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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH,

On Wednesday June 3, Thursday June 4, Friday June 5, Saturday June 6, and Monday June 8,

1835.

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LIST OF CLERGY,

IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

- Rt. Rev. LEVI SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Ex-Officio President of the Convention.
Rev. JOHN AVERY, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
Rev. JOHN BURKE, officiating in Christ's Church, Newbern.
Rev. WILLIAM D. CAIRNS, General Missionary.
Rev. MOSES A. CURTIS, Deacon.
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN, Rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh.
Rev. WM. M. GREEN, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
Rev. DAVID GRIFFITH, Missionary, Pettigrew's Chapel, Tyrrell county.
Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Deacon, of Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
Rev. THOMAS S. W. MOTT, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
Rev. JOHN MORGAN, Rector of Christ's Church, Rowan.
Rev. CAMERON F. MACRAE, Deacon, of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.
Rev. WILLIAM NORWOOD, Rector of Immanuel Church, Warrenton.
Rev. JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS, Chaplain of the Episcopal School, Raleigh.
Rev. JOHN SINGELTARY, Deacon, of Calvary Church, Tarborough, &c.
Rev. WILLIAM W. SPEAR, Deacon, of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
Rev. HARVEY STANLY, Deacon.
Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Deacon, of Banks' Chapel, Granville County.
Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro'.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop IVES, and the Rev. Messrs. BURKE, GRIFFITH, and MACRAE, were not present at this Convention.

LIST OF LAY MEMBERS, ELECTED TO THIS CONVENTION.

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| <i>Hon. Duncan Cameron,</i> | } | Christ's Church, Raleigh. |
| <i>Thomas P. Devereux,</i> | | |
| <i>Hon. George E. Badger,</i> | | |
| <i>Wm. H. Haywood, Jun.</i> | | |
| <i>James S. Green,</i> | } | St. James's Church, Wilmington. |
| <i>Dr. A. J. De Rosset,</i> | | |
| <i>Levin Lane,</i> | | |
| <i>Hon. William Norwood,</i> | } | St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. |
| <i>George W. B. Burgwin,</i> | | |
| <i>Walker Anderson,</i> | | |
| <i>William E. Anderson,</i> | | |
| <i>Dr. Nathaniel Hill,</i> | } | St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough. |
| <i>Maurice Waddell,</i> | | |
| <i>H. L. Holmes,</i> | | |
| <i>Wm. H. Hardin,</i> | | |

- Dr. Thomas D. Parke,*
William H. Green,
William E. Bird,
William E. Troy,
John W. Wright,
Charles P. Mallett,
Edward L. Winslow,
Edward J. Hale,
George E. Spruill,
George Allen,
Dr. A. Hall,
Weldon Hall,
John Reeks,
Dr. Charles Sturdivant,
Col. Thomas Turner,
John McMorine,
Joshua Skinner,
John L. Bailey,
Charles R. Kinney,
Andrew Williams,
Philip Walker,
Dr. Simmons J. Baker,
William R. Smith,
Richard H. Smith,
Thomas B. Hill,
Thomas H. Kean,
Joseph H. Ridley,
Rhodes N. Herndon,
Russel Kingsbury,
James W. Bryan,
Charles Shepard,
Col. Edward Yarborough,
- } Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
 } St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
 } Immanuel Church, Warrenton.
 } St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
 } Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.
 } St. Mary's Chapel, Orange County.
 } Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
 } St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
 } Christ's Church, Newbern.
 } St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.

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ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH, N. C. }
 Wednesday, June 3, 1835. }

This being the day and place appointed for the meeting of the 19th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of North Carolina, the attending Clergy and Laity assembled at 11 o'clock A. M., when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, from St. Luke, 8th chapter and 18th verse.

The Convention having come to order, and the Rt. Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, being absent, by advice of his Physicians, on a voyage to Europe for the benefit of his health, the Rev. John Avery, D. D., was called to the Chair, and Edward J. Hale was requested to act as Secretary.

The names of the Clerical members of the Convention were called by the Secretary, when the following answered and took their seats, viz:

Rev. JOHN AVERY, D. D.	Rev. WILLIAM NORWOOD,
Rev. WILLIAM M. GREEN,	Rev. JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS,
Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN,	Rev. JOHN MORGAN,
Rev. PHILIP B. WILEY,	Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON,
Rev. T. S. W. MOTT,	Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR.
Rev. JARVIS B. BUNTON,	Rev. WILLIAM W. SPEAR,
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr.	Rev. HARVEY STANLY.

The certificates of Lay Delegation were then called for, laid on the Secretary's table, and read; from which it appeared that the following Delegates were appointed, viz:

Christ's Church, Raleigh.—Hon. Duncan Cameron, Thos. P. Devereux, Hon. George E. Badger, and Wm. H. Haywood, Jr.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Jas. S. Green, Dr. A. J. De Rosset, Levin Lane.

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—Hon. Wm. Norwood, George W. B. Burgwin, Walker Anderson, Wm. E. Anderson.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—Dr. Nathaniel Hill, Maurice Waddell, H. L. Holmes, Wm. H. Hardin.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Dr. Thomas D. Parke, William H. Green, William E. Bird, William E. Troy.

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—John W. Wright, Charles P. Mallett, Edward L. Winslow, Edward J. Hale.

Immanuel Church, Warrenton.—George E. Spruill, George Allen, Dr. A. Hall, Weldon Hall.

St. John's Church, Williamsborough.—John Reeks, Dr. Charles Sturdivant, Col. Thomas Turner.

Christ's Church, Elizabeth City.—John McMorine, Joshua Skinner, John L. Bailey, Charles R. Kinney.

St. Mary's Chapel, Orange county.—Andrew Williams, Philip Walker.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—Dr. Simmons J. Baker, William R. Smith, Richard H. Smith, Thomas B. Hill.

Of whom the following were present and took their seats, viz: Hon. Duncan Cameron, Dr. A. J. De Rosset, George W. B. Burgwin, Walker Anderson, William E. Anderson, H. L. Holmes, William H. Hardin, Edward J. Hale, George E. Spruill, George Allen, Philip Walker, and Thomas B. Hill.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, for the ensuing Conventional year, when, on counting the votes, it appeared that Edward L. Winslow was duly elected.

The Secretary being unavoidably absent, Edward J. Hale was, on motion, appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, the Rev. John Avery, D. D., was unanimously appointed President of the Convention.

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

4 O'CLOCK.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. James S. Green, a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, it was

Resolved, That those Clergymen present who are not entitled to seats in this Convention, be invited to seats as honorary members.

Whereupon, the Rev. William D. Cairns appeared and took a seat.

On motion, the Rules of Order prepared for the Convention of 1832, and adopted for the government of the subsequent Conventions, be adopted as the Rules of Order for this Convention.

The Chair appointed the following Clergymen to compose the Committee on the State of the Church, viz: the Rev. Messrs. Wiley, Buxton, Morgan, Taylor, and Saunders.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Green, the Rev. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Holmes were appointed, by the Chair, a Committee on unfinished business of the last Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Saunders rendered a satisfactory excuse for his non-attendance at the last Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock.

At Night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, from St. Mark, 8th chapter and 36th verse.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 4.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the President.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

The Rev. John Singeltary attended and took his seat.

A certificate of Lay Delegation from St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, announcing the appointment of Messrs. Thomas H. Kean, Joseph H. Ridley, Rhodes N. Herndon, and Russel Kingsbury, as Delegates to this Convention, was received and read. Whereupon, Mr. Kean appeared and took his seat.

The Hon. William Norwood, a Delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough; Mr. William H. Haywood, Jr., a Delegate from Christ's Church, Raleigh; and Messrs. Charles P. Mallett and John W. Wright, Delegates from St. John's Church, Fayetteville; attended and took their seats.

The Rev. M. A. Curtis, Deacon, being present, was invited to a seat as an honorary member of the Convention.

The Bishop's Journal was received, read, and referred, in part, to the Committee on the State of the Church; and is as follows, viz:

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina, assembled in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, June 3d, 1835.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

As the wise but inscrutable providence of God has interposed to hinder the delivery of my Address, agreeably to the second section of the fifty-first Canon, I transmit it to you through the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

The following are my official acts, since the date of my last Address:

On Friday evening, May 9th, 1834, I confirmed in St. Peter's Church, Washington, *twelve* persons. On the morning of the Sunday following, in the same Church, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

On the next day, I was under the painful necessity of instituting an inquiry into the grounds of a public rumour affecting the moral character of the Rev'd Samuel Rowland; which inquiry resulted in the presentment, and, after due trial, in the suspension of that Clergyman from the exercise of the ministry.

On Friday the 23d, at night, I performed Service and preached in Christ Church, Elizabeth City. The following Sunday I spent at Edenton—preaching morning and evening in St. Paul's Church.

Being desirous of visiting the friends and members of the Church on the Chowan, I sent forward an appointment for service at the house of Gen'l Brownrigg, on Monday the 24th; which appointment I fulfilled, performing Service and preaching in the morning of that day to an assembly of deeply attentive hearers. Here I was told of a number of families in Gates County, who were anxious to receive the ministrations of the Church.

The next day, (Tuesday,) I went to Windsor; but from the inclemency of the evening, was unable to fulfil my appointment there. From this place I proceeded to Raleigh, to be present at the opening of the Episcopal School.

On Sunday, the 8th of June, I preached, the Rev'd Mr. Saunders performing Service, to the Pupils of the School. On the 19th, I proceeded on my visitation to Pittsborough, where I officiated on the following Satur-

day and Sunday, preaching three times, confirming two persons, and administering the Holy Communion.

The succeeding week, I had the gratification of being present at the various exercises attendant on the Commencement of our University, at Chapel Hill. After which, I proceeded to Hillsborough, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and preached in the morning of Sunday, the 29th, and the evening of the following Tuesday, confirming five persons.

Having sent forward my appointments for St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and the neighbouring Parishes, I left Hillsborough in the Stage on the 4th of July, to fulfil them. But from a violent attack of sickness, I was unable to proceed farther than the residence of the Hon. Chief Justice Ruffin; while there, however, I was so far relieved as to officiate in the morning of Sunday, the 6th, to a respectable and deeply interested congregation of the neighbours.

My indisposition continuing, obliged me to return to Hillsborough. Here, on Sunday morning the 20th, I admitted, in St. Matthew's Church, Samuel I. Johnston and William W. Spear to the Holy Order of Deacons, after Prayers by the Rev. Mr. Green, Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, and an Address by myself. In the evening of the same day, I confirmed six persons.

My increasing indisposition forced upon me the necessity of intermitting my labours for the remaining part of the Summer.

Early in September, finding my health somewhat improved, I left New Jersey for my Diocese—but owing to frequent attacks, delaying me on the way, I did not reach Raleigh until the first week in October.

Here I preached on Sunday morning the 12th, addressing the coloured congregation at night, which I was rejoiced to find large, orderly and devout.

On Wednesday the 15th, I left Raleigh on a visit to the congregations in Rowan County, and arrived at Salisbury on Saturday the 18th: where, in St. Luke's Church on the following day, (Sunday) I preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed three persons; the Rev. Mr. Morgan assisting in the Services. The succeeding four days I passed in this Parish, but from indisposition, was unable to perform any further public duty.

On Friday the 24th, I proceeded to Christ Church; where, on Sunday morning the 26th, I preached, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed thirty persons.

On the second and third Sundays of November, I officiated in Immanuel Church, Warrenton, and confirmed four persons.

On the 17th of the same month, I returned to Raleigh and attended, during the following week, the examination of the Episcopal School; which, as will appear from the admirable Report of the Examining Committee, was highly creditable to all concerned. This Institution is engaging a share of public attention, and is resorted to with an eagerness which clearly evinces its high importance, and forcibly inculcates the duty of every friend of Christian Education and the Church, in regard to its support. To ensure an interest in its welfare, in some degree commensurate with its merits, the Convention should leave nothing undone, which may be necessary to spread before the Church, a full, distinct and accurate history of its operations. The School Committee have not been wanting in endeavors,

by their annual Reports, to supply this desideratum. But probably from some misapprehension, the last year's Report of the Committee was not ordered to be printed. That the Church may no longer be without the important information which that Report contains, I earnestly recommend its publication on the Journal of the present Convention.

Owing to the enfeebled state of my health, I was urged by my Physicians to pass the winter with as little exertion as possible. I resolved, therefore, to spend the inclement months in the quiet of my study at Raleigh. But it was soon manifest, that the increasing severity of my attacks called for still more prompt and efficient remedies. These were employed; but with no beneficial effect. After a thorough trial of medicines under the direction of the best medical skill, and confinement to my room of more than two months, I was advised by my kind friends and Physician to an entire separation, for a time, from the duties of my Diocese. In view of which, I summoned the Standing Committee, as my proper Council of advice; who unanimously concurred in recommending my temporary absence from official duty, for the purpose of regaining my health. I left Raleigh, therefore, on the 26th of March, for Philadelphia, resolved to regulate my further movements by the advice of my Physicians there. On my arrival in that city, I submitted my case anew to Doctors Physick and Harris, who did not hesitate to urge, in concurrence with Dr. Beckwith of Raleigh, that I should immediately sail for the Continent of Europe, as the only means likely to give sufficient vigour to my system to throw off the alarming and obstinate disease with which I am afflicted, and to restore me to health.

