. Mason, Ass't, Christ church, Raleigh,	50 00
Nov. 18.	Ditto " Rev. C. A. Maison, ch. of Advent, Williamston	9 00
Dec. 29.	Ditto " J. B. Cheshire, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	40 00
	Ditto " ditto, Calvary church, Tarborough,	30 00
1852,		
Jan. 8.	Ditto T. H. Wright, St. James's church, Wilmington,	200 00
March 6.	Ditto Rev. A. Smedes, St. Mary's School, Raleigh,	50 00
15.	Ditto Wm. Badham, St. Paul's church, Edenton,	62 56
May 10.	Ditto Rev. E. Geer, Jubilee col. St. Peter's, Washington,	21 57
	Ditto " Dr. Mason, Ass't, Christ church, Raleigh,	100 00
11.	Ditto Wm. Badham, St. Paul's church, Edenton,	35 10
12.	Ditto Rev. A. Smedes, St. Mary's School, Raleigh,	26 75
15.	Ditto J. Carmon, Treas'r, St. John's church, Fayetteville,	160 00
		\$3,383 42
	By balance,	\$1,217 42

*Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,) in ac-
of the Convention.* Cr.

1851,		
May 26.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1851,	\$46 00
28.	By cash fm Rev. W. N. Hawks, Ass't, Christ ch., Newbern	50 66
	Ditto Rev. J. H. Parker, St. Luke's church, Salisbury,	12 00
	Ditto " ditto, ch. of the Redemption, Lexington,	3 60
	Ditto " J. J. Ridley, St. Stephen's church, Oxford,	9 50
	Ditto " J. B. Cheshire, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	12 00
	Ditto " J. B. Donnelly, St. Matthew's ch., Hillsboro',	12 00
	Ditto " E. M. Forbes, Christ church, Elizabeth City,	12 00
	Ditto " A. F. Olmsted, St. Bartholomew's ch., Pittsboro'	12 00
	Ditto " ditto, St. Mark's church, Chatham,	1 75
	Ditto " J. A. Shepherd, ch. at Scuppermong, Washt'n co	9 60
	Ditto " T. F. Davis, Jr., ch. Holy Innocents, Henderson,	4 00
	Ditto " N. C. Hughes, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	3 00
	Ditto " ditto, St. Paul's church, Greenville,	1 00
	Ditto " ditto, Gethsemane church, Falkland,	3 00
	Ditto " ditto, St. John's church, Pitt county,	3 00
	Ditto Dr. T. C. Hall, Calvary church, Wadesborough,	6 00
	Ditto Rev. W. E. Snowden, ch. of Holy Trinity, Hertford,	2 40
	Ditto " A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	5 00
	Ditto " ditto, St. Luke's church, Washington,	3 00
	Ditto Edw'd Mallett, chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	3 00
	Ditto Rev. George Benton, Christ church, Rockfish,	4 00
July 14.	Ditto Wm. Badham, Tr., St. Paul's church, Edenton,	30 00
Aug. 5.	Ditto Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,	10 00
Oct. 27.	Ditto " ditto, ditto,	10 00
Dec. 29.	Ditto " C. A. Maison, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	6 00
1852,		
Jan. 8.	Ditto T. H. Wright, Tr., St. James's church, Wilmington,	60 00
Mar. 15.	Ditto Wm. Badham, Tr., St. Paul's church, Edenton,	22 18
	Ditto J. Carmon, Tr., St. John's church, Fayetteville,	60 00
May 10.	Ditto Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,	20 00
		\$436 69
15.	By balance,	\$42 18

J. W. WRIGHT, Treas'r.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1. The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognises and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ART. 2. There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese at such time and place as may be fixed by the next preceding Convention.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Each regularly ordained Minister, of either order, being settled with a parochial charge in this State; or being a President, Professor, or Instructor of youth, in any Seminary of Learning in this State; or being a Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, acting under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention; *provided* he shall have been actually and canonically a resident of the State, or shall have been a candidate for orders belonging to this Diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the Convention. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the Congregation, from among the members of such Congregation. Provided, however, that no one person shall be the Delegate of more than one Church or Congregation at the same Convention. Provided, also, that this Article shall not exclude from the Convention any Clergyman who is now and shall continue to be a resident in this State, and who is now a member of this Convention.

ART. 4. Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, and a Sermon, which shall be delivered by some Clergyman who has been nominated by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

ART. 5. A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, when he shall, *ex-officio*, be President.

ART. 6. A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give timely notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place of each meeting of the Convention in this Diocese.

ART. 7. A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the

Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

ART. 8. A majority of the Standing Committee of this Church shall at all times be Clergymen of this Diocese; and no Layman shall be appointed a member of said Committee, except he be a Communicant of the Episcopal Church.