I need not assure the Convention of my deep sorrow in thus being removed from the sphere of my duties, so interesting and important. But it is the will of God, and calls for our humble and prayerful acquiescence.— It is, however, no slight alleviation to my sufferings, that the Congregations of my charge are affording me every testimony of their deep sympathy, and every means to facilitate my recovery. I should do violence to my feelings, not to acknowledge, in this public manner, the distinguished kindness and liberality of my friends at Raleigh. It is a delightful reflection, that wherever I may be, and whatever I may suffer, I am still under the protection of that gracious and Almighty Being, who is so earnestly supplicated in my behalf, by every pious heart in my Diocese; and that this too, has the promise of his special care.

I must return, however, from this digression to a further consideration of the affairs of the Diocese.

In February last, being kept from more active duty, I addressed a Pastoral Letter to the Congregations of my Diocese, on the subject of *Systematick Charity*; and was much gratified before leaving you, to learn that the call I made in that letter, was cordially and generally responded to. I am convinced that so soon as the subject shall receive the consideration due to it, its immense importance will be acknowledged by every intelligent and Christian mind. Brethren in Christ, *be not weary in well-doing. In due season you shall reap if you faint not.*

In recording the changes which, during the past year, have occurred among us, I notice with unfeigned sorrow, the death of the Rev'd Robert J. Miller, of Burke County; a Clergyman of whom we may emphatically say, *for him to live was Christ; and to die is gain.* Brethren of the Clergy,

let us follow his example of humility, of faith and patience, that ours may be his crown of eternal glory, *through him who hath washed us from our sins in his own blood.*

The Rev'd Messrs. Rogers and Griffith have received from me letters of dismission to the Bishop of New York.

The Rev'd Mr. Burke has received a letter of dismission to Bishop White of Pennsylvania.

The Rev'd Mr. Cairns has been received into this Diocese, by a letter from Bishop Onderdonk of New York, and has, agreeably to resolution of the Missionary Society, been appointed *General Missionary*, with instructions from me to supply 'till June, the destitute Congregations of Elizabeth City, Old Neck, and parts adjacent; after which he is to officiate 'till further instructed, in Rockingham County, and parts adjacent.

The following are Candidates for Orders belonging to the Diocese:—Edward M. Forbes, John De Berniere Hooper, Harvey Stanly, Cameron F. McRae, and Moses A. Curtis.

In conclusion, dear Brethren, as I am unable from the state of my health to add more, permit me to repeat my regrets, at not being with you on the interesting occasion of your annual meeting. But believe me, if, on that day, I am numbered with the living, my earnest prayers shall ascend to God, for his blessings on your counsels; that they may be characterized by that peace which has hitherto distinguished them, and result in the promotion of those interests of Christ's Kingdom which we all have so deeply at heart; and be remembered with joy in the final and most solemn day of account.

L. S. IVES, *Bishop*
Of the Diocese of North Carolina.

NEW YORK, APRIL 11, 1835.

P. S. The venerable Bishop Moore, of Virginia, has kindly offered to perform, in my absence, any necessary Episcopal act.

L. S. I.

The Parochial Reports were laid on the Secretary's table, read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, as follow, viz:

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Rector.

Communicants—Dead 1, removed 10,	11
Returned 2, added 2,	4
Present number, white 138, col'd 23,	161
Baptisms—Adults, white 1, coloured 1,	2
Infants, white 37, coloured 13,	50
	— 52
Confirmations—None.	
Marriages—White 10, coloured 1,	11
Burials—Adults 6, infants 5,	11
Families—About	100
Sunday School—Male Teachers 7, Female do. 12,	19
Male Scholars 58, Female do. 81,	139

Largest number in attendance at one time,	127
Average number attending, about	90
Bible Class,	25
Volumes in Parish Library, about	220
Volumes in Sunday School Library, about	265
Moneys received—For the Gen. Missionary Society of the Church,	\$144
For Miss'y Society of the Diocese,	170 85
For the Episcopate,	100
For the Contingent Fund,	25

The foregoing table, I believe, fairly exhibits the present outward state of this Church. It may be seen that the number of communicants is somewhat less than the last year, the increase by additions and returns to the communion by those who had been absent from that part of the country, not being equal to the decrease by death and removals. The Rector has to regret the little apparent fruits of his labours for the past year. What good has been done, is known only to the Searcher of hearts. May He who alone giveth the increase, bestow upon them a more abundant portion of his Spirit. The Ladies' Working Society still continue their operations. The Charity School supported by them numbers still about 40—but that number exceeds the general attendance. The plan of systematic charity recommended by the Bishop in his Pastoral Letter, has been carried into effect, with beneficial results. A system of monthly meetings, approved of by the Bishop, in behalf of the General Missionary Society of the Church, has enabled us to contribute \$144 to that Institution.

THOS. F. DAVIS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 20, coloured 4,—24	
“ Adults, white 3, coloured 3,—6	30
Communicants—decrease by death 2, by removals 4,	6
“ Additions, white 5, coloured 2,	7
Present number, white 104, col'd 50,	154
Marriages,	7
Burials,	5
Moneys collected—For Episcopate,	\$100
Contingent Fund,	25
Missionary Society,	40
Church at Oxford,	46

Sunday School and other matters, as before reported.

The last year has not been without its peculiar grounds of anxiety to the Rector of this Parish, arising from circumstances of extraordinary political excitement. The result however, is highly creditable to the parties, and evinces their respect for moral government. In one instance of removal reported above, the individual has been ordained into the ministry of this Church, and now officiates in the Eastern section of the State.

The value of enlightened female influence in promoting the welfare of the Church, is deeply felt and duly appreciated by the Rector of this Parish.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Rector.*

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. John Burke, officiating.

Baptisms—Adult 1, infants 13, coloured 1,	15
Confirmed (at Washington)	1
Communicants—Last Report,	120
Removed 2, died 1, present number	119
Marriages,	4
Deaths,	6
Sunday School—Male Teachers 7, Female do. 17,	24
Male Scholars 45, Female do. 70,	115

The *deficit* in the assessment upon the parish, for the Bishop's salary and contingent fund, is attributable to the irregular mode of raising contributions, since the departure of the late Rector. The moneys assessed, when collected, shall be forwarded to the Diocesan Treasurer.

The labours of the Ladies' Working Society are successfully exerted towards the attainment of the same laudable objects as heretofore.

JOHN BURKE.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. George W. Freeman, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants	12
Communicants—(Died 3, removed 4,) present number,	67
Marriages, (2 not of the congregation,)	5
Burials—Of the congregation, 2 adults, 14 infants; not of the congregation, 4 adults,	20
Families,	40
Adults,	120
Sunday School—Scholars, average attendance,	15
Teachers,	3
Moneys received—For the B., P. B., Tract and Mis- sionary Society, from all sources,	\$58 35
For the Bishop's salary and contin- gent expenses,	65

On a comparison of the above with the Report of last year, it will be seen that this Congregation is still gradually increasing *in numbers*. The Rector wishes he could add that it continues improving in all other respects; but a manifest diminution of attention to the Sunday School, the Bible Class, and the Friday evening Services, admonishes him that, if there has been no declension in the spiritual prosperity of the congregation, at least his own labours have become less profitable and efficient than formerly.

The Female Working Society, though but a remnant of what it was, is still in existence; and, through the untiring exertions of its few members, continues to be useful in various ways. Among other objects to which the avails of its labours have been applied, it has made liberal appropriations for furnishing in part, the Rectory, and is now labouring, it is understood, for the means of painting the exterior of our little Church.

A third Service on Sundays is performed for the benefit of the coloured people, who by their eager and numerous attendance, and their orderly and serious deportment in Church, give reason to hope that this labour will not be in vain.

GEO. W. FREEMAN, *Rector.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. William M. Green, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants 4, adults 3 white, 3 coloured,	10
Confirmations—8 white, 3 coloured,	11
Marriages,	2
Communicants—15 added, 4 of whom have removed into the congregation from other parts of the Diocese, 5 removed, 3 died, present number,	70
Funerals—2 infants, 5 adults,	7
Sunday School—Scholars, about	40
Teachers,	7
Adults,	130
Collections—For Episcopate,	\$30 00
“ Missionary &c. Society,	65 00
“ Contingent Fund,	10 00

The condition of this congregation gives promise of something better for the future. A few have been added to the number of communicants within the last year. Attendance on Divine worship has been more general than heretofore. And the debt of the Church has been considerably reduced. It is hoped that another year will entirely free us from all pecuniary obligation. The plan of “Lord’s day offerings” was introduced at the commencement of the year, and promises to be a means of blessing.

It has already enabled us to erect a Gallery in the Church,—to assist in the purchase of a new Bell,—and to increase our contribution to the Missionary Fund. If the plan should be perseveringly followed up, it cannot fail, ere long, to impart new health and vigour to the congregation.

Our Sunday School, though not large, is punctually attended, and blessed with faithful Teachers. The Bible Class is larger in number than it has been for several years, and is, I trust, growing in Divine knowledge. The Ladies’ Working Society again deserves to be noticed for their untiring industry, and efficient labours in promoting the prosperity of the Congregation.

The addition of a Gallery to the Church will, it is hoped, be the means of ensuring hereafter, a larger attendance of coloured persons, who have hitherto been often excluded for want of room.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL.

Baptisms—infants, 4 white, 1 coloured,	5
adults, coloured,	3
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	8
Communicants—(1 died,) present number,	13

SALEM CHAPEL.

Monthly Services at this place have been continued as heretofore.
The Communicants, &c. of this place, are included in the Report from
St. Mary's Congregation.

W. M. GREEN, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. John Avery, Rector.

Baptisms,	8
Communicants—(Removed 3, died 1, added 1,)	49
Confirmations,	0
Marriages,	6
Sunday School Scholars,	30
Teachers,	5
No. of Vols. in Parish and Sunday School Library,	200
Moneys received for the Missionary Society,	55 18
Episcopate and Contingent Fund,	84 40

Of the Communicants here reported, some of them, during the last six months have principally attended the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Cairns. Two or three also on the other side of Albemarle Sound, have attended the Services of the Rev. Mr. Griffiths. The Rector of this Church has given Lectures to the coloured people on the evenings of the Lord's Day when his health would permit of three services. A Bible Class has also been attended the greater part of the year. Since the last Convention, a convenient house has been purchased for a Rectory, and paid for, principally by the Ladies Working Society, and by the liberal contributions of a few individuals. The number of the Congregation, owing to deaths and removals, has rather decreased during the past year. The spiritual state of the Church has not, to appearance, materially changed.

JOHN AVERY, *Rector.*

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—At Pittsborough, adult white,	1
Infants white,	9
“ coloured,	14
At Chapel Hill, “ “	1
Haywood, “ white,	3
	— 28
Confirmations—At Pittsborough,	2
Communicants,	30
Burials,	1
“ At Haywood,	1
Marriage—At Pittsborough,	1
Sunday School—Teachers,	6
Scholars,	40

Bible Class,	18
Collected for Assessment, 1834—'35,	\$20
For Bible, Common Prayer, Tract, and Missionary Society, at Pittsborough,	\$50

In the Church of St. Bartholomew, there continues to be a slow increase of numbers. Some have been added to the Holy Communion the past year, and others seem to be "almost" persuaded to follow the example. May they soon be "not only almost, but altogether" Christians. Owing to the extreme inclemency of the past winter, the Bible Class, Sunday School, and Weekly Service, were, for the most part, discontinued, but were resumed as soon as practicable; and they are generally well attended.

The Pastoral Letter of the Bishop was read to the Congregation on the Sunday before Lent, and copies were afterwards distributed. The plan proposed seemed to meet with the decided approbation of all; and though its suggestions have not been so universally followed, still it has been the means of materially increasing the amount of contribution, by this Church, to the funds of the Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract, and Missionary Society.

Occasional Services have been held for the special benefit of the coloured people, and it is hoped, not without some good effect.

As a Missionary, I continued to visit Chapel Hill, after the last Convention, until some time in January last, when by the advice and consent of the Bishop, that station was relinquished, and the same portion of my time has been since given to the village of Haywood. At this place are several persons attached by education and preference to the ministrations of our Church; and the respectful and serious attention, which these and many others have given to our Services and preaching, encourage the hope that labour will not be in vain among them. May He, who alone giveth the increase, bless the effort made to teach them the truth as it is in Jesus.

PHILIP B. WILEY, *Rector and Missionary.*

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

The subscriber took charge of Christ's Church, Elizabeth City, by request of the Bishop, about the middle of October last, since which time there have been

Baptisms—4 white adults, 10 coloured adults,	
5 white infants, 28 coloured infants,	47
Burials	6
Marriages	2
Communicants—13 added, 1 died, 2 removed,	
Present number,	45
The Sunday School numbers—Teachers,	10
Scholars,	58

Two of the Teachers have been baptised, and four added to the Communion. A small Library has been purchased for the School.

Collected—For the Missionary Society,	\$40
Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund,	35

— \$75

From a condition of deep depression, this parish, by the blessing of God, has been raised to a state of comparative prosperity. The Church has

been put in a state of complete repair, and painted; an Organ has been purchased, and other improvements effected, at an expense of more than *six hundred dollars*; which, with the increase of communicants, the number of adult baptisms, and the amount of money collected, indicates, it is thought, an improved condition.

The Rev. Cameron F. MacRae has been left in charge of this Parish, and promises not only to sustain but to advance its interests.

WM. D. CAIRNS,

General Missionary of the Diocese.

The General Missionary of the Diocese reports in addition to his report for the Parish of Christ Church in Elizabeth City, that he has officiated regularly every fortnight in Old Neck, and Hertford in Perquimons County; that he has preached occasionally in Boyd's Neck, at the house of Joshua Skinner, Esq., and baptised a large part of his coloured family; that he has visited Harvey's Neck three times, administering the Communion, officiating at a funeral and preaching; and spent one Sunday at Gatesville, in Gates County, where there is some prospect of establishing the Church.

He reports further, that arrangements have been made to build a Church in Hertford, Perquimons County, and that it will probably be ready for consecration by the 1st of November next. Nearly 50 Prayer Books have been distributed; a few Bibles and a large quantity of Tracts; and one copy of Bishop Ravenscroft's Works sold.

Amount collected for the Society, from all sources, \$404.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Rev. William Norwood, Rector.

Baptisms—adult 1, infants 13,	14
Confirmations,	4
Communicants—decrease, by death 1, by removal 4,	
by suspension 1, transferred 4,	
Added 4—Present number,	23
Marriages,	2
Burial,	1
Families,	16
Moneys received—For Episcopate,	\$15
For Contingent Fund,	5

In explanation of the circumstance that there is no Sunday School connected with this Congregation, the Rector remarks, that the establishment of one has been repeatedly attempted, and has failed, on account of the difficulty of getting Teachers. The families of the Congregation are scattered at such distances through the country that they cannot be drawn together, except for Divine Service.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Baptisms—infants,	2
Communicants—decrease, by suspension 1, by removal 1,	
added 1,	

Communicants--Present number,	14
Families,	7
Moneys received—for Episcopate,	\$15
For Contingent Fund,	5

The absence of a Sunday School in this Congregation, is owing to the same cause given above with respect to the Congregation of Immanuel Church.

WILLIAM NORWOOD, *Rector.*

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Rector.

Number of families,	16
Communicants,	27
Baptisms,	19
Marriages,	2

The state of this parish has been from the time of its commencement uncommonly prosperous. In the course of two or three years it has risen from nothing to a highly respectable rank among our country congregations. It is now entirely clear of debt, has a neat Church completed and paid for, a good bell, and as large a share of male communicants in proportion to the whole number, as any other in the State. One of that number has lately removed, and it is with much pain we anticipate the departure of several others to the West in the course of the approaching Autumn. Yet, as prejudice appears in some measure to be dying away, we are not without hope of future increase,—that the Lord will, in his own time, add to our “little flock such as shall be saved.”

STATION AT LOUISBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Number of Families,	7
Communicants,	8
Baptisms,	1
Deaths,	1

The Church in Louisburg has not increased in numbers, except by transfer, since my appointment to the station. Indeed, where service is held but once a month, and in a place so distant as scarcely to admit of spending any time in it, except what is necessarily occupied in the duties of the Lord's day, little can be expected. The state of things, however, is far from discouraging. During the last year, the congregation, though of a very miscellaneous character in respect to religious opinion, has been uniformly more numerous than that at Oxford. This circumstance, as it is confidently believed our church requires only to be known in order to be appreciated, certainly affords strong encouragement to hope for its future prosperity.

T. S. W. MOTT.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. William W. Spear, Deacon.

The present Minister assumed his responsibilities in this place, with the opening of the year 1835, at the call of the Vestry, with the knowledge and approbation of our Bishop. Previously it had been united with Christ's Church, Rowan, and the connection was dissolved, with the hope that each of these congregations would have their interests more effectually promoted by the more constant attention and regular services of a Minister resident among themselves. The people of St. Luke's made an effort to raise a salary, to the amount which the Bishop had made conditional of my going thither; and for five months past, I have been labouring among them, with an occasional visit to Charlotte and Lincolnton, where some encouragement is held out, for the establishment of Episcopal services.

In Salisbury the experiment has, for the present, succeeded to a degree; though it is not probable that the present plan can long continue. Some peculiar discouragements have attended my ministrations. A large and influential family, with other individual members, have removed to the West; and most of the remainder, who are interested in our cause, are anticipating the same result. One member has been called to her rest; another has been mourned over, as utterly lost to his solemn vows. On the other hand, it is believed by all, that the general attendance on our services has increased; and some tokens for good have attended my labours. One has been added to the communion, with altered views most satisfactory to myself. Two more are candidates on probation, and several are evidently revolving the question of their religious obligation. Over these, and for others, their Minister is anxiously watching, with the prayerful hope, that the serious impressions may soon issue in decided purpose and open profession.

The Sunday School has recently been re-opened; though that part of the town which is open to us, does not afford more than 20 Scholars.

Besides the usual Sunday services, Junior and Senior Bible Classes are held in the week. They are attended, though not in great numbers, yet I believe with serious feeling.

Communicants—In Jan'y 1835, 22; removed 5; added 1; remaining at present,	18
Baptisms—Infants,	6
Funerals,	6
Missionary Contributions—	
for the Gen. Domestic and Foreign Miss'y Society,	\$12 50
for the N. C. Miss'y Society, according to the Pastoral Letter,	25 00
	WM. W. SPEAR.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, ROWAN, ST. LUKE'S SALISBURY, (UP TO DEC'R,) AND PARTS ADJACENT.

Rev. John Morgan, Rector.

Baptisms—Salisbury, 1 infant,	1
Christ's Church, 1 adult, 18 infants,	19

Rowan County, 8 infants,	8	
Iredell county, 4 do. 1 col'd do.	5	
Cabarrus county, 1 do.	1	
Beattie's Ford, 1 do.	1	
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Confirmed—Salisbury,	3	
Christ's Church, 25 white, 5 col'd,	30	
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New Communicants—Salisbury (to Dec'r)	2	
Christ's Ch. 21 white, 4 col'd,	25	
Iredell, 5 do. 1 do.	6	
	<hr/>	33
Deaths—Christ's Church, 1 adult, 1 infant, 1 col'd,	3	
Iredell, 1 do. 1 do.	2	
Charlotte, 1 do.	1	
	<hr/>	6
Communicants—decrease by death, &c.		
Salisbury, dismissed	1	
Charlotte, died	1	
	<hr/>	2
No. of do. —Salisbury,	23	
Christ's Church and Iredell,	110	
Burke county,	17	
Charlotte,	2	
	<hr/>	152

Collected for the Missionary Society, \$5 70

The Organ for St. Luke's Church has arrived, price \$500.

This schedule gives the statistical view of my field of labour. In addition to the table I need only say, with deep thanks to the Lord, that its spiritual condition is as prosperous as I have any reason to expect. Many, it is believed, having inquired and found the "way to Zion," are "going on from strength to strength," towards the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

JOHN MORGAN.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. S. I. Johnston, Deacon.

Communicants, as reported at last Convention, 24 white,	
6 coloured,	30
Removals since that time,	4
Deaths, 3 white, 2 coloured,	5
Marriages, 1 white, 2 coloured,	3
Baptisms, 5 white adults, 9 white children, 2 coloured children,	16
Sunday School—Female Teachers 6, Male do. 3,	9
Scholars, vary from 40 to 50.	
Received for the Episcopal Fund,	\$10
for the Contingent Fund,	5

S. I. JOHNSTON.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. Robert Shaw, Rector.

Baptisms —Adults, white 2, coloured 3,	5	
Infants, white 8, and 2 not of the con- gregation, coloured 1,	11	—
		16
Confirmations , white 4, coloured 3,	7	
Communicants —Decrease by death and removals,	3	
Additions, white 7, coloured 1,	8	
Total, white 64, coloured 3,	67	
Marriages 2, and 1 not of the congregation,	3	
Burials —Adults 2, not of the congreg'n 1, col'd 1,	4	
Children 7, not of the congregation 1,	8	—
		12
Sunday School —Male Teachers 4, Female do. 5,	9	
Male Scholars 30, Female do. 25,	55	
Moneys received —For Episcopate,	\$40	
For Contingent Fund,	10	
For Missionary Society,	40 05	

The condition of this parish is much the same as when last reported. The various institutions of the Church have been sustained with the same readiness, and are as highly prized by the congregation, as formerly. Upon a review of the past year, we have cause of unfeigned gratitude to the Author of all good, that He has blessed our endeavours to serve him, and that there is in so many, a manifest love of the truth, and we hope an increase of Godliness.

ROBERT SHAW.

Since the meeting of the last Convention, I find the following entries on the records of St. Thomas's Church, Trinity, St. John's and Zion Chapels, belonging to the Missionary Station in this county. Supposing the facts might be of service to the Managers of the Missionary Society, I have transcribed them.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH.

Baptisms , infants,	5
Confirmed ,	1
Communicants 24, added 2, deceased 1,	25
Burials , Adult 1, Infants 2, coloured,	3

ZION CHAPEL.

Baptisms , infants,	5
Communicants ,	11

TRINITY CHAPEL.

Baptisms, infants,	3
Communicants—decrease by death and removals,	5
Total number,	17
Marriages,	2
Burials,	2

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.

Baptism, infant	1
Communicants, decrease by death 1, total	9
Burials, adults,	2

Grand total of Communicants,	63
Baptisms,	14
Confirmed (at last Convention)	1
Burials,	7
Marriages,	2

ROBERT SHAW.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Rev. Lewis Taylor, Deacon.

Baptism,	1
Marriage,	1
Removals,	2
Persons desirous to commune,	4

We have at this place, a very small, but an increasing congregation. And the Minister believes that much of the deep rooted prejudices of the neighbourhood, against the Church, have subsided. The Sacrament never having been administered at this place, none of the above have been actual partakers, but I presume would if they had an opportunity.

I have done but little for our Church the past year, owing chiefly to the afflictions of my family, which have confined me much at home.

A Vestry has lately been appointed, and Delegates have been elected to the present Convention.

LEWIS TAYLOR.

REPORT of Rev. J. Singeltary, Missionary, at Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, and Calvary Church, Tarborough.

Trinity Church—Communicants,	8
Burial,	1
Calvary Church—Communicants,	6
Baptisms,	2
Marriages,	3
Burials,	3

J. SINGELTARY.

REPORT of Rev. David Griffith, Deacon, Missionary in Tyrrel and Washington Counties.

I commenced my labours at this station in May 1834, and officiated here for the first time on the 25th of said month.

Since which period, (the Sundays preached at Shiloh, Skinnersville, and Mr. Haughton's excepted,) I appropriated three-fourths of the Sabbaths to Pettigrew's Chapel* and Lake Phelps; and the remaining fourth to Plymouth. I hold weekly services occasionally at the residences of Messrs. Goelet and Hoffman.

Bilious attacks, in July and September, rendered me unable to preach for six weeks. Ever since said attacks, I have had the intermittent fever.

The delicate state of my health, and the unusual inclemency of the winter, preventing my fulfilling but 90 appointments.

I have distributed some Prayer Books and Tracts; baptised 2 children, and married 1 couple.

In Tyrrel County, and the parts of Washington adjoining it, and at Plymouth and in its vicinity, there are 16 members of the Church, and from 35 to 40 are become partial and friendly to it.

The coloured people, (from 200 to 250,) at Lake Phelps, attend preaching regularly, and behave well during service; several of them seem to be religiously inclined.

Had the Bishop's health permitted him to visit this part of the Diocese, a few individuals would have been confirmed.

The members and friends of the Church, in this section of the State, are desirous to have the services of a Clergyman continued to them. They have raised towards my support, \$271, of which \$200 were raised at Pettigrew's Chapel, and \$71 at Plymouth.

In concluding my report, I think it proper to mention the kindness and attention shown me by the people among whom I ministered. I have received the clearest evidences of their friendship.

DAVID GRIFFITH.

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

REPORT of the Standing Committee.

The acts of the Standing Committee for the past year have been as follows:

Samuel I. Johnston, William W. Spear, Moses A. Curtis, Harvey Stanley, Cameron F. MacRae, and Edward M. Forbes, have been recommended for *Deacon's Orders*.

The Rev. John Singeltary has been recommended for *Priest's Orders*.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert Shaw and William N. Hawks have been transferred, by letters of dismission, to the Diocese of New York.

On the 21st of March, the Committee was convened by the Bishop, as a "Council of Advice," on the subject of his increasing ill health; and unan-

*So called, because the late Rev. C. Pettrigrew, first Bishop-elect of the State of North Carolina, built it at his own expense, and it was for many years the theatre of his pious exertions. Mr. P. is spoken of by those who had the pleasure of knowing him, as a man of great talents and piety.

imously concurred in advising his "temporary absence from the Diocese, for the purpose of regaining his health." At the same meeting, the Bishop also submitted the following question, "Whether the Committee would advise that the Candidates for Holy Orders should, during his absence, be recommended to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Virginia for Ordination?" On motion, it was "resolved, that the Committee do unanimously advise the same." Accordingly, since his departure, Messrs. MacRae, Curtis, and Singeltary have been ordained by Bishop Moore.

Mr. Forbes, having been a resident of the Diocese of New York, since his admission as a candidate for Orders, has been, according to the Canon in that case provided, recommended for Deacon's Orders to the Bishop of that Diocese.

Mr. Stanly having been recommended for Ordination to the Bishop of Virginia, by our Diocesan, before his departure, has since received Deacon's Orders.

W. M. GREEN, *President.*

Mr. Cameron, on behalf of the Episcopal School Committee of the Diocese, presented a report in relation to that Institution, which was read.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Singeltary, the Chair appointed a Committee on the State of the Episcopal School, consisting of Mr. Haywood, the Rev. Messrs. Singeltary, Norwood, and Mott, and Messrs. Cameron, De Rosset and Wright.