ART. 9. In all questions which shall come before the Convention, when it shall be required by the Delegation of one Church or Congregation, or by any one Clerical member, the Laity shall vote by Congregations. And when it shall be so required, the two orders shall vote separately, and in the latter case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to make a decision of the Convention. When no such division of the Convention shall be required, each member of the Convention, both Clerical and Lay, shall be entitled to one vote.

ART. 10. The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above-mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice—provided that two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present; and two-thirds of all the Congregations entitled to votes be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ART. 11. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the attending members at an annual meeting of the Convention—such vote being taken in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Constitution.

ART. 12. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to elect by its Vestry, in addition to those authorised by the third Article, four Alternate Delegates, to fill any vacancy in the delegation elect in the order of their election.

CANONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

CANON I—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of Presentments.*

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the Parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the Trial of a Clergyman.*

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall

proceed. The Board thus constituted shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop—and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

CANON III—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the sentence to be pronounced upon a Clergyman found guilty of Misbehaviour.*

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop and communicated to every parish in the Diocese.

CANON IV—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Respecting the Call of a Special Convention.*

When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in issuing the notifications, to specify therein the business and purposes for which the Convention is to be assembled.

CANON V—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In order to give effect to the 49th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the Parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*The Clergy required to attend the Meetings of the Convention.*

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interest of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII—PASSED MAY 1842, INSTEAD OF THE ONE PASSED MAY 1821.—*Of the Forming of a Congregation.*

Any ten or more Adults may form themselves into a Congregation of this Church, and be received into union with this Convention, by consenting to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in these United States, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; by assuming a name to designate such Congregation; by electing a Vestry of four or more persons, not exceeding twelve; and by subscribing the following form of Certificate, to be presented to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese:

We, the undersigned, being assembled for the purpose of forming ourselves into a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, do certify that we have consented to be governed by the Constitution and Canons

of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; that we have assumed the name of _____, [here should follow the name and place,] and have elected the following persons Vestrymen, to-wit: [names of Vestrymen.] In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, this _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord _____.

CANON VIII—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting annual Contributions.*

An annual contribution shall be made by each Congregation in this Diocese, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention, and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention, which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they shall be received.

CANON IX—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.*

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

CANON X—PASSED APRIL 1825.—*To appoint a Treasurer and to prescribe his duties.*

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall render to the Convention an annual account of all moneys so entrusted to him. The said Treasurer shall, *ex-officio*, receive all money from the Trustees or General Agent of the Fund for the Episcopate as it may be collected, and vest the same, and all interest and dividends thereon, in the Capital Stocks of some one of the Banks of the State.

CANON XI—PASSED MAY 1827.—*Authorising the Treasurer to invest the Money belonging to the Convention.*

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest on good security, as he may deem most advantageous, all moneys in the Treasury not especially appropriated; and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

CANON XII—PASSED MAY 1830.—*Pointing out the Additional Duties of the Secretary.*

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of the Convention, during its Sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

CANON XIII—PASSED MAY 1830.—*On the Election of a Bishop.*

The Lay Delegates of no Congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

CANON XIV—PASSED MAY 1841.—*Relating to the Standing Committee.*

It shall be the duty of the members of the Standing Committee to hold meetings for the transaction of business at every Convention of the Diocese; and this Canon is hereby declared to be due notice to each member of the same, to assemble at the time and place of the meeting of each Annual Convention.

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING IN FORCE,

Adopted at various Sittings of the Convention.

Resolved, That with the consent of his Vestry, it be the duty of every settled Clergyman, not having more than two congregations in his Parochial Cure, to devote one Sunday in every three months to Missionary labor, and that the Bishop have the power of regulating the time and place of service.—*Adopted May 1832.*

Resolved, That the Vestries of such churches in this Diocese as may be destitute of Clergymen, be requested to forward to the Secretary, at least one month before the meeting of every Annual Convention, a report of the state and condition of said churches.—*Adopted June 1835.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to annex to his Report, the list of those congregations which have failed or may hereafter fail to pay the sums assessed for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, in the hope, that upon such deficiency being brought to their notice, they may transmit the same promptly.—*Adopted May 1835.*

Resolved, That it be recommended to every Clergyman, to procure annually the sum of at least Five Dollars, in money or books, for the increase of said Library.

Resolved, That each Clergyman present the Librarian with a list of the Books in his own or his Parish Library, so that unnecessary duplicates may not be purchased, and that each may know where to apply for any needed set of books.—*Adopted May 1841.*

Resolved, That in addition to the other Standing Committees, there shall be one appointed at each Convention, to be called the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.—*Adopted May 1842.*

Resolved, That every Clergyman of this Diocese, having a Parochial Cure, be hereby enjoined to press upon his congregation, in a public discourse at least once a year, the high obligations under which we lie to contribute from our means, on the principle of Systematic Charity, as recommended by the Bishop and adopted by the Diocese.