On motion, the above Report was referred to this Committee.

The following preamble and resolution were submitted by Mr. Cameron, and, on motion, were referred to the same Committee, viz:

Whereas, it is indispensable to the success of the Episcopal School established under the authority of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, that the main building, now erecting, should be completed as early as practicable. And the funds applicable to that purpose being inadequate and unavailable to the extent required:

And whereas, the use of the fund collected and set apart for the support of the Bishop, would greatly aid in the prosecution of that work:

Resolved, That the Committee to whom was referred the annual Report of the School Committee, be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of applying the said fund in aid of the erection of said building; and, if deemed expedient, to report a plan for appropriating the same to the purpose aforesaid, by which the security of said fund shall be amply provided for, as well as the regular semi-annual payment of the interest thereon to the Treasurer of the Fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese.

The Convention now took a recess, during which—

Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Spear, and a Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Stanly, from St. Mark, 10th chapter, and part of the 21st verse.

When the Convention again assembled,—

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Journal relating to the Episcopal School, was referred to the Committee on the subject.

The Chair appointed the following members to compose the Committee

on Finance, viz: Messrs. Spruill, Cameron, Wright, Mallett, and Professor Anderson.

Mr. John W. Wright, Treasurer of the Convention, presented his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on unfinished business reported, that there did not appear to be any matter on the Journal of the last Convention, requiring the action of this body.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Saunders, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report to this Convention on the propositions to alter the Rubricks and Liturgy of the Church, contained in the Journals of the last General Convention.

In pursuance of this resolution, the Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Saunders and Freenan, and Mr. William E. Anderson, to compose the committee.

A letter from the Secretary of the General Convention, on the subject of the contributions to defray the contingent expenses of that body, was laid before the Convention, read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

At Night, Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Morgan, and a Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Curtis, from Job, 25th chapter and 4th verse.



FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 5.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Buxton.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Convention proceeded, on motion, to ballot for the Standing Committee for the ensuing Conventional year; when, on counting the votes, it appeared that the Rev. Messrs. Green, Freeman, and Saunders, of the Clergy, and Mr. Gavin Hogg and Professor Anderson, of the Laity, were duly elected.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Norwood, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Church be held in Christ's Church, in the Town of Newbern, on the first Wednesday in May, 1836.

The Rev. Mr. Saunders, from the Committee on the subject, presented a Report on the proposed alterations of the Rubricks and Liturgy, which was considered and laid on the table.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Singeltary had leave of absence from and after this day.

The Convention adjourned for the purpose of attending

Divine Service, which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Norwood, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, from the 3d chapter and 5d verse of St. John's Gospel.

When the Convention again met,

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the proposed alterations in the Rubricks and Liturgy, was taken up, amended, and adopted, as follows:

The Committee appointed to report on the propositions of the last General Convention, respecting certain alterations in the Rubricks and Liturgy of the Church, beg leave respectfully to submit the following resolution for the adoption of the Convention:

Resolved, That this Convention do *unanimously disapprove* of the alterations in the Rubricks and Liturgy of the Church proposed by the last General Convention.

JOS. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman*.

Mr. Spruill, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, in part, which was read and adopted, viz:

REPORT of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance respectfully Report:

That they have examined the account and vouchers of the Treasurer for the last year, and find them correct.

The Bonds now in the hands of the Treasurer, amounting to \$7272 57 are amply secured, and payable on the demand of the Treasurer. The balance of the Episcopal Fund consists of 11 Shares of Cape Fear Bank Stock which cost \$998; of 15 Shares State Bank Stock, on which \$180 is unpaid; and of cash on hand \$81 63; making the sum total of the Episcopal Fund \$8532 20.

For some years, the assessments and interest on the Episcopal Fund have been insufficient to pay the Bishop's salary and expenses, by several hundred dollars. The deficiency has been supplied out of the principal of the Fund. Supposing the Bishop's salary and expenses for the next year to be about the average of the three last years, say \$1550, and supposing the assessments the same as last year, the interest of the Fund and the assessments together will fall short of paying the Bishop's salary and expenses about \$350, which deficiency must of course be drawn from the principal of the Fund, if not otherwise provided for by the Convention. The Committee respectfully recommend, that the interest alone of the Fund be hereafter applied towards the payment of the Bishop's salary and expenses, and the balance be paid by the assessments; leaving the principal of the fund untouched.

This course, they believe, is called for by a regard to the best interests of the Church, and is due in good faith to those to whose liberality the Diocese is indebted for the donations which constitute the Episcopal Fund. The Committee believe that it was the distinct understanding of those who subscribed to the Bishop's Fund, that the principal of that fund should remain untouched, and that the interest alone should be appropriated towards defraying the Bishop's salary and expenses.

By the course which the Convention is now pursuing, the principal of the fund is rapidly diminishing, and will in a few years be exhausted; leaving the congregations which may come after us the burden of paying the entire salary of the Bishop by assessments, without any aid from that fund, which was intended by those who raised it as well for their assistance as ours. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the interest only of the Episcopal fund be hereafter appropriated towards the Bishop's salary.

Should the Convention concur in this Resolution, it will then become necessary to offer a new schedule of assessments on the congregations— which the Committee will be ready to do.

In order to pay the quota which may be due from this Diocese towards defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention be authorised to pay to the Secretary of the General Convention, or to such person as may be authorised to receive the same, the quota which may be due triennially from this Diocese towards defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

GEO. E. SPRUILL, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Mr. Wiley, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following Report, which was read and accepted, viz:

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report:

So far as we are able to judge from the Parochial and Missionary Reports laid before us, the Diocese is, on the whole, in an improving condition.— In some places the increase of communicant members, the past year, has been very encouraging; in others, less so than usual. Many Congregations have suffered by emigration; and this, while it continues, must render their numerical strength very fluctuating. Others have lost by death, valuable members; but this, though indeed our loss, is often blessed to the gain of others as well as the departed. Our trust is in Him who, as the Head of the Church, rules over all events; and our hope is in his raising up others to supply the places of those who are removed from among us by his Providence. Notwithstanding our losses, it is believed there will be found an increase of 70 Communicants, making the present number 1150.

The number of persons confirmed the past year, is 60. This is a small number, but it would doubtless have been increased, had not the Bishop been compelled, by severe and dangerous affliction, to omit the annual visitation of the greater part of his Diocese. His return from abroad in renewed health and vigor, for which the prayers of his people should be continually offered to God, will, it is hoped, find many waiting and desirous to make, in the Apostolic rite, a solemn dedication of themselves to the service of God.

There have been admitted into the Church, by Baptism, 45 adults, and 281 infants; of the latter, many are of the coloured population, and it indicates, we trust, that our people are awaking to the responsibility which rests upon them, of providing for the spiritual welfare of this class of persons, and are beginning in the way and at the time most likely to promise success.

Of the Parochial institutions the reports do not speak so encouragingly as usual. This is a cause of lamentation. "Be not weary in well-doing;" is a precept given by inspiration of God, and is encouraged in its exercise by the divine assurance that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Some of these institutions have done nobly, and their "praise is in all the

churches." Let them persevere in their good work, and others will be stimulated to follow their example. Our Sunday Schools seem to fluctuate very much in their condition. These are an important auxiliary to our ministrations, and they should lie near the heart of every one who loves Christ; for "to feed his lambs" is declared to be an acceptable evidence of our love for him.

The two Diocesan Institutions appear to be in very opposite conditions. The Episcopal School, at first regarded as an experiment, bids fair to equal the most sanguine expectations. A little more aid from the liberal Churchmen of the Diocese, will secure for them and future generations, one of the best of literary and religious schools.

The Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society is in a state most deeply to be lamented. Its financial concerns have been, it is believed, well and prudently managed. But the increasing demand for Missionary services, and the failure of the sources by which its treasury is to be supplied, threaten it with insolvency.

It is truly lamentable that an Institution so vitally essential to the prosperity of the Diocese, should be obliged to maintain a weak and precarious existence, and be menaced with the necessity of cutting short its operations. Such, however, must inevitably be its fate, unless something be done to awaken the interest of the Episcopalians of the State. Will it be sufficient, for this end, to state, that should it fail in its operations, we shall lose the only Bible, Prayer Book and Tract Society of the Church, which we have in this Diocese? But this is not all. We shall lose a Society on which the destitute portions of the State *entirely*, and three-fourths of our organized parishes *more or less*, rely for the ministrations of our Church. We cannot believe that those to whom God has given the ability, and there are few, if any, to whom he has not given it in some measure, will suffer so important an institution to die, or even to languish, for want of means. We hope much better things.

The Ordinations have been 5 Deacons, and 1 Priest. Candidates for Orders are 2. The Clergy are, 1 Bishop, 13 Priests, and 6 Deacons.—One who was numbered amongst them at the last Convention, the Rev. Robert J. Miller, was soon after its close, called from the scene of his faithful labours, to the "rest which remaineth for the people of God."

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP B. WILEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee, through the Chairman, presented, also, the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

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.

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

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

A Certificate of Lay Delegation from Christ's Church, Newbern, James W. Bryan and Charles Shepard, Delegates; and a similar certificate from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, Col. Edward Yarborough, Delegate, were

presented and read; whereupon, Col. Edward Yarborough appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Levin Lane, a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington, appeared and took his seat.

Professor Anderson offered the following resolution, which was considered and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Right Rev'd Levi Silliman Ives, D. D., the Rev. Messrs. George W. Freeman, Jarvis B. Buxton, William M. Green, and Joseph H. Saunders, and Messrs. Duncan Cameron, Thomas Ruffin, Joseph B. Skinner, Frederick J. Hill, George E. Spruill, Thomas P. Devereux, Edward L. Winslow, and George E. Badger, to accept the Charter granted by the Legislature of 1833-'34, to said individuals as Trustees of the Episcopal School of North Carolina; and that they be requested to make an effort to have the Charter so amended by the next Legislature, as to accord more nearly with the views of this Convention as heretofore expressed.

Mr. William H. Haywood, as Chairman, and on behalf of the Committee on the state of the Episcopal School, to whom were referred the Report of the Committee on the School, and so much of the Bishop's Journal as refers to the School, and also a resolution introduced by Judge Cameron proposing to loan the fund of the Episcopate, reported sundry Resolutions, which were amended in Convention, and finally adopted, as follows, viz:

1st. *Resolved*, That the funds belonging to the Episcopate (excepting the Stock owned in the Bank of Cape Fear) be loaned to the Trustees of the Episcopal School of North Carolina, for the purpose of enabling the said Trustees more speedily to complete the Buildings for said School: Provided, however, that the whole property of the School shall be and is hereby directed to be pledged for the security of the funds so loaned; and provided further, that the Trustees of the said School shall pay semi-annually to the Treasurer of this Convention, interest on the sums loaned to the School, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, and shall also refund the principal when it is required by the Convention of this Diocese.

2nd. *Resolved*, That John W. Wright, C. P. Malliett, and Wm. H. Haywood, Jr. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to transact the business of said loan on behalf of this Convention, with the Trustees of the Episcopal School.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention pay over the money, bonds, and other evidences of debt in his hands, belonging to the fund for the Episcopate, excepting the Stock in the Bank of Cape Fear, to the joint order of the Committee appointed under the second resolution and the Trustees of the Episcopal School.

4th. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee of the Episcopal School to this Convention, together with the papers and accounts accompanying it, be printed with the Journals of this Convention as a part thereof. (*See Appendix.*)

Mr. Spruill, from the Committee on Finance, made a further Report of the Assessment on the Congregations for the support of the Episcopate, which was accepted. (*See Appendix.*)

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Delegates to the next General Convention, when, on counting the ballots, it appeared that

the following persons were duly elected, viz: the Rev'd Messrs. Jarvis B. Buxton, William Norwood, Philip B. Wiley, and Thomas F. Davis, Jr., of the Clergy; and Messrs. William E. Anderson, Edward L. Winslow, George E. Spruill, and Charles P. Mallett, of the Laity.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

In the Evening, Divine Service was performed by the Rev'd Mr. Singeltary, and a Sermon preached by the Rev'd Mr. Mott, from Hebrews, 12th chapter and part of the 2d verse.



SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 6.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev'd Mr. Green.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the appointment of a School Committee for the ensuing year; when the following were elected, viz:— the Rev'd Dr. Avery, the Rev'd Messrs. Freeman, Green, and Singeltary, and Messrs. George E. Badger, Duncan Cameron, Gavin Hogg, F. J. Hill, Simmons J. Baker, Thomas P. Devereux, George E. Spruill, and Edward L. Winslow.

Messrs. Joseph H. Ridley, Rhodes N. Herndon, and Russel Kingsbury, Delegates from St. Stephen's Church, Oxford; Mr. Andrew Williams, a Delegate from St. Mary's Church, Orange County; and Dr. Thomas D. Parke, a Delegate from Calvary Church, Wadesborough, appeared and took their seats.

The Convention adjourned till 6 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of affording an opportunity for the Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society.

Morning Service was performed by the Rev'd Mr. Freeman, and a Sermon preached by the Rev'd Mr. Morgan, from Hebrews, 5th chapter and 9th and 10th verses.

6 O'CLOCK.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the Secretary cause 700 copies of the Journal of this Convention to be printed and distributed.

On motion of Mr. Haywood,

Resolved, That the several Parishes in this Diocese, which have failed to contribute the assessment laid on them for paying Bishop's Salary and discharging the contingent expenses of the Convention for the year last past, be most earnestly urged to pay the same, since the ability of the Diocese to support the Bishop must depend upon the punctuality of each Parish in making those payments, and the only alternative with the true friends of the Church must be, either to suffer its decay or rigidly to respect the obligation of making contributions for that purpose according to the assessments of Convention, which assessments Convention have made, and will continue to make, equitably.

Resolved, That the Treasurer make out an account against each Parish, of the sums due for the last year, and transmit it to the Vestry of such Parish, with a copy of these resolutions.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election by ballot, of a

Treasurer for the ensuing year; when, on counting the votes, it appeared that John W. Wright, Esq. was unanimously elected.

On motion, *Resolved unanimously*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Hillsborough and its vicinity, for their hospitality to the members of this Convention.

Mr. Cameron submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Convention has heard with unfeigned regret, of the death of the late Rev. Thomas Wright, of Tennessee, and formerly a Presbyterian of this Diocese, and that they hereby tender to his bereaved family their sincere condolence. And that the Secretary be directed to communicate a copy of this resolution to his family.

On motion of the Rev Mr. Taylor, the rule of order requiring a motion for reconsideration of a vote, to be made on the same day on which the vote was taken, was suspended. When

The Rev. Mr. Taylor moved, that the vote on the resolution adopted yesterday, recommending the acceptance of the Charter granted by the Legislature to the School Committee, be reconsidered: which motion was agreed to.

The resolution being thus again before the Convention, it was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Professor Anderson, and Messrs. Mallett, Haywood, Spruill, and Holmes, with instruction to report this evening.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to annex to the Journal, the proceedings of the Missionary Society, at its meeting held this day. (*See Appendix.*)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be, and they are hereby, authorised to fill any vacancies which may happen in the Delegation elected by this Convention to the next General Convention.

On motion of Mr. Wright, it was

Resolved, That the General Missionary of the Diocese, be authorised and requested to collect the balances due upon the subscription for the Episcopate.

The Convention then adjourned to attend

Evening Service, which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Mott, and a Missionary Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Davis, from the first 4 verses of the 45th Psalm, after which a collection, amounting to \$100, was taken up, in aid of the funds of the Missionary Society.

When the Convention again met,

Mr. Spruill, from the Committee appointed this afternoon, on the resolution relative to the Charter of the Episcopal School, presented the following Report and Resolutions, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the Episcopal School, beg leave to report the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That for the purpose of producing harmony in the councils of the Convention, the resolution which proposes the acceptance of the Charter granted by the Legislature of 1833-'4 to the Trustees of the Episcopal School, be laid on the table.

And the Committee further recommend, that the resolutions passed at

this Convention, authorising a loan of the funds of the Episcopate to the Trustees of the Episcopal School, and appointing a Committee to arrange and negotiate the said loan on the part of the Convention, be reconsidered; and that the following resolutions be passed in their stead, viz:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to loan, for 5 years, the funds of the Episcopate of this Diocese, excepting the Stock of the Bank of Cape Fear, to the Committee of the Episcopal School, to be applied to the purpose of aiding the other funds of said School in the erection of the Buildings necessary for said School. But to avoid all future misunderstanding in the premises, as to the purposes of this Convention in respect to the said fund of the Episcopate, it is declared, that we do not intend to transfer the said fund to the School absolutely, but on the contrary, it is the unanimous opinion of this Convention, that true policy and good faith alike require, that the principal of the said fund shall be kept secure, and so far separate from all others, as to execute the trust intended by those who contributed it; and therefore this Convention make the loan aforesaid, upon the condition, that the interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent. shall be paid semi-annually to the Treasurer, by the School, in order to pay the Bishop's salary. And the principal sum loaned shall be repaid at the expiration of 5 years, and sooner if it shall be required by the Convention.

Resolved, further, That the Convention entertain the utmost confidence in the School Committee, and rely upon them to adopt the best method for securing the fund of the Episcopate loaned to them as aforesaid, as separate and distinct from the School property, and that they will pursue such measures as they may deem safest in order to accomplish the intentions of the Convention.

Resolved, That H. L. Holmes, Louis D. Henry, and Walker Anderson, be appointed a Committee, and requested to apply to the next General Assembly, for a charter of Incorporation of the Episcopal School, upon terms more consonant with the views of this Convention, as heretofore expressed, than those which are contained in the act passed by the Legislature of 1833-'4.

The question being taken on the adoption of the first resolution reported by the committee, it passed in the affirmative.

And the Convention having concurred in the recommendation, that the resolutions authorising the loan of the Episcopal Fund, be reconsidered—

The 2d resolution reported by the Committee was read, and the question being on its passage,

Mr. Mallett offered the following resolution as a substitute therefor, viz:

Resolved, That this Convention do recommend to the Treasurer, that he invest all the fund belonging to the Episcopate (now reported in bonds,) in the Capital Stocks of the Banks of the State of North Carolina or Cape Fear, each or either of them, as may be most readily obtained.

After debate, the Convention adjourned till 5 o'clock on Monday morning.



On Sunday, Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Avery, and a Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Buxton, from the 26th chapter of Acts, 8th verse; after which the holy communion was administered.

In the afternoon, Service by the Rev. Mr. Buxton, and a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Avery, from 5th chapter of Ephesians, 14th verse.

In the Evening, Service by the Rev. Mr. Wiley, and a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Freeman, from St. Luke, 14th chapter and 22d verse.



MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 8.

Convention met, according to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Mott.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The Convention took up the unfinished business of Saturday, being the resolution reported by the Select Committee, and the substitute therefor offered by Mr. Mallett.

After debate, Mr. Mallett withdrew his resolution, and instead thereof, offered the following as a substitute for the resolution of the Committee, viz:

Resolved. That it is inexpedient to loan the Fund of the Episcopate to the School Committee.

On motion, Ordered, that in taking the question, the Clergy and Laity vote separately, the latter by Delegations.

Of the Clergy, the vote for receiving the substitute was—the Rev. Mr. Buxton.

The votes against receiving the substitute were—the Rev. Dr. Avery, and the Rev. Messrs. Davis, Freeman, Green, Morgan, Mott, Norwood, Saunders, Spear, Stanly, Taylor, and Wiley.

Of the Laity, those Delegations which voted for the substitute were—St. John's Church, Fayetteville, and Calvary Church, Wadesborough.

Those which voted against the substitute were—Christ's Church, Raleigh, St. James's Church, Wilmington, St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, Immanuel Church, Warrenton, Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, and St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.

The Delegation from St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, was equally divided.

It appearing that a majority of both orders had voted in the negative, the substitute was rejected.

The resolutions reported by the Committee were then severally adopted.

On motion of Mr. Haywood, *Ordered*, That the Report of the School Committee to the last annual Convention, be published with the Journal of this Convention. (*See Appendix.*)

There being no further business, the members united in singing the 135d Psalm, and in Prayers, which were offered by the President. After which,

The Convention adjourned.

E. J. HALE, *Sec'y pro tem.*

APPENDIX.

RATES OF ASSESSMENTS,

On the several Congregations, for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, for the year 1835.

St. James's Ch., Wilmington,	\$175	Trinity, Scotland Neck,	20
St. John's, Fayetteville,	175	St. Thomas's, Craven,	10
Christ's Church, Newbern,	175	St. Mary's, Kinston,	20
St. Paul's, Edenton,	100	Calvary, Wadesborough,	25
St. Matthew's and St. Mary's,		St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',	25
Orange county,	50	St. Stephen's, Oxford,	30
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	125	St. John's, Durham's Creek,	10
St. Peter's, Washington,	50	Zion Chapel, Beaufort,	10
Christ's Church, Elizabeth City,	50	Calvary, Tarborough,	20
St. Luke's, Salisbury,	40	St. James's, Pitt,	10
Christ's Church, Rowan,	40	Missionary Station, Windsor,	10
Inmanuel Church, Warrenton,	30	Missionary Station, Louisburg,	10
St. John's, Williamsborough,	30	Old Neck, Perquimons,	10
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,	20		
St. Thomas's, Bath,	20		
			\$1290

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract, & Missionary Society of N. Carolina.

HILLSBOROUGH, JUNE 6, 1835.

This being the time appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract, and Missionary Society of North Carolina, the Bishop of the Diocese being absent, Dr. A. J. De Rosset, the senior Vice President, was called to the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, and of the Meetings of the Board of Managers, in August 1834, and March, 1835, were read.

The following Report of the Secretary was read and accepted:

The Agent and Secretary of the Society reports—

First, in relation to Bishop Ravenscroft's Works, that the Agent of the Episcopal Press in New York has recommended to Bishop Ives, the abatement of one-third of their price, in order to promote their sale; and the Secretary of the Society believes that it will be impossible to secure their sale but on some such terms. A box of Bibles, Testaments, and Prayer Books, has been forwarded to the Secretary from the Press in New York, at the request of the Bishop—a part of which have been sent to the Church in Raleigh; the remainder, except the few which have been disposed of, are now at the deposit in Wilmington, ready for sale or distribution. Al-

so, 100 Prayer Books, and 25 Festivals and Fasts, have been sent to the Bishop from the Press.

The Ministers in the employment of the Society, report as follows:

Rev. Mr. Singeltary—At Trinity, Scotland Neck: Communicants 8, Burial 1. At Calvary, Tarborough: Communicants 6, Baptisms 2, Marriages 3, Burials 3.

Rev. Mr. Mott—St. Stephen's Church, Oxford: Number of Families 16, Communicants 27, Baptisms 19, Marriages 2; and that this Church and congregation are in a state of uncommon prosperity. Station at Louisburg: Number of Families 7, Communicants 8, Baptism 1, Death 1.

Rev. Mr. Wiley—St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough: Communicants 30, Burial 1, Baptisms, adult 1, white infants 9, coloured do. 14, confirmed 2. At Chapel Hill: Baptism, infant coloured 1. At Haywood, he now preaches one-fourth of his time, and has baptised 3 white infants.

Rev. Mr. Johnston—Calvary Church, Wadesborough: Communicants 21, Deaths 5, Removals 4, Baptisms, adults 5, infants 11.

Rev. Mr. Morgan—Christ's Church, Rowan: Communicants 110.—Burke County, 17. Charlotte: Communicants 2. Collected for Society \$5 70.

Rev. Mr. Griffiths—Pettigrew's Chapel, Lake Phelps: Baptisms, infants 2, Marriage 1, Communicants 16.

Rev. Mr. Spear—St. Luke's Church, Salisbury: Communicants, removed 5, added 1, present number 18; Baptisms, infants 6, Burials 6, Collected for Missionary Society \$25.

Rev. Wm. D. Cairns, General Missionary of the Society, reports, of the Church at Elizabeth City: Communicants, 13 added, 1 died, 2 removed, present number 45; Baptisms, white adults 4, coloured adults 10, white infants 5, coloured infants 28, total 47; Burials 6, Marriages 2, Collected for the Society \$40. And that from a condition of deep depression, this Church has been raised to one of comparative prosperity. In addition to this he reports that he has officiated, regularly every fortnight at Old Neck and Hertford; that he has preached occasionally in Boyd's Neck, and baptised a large part of the coloured family of Joshua Skinner; that he has visited Harvey's Neck three times, administering the Communion; officiating at a funeral and preaching, and spent one Sunday in Gates County, where there appears to be some prospect of establishing the Church; that arrangements have been made for building a Church in Hertford, Perquimons County; that he has distributed nearly fifty Prayer Books, a few Bibles, and a large number of Tracts, and sold one copy of Bishop Ravenscroft's Works, and collected for the Society \$402 00.

Which statements of the Missionaries of the Society show, that it is still efficiently operating, and is entitled to our confidence and regard.

The financial condition of the Society at present demands our most serious attention. The appropriation recommended by the Bishop, and authorized by the Board of Managers, including the amount assured to the Rev'd Mr. Cairns by the Bishop, equal about \$1500; of this, \$100 voted to Mr. Geer, will not now be called for; and about 548 dollars has already been received, leaving a balance now demanded of \$952.

To satisfy which, there is in the Treasury of the Society, \$80 16, collected by Rev'd Mr. Cairns, \$404, and paid at this Convention from the different Parishes, about \$550, making in all

\$1,034 16

Demands against the Society as above,	- - -	952
Leaving a balance in the Treasury of	- - -	82 16

The Society is also indebted to the Episcopal Press about \$150.

In addition to the Missionaries now employed, the Rev'd Mr. Curtis, and the Rev'd Mr. Stanly are ready to go into the service of the Society.

To support these Missionaries, the Society has on hand no resources whatever. This state of things requires immediate and efficient remedy; and it is hoped that something will be done by the Society to effect that remedy. The Secretary has sold during the past year, books of the Society to some little more than \$21, which amount was forwarded to the Bishop to repay him in part, money advanced by him for the Society to the Press in New York.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board of Managers to employ the General Missionary as an Agent to visit the several Congregations and Missionary Stations of the Diocese, with instructions to urge upon the members of the Church the claims of this Society, make collections and organize auxiliary Societies.

The Report of the Treasurer was offered and accepted.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Minutes of the Board of Managers, and the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, be referred to a special Committee. Mr. Haywood, Mr. Mallett, and Mr. Holmes, were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, *Resolved*, That a Committee of seven persons be appointed, by the President, to whom shall be referred the subject of the present organization of the Missionary Society, with directions to report to the next Annual Meeting of the Society, whether any change be expedient. Mr. Holmes, Rev. Mr. Freeman, Rev. Mr. Buxton, Rev. Mr. Green, Judge Cameron, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Haywood, were appointed to compose said committee.