Resolved, That each Clergyman having a Parochial Cure, or, where there is no Clergyman, the Wardens of the Parish, be requested to transmit quarterly, to the Treasurer, the amount collected up to that time for Missionary operations.—*Adopted May 1844.*

Resolved, That hereafter, the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and Resolutions of Conventions continuing in force, with the Rules of Order, shall be printed as an Appendix to the Journals of each sitting of the Convention.—*Adopted May 1844.*

Whereas, the General Convention of 1844 enacted a Canon, allowing to each Bishop, under certain limitations and restrictions, a due discretion in the calling, trial, and examination of Deacons, whenever he should be requested so to do by the Convention of his Diocese: Therefore

Resolved, That this Convention does hereby request the Bishop of this Diocese to use the discretion allowed in said Canon, so far as may seem to him for the glory of God and the good of his Church.—*Adopted May 1845.*

Resolved by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, That the Right Rev. Levi S. Ives, together with two Laymen, to be chosen by ballot, be and hereby are appointed Trustees for said Church, to receive donations, and to purchase, take, and hold property, real and personal, in trust for said Church, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, ratified the eighth day of January, A. D. 1845, and entitled an Act to amend the Revised Statutes, entitled Religious Societies.—*Adopted May 1845.*

Resolved, That the Form of Parochial Reports be hereafter printed with the Journals, and that the Clergy be requested to conform to the same in their Reports.—*Adopted May 1846.*

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Vestry, to transmit to the Minister of the Parish where the Annual Convention of the Diocese may sit, a certificate of the election of the Delegates to said Convention; and to furnish a duplicate of said certificate to some one of said Delegates, whose duty it shall be to hand the same to the Secretary of the Convention in time for proper action thereon.—*Adopted May 1847.*

Resolved, That a Committee, to consist of one Clergyman and two Laymen, be annually appointed by the President of the Convention, to be called "the Committee for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen," whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report the amount

of money which will probably be wanted during the succeeding year for such purpose, to make a definite appropriation in each and every case requiring aid, and to make a scale of assessment, upon the Parishes, proportioned generally to the existing scale of assessments for Bishop's salary and Contingent fund. Provided, that in case there be at any time no proper objects, there shall be no call made.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention shall be the Treasurer of this Committee, that he receive the moneys contributed to this Fund, and pay them out on the receipt of the individuals, or their representatives, to whom the appropriations may have been made.—*Adopted May 1848.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the sum of \$50 to all Clergymen who may be appointed and attend as Delegates to the General Convention of the Church from this Diocese.—*Adopted May 1848.*

Resolved, That all sums received for Missionary purposes, by bequest or other extraordinary donation, shall, if consistent with the will of the donors, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, with directions to fund the same; and furthermore, that for the present, and until otherwise ordered, he be directed to add to the principal the interest as it may accrue.—*Adopted May 1850.*

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The organization of the Convention by the President.
2. The Convention shall then proceed to appoint a Secretary by ballot.
3. The Committees on the State of the Church, and of Finance, and the Committee on New Congregations, each consisting of five, and a Committee to be called the Missionary Committee, to consist of seven persons, and all Special Committees, shall next be appointed.
4. The Bishop's Annual Address.
5. Parochial Reports to be presented to the Convention.
6. Report from the Standing Committee.
7. Report from the Treasurer.
8. Reports from Committees appointed by the last Convention.
9. Reports from Special Committees.
10. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
11. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.
12. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded; and, if required, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.
13. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall always be in order.
14. A question once decided, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and not be drawn again into debate, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided always*, that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any resolution, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.
15. No member shall be absent from the Sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be from sickness unable to attend.
16. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.

Standing Committee for 1852-53.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN.
Rev. F. M. HUBBARD.	GEO. W. MORDECAI.
Rev. ALBERT SMEDES.	

Executive Missionary Committee.

Rev. GEORGE BENTON.	JOHN W. WRIGHT.
Rev. JOSEPH C. HUSKE.	CHARLES P. MALLETT.
	CHARLES T. HAIGH.

Education Committee.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN.
	G. W. MORDECAI.

Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	JOSIAH COLLINS.
Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.	JOHN S. EATON.
Rev. S. I. JOHNSTON.	EDWARD LEE WINSLOW.
Rev. A. A. WATSON.	Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN.

Treasurer of the Convention, JOHN W. WRIGHT, Fayetteville.
 Secretary of the Convention, EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, ditto.

The Rev. A. F. Olmsted is appointed to preach the Convention Sermon before the next Convention; the Rev. G. Benton, Alternate.

The Rev. J. B. Donnelly the Missionary Sermon, and the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr. Alternate.

☞ The 37th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, on the last Thursday in May 1853.