The Committee to whom were referred, the Minutes of the Board of Managers, and the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, offered the following Report, which was accepted:

The Committee to whom were referred the Report of the Board of Managers and Secretary, and the accounts of the Treasurer, REPORT,

That upon examination of the account of the Treasurer, the same is found to be correct. They report further, that the operations of the Society, as directed by the Board of Managers, have been, under the blessing of God, eminently useful to the cause of the Church and of true Religion, and cannot be allowed to stop without throwing upon the Church an imputation of indifference to her interests. But after payment of the debt now due by the Society, there will be no money in the hands of the Treasurer, and the friends of the Church must consent to see this excellent institution sink into decay or else extend their liberality by quarterly contributions, to enable the Board of Managers to employ fit persons as Missionaries. The Committee are not able to devise any plan for aiding the funds of the institution which promises a better result than the resolutions already offered, for the employment of a General Agent and Missionary to visit the Congregations of the Diocese, and solicit the aid of all by contributions and the formation of Auxiliary Societies. The Committee respectfully Report further, that, in their opinion, the true construction of the 8th article of the Constitution of this Society is that no part of the

funds of the Society shall be applied in aid of young men studying for the Ministry, &c. *unless such persons are candidates for Orders according to the Canons of our Church*, and therefore the appropriation voted by the Board of Managers to Mr. Geer is not consistent with said Constitution. In expressing this opinion, the Committee do not mean to reprove the Board of Managers, whose construction has been different from ours, but rather to settle the meaning of that article, in order to avoid embarrassments hereafter in administering the affairs of this Society.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

W. H. HAYWOOD, Jr. *Chairman.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That to meet the demands of the Missionary Society, the Clergy of the Diocese and the General Missionary be respectfully requested to forward their collections to the Treasurer quarterly.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be returned to the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, for the liberal donation of 15 Bibles and 100 Prayer Books to the General Missionary, for distribution in this Diocese; and also to the New York Tract Society, for the donation of 60,000 pages of Tracts for the same purpose.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

A. J. DE ROSSET, 1st Vice	Vice President.	
DUNCAN CAMERON, 2d	do.	
CHARLES T. HAIGH, 3d	do.	
CHARLES P. MALLETT,	} Board of Managers.	
EDWARD J. HALE,		
EDWARD L. WINSLOW,		
JOHN HUSKE,		
REV. J. B. BUXTON,	Secretary and Agent.	
JOHN W. WRIGHT,	Treasurer.	

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention be requested to have the proceedings of this Society printed with the Journals of the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society be tendered to the Officers of the Society for the past year.

By order, &c.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr. *Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The School Committee, appointed by the Convention at their last annual meeting, respectfully REPORT,

That shortly after the adjournment of the last annual Convention, viz., on 3d June, 1834, they held their first meeting, when the Rt. Rev'd L. S. Ives, and a majority of the Clerical and Lay Members of the Committee were present. At that meeting, the Rev. G. W. Freeman was re-appointed the Secretary of the Committee, and I. Wetmore, Esq. was re-appointed Treasurer of the Episcopal School. An Executive Committee was also appointed, with full powers to superintend and control the School, and all matters connected with, or incidental to the trust committed to them. In conformity with the previous arrangements made for that purpose, and which are detailed in the last annual *Report* of the Committee, the School

was opened for the reception of pupils, on the 2d day of June, 1834, under Joseph G. Cogswell, Esq., Rector, assisted by the Rev'd Jos. H. Saunders, as Chaplain and Teacher, and Mr. J. D. Hooper, as Teacher. The first session continued from the 2d day of June, before mentioned, to the 25th November following, when it closed by a Public Examination of the Pupils, conducted by gentlemen of the highest respectability, selected for their literary attainments; their report of the examination conducted by them and in their presence, will give to the Convention and to the members and friends of the Church, the most satisfactory evidence of the ability and fidelity of the Rector and his Assistants in the performance of the arduous and responsible duties they had assumed, and of the success which their well directed labours have earned.

A copy of the Report on the Examination of the Pupils referred to, is herewith submitted as a part of this annual report. After a vacation of six weeks, the School was again opened for the reception of Pupils, on the 14th day of January last past, under the Rector and Teachers before mentioned, and the accommodations having been considerably enlarged, as will be hereinafter explained, a large increase of Pupils presented themselves for admission; the School soon filled, and the Committee felt themselves, very reluctantly, constrained to give public notice, that they were unable to receive any additional Pupils until the accommodations should be still further enlarged. The present number of Pupils attached to the School is 103, of whom 83 are resident boarders, and 20 are day Scholars, some of whom take their meals at the School, but lodge at home.

A Public Examination is appointed to commence on the 15th instant. Many gentlemen, distinguished alike for respectability and talents, residing in different sections of the State, have been selected and invited to attend it. The Committee feel warranted in anticipating, that the Report of the ensuing Examination will be as honorable to the Teachers and Pupils, and as gratifying to the friends and patrons of the School, as that made at the close of its first session.

Having presented this brief view of the commencement and progress of the School placed under their care, the Committee will proceed to state, as concisely as they can, the material subjects connected with the School, and which it is important to its final success should be fully understood.

1st. OF THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SCHOOL.—The Committee have reason to believe, and to assure the Convention, that the system of Discipline laid down in the *Prospectus* of the School, has been generally regarded and acted on. Any departure from it which has occurred, has been trivial, and the result of unavoidable necessity, growing out of the organization of the School, yet imperfect from the want of time to mature it. The Committee feel themselves bound and pledged, to carry out fully and without reserve, all the principles laid down in that *Prospectus*. On no other ground do they either expect or desire that the School shall receive the countenance and patronage of the members and friends of the Episcopal Church. To render the discipline of the School more effective, and to afford a fair opportunity of testing its fitness for the improvement of youth, in their intellectual, moral, and religious qualities, the Committee have resolved, that hereafter no one shall be admitted as a pupil into the Episcopal School, whose age shall exceed 14 years; provided that this regulation shall not apply to such as are members of the School at the present time.

2d. OF THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY OF THE SCHOOL.—The Rector, Teachers, and Pupils, (with the exception of the Chaplain and Day Scholars,) reside in the School Buildings, and board at one common table. The Committee encountered much trouble and perplexity in organizing this department of the School. Their first efforts were very kindly assisted by some of the Ladies belonging to the congregation of Christ's Church, who in person and by turns superintended the domestic concerns of the School.

The Committee, about the month of July last past, engaged the services of Mr. W. C. G. Carrington, and his family, to take charge of and superintend the domestic establishment. The duties assigned to them have been performed with fidelity and with general satisfaction to the pupils. By contract with Mr. Carrington, he receives a salary of \$300 per annum, with boarding for himself and family, and the tuition of his son.

3d. OF THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.—The last Annual Report of the Committee to the Convention, stated the purchase of a tract of land, adjoining the City of Raleigh, from Col. William Polk, dec'd, and the erection thereon of a Stone Building, fifty-six by thirty-six feet, two stories high, covered with tin; since the opening of the School the lower part of this building has been occupied as a school room and the upper part as a dormitory.

It having been ascertained immediately on opening the School, that a greater number of Pupils would offer than could be received, the Committee, at their meeting on 17th June last, authorized the Executive Committee to contract for the erection of another building of the same dimensions and materials with the one already erected. This resolution was forthwith carried into effect, and the building erected under its authority, was finished by the 14th January last; since which time it has been occupied wholly as a dormitory. A small wooden building having *two* rooms with fire places, for temporary recitation rooms, has been erected adjacent to the "Eastern Building," and is used exclusively for that purpose.

On the 11th of February last, a "Committee on Buildings" was constituted, with power to commence immediately, the "main Building." This is a Building intended to occupy a central position between the two stone buildings already erected, and is considered indispensable to the fulfilment of the views of the Committee, and the accommodation of the Pupils.—When the lease which the Committee now have on the buildings owned by the Hon'ble Wm. Gaston shall expire (on the 31st December, 1836) the School must depend solely on its own buildings for the accommodation of the Teachers, Pupils and family having the management of the domestic department of the School. The main Building will be 85 feet in length, and 60 feet in width, and consist of four stories, including the basement story. The materials of the walls to be from the foundation to the water table, *stone*; from the water table to the top of the walls, *brick*; to be covered with tin; to be divided from bottom to top by two partitions, likewise of stone and brick, including between them a passage through the middle of the building running North and South, of 14 feet width in the clear.

The basement story to be divided into one *Dining* room on the Western side of the passage, and three other rooms on the *Eastern* side, of which the Northern and Southern shall each have a fire-place, adapting them to the respective uses of a pantry and ironing room, the middle room to serve as a general store room. The *second* story to be divided into *one* room on

one side of the passage for a school room, and *one* on the other for a Chapel, subject to a subdivision (if found convenient) so as to furnish the recitation rooms besides the Chapel. The *third* story to be divided into convenient rooms on one side of the passage for the occupation of the family having charge of the domestic affairs of the School, and into convenient rooms on the other side of the passage, for the accommodation of sick Pupils, Library, &c. The *fourth* story to be divided into *three* rooms, one of which to serve as a Dormitory.

This Building was commenced in March last. The basement story of stone is nearly completed. Bricks for erecting the walls are making under contract, and the requisite Lumber is contracted for, and in a state of forward preparation. It is intended and expected (if the means shall be supplied) to complete it by the 1st of January, 1837. In the rear of the Building will be placed the kitchen, laundry and offices for the servants necessarily required by the School.

4th. TUITION AND BOARD.—The price for Board and Tuition is one hundred and seventy-five dollars, and for day scholars fifty dollars per annum. In fixing the charges for Tuition and Board, the Committee endeavoured, as far as practicable, to make them low, and place the education of youth at this School, within the reach of persons of moderate fortune. The fare, although plain, is comfortable and acceptable. A very exact account of the receipts and disbursements of the last session, kept by the Treasurer, satisfied the Committee that these charges cannot be reduced without injury to the School. They will avoid, if possible, any increase of them.

5th. THE RECTOR AND TEACHERS, THEIR DUTIES AND COMPENSATION.—The management of the School is committed to the Rector, with the assistance of the Teachers, under the superintendence and control of the Committee. The pressure of labour on the Rector and Teachers, owing to the great increase of pupils in the School, became so severe during the early part of the present session, that it was found absolutely necessary to employ *two* Assistant Teachers. Some difficulty and delay was experienced in procuring suitable persons. The Committee are happy in the belief that they have added to the highly approved and meritorious persons who embarked in the service of the School on its opening, two others well qualified for instructing, and assisting in the government of the School.

In their last Report, the Committee informed the Convention, that they had stipulated to pay to Mr. Cogswell the sum of \$2000, for his services for the year which has recently expired. That his compensation thereafter was to be the subject of future adjustment between him and them. On this point they will add, that at a meeting held on the 7th May last, it was agreed that Mr. Cogswell's compensation, from and after the present session, should be as follows, viz: for each pupil of the first 67 from whom tuition shall be received, \$30 per annum; and for each pupil above that number, \$15. According to the rate of compensation fixed by this agreement, the present number of pupils in the School will afford him an income of about \$2500 per year. It will necessarily vary with the increase or decrease of the pupils.

The Assistant Teachers in the School are—Rev. Mr. Saunders, salary \$900; Mr. Hooper, \$800; Mr. Dawson, \$800; Mr. Eichenbrocht, \$500. The three last mentioned reside within the School buildings, and have their board without charge.

The Committee being (after much reflection on the subject) of opinion, that it is very important to the proper religious instruction of the pupils in the School, that the *Chaplain* thereof should be a *resident* in the School, and be exclusively confined to the moral and religious instruction of the pupils; and the present salary of the Chaplain having been arranged on the idea not only of his performing the duties of Chaplain, but those of a Teacher of the Languages, and other branches of secular learning, they resolved, that from and after the next session of the School, the salary of the Chaplain shall be \$400 per annum; and that he shall be required to reside in the School, and be exclusively employed in the duties of Chaplain and Religious Instructor.

6th. FINANCES OF THE SCHOOL, *its receipts and disbursements, liabilities and means.*—The whole amount of receipts since the date of the last Annual Report to this date, from every source, viz: Subscriptions, Donations, Board, Tuition, and Loans, is \$28,236 45, (including a balance on 30th April, 1834, of \$432 03.) And the whole amount of expenditures for the same period, for all purposes whatever, is \$27,817 38. Leaving a balance of \$419 07 in the hands of the Treasurer at this date.

During the past year it has been found necessary at different times to obtain loans from the Bank, which have been repaid as funds have come into the hands of the Treasurer from any source connected with the School. The last loans obtained from the Bank constitute the only debt due by the School for money borrowed. All the charges for work done on the "main building," are settled up to the 23d of May last past, and paid. The contracts made for bricks and lumber, and other materials for the main building, will soon require heavy advances of money, beyond the avails of the funds under the control of the Committee, as will be seen by referring to the means of the School. The amount due for subscriptions and donations, deemed available at maturity, is, as it appears from a statement herewith submitted, about \$12,000. The payment of this sum, by the terms of subscription, is spread over a number of years yet to run, while the demand for funds, with which to carry on and complete the necessary buildings for the School, is urgent, and cannot be postponed. The estimated cost of the main building is from 12 to \$15,000, besides the cost of the necessary offices to be attached to the School, Library, Philosophical and other Apparatus, &c.

The price stipulated to be paid for the land on which the buildings are erected, is still due and unpaid.

It will be seen then that if the whole amount due for subscriptions and donations could be certainly relied on, yet a fund equal to the wants of the School and the obligations of the Committee remains to be provided.

The Committee have continued during the present, as they did in the last year, to incur heavy personal responsibility in carrying into effect the wishes of the Convention and the expectations of the Episcopal public, in regard to the School, but relying on the *solemn pledge of the Convention to fulfil any engagements which might be entered into by the Committee*, they have not been backward in assuming all the responsibility which the accomplishment of the great object committed to them required.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DUN: CAMERON, *Chairman, pro tem.*
Episcopal School, Raleigh, June 1, 1835.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL.—[Referred to in the preceding Report.]

DR. *I. Wetmore, Treasurer of the Episcopal School, in account with Executive Committee.* CR.

1834,		1834,	
Apr. 30,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	June 1,
To balance, as per account rendered,	\$432 03	By sundry disbursements, made from 30th April to this date, viz:	\$108 50
Cash received for Board and Tuition for the first Session, to this date,	4,564 60	Cash refunded Mrs. Pickett, for Board, &c.	3,410 72
Cash received from Mr. Hooper, being for Tuition before the School went into operation,	216 68	Cash paid on account of current expenses, furniture, fixtures, &c., from 30th April to this date,	136 00
Cash received from sales of Flour and Bacon,	317 00	Cash refunded Gov. Branch, Board, &c.	3,017 15
Cash received for hire of servant refunded,	30 00	Cash paid Salaries, from 30th April to this date,	
Cash received for Mattresses and Bedding sold to this date,	624 00	Cash paid on account of improvements, new buildings, &c., to this date, from 30th April, 1834,	5,962 63
Cash received on account of Subscriptions and Donations from 30th April to this date,	2,535 20	Cash paid Bank of the State for renewal and interest,	104 60
Cash received from Bank of the State to this date, for loans, discount off,	4,136 48	Cash paid out for current expenses, from 31st Dec'r to this date,	5,992 68
Cash received for Board and Tuition of 1st Session of 1835,	7,366 85	Cash paid Salaries, time as above,	1,650 00
Cash received for Mattresses and Bedding, from 31st December to this date,	619 35	Cash paid on account of the Centre Building,	1,886 23
Cash received on account of Donations and Subscriptions, from 31st Dec'r to this date,	2,942 32	Cash paid on account of other Buildings and improvements, time as above,	2,024 18
Cash received from Bank of the State of N. C. from 31st Dec'r to this date, for loans, discount off,	4,431 94	Cash paid Mrs. S. Polk, interest on loan,	194 28
		Cash payment to Bank of the State,	4,100 25
		By balance,	419 07
To balance,	\$28,236 45		\$28,236 45
	\$419 07		

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I. WETMORE, Treas. Epis. School.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

[*Referred to in the foregoing Report.*]

The undersigned, having been requested by the School Committee to attend the first examination of the pupils in the Episcopal School at this place, and to report on the proficiency of the students and on such other matters as they might deem proper connected with the conduct of the school and the ability and faithfulness of the teachers, have, in pursuance of this request, attended the examination, which commenced on the morning of Saturday, the 22d day of November, and continued, with the intermission of Sunday, until the evening of the next Tuesday; and take pleasure in making the following report:

The number of pupils in the school is sixty-seven, who are divided into classes in the several departments of Instruction. These departments are *six*, and consist of,

1st. Religious Instruction, comprising *six* classes in the Bible, Catechism and Ethics, and including all the pupils, except three small boys, who are in the first lessons in reading.

2d. The English Language, comprising *three* classes in Orthography and Reading, and *four* in Grammar and Rhetoric.

3d. Ancient Languages, consisting of *four* classes in Greek, and *five* in Latin.

4th. Modern Languages, consisting of *three* classes in French, *one* in Spanish, and *one* in Italian.

5th. Mathematics—*Two* classes in Algebra, and *one* in Arithmetic.

6th. Geography and History—*One* class in Geography, and *one* in History.

In the department of Religious Instruction, two classes were examined in the New Testament; one as far as Luke, the other as far as Mark, and a third class in the Catechism of the Episcopal Church. The examination of these classes was conducted by Bishop Ives, and was highly satisfactory, evincing that the pupils not only retained in their memory the text they had read, and the facts recorded by the Evangelists, but that they had also been diligently instructed in the principles and duties of the Christian faith. It is understood that religious instruction is given to all these classes on every Sunday morning, again to the Bible classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning; and to the Catechism classes on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning. All are required to attend divine worship in the Episcopal Church twice on Sunday.

2. In the department of English Education, there was no examination from the want of time. We understand that each pupil, whatever other studies he may be pursuing, is required to read and spell once a day; and that to those who are far enough advanced, exercises in composition are assigned. The course of instruction in this department, a synopsis of which has been shewn to us, leaves no room to doubt that a thorough knowledge of the English language, in its etymology, grammatical construction and graces of style, forms one of the most prominent objects to which the attention of the pupils is directed.

3. Department of Ancient Languages. In Greek, classes were examined in Homer, Xenophon's Anabasis, the Greek Reader and the Grammar;

in Latin, in the Odes of Horace, and the first two Books of Livy, Cicero's Orations against Cataline, Virgil's Bucolics and a small part of Sallust, Cæsar's Commentaries and the Latin Reader. The examination in these branches was very strict, and the result highly honorable to the Teachers and the Pupils. The system of Instruction is calculated to convey the most full, accurate and critical knowledge of the ancient Classics. The proficiency of the pupils in some of the higher classes, produced surprise in those of us who, in our early years, had been accustomed to the mode then generally adopted in this State, of teaching the dead languages. Not only were the translations made with facility, and all the general rules of grammatical construction promptly rendered, but the multiplied exceptions to these rules, even in the minutest particulars, and the peculiar idioms of the language and of each author, according to the degree of advancement in the pupil, seemed to have been most carefully inculcated. In the Poets, and especially in the Odes of Horace, subject as they are to such a variety and complexity of metre, the higher classes displayed an extraordinary familiarity with the rules of Prosody. Even in the classes which were just commencing to read, it was remarkable how well they understood, and with what readiness they would apply, the appropriate rule of construction.

4. Department of Modern Languages. Classes were examined in French, Spanish and Italian. To the classes in the French most of the remarks just made, in relation to the classes in the ancient languages, will apply, with this addition, that their correctness in pronunciation was much superior to what is usually attained in so short a period, a large proportion of the pupils having commenced the study within four or five months, and having had their attention at the same time directed to other studies. The classes in Spanish and Italian commenced late in the session, and, as none of us had a critical knowledge of these languages, we could only judge of their proficiency by the promptness with which they answered the questions of their Instructor.

5. Mathematics. The class in Algebra commenced in August, consisting of those who had gone through a full course of Arithmetic. It was examined on Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, both of Integral and Fractional Algebraic Quantities, Square and Cube Roots, Fractional Indices, Simple and Quadratic Equations, and method of finding the greatest common Divisor. In Arithmetic, classes were examined in Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, and in the simpler rules. These classes are not less entitled to commendation for their proficiency than those on which we have already offered observations; and here it may be as well to make the general remark, that not only in these mathematical studies, to which the principle would more emphatically apply, but in all the branches of science and learning taught in this school, it seems to have been the aim (and we should say, the successful aim) of the Instructors to make each student master of the ground on which he stands before he advances another step. Under this system of instruction, the progress may seem to be slow, while it is, in fact, greatly accelerated; and it is only under this system that solid and permanent acquisitions of knowledge can be made.

6th Department—Geography and History. In both these branches, the examination was equally satisfactory. In Geography, questions were ask-

ed rapidly, passing from one section of the Globe to another; and the prompt answers evinced that the knowledge acquired had not been by rote from books, but that each student had been required to spread the map before his mind, and retain in his memory the relative geographical positions of the different portions of our earth. In the study of History, the judicious plan has been adopted, of commencing at a period near that of our own times. The transactions of such a period are obviously of more interest to us than those of antiquity; and our curiosity naturally leads us to trace back the history of nations in which we have begun to be interested, to their remote origin.

We have thus concluded our account of the different branches on which the pupils were examined. It is proper to mention that the Examination, except in two or three instances, was conducted entirely by persons unconnected with the instruction of the school. We were told how far each class had advanced in its assigned study, and questions were propounded, within that limit, by any of the gentlemen present. It is also worthy of notice, that no preparation had been made for this scrutiny, as is usual in most other schools, by *reviewing*.

We have made no discrimination among the members of the several classes, because we understand it to be an established rule in this Institution that no distinctive rewards or marks of merit are to be publicly awarded. We are pleased to find that in the absence of these distinctions, usually awarded, there have not been wanting on the part of the students the more worthy motives to exertion—the desire of improvement, the anxiety to secure the good opinion of their instructors, and of the wise and good among their friends and acquaintances, and the approving voice of their own consciences.

We cannot take leave of this part of the subject without remarking, that every thing we saw and heard tended to convince us, that the time of the student had been well employed, and that the services of the instructors had been able, faithful and untiring. Mr. COGSWELL, the Principal, has fully sustained the high reputation he brought here, (and that is an eulogy neither lightly given nor lightly merited;) and he has been ably and zealously seconded by his assistants, the Rev. Mr. SAUNDERS and Mr. HOOPER, on whose capacity, and learning, and assiduity, full reliance may be placed.

As regards the government and moral discipline of the school, it appears to us, from all the inquiries we have made, to be, as the prospectus announced it should be, “of the paternal kind.” The cheerful and animated looks of the students, their easy but respectful intercourse with their Principal, would have assured us of this fact even if some of us had not known the universal sentiment of affection they entertain towards that amiable and talented man. It has also been very gratifying to us to learn that, so far as is known to the Principal or to the School Committee, but one or two instances have occurred of a violation of the rule which requires all the money of the pupils to be deposited with the Principal and disbursed by him; and that the students have cheerfully acquiesced in the dispositions he has made, consulting economy on the one hand, and on the other, not debarring them from occasional innocent expenditures. It is believed, too, that no accounts have been contracted in the stores, in disregard of the rules of the institution.

It is highly gratifying to us to be able to state that no cases of serious sickness, and very few of slight temporary indisposition, have occurred during the past session, although the students have come from different parts of this State, from New York, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana, and have remained here, many of them, in a new stone edifice, during all the summer and autumnal months.

Finally, we congratulate you upon having established a School, which, we believe, with such teachers as you now have, will be pre-eminent among the Institutions of our country. If our praise has seemed to be indiscriminate, it is because we found nothing to censure in instruction or discipline. We trust it will receive that nurture from the public which it so well merits, without which it cannot live, and with which, we doubt not, it will produce the most valuable fruits.

In behalf of the Examining Committee,

J. A. IREDELL, *Chairman.*

Nov. 28, 1834.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—MAY, 1834.

[*Ordered to be published by the present Convention.*]

The Committee appointed to carry into effect the Resolutions adopted by the last Convention, for the establishment of the "Episcopal School of North Carolina," and denominated the "School Committee," respectfully

REPORT:

That they entered upon the duties assigned them as soon after the adjournment of the Convention as they could readily be convened. Their first meeting was held in the City of Raleigh on the 20th day of June last, when there were present, the Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, Chairman, *ex officio*, Rev. William M. Green, Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Rev. George W. Freeman, of the Clergy; and Duncan Cameron, Thomas Ruffin, Geo. E. Badger, Thomas P. Devereux, Edward L. Winslow, George E. Spruill and Frederick J. Hill, of the Laity. The organization of the Committee was completed by the appointment of the Rev. George W. Freeman Secretary. The Chairman was authorized to appoint agents to "call upon the members and friends of the Church for pecuniary aid" in behalf of the School, and to receive subscriptions and donations for the same; and I. Wetmore, Esq. was appointed Treasurer of the School. A sub-committee was appointed to inquire what arrangements could be made for the temporary accommodation, and for the permanent location of the School; and another sub-committee to prepare a system of Instruction,—both to report to the Committee at its next meeting.

On the 27th of November the School Committee again met, and continued their session for several days:—present as before, with the exception of Judge Ruffin. On the subject of funds, the Chairman reported that, with only very partial efforts, subscriptions had been obtained, payable, with a few exceptions, in annual instalments for five years, to the amount of about \$9000, of which a few hundred dollars had been collected.

The Committee of inquiry appointed at the preceding meeting, relative to accommodations for the School, reported that for its temporary use, the

house and grounds belonging to William Gaston, Esq. lying west of the City of Raleigh, could be leased for three years at \$200 per annum, and one year's rent allowed for permanent repairs; and that a tract of land belonging to Col. William Polk, and lying near Mr. Gaston's premises, could be purchased on very favorable terms for the permanent location of the School; and they recommended that the lease and purchase should be completed accordingly. Whereupon, an Executive Committee was appointed with powers to effect those objects, and to make all necessary arrangements for opening the School.

The other Committee, appointed at the former meeting, submitted a Report detailing at length a plan for the Discipline and Instruction of the School; which was adopted, and the following persons were appointed Teachers, viz: Joseph G. Cogswell, Rector, with a salary of \$2000 for the first year, and for subsequent years subject to future arrangement; Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Chaplain, with a salary of \$900; and John De Berniere Hooper, Teacher, with a salary of \$600 per annum.

The charge for education in the School was fixed for the present at \$175, and the tuition of day-scholars at \$50 per annum. A sub-committee was also appointed to prepare and publish a Prospectus of the School in conformity to its character and principles, as set forth in the above mentioned Report; which Prospectus has been published accordingly, and a copy of it is herewith submitted to the Convention, as a part of this Report.

Another sub-committee was appointed to apply to the General Assembly for an act incorporating the Episcopal School, if, upon consideration, they should deem it expedient.

On the third day of April the School Committee held its third and last meeting; at which were present the Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, Chairman, Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Rev. Geo. W. Freeman, Duncan Cameron, Geo. E. Badger, Thomas P. Devereux, and Geo. E. Spruill. At this meeting a sub-committee was appointed to prepare the annual Report to the Convention, required by the third resolution of the last Convention on the subject of the School. This Committee was also instructed to recommend to the Convention to authorise the School Committee to lay off a portion of the School grounds for the residence of the Bishop of the Diocese. A resolution was also adopted, appropriating \$100 per annum as a compensation to the Treasurer of the School for his services, commencing with the first day of June next.

In addition to the preceding abstract of their proceedings, the School Committee, in order to give the Convention a full view of the present situation of affairs connected with the School, beg leave to call their attention to the following subjects:

1. *Preparations for opening the School.*—The Executive Committee, under the authority vested in them by the General Committee, leased, in December last, the house of Mr. Gaston, for three years, on the conditions mentioned in a former part of this report. They have since caused the necessary repairs to be made on the houses and enclosures, and the premises are now in readiness for the occupation of the School. The same Committee also purchased of Col. Polk, for the permanent site of the School, the tract of land already mentioned; and it is believed that the friends of the School have cause to congratulate themselves, that so beautiful and every way eligible a situation has thus been secured for the In-

stitution. This tract of land, containing $159\frac{1}{2}$ acres, is chiefly in woods, and is finely situated, about one mile west of the Capitol. Through the liberality of the late proprietor, and the interest which he felt in the success of the School, it was obtained at the comparatively low price of little more than ten dollars per acre. The Executive Committee gave their individual note for the purchase money, and took the conveyance in their own names.

Upon this land, a stone building has been erected, 56 by 36 feet, two stories high, and covered with tin; designed to serve at present as a Dormitory, but ultimately for Studying Rooms. The amount already paid for the building is \$2,659; and it is believed that 1,300 more will be required to pay the outstanding bills, and complete it. The whole cost of the house, therefore, may be set down at about \$4,000. The building is already covered in, and without some unexpected accident, will be in readiness for occupation before the 2d day of June, the time fixed on for opening the School. A Well has also been begun convenient to the building, which will be ready in due season; the probable cost of this will be about \$200. The Executive Committee have also taken measures to purchase the requisite Furniture and School Books, and have engaged the necessary provisions.

To hasten the preparations for opening the School, and to secure its commencement under the most favorable auspices, the Committee found it necessary to require, before the commencement of the School, the presence of two of the Teachers, the Rev'd Mr. Saunders and Mr. Hooper. The *latter* of whom entered into the service of the Committee on the first day of January last, and has been employed in teaching a school consisting of such Pupils as are expected to join the Episcopal School, and who might otherwise have been entered in other institutions. The *former* commenced his term of service on the first day of February, and has been constantly engaged in superintending the preparatory arrangements of building, repairs, &c.

The Committee have, indeed, spared no pains, and, relying on the solemn "pledge" of the Convention to "fulfil any engagements which might be entered into by the Committee," they have shunned no responsibility, in order that they might, to the fullest extent, meet the wishes and fulfil the expectations of the Convention. But to effect this, they have been obliged, in consequence of the stintness of the available funds of the Institution, to incur heavy responsibilities. This will appear from the following statement of

2. *The Funds of the School.*—The whole amount of subscriptions, payable chiefly in five annual instalments, was, on the 1st of this month, \$13,245. Of the sum subscribed, the amount collected up to the 1st of May, was \$2,986; while the disbursements actually made to the same date, were \$3,554; being an excess of payments over collections, of \$568.

When, in March last, it was found that the disbursements had emptied the Treasury, while there were several claims liable to be demanded in a short time, it became evident to the Executive Committee, that they must adopt one of these alternatives:—either suspend their building operations, or borrow, on individual responsibility, the means of continuing them. In this dilemma, the Committee did not hesitate, but borrowed, on individual credit, the sum of \$1,000. This added to the amount of collections from

subscribers before stated, gives a total of receipts into the Treasury of \$5,986, exceeding the amount of disbursements by \$452, which last sum was the balance in the Treasurer's hands, to the credit of the School, on the first of May. This balance will appear a very small sum when the following liabilities of the School are considered.

The price of the land purchased of Col. Polk, bearing interest from the 3d December, 1833, - - - - -	\$1,619 37
The loan of March, 1834, also bearing interest, and due during the present month, - - - - -	\$1,000 00
The Salary of Rev. Mr. Saunders to the first of June, - - -	\$360 00
The Salary and Board of Mr. Hooper to the same time, \$325, from which, deducting the amount of tuition received from his school, \$217, leaves - - - - -	\$108 00
The estimated expense of finishing the building and well, -	\$1,500 00
The expenses of printing the Prospectus and advertising, estimated at - - - - -	\$125 00

These items make an amount of - - - - - \$4,652 37½
Which will be due on or before the 1st of June, and which must be paid by that time, or the School will go into operation encumbered with debt. For this debt it is true that individual members of the Committee are bound in their private capacity, but it has been incurred in the fulfilment of the designs, and IN RELIANCE ON THE "PLEDGE" OF THE CONVENTION. The Committee therefore feel confident that the simple statement of their liabilities, will be sufficient to induce the Convention to adopt prompt and efficient measures to relieve them from their pecuniary responsibility, and at the same time to place the School on a more sure and permanent basis.

3. In purchasing the grounds on which to erect suitable and permanent buildings for the accommodation of the School, it has been already stated that the Executive Committee took a conveyance of the land, so purchased, to themselves *individually* in fee simple. This mode was adopted from the necessity of the case; inasmuch as the School, or the Committee having charge of it, have no corporate capacity to purchase or hold property. For the purpose of obviating this difficulty in future, and to enable the Committee to hold and convey all such estate, real and personal, as might be given or devised to, or purchased by them, for the use of the School; as well as to authorize a conveyance of the land already purchased, by the Executive to the General Committee, which the former hold in trust for the School; application was made to the General Assembly at their late session for the enactment of a law to incorporate the "Trustees of the Episcopal School of North Carolina."

That the object of the Committee might be presented to the notice of the General Assembly in a simple and direct form, a Bill was drafted by a member of the Committee—a copy of which is hereto appended. This Bill it will be perceived merely clothed the Trustees with the powers of a *naked* corporation, and provided for a succession of Trustees, in conformity with the fundamental constitution of the School, as established by the Convention.

To the enactment of a Bill thus moderate in its claims on legislative aid, asking no exclusive privileges of distinction or emolument—seeking no other boon than the capacity of acquiring and holding such property as the

necessities and permanent interests of the School might require, unexpected and great opposition was made. The opposition to the passage of the Bill in the form in which it was presented to the General Assembly, was so far successful as to change its *essential* provisions, and to substitute for them those contained in "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Episcopal School of North Carolina"—a copy of which is also hereto appended.

As it devolves upon the Convention to decide on the acceptance or rejection of the Charter enacted, it becomes the duty of the Committee respectfully to direct their attention to the bill presented by the Committee, and the act passed by the General Assembly. From a comparison of their respective provisions, it will be seen that, by the *former*, the election of the Trustees for the management of the School, is vested in and secured to the Convention; and that by the *latter*, the Trustees therein named have the power of continuing their own succession conterminously with the charter.

It is one of the fundamental principles on which the School is founded, that it should be, at all times and under all circumstances, wholly under the control of the Convention of this Diocese. The acceptance of the charter granted by the act before mentioned, would be incompatible with that cardinal rule, and might eventually change the character and objects of the Institution, by transferring the supervision and control of it, from the immediate representatives of the body of the Church, chosen *annually*, and but for *one* year, to a small body of agents having the right of continuing their own succession independently of the will or agency of the Church or the Convention. The Committee think that such a perversion of the controlling power over the School and its concerns, is not to be desired, and ought not to be allowed. They therefore recommend that the Convention do signify their non-acceptance of the charter, by a suitable entry to that effect upon their Journal.

The Committee would further remark, upon this subject, that when the views of the founders of the "Episcopal School" shall be better known and understood, and when the system of Discipline and Instruction adopted by them shall disclose its practical influence on the youth who may become subject to it, they believe there will be no longer any opposition to the enactment of such a charter as will comport with the views of the Convention.

From the organization of the Committee prescribed by the last Convention, by which the presence of two Clerical and four Lay members is necessary for the transaction of business, considerable delay has been occasioned in the proceedings of their body. They therefore, respectfully suggest to the Convention, that the number necessary for the transaction of business should be diminished, and that all discrimination as to the different orders of Clergy and Laity should be removed.

It is understood that a plan has been suggested by some of the Clergy, for raising a fund to build a suitable house in or near the City of Raleigh, for the Bishop of the Diocese. And as the grounds purchased for the School are much more extensive than its accommodation will require, the Committee recommend that the Convention authorise the School Committee, whenever the land shall become the property of the Convention, to lay off and appropriate a portion of the same for that purpose.

For more explicit information on sundry matters mentioned in this Re-

port, the Convention are referred to the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee, including the Report on the system of Discipline and Instruction, and the Treasurer's account to the first of May, which are herewith offered to the Convention for their examination.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DUN: CAMERON,
 JOS. H. SAUNDERS,
 GEO. W. FREEMAN, } *Committee.*

RALEIGH, MAY 1st, 1834.

A BILL to incorporate the Trustees of the Episcopal School of N. C.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Right Reverend Levi Silliman Ives, the Reverend George W. Freeman, the Reverend Jarvis Buxton, the Reverend William M. Green, and the Reverend Joseph H. Saunders, and Duncan Cameron and Thomas Ruffin, Joseph B. Skinner, Frederick J. Hill, George E. Spruill, Thomas P. Devereux, Edward L. Winslow, and George E. Badger, and their successors, be and they are hereby created a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the Episcopal School of North Carolina," and by that name shall be capable of taking by purchase, devise, or donation, real and personal estate; and of holding and conveying the same; and have such other powers, and enjoy such other rights, as are usually incident to corporate bodies, and are not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of the State.

Be it further enacted, That the Trustees above named, except the first, shall allot themselves as equally as may be into three classes, the appointment of those of the first class to be vacated at the expiration of the first year: of the second class at the expiration of the 2d year: of the third class at the expiration of the third year from and after the first day of June last; so that one-third may be chosen every year—*such choice to be made by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State*; the Trustees to hold their places for three years, and until successors shall be chosen; to be capable of re-election. And the Trustees shall have power to fill vacancies in their own body, whenever the same shall from any cause exist, by making temporary appointments, to expire when the Convention shall make an appointment for the regular term, and not before. And should it so happen, that by reason of the discontinuance of the sittings of the Convention, or any other cause, *the appointing power hereby vested in the Convention* shall cease to be exercised, the Trustees shall then have full power to provide for filling vacancies in their own body, in such manner as they may prescribe, *until the Convention shall regularly resume its functions in the premises.*

Be it further enacted, That the Bishop of the said Church in this State, for the time being, shall be ex-officio a Trustee, and the presiding officer of the Board, and head of the corporation; but when there shall be no Bishop, the Trustees may appoint one of their own body to preside therein. And that this act shall be in force from the ratification thereof.

AN ACT to incorporate the Episcopal School of North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Levi Silliman Ives, George W. Freeman, Jarvis Buxton, William M. Green, Joseph H. Saunders, Duncan Cameron, Thomas Ruffin, Joseph B. Skinner, Frederick J. Hill, George E. Spruill, Thomas P. Devereux, Edward L. Winslow and George E. Badger, and their successors, be and they are hereby created a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of "the Trustees of the Episcopal School of North Carolina;" and by that name shall be capable of taking by purchase, devise, or donation, real and personal estate, and of holding and conveying the same; and have such other powers and enjoy such other rights as are usually incident to corporate bodies, and are not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of the State.

2nd. Be it further enacted, That the Trustees above named shall allot themselves as equally as may be into three classes. The appointment of those of the first class to be vacated at the expiration of the first year; of the second class, at the expiration of the second year; and of the third class, at the expiration of the third year, from and after the first day of last—*so that one-third may be chosen every year by the said Trustees and their successors.* Provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the said Trustees and their successors from appointing any individual of their board President for any one year, may fill vacancies from any cause in the same, until the next annual meeting of the Trustees and their successors, to be held at such time and place as by an ordinance of their body they may designate; when they may declare in what manner Trustees and other officers of the institution shall be appointed.

3rd. Be it further enacted, That any real estate, over and above five hundred acres, which may be needed for the erection of convenient buildings on the same, for the objects of the institution, shall be subject to taxation as now or hereafter may be directed by law.

4th. Be it further enacted, That the Corporation hereby created may continue for twenty years and no longer.

ERRATA.

In the List of Clergy, on the 3d page, the Rev. Mr. Singletary is designated a Deacon. He was ordained a Priest a short time before the meeting of this Convention.

In the Parochial Report of the Rev. Mr. Davis, page 11, the number of volumes in the Parish Library should read 720, instead of 220.

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in Christ's Church, Newbern, on the first Wednesday in May, 1836.

E. L. WINSLOW, *Sec'y.*
